Navy-Grumman Plume – Roundtable Meeting

September 15, 2011



General site layout at Bethpage such as locations of the Navy's and Northrop Grumman Corporation's former facilities as well as current remedy locations (Source: Northrop Grumman Optimization Presentation, February 8, 2010).





Significant Groundwater Contamination and Adverse Impact to Drinking Water

Summary of Wells in Harms Way

> 34 wells total

- Wellhead Treatment (WHT) 9 wells
- WHT Construction 2 wells
- Threatened wells 23 Wells
- > A total population of 255,000 are served by wells that are impacted or threatened by the plume
- This population is more than 2.5 times than the City of Albany (95,658 based on 2010 US Census).

Wells Impact and Threatened

			Number	Capacity	
Supplier	Plant Site	Well No.	of Wells	(MGD) ⁽¹⁾	Status
AQUA of NY	Seaman Neck	3 & 4	2	6.04	Impacted
	Demot	4,5 &6	3	7.82	Threatened
	Sunrise Mall	6, 7 & 8	3	9.06	Threatened
Bethpage	Plant 4	4-1 & 4-2	2	3.98	Impacted
	Plant 5	5-1	1	1.99	Impacted
	Plant 6	6-1 & 6-2	2	3.98	Impacted
Levittown (Town of Hempstead)	Wantagh Ave	?	1	1.78	Threatened
Massapequa	Northwest	4 & 5	2	3.98	Threatened
	New York Ave.	6 & 7	2	3.98	Threatened
	Sunrise Hwy	9	1	1.99	Threatened
	Northeast	1, 2R, 3 & 8	4	8.85	Threatened
South Farmingdale	Plant 1	1-2 & 1-3	2	3.98	Impacted
	Plant 1	1-4	1	1.99	Imminent threat
	Plant 2	2-2 & 2-3	2	3.56	Threatened
	Plant 3	3-1	1	1.99	Imminent threat
	Plant 4	4-1	1	1.78	Threatened
	Plant 5	5-1 & 5-2	2	3.98	Threatened
	Plant 6	6-1 & 6-2	2	3.98	Threatened
Total Wells Threatened or Impacted:			34	74.71	MGD
Total Wells with Wellhead Treatment (WHT):			9	19.97	MGD
Totals Wells with WHT planned or under construction:			2	3.98	MGD
Total Threatened Wells:			23	50.76	MGD
Notes: (1) - Authorized Capacity MGD - Million Gallons per Day					





Public Health Protection Concerns

- Wellhead treatment is not desirable based on health risk concerns.
- > Over the past 25 years the EPA has continued to set forth more stringent requirements for public drinking water.

These more stringent measures primarily have initiated more stringent wellhead treatment facilities.

Drinking Water Exposure Concerns

(1) Prior to 1970 the primary plume contaminants were not regulated

(2) From the late 1970s to December 31, 1988 the regulatory limit for the primary plume contaminants were 50 ppb

(3) From Jan. 1, 1989 to present the regulatory limit for the primary plume contaminants is 5 ppb

(4) - EPA is presently evaluating lowering the regulatory limit for PCE and TCE to 2 ppb or less.

Drinking Water Exposure Concerns

In theory a person could drink water over a 20 year period at 50 ppb drinking water MCL and ingest over 10 pounds of contaminants (PCE / TCE).

Therefore the plume clean-up must be in accordance with the EPA MCL Goal (MCLG) of zero

Other Wellhead Treatment Concerns

> Air emissions

Adverse community impact. Many facilities are located in residential neighborhoods.

> Adverse impact on property values.



Air Stripping for VOC Removal



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Attenuation is not the Answer!



Source: EPA Technical Protocol for Evaluating Natural Attenuation of Chlorinated Solvents in Groundwater September 1998

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The Law....

Allowing the groundwater contamination to remain and not be subject to cleanup is <u>not</u> in compliance with the law.



2001 NYSDEC OU-2 ROD

- Erroneously Alternative 3 was the selected remedy
- It was grossly misleading since it is based on providing wellhead treatment for five (5) wells rather than the full thirty six (36) that are in the projected path of the plume.

Containment of the Plume for Threatened Wells

The Navy Optimization Report calls for effective containment of the OU-3 plume. Further DEC's regulations, 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(c), as described previously, specifically require containment.

OU-3 FS

- Cost to implement the remedy that DEC and Arcadis have promoted under the OU-3 FS would be approximately \$250 million.
- The cost for containment of the plume in conjunction with the costs associated with the utilization of Bethpage well 4 for cleanup, will be substantially less than \$250 million.

Better Approach

The approach adopted by the water suppliers is substantially less costly than the approach promoted by DEC and Arcadis.





Bethpage Capacity North of the Plume

