

Area Completion Project Update

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Agenda

- **Project Performance**
- **Project Status**
- **Remedial Technology Utilization**
- **FFA Appendix E**



Acronyms

CMP	Chemicals, Metals, and Pesticides Pits
CY	Current Year
D&D	Deactivation and Decommissioning
DNAPL	Dense Non Aqueous Phase Liquids
DOE	Department of Energy
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERH	Electrical Resistance Heating
FFA	Federal Facility Agreement
Ft ²	Square Feet
FY	Fiscal Year
M&O	Management and Operations
MWMF	Mixed Waste Management Facility
PCBs	Polychlorinated Biphenyls
RA	Remedial Action
RI/FS	Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study
ROD	Record of Decision
SCDHEC	South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
SGP	Soils and Groundwater Program
SRS	Savannah River Site
TCE/PCE	Trichloroethylene / Tetrachloroethylene
VOCs	Volatile Organic Compounds



Project Performance



Project Performance

- **Consistently met all 2,025 FFA milestones since 1993**
 - 59 in FY 08
- **Maintaining a strong relationship with regulators**
- **Have completed 360 of 515 waste units (70%)**
 - 22 in FY 08
- **Have dispositioned 246 of 985 Performance Metric facilities (25%)**
 - 229 industrial, 10 nuclear, 7 radioactive
 - 1 industrial facility in FY 08



Project Performance

- **Area Completion Strategy started FY 05 significantly reducing project cost and schedule**
- **14 Groundwater Plumes**
 - **12 active remediation systems**
- **Developing and utilizing efficient, cost-effective technologies**
 - **Edible Oils for Microbes**
 - **Electrical Resistance Heating**
 - **Phytoremediation**
 - **Silver Injection**
 - **Hydraulic Fracturing**

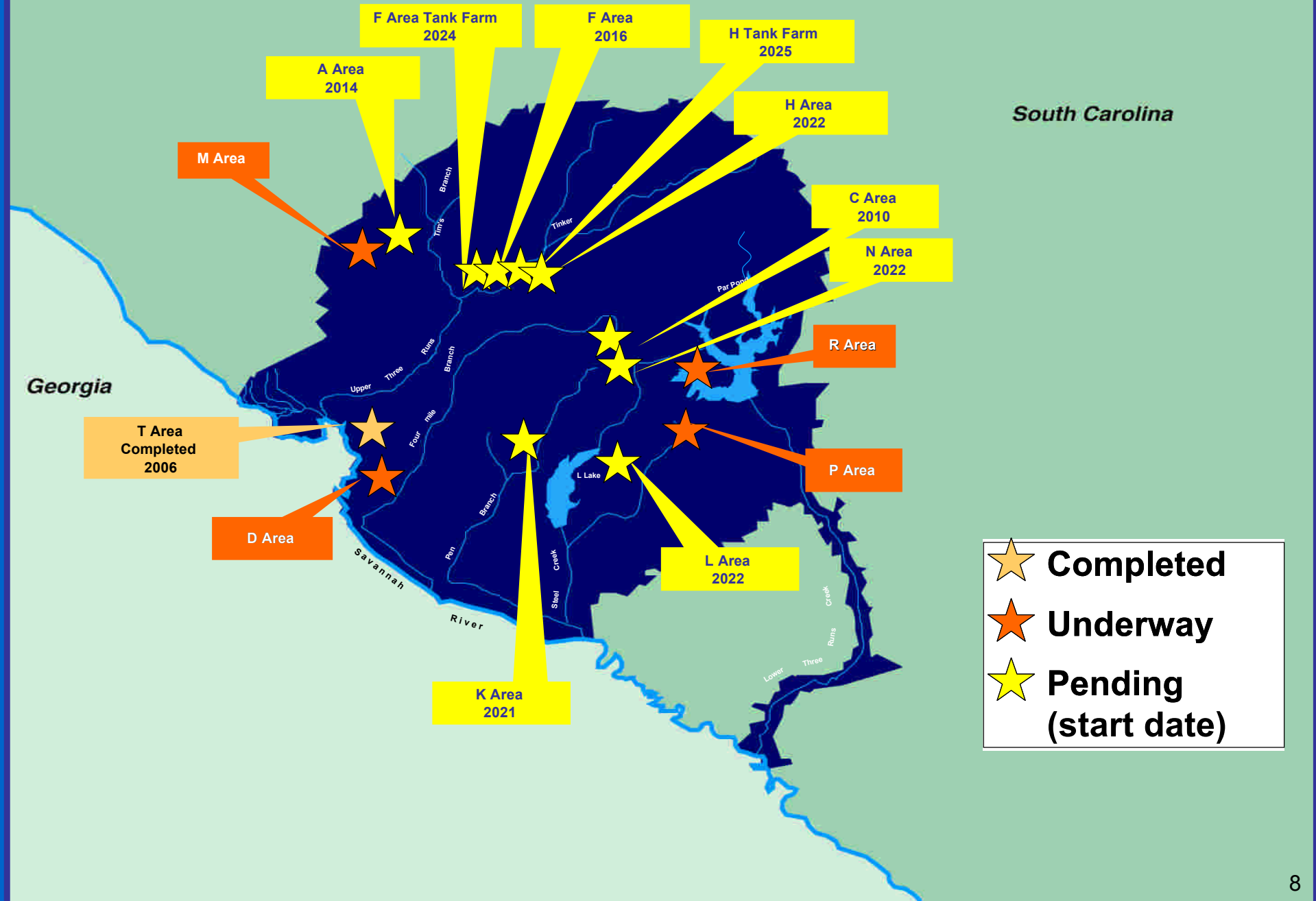


Area Completion Strategy

- **A systematic approach to completing cleanup work integrating D&D and SGP scope**
- **Historical process:**
 - Did not focus on any single area
 - Evaluated each waste unit individually with much paperwork and higher costs
 - Did not address D&D facilities
- **Today's process:**
 - Addresses large groupings of waste units and facilities in a geographic area
 - Integrates D&D / SGP cleanup
 - Area End States can be determined
 - Economies of scale in sampling, remediation, and documentation



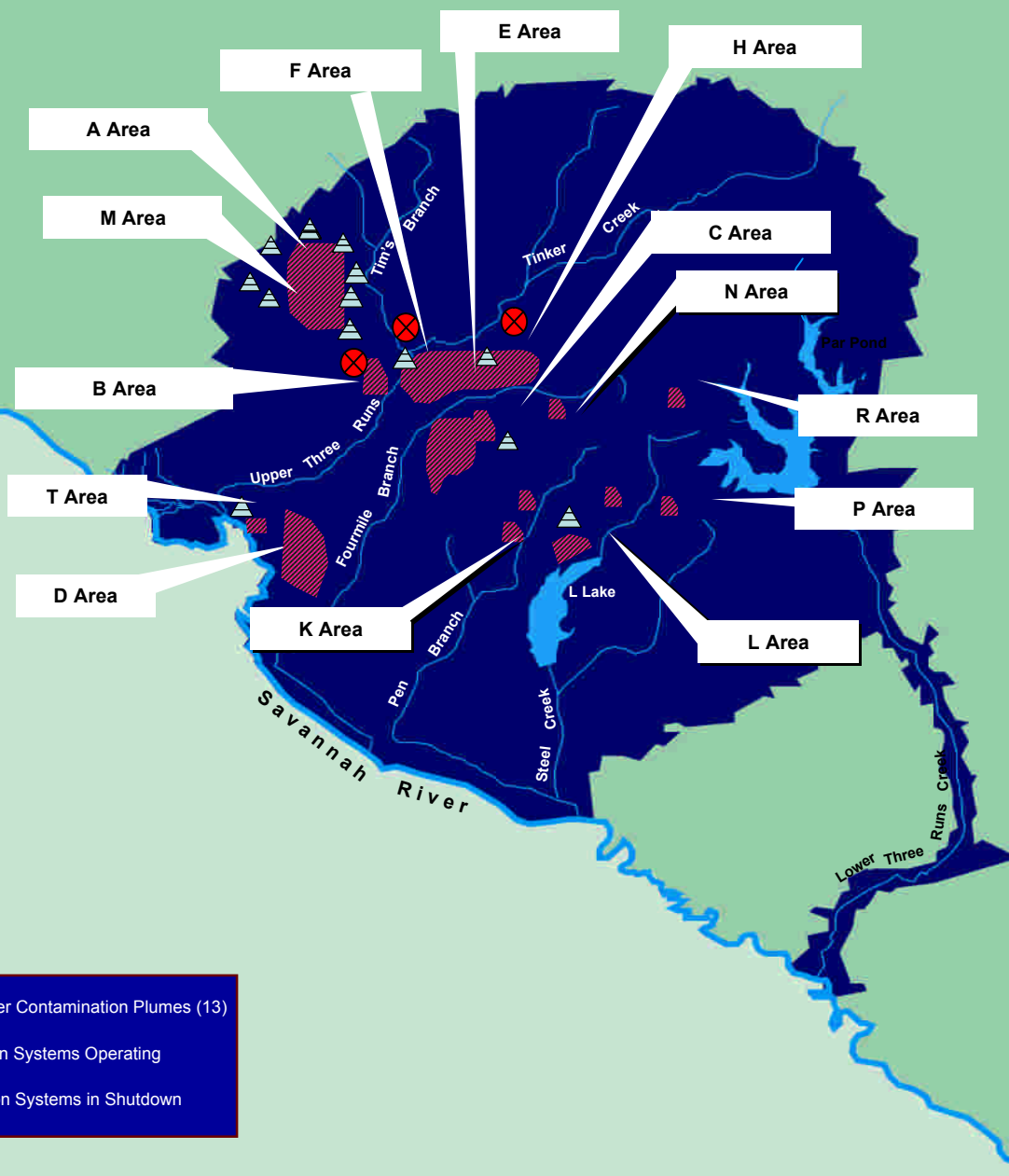
Area Completions



Groundwater Plumes

South Carolina

Georgia



14 Groundwater Contamination Plumes

A/M, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, N, P, R, T Areas

12 Active Remediation Systems

2 Airstrippers, 2 Recirculation, Dynamic Underground Stripping, 4 Soil Vapor Extraction Units (A/M Areas)
Base Injection (F&H Waste Management Facility)
Electrical Resistance Heating (Chemical, Metals, & Pesticides Pits)
Phytoremediation (Mixed Waste Management Facility)

8 Enhanced Systems

Baroballs (A/M, Miscellaneous Chemical Basin, P Burning Rubble Pit)
Microblowers (A and C Burning Rubble Pits)
Barrier walls (F&H Waste Management Facility)
T Area Edible Oil Treatment

6 Passive Systems

Monitored Natural Attenuation (Chemical, Metals, & Pesticides Pits; D Oil Seepage Basin; R Reactor Seepage Basin; K and L Burning Rubble Pits, Sanitary Landfill)

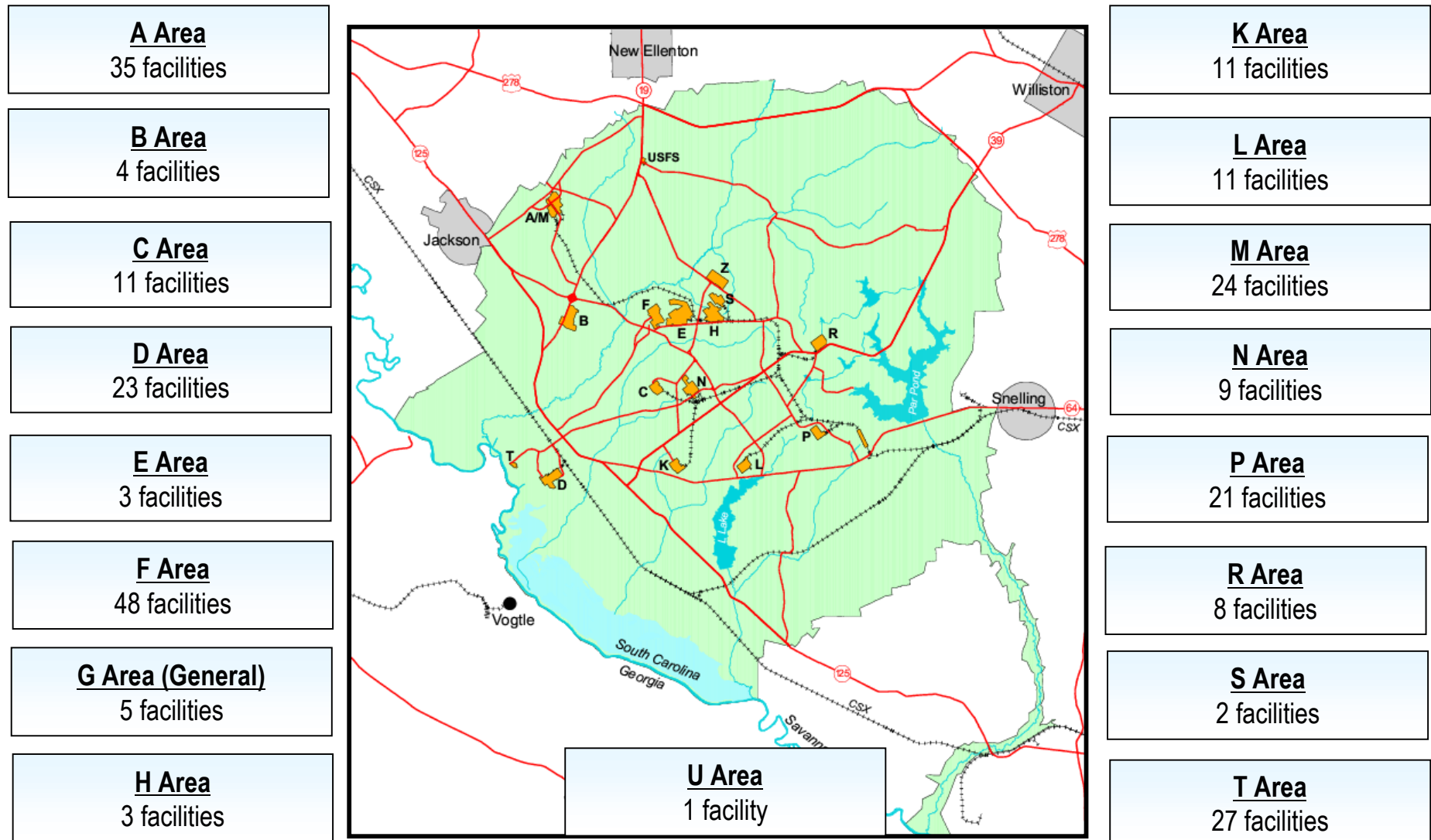
3 Systems In Shutdown

Biosparge (Sanitary Landfill)
Groundwater Waste Treatment Units (F&H)

11 Systems Pending

Dispositioned 246 Performance Metric Facilities

thru March 2008

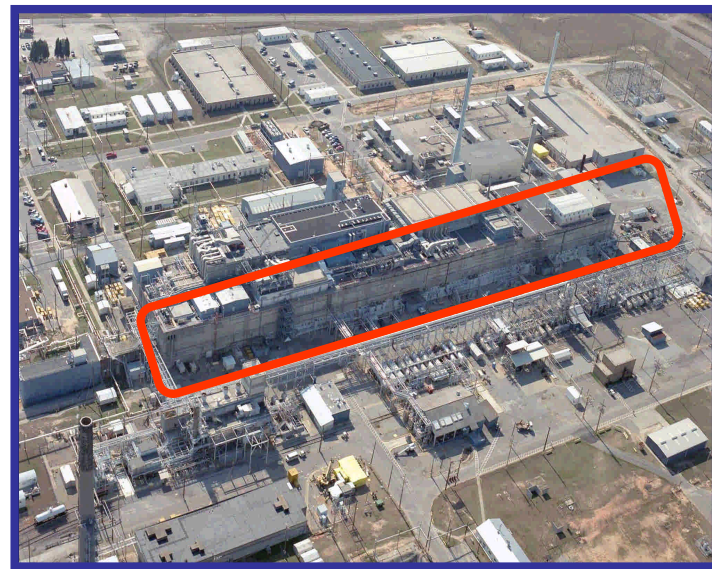


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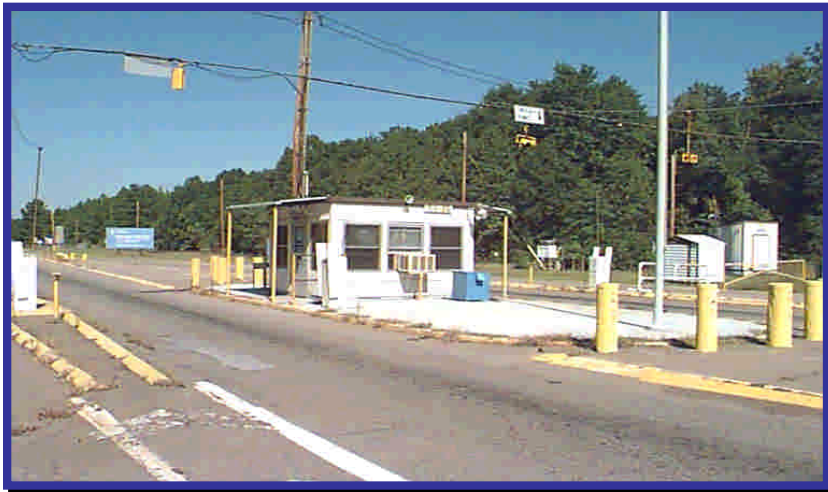


F Canyon Outside Facilities Dispositioning

- **Started 2004; Scheduled for 2008 completion**
- **Outside facilities: Chemical Storage Area; Water Handling Area; Acid Recovery Unit; Recycle Sump; General Purpose Evaporator; GP Tank Storage Area; 800-series Underground Tank Storage Cells; Segregated Solvent Area; 360 linear feet of Over Head Pipe Bridge with associated piping**
- **During deactivation the following was accomplished:**
 - **More than five miles of process piping removed**
 - **50 large chemical and waste tanks removed / disposed**
 - **Hazardous, Low Level, Mixed, and Transuranic Wastes removed**
 - **Concrete caps being placed over rad contaminated tanks**



Allendale Barricade Dispositioning



- Removal of safety concern on public Highway 125
- Started January 2007; Completed October 2007



M Area Completion



2nd Area Completion

- Started 2003; Scheduled for 2011 completion
- D&D completed in 2006
 - Removed 24 M-Area Performance Metric facilities
- Early cleanup actions implemented to remove radioactive and VOC contamination in soil by 2008
- Proposed Plan will be available for public comment in May 2008



P Area Completion

3rd Area completion (1st Reactor to be Dispositioned)

- Started 2005; scheduled for 2014 completion
- 21 of 25 Performance Metric facilities decommissioned
- D&D activities to support Area Completion:
 - Installed temporary power, lighting and communications
 - Established Electrical and Mechanical Cold and Dark
 - Implemented Habitability Plan
 - Characterized reactor vessel and facility
 - Removed moderator from the process water system and prepared reactor decommissioning alternatives study
 - Performing deactivation activities (removal of asbestos, lead, PCBs, mold)



P Area Completion

- **End State Proposal / Early Actions**
 - In situ decommissioning of P Reactor which means that a significant portion of the reactor building will remain in place
 - In May / June 2008, the Early Action Proposed Plan will be issued for a 45-day public review and comment
 - Issue Early Action ROD FY 09
- **Public Involvement Activities in response to CAB recommendation #248:**
 - October 16th, 2007 - Aiken, SC
 - February 28th, 2008 - Aiken, SC
 - May 19th, 2008 - Savannah, GA



R Area Completion



4th Area completion (2nd Reactor to be Dispositioned)

- Started 2007; Scheduled for 2015 Completion
- 8 of 12 Performance Metric facilities decommissioned
- D&D activities to support Area Completion:
 - Removed water from disassembly basin
 - Installing Temporary Power, lighting, and communications
 - Establishing Mechanical Cold and Dark
 - Characterized Reactor Vessel and Reactor facility
- Work Plan being revised to include reactor building and reactor vessel



Remediation Technology Utilization



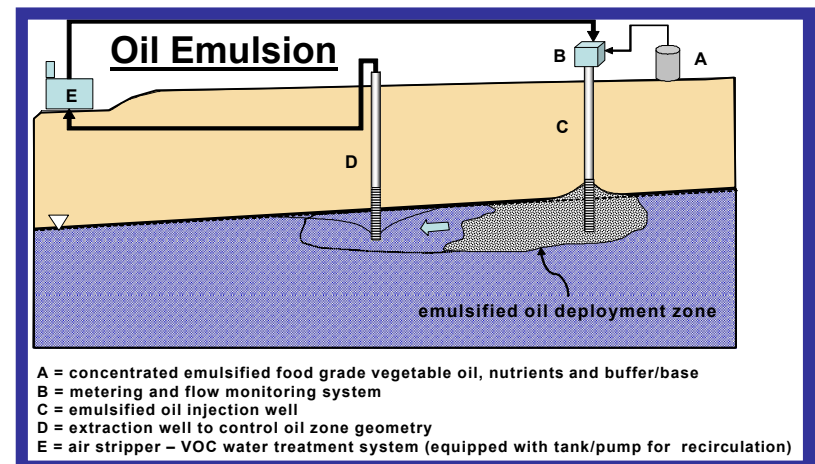
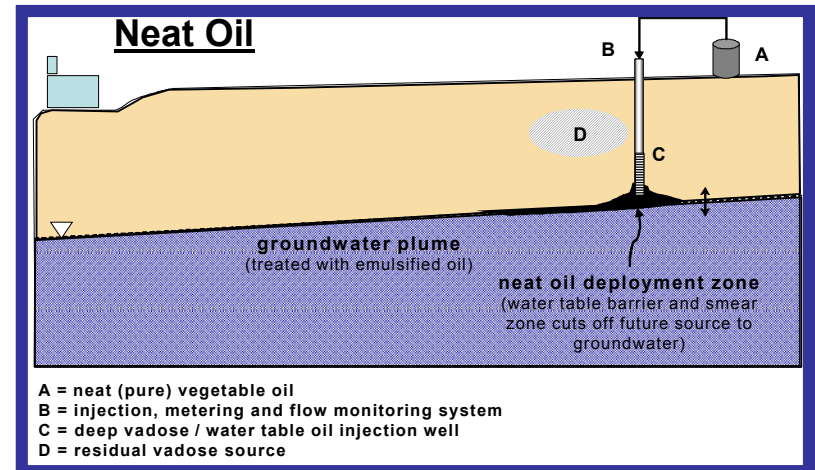
Edible Oils for Microbes

Background

- T Area has a small persistent TCE/PCE plume which is managed with Pump and Treat (airstripper) since 1996
 - Approximately \$1M/year M&O costs
 - At a point of diminishing returns

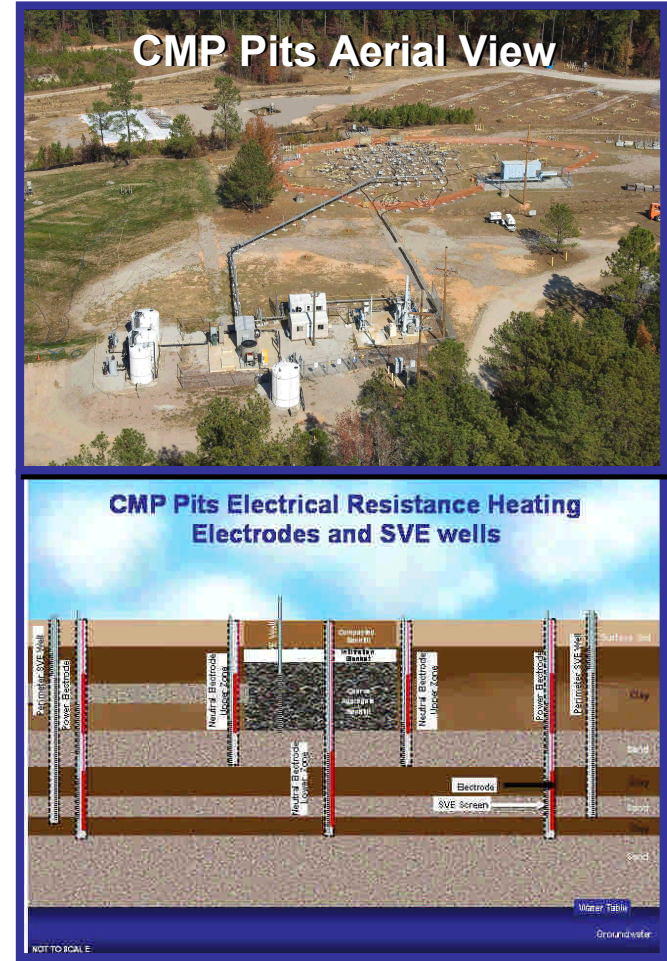
New Strategy

- Use Edible Oil injection techniques to sequester and biologically destroy the VOCs
 - Inject Neat Edible Oil to sequester VOCs (vadose zone source)
 - Inject Edible Oil emulsion (food source) to promote microbial activity and reducing conditions in groundwater (reductive dechlorination)
 - Anticipate results in less than six months
 - Discontinue use of airstripper

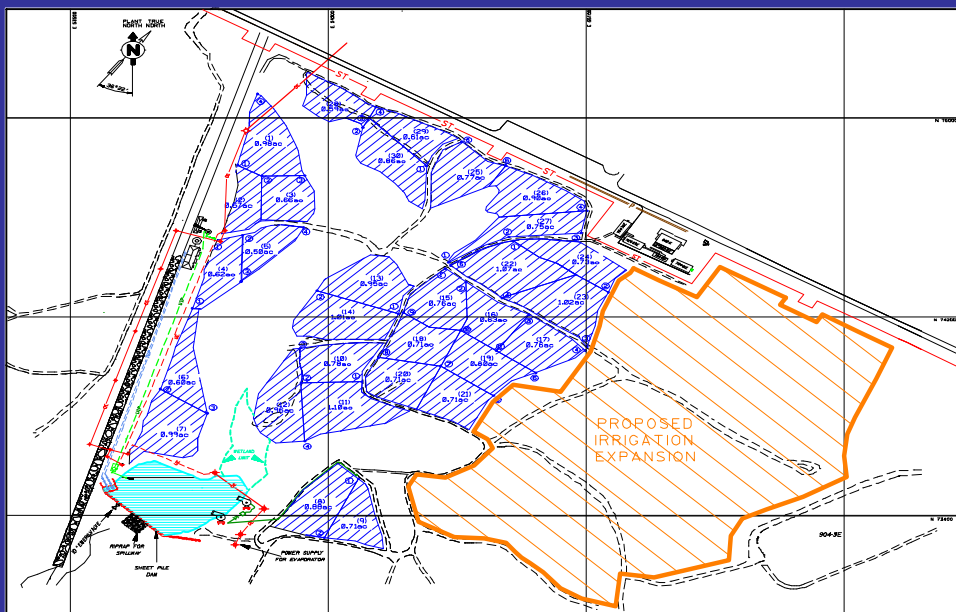


Chemicals, Metals, & Pesticides (CMP) Pits Electrical Resistance Heating

- ERH is a soil treatment technology used to remediate solvent contamination in subsurface soils
- CMP is second deployment of ERH technology at SRS
- Electrodes inserted into the subsurface heat the soil to transform liquid solvents into gas phase
- The contaminants are subsequently removed using soil vapor extraction
- Full-scale ERH operations began March 2008
 - Estimate removal to be approximately 5,000 pounds
 - Redeployed mobile equipment utilized in 2007 at C Reactor



MWMF Phytoremediation Upgrades



- **MWMF Phytoremediation** – captures tritium contaminated groundwater in 2.7 million gallon pond and irrigates on 22 acres of pine trees for transpiration
- **About 70% annual tritium reduction** (from 1,500 - 2,000 curies to 450 curies) to Fourmile Branch
- **SRS has expanded and upgraded system**
 - Added 22 acres of pine trees (need 50 more acres)
 - Increased capacity of irrigation supply and distribution system by two times

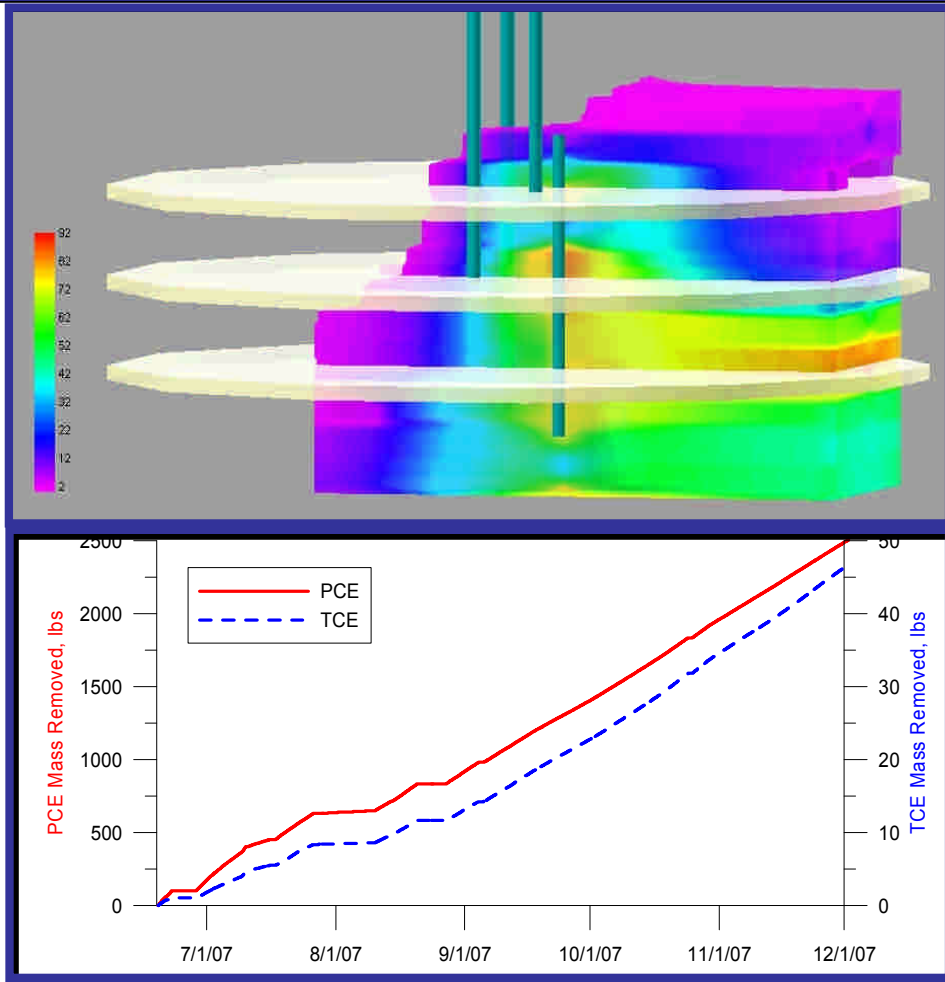


Silver Injection

- **F / H Seepines**
 - RCRA Permit
 - Iodine 129 concentration elevated
 - Bench scale testing using silver injection with positive results; pilot scale testing underway; well network being installed
 - Regulators approved 5-year milestone extension to 2012 to allow pilot scale testing
 - Could greatly reduce cost from \$85M (barrier wall and cap) to \$1M operating cost per year



Hydraulic Fracturing to Help DNAPL Treatment



- DNAPL in silts and clays provide long-term source of groundwater contamination
- Hydraulic fracturing opens up these tight soil to allow treatment
- At A-014 Outfall, high vacuum soil vapor extraction is removing 100 pounds per week of PCE and TCE from shallow subsurface



FFA Appendix E



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- Provides a lifecycle list of waste unit outyear cleanup milestones
 - First two outyears are enforceable milestones (comprehensive list)
 - Rest of outyear milestones include Field Starts, RODs, RA Starts
- Updated annually in November and regulator approval required
- SCDHEC and EPA approved FY 08 Appendix E on February 21, 2008



Summary

- Continue to work with regulators to evolve processes and fieldwork
- Continue deployment of effective, cost-efficient technologies



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Questions and Answers

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