## Site Characterization and Remedial Alternative Selection

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# Outline

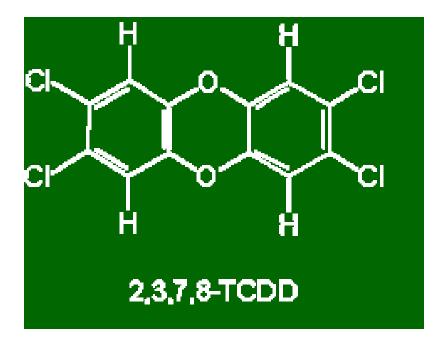
- Site Characterization- why we collect data
- Remedial Investigation/Remedial Design Components
- Exposure and Risk
- Remote sensing for sediment transport data

# Site Characterization

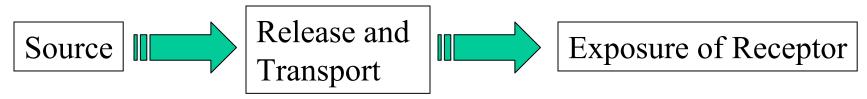
- More than determining location and extent of contamination in impacted areas
- Data for:
  - Mechanisms and routes of exposure (RI)
  - Selection and design of remedial alternatives (RDI)

# "Dioxin"

- 2,3,7,8 tetrachlorodibenzo-pdioxin (multiple congeners of chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and dibenzofurans)
- Persistent Organic Pollutants (Stockholm Convention)
- TCDD produced as byproduct of chemical production

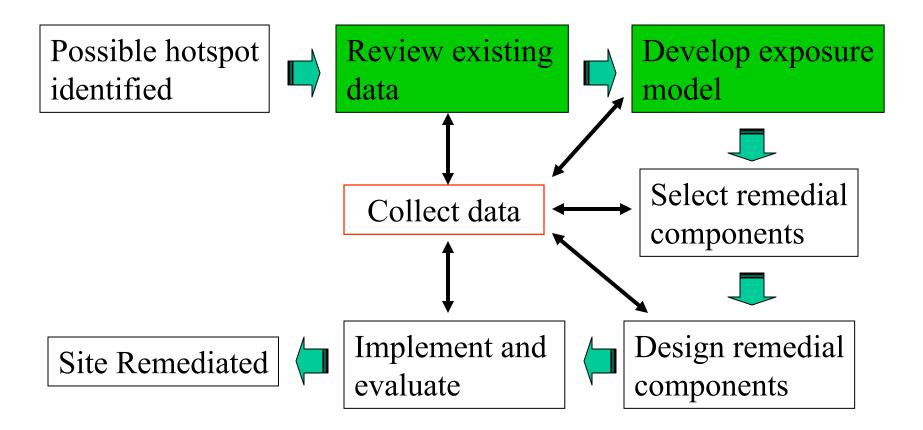




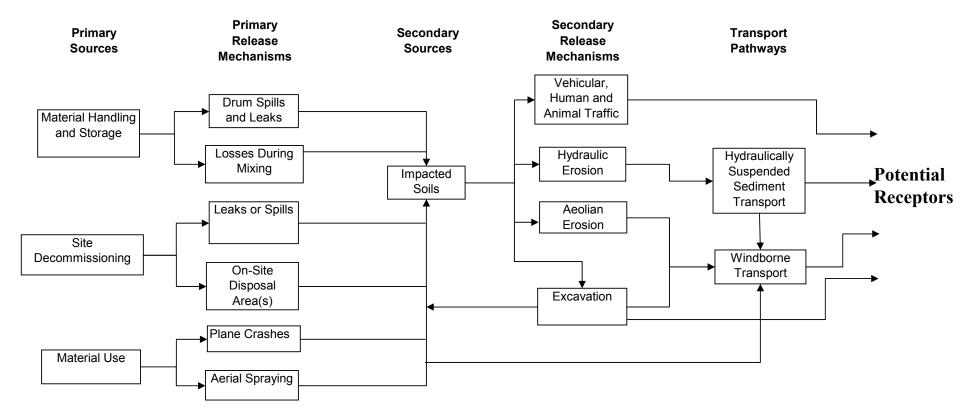


# **Remedial Design Investigation:** *MISSING/REMOVED ELEMENT* = *NO EXPOSURE*

## Conceptual Remediation Approach: Remedial Investigation



## **Exposure Routes** Role of Sediments



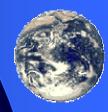
# Sediment Transport and Deposition

- Sediment transport modeling-predict deposition
- Sediment erosion and deposition
- <u>Data ?</u> (Historic/Temporal data)

- Satellite photo analysis
- Aerial photo analysis
  - Use data to guide sampling
  - Correlate locations with contaminant and microbial potential (dechlorination)
  - Model validation

# Sources of Imagery

- Federal
- State
- County
- Local
- University archives
- Aerial survey and mapping companies



## **Photo Interpretation**

- Careful interpretation of basic elements
- Deductive and inductive evaluation
- Common sense, field experience
- Broad background of knowledge and expertise

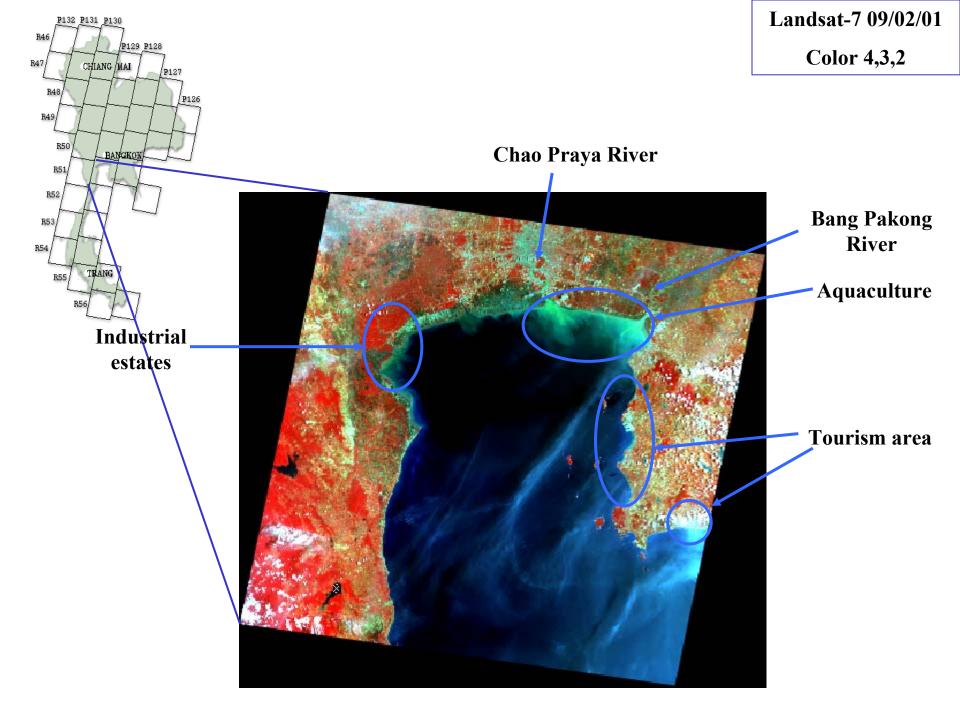


- Sediment transport-Thailand
- Background Information:
  - Geographic coordinates: 15°N100°E, WRS Zone 47.
  - Size : 514,000 sq km , ~2 times larger than the State of Michigan. About 2,230 sq km of the total area of Thailand is water.



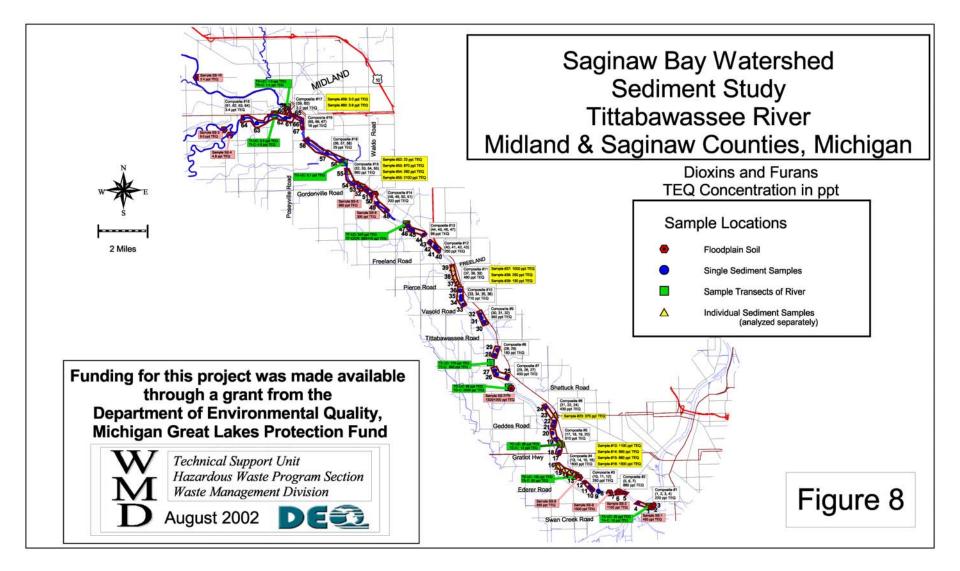


- Population: 64 million,
  - times larger than the State of Michigan.
- Major land use: Agriculture (47%).
- Coastline: 3,219 km and many rivers.

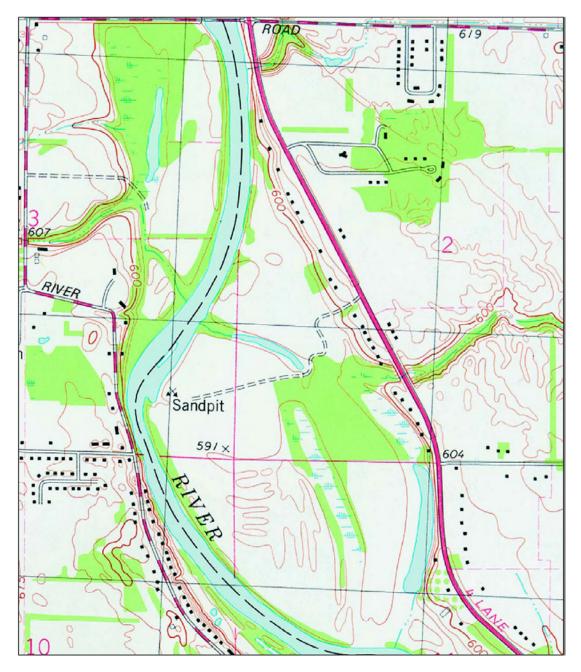


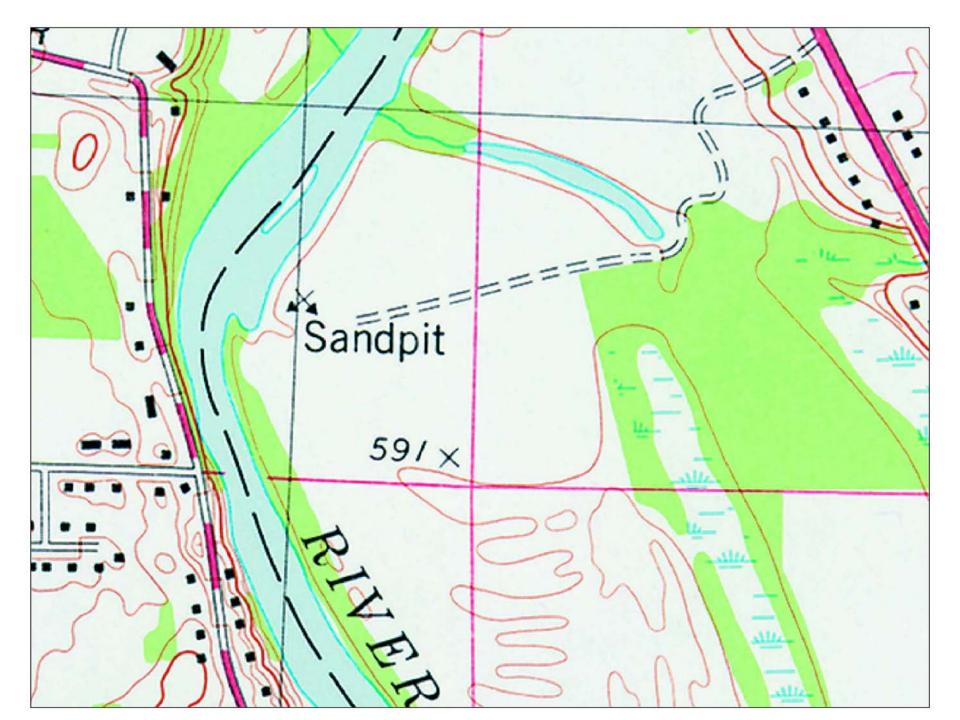






#### POTENTIAL EROSION AND DEPOSITION SITES

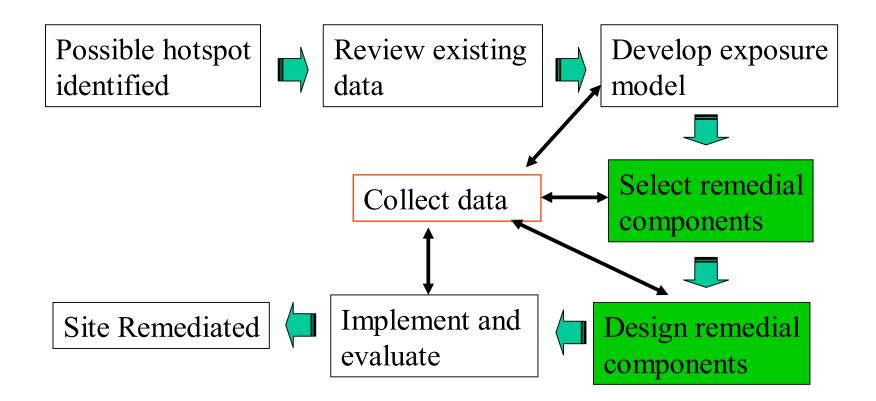




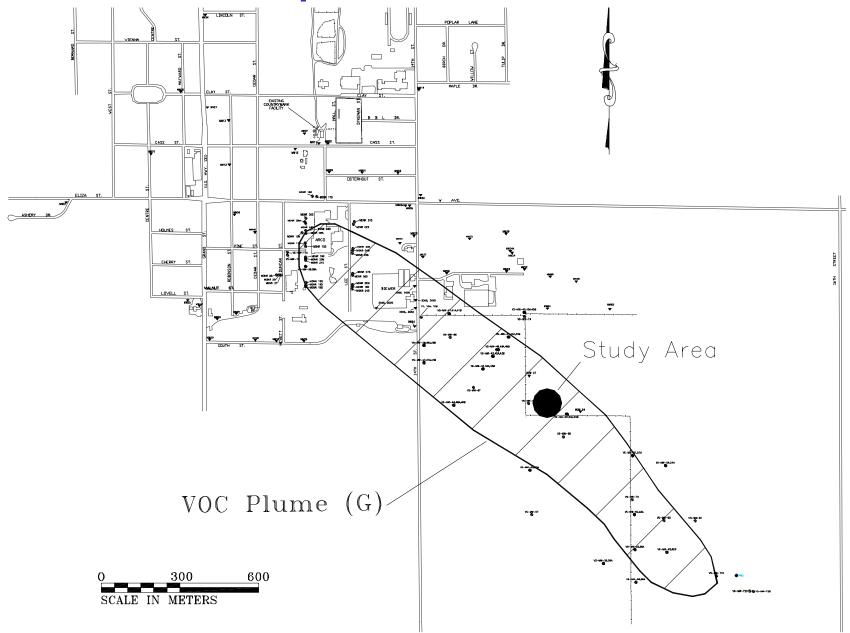




## Conceptual Remediation Approach: Remedial Design

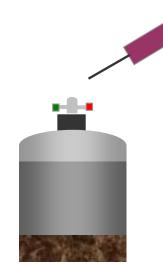


### **Site Specific Field Evaluation**



## Remedial Design Investigation Process Specific Data Bioremediation





SITE CONDITIONS

Lab Studies

Groundwater/sediment slurry from contaminated site

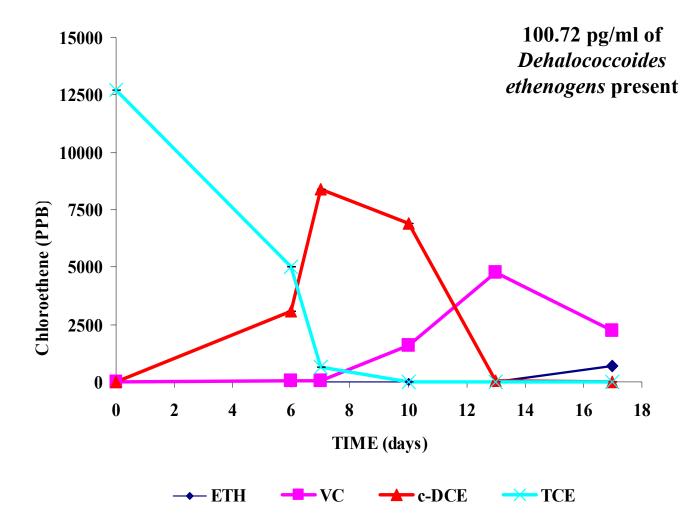
Bioaugmentation or Biostimulation?

Amendments, electron donors

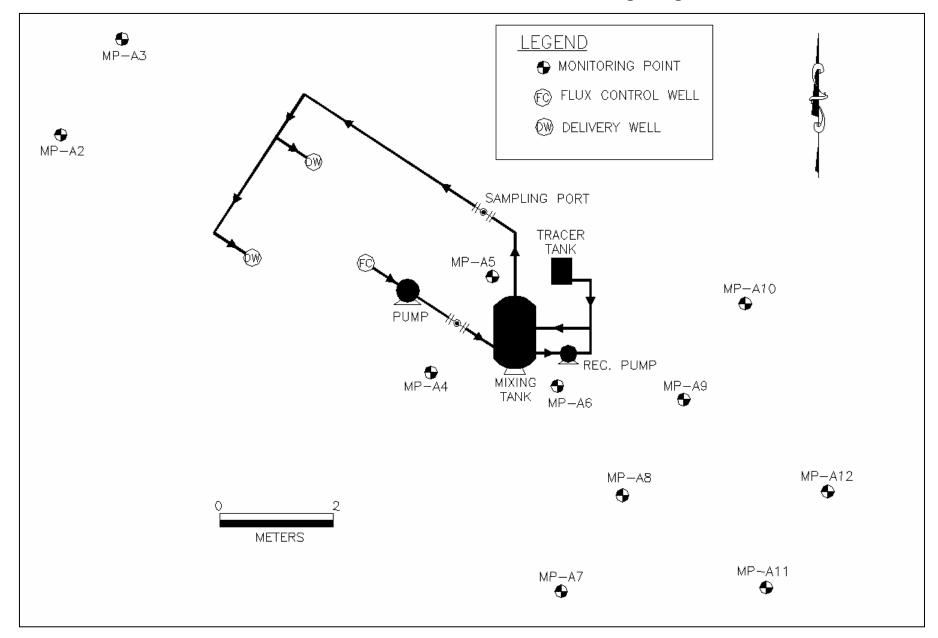
**Pilot Scale Field Studies** 

Small Scale Highly monitored

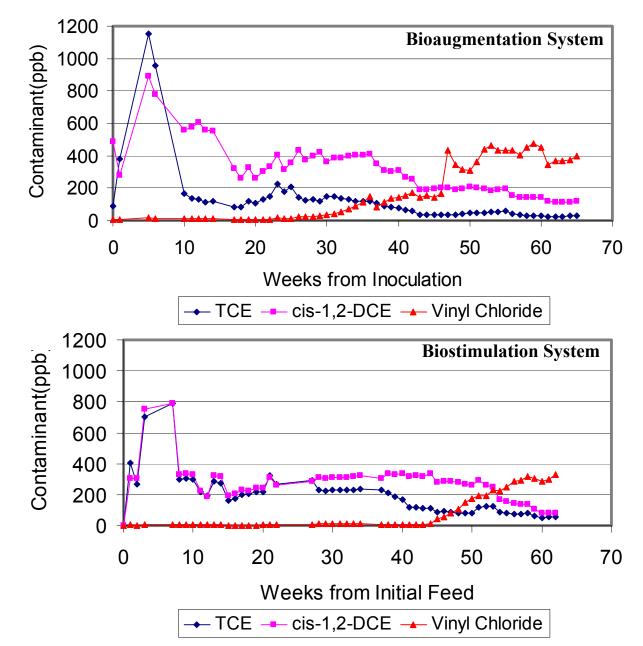
#### LAB INVESTIGATIONS Trichloroethene transformation in multiple fed microcosm



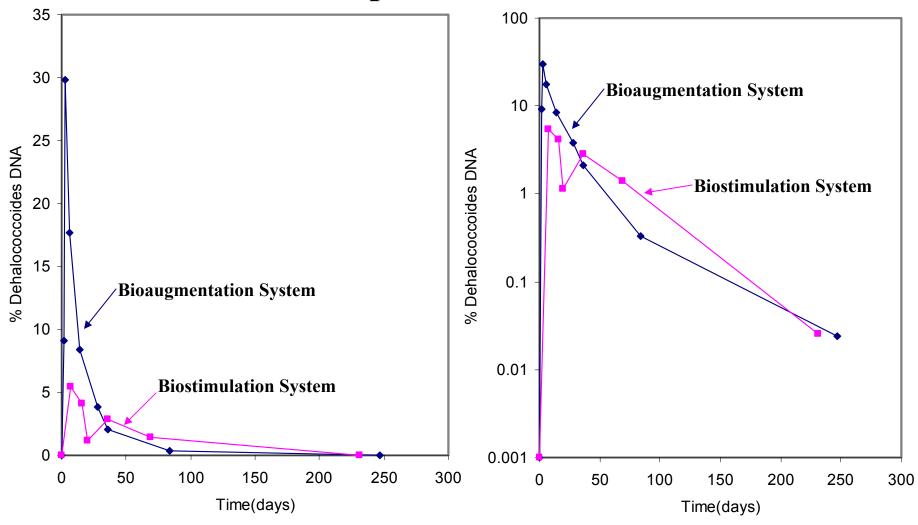
#### **Pilot Scale Nutrient Delivery System**



### **Technology Specific Design Data**



## Dehalococcoides DNA as a Percentage of total Population DNA



# Tracking Microbial Activity (by satellite)

- Remote sensing can provide data on historic sediment transport/deposition
- This data can guide selection of sampling locations to find hot spots
- Combine with microbial evaluation to identify locations with likely degradation conditions
- targeted sampling will evaluate dechlorination
- Microbial activity (dehalogenation) may be enhanced