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2022 Annual Progress Report

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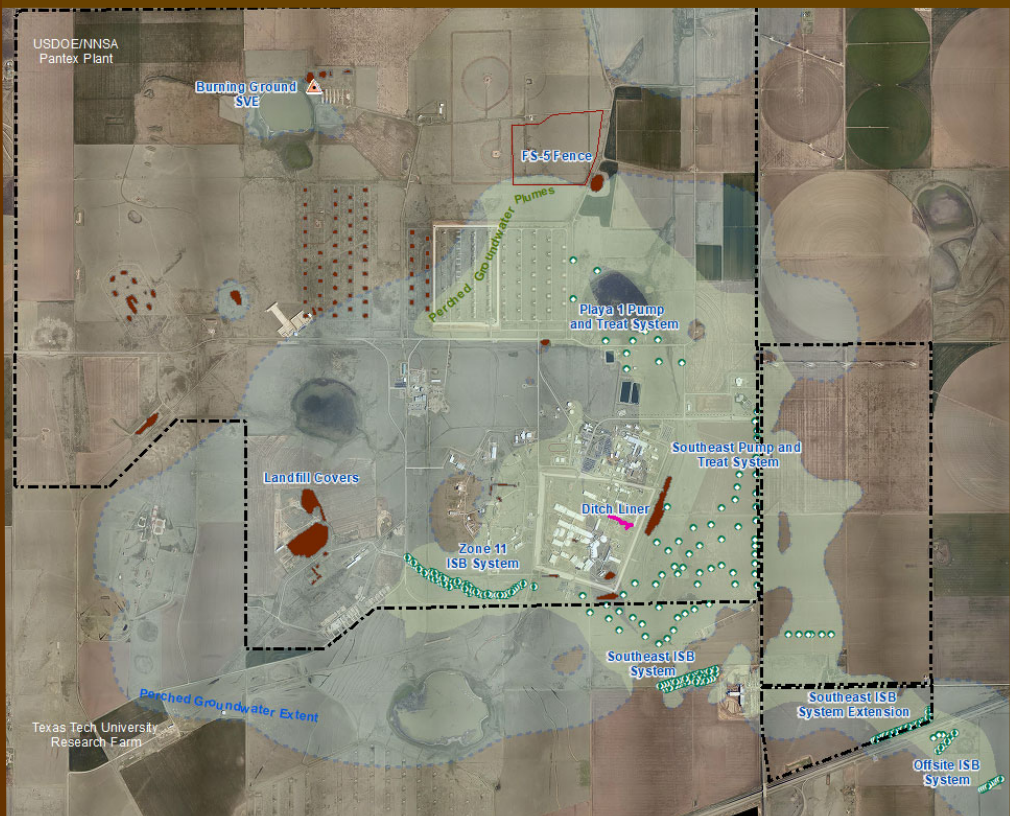
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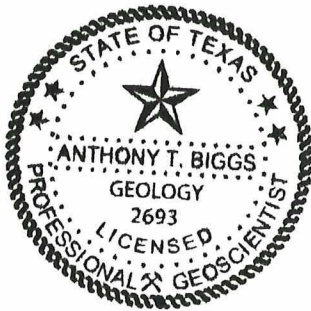
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E.0 Executive Summary

The Pantex Plant, located in the Texas Panhandle 17 miles northeast of Amarillo, is implementing a remedial action to remediate perched groundwater and soils. Two types of systems have been installed for the groundwater response action: pump and treat systems in two areas and in-situ bioremediation (ISB) systems in four areas. A soil vapor extraction (SVE) system has also been installed to remediate volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soils at the Burning Ground area. Other soil remedies (i.e., fencing, soil covers, and ditch liners) and institutional controls are also maintained as part of the soil remedy for Pantex.

Annual Progress Report Outline

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- ❖ O&M of Remedial Actions
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- ❖ Conclusions and Recommendations

This annual report satisfies requirements in the Pantex Interagency Agreement (IAG) and Hazardous Waste Permit No. 50284 (HW-50284) to provide information on the remedial action system's performance and components. The focus of this report is the data and information collected for the soil and groundwater remedies during 2022. Data are evaluated according to criteria outlined in the *Update to the Long-Term Monitoring System Design Report* (Pantex, 2019a); HW-50284; the Interagency Agreement effective February 22, 2008; *Land and Groundwater Use Control Implementation Plan* (Pantex and Sapere, 2010); and various operation and maintenance (O&M) plans for the remediation systems.

E.1 REMEDIAL ACTIONS

Pantex has implemented soil and groundwater remedial actions, which are highlighted here:

<i>Groundwater Remedial Actions</i>	<i>Soil Remedial Actions</i>
<p>Two pump and treat systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce saturated thickness • Reduce contaminant mass • Stabilize Plumes <p>Four ISB systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce contaminant concentrations as groundwater migrates through the treatment zone <p>Institutional controls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control perched groundwater use and drilling in contaminated areas 	<p>Ditch liner and soil covers on landfills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect future groundwater <p>Institutional controls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect workers • Restrict areas to industrial use <p>SVE system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up soil gas and residual non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) in the soil at the Burning Ground <p>Fencing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent traffic and control access

E.2 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF REMEDIAL ACTIONS

E.2.1 PUMP AND TREAT SYSTEMS

Operational goals have been developed to promote mass removal and the continued removal of perched groundwater to reduce the perched aquifer’s saturated thickness. The first goal of 90% system operation was not applicable at all times during 2022 due to maintenance shutdowns of the systems, shutdown to tie in the new pivot irrigation system conveyance, and in response to the break at the irrigation system’s filter bank. The shutdown for tie-in to the pivot irrigation system conveyance heavily impacted operation of the Playa 1 Pump and Treat System (P1PTS) during the last half of 2022.

When P1PTS operated, it only operated one week per quarter to allow the Southeast Pump and Treat System (SEPTS) to fully operate and improve water removal and the capture of the plume moving toward the southeast. The average operational rate across 2022 was 6%

at the P1PTS and 97% at the SEPTS. The pump and treat systems' performance for 2022 is depicted in Fig. E-1.

Treatment throughput has not been a primary goal after the break at the irrigation system's filter bank occurred in June 2017; however, the 90% goal is still depicted in the graphs and throughput is evaluated. When the systems operated, daily treatment throughput varied due to reduced flow to the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) and to Playa 1.

The P1PTS was heavily impacted by the irrigation system's shutdown after the filter bank break. The repairs at the filter bank were repaired in 2019, but further issues caused the system to be down until early 2022. After operating for a short time, the communication interface failed and repairs were conducted by September. However, wildlife caused an electrical failure in December 2022 causing the system to remain down. The subsurface

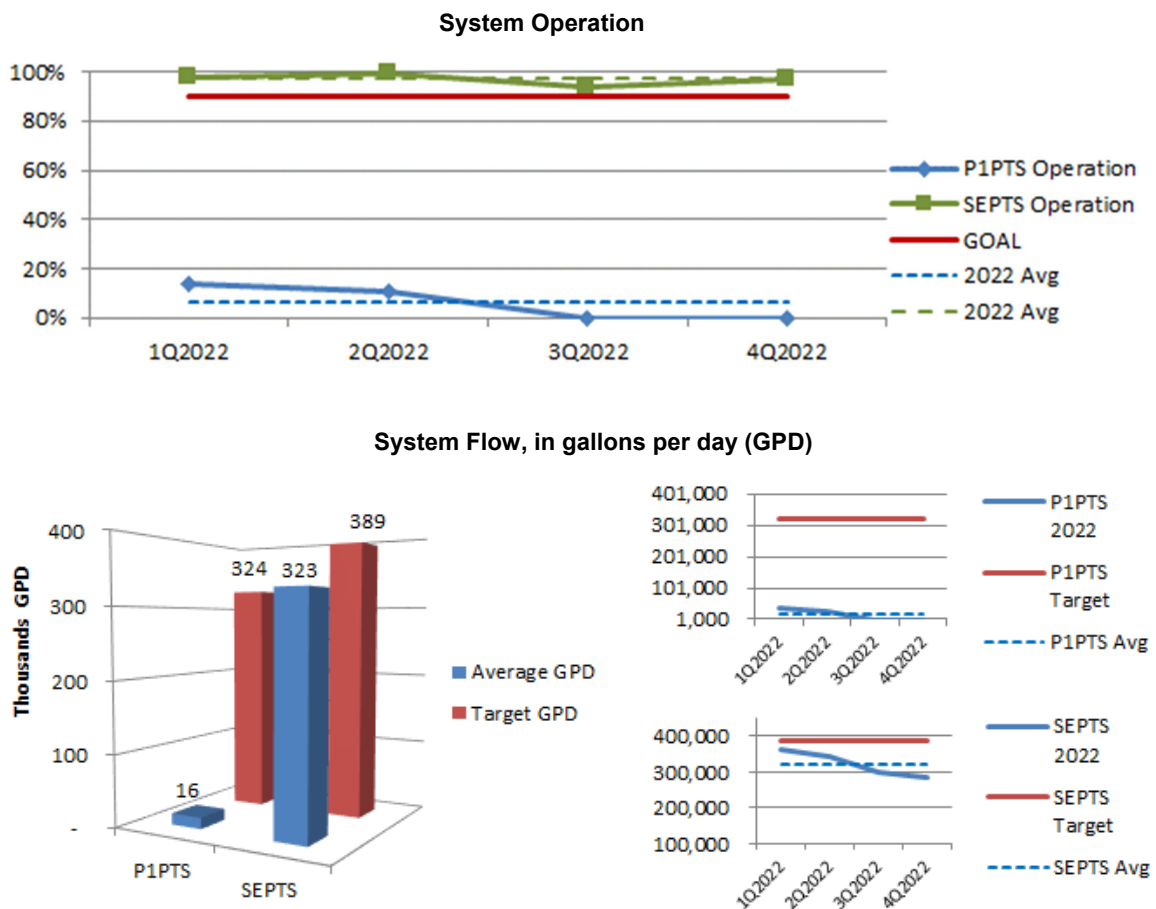


Fig. E-1. Pump and Treat System performance.

irrigation system is expected to be repaired and available in late 2023. Treated water from P1PTS can only be released to the WWTF, so flows are impacted when the WWTF cannot receive the water. Treated water from the WWTF is now routed to Playa 1 until repairs at the irrigation system are complete. Since release to Playa 1 is limited by permit, the P1PTS was shut down or operations were limited during 2022. Additionally, operation of the P1PTS was affected by repair of the lagoons at the WWTF, which also required limited flow. SEPTS remained operational with higher flow throughout most of 2022 due to the limited operation of P1PTS. The SEPTS operation focused on removing water in high-priority well locations to control plume movement to the southeast.

To better manage treated water, Pantex contracted for the design of a center-pivot irrigation system east of Farm-to-Market (FM) 2373 in 2020. The design was completed in May 2021; construction began in November 2021 and is expected to be operational in summer 2023. Additionally, a project was initiated in 2018 to install new injection capabilities near Playa 2, away from the large plumes of contamination. That project was completed in February 2022; however, the system was impacted by radio issues that required upgrade and repair. Contracting was initiated in 2022 and the radio issues were addressed in April 2023. Together, these two projects will provide a long-term solution to treated water management.

In 2022, the systems treated about 1.8 million gallons. Overall, the systems have operated efficiently to treat contamination and reduce saturated thickness. As depicted in Fig. E-2, Pantex has treated over 3.0 billion gallons since the startup of the systems, with about 1.8 billion gallons removed and beneficially used. Pantex continues to reduce reliance on the injection of treated water where possible. As recommended in the *First Five-Year Review Report (FYR)* (Pantex, 2013c) completed in 2013, Pantex had previously implemented new throughput goals to align operations with the goal of reducing saturated thickness. During 2022, only 6% of the treated water was beneficially used, 9% was injected back into the perched aquifer, and the rest was sent to Playa 1.

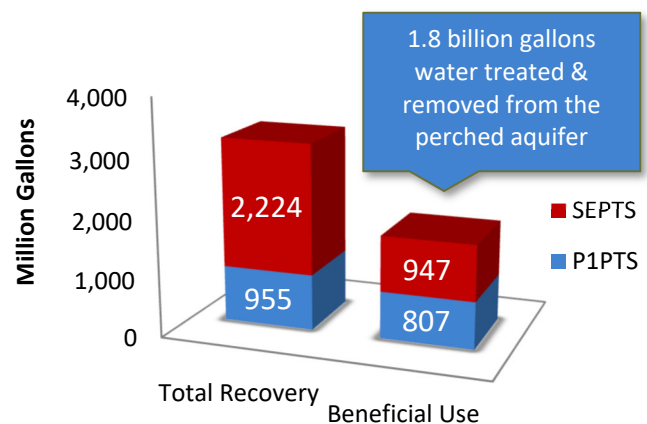


Fig. E-2. Pump and Treat recovery.

Beneficial use of the treated water continues to be heavily impacted by the loss of the subsurface irrigation system operation.

In addition to removing impacted water from the perched aquifer, the pump and treat systems remove contaminant mass from groundwater that is extracted from the aquifer. The P1PTS primarily removes the high explosive (HE) hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX), and the SEPTS primarily removes RDX, perchlorate, and hexavalent chromium, shown as CR(VI) in Fig. E-3 and Fig. E-4. The figures below provide the mass removal for HEs and hexavalent chromium for 2022 as well as totals since the systems' startup.

The SEPTS has been operating longer than the P1PTS, and the greatest concentrations of HEs are found in the SEPTS's extraction well field, so mass removal is much higher at that system. During 2022, the SEPTS removed approximately 456 pounds (lbs) of contaminants, and the P1PTS removed approximately 1.5 lbs of contaminants.

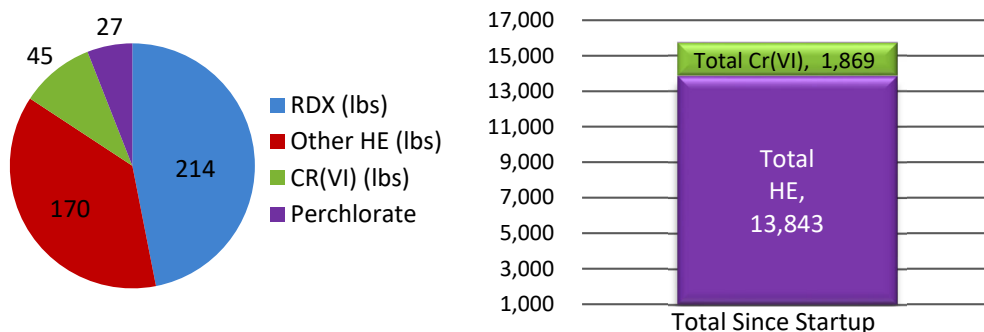


Fig. E-3. SEPTS mass removal.

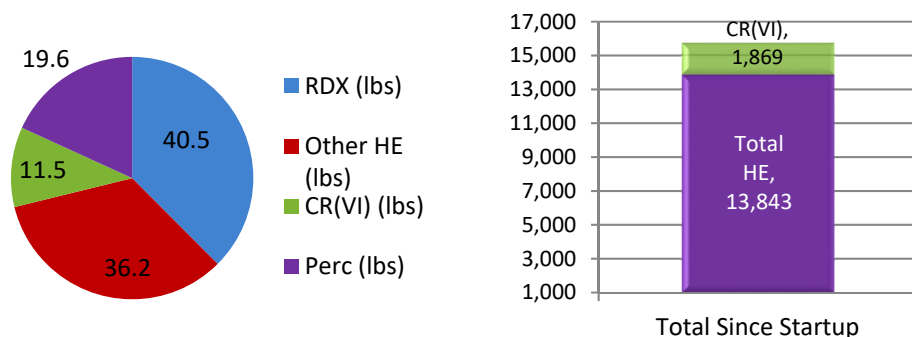


Fig. E-4. P1PTS mass removal.

E.2.2 IN SITU BIOREMEDIATION SYSTEMS

Pantex has four ISB systems installed: Zone 11 ISB, Southeast ISB, Southeast ISB Extension, and Offsite ISB. All four systems were maintained and injected during 2022.

Injection occurred in 69 Zone 11 ISB system wells in 2022, including the newly installed second row wells on the southern side of the system. Pantex continued the use of molasses injection, and results from the treatment zone indicate that conditions between the wells have improved. The use of molasses has decreased concentrations of trichloroethene (TCE) and perchlorate at the downgradient wells.

However, Pantex has experienced issues with injection at a portion of the wells; therefore, conditions between those wells have not improved, and response at the downgradient wells is hampered. In 2021, Pantex infilled wells in areas where injection is no longer possible. All new wells installed in 2021 were injected in 2022.

Pantex injected 25 wells at the Southeast ISB in 2022 due to limited water conditions at this ISB. Wells in the treatment zone indicate that HEs and chromium are treated. All but one downgradient monitoring well indicates treatment to the GWPS. PTX06-1153 has not fully responded to changes in injections, indicating only partial treatment of the HEs. Pantex is continuing to evaluate issues with treatment in that area of the ISB.

Pantex injected 31 wells with molasses amendment at the Southeast ISB Extension during 2022. Wells in the treatment zone indicate that HEs are treated, but downgradient performance monitoring wells have not yet had time to demonstrate treatment. Newly installed extraction wells at the offsite area demonstrate that treated water has arrived in the faster flow paths. The performance monitoring wells are expected to take longer to demonstrate treatment. This system is planned for injection again in 2023.

Pantex injected the Offsite ISB twice during 2022. Ten wells on the leading edge of the plume were injected during two rounds of injection. An additional 10 wells in the north central portion of the system were injected once in 2022. This system is planned for two injections annually through 2036, based on an optimized plan for the offsite remediation. Since injections just started in 2021, downgradient monitor wells do not yet indicate treatment. Sampling results of the ISB extraction wells indicate the arrival of total organic carbon and development of reducing conditions, indicating that the system is responding as expected.

E.2.3 SOIL REMEDIAL ACTIONS

In early 2012, a small-scale catalytic oxidation (CatOx) SVE system was installed at the Burning Ground to address the reduced soil gas plume at the Burning Ground. This small-scale system focuses on treating residual non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) and soil gas at soil gas well SVE-S-20.

The system was variably operated in 2022 due to shut down for repairs and planned pulsing periods, with an overall operation of approximately 32%. The system began operating in January; however, the system was impacted due to a heater failure on March 7. After repairs were completed, the system operated from early August through October, when another failure occurred and the system was shut down. The unplanned pulsing periods continued to provide information for closure of the system. Fig. E-5 presents the mass removal calculated for the major VOCs contributing to the total VOC concentration in 2022 as well as the total mass removed since the SVE system was installed as an interim

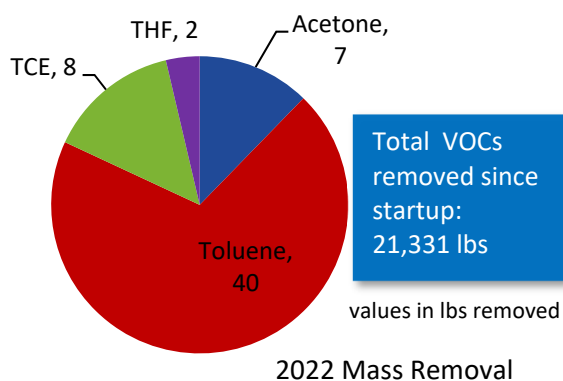


Fig. E-5. Burning Ground SVE mass removal.

action in 2022. The system removed approximately 58 lbs of VOCs during 2022. This system demonstrated significant reductions in influent concentrations beginning in 2020, continuing through 2022. The drop in influent concentrations and removal rates indicate that the NAPL source is near depletion. Pantex is planning to prepare a closure report for the system in 2023, to support removal of the system from HW-50284.

In addition to the active soil remediation at the Burning Ground, Pantex maintains institutional controls in accordance with deed restrictions to protect workers and the environment. Pantex provides long-term control of any type of soil disturbance in the solid waste management units (SWMUs) to protect human health and prevent the spread of contaminated soils. Soil covers at the landfills are maintained as issues are identified. Engineered and institutional controls maintenance in 2022 consisted of the following:

- New deed restrictions for groundwater were placed at two off-site properties for the duration of the remedial action to prevent drilling into and use of impacted perched groundwater.
- SWMU interference permitting was approved for three new projects that required work in a SWMU.
- Pantex completed the control of burrowing animals in specific landfills.
- Signs at landfill areas were replaced and repaired, where needed.
- Burning Ground and SVS 7a landfills were maintained with additional fill material and reseeded in 2022 where needed.
- Pantex continues to regularly inspect and maintain all soil covers, fences, signs, postings, and ditch liners annually.
- Inspection of a ditch liner indicated continuing issues with sedimentation and a tear in the liner. Pantex has contracted for maintenance of the liner, which is expect to be complete in June 2023.

Pantex will continue to evaluate the landfills annually and report findings and plans that are developed to address holes, depressions, or bare areas. Any problems identified will be addressed annually through a combination of onsite resources and contracts, based on available funding.

E.3 GROUNDWATER REMEDIAL ACTION EFFECTIVENESS

E.3.1 PLUME STABILITY

Plume stability was evaluated through examination of water level and concentration data. Water levels were used to generate hydrographs and trends for individual wells, maps of water elevations and contours, and water level trends. Concentration data were used to perform concentration trend analysis and were also combined with the water level data to generate plume maps for each contaminant of concern (COC). The maps and trends together formed the basis for an evaluation of overall plume stability. In addition, a comparison of observed versus expected conditions from the *Long-Term Monitoring System Design Report* (LTM Design Report) (Pantex, 2019a) was conducted as part of the evaluation process.

Overall, calculated concentration and groundwater level trends were consistent with expected conditions defined in the LTM Design Report. Fig. E-6 depicts recent water level trends in the perched aquifer long-term monitoring (LTM) wells.

A total of 46 monitoring wells were expected to have decreasing water level trends, limited water, or dry conditions, as defined in the LTM Design Report. Of these 46 wells, 23 exhibited conditions inconsistent with expected conditions or trends, including 9 wells with recently increasing trends and 14 wells with recent “no trend” conditions. In addition, six wells are exhibiting apparent long-term increasing trends. Most of these wells exhibited recently increasing trends in response to decreased extraction of perched groundwater at P1PTS and release of wastewater to Playa 1. The long-term water level trend is decreasing or not trending for 30 of these wells, and water levels are expected to continue declining.

Four of the remaining wells that have been historically dry or had limited water are now showing fluctuating water levels. The appearance of water in these wells is associated with recharge of stormwater runoff and does not represent the movement of impacted perched groundwater into these areas.

The remaining three wells are located near Playa 1, where reduced extraction of perched groundwater by P1PTS, combined with the release of treated water to the playa, have

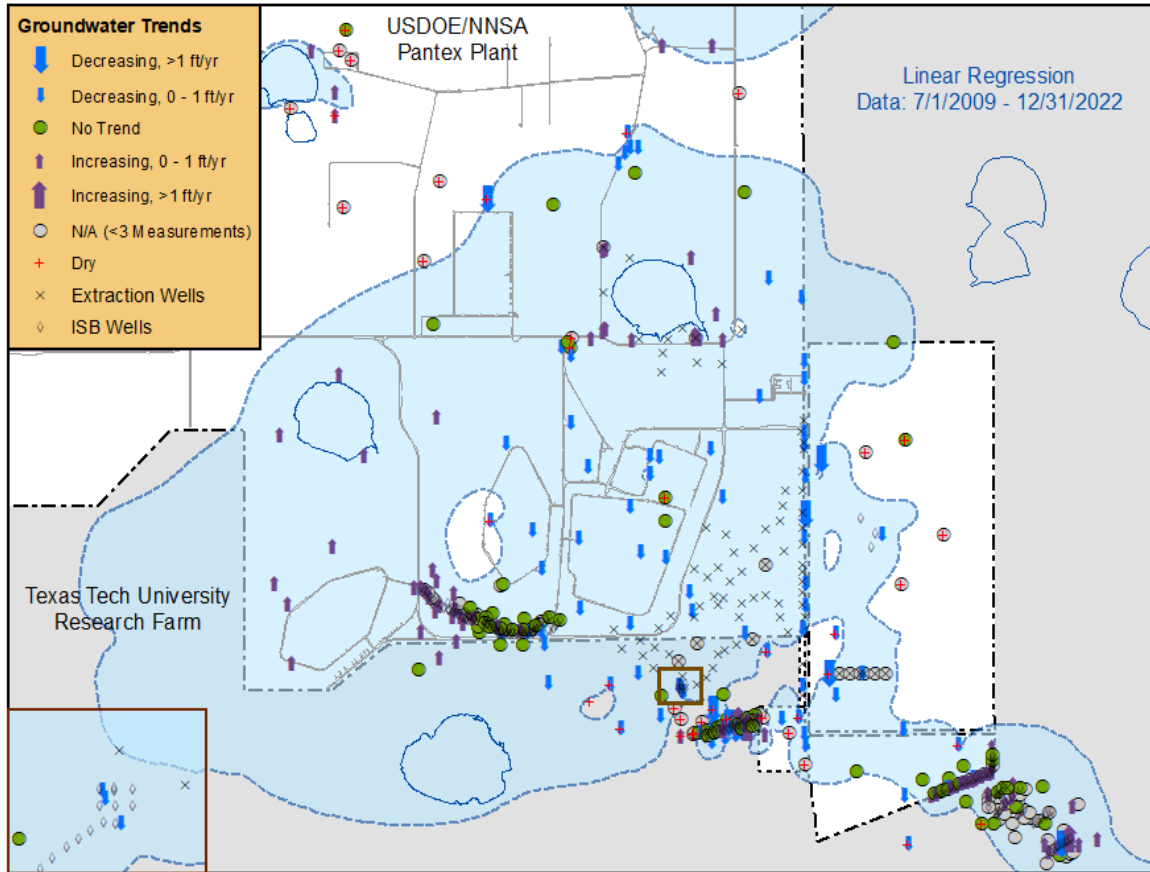


Fig. E-6. Perched Aquifer water level trends.

collectively resulted in short- and long-term increasing trends in these wells. These trends are expected to reverse when the new irrigation system begins operation.

Of the 117 monitoring wells with expected COC concentration conditions defined in the LTM Design Report, 45 wells did not exhibit trends consistent with expected conditions for the four major COCs (i.e., RDX, hexavalent chromium, TCE, and perchlorate). These trends are anticipated to meet expected conditions as corrective actions continue to operate in the perched aquifer. Fig. E-7 depicts RDX trends since the start of the full remedial action in the perched aquifer LTM wells. Wells in the southeast lobe of the perched aquifer are not yet under the influence of remedial action.

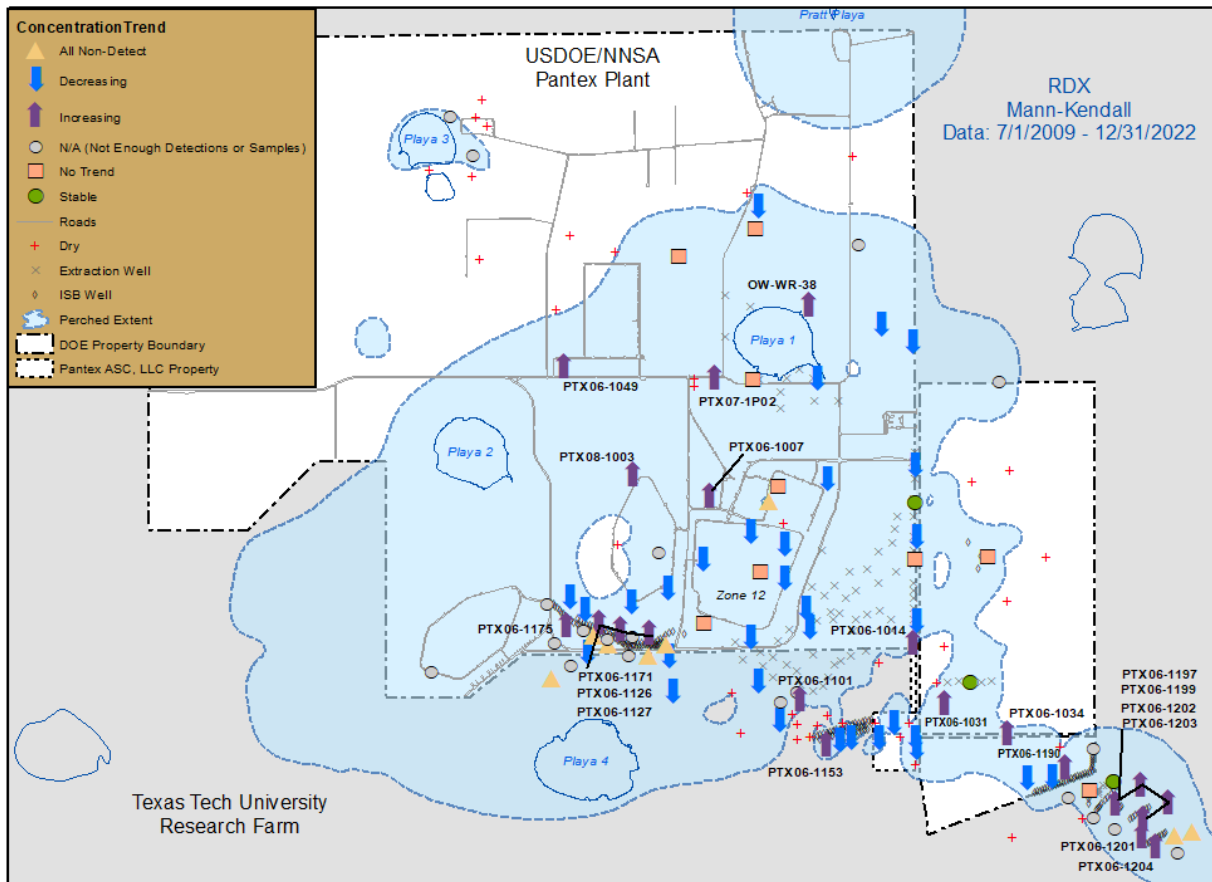


Fig. E-7. RDX trends in the Perched Aquifer.

Generally, 2022's plume shapes are similar to 2009's COC plumes. The greatest differences between the shapes are due to changes in the extent of perched saturation in the perched groundwater's extreme southeast lobe and HE plumes in that area because of the new information collected from recently drilled wells. Perchlorate has also shifted further to the southeast based on collection of data at more wells and influence of the SEPTS on hydraulic gradients at Zone 11. A shift in the hydraulic gradient eastward in the area between the southern parts of Zones 11 and 12 has allowed perchlorate and TCE to migrate east and southeast toward the SEPTS well field; portions of the perchlorate plume are being actively remediated by the SEPTS at this time. Other changes in plume size and shape were caused by general plume movement downgradient, slight changes in concentrations that define the boundaries of the plumes, newly installed wells, or effects of the pump and treat systems.

Major COC plumes of interest are depicted in Fig. E-8.

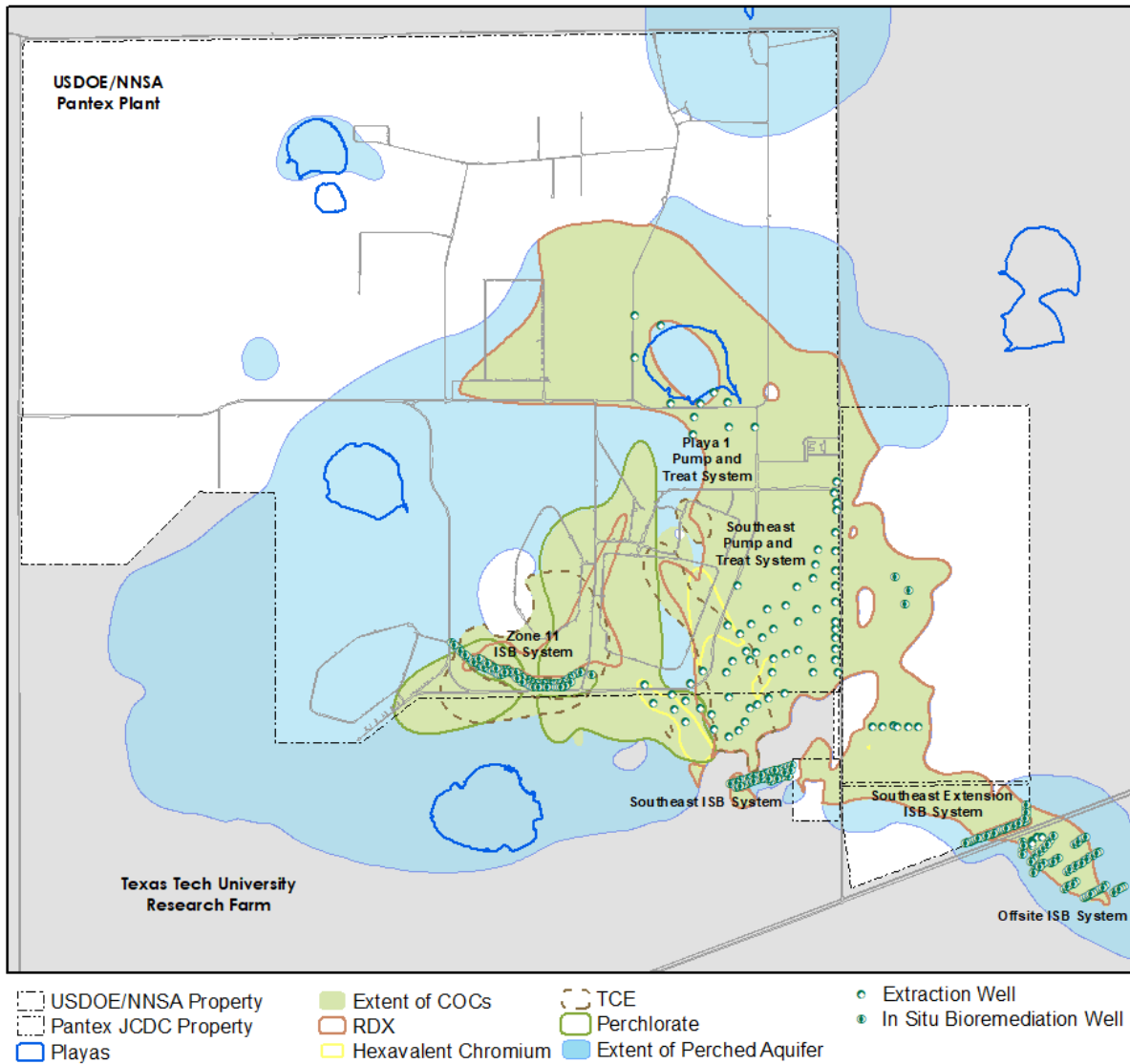


Fig. E-8. Major COC plumes in the Perched Aquifer.

E.3.2 REMEDIAL ACTION EFFECTIVENESS

One goal of the pump and treat systems is to affect plume movement; therefore, a plume stability evaluation can be used to determine the effectiveness of these systems.

The pump and treat systems have continued to be effective in 2022, although their operation was affected by repairs at the subsurface irrigation system and tie-in to the pivot irrigation system. Prioritized operation of the SEPTS has allowed water and mass to be controlled in critical areas. The SEPTS has altered the groundwater flow direction and gradient at localized areas near the extraction wells in the perched aquifer. When operating, the P1PTS appears to be influencing local water levels and hydraulic gradient in

the area near Playa 1. When comparing the 2022 conditions to the LTM Design Report's expected conditions, the majority of expected conditions are being met. Most wells not yet meeting expected conditions are in locations that have not yet been affected by the systems or release of treated water to Playa 1, and P1PTS downtime has impacted water and plume movement near the playa.

The Southeast ISB system data collected in 2022 indicates that it is effectively meeting treatment objectives set in the *Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan* (Pantex, 2009c). Based on geochemical conditions monitored at the treatment zone, the Southeast ISB system has established an adequate reducing zone for the contamination that is present. Two of the closest downgradient monitoring wells for the Southeast ISB (PTX06-1037 and PTX06-1154) demonstrate reductions in RDX, HE degradation products, and hexavalent chromium, resulting in concentrations below the groundwater protection standard (GWPS), with most not detected.

Although PTX06-1153 continues to exhibit RDX concentrations above the GWPS, this well demonstrated signs of partial treatment in 2022, with a decline in RDX and the detection of RDX and breakdown products. However, concentrations remain above the GWPS. Molasses was injected in the treatment zone in 2019 to better distribute amendment. This effort appears to have increased the level of treatment observed at PTX06-1153. As with other locations, water levels at this well continue to decline. Due to declining water levels, the need for future injections will be determined based on data collected at the system.

The Zone 11 ISB system's 2022 data indicate that the system has been effective in treating perchlorate and TCE at most downgradient areas. The system has a well-established treatment zone in the original portion of the system where injection has occurred since 2009. Deeper reducing conditions have been established at injection wells within the expansion area, due to increased injection volumes, use of molasses, and repeated injections. The molasses injection has improved conditions between the injection wells across the western side of the Zone 11 ISB; however, some wells have limited ability to accept injection, and those areas will likely continue to demonstrate milder reducing conditions until the wells can be replaced or infilled.

Evaluation of data in the treatment zone wells indicates very mild to strong reducing conditions across the Zone 11 ISB. All wells downgradient of the system have indicated arrival of treated water. Perchlorate was detected above the GWPS in three downgradient in-situ performance-monitoring (ISPM) wells in 2022. TCE concentrations are below the

GWPS in four of nine ISPM wells and two former injection wells. Pantex has added a second row of wells on the southern side of the ISB to improve treatment of TCE and perchlorate. Downgradient results will be slow to indicate the improved conditions from the extra injection wells.

The Southeast ISB Extension was first injected in 2019. Treatment zone data, including two new TZM wells, indicate strong to mild reducing conditions are present for the treatment of HEs. Downgradient wells are not expected to demonstrate treatment until at least 2025.

The Offsite ISB was installed in 2020. Phases 1 and 2 of infrastructure to support an injection event were completed in 2021, with first injection of molasses occurring in 2021. Two injection events were completed in 2022. ISB extraction wells at the leading edge of the plume that were sampled in 2022 have indicated arrival of the carbon source and have demonstrated that treatment conditions are being established. The system is not expected to demonstrate treatment at downgradient locations for 3- 5 years.

E.3.3 UNCERTAINTY MANAGEMENT AND EARLY DETECTION

The uncertainty management wells in the High Plains Aquifer (commonly and hereafter referred to as the Ogallala Aquifer) and perched aquifer have the following purposes:

- Confirm expected conditions identified in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act's (RCRA) Facility Investigations and ensure there are no deviations
- Fill in potential data gaps
- Fulfill LTM requirements for soil units evaluated in a baseline risk assessment

The purpose of early detection wells is to identify breakthrough of constituents to the Ogallala Aquifer from overlying perched groundwater, if present, or from potential source areas in the unsaturated zone before potential points of exposure are impacted. These wells were proposed in the LTM Design Report to evaluate the effectiveness of the soil and groundwater remedial actions.

Group 1 wells are located where contamination has not been detected or confirmed or in previous plume locations where concentrations have fallen below the GWPS, background, or practical quantitation limit (PQL). These wells were evaluated in the quarterly reports, and in 2022, no Group 1 perched aquifer wells exhibited unexpected conditions.

In 2022, detection of organic constituents occurred in three Ogallala wells. Boron was detected slightly above background in seven Ogallala wells. A few miscellaneous metals

detections above background occurred in 2022. Those detections were related to variations in background or corrosion of stainless steel screens. Perchlorate was also detected slightly above background but below the GWPS in one well. This detection likely represents background variability. The organic detections are summarized below.

One Ogallala Aquifer well, PTX06-1056, had continued detections of 4-amino-2,6-dinitrotoluene (DNT4A) and 1,2-dichloroethane (DCA) above the laboratory PQL. Data collected for 1,2-DCA indicate a decreasing trend in recent data collected at the well. DNT4A was detected above the GWPS in 2022, indicating possible migration of perched groundwater to the Ogallala Aquifer in the southeast area beneath Texas Tech University property. The detections in PTX06-1056 do not represent a threat to local water supplies since the well is distant from those sources, and other downgradient Ogallala monitoring wells demonstrate no detections of DNT4A and 1,2-DCA.

In response to these detections, Pantex has implemented conditions specified in the *Pantex Plant Ogallala Aquifer and Perched Groundwater Contingency Plan* (Pantex, 2019d). A cement bond log was used to evaluate the competency of the concrete seal at the fine-grained zone in PTX06-1056. The log indicated that the seal is competent. Therefore, PTX06-1056 is not likely acting as a preferential pathway for contamination to reach the Ogallala Aquifer. In accordance with the *Pantex Plant Ogallala Aquifer and Perched Aquifer Contingency Plan*, Pantex plans to install two wells in 2023 to determine if a plume may be developing in the area near PTX06-1056 due to migration of contamination from the perched aquifer. Pantex will provide that information in future progress reports. Pantex continues to sample PTX06-1056 in accordance with the approved *Sampling and Analysis Plan* (SAP) (Pantex, 2019b) and will continue to follow actions described in the *Groundwater Contingency Plan*.

PTX06-1157 demonstrated a detect of RDX above the PQL but below the GWPS. The well was resampled in response to the detection and the resample did not verify the earlier detection. Pantex will continue to monitor this well in accordance with the SAP and evaluate results as they are received.

PTX06-1076 demonstrated a low-level detect of DNT4A, below the PQL and the GWPS. This well has demonstrated sporadic, non-trending detections of DNT4A since 2020. Pantex will continue to monitor this well in accordance with the SAP and will continue to follow actions described in the *Groundwater Contingency Plan*.

Group 2 wells are perched wells near source areas and generally have contamination above the GWPS. The purpose of the Group 2 wells' annual evaluation is to determine if source strength is declining. The ditches and playas are expected to continue sourcing contaminants to the perched aquifer for 20 years or more but at much lower concentrations than in the past (Pantex, 2006). For many of these wells, concentrations are expected to stabilize, with an eventual long-term decreasing trend below the GWPS.

Nine of the Group 2 wells that have detections of COCs already meet expected conditions. Thirteen wells are showing increasing trends since remedial actions began in 2009 when long-term decreasing trends are expected. Several of these wells are experiencing more recent decreasing trends or the apparent increase is due to use of one-half of the detection limit that is used in trending. Some of those wells' increasing trends are due to changing gradients and/or plume movement away from the source. Pantex will continue to evaluate these trends over time. For many of these wells, concentrations are anticipated to stabilize, with an eventual long-term decreasing trend below the GWPS.

Several other Group 2 wells had metals detections above their site-specific backgrounds but below the GWPS. These detections are likely due to either well-screen corrosion or variation in background.

E.3.3.1 Other Unexpected Conditions

Pantex routinely evaluates laboratory data to determine if data are off-trend, are at an all-time high, or represent a new detection that may require further sampling or evaluation. Through the well-maintenance program, Pantex also inspects wells at least every five years to ensure they are not silting in and to evaluate whether the well remains in contact with the formation. Based on evaluations in 2022, two wells were determined to have potential issues with silting, causing problems with the sampling interval. One well underwent well maintenance in 2022 and the other well is scheduled for well maintenance in 2024. No additional unexpected conditions were noted in 2022.

E.3.3.2 NATURAL ATTENUATION

Natural attenuation is the result of processes that naturally lower concentrations of contaminants over time. Data are collected at Pantex to help determine where and under what conditions natural attenuation is occurring and to estimate a rate of attenuation. This is an important process for RDX, the primary risk driver in perched groundwater, because RDX is widespread and extends beyond the reach of the groundwater remediation systems

in some areas. Pantex has historically monitored for RDX; 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT); and TCE degradation products in key areas.

Although Pantex has monitored for breakdown products of TCE for many years, a strong indication of natural attenuation has not been observed in perched groundwater. Based on monitoring results for TNT and its breakdown products, TNT has naturally attenuated over time, with data indicating that the breakdown products are more widespread than TNT.

Perched groundwater sampling results for RDX and its breakdown products indicate that the breakdown products are present throughout most of the RDX plume, with TNX being the most widespread. If complete biodegradation of RDX were occurring, RDX and all breakdown products would be expected to decrease over time.

A Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) study (2014) provided evidence that aerobic degradation is occurring in the Pantex RDX plume but was unable to quantify the rates of attenuation. This study provided new methods for evaluating RDX degradation, including carbon and nitrogen fractionation approaches (compound specific isotope analysis). These approaches, along with the ability to quantify 4-nitro-2,4-diazabutanal (NDAB), an aerobic degradation product, allows Pantex to better evaluate the degradation of RDX.

Pantex subsequently contracted with the SERDP study's leading researcher, Dr. Mark Fuller with APTIM Corporation, for a project to evaluate lines of evidence for natural attenuation of RDX at the plant. The study included both aerobic and anaerobic degradation, with evidence of both occurring. The predominant attenuation process is aerobic biodegradation by bacterial strains. Biodegradation rates of 0.016 to 0.168 per year were calculated, translating to RDX half-lives of approximately 5 to 50 years.

The project found that the rates of RDX biodegradation are likely limited by the available labile organic carbon in the groundwater. The study found several lines of evidence for natural attenuation of RDX as well as the potential to enhance aerobic biodegradation of RDX by introducing low levels of labile organic carbon. Recommendations were presented for additional treatability studies, bioaugmentation, and additional proteomics analyses of degrading bacterial strains. Results of this study were used in the recent optimization of the Offsite ISB and pump and treat systems.

E.4 SOIL REMEDIAL ACTION EFFECTIVENESS

The small-scale SVE system at the Burning Ground is the only active soil remediation system at Pantex. The current CatOx/wet scrubber system continues to focus on treating residual NAPL and soil gas at well SVE-S-20. The system continues to be effective at removing residual soil NAPL.

Data collected at the system in 2022 indicated that the NAPL is near depletion. Pantex plans to develop a closure report for the system in 2023 and will request removal of this system with the 2023 HW-50284 renewal application.

E.5 RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

Pantex plans to continue currently approved remedial actions. The groundwater remedies are considered protective for the short term since untreated perched groundwater use is controlled to prevent human contact, and Ogallala Aquifer data continues to indicate COC concentrations are either non-detect or below the GWPS in areas near onsite and offsite water resources. The systems are also proving to be effective in reaching long-term objectives for cleanup in areas that are under the influence of a remedial action. Pantex has some recommended changes provided below to address areas outside of the influence of the remedial action.

Pantex has one Ogallala monitor well, distant from water resource locations, that demonstrated a detect of an HE, DNT4A, above the GWPS. Pantex is following the recommendations in the *Groundwater Contingency Plan* and will begin installing wells to determine whether a plume is developing in that area. Two new wells are planned in 2023 and further information will be provided as data become available.

Soil remedies have also been effective at Pantex: workers and the public are protected from exposure to contaminated soils, and data do not indicate that new contamination is migrating to the underlying groundwater from soil source areas. The SVE system has actively removed soil gas and residual NAPL in soils at the Burning Ground, thereby mitigating the vertical movement of VOCs to the Ogallala Aquifer.

Based on issues identified in the *Second Five-Year Review Report* (HGL and Pantex, 2018) and this report, changes are recommended or have already been implemented to enhance the effectiveness of the remedies in some areas and improve monitoring of the actions' overall effectiveness. Those recommendations are provided in the following sections.

E.5.1 RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE SELECTED REMEDIES

Pantex released an *Explanation of Significant Difference for Zone 11 ISB, Southeast ISB Extension, Offsite ISB, Southeast Pump & Treat System, and the Action Level for Perchlorate in Perched Groundwater* (ESD) for the ROD, in 2022 (Pantex, 2022a) that described changes that have been implemented at the southeast and Zone 11 groundwater remedies, along with recommended changes to the remedy.

Based on the optimization of the pump and treat systems, Pantex is recommending further changes to the remedies, as described in a letter to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (CNS, 2022), which included the installation of two small ISBs to control RDX plume movement to offsite areas in the southeast and a perchlorate/chromium plume that is not being captured by the SEPTS. A small mobile pump and treat unit was also proposed to the east of FM 2373 in an area of high RDX concentrations; however, pump tests indicate that pump and treat will not be feasible in that area and Pantex is now considering injection of those wells in the future. The recommended changes were captured in the ESD that was released in December 2022 and will be implemented as funding allows.

E.5.2 RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE PUMP AND TREAT SYSTEMS

Pantex has implemented a previously recommended change to the operation of the SEPTS and P1PTS. The P1PTS is now only operated once each quarter to allow the SEPTS to fully operate and continue to more effectively capture perched groundwater and contaminant plumes moving to the southeast. The subsurface irrigation system was repaired in early 2022, but after a short time of operation, communication issues shut the system down again. After the communication repair, further issues were created later in 2022 due to wildlife causing an electrical failure. Additionally, the lagoons at the WWTF are under repair thus also affecting flow to the lagoons which P1PTS releases to. Once repairs to the irrigation system and ponds are made and/or the pivot system becomes operational, P1PTS will be operated.

Pantex has evaluated methods to optimize the pump and treat systems to better capture plumes and remove water for the protection of the underlying Ogallala Aquifer. Based on results of that optimization, further changes will be implemented in the future as follows.

- Pantex will reevaluate the priority of pumping wells in the SEPTS. The pumping priorities will be updated and implemented in 2023. The priorities will be provided in the next annual report.

- Pantex has realigned overall goals for operating both systems. Those goals were sent to TCEQ and EPA in early 2023 and will be provided in the next annual progress report. Pantex is currently implementing those goals.

E.5.3 RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE ISB SYSTEMS

Pantex continues to evaluate the ISBs and make changes, as appropriate, to address incomplete treatment in certain areas.

E.5.3.1 Southeast ISB

Pantex has injected a more soluble carbon (i.e., molasses) to improve the distribution of amendment at the ISB and injected in dry upgradient wells. Those changes have resulted in declining RDX concentrations at PTX06-1153. Pantex injected the system with molasses again in early 2022 and will continue to evaluate the impacts to PTX06-1153. Water levels will continue to be monitored to evaluate the need for further injections.

E.5.3.2 Southeast ISB Extension

No changes to this ISB are recommended at this time.

E.5.3.3 Zone 11 ISB

Pantex has installed additional infrastructure to address the hydraulic changes in the system and has infilled wells where old injection wells will no longer accept amendment injections. Pantex continues to monitor the effect of these changes.

No changes to this ISB are recommended at this time.

E.5.3.4 Offsite ISB

Injections began in 2021 and the system continues to be installed in phases. One more phase of installation is underway at this system in 2023.

No changes to this ISB are recommended at this time.

E.5.4 RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE MONITORING NETWORK

No changes to the existing monitoring network are recommended at this time.

Due to detections of DNT4A increasing above GWPS in 2022, Pantex will implement requirements to begin evaluation of the possible development of a plume in the Ogallala Aquifer in the area upgradient of PTX06-1056. Wells were drilled in spring 2023, with sampling anticipated during summer 2023.

E.5.5 RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO SOIL REMEDIES

No changes to the landfill or ditch remedies are recommended.

Pantex is continuing to evaluate SVE data after modifying the system in May 2017. Data have indicated the NAPL source is near depletion and further operation of the system is no longer necessary. Pantex will prepare a closure plan for the system in 2023 and plans to request removal of the system during renewal of HW-50284 in 2023.

E.5.6 RECOMMENDED CHANGES BASED ON REGULATORY COMMENTS

Pantex received comments from the TCEQ on the supporting documents for the recommended changes to the Pantex Remedial Action (TCEQ, 2022). Pantex has agreed to complete some additional work and track the actions to completion in the annual progress reports, per letter dated February 15, 2023 (USDOE/NNSA, 2023). The following table provides the two items that must be tracked to completion, the recommended timeframe of completion, and the current status of each action.

Table E-1. Status of Actions from Recommended Changes Letter Response, USDOE/NNSA (2023)

Recommended Actions to Complete	Milestone Date	Completion Date	Status
Review/update the well information data table to include updated bottom of fine-grained zone picks from Ogallala wells.	Dec-2026		Pantex will complete this after new Ogallala wells are drilled so information can be included in any future fate and transport modeling that is required.
Put in two additional wells at the southeast and southwest perimeter of Zone 11 to better evaluate the Zone 11 plumes.	Dec-2026		Pantex has requested budget for two new perched monitor wells in FY 2026.

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List of Acronyms

amsl	above mean sea level
AOC	area of concern
ASC	Administrative Site Complex
bgs	below ground surface
CatOx	catalytic oxidation
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
cis-1,2-DCE	cis-1,2-dichloroethene
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CMI	Corrective Measures Implementation
COC	contaminant of concern
COPC	contaminant of potential concern
CP-50284	Compliance Plan No. 50284
CR(VI)	hexavalent chromium
DCA	dichloroethane
DCE	dichloroethene
DNT	dinitrotoluene
DNT4A	4-amino-2,6-dinitrotoluene
DNX	hexahydro-1,3-dinitroso-5-nitro-1,3,5-triazine
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESD	Explanation of Significant Difference
EVO	emulsified vegetable oil
FM	Farm-to-Market Road
FS	Firing Site
ft	feet
ft/ft	feet per foot
FGZ	fine-grained zone
FS-5	Firing Site 5
FY	fiscal year
FYR	five-year review
GAC	granular activated carbon
gpm	gallons per minute
gpd	gallons per day
GPS	Global Positioning System
GWPS	groundwater protection standard
HE	high explosive
HGL	Hydrogeologic
HMX	octahydro-1,3,5,7-tetranitro-1,3,5,7-tetrazocine
HW-50284	Hazardous Waste Permit No. 50284

IAG	Interagency Agreement
ICM	Interim Corrective Measure
IRAR	Interim Remedial Action Report
ISB	in-situ bioremediation
ISM	interim stabilization measure
ISPM	in situ performance monitoring
lbs	pounds
LOTO	lockout/tagout
LTM	long-term monitoring
LTM Design Report	Long-Term Monitoring System Design Report
Mgal	million gallons
MAROS	Monitoring and Remediation Optimization System
MDL	method detection limit
MNX	hexahydro-1-nitroso-3,5-dinitro-1,3,5-triazine
mV	millivolts
NAPL	non-aqueous phase liquid
NCP	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan
NDAB	4-nitro-2,4-diazabutanal
O&M	operation and maintenance
ORP	oxidation reduction potential
OSTP	Old Sewage Treatment Plant
PRB	permeable reactive barrier
P&A	plugging and abandonment
P1PTS	Playa 1 Pump and Treat System
PCA	1,1,2,2 – tetrachloroethane
PCE	tetrachloroethene
PCR	Perchlorate/Chromium
PGWD	Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
PID	photoionization detector
Pantex	Pantex Plant
POC	point of compliance
POE	point of exposure
ppm	parts per million
ppmv	parts per million by volume
PTS	pump and treat system
PQL	practical quantitation limit
PVC	polyvinyl chloride
RA	Remedial Action
RAP	Response Action Plan
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

RDX	hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine
ROD	Record of Decision
SAP	Sampling and Analysis Plan
SCADA	supervisory control and data acquisition
scfm	standard cubic feet per minute
SEP/CBP	Solvent Evaporation Pit/Chemical Burn Pit
SEPTS	Southeast Pump and Treat System
SERDP	Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program
SIN	SWMU Interference Notification
SU	standard units
SVE	soil vapor extraction
SVS	supplemental verification site
SWMU	Solid Waste Management Unit
TCE	trichloroethene
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
THF	tetrahydrofuran
TLAP	Texas Land Application Permit
TNX	hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitroso-1,3,5-triazine
TNT	2,4,6-trinitrotoluene
TOC	total organic carbon
TRRP	Texas Risk Reduction Program
TTU	Texas Tech University
TZM	treatment zone monitoring
ug/L	micrograms per liter
USDOE/NNSA	United States Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration
UV	ultraviolet
VOC	volatile organic compound
WMG	waste management group
WWTF	Wastewater Treatment Facility

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Pantex Plant (Pantex), located in the Texas Panhandle approximately 17 miles northeast of Amarillo (see Fig. 1-1), was established in 1942 to build conventional munitions in support of World War II. Pantex was deactivated in 1945 and was sold to Texas Tech University (TTU). In 1951, it was reclaimed for use by the Atomic Energy Commission to build nuclear weapons. Pantex continues with an active mission to support the nuclear weapons stockpile for the United States Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (USDOE/NNSA).

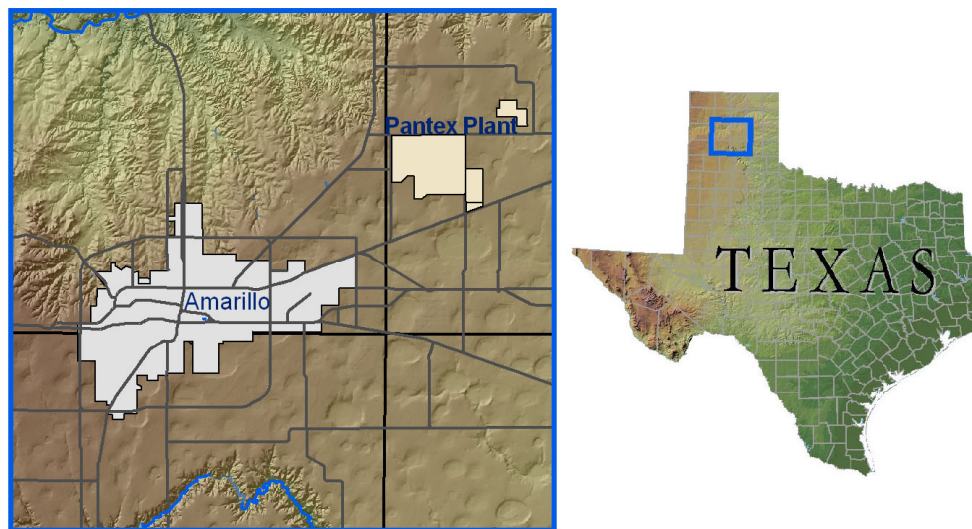


Fig. 1-1. Location of Pantex Plant.

The main plant site encompasses approximately 9,100 acres. Approximately 2,000 acres of the USDOE/NNSA-owned property are used for industrial operations at Pantex, excluding the Burning Ground, Firing Sites, and other outlying areas. The Burning Ground and Firing Sites occupy approximately 489 acres. The remaining USDOE/NNSA-owned land serves safety and security purposes. In 2008, approximately 1,526 acres east of Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 2373 was purchased to provide better access and control of perched groundwater areas included in the Pantex Remedial Action. USDOE/NNSA also owns a detached piece of property called Pantex Lake, approximately 2.5 miles northeast of the main plant. This property, encompassing 1,077 acres, includes the playa lake itself. No industrial operations are conducted at the Pantex Lake property.

Historical waste management practices at Pantex resulted in the release of contaminants through various waste streams. Treated and untreated industrial wastewater released to the ditches and playas resulted in the contamination of perched groundwater beneath Playa 1, portions of Zone 11, Zone 12, TTU property to the south, and property east of FM 2373. The extent of perched groundwater and major contaminant plumes are depicted in Fig. 1-2.

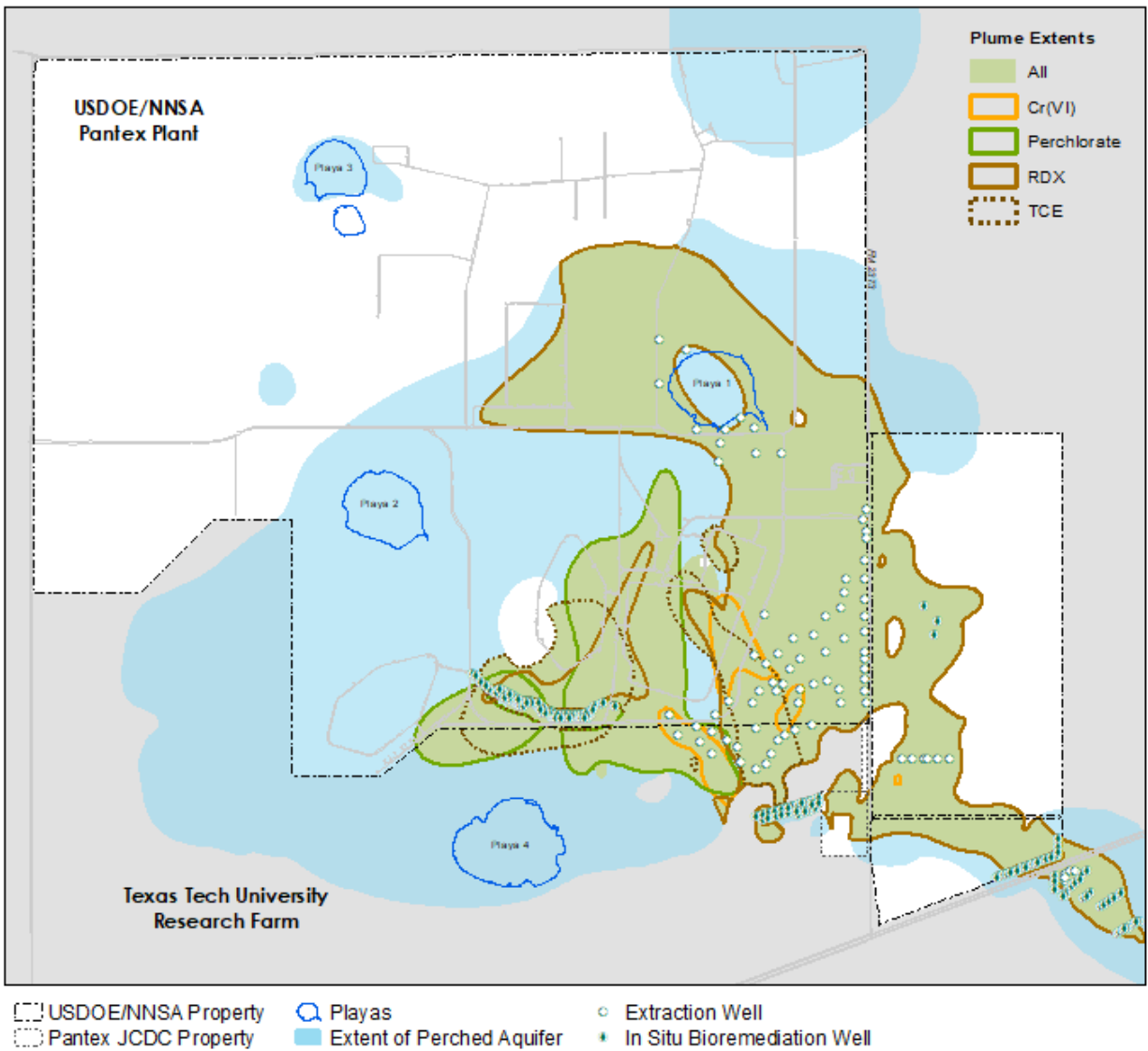


Fig. 1-2. Extent of perched groundwater and contaminant plumes exceeding the Groundwater Protection Standard.

Impacted perched groundwater is not used for residential purposes; however, the perched aquifer overlies the Ogallala Aquifer, a drinking water source for the Texas Panhandle and Pantex. This aquifer system, which is dominated by the Ogallala Formation, includes the Dockum Formation in the vicinity of Pantex.

Historical waste management practices also resulted in the contamination of soil sites at Pantex. Landfills and specific soil sites require institutional controls to ensure continued use of the land for industrial purposes. In addition, some areas require soil covers and ditch liners to be maintained to prevent the infiltration of water and downward migration of contaminants to groundwater. Fencing and signs are also maintained to control worker use and traffic within the soil units.

Pantex has implemented remedial actions to mitigate perched groundwater contamination and prevent contamination of the deeper drinking water aquifer.

1.1 REGULATORY BACKGROUND

Pantex implemented its remedial actions in accordance with the *Compliance Plan for Industrial Solid Waste Management Sites* (Compliance Plan [CP-50284]), originally issued on October 21, 2003, and subsequently updated with final remedial actions on September 16, 2010, under the provisions of Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and Chapter 26 of the Texas Water Code. CP-50284 is a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) permit that stipulates the requirements for conduct of corrective actions and groundwater monitoring programs according to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Pantex's hazardous waste permit (HW-50284) was renewed in 2014, and CP-50284 requirements were incorporated into the permit.

Pantex was listed on the National Priorities List in 1994, requiring investigation and cleanup according to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), in addition to RCRA. Pantex meets the requirements of CERCLA through the Pantex Interagency Agreement (IAG), effective February 22, 2008. Table 1-1 lists the Compliance Plan (shown as CP), hazardous waste permit (shown as HW), and IAG with the date of issuance, modifications, and descriptions of each issue or modification.

Table 1-1. Regulatory Compliance Documents

Document	Date of Issue	Description
CP-50284	10/21/2003	Interim Stabilization Measure Compliance Plan issued to describe interim measures to stabilize groundwater plumes and monitor that action.
Interagency Agreement for the Pantex Superfund Site	2/22/2008	Established an agreement between the Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the United States Department of Energy for final remedial actions, the framework for responding to and implementing Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act requirements, and the framework for participation and exchange of information between parties.
Record of Decision	9/25/2008	The Pantex Record of Decision (ROD) presents the "Selected Remedy" for Pantex in accordance with Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and is synchronized with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Compliance Plan provisions.
CP-50284	9/16/2010	Modification issued to remove interim stabilization requirements and incorporate final corrective/remedial actions for Pantex and required monitoring and reporting of those actions.
HW-50284	5/30/2014	Hazardous waste permit renewal with inclusion of the Compliance Plan. Changes include corrective action observation well changes and minor edits. Compliance Plan requirements are included as Provision XI of HW-50284.
Explanation of Significant Difference for the Record of Decision	12/21/2022	Provides an explanation of differences between the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Several components of the "Selected Remedy" for Pantex and the actual systems constructed, operated, and maintained to achieve remedial action objectives. The action level in the ROD and protective levels and health advisories established for perchlorate since issuance of the ROD and establishment of the new perchlorate protective level for cleanup of groundwater.

CP-50284, issued in 2003, stipulated the requirements for conducting corrective actions and groundwater monitoring associated with defined interim stabilization measures (ISMs) and provided the operating requirements for ISMs that were in place for Pantex. The final corrective action/remedy has been approved through the *Record of Decision for Groundwater, Soil and Associated Media* (ROD) (Pantex and Sapere Consulting, 2008), and the final remedy was incorporated into CP-50284, effective September 16, 2010. Pantex provided an *Explanation of Significant Difference for Zone 11 ISB, Southeast ISB Extension, Offsite ISB, Southeast Pump & Treat System, and the Action Level for Perchlorate in Perched Groundwater* (ESD) for the ROD, in 2022 (Pantex, 2022a). Pantex will carry the changes

described in the ESD into the upcoming hazardous waste permit renewal application that will be provided to the TCEQ in December 2023. The *Long-Term Monitoring System Design Report* (LTM Design Report) (Pantex, 2009a) and the *Sampling and Analysis Plan* (Pantex, 2009b) were approved through the Compliance Plan as the basis for monitoring and reporting of the remedies. The 2009 documents were updated in January 2014 and again in 2019 (Pantex, 2019a and 2019b). The 2019 update was approved for use starting January 2020. HW-50284 was renewed in May 2014 and included the Compliance Plan requirements from the September 2010 CP-50284 as Provision XI, with minor changes.

HW-50284, Provision XI requires reporting of information pertaining to the effectiveness of the remedies, treatment of perched groundwater, contaminant data and plumes, and monitoring. Information on operation and maintenance (O&M) of the corrective action systems and components, new construction, the condition and status of the corrective actions/remedies, and recommendations for change is required.

The IAG is a legally binding agreement among the USDOE, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and TCEQ to accomplish the cleanup of hazardous substances contamination at and from Pantex, pursuant to CERCLA, the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), and Executive Order 12580, as amended by Executive Order 13016. The IAG has the following purposes:

1. Ensure that the environmental impacts associated with past and present activities at Pantex have been analyzed, tested, and thoroughly evaluated, and appropriate remedial action is taken as necessary to protect the public health, welfare, and the environment.
2. Establish a procedural framework and schedule for developing, implementing, and monitoring appropriate response actions in accordance with CERCLA; the NCP; Superfund policy; RCRA; RCRA policy; and applicable, relevant, and appropriate environmental laws.
3. Facilitate continued cooperation, exchange of information, and participation of USDOE, EPA, and TCEQ in such actions.

The IAG provides requirements for developing schedules, remedial design and remedial action implementation and reporting, record preservation, public participation, budget review, notification requirements, and periodic progress reports. Progress reports are

required semi-annually and are combined with the Compliance Plan reports to fulfill the requirements of both RCRA and CERCLA.

Table 1-2 provides a detailed crosswalk of the Compliance Plan and IAG requirements to specific sections of the annual or quarterly report in which the requirements are fulfilled. The requirements are from CP Tables VII and VIII of HW-50284. The specific Articles in the IAG that contain reporting requirements are also listed in the table. Other requirements in the ROD and final documents supporting the design of the remedial actions were also considered when developing this report.

Table 1-2. Crosswalk of Regulatory Requirements to Quarterly and Annual Progress Reports

Item	Program	Reporting Frequency	Requirements	Location of Information in Progress Reports
Hazardous Waste Permit 50284 Requirements from CP Table VII:				
1.	All programs	Annual June 30	Each report shall be certified by a qualified engineer and/or geologist.	See certification page inside front cover of the quarterly and annual progress reports.
2.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	A table of all modifications and amendments made to this Compliance Plan with their corresponding approval dates by the executive director or the Commission and a brief description of each action;	Section 1.1, Table 1-1.
3.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	A summary of any activity within an area subject to institutional control.	Section 2.3.2.
4.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	Tabulation of well casing elevations in accordance with Attachment B;	Section 2.4.2.
5.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	Certification and well installation diagram for any new well installation or replacement and certification for any well plugging and abandonment;	When applicable, certifications and diagrams are included as an appendix. See "List of Appendices."
6.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	Recommendation for any changes to the program;	Chapter 5.0 of the annual report. "Recommendations and Conclusions" section of quarterly reports.
7.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	Any other items requested by the executive director;	Crosswalk of requirements to information contained in report. Section 1.1. Information will be added as requested.

Item	Program	Reporting Frequency	Requirements	Location of Information in Progress Reports
8.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	Water table maps shall be prepared from the groundwater data collected pursuant to Provision VII and shall be evaluated by the Permittee with regard to the following parameters: 8.1. Development and maintenance of a cone of depression during operation of the system; 8.2. Direction and gradient of groundwater flow; 8.3. Effectiveness of hydrodynamic control of the contaminated zone during operation; and, 8.4. Estimation of the rate and direction of groundwater contamination migration.	Sections 3.1.5, 3.1.7, and 3.2.
9.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	The Permittee shall submit a report to each recipient listed in Provision X.C, which includes the information in items 3 through 26 determined since the previously submitted report, if those items are applicable. If both Corrective Action and Compliance Monitoring [Reserved] Programs are authorized, then the June 30th report shall contain information required for both programs.	Reports submitted as required. See items 3 through 26 of this table for location of report information.
10.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	The Corrective Action System(s) authorized under Provision II in operation during the reporting period and a narrative summary of the evaluations made in accordance with Provisions XI.E, XI.F, and XI.G of this Compliance Plan for the preceding reporting period. The reporting periods shall be annual, January 1 through December 31, for Corrective Action Monitoring, unless an alternative schedule is approved by the Commission. The period for Compliance Monitoring [Reserved] shall be based on the calendar year;	Chapter 2.0 Chapter 3.0 Chapter 4.0 Appendices containing extraction well flow information, data tables, data evaluation tables, expected condition evaluation, contaminant of concern (COC) trending, and hydrographs.

Item	Program	Reporting Frequency	Requirements	Location of Information in Progress Reports
11.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	The method(s) utilized for management of recovered/purged groundwater shall be identified in accordance with Provision XIB.8. The Permittee shall maintain this list as part of the facility operating record and make it available for inspection upon request.	Section 2.5 and Appendix C
12.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	An updated table and map of all monitoring and corrective action system wells. The wells to be sampled shall be those wells proposed in the Compliance Plan Application referenced in Provision XI.A.7. and any changes subsequently approved by the executive director pursuant to Provision XI.B.3. Provide in chronological order, a list of those wells which have been added to, or deleted from, the groundwater monitoring and remediation systems since original issuance of the Compliance Plan. Include the date of the Commission's approval for each entry;	Section 1.6.
13.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	The results of the chemical analyses, submitted in a tabulated format acceptable to the executive director which clearly indicates each parameter that exceeds the groundwater protection standard (GWPS). Copies of the original laboratory report for chemical analyses showing detection limits and quality control and quality assurance data shall be provided if requested by the executive director;	See "List of Appendices" for data evaluation tables and electronic data. A summary of the point of compliance/point of exposure well detections above GWPS is included in Section 3.5.
14.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	Tabulation of all water level elevations required in Provision XI.F.3.d.1 depth to water measurements, and total depth of well measurements collected since the data that was submitted in the previous monitoring report;	Section 2.4 and Appendix C. Appendix containing electronic data tables.

Item	Program	Reporting Frequency	Requirements	Location of Information in Progress Reports
15.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	Potentiometric surface maps showing the elevation of the water table at the time of sampling, delineation of the radius of influence of the Corrective Action System, and the direction of groundwater flow gradients outside any radius of influence;	Section 3.1.
16.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	Tabulation of all data evaluation results pursuant to Provision XI.F.4 and status of each well with regard to compliance with the Corrective Action objectives and compliance with the GWPS;	These evaluations are summarized in Section 3.4 and 3.5. See "List of Appendices" for complete electronic data tables and expected conditions evaluation.
17.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	An updated summary as required by CP Table VIII;	Chapters 1.0 through 4.0.
18.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	Summary of any changes made to the monitoring/corrective action program and a summary of well inspections, repairs, and any operational difficulties;	Chapters 2.0 and 5.0 and Appendix C.
19.	Corrective Action	Annual June 30	A notation of the presence or absence of NAPLs, both light and dense phases, in each well during each sampling event since the last event covered in the previous monitoring report and tabulation of depth and thickness of NAPLs, if detected;	Section 3.4.
20.	Corrective Action only	Annual June 30 Quarterly 90 days after end of quarter	Quarterly tabulations of quantities of recovered groundwater and NAPLs, and graphs of monthly recorded flow rates versus time for the Recovery Wells during each reporting period. A narrative summary describing and evaluating the NAPL recovery program shall also be submitted;	Annual Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. See Section 2.1 and "List of Appendices" for detailed extraction well flow information. b. See Section 2.3.1 for soil vapor extraction of residual NAPLs in soils at the Burning Ground. Quarterly Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. "Pump and Treat Systems" section and Appendix B.

Item	Program	Reporting Frequency	Requirements	Location of Information in Progress Reports
21.	Corrective Action only	Annual June 30 Quarterly 90 days after end of quarter	Tabulation of the total contaminant mass recovered from each recovery system for each reporting period.	Annual Report: a. Section 2.1. Quarterly Report: a. "Pump and Treat Systems" and "SVE System" sections.
22.	Corrective Action only	Annual June 30	Maps of the contaminated area where GWPSs are exceeded, depicting concentrations of CP Table IIIA constituents and any newly detected CP Table III constituents as isopleth contours or discrete concentrations if isopleth contours cannot be inferred. Areas where concentrations of constituents exceed the GWPS should be clearly delineated. Depict the boundary of the plume management zone (PMZ), if applicable;	Section 3.1.6.
23.	Corrective Action only	Annual June 30	Maps and tables indicating the extent and thickness of the NAPLs both light and dense phases, if detected;	No detected NAPLs in groundwater

Item	Program	Reporting Frequency	Requirements	Location of Information in Progress Reports
24.	Corrective Action only	Quarterly 90 days after end of quarter	<p>Corrective Measures Implementation (CMI) Progress Report or Response Action Effectiveness Report or Response Action Completion Report to be submitted as a section of the Compliance Plan report in accordance with Provision XI.H.6, if necessary. The Permittee will include a narrative summary of the status of the approved final corrective measures conducted in accordance with the approved CMI Workplan or Response Action Plan (RAP), and that the requirements of Provision XI.H.7 are being met. The report shall include the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Information required for Item 20 of this table. Information required for Item 21 of this table. Trend charts of target COCs and degradation products at downgradient performance monitoring locations for the in-situ bioremediation systems. Summary of unexpected conditions, if found, at monitoring wells. 	<p>Annual Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> See Section 2.1 and "List of Appendices" for detailed extraction well flow information. See Section 2.3.1 for soil vapor extraction of residual NAPLs in soils at the Burning Ground. Section 2.1. See "List of Appendices" for COC concentration trends. Information is summarized in Section 3.2.3 of this report. Section 3.4. <p>Quarterly Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> "Pump and Treat Systems" section and Appendix B. "Pump and Treat Systems" and "SVE System" sections. See Appendix C. "Uncertainty Management and Early Detection" section.
25.	Corrective Action only	Annual June 30	<p>The Permittee will include a narrative summary of the status of each Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) and/or Area of Concern (AOC) subject to the requirements of Provision XI.H and Interim Corrective Measures (ICMs) Program for a SWMU and/or AOC which documents that the objectives of Provision XI.H.8.b are being achieved. This summary shall be included as a section of the Compliance Plan annual report.</p>	<p>No units at Pantex are subject to the ICM requirements in Provision VIII.</p>

Item	Program	Reporting Frequency	Requirements	Location of Information in Progress Reports
26.	Corrective Action only	5-Year Review	Conduct five-year review to be consistent with CERCLA §121(c) and the NCP (40 CFR Part 300.430(f)(4)(ii)). The five-year review will be conducted to evaluate the need to adjust corrective actions and associated monitoring.	The second five-year review was started in 2017. The final approved report was completed in September 2018.
Hazardous Waste Permit 50284 CP Table VIII				
A	Corrective Action	Annually	Submit to the Executive Director a schedule summarizing all activities required by the Compliance Plan in the annual progress report. The schedule shall list the starting dates of all routine activities. The Permittee shall include an updated schedule in the annual groundwater monitoring report required by Provision XI.G.3. The schedule shall list the activity or report, the Compliance Plan section which requires the activity or report and the calendar date the activity or report is to be completed or submitted (if this date can be determined).	Section 1.6.4 of the annual report contains a schedule of activities completed since the last annual report, work in progress, and upcoming activities that are scheduled for the next year. The quarterly report provides a listing of activities completed, in progress, or upcoming in the "Schedule Update" section.
IAG Progress Report Requirements:				

Item	Program	Reporting Frequency	Requirements	Location of Information in Progress Reports
16.4.	Remedial Action	Quarterly Annual	All results of sampling or other monitoring results obtained during the previous quarter.	The "Uncertainty Management and Early Detection" section of the quarterly report summarizes the quarterly data. Annual Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. These data are summarized in Section 3.4 and 3.5. b. See "List of Appendices" for complete electronic data tables and expected conditions evaluation.
16.4	Remedial Action	Annual and Quarterly	Describe the actions which DOE has taken during the previous quarter to implement the requirements of this Agreement.	Section 1.6.4 provides a schedule of activities.
16.4	Remedial Action	Annual	Include a detailed statement of how the requirements and time schedules set out in the attachments to this Agreement are being met, identify any anticipated delays in meeting time schedules, including the reason(s) for each delay and actions taken to prevent or mitigate the delay, and identify any potential problems that may result in a departure from the requirements and time schedules.	Section 1.6.4.

1.2 REMEDIAL ACTION BACKGROUND

Pantex has implemented soil and groundwater remedial actions to mitigate contamination that resulted from historical waste management practices. The remedial actions are described in detail in the ROD, which can be found here: [Environmental Cleanup Documents | Pantex Plant \(energy.gov\)](#). Soil and groundwater remedial actions are detailed in the following sections.

1.3 SOIL REMEDIAL ACTIONS

In accordance with RCRA and CERCLA, Pantex and regulatory agencies identified 254 units at Pantex for further investigation and cleanup. Investigations that identified the nature and extent of contamination at solid waste management units (SWMUs) and associated groundwater were submitted to the TCEQ and EPA in the form of RCRA facility investigation reports. Those investigation reports closed many units through interim remedial actions; therefore, no further controls other than deed recordation are necessary for those units. Other units were evaluated in human health and ecological risk assessments to identify units that required further remedial actions to protect human health and the environment. Fig. 1-3 depicts the location and status of the 254 units.

The 15 units still in active use will be closed in accordance with CERCLA and RCRA permit provisions when they become inactive and are determined to be of no further use as well as when funding is identified for investigation and cleanup of the site. One active facility has been changed to inactive, and Pantex has requested funding to address the site. A detailed summary of actions for the 254 units can be found in the ROD (Pantex and Sapere Consulting, 2008).

Units requiring further remedial actions were then assessed in a corrective measures study to identify and recommend final remedial actions. The final remedial actions that were approved are described in the ROD. A detailed status table of the SWMUs is included in Appendix A of this report.

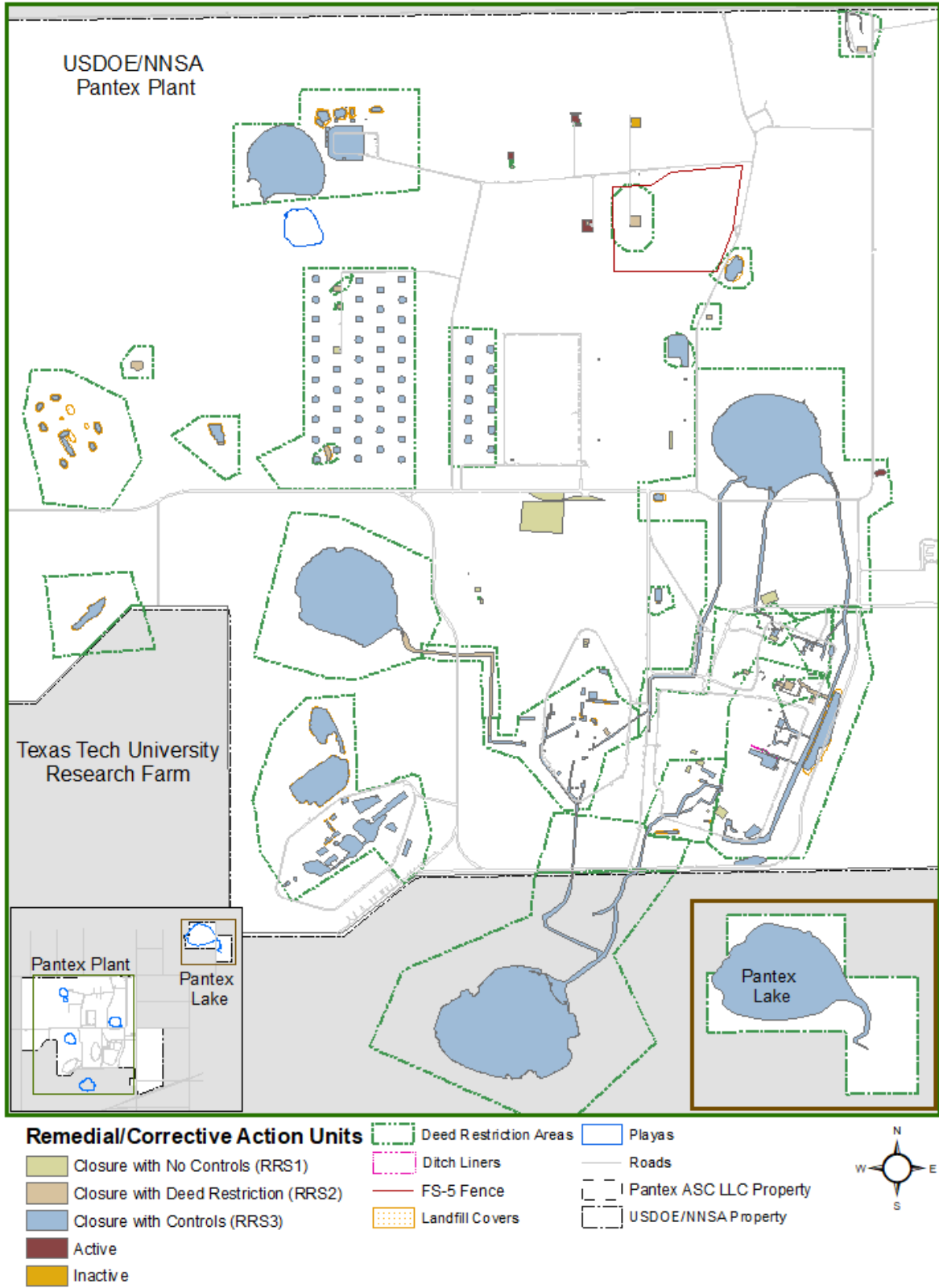


Fig. 1-3. Status of Corrective/Remedial Action units.

Soil remedial actions focus on the following:

- Cleanup of soil gas and non-aqueous phase liquids (NAPL) in soil at the Burning Ground for future protection of groundwater resources
- Institutional controls to protect workers
- Fencing to prevent traffic and control access to Firing Site 5 (FS-5)
- Maintenance of soil remedies (i.e., ditch liners and soil covers) for future protection of groundwater resources

Soil Remedial Actions

- Ditch Liner
- Soil Covers on Landfills
- Institutional Controls
- Soil Vapor Extraction System
- Fencing

In addition to the remedial actions, Pantex has deed recorded all soil units where contamination was identified. Those areas are restricted to industrial use to ensure future use of the area is in agreement with cleanup assumptions.

1.3.1 BURNING GROUND SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION SYSTEM

The Burning Ground soil vapor evaporation (SVE) system was installed in February 2002 as an interim remedial action and became the final remedial action with the issuance of the ROD and HW-50284. The SVE system was installed to remediate volatile organic compounds (VOCs) present in the shallow- and intermediate-depth vadose zone at the Burning Ground, specifically SWMUs 38 and 47.

The system was designed to remediate soil gas in areas beneath the solvent evaporation pit/chemical burn pit (SEP/CBP) and the landfills north of the SEP/CBP. The RCRA Facility Investigations noted that original VOC concentrations at the Burning Ground were as high as 962 parts per million by volume (ppmv) in the shallow zone [i.e., 20 to 90 feet (ft) below ground surface (bgs)], based on wells in place at that time. However, higher concentrations were found in well SVE-S-20 when the SVE system was installed in 2001. Concentrations in the intermediate zone (i.e., 95 to 275 ft bgs) were as high as 1845 ppmv (Stoller, 2002).

The remedial goal was to significantly reduce the mass of VOC contaminants in soil gas, thus mitigating impacts to the underlying groundwater. That goal was achieved in all but a single extraction well, SVE-S-20. Rebound testing conducted in October 2005 indicated that all wells, except SVE-S-20, yielded field-measured VOC concentrations less than 100 ppmv.

A small-scale SVE was installed at the Burning Ground in late 2006 after the large-scale catalytic oxidation (CatOx) and scrubber system became inefficient at continued removal of soil gas and residual NAPL within the soil pore space once the larger area had been remediated. The small-scale system focused on treating residual NAPL and soil gas at SVE-S-20, where soil gas concentrations in the shallow zone continued to remain above 100 parts per million (ppm). The system consisted of a series of activated carbon drums and a smaller blower motor for extraction. The activated carbon system was shut down at the end of January 2012 to install a small-scale CatOx system that continues to focus on remediating SVE-S-20.

The new system is more cost efficient and effectively treats all detected contaminants of concern (COCs) at the Burning Ground. System construction and installation began in February 2012. System startup and testing began on April 5, 2012, with normal operations commencing on April 19, 2012.

The system was modified in May 2017 to increase air flow through the area surrounding SVE-S-20 and promote increased volatilization and bioremediation of the remaining soil NAPL. Six wells surrounding SVE-S-20 were modified to include aboveground piping that would allow airflow through the wells while the system is operating and pulling air from SVE-S-20 (see Fig. 1-4). Pantex increased influent flow to the SVE by 40% from 32 standard cubic ft per minute (scfm) to approximately 45 scfm, close to the maximum design flow of 50 scfm. To gain baseline information, Pantex also increased monitoring and evaluation of influent air to the SVE system and of the individual wells that were modified. The evaluations, presented in Section 4, will be used to help provide a path to closure of the Burning Ground SVE.



Fig. 1-4. Burning Ground SVE System wells and modifications.

1.3.2 PROTECTIVE COVERS

The remedial action for landfills included installing and maintaining protective covers for the Former Burning Ground Ash Disposal Trench (SWMUs 14 through 27), the former operational area of FS-5, and 27 landfill units depicted in Fig. 1-3. These protective covers were either placed after landfilling operations ceased or were installed as interim corrective measures ICMs under State RCRA Authority to prevent worker contact and the infiltration of water through landfill materials that could lead to migration of contaminants to the underlying aquifer without mitigation.

Construction of all protective covers was completed and approved in 2009. All but two covers are constructed of soil, with the two landfills, Landfill 1 and 2, having Closure Turf installed over the soil cover. Closure Turf was installed at Landfill 1 in 2013 and at Landfill 2

during 2017. Refer to the respective annual reports for the Closure Turf installation information.

1.3.3 DITCH LINERS

A total of five ditch sections representing SWMUs 2 and 5-05, with a total length of approximately 832 ft, were lined as an ICM in 2004 to prevent migration of vadose zone soil contamination to the perched groundwater. The ditch liner location is depicted in Fig. 1-3.

The synthetic liner was installed in sections, constructed by welding together smaller sections in the factory using a single-track hot wedge fusion machine. The edges of the liner were anchored into the shoulders of the ditches at least 1-ft deep to control erosion and guard the liner edges against uplift from strong winds. River rock was placed in the bottom of the lined ditches to provide ballast for the liner and protect against uplift. The river rock ballast was replaced by Platipus® anchors in 2011.

Between December 2016 and March 2017, a new 45-millimeter Hypalon® liner was installed over the existing SWMUs 2 and 5-05's ditch liner. Before installing the new liner, sediment, debris, and water were removed from the ditch areas. An anchor trench was excavated around nearly all sides of the liner emplacement and used to secure the new liner around the outer edge of the ditch. A total of 163 Platipus® anchors were installed at approximately 5-ft intervals, typically located at the bottom of the ditch, to further secure the liner in place.

The Platipus® device consists of a flat metal anchor attached to a wire driven two ft vertically into the ground with a pivot set horizontally and a plastic plate tightened to the surface of the liner. At the anchor location, the surface of the liner is then patched to create a water-tight seal. Ten anchors were not installed as planned due to potential interferences with utilities. The Hypalon liner was installed in sections and physically attached and sealed to existing penetrations (e.g., culverts, pipes). The liner was attached to concrete structures including the headwalls and the 12-83 building foundation. Seams were welded and sealed in the field.

1.4 GROUNDWATER REMEDIAL ACTIONS

In accordance with the IAG and HW-50284, Pantex has implemented actions to remediate the contaminated perched groundwater. Two types of active remediation systems (see Fig. 1-5) were installed to address the contamination: pump and treat systems and in-situ

bioremediation (ISB) systems. Institutional controls are also part of the final remedy for groundwater.

Groundwater remedial actions focus on the following tasks:

- Clean up perched aquifer to the groundwater protection standard (GWPS).
- Reduce perched water levels to protect the underlying drinking water aquifer (i.e., Ogallala Aquifer) and prevent growth of plumes.
- Implement institutional controls to restrict perched groundwater use without treatment and control drilling into and through the perched aquifer to prevent cross-contamination.

Groundwater Remedial Actions

Pump & Treat Systems

- Playa 1 Pump and Treat
- Southeast Pump and Treat

ISB Systems

- Zone 11 ISB
- Southeast ISB
- Southeast ISB Extension
- Offsite ISB

Institutional Controls

Groundwater deed restrictions have been recorded in the county record for Pantex, TTU property, and three neighboring offsite properties. Two of the offsite restrictions were recently completed in 2021 and 2022 to prevent use of the perched groundwater and restrict drilling into or through the perched groundwater. The original restrictions were provided to TCEQ and EPA in the *Final Pantex Interim Remedial Action Report (IRAR)* (Pantex, 2010a). The two recent deed restrictions were provided to TCEQ and EPA in a comment response letter for the ESD (Pantex, 2022b and 2022c). The two newest restrictions will be removed once remediation is complete at the offsite properties. Fig. 1-5 provides the location of deed restrictions at Pantex, TTU, and offsite properties and also depicts the groundwater remediation systems installed at Pantex.

Two pump and treat systems were installed to address contamination in areas with generally greater than 15 ft of saturation in the perched aquifer. These systems are designed to remove and treat perched groundwater to reduce contaminant mass and the perched aquifer's saturated thickness. Reduction in saturated thickness should significantly reduce the migration of contaminants both vertically and horizontally so that natural breakdown processes can occur over time. Two mobile pump and treat systems were recommended for the future to control plume movement and reduce concentrations offsite and at an area that will continue to contribute high concentrations of

hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX) to the offsite area in the future. The Offsite Mobile Pump and Treat System has been installed and is planned for operation in 2023. The East Mobile Pump and Treat System wells have been installed. After evaluation of pumping rates in those wells, it has been determined that the new wells will not pump enough to conduct pump and treat operations. Pantex is planning to inject those wells to lower concentrations of RDX that will move to the southeast. The system will be renamed as the East ISB and operations are expected to begin when funding is available for injection.

Pantex has installed ISBs to reduce the concentration of contaminants as they migrate through the remediation zone in targeted areas of the groundwater plumes. Currently, Pantex has four ISB systems, but two more are planned for the future to reduce risk to the offsite area to the southeast and to the Ogallala Aquifer that lies beneath the northeast TTU property.

Each of the current remediation systems is detailed in the following sections. Newly planned or installed systems will be included in future reports when they begin operating.

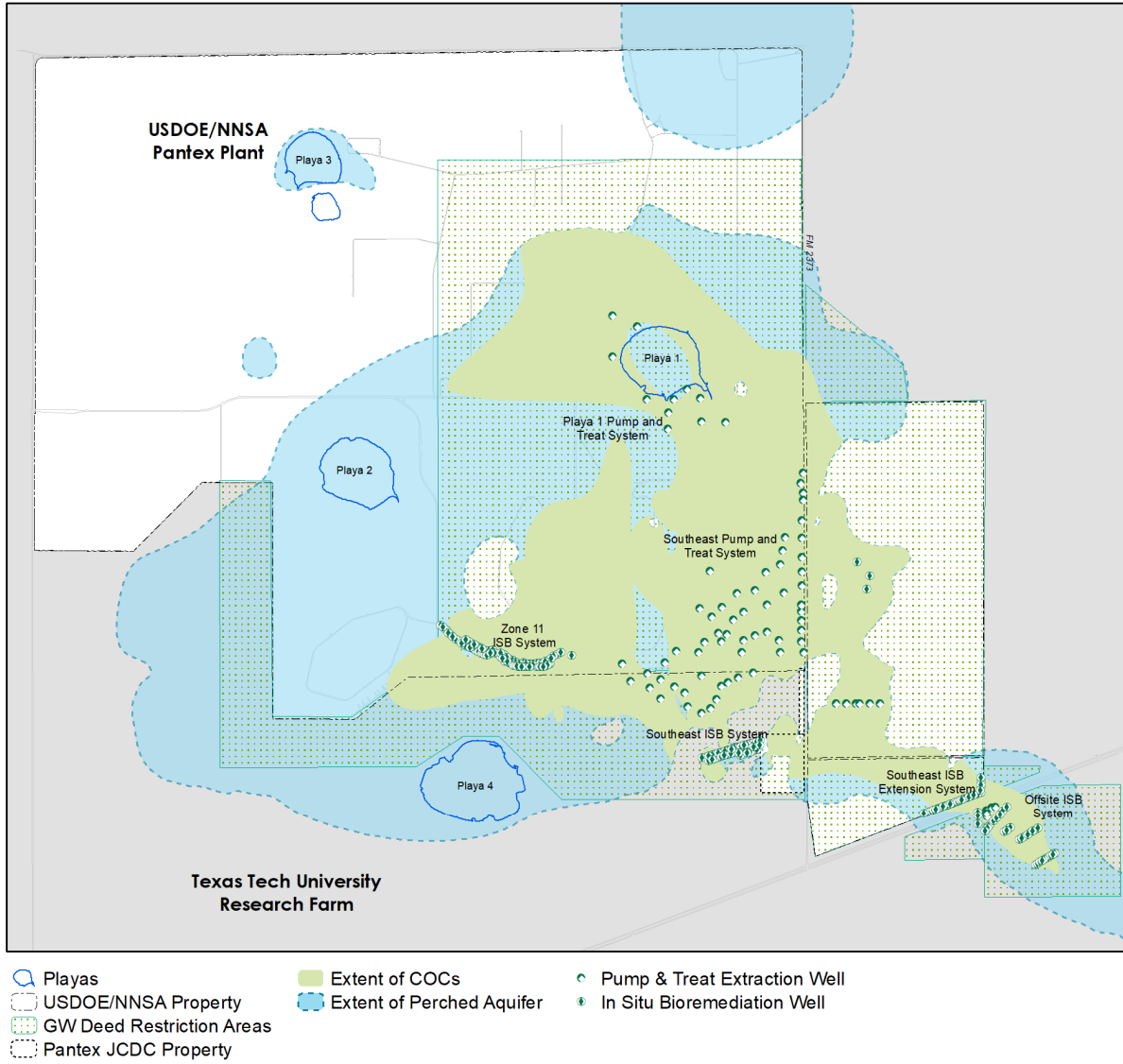


Fig. 1-5. Groundwater Remedial Actions.

1.4.1 PUMP AND TREAT SYSTEMS

As part of the remedial action, Pantex installed two pump and treat systems, the Southeast Pump and Treat System (SEPTS) and the Playa 1 Pump and Treat System (P1PTS), with four injection wells and 76 operating extraction wells that currently treat up to a total of 550 gallons per minute (gpm) of contaminated perched groundwater. The systems address contamination in areas that generally had greater than 15 ft of saturation in the perched aquifer at the time of system installation. These systems were designed to remove and treat groundwater to achieve contaminant mass reduction as well as reductions in the saturated thickness of the perched aquifer. Reduction in saturated thickness will significantly reduce the migration of contaminants both vertically and horizontally so that natural attenuation processes can occur over time. Operational goals for the two systems, as operated in 2022, are provided in the highlight box. Based on results of the pump and treat optimization (HGL, 2021a), Pantex realigned the pump and treat system (PTS) operational goals in early 2023 to ensure that SEPTS will be prioritized for operation to continue to capture the RDX, perchlorate, and hexavalent chromium plumes. Prioritization of pumping at SEPTS will also be realigned in 2023.

PTS Operational Goals

1. 90% operation time with no injection when the WWTF and irrigation systems can receive all treated water.
2. When the WWTF and irrigation system limits flow, no injection at the SEPTS, with minimum flow rates (i.e., 125 gpm) maintained at both systems. Injection is used at the SEPTS to maintain minimum flow, if flow is limited below 250 gpm for the two systems.
3. 90% of system treatment or well field capacity, whichever is lower.

To achieve mass reduction and reduction in saturated thickness, PTSs treat extracted water and remove contaminants before the effluent is sent to the wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) and subsurface irrigation system for beneficial use. Pantex also uses the water beneficially for ISB injection and has been approved to use the treated water for various purposes, including dust suppression, firefighting, washing, and make-up water. Pantex installed a bulk water station at the SEPTS that began operating in 2016 to allow beneficial use in accordance with the Texas Land Application Permit (TLAP). While the primary use option is irrigation, the SEPTS retains the capability to inject back into the perched zone as necessary. Pantex is currently installing a surface irrigation system, with five center pivots, east of FM 2373. That system will be constructed by August 2023, with final commissioning

and operation expected by fall 2023. Additionally, Pantex has installed a new injection system near Playa 2, consisting of three injection wells and conveyance to that area, to provide an additional treated water outlet for SEPTS when needed. A radio upgrade was completed in April 2023; operation began once the system was tested.

The P1PTS began start-up operations in late 2008, and the system became fully operational in January 2009. The SEPTS has been operating since 1995 when it started as a treatability study. It has since been expanded with additional extraction wells and the capacity to treat boron, perchlorate and hexavalent chromium to become part of the final remedial action for the southeastern portion of the groundwater plumes. A list of the extraction and injection wells and their status is included in Section 1.6.

1.4.1.1 Playa 1 Pump and Treat System

The P1PTS extracts water from 11 wells near Playa 1 and treats it through a series of granular activated carbon (GAC) beds to reduce high explosives (HEs) below the GWPS established in the ROD and HW-50284. This system focuses on reducing the mound of perched groundwater associated with Playa 1, thereby affecting the movement of the southeast plume by reducing the hydraulic head and achieving mass removal. This system is designed to treat up to 250 gpm.

This system consists of a treatment building and 11 extraction wells that treats small amounts of HEs and volatile organics such as trichloroethene (TCE). Boron is treated using an ion exchange vessel to concentrations below 500 micrograms per liter (ug/L) when the water will be used for irrigation purposes. Since the primary focus of this system is to remove water, only small amounts of COCs are removed during the treatment process since concentrations have greatly declined in groundwater beneath Playa 1. Fig. 1-12 depicts the P1PTS wells and conveyance.

P1PTS beneficially uses all treated water by sending it through the WWTF to the irrigation system. Because this system cannot inject the treated water back into the perched aquifer, the treatment throughput must be temporarily adjusted or discontinued based on the demands of the WWTF or irrigation system. In 2017, a break occurred at the irrigation system, so all irrigation usage was discontinued.

Operating under a permit issued by the State of Texas, Pantex can release treated wastewater to Playa 1. Pantex continued to release to Playa 1 into early 2022 while repairs



Fig. 1-6. P1PTS wells and conveyance lines.

were completed at the onsite irrigation system. Repairs were completed at the subsurface irrigation system in March 2022, but electrical outages at the subsurface irrigation system and shutdown for tie-in to the pivot irrigation system required the continued shutdown of P1PTS during most of 2022, as well as the continued release of water to Playa 1. Pantex has designed and is installing a second irrigation system east of FM 2373 to allow beneficial use of water from both pump and treat systems. The new center pivot system construction is expected to be completed in summer 2023, with operation expected to begin soon after.

1.4.1.2 Southeast Pump and Treat System

The SEPTS was originally installed at Pantex in 1995 as part of a treatability study. Since then, the PTS has been expanded to meet the objectives of the environmental restoration project and final remedy established in the ROD and HW-50284.

The SEPTS currently consists of a treatment building, 65 active extraction wells, and four injection wells (see Fig. 1-7). Six new extraction wells were drilled east of FM 2373 to provide additional control of plume movement to the southeast. The wells were tied in to the SEPTS and started operating by May 2019. Currently, only three of those wells remain operational due to the declining water levels in the area. This system is designed to treat up to 300 gpm.

This system treats the recovered perched groundwater through a series of granular activated carbon (GAC) vessels and ion exchange resin beds to reduce concentrations below the GWPS established in the ROD and HW-50284. Primary contaminants treated by this system include HEs, hexavalent chromium, and perchlorate. There are other minor plumes in the area, including TCE, that are treated by the SEPTS. Boron is treated below 500 ug/L when the water will be used for irrigation purposes. Pantex has designed and installed in 2022, a new resin pre-treatment system for perchlorate.

The objective of the SEPTS is to remove and treat contaminated perched groundwater for industrial and/or irrigation use. While this system can inject treated water back into the perched zone, the intent is to permanently remove perched groundwater to gradually reduce the saturated thickness in this zone. This effort will achieve the following two important objectives:

- Gradual reduction of the volume of perched groundwater and contamination moving downgradient toward the extent of the perched aquifer
- A reduction in the head (i.e., driving force) for vertical migration of perched groundwater into the fine-grained zone (FGZ) and to the drinking water aquifer

To meet these objectives, operational goals were established for this system, as presented in the highlight box in Section 1.4.1. Goals are prioritized for system operation and will be met as conditions allow. Based on observed extensions of the RDX plume and optimization modeling conducted for the PTSs, Pantex revised the operational goals in early 2023 and will provide those in the corresponding annual report. It is clear that operation of the

SEPTS is necessary to control the RDX plume and reduce future risk due to movement of the plume to the southeast.

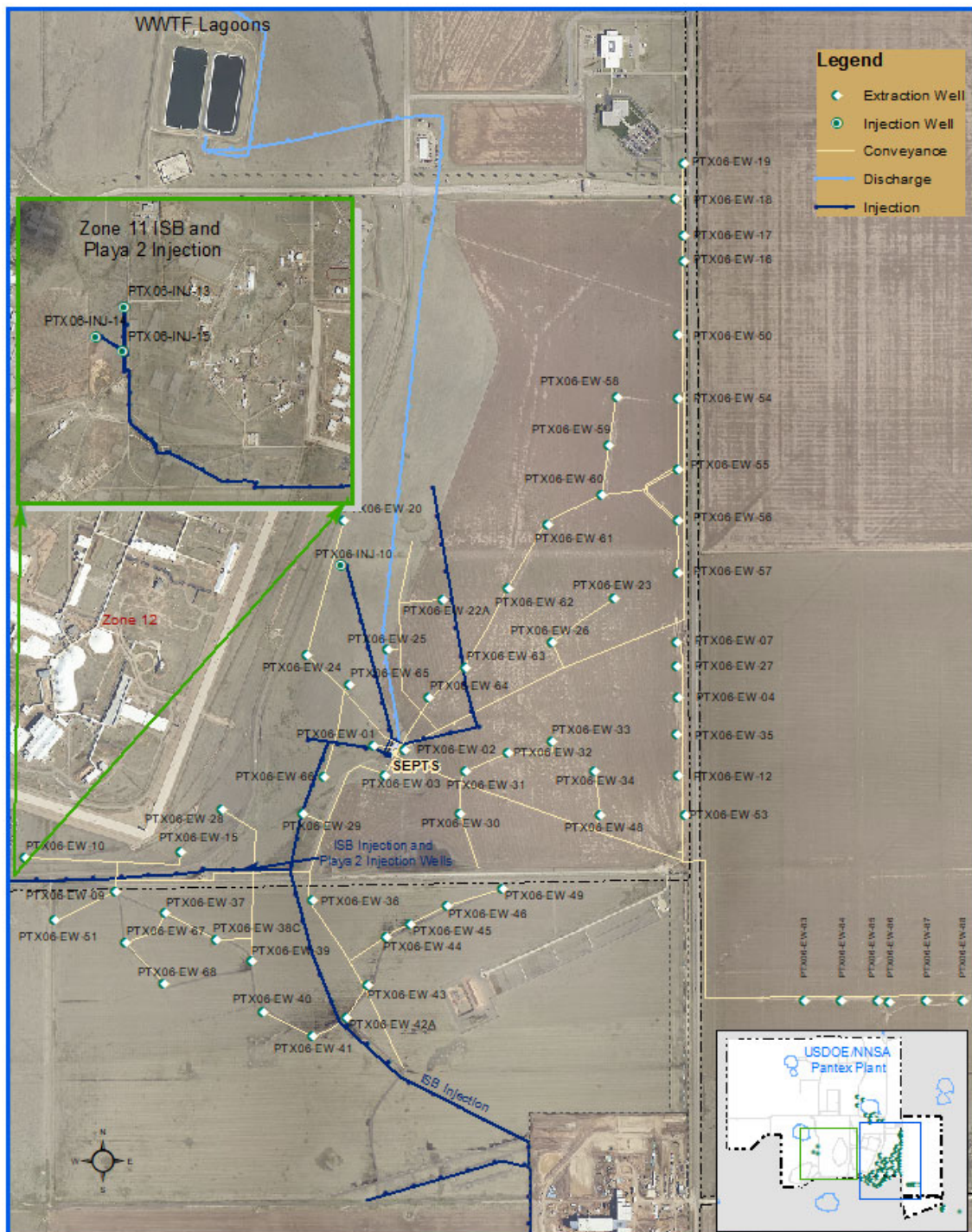


Fig. 1-7. SEPTS wells and conveyance lines.

1.4.2 *IN SITU BIOREMEDIATION SYSTEMS*

Pantex has installed and operates four ISB systems as part of the final remedial action for groundwater. One operating system is on the southeast side of the Plant on TTU property, another along the southeast property boundary east of FM 2373, one is offsite to the southeast, and the final one is south of Zone 11.

In 2022, the operating ISB systems consisted of 175 active ISB injection wells, 11 ISB extraction wells (REC-named wells in figures), 9 treatment zone monitoring (TZM) wells, and 19 in-situ performance-monitoring (ISPM) wells. There are 13 inactive ISB wells in the systems, including the old pilot study system wells, four Zone 11 ISB wells that are not currently injected, and three new wells east of FM 2373 that were originally planned for use in a PTS but will be injected instead. New wells were drilled in 2022 at the Offsite ISB System, including 19 ISB wells, 17 ISB extraction wells and 3 TZM wells. The new wells have not yet been operated due to continuing installation of injection infrastructure during 2022; however, the new wells will be operated in 2023. The new Offsite ISB will continue to be expanded through 2023, based on current designs and funding requests.

The objective of the ISB systems is to establish an anaerobic biodegradation treatment zone capable of reducing COC concentrations to the GWPS by injecting the necessary amendments and nutrients to stimulate resident bacteria. The bacteria first consume oxygen and then, in turn, consume other electron acceptors, creating reducing geochemical conditions. Under reducing conditions, biotic and abiotic treatment mechanisms are carried out to remove contaminant mass from groundwater. Regular injections of amendment are essential to maintaining the health of the treatment zone.

1.4.2.1 *Zone 11 ISB*

The Zone 11 ISB System is on Pantex property, south of Zone 11 (see Fig. 1-8). The system, as operated in 2022, consists of 89 active and inactive injection wells, 7 TZM wells, and 9 downgradient ISPM wells installed in a zone of saturated thickness of approximately 15 to 20 ft.

The system, originally consisting of 23 wells and 3 downgradient performance monitoring wells, was installed by March 2009. An additional nine wells were installed in September 2009 to better treat the perchlorate plume on the eastern side and the TCE plume on the western side of the ISB. One of the original wells, PTX06-ISB082, was removed from active injection in 2013, and three other wells on the eastern side, PTX06-ISB079 through PTX06-ISB081, were also removed from active injection by 2015.

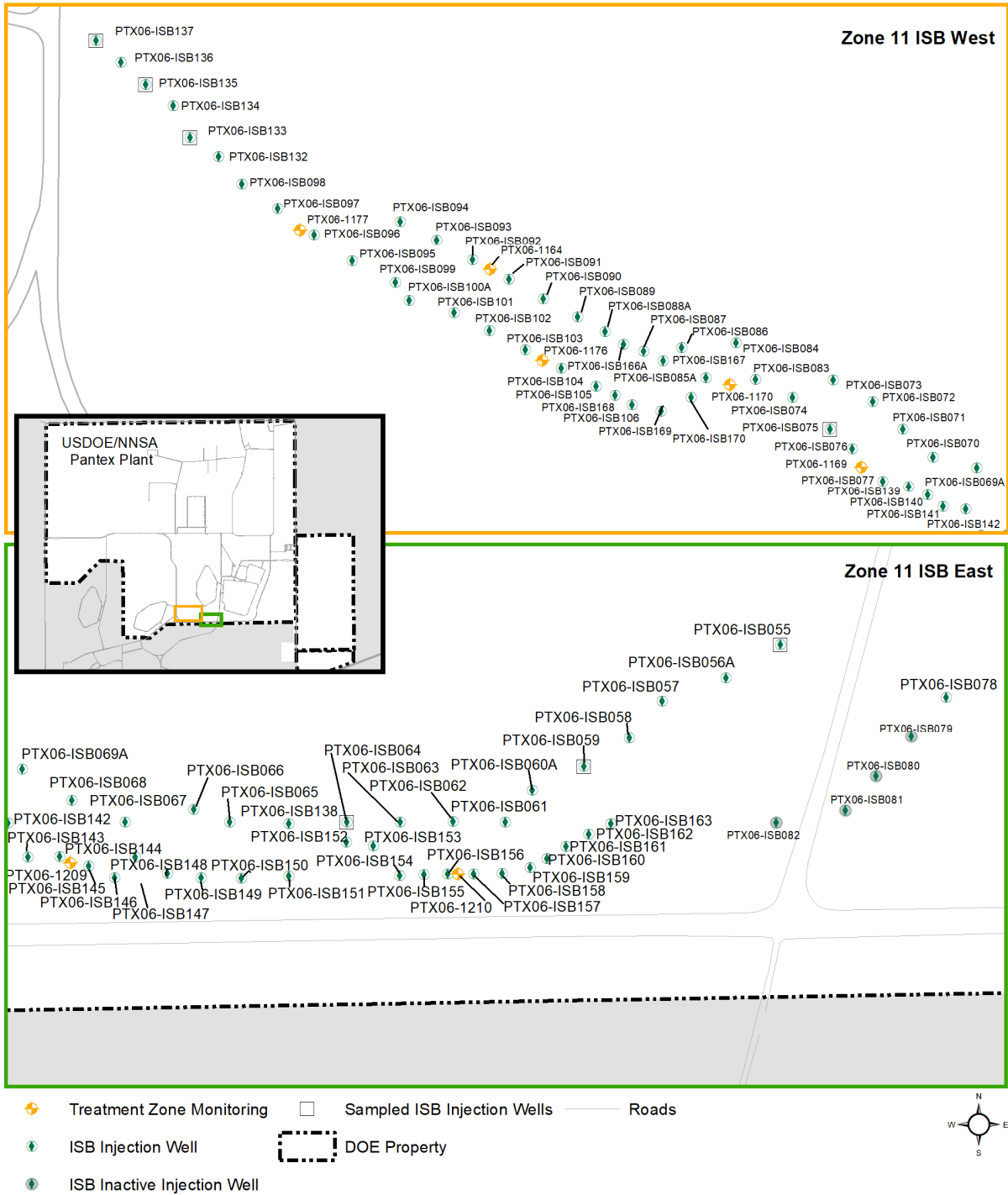


Fig. 1-8. Zone 11 ISB treatment zone and performance-monitoring wells.

Pantex expanded the system in late 2014 to include an additional 20 injection wells (i.e., 18 new injection wells and 2 previously installed pump test wells), 3 new downgradient ISPM wells, and 3 TZM wells that will not receive injection. One TZM well was previously installed as a pump test well, and two additional TZM wells were also installed in the original system on the TCE (i.e., western) side. The two additional TZM wells have replaced monitoring of a portion of the injection wells on that side of the system.

To evaluate the movement of treated water to the south of the system, Pantex also designated three established downgradient monitoring wells as ISPM wells to evaluate the movement of treated water to the south of the system. In late 2019, Pantex extended the system again with six new injection wells to the northwest. The expansion wells were installed to fully encompass the TCE and perchlorate plume that extended northwest of the original system.

In 2021, a second row of wells, consisting of 26 ISB injection wells, was added across the southern side of the ISB to address the higher concentrations of TCE that are now moving to the southeast. Those wells were spaced at approximately 50 ft to allow for use of emulsified soybean oil, which does not distribute as widely as a more soluble carbon. Five wells were infilled on the western side of the ISB due to the loss of injection capacity at nearby wells. Additionally, two TZM wells were added to the southern expanded area. One upgradient monitoring well was added to evaluate the incoming TCE plume.

Installed injection wells were drilled in a line perpendicular to the hydraulic gradient so water flowing through this zone will be treated before it reaches the area beneath TTU property near Playa 4. This system treats primarily TCE and perchlorate, although minor plumes of HEs are also present. Based on the rate of perched groundwater flow and estimated amendment longevity of the Newman Zone[®] soybean oil, injections were estimated to be necessary approximately every 12 to 24 months. Pantex has been scheduling rehabilitation and injection activities every 24 months at wells that receive the soybean oil based on data collected in the original treatment zone.

To improve amendment distribution at more widely spaced wells, Pantex recently moved to use of a more soluble amendment, molasses, for injection. However, molasses will require more frequent injections and thus has been scheduled for reinjection about every 12 months following the 2019 injection.

Fourteen injection events have been completed for this system. Table 1-3 provides the list of injection events and dates of completion.

Table 1-3. Zone 11 ISB Injection Events

Injection Event	Completion Date
1	June 2009
2	November 2009
3	September 2010
4	October 2011
5	September 2012
6	July 2013
7	July 2014
8	November 2015
9	August 2016
10	October 2018
11	January 2020
12	January 2021
13	November 2021
14	September 2022

The *In Situ Bioremediation Corrective Measures Construction Zone 11 South Implementation Report* (Aquifer Solutions, 2009a) documents the implementation of the Zone 11 ISB System. That report was included with the IRAR (Pantex, 2010a). The installation of the nine new wells is documented in the *Well Installation Implementation Report Perched Aquifer Injection Wells for the In Situ Bioremediation System* (Stoller, 2009) included in the *2009 Annual Progress Report* (Pantex, 2010b).

Pantex expanded the Zone 11 ISB in 2014, and the design report for the equipment pad, road, and water supply was included in the *2014 Annual Progress Report* (Pantex, 2015). The well design followed the original design document for the Zone 11 ISB (Aquifer Solutions, 2008). Well installations are documented in the *Well Drilling Implementation Report* (Trihydro, 2014), which is also included in the *2014 Annual Progress Report*. The *Bioaugmentation Implementation Plan* (Trihydro, 2015) provides the detailed plan for injection of *Dehalococcoides sp.*

The 2019 well installations follow the design of the original well installation. The 2021 expansion was developed based on the original design, although spacing was varied

depending on the type of injection expected at the wells. Well construction details for newly installed wells were provided in the 2021 Annual Progress Report.

1.4.2.2 Southeast ISB

Installed in 2007 as an early action, the Southeast ISB System is on TTU property south of Pantex and consists of 42 injection wells within the treatment zone and 5 ISPM wells (see Fig. 1-9). The injection wells were drilled in a line perpendicular to the hydraulic gradient so the water flowing through the treatment zone will be treated before reaching the area beneath TTU property where the FGZ becomes less resistant to vertical migration. The system is designed to treat HEs and hexavalent chromium.

Based on the rate of perched groundwater flow and estimated longevity of the Newman Zone[®] soybean oil, injections were originally estimated to be necessary about every 12 to 24 months. However, recent injections at this ISB are now informed by data and the presence of water in the system.

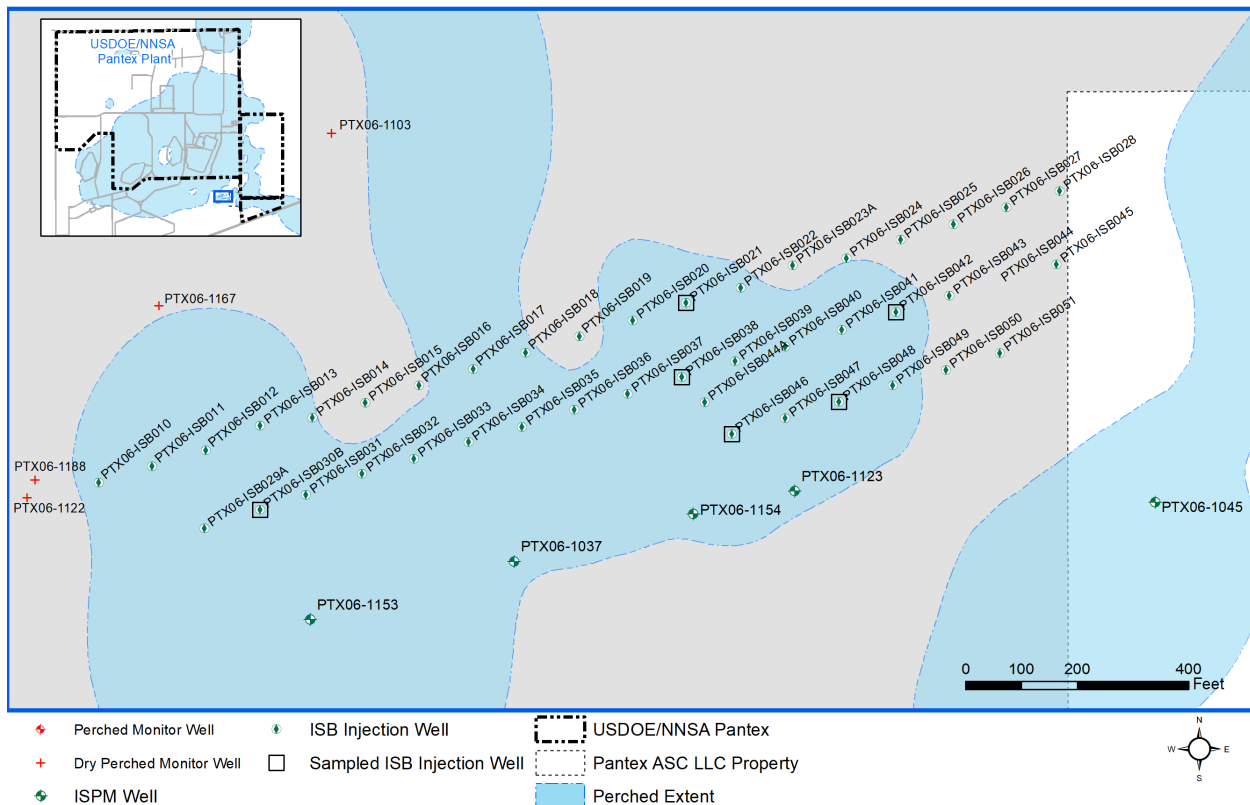


Fig. 1-9. Southeast ISB treatment zone and performance-monitoring wells.

In 2019, Pantex moved to injection of molasses in this system; with the change in substrate, another injection was completed in 2022. However, due to continued water level decline,

injections are expected to cease in upcoming years. Current injections are limited to approximately 50% of the system due to increased dry areas within in the system. Eight injection events have been completed for the Southeast ISB, as shown in Table 1-4.

Table 1-4. Southeast ISB Injection Events

Injection Event	Completion Date
1	March 2008
2	April 2010
3	May 2012
4	September 2013
5	April 2015
6	October 2016
7	January 2020
8	May 2022

The *Revised Implementation Report, Southeast Plume In Situ Bioremediation Corrective Measures Design and Construction* (Aquifer Solutions, 2009b) documents the design and construction of the Southeast ISB. That report was included in the IRAR (Pantex, 2010a).

1.4.2.3 Southeast ISB Extension

Pantex installed a new system in 2017 to address another area of contamination in the southeast perched groundwater. The new system is an extension of the original ISB remedy for the southeast perched groundwater plume, as provided in the ROD.

The system consists of 31 ISB injection wells, 2 TZM wells, and 3 ISPM wells. The system was originally installed in 2017 with 24 new injection wells and one monitoring well that was converted for use as an injection well. The system was expanded northward with four new ISB injection wells in 2020 and further expanded in 2021 with two new ISB injection wells and two new TZM wells. Further expansion to the north is anticipated in the future, due to observed and modeled expansion of the plume to the east.

The system was positioned to treat HE contaminants, particularly RDX, that are moving to offsite landowner property. Due to the new extraction wells' upgradient removal of water, water levels are anticipated to decline in this system over time, and future injections will be unnecessary or limited. Fig. 1-10 depicts the Southeast ISB Extension.

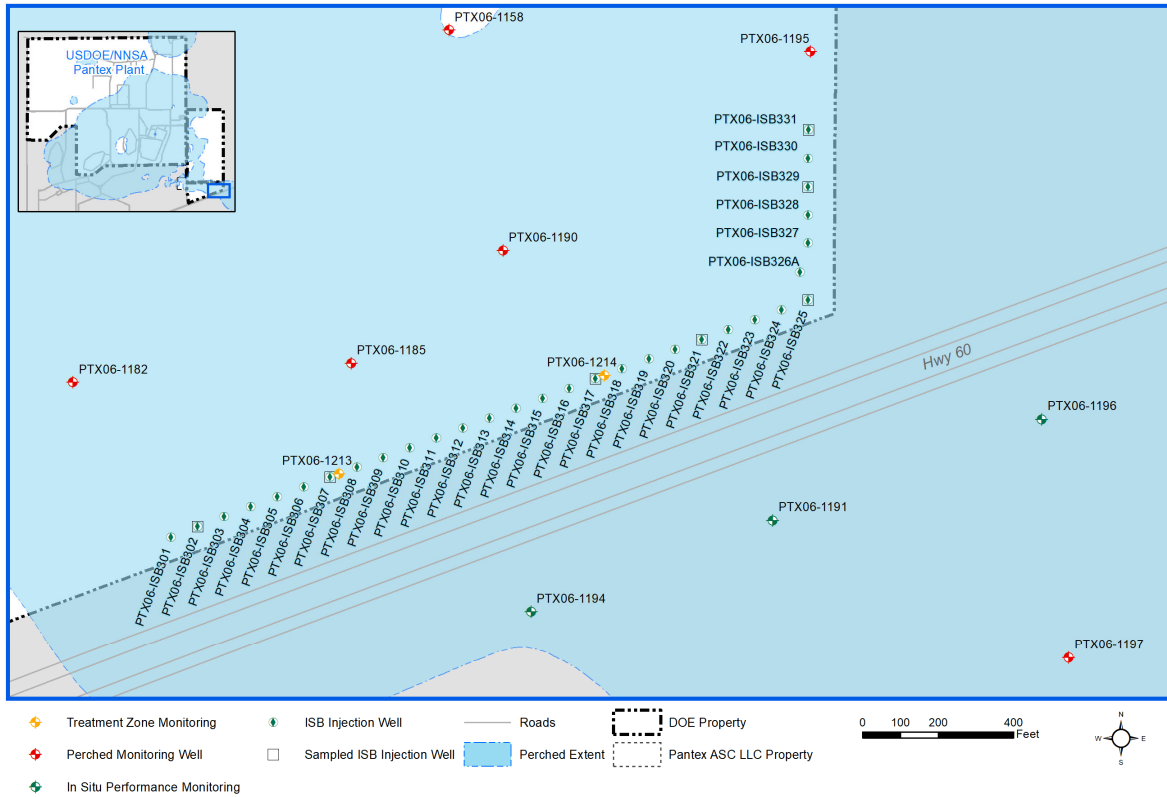


Fig. 1-10. Southeast ISB Extension treatment zone and performance-monitoring wells

Based on the rate of perched groundwater flow and estimated amendment longevity of molasses, injections are estimated to be necessary about every nine months. Data are being collected between injection events to determine if injection frequency can be increased to occur annually. As depicted in Table 1-5, six injection events have been completed at this system.

This system was installed using a similar design to the Southeast ISB. Wells were more closely spaced at 75 ft to ensure better distribution of amendment. The implementation of this system was documented in the *2018 Annual Progress Report* (Pantex, 2019d) as part of the implementation report for drilling. Wells drilled in the future will be added to the Well Certifications and Completion Diagrams appendix in each year's annual progress report.

Table 1-5. Southeast ISB Extension Injection Events

Injection Event	Completion Date
1	February 2019
2	September 2019
3	August 2020
4	May 2021
5	December 2021
6	September 2022

1.4.2.4 Offsite ISB

To address HE contamination that moved beneath a neighboring property, Pantex began installing an offsite ISB system in 2020. This ISB is located to the southeast of Pantex-owned property, south of Highway 60, and currently consists of 19 active ISB injection wells and 11 active ISB extraction wells (REC-named wells), as depicted in Fig. 1-11. One ISPM well (PTX06-1191) was converted to injection late in 2022 to treat a neighboring property where a small portion of the plume occurs.

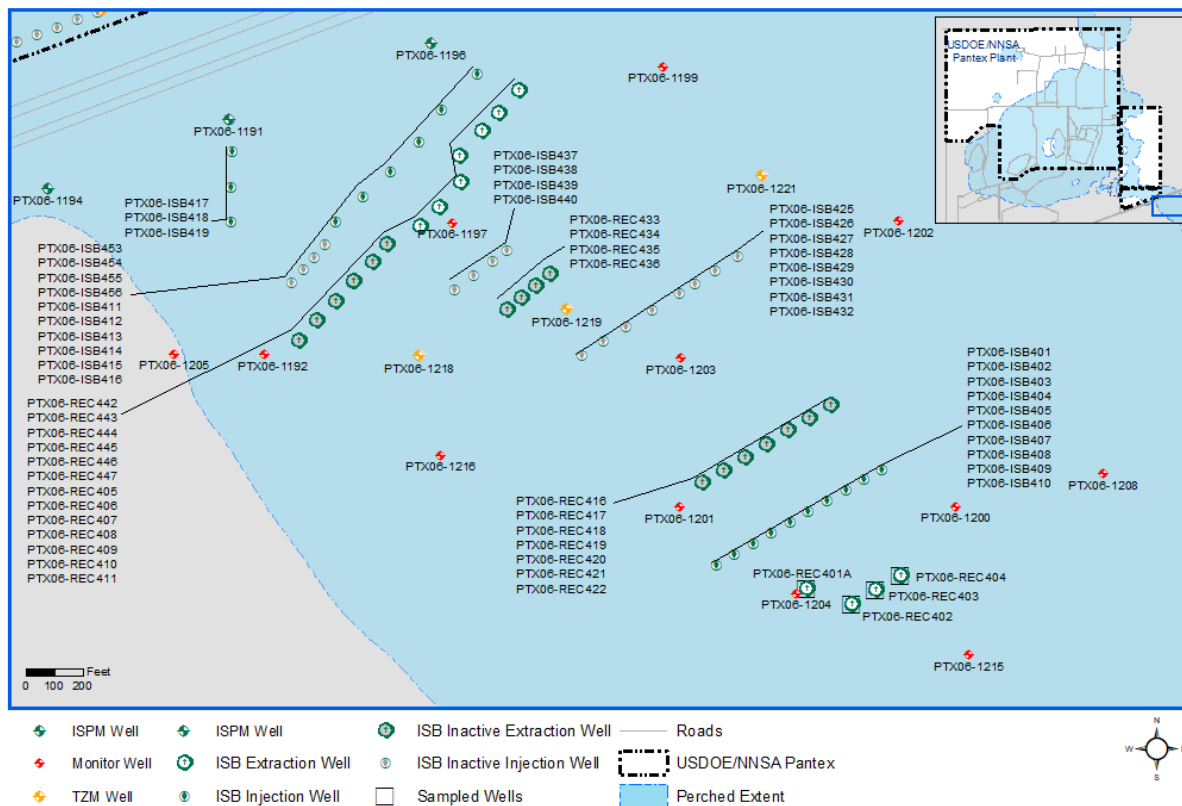


Fig. 1-11. Offsite treatment zone and performance-monitoring wells.

The first phase of system installation in 2020 focused on beginning treatment at the leading edge and in the heart of the plume near the property's northern boundary. Three new ISB injection wells were installed on the neighboring property in 2021 and were injected in 2022, in addition to the converted ISPM well. The system was expanded in 2022 with 19 ISB wells, 17 ISB extraction wells and 3 TZM wells and is planned for injection in 2023 (wells depicted as inactive in Fig. 1-11). One more phase of installation is planned for 2023 and will include ISB injection, ISB extraction, pump and treat injection, and TZM wells. The new ISB wells installed in 2023 are planned for injection starting in 2024.

All water used in the injection process must be withdrawn from the offsite property, so downgradient ISB extraction wells were installed. Downgradient removal also assists in pulling the amendment towards the removal wells, providing an expanded zone for COC treatment.

Based on the use of molasses, injections are planned every six months at differing parts of the system. Injection plans will follow the schedule that was designed using fate and transport and optimization modeling. No injections occurred in 2020 and early 2021 due to required planning, setting up of new contracts, and development of necessary infrastructure for injection. However, injection began in June 2021 and three injection events have been completed at the system. Injection events for this system are provided in Table 1-6.

Table 1-6. Offsite ISB Injection Events

Injection Event	Completion Date
1	October 2021
2	August 2022
3	November 2022

Designed to complete cleanup within 25 years at the offsite property, the system was developed using the updated perched groundwater fate and transport model (HGL, 2021b). The final placement of wells was driven by the data collected from new system wells installed in 2020, with modeling used to determine optimum placement and timing of injections to achieve cleanup. That modeling effort has guided the plans for final placement of system wells in 2022 and 2023 as well as the future injection timing for the system wells. Based on the optimization modeling, all or portions of the injection wells are injected twice per year.

1.5 REPORT PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

This report satisfies requirements in the IAG and HW-50284 to provide information on the remedial system performance and components. The focus of this report is on the data and information collected for the soil and groundwater remedies during the previous year, and the objective is to provide a more detailed account of the remedies than the quarterly reports.

The only active soil remedy is the Burning Ground SVE system, and this report provides information on its operation, mass removal, and effluent readings. This report also provides information on the inspection and maintenance of the ditch liner, soil covers, and fencing that are part of the remedial action. In addition, information on site control in accordance with institutional controls and deed restrictions is provided.

Groundwater Remedial Action Evaluation Criteria

- Plume Stability
- Remedial Action Effectiveness
- Uncertainty Management
- Early Detection
- Natural Attenuation of COCs

This progress report also provides information on the O&M of groundwater remediation systems and components. Data are evaluated according to criteria outlined in the *Update to the Long-Term Monitoring System Design Report* (Pantex, 2019a). Those criteria are included in the highlight box on the left and are detailed in the appropriate sections of this report.

This report is organized to present detailed information in a summary form in the main report along with appropriate supporting detail in the appendices to provide an understanding of the conclusions. The appendices include detailed information such as statistical trending of concentrations and water levels at each well, electronic analytical and field-collected data, pump and treat flow data, well maintenance activities, SWMU status, contractor operational reports for the ISB, certification and well construction diagrams for new wells, implementation reports, and well-drilling reports, as applicable.

1.6 LONG-TERM MONITORING OF REMEDIAL ACTIONS

Pantex has developed a long-term monitoring (LTM) network to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedial actions, ensure that objectives from the ROD are achieved, and confirm expected future conditions within the perched and Ogallala aquifers. The LTM design and

evaluation criteria are provided in the *Update to the Long-Term Monitoring System Design Report* (Pantex, 2019a). The final system design was incorporated into the Compliance Plan portion of the hazardous waste permit when it was issued. The design was further detailed in the Compliance Plan portion of the hazardous waste permit to designate specific wells as point of exposure (POE) and point of compliance (POC) wells where the GWPS is required to be met.

Pantex also monitors extraction wells in the PTS to supplement data used to map plumes and to evaluate plume changes in the systems. ISB and TZM wells are used to monitor the health of the ISB treatment zones, and downgradient ISPM wells are used to monitor the effectiveness of the ISB remedial actions. The SVE is primarily monitored at the influent and effluent of the system; however, Pantex has sampled individual soil gas wells as needed.

All of the LTM and remedial system wells are detailed in the following sections, along with the dates of drilling or inclusion in the hazardous waste permit, as applicable.

1.6.1 PERCHED AQUIFER LTM NETWORK

The final perched aquifer LTM network is divided into four areas defined by indicator COC monitoring lists for wells in each area. At the end of 2022, the network consisted of the 136 perched wells, which includes two new monitoring wells at the Offsite ISB system to monitor changes in groundwater. The well assets were sampled or managed according to the following criteria:

- Twenty-six wells are monitored for continued dry or limited water conditions.
- Ninety-one wells are sampled for indicator COCs and other applicable analytes including natural attenuation products, corrosion indicators, and general water quality indicators.
- Nineteen wells are monitored as ISPM wells for the ISB systems and previous pilot study system. The ISPM wells are monitored for COCs, degradation products, and ISB treatment zone parameters.
- All 136 perched LTM wells and 38 additional wells not included in the LTM network have water levels measured semi-annually.
- Fifty-seven wells are sampled semi-annually, 41 wells are sampled annually, and 10 wells are sampled every five years. Two wells currently have water in them but are

not sampled because the LTM design only requires water levels from the well since they are redundant sampling locations.

- Thirty-four of the sampled wells, including 24 of the annually and semi-annually sampled wells, are sampled every five years using a modified groundwater list in 40 CFR 264, *Protection of Environment*, "Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities," Appendix IX, to satisfy uncertainty management requirements. The next five-year sampling is scheduled for 2026.
- Four indicator areas were defined for the perched groundwater. COCs to be monitored are defined for each of those areas.

Table 1-7 lists all wells in the perched LTM network and HW-50284, their LTM objective, indicator monitoring area, Compliance Plan objective (POC or POE well), date of inclusion or removal from HW-50284, and coordinates. The wells are listed in chronological order according to the date of inclusion in HW-50284, in accordance with HW-50284's CP Table VII requirements. Fig. 1-12 depicts the current active LTM wells listed in Table 1-7.

Table 1-7. Perched LTM Network and Compliance Plan Wells

Well ID	Indicator Area	ISM Well ¹	LTM Well ²	CP Approval Date	CP Removal Date	Well Status	LTM Objectives	POC/ POE	Northing	Easting
PTX-BEG3		Y	N	6/9/2003	9/16/2010	P&A			3773380.09	643702.32
PTX01-1008	Burning Ground	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	UM	POC	3770782.89	629942.97
PTX01-1001	Burning Ground	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	UM	POC	3769641.90	630592.95
PTX01-1002	Burning Ground	Y	Y	6/9/2003	1/4/2017	P&A			3769596.99	628496.92
PTX06-1012	ISPM Zone 11	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	PS, RA		3755068.80	634640.91
PTX04-1002	Miscellaneous	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	UM		3772165.27	641818.01
PTX06-1080	Miscellaneous	Y	Y	6/9/2003	2/11/2020	Active			3772643.95	638901.00
PTX06-1081	Miscellaneous	Y	Y	6/9/2003	2/11/2020	Active			3770912.33	641222.41
PTX08-1010	Miscellaneous	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	UM		3773206.74	641401.47
PTX06-1048A	North	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	PS, RA		3766957.63	642103.43
PTX06-1015	Southeast	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	RA		3753617.00	643765.00
PTX06-1023	Southeast	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	RA	POC	3764603.10	642773.84
PTX06-1030	Southeast	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Dry	RA		3755008.03	644670.42
PTX06-1034	Southeast	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	RA	POC	3752434.98	646555.62
PTX06-1036	Southeast	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Dry	PS		3752455.56	638615.43
PTX06-1038	Southeast	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	RA		3760426.35	643802.04
PTX06-1040	Southeast	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	RA		3758262.93	643811.23
PTX06-1042	Southeast	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	RA	POC	3755779.88	643812.20
PTX06-1046	Southeast	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	RA	POC	3752292.55	643802.63
PTX06-1052	Southeast	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	RA	POC	3753957.66	639100.91
PTX06-1069	Southeast	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	PS		3762879.60	646317.00
PTX06-1053	Southeast, Zone 11	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	PS, UM		3753672.06	636576.74
PTX08-1008	Southeast, Zone 11	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	UM, RA		3755695.51	637485.10
PTX06-1035	Zone 11	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	PS		3755092.64	633027.45
PTX10-1014	Southeast, Zone 11	N	Y	8/26/2010		Active	UM		3759769.72	639701.73
PTX01-1004	Burning Ground	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3770768.71	630729.82

Well ID	Indicator Area	ISM Well ¹	LTM Well ²	CP Approval Date	CP Removal Date	Well Status	LTM Objectives	POC/ POE	Northing	Easting
PTX01-1009	Burning Ground	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3769018.50	630594.67
PTX06-1037	ISPM Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA		3752194.06	641549.25
PTX06-1045	ISPM Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA	POC	3752300.00	642697.65
PTX06-1118	ISPM Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010	2/11/2020	Active			3752736.07	641644.92
PTX06-1123	ISPM Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA		3752319.94	642051.96
PTX06-1153	ISPM Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA	POC	3752089.44	641184.13
PTX06-1154	ISPM Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA	POC	3752278.90	641870.52
PTX06-1155	ISPM Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA	POC	3755215.62	634603.74
PTX06-1156	ISPM Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA	POC	3755076.47	636378.92
PTX04-1001	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010	2/11/2020	Active			3772334.66	641458.10
PTX06-1049	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS		3763376.96	633343.53
PTX06-1055	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010	2/11/2020	Active			3767254.87	633521.90
PTX06-1071	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3773219.43	642601.46
PTX06-1082	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3780321.59	653856.27
PTX06-1083	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3779777.76	658643.46
PTX06-1085	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3760418.31	629059.82
PTX06-1086	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3759843.32	631411.81
PTX06-1096A	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010	2/11/2020	Active			3766548.35	630823.57
PTX06-1097	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3765068.63	633104.35
PTX06-1131	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3754232.91	629371.68
PTX07-1Q01	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3755836.12	629274.83
PTX07-1Q02	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3756408.66	628876.97
PTX07-1Q03	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010	2/11/2020	Active			3757408.87	630542.61
PTX07-1R03	Miscellaneous	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3764501.80	627664.39
OW-WR-38	North	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM, RA		3765214.16	640649.01
PTX06-1050	North	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM, RA	POC	3766622.06	636746.04
PTX06-1136	North	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3766771.76	634860.83
PTX07-1O01	North	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS, UM, RA		3767695.22	638532.53

Well ID	Indicator Area	ISM Well ¹	LTM Well ²	CP Approval Date	CP Removal Date	Well Status	LTM Objectives	POC/ POE	Northing	Easting
PTX07-1002	North	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS, UM, RA	POC	3768117.46	639106.56
PTX07-1003	North	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS, UM, RA		3767462.56	639046.64
PTX07-1006	North	N	Y	9/16/2010	2/11/2020	Active			3768536.81	638814.40
PTX06-1002A	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM, RA		3759984.00	641161.56
PTX06-1003	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010	2/11/2020	Active			3758711.05	641498.93
PTX06-1005	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM, RA		3756139.87	640545.44
PTX06-1010	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3758067.00	639886.62
PTX06-1013	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA		3764075.09	643710.38
PTX06-1014	Southeast	Y	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA		3755125.71	643758.88
PTX06-1031	Southeast	Y	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA		3753348.03	644674.92
PTX06-1039A	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA		3759272.56	643807.47
PTX06-1041	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA		3757622.78	643803.61
PTX06-1047A	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA		3752004.39	643817.46
PTX06-1051	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3752279.10	640332.91
PTX06-1088	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM, RA		3757059.42	639902.10
PTX06-1089	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3760258.95	646637.32
PTX06-1090	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3757684.39	647727.51
PTX06-1091	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3756363.40	646554.01
PTX06-1093	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3759922.32	645529.01
PTX06-1094	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010	2/11/2020	Active			3751494.55	643813.77
PTX06-1095A	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM, RA		3755598.65	640634.87
PTX06-1098	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA		3753628.43	640266.14
PTX06-1100	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010	2/11/2020	Active			3753579.52	640285.97
PTX06-1101	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA		3753437.09	640383.57
PTX06-1102	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	RA		3754532.94	642751.09
PTX06-1103	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	RA	POC	3752963.37	641222.64
PTX06-1119	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010	2/11/2020	Active			3752739.01	642646.10
PTX06-1120	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS		3752735.03	643152.43

Well ID	Indicator Area	ISM Well ¹	LTM Well ²	CP Approval Date	CP Removal Date	Well Status	LTM Objectives	POC/ POE	Northing	Easting
PTX06-1121	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3752750.09	643645.57
PTX06-1122	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3752308.74	640677.35
PTX06-1124	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010	2/11/2020	Active			3752327.45	642877.91
PTX06-1125	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3752331.14	643377.53
PTX06-1130	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	RA	POC	3759745.02	644270.36
PTX06-1133A	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS		3751315.73	645287.37
PTX06-1135	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3753631.93	638343.76
PTX06-1146	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS	POC	3757691.87	645978.91
PTX06-1147	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS		3753953.21	645431.85
PTX08-1002	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM, RA		3763003.22	640859.00
PTX08-1009	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM, RA		3755275.01	638866.95
PTX06-1008	Southeast, Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3759325.25	639441.93
PTX06-1011	Southeast, Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3757219.75	639178.93
PTX08-1007	Southeast, Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3758440.46	638900.04
1114-MW4	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3757809.40	636151.93
PTX06-1006	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS		3757599.75	637450.19
PTX06-1007	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3759513.00	637679.37
PTX06-1073A	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Dry	PS		3758072.00	634963.34
PTX06-1077A	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3760689.50	637201.80
PTX06-1126	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS	POC	3755562.85	635034.72
PTX06-1127	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS	POC	3755432.03	635901.90
PTX06-1134	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS		3754409.17	633520.06
PTX06-1148	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS, RA		3754719.67	636467.02
PTX06-1149	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS		3754717.64	635864.13
PTX06-1150	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS, RA		3754718.24	635233.98
PTX06-1151	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS		3756123.62	633935.95
PTX07-1P02	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM	POC	3763019.08	637817.70
PTX07-1P05	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3762886.83	637136.13

Well ID	Indicator Area	ISM Well ¹	LTM Well ²	CP Approval Date	CP Removal Date	Well Status	LTM Objectives	POC/ POE	Northing	Easting
PTX08-1001	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM, RA		3762976.26	638941.45
PTX08-1003	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	PS		3760136.56	635385.36
PTX08-1005	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3756346.19	635316.66
PTX08-1006	Zone 11	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		3756761.86	636400.41
PTX06-1167	Southeast	N	Y	7/28/2013		Dry	RA		3752653.00	640913.72
PTX06-1158	Zone 11	N	Y	5/30/2014		Dry	PS		3752025.93	648137.99
PTX06-1159	Zone 11	N	Y	5/30/2014		Active	PS, RA		3754843.46	634015.04
PTX06-1160	Zone 11	N	Y	5/30/2014		Active	PS		3756274.13	632835.73
PTX06-1166	Southeast	N	Y	5/30/2014		Active	PS		3752799.74	639750.35
PTX06-1173	Zone 11	N	Y	11/17/2015		Active	RA		3755312.40	634197.62
PTX06-1174	Zone 11	N	Y	11/17/2015		Active	RA		3755489.15	633904.63
PTX06-1175	Zone 11	N	Y	11/17/2015		Active	RA		3755651.06	633416.97
PTX06-1182	Southeast	N	Y	7/11/2016		Active	PS		3751088.49	647140.17
PTX06-1183	Southeast	N	Y	7/11/2016		Active	PS		3753350.43	639765.77
PTX06-1184	Southeast	N	Y	5/4/2017		Dry	PS		3750638.25	646625.06
PTX06-1185	Southeast	N	Y	5/6/2017		Active	PS		3751139.83	647878.41
PTX06-1188	Southeast	N	Y	5/22/2017		Dry	PS		3752340.04	640691.28
PTX06-1189	Southeast	N	Y	5/19/2017		Dry	PS		3752711.44	640322.51
PTX06-1190	Southeast	N	Y	11/20/2017		Active	PS		3751439.52	648281.31
PTX06-1191	Southeast	N	Y	1/22/2018		Active	RA		3750720.88	648996.85
PTX06-1192	Southeast	N	Y	1/19/2018		Active	PS		3749893.14	649119.32
PTX06-1193	Southeast	N	Y	1/24/2018		Dry	PS		3749346.75	646719.13
PTX06-1194	Southeast	N	Y	1/27/2018		Active	RA		3750477.77	648355.41
PTX06-1195	Southeast	N	Y	1/30/2018		Active	PS		3751968.74	649096.79
PTX06-1196	Southeast	N	Y	7/20/2018		Active	RA		3750989.94	649710.26
PTX06-1197	Southeast	N	Y	7/17/2018		Active	PS		3750355.29	649782.14
PTX06-1199	Southeast	N	Y	7/11/2018		Active	PS		3750905.45	650525.52
PX06-1200	Southeast	N	Y	01/07/19		Active	PS		3749356.32	651557.89

Well ID	Indicator Area	ISM Well ¹	LTM Well ²	CP Approval Date	CP Removal Date	Well Status	LTM Objectives	POC/POE	Northing	Easting
PX06-1201	Southeast	N	Y	01/10/19		Active	PS		3749355.48	650585.15
PX06-1202	Southeast	N	Y	01/12/19		Active	PS		3750361.84	651358.99
PX06-1203	Southeast	N	Y	01/25/19		Active	PS		3749879.41	650588.31
PX06-1204	Southeast	N	Y	01/29/19		Active	PS		3749051.98	650997.75
PX06-1205	Southeast	N	Y	01/23/19		Dry	PS		3749894.03	648801.56
PX06-1207	Zone 11	N	Y	1/21/2020		Active	PS		3754046.00	632911.00
PTX06-1171	Zone 11	N	Y	2/11/2020		Active	PS		3755715.08	634373.95
PTX06-1180	Zone 11	N	Y	2/11/2020		Active	PS		3756487.93	633474.07
PTX06-1208	Southeast	N	Y	4/26/2020		Active	PS		3749472.60	652081.58
PTX06-1211	Zone 11	N	Y	8/22/2021		Active	PS		3755297.21	635358.50
PTX06-1212	Southeast	N	Y	8/29/2021		Dry	PS		3753016.03	640166.01
PTX06-1215	Southeast	N	Y	4/24/2022		Active	PS		3748834.66	651607.49
PTX06-1216	Southeast	N	Y	6/24/2022		Active	PS		3749537.50	649743.32

P&A – plugged and abandoned

PS – plume stability

POC – point of compliance

RA – remedial action effectiveness

POE – point of exposure

UM – uncertainty management

Wells with no designation in the POC/POE column are considered observation wells. These wells are not listed in HW-50284, CP Table V, so the corresponding date of HW-50284 approval or removal date corresponds to either the date of inclusion in a Compliance Plan modification, approval letter date for the corresponding progress report where the recommendation was made to include or remove the well in the monitoring network, approval date of the LTM Design Report, or the date the well was drilled. Typically, wells are included in the annual report the year they are drilled.

¹ISM – interim stabilization monitoring (from CP-50284 issued 10/21/2003) – most of these wells were retained in the Corrective Action Compliance Plan issued in 2010.

²LTM – long-term monitoring from CP-50284 issued 9/16/2010, which included the final corrective actions and long-term monitoring for the actions. CP-50284 is now included as Provision XI in HW-50284.

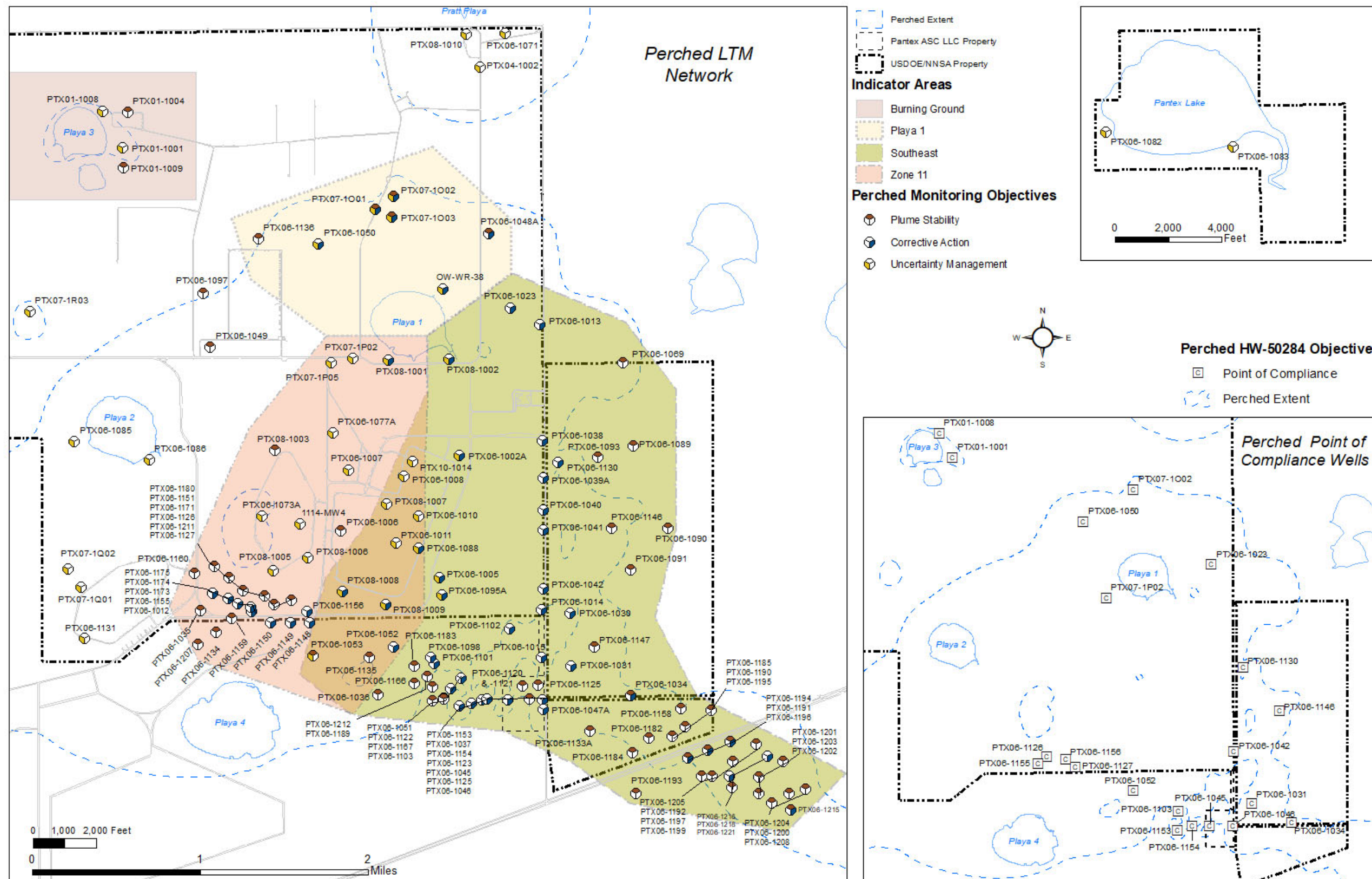


Fig. 1-12. Perched LTM network and HW-50284 CP Table V wells.

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1.6.2 OGALLALA AQUIFER LTM NETWORK

The final Ogallala Aquifer LTM network consists of the 24 LTM wells and 3 additional monitoring wells along the southern boundary that are monitored annually to evaluate the quality of groundwater upgradient of the Plant. The LTM well assets are monitored and managed as follows:

- All 24 LTM wells are monitored for indicator COCs and water levels.
- Sixteen wells are sampled semiannually and eight are sampled annually.
- Six wells are sampled at multiple levels every five years. The baseline multi-level sampling was conducted after the wells were installed. All other multi-level sampling events are conducted for five-year reviews (FYRs). The next FYR sampling event is scheduled for 2026. Two wells, PTX06-1137A and PTX06-1139, were installed with two sampling intervals; however, water levels dropped below the first interval so they are now only sampled at the deepest sampling interval.
- Seven wells are sampled every five years using a modified groundwater list in 40 CFR 246, *Protection of Environment*, "Source Separation for Materials Recovery Guidelines," Appendix IX, to satisfy uncertainty management requirements.
- Two indicator areas were defined for the Ogallala wells, and indicator COC monitoring lists were developed for each of those areas.

Table 1-8 lists all wells in the LTM network and HW-50284, with the corresponding LTM objective, indicator monitoring area, Compliance Plan objectives (POE and POC wells), date of inclusion or removal from HW-50284, and coordinates. Fig. 1-13 depicts current active monitoring wells listed in Table 1-8 as well as the additional three wells monitored along the southern boundary. The wells are listed in chronological order according to their date of inclusion in HW-50284, in accordance with CP Table VII requirements.

Table 1-8. Ogallala Aquifer LTM and Compliance Plan Wells

Well ID	Indicator Area	ISM Well ¹	LTM Well ²	CP Approval Date	CP Removal Date ³	Current Status	LTM Objectives	POC/ POE	Multi-Level Well	Easting	Northing
PTX01-1010	Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	ED, UM	POC		630576.88	3771397.26
PTX01-1011	Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	ED, UM			629986.45	3771397.29
PTX01-1012	Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	ED, UM	POE		632664.21	3773264.13
PTX01-1013	Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	UM	POE		628976.89	3773218.25
PTX06-1033	Southeast/Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003	11/15/2017	P&A	ED, UM			642614.48	3759581.41
PTX06-1044	Southeast/Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	ED, UM			642706.18	3764538.54
PTX06-1054		N	N	6/9/2003	8/11/2004	P&A				641522.72	3752221.24
PTX06-1056	Southeast	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	ED, UM	POC		643767.03	3754642.87
PTX06-1057A	Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	UM			629630.04	3768142.23
PTX06-1058	Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	UM			624894.00	3759747.11
PTX06-1059 ⁴		Y	N	6/9/2003	9/16/2010	Active				628129.98	3760459.31
PTX06-1061	Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	UM			625651.61	3773186.59
PTX06-1062A	Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	ED, UM			633017.18	3771685.22
PTX06-1063A ⁵		Y	N	6/9/2003	9/16/2010	Unknown				639265.11	3775502.62
PTX06-1064	Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	UM	POE		635900.45	3773557.90
PTX06-1065		Y	N	6/9/2003	9/16/2010	P&A				633197.45	3775896.50
PTX06-1066		Y	N	6/9/2003	9/16/2010	P&A				632838.71	3773430.45
PTX06-1067		Y	N	6/9/2003	9/16/2010	P&A				622714.85	3773696.89
PTX06-1068	Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	ED, UM	POE		643403.70	3773360.30
PTX06-1074		Y	N	6/9/2003	9/16/2010	P&A				620994.02	3765626.52
PTX06-1075 ⁴		Y	N	6/9/2003	9/16/2010	Active				630512.54	3753624.01
PTX06-1076	Southeast/Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003		Active	ED, UM			637327.32	3752978.41
PTX-BEG2	Northwest	Y	Y	6/9/2003	1/31/2018	P&A	UM			632652.49	3756906.56
PTX06-1157	Southeast	N	Y	2/10/2010		Active	ED, UM		Y	647100.00	3753700.00
PTX06-1043	Southeast/Northwest	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	ED, UM			640711.00	3765225.21
PTX06-1072	Northwest	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	ED, UM			635047.45	3758434.63

Well ID	Indicator Area	ISM Well ¹	LTM Well ²	CP Approval Date	CP Removal Date ³	Current Status	LTM Objectives	POC/ POE	Multi-Level Well	Easting	Northing
PTX06-1137A	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	ED, UM			647900.89	3758635.67
PTX06-1138	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	ED, UM	POE	Y	646285.31	3760503.82
PTX06-1139	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	ED, UM	POE	Y	646768.73	3756376.08
PTX06-1140	Southeast	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	ED, UM		Y	646959.38	3762807.67
PTX06-1141	Northwest	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	UM		Y	633445.44	3766872.94
PTX06-1143	Northwest	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	ED, UM	POE	Y	639244.72	3770496.78
PTX06-1144	Northwest	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	ED, UM	POE	Y	640252.98	3773320.45
PTX07-1R01	Northwest	N	Y	9/16/2010		Active	ED, UM			627914.28	3764159.91
PTX06-1032	Southeast	N	Y		2/10/2010	P&A	ED, UM			646004.29	3752640.94
PTX06-1060 ⁴		N	N			Active				620969.93	3758599.72

P&A – plugged and abandoned

POC – point of compliance

POE – point of exposure

ED – early detection

RA – remedial action effectiveness

UM – uncertainty management

¹ISM – interim stabilization monitoring (from CP-50284 issued 10/21/2003) – most of these wells were retained in the Corrective Action Compliance Plan issued in 2010.

²LTM –long-term monitoring from CP-50284 issued 9/16/2010, which included the final corrective actions and long-term monitoring for the actions. CP-50284 is now included as Provision XI in HW-50284.

³The CP removal date corresponds to the date of a Compliance Plan/hazardous waste permit change or an approval letter date.

⁴These wells are retained for monitoring water upgradient to Pantex Plant but are not considered as LTM wells.

⁵This well was located on offsite property. Well ownership has been transferred to the landowner.

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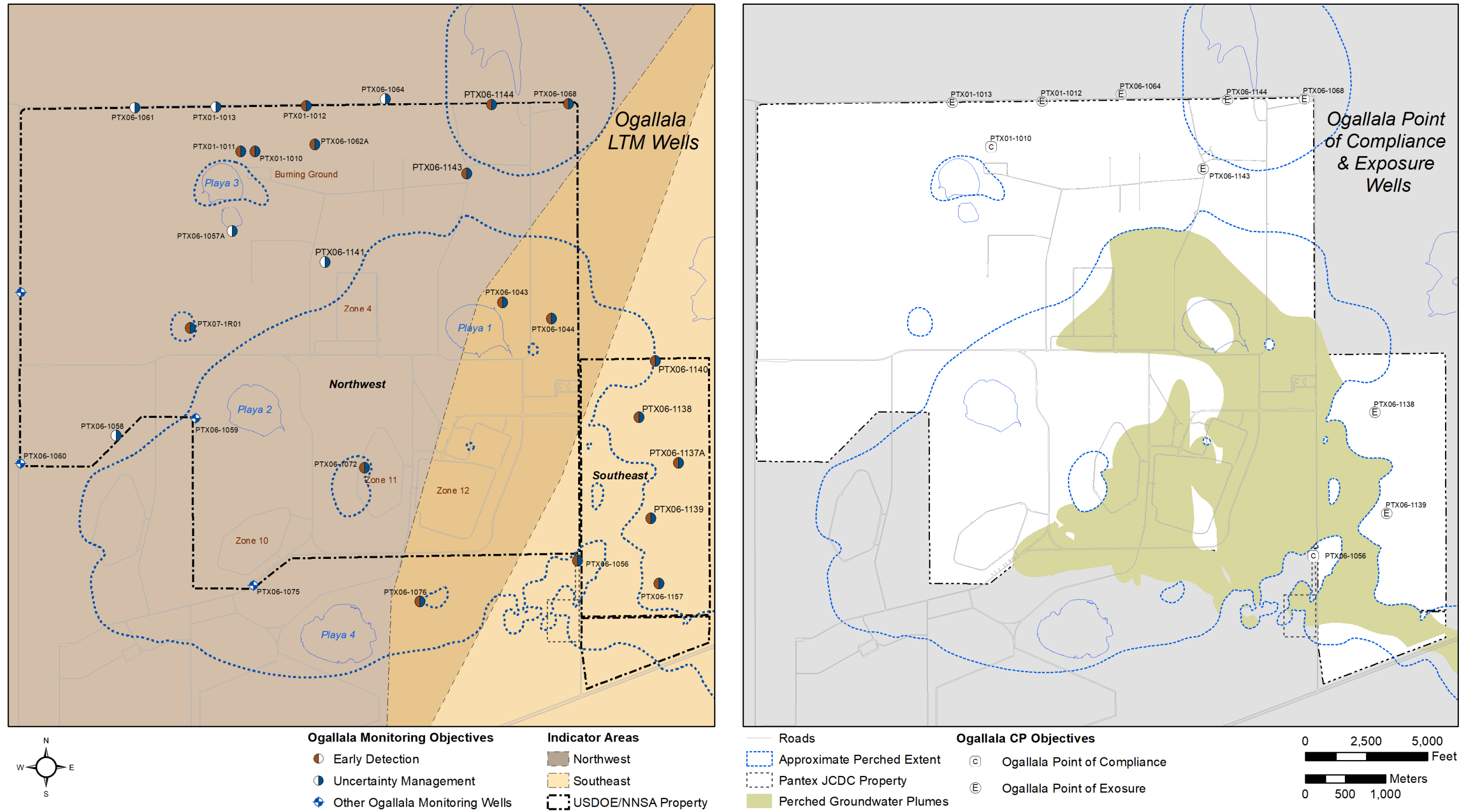


Fig. 1-13. Ogallala Aquifer LTM network and HW-50284 CP Table V wells.

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1.6.3 REMEDIAL ACTION WELLS

Two groundwater remedial actions (pump and treat and ISB) and one soil remedial action (SVE) are being performed at Pantex. Wells have been installed for two PTSs, four ISB systems, and an SVE system.

Table 1-9 and Table 1-10 detail all installed wells for the PTSs and for the ISB systems, respectively, as well as their current status, date of plugging and abandonment, and coordinates. Table 1-11 details all installed wells for the SVE system, their current status, plugging and abandonment dates, well depths, and coordinates. Figures depicting the active well systems follow each table.

The remedial action wells are used for remediation, but some wells are also monitored to provide information for the remedial action. TZM wells are installed to monitor conditions inside the treatment zone at ISB systems and are used exclusively for monitoring rather than for remediation. The remedial action system monitoring consists of the following:

- Twenty-six active ISB wells are used to monitor treatment zone conditions in the four established ISB systems.
- Seven TZM wells are used to monitor treatment zone conditions in the Zone 11 ISB and two TZM wells are used to monitor the Southeast ISB Extension.
- Four ISB extraction (named REC) wells at the Offsite ISB are monitored for carbon and reducing conditions.
- Two inactive ISB wells are monitored on the eastern side of the Zone 11 ISB. This monitoring evaluates the system's continued effectiveness using only one row of injection on the eastern side of the ISB where perchlorate is the primary contaminant.
- All available pump and treat extraction wells (i.e., pumping at time of sampling) are generally monitored annually during the summer. These data are used to support the plume mapping.
- Five wells in the SEPTS are monitored semiannually and five wells are monitored annually to evaluate the movement of perchlorate into those wells.
- The SVE system influent and effluent is monitored to evaluate remedial action effectiveness and path to closure and to provide information for the air quality monitoring report for the TCEQ.

The following changes to the remedial action systems occurred during 2022:

- Nineteen new ISB injection wells were added to the Offsite ISB.
- Seventeen new ISB extraction wells were added to the Offsite ISB.
- Three new TZM wells were added to the Offsite ISB.
- One new pump and treat injection well was drilled on the offsite property. A mobile pump and treat unit is currently being constructed to be used at the property during warm months, with the water being used for amendment injections or injection at downgradient wells that will be installed during Phase 4 in 2022. The Offsite Mobile PTS is scheduled to begin operating in 2023 and will be included in that corresponding annual progress report.

Table 1-9. Pump and Treat System Wells

Well ID	Completion/ Replacement Date	Current Status	P&A Date	Easting	Northing
<i>Southeast Pump and Treat System</i>					
PTX06-EW-01	9/13/1995	Active		641278.87	3756038.24
PTX06-EW-02	8/30/1995	Active		641528.4	3756005.28
PTX06-EW-03	9/8/1995	Active		641366.55	3755801.72
PTX06-EW-04	8/23/1996	Active		643755.08	3756426.14
PTX06-EW-05	8/23/1996	P&A	12/30/2011	643358.11	3755061.32
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PTX06-EW-42A	3/10/2000	Active		641052.06	3753818.72

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PTX06-EW-55	2/22/2007	Active		643763.99	3758298.96
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PTX06-INJ-4	2/26/2000	P&A	3/26/2008	640126.87	3755016.27
PTX06-INJ-5	2/10/2000	P&A	10/25/2004	641482	3755164.77
PTX06-INJ-6	2/26/2000	P&A	10/26/2004	642521.57	3755369.02
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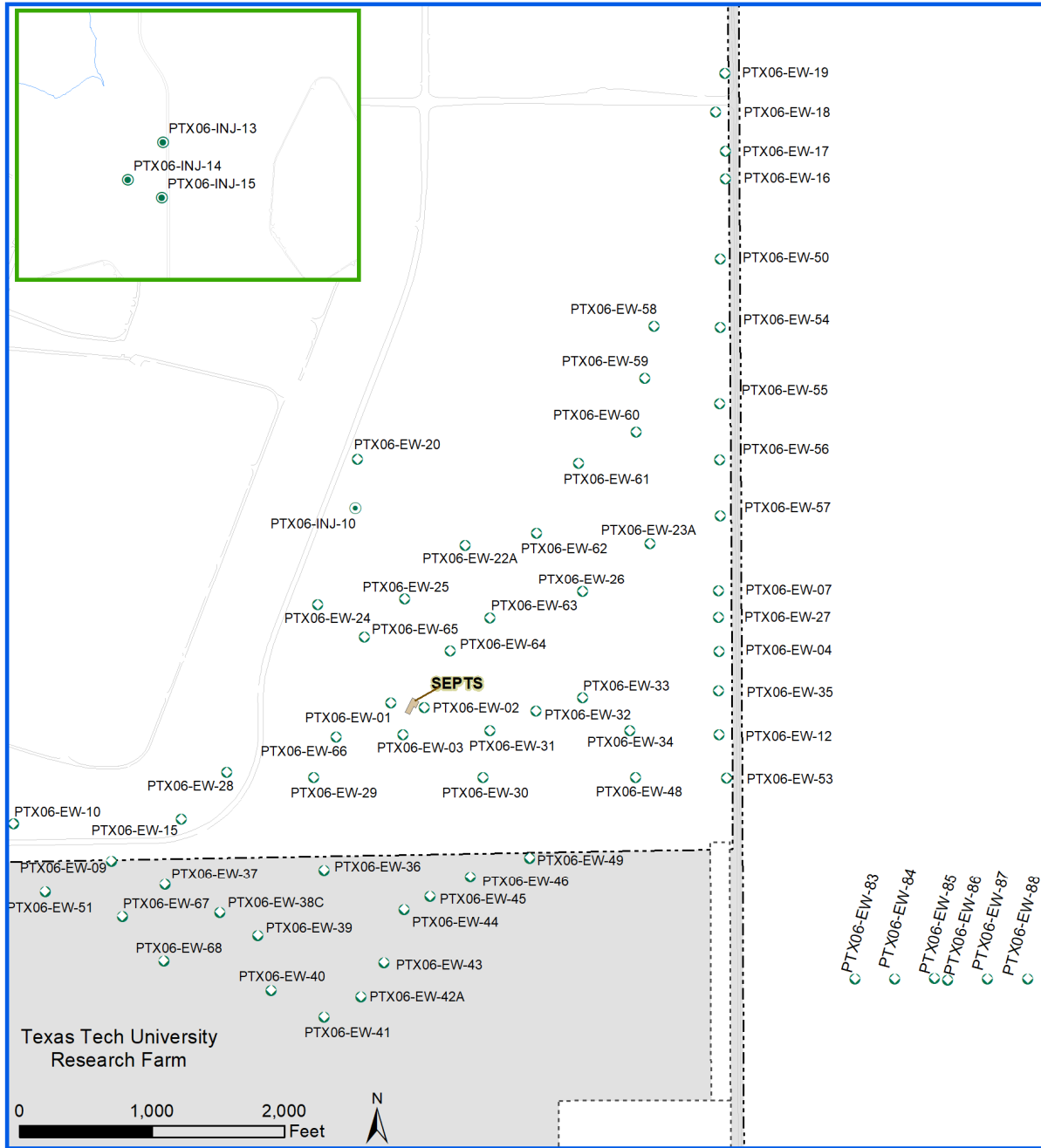
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<i>Playa 1 Pump and Treat System</i>					
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PTX06-EW-71	7/24/2007	Active		638139.57	3764250.42
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PTX06-EW-74	8/18/2007	Active		640354.99	3763274.66
PTX06-EW-75	8/19/2006	Active		640751.11	3763004.67
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PTX06-EW-77 ¹	8/6/2007	Converted to PTX06-1129		641330.75	3763667.42
PTX06-EW-78A	8/23/2007	Active		639800.79	3762590.92
PTX06-EW-79	8/18/2007	Active		640784.57	3762323.44
PTX06-EW-80	8/14/2007	Active		641490.31	3762305.03
PTX06-EW-81A ²	9/21/2013	Active		639773.41	3762095.77
<i>Offsite Mobile Pump and Treat System³</i>					
PTX06-MEW401	8/10/2020	Inactive		649249.28	3750765.90
PTX06-MEW402	9/13/2020	Inactive		649411.98	3750861.97
PTX06-MEW403	9/17/2020	Inactive		649523.62	3750870.15
PTX06-MEW404	10/10/2021	Inactive		649260.39	3750681.12
PTX06-MEW405	10/8/2021	Inactive		649260.94	3750597.10
PTX06-MINJ401	9/12/2022	Inactive		651112.69	3749713.17

P&A = plugging and abandonment

¹Due to low well yield and need for monitoring data, the extraction well was converted to a monitoring well rather than being plugged and abandoned.

²Pantex completed connection to the system in June 2016, with the well becoming operational by November 2016.

³A portion of system components have been installed, but the system will not operate until 2023. The system will be added to Sections 1.4, 2, and 3 in 2023.



- Extraction Well
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- Injection Well
 Pantex ASC LLC Property

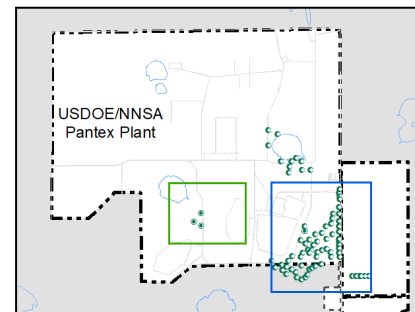


Fig. 1-14. SEPTS wells.

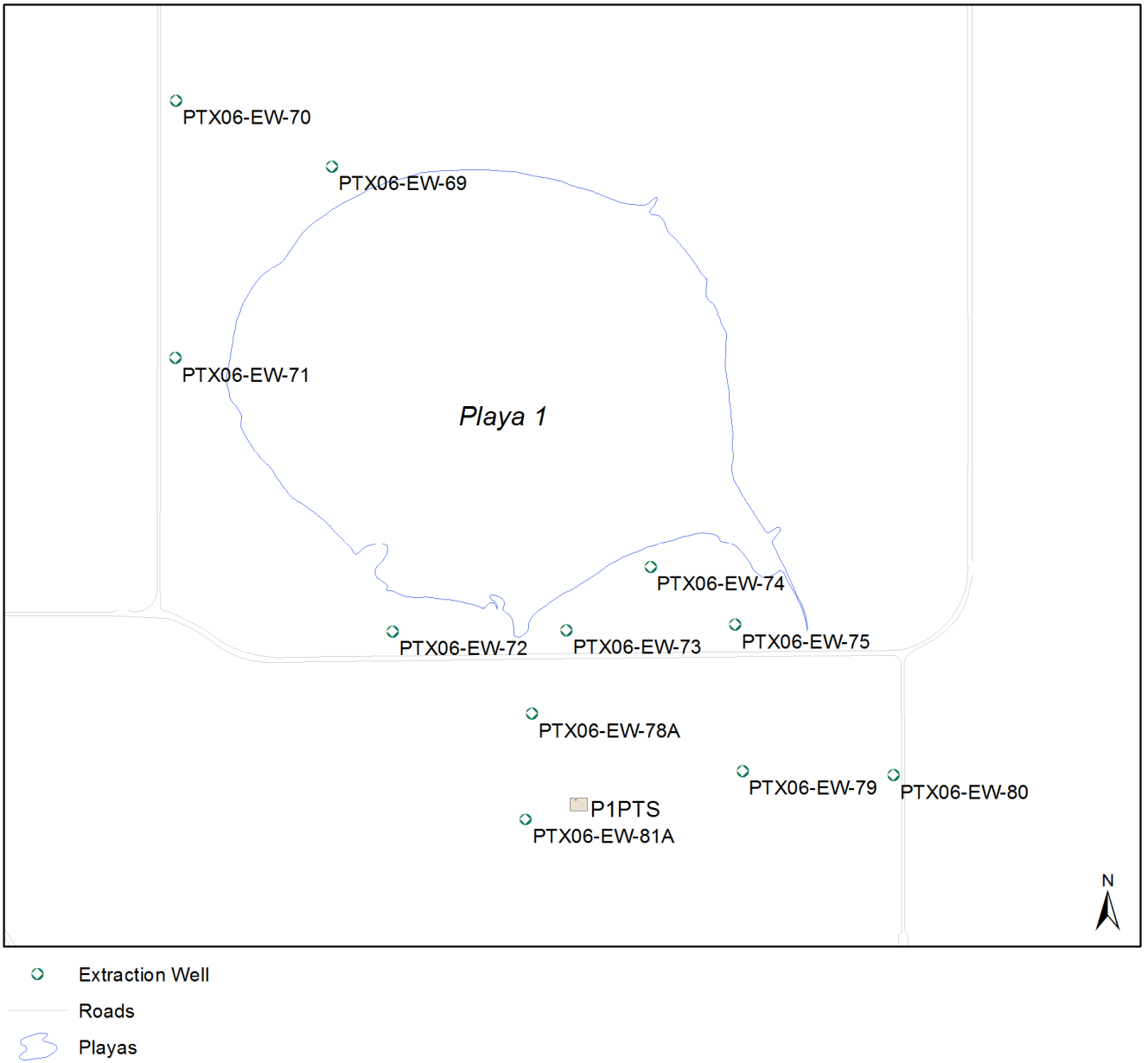


Fig. 1-15. P1PTS wells.

Table 1-10. ISB System Wells

Well ID	Completion Date	Current Status	Replacement Date	P&A Date	Easting	Northing
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PTX06-ISB012	10/3/2007	Active			640997.33	3752392.85
PTX06-ISB013	10/2/2007	Active	6/17/2011		641094.48	3752437.36
PTX06-ISB014	10/1/2007	Active			641188.34	3752451.45
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PTX06-ISB017	10/4/2007	Active			641476.26	3752538.73
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PTX06-ISB022	10/1/2007	Active			641955.44	3752684.48
PTX06-ISB023A	10/22/2007	Active			642048.63	3752724.53
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PTX06-ISB025	9/14/2007	Active			642241.84	3752770.49
PTX06-ISB026	9/13/2007	Active			642336.93	3752798.27
PTX06-ISB027	8/22/2007	Active			642431.36	3752828.68
PTX06-ISB028	8/20/2007	Active			642527.37	3752858.27
PTX06-ISB029A	9/27/2007	Active			640994.88	3752253.46
PTX06-ISB030B	9/17/2007	Active			641094.72	3752286.25
PTX06-ISB031	7/11/2007	Active			641176.52	3752313.22
PTX06-ISB032	8/15/2007	Active			641277.51	3752351.41
PTX06-ISB033	8/16/2007	Active			641370.09	3752378.35
PTX06-ISB034	9/9/2007	Active			641467.88	3752407.71
PTX06-ISB035	9/7/2007	Active			641563.65	3752435.15
PTX06-ISB036	9/6/2007	Active			641657.73	3752465.76
PTX06-ISB037	9/11/2007	Active			641753.03	3752494.63
PTX06-ISB038	8/14/2007	Active			641850.23	3752524.17
PTX06-ISB039	9/26/2007	Active			641945.73	3752552.70
PTX06-ISB040	8/31/2007	Active			642035.47	3752578.67
PTX06-ISB041	8/29/2007	Active			642136.52	3752608.90
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PTX06-ISB043	10/24/2007	Active			642329.34	3752670.29
PTX06-ISB044	8/3/2007	P&A		7/27/2011	642425.15	3752698.59
PTX06-ISB044A	6/12/2011	Active			641891.24	3752479.24
PTX06-ISB045	8/24/2007	Active			642521.05	3752726.81
PTX06-ISB046	10/24/2007	Active			641939.34	3752422.69
PTX06-ISB047	10/10/2007	Active			642035.50	3752450.45
PTX06-ISB048	10/24/2007	Active			642131.84	3752479.89
PTX06-ISB049	10/24/2007	Active			642227.63	3752509.10
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PTX06-ISB051	10/19/2007	Active			642419.78	3752567.70

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PTX06-ISB059	2/25/2009	Active			636234.22	3755246.12
PTX06-ISB060A	2/24/2009	Active			636136.74	3755200.44
PTX06-ISB061	2/23/2009	Active			636085.48	3755140.80
PTX06-ISB062	2/20/2009	Active			635986.17	3755141.57
PTX06-ISB063	2/19/2009	Active			635886.33	3755141.05
PTX06-ISB064	2/18/2009	Active			635785.77	3755140.34
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PTX06-ISB087	07/24/2014	Active			634360.64	3755523.08
PTX06-ISB088A	09/23/2014	Active			634266.60	3755570.13
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PTX06-ISB099	08/11/2014	Active			633757.56	3755690.13
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PTX06-1210 ²	8/24/2021	Active			635995.51	3755042.86

Well ID	Completion Date	Current Status	Replacement Date	P&A Date	Easting	Northing
<i>Southeast ISB Extension¹</i>						
PTX06-ISB301	04/22/2017	Active			647400.94	3750677.17
PTX06-ISB302	12/13/2017	Active			647471.65	3750705.36
PTX06-ISB303	12/04/2017	Active			647541.96	3750731.23
PTX06-ISB304	12/02/2017	Active			647612.02	3750757.59
PTX06-ISB305	12/15/2017	Active			647682.57	3750783.88
PTX06-ISB306	12/13/2017	Active			647753.08	3750810.07
PTX06-ISB307	11/03/2017	Active			647823.09	3750836.66
PTX06-ISB308	11/07/2017	Active			647894.07	3750862.53
PTX06-ISB309	11/03/2017	Active			647964.07	3750888.51
PTX06-ISB310	11/05/2017	Active			648034.69	3750914.87
PTX06-ISB311	11/14/2017	Active			648105.30	3750940.93
PTX06-ISB312	11/15/2017	Active			648175.64	3750967.12
PTX06-ISB313	11/17/2017	Active			648245.97	3750993.50
PTX06-ISB314	11/30/2017	Active			648316.24	3751019.54
PTX06-ISB315	11/08/2017	Active			648386.52	3751045.71
PTX06-ISB316	11/06/2017	Active			648457.75	3751072.09
PTX06-ISB317	11/04/2017	Active			648527.50	3751098.16
PTX06-ISB318	12/03/2017	Active			648597.96	3751124.55
PTX06-ISB319	12/01/2017	Active			648668.62	3751150.76
PTX06-ISB320	11/17/2017	Active			648738.78	3751176.87
PTX06-ISB321	11/29/2017	Active			648809.07	3751203.15
PTX06-ISB322	10/24/2017	Active			648879.71	3751229.17
PTX06-ISB323	11/15/2017	Active			648950.08	3751255.41
PTX06-ISB324	11/14/2017	Active			649020.47	3751282.05
PTX06-ISB325	11/01/2017	Active			649090.64	3751308.18
PTX06-ISB326A	10/7/2020	Active			649069.98	3751382.33
PTX06-ISB327	10/15/2020	Active			649090.60	3751459.62
PTX06-ISB328	10/18/2020	Active			649090.73	3751534.22
PTX06-ISB329	10/20/2020	Active			649091.36	3751609.51
PTX06-ISB330	9/26/2021	Active			649090.85	3751684.95
PTX06-ISB331	9/30/2021	Active			649092.70	3751760.79
PTX06-1213 ²	9/22/2021	Active			647847.08	3750845.56
PTX06-1214 ²	9/24/2021	Active			648550.59	3751106.97
<i>Offsite ISB</i>						
PTX06-ISB401	6/11/2020	Active			650711.91	3749151.58
PTX06-ISB401	6/15/2020	Active			650776.49	3749189.00
PTX06-ISB402	5/28/2020	Active			650841.82	3749226.42
PTX06-ISB403	5/18/2020	Active			650906.57	3749264.00
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PTX06-ISB406	5/19/2020	Active			651101.78	3749376.17
PTX06-ISB407	5/14/2020	Active			651167.09	3749413.87
PTX06-ISB408	6/3/2020	Active			651231.74	3749451.28
PTX06-ISB409	5/16/2020	Active			651296.89	3749487.69
PTX06-ISB410	8/21/2020	Active			649369.83	3750358.61
PTX06-ISB411	8/23/2020	Active			649464.65	3750447.35
PTX06-ISB412	6/17/2020	Active			649562.18	3750534.62
PTX06-ISB413	6/26/2020	Active			649662.66	3750642.84

Well ID	Completion Date	Current Status	Replacement Date	P&A Date	Easting	Northing
PTX06-ISB414	8/25/2020	Active			649740.82	3750753.45
PTX06-ISB415	8/27/2020	Active			649866.95	3750879.41
PTX06-ISB416	6/11/2020	Active			650711.91	3749151.58
PTX06-ISB417	9/14/2021	Active			649002.830	3750605.840
PTX06-ISB418	9/12/2021	Active			649000.080	3750479.950
PTX06-ISB419	9/9/2021	Active			648999.920	3750358.330
PTX06-REC401A	5/2/2020	Active			651032.67	3749068.08
PTX06-REC402	6/15/2020	Active			651188.55	3749013.99
PTX06-REC403	5/31/2020	Active			651274.87	3749064.42
PTX06-REC404	6/13/2020	Active			651363.17	3749115.24
PTX06-REC405	9/10/2020	Active			649666.01	3750342.12
PTX06-REC406	8/31/2020	Active			649732.34	3750408.10
PTX06-REC407	7/25/2020	Active			649808.08	3750498.69
PTX06-REC408	7/28/2020	Active			649805.35	3750592.25
PTX06-REC409	8/6/2020	Active			649883.64	3750677.72
PTX06-REC410	8/8/2020	Active			649942.73	3750742.93
PTX06-REC411	8/10/2020	Active			650016.35	3750822.87
PTX06-ISB425	8/7/2022	Inactive			650237.10	3749889.05
PTX06-ISB426	8/4/2022	Inactive			650315.00	3749940.31
PTX06-ISB427	8/2/2022	Inactive			650394.60	3749988.93
PTX06-ISB428	7/7/2022	Inactive			650485.88	3750047.56
PTX06-ISB429	6/29/2022	Inactive			650582.37	3750108.23
PTX06-ISB430	6/27/2022	Inactive			650635.79	3750141.61
PTX06-ISB431	8/18/2022	Inactive			650708.72	3750189.11
PTX06-ISB432	8/8/2022	Inactive			650787.00	3750238.86
PTX06-ISB437	6/29/2022	Inactive			649787.61	3750120.41
PTX06-ISB438	7/7/2022	Inactive			649855.36	3750171.10
PTX06-ISB439	7/9/2022	Inactive			649921.41	3750221.31
PTX06-ISB440	7/12/2022	Inactive			649972.93	3750258.98
PTX06-ISB453	7/13/2022	Inactive			649215.32	3750145.23
PTX06-ISB454	7/20/2022	Inactive			649253.94	3750191.39
PTX06-ISB455	7/23/2022	Inactive			649291.57	3750235.65
PTX06-ISB456	7/24/2022	Inactive			649328.78	3750281.30
PTX06-ISB501	8/31/2022	Inactive			645402.44	3758144.97
PTX06-ISB502	8/25/2022	Inactive			645791.43	3757732.13
PTX06-ISB503	8/28/2022	Inactive			645698.75	3757351.47
PTX06-REC416	7/25/2022	Inactive			650662.78	3749438.56
PTX06-REC417	8/26/2022	Inactive			650738.08	3749484.59
PTX06-REC418	8/18/2022	Inactive			650812.65	3749529.58
PTX06-REC419	8/5/2022	Inactive			650889.91	3749576.75
PTX06-REC420	8/10/2022	Inactive			650963.40	3749623.60
PTX06-REC421	8/8/2022	Inactive			651037.35	3749667.44
PTX06-REC422	8/2/2022	Inactive			651112.69	3749713.17
PTX06-REC433	6/19/2022	Inactive			649972.75	3750051.20
PTX06-REC434	6/21/2022	Inactive			650022.61	3750092.70
PTX06-REC435	7/11/2022	Inactive			650072.32	3750134.99
PTX06-REC436	7/20/2022	Inactive			650123.62	3750176.26
PTX06-REC442	5/9/2022	Inactive			649237.73	3749938.28
PTX06-REC443	5/18/2022	Inactive			649302.46	3750009.54

Well ID	Completion Date	Current Status	Replacement Date	P&A Date	Easting	Northing
PTX06-REC444	5/22/2022	Inactive			649367.39	3750079.82
PTX06-REC445	6/1/2022	Inactive			649432.37	3750148.34
PTX06-REC446	6/5/2022	Inactive			649496.71	3750217.21
PTX06-REC447	6/7/2022	Inactive			649549.37	3750280.47
PTX06-1218 ²	5/4/2022	Inactive			649667.96	3749890.07
PTX06-1219 ²	6/26/2022	Inactive			650185.72	3750054.28
PTX06-1221 ²	4/27/2022	Inactive			650875.74	3750521.45

¹Pantex renumbered the wells in this system in 2020 for ease of system identification.

²TZM wells used for monitoring the treatment zone.

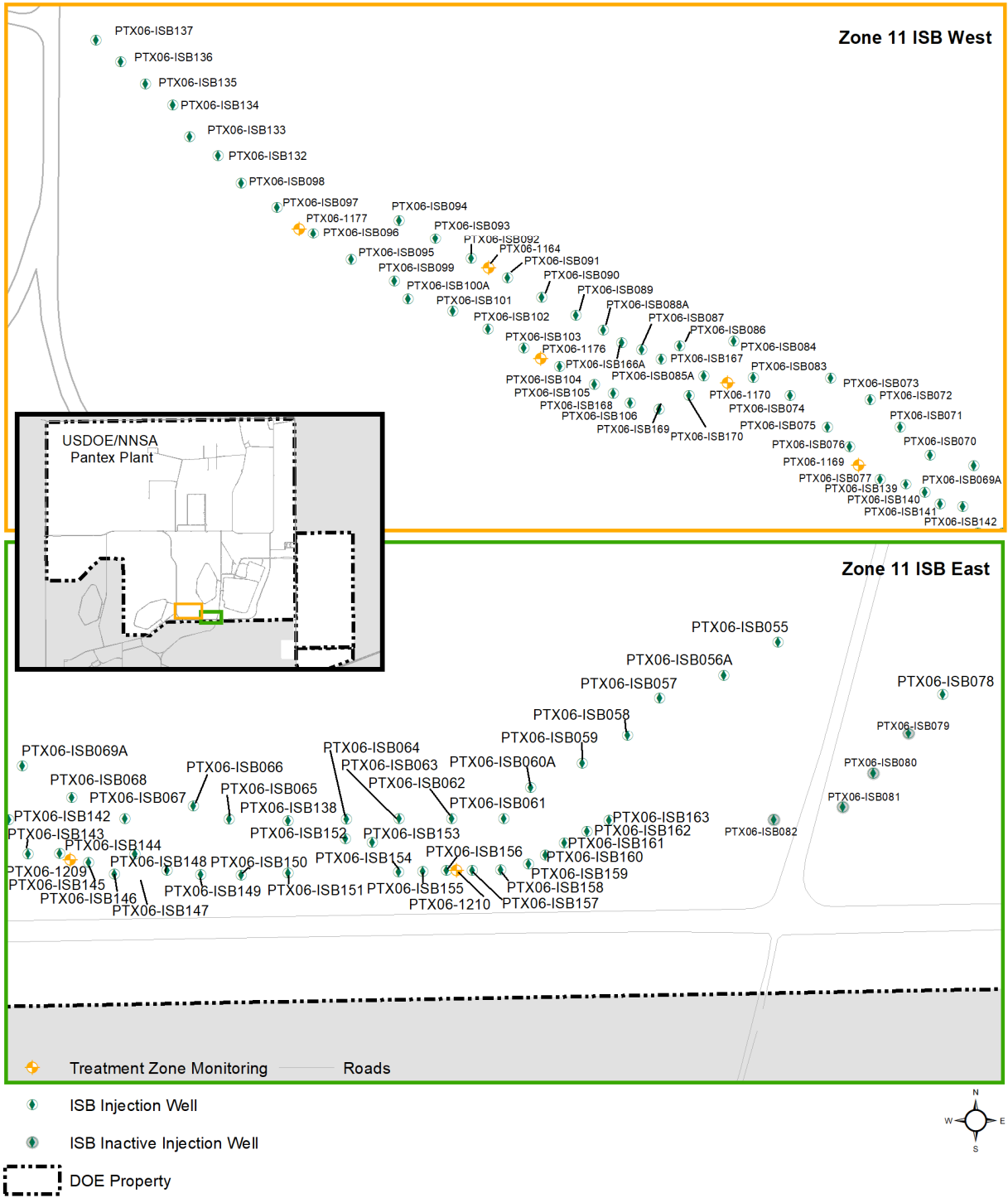


Fig. 1-16. Zone 11 ISB System wells.

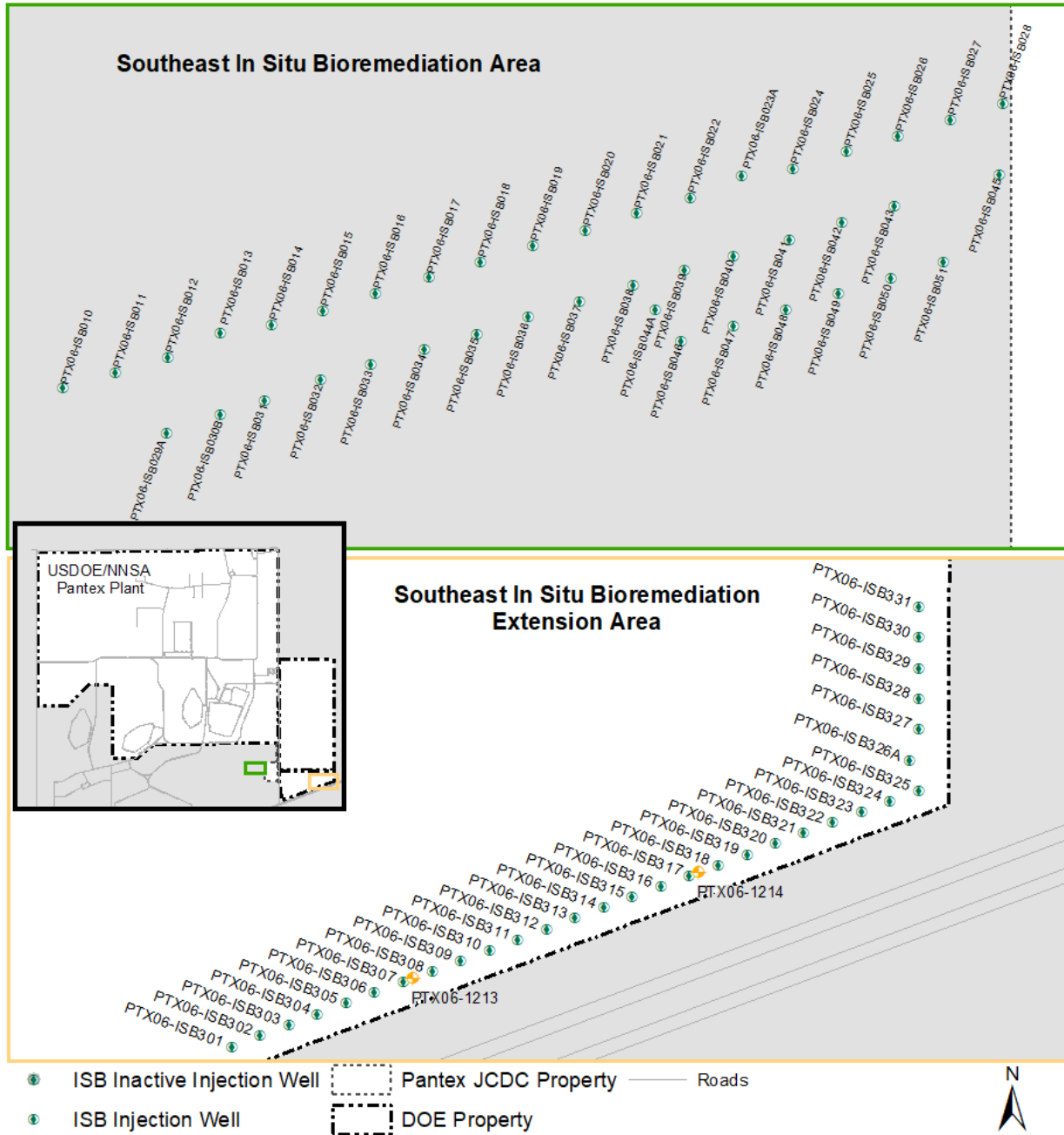


Fig. 1-17. Southeast ISB System wells.

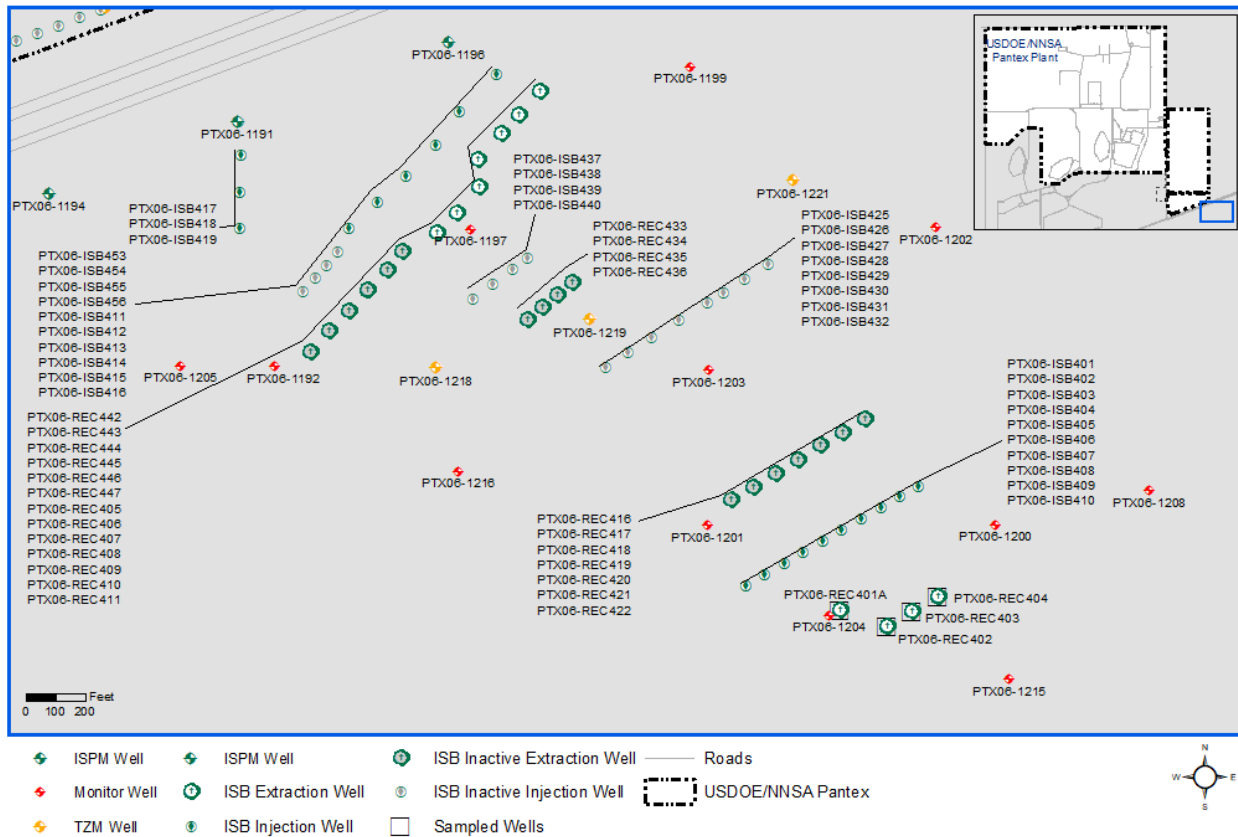


Fig. 1-18. Offsite ISB System wells.

Table 1-11. Burning Ground SVE System Wells

Name	Well Depth ¹	Completion Date	Current Status	Easting	Northing
SVE-I-06	Intermediate	12/1/2001	Inactive	630006.43	3771358.79
SVE-I-11	Intermediate	12/24/2001	Inactive	630140.42	3771223.11
SVE-I-13	Intermediate	11/10/2001	Inactive	630024.96	3770909.40
SVE-I-16	Intermediate	12/10/2001	Inactive	630264.66	3770916.85
SVE-I-21	Intermediate	12/10/2001	Inactive	630142.72	3770795.37
SVE-I-26	Intermediate	11/17/2001	Inactive	630022.91	3770678.74
SVE-I-29	Intermediate	11/13/2001	Inactive	630245.81	3770680.38
SVE-S-05	Shallow	11/20/2001	Inactive	629996.81	3771361.24
SVE-S-07	Shallow	11/20/2001	Inactive	630130.43	3771359.23
SVE-S-08	Shallow	11/20/2001	Inactive	630070.51	3771300.84
SVE-S-09	Shallow	11/19/2001	Inactive	630005.69	3771220.82
SVE-S-10	Shallow	11/21/2001	Inactive	630131.84	3771220.90
SVE-S-12	Shallow	11/12/2001	Inactive	630016.08	3770920.93
SVE-S-13	Shallow	11/10/2001	Inactive	630024.96	3770909.40
SVE-S-14	Shallow	11/12/2001	Inactive	630133.76	3770915.03
SVE-S-15	Shallow	11/9/2001	Inactive	630254.26	3770915.75
SVE-S-17	Shallow	11/12/2001	Inactive	630074.42	3770855.43
SVE-S-18	Shallow	11/9/2001	Inactive	630194.14	3770855.08
SVE-S-19	Shallow	11/11/2001	Inactive	630012.77	3770795.38
SVE-S-20	Shallow	11/9/2001	Active	630133.75	3770795.37
SVE-S-22	Shallow	11/10/2001	Inactive	630254.47	3770794.59
SVE-S-23	Shallow	11/11/2001	Inactive	630074.68	3770735.48
SVE-S-24	Shallow	11/10/2001	Inactive	630194.80	3770735.89
SVE-S-25	Shallow	11/11/2001	Inactive	630015.03	3770678.85
SVE-S-27	Shallow	11/12/2001	Inactive	630134.13	3770679.10
SVE-S-28	Shallow	11/19/2001	Inactive	630238.26	3770681.91
SVE-S-30	Shallow	11/20/2001	Inactive	630077.40	3771163.35
SVE-S-31	Shallow	11/19/2001	Inactive	630005.18	3771080.74
SVE-S-32	Shallow	11/21/2001	P&A	630147.02	3771079.12
SVE-S-32A	Shallow	11/26/2001	Inactive	630153.88	3771082.13

¹The shallow depth wells are screened from 20 to 45 ft and 50 to 90 ft bgs. The intermediate depth wells are screened from 95 to 180 ft and 190 to 275 ft bgs.

This well list represents the final configuration for the full-scale SVE system. SVE pilot test wells that were not appropriate for use in the final system were not included in this list.

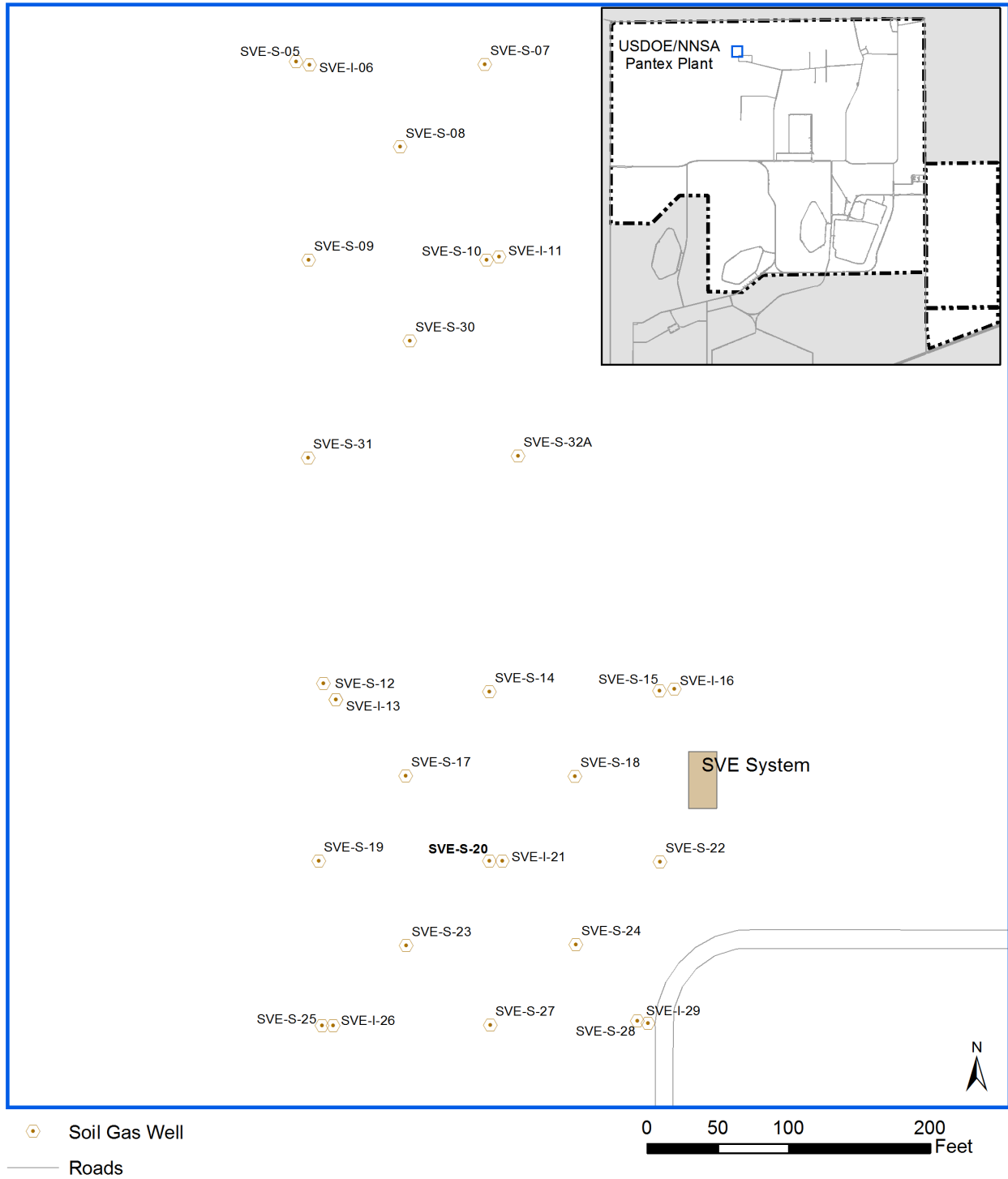


Fig. 1-19. Burning Ground SVE wells.

1.6.4 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

As detailed in HW-50284 and the IAG, Pantex must meet requirements under CERCLA and RCRA. In accordance with the IAG, Pantex has submitted a site management plan that provides a list of required activities and planned dates of completion. This section provides a detailed schedule of activities planned for the next year.

Table 1-12 summarizes activities completed in 2022 since the date of the last annual report, activities completed in 2023 prior to the publication of this report, and activities that have projected starts or completions between July 2022 and June 2023. The schedule of activities included in the 2021 Annual Progress Report was the basis for this table, which also includes revisions made to that schedule.

Pantex completed 2022 activities related to recommendations from previous reports while completing normally scheduled monitoring and operation of the remedial actions.

Pantex completed an FYR in 2013 and 2018. Most of the recommendations and issues to be addressed from the first FYR were completed before the second FYR. Some of the continuing evaluations, such as the expansion of plumes to the southeast, will continue to be addressed through issues and recommendations from the second FYR, from which a table of action items has been developed. Those actions are included in Section 6 of this report and will be tracked to completion.

The significant actions completed in 2022 and early 2023 related to the FYRs include the following:

- An ESD was issued in December 2022 (Pantex, 2022a).
- Landfill cover repair was completed in January 2022 at all landfills with noted deficiencies.
- Pump and treat optimization was completed, changes to the remedial action planned, and recommendations submitted to TCEQ and EPA in August 2022.
- Groundwater deed restrictions for the two offsite properties south and southeast of Pantex were completed in June 2022.
- Pantex committed to evaluating the expanding plumes of HEs east of FM 2373 in the first and second FYRs. To address the plume expansion, Pantex continues to

evaluate and implement new actions to fully address the contamination. Pantex completed the following tasks:

- Nineteen ISB injection wells, 17 ISB extraction wells, 1 pump and treat injection well, 3 TZM wells and 2 monitor wells were installed on offsite property.
- Injection was completed twice at the Offsite ISB System.
- Pantex contracted for the construction of the Offsite Mobile PTS. That system is scheduled to be delivered to Pantex in May 2023. Operation of the system is planned for summer 2023.
- Pantex provided additional plans to TCEQ and EPA that detail the approach to treat the perchlorate plume moving to the southeast, outside the influence of the SEPTS, as well as an additional ISB east of FM 2373, near County Road 8, to reduce concentrations of RDX that are moving toward the Southeast ISB Extension. Pantex also installed three new wells in a high concentration area of the RDX plume east of FM 2373 that are recommended to be used for pump and treat or ISB actions. These actions serve to reduce risk and provide for the capability to fully treat RDX at the Pantex fence line in the future.

Pantex has also implemented actions for the following recommendation made in the 2018 and 2019 Progress Reports:

- Pantex contracted for the design of a new center-pivot irrigation system east of FM 2373 in 2020. Design was completed in May 2021. Contracting for construction was completed in 2021 and construction began in November 2021 and continued through 2022. System construction and testing is expected to be complete in June 2023, with operations beginning in summer 2023.

Pantex received comments from the Maria Sifuentes-Chavez of TCEQ (2022) on the supporting documents provided with the letter recommending changes to the Pantex Remedial Action (CNS, 2022). Pantex has agreed to complete some additional work and track the actions to completion in the annual progress reports, per letter dated February 15, 2023 (USDOE/NNSA, 2023). Those actions are required to be completed by December 2026. Due to the required time for including changes into our budget and the need to drill more Ogallala wells, Pantex will provide a status update in Section 5 of this report. When the agreed-upon activities are planned to be implemented within the timeframe for the annual report schedule of activities, they will be added to Table 1-12 below.

In-progress and upcoming activities for the next year continue to focus on the O&M and monitoring of the remedial actions, O&M of soil actions, reporting in accordance with the IAG and HW-50284, and progress on the second FYR's issues and recommendation. Some of the reporting and plans will require regulatory review and approval and are provided in bold in Table 1-12.

In addition to the above-listed progress items, Pantex is planning to address an increase in the detection of 4-amino-2,6-dinitrotoluene (DNT4A) in the Ogallala well PTX06-1056. Samples collected in 2022 indicate that DNT4A has exceeded the GWPS and further work is needed to evaluate whether the detections are related to a plume. Pantex conducted a high-volume time-series sampling event in 2022 to evaluate whether the DNT4A may be associated with a plume. Results indicate that the DNT4A is more widespread and is now found in all samples throughout the high-volume sampling event. Additionally, RDX has now been measured at levels below the practical quantitation limit. Pantex has identified funding and has contracted to install two new Ogallala wells to provide further information regarding the potential plume, with the drilling commencing in March 2023. Samples are expected to be collected in July 2023, with results available in August.

Pantex had previously recommended changes to the groundwater remedial action, in a letter dated August 9, 2022 and in previous annual and FYR reports. However, the funding forecast for fiscal year (FY) 2024 indicates that Environmental Projects will not receive the full funding requested. In order to continue to maintain operation of our current actions, Pantex will be unable to begin work on the following projects:

- Construction of supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems for the SEPTS and P1PTS.
- Construction of the Perchlorate/Chromium (PCR) ISB on the TTU property.

- Construction of one Ogallala well to continue evaluation of HE detections above GWPS in Ogallala well PTX06-1056.

The above FY24 projects will be completed as funding allows and will be reevaluated with regard to operational priorities annually. Although funding cuts occurred in FY23, the cuts had a low impact on the completion of planned projects. Pantex continues to work with NNSA to improve funding forecasts beginning in FY25.

Table 1-12. Complete, In-Progress, and Upcoming Activities

Activity	Start Date	Scheduled Completion Date	Actual Completion	CP Provision or Requirement	Origin of Recommended Action
<i>Completed Work (through Jun 2023)</i>					
Annual Landfill Cover Maintenance – 2022	Jun 2022	Aug 2022	Nov 2022	IAG Article 8.9 HW-50284 Provision XI.E	
Design/Construct Perchlorate Pre-Treatment at SEPTS	Jul 2021	*Aug 2022	Sep 2022	HW-50284 XI.B.3 and XI.B.5	2019A
LiDAR Study of Pantex Landfills to support Five Year Review	Mar 2022	Sep 2022	Sep 2022	HW-50284 CP Table VII, Item 26 and IAG Article 21	
Offsite ISB Rehabilitation/Injection	Mar 2022 Jul 2022	Jul 2022 Nov 2022	Aug 2022 Nov 2022	IAG Article 8 HW-50284 Provision XI.E.1	
Zone 11 ISB Rehabilitation and Injection	May 2022	Oct 2022	Sep 2022	IAG Article 8 HW-50284 Provision XI.E.1	
Well Drilling – 2022 Offsite Remediation System Wells (Phase 3)	Jan 2022	Sep 2022	Sep 2022	HW-50284 XI.B.1 and XI.B.2	2Q2019
Time-Series High-Volume Purge Sampling Study at PTX06-1056	Aug 2022	Oct 2022	Sep 2022	HW-50284 XI.G.1.b	
Southeast ISB Extension Rehabilitation and Injection	May 2022	Sep 2022	Sep 2022	IAG Article 8 HW-50284 Provision XI.E.1	
Southeast ISB Rehabilitation and Injection	Dec 2021	May 2022	May 2022	IAG Article 8 HW-50284 Provision XI.E.1	
Landowner Deed Restriction, Southern Area	Apr 2020	*Aug 2022	Jun 2022	HW-50284 Provision XI.E.1	
Explanation of Significant Difference (ESD)	Mar 2022	Sep 2022	Dec 2022	HW-50284 CP Table VII, Item 26 and IAG Article 21	2018 FYR
Playa 2 injection wells and PTX06-EW-86 through PTX06-EW-88 Radio Upgrade	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	HW-50284 Provision XI.E.1	2Q2018

Activity	Start Date	Scheduled Completion Date	Actual Completion	CP Provision or Requirement	Origin of Recommended Action
2nd Semi-Annual 2022 Groundwater and ISB Sampling	Jul 2022	Dec 2022	Dec 2022	HW-50284 Provision XI.F	
1st Semi-Annual 2023 Groundwater and ISB Sampling	Jan 2023	Jun 2023	Jun 2023	HW-50284 Provision XI.F	
2nd Quarter 2022 Progress Report	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Sep 2022	HW-50284 Provision XI.G.3 and IAG Article 16.4	
3rd Quarter 2022 Progress Report	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Dec 2022	HW-50284 Provision XI.G.3 and IAG Article 16.4	
4th Quarter 2022 Progress Report	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Mar 2023	HW-50284 Provision XI.G.3 and IAG Article 16.4	
1st Quarter 2023 Progress Report	Apr 2023	Jun 2023	Jun 2023	HW-50284 Provision XI.G.3 and IAG Article 16.4	
2022 Annual Progress Report	Mar 2023	Jun 2023	Jun 2023	HW-50284 Provision XI.G.3 and IAG Article 16.4	
<i>Work In-Progress</i>					
Annual Landfill Cover/Ditch Liner Maintenance – 2023	May 2023	May 2023		IAG Article 8.9 HW-50284 Provision XI.E	
Construct Center Pivot Irrigation System East of FM 2373	Jun 2021	Sep 2022		HW-50284 XI.B.1 and XI.B.2	4Q2018
Design/Construct Offsite Infrastructure – Phase 3	Sep 2021	Nov 2022		HW-50284 XI.B.1 and XI.B.2	2Q2019
Closure Report for Burning Ground SVE	Mar 2023	Sep 2023		IAG Article 7.2	2021A
Design SCADA upgrade for P1PTS and SEPTS	Jul 2022	Aug 2023*		HW 50284 XI.B.3 and XI.B.5	
Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal Application – Provision XI Compliance Plan	Jan 2023	Dec 2023		Texas Water Code Chapter 361 and 26	
Underground Injection Control Permit Application to increase injection wells	Mar 2023	Oct 2023		IAG Article 8 HW-50284 Provision XI.E.1	

Activity	Start Date	Scheduled Completion Date	Actual Completion	CP Provision or Requirement	Origin of Recommended Action
Offsite ISB Rehabilitation/Injection	Mar 2023 Sep 2023	Jun 2023 Nov 2023		IAG Article 8 HW-50284 Provision XI.E.1	
Southeast ISB Extension Rehabilitation and Injection	May 2023	Aug 2023		IAG Article 8 HW-50284 Provision XI.E.1	
Well Drilling – 2023 Offsite Remediation System Wells (Phase 4) and two new Ogallala monitor wells	Apr 2023	Sep 2023		HW-50284 XI.B.1 and XI.B.2	2Q2019, 3Q2022
Design/Construct Offsite Infrastructure – Phase 4	Sep 2022	Sep 2023		HW-50284 XI.B.1 and XI.B.2	2Q2019
Zone 11 ISB Rehabilitation and Injection	Apr 2023	Oct 2023		IAG Article 8 HW-50284 Provision XI.E.1	
Draft Final Five Year Review Reporting – Contracting, Evaluation, and Reporting	Mar 2022	Sep 2023		HW-50284 CP Table VII, Item 26 and IAG Article 21	
<i>Upcoming Work (Jul 2023 through Jun 2024)</i>					
Zone 11 ISB Rehabilitation and Injection	May 2024	Oct 2024		IAG Article 8 HW-50284 Provision XI.E.1	
Offsite ISB Rehabilitation and Injection	Sep 2023 Mar 2024	Nov 2023 May 2024		IAG Article 8 HW-50284 Provision XI.E.1	
Southeast ISB Extension Rehabilitation and Injection	Mar 2024	May 2024		IAG Article 8 HW-50284 Provision XI.E.1	
Annual Landfill Cover/Ditch Liner Maintenance – 2023	May 2024	May 2024		IAG Article 8.9 HW-50284 Provision XI.E	
2nd Quarter 2023 Progress Report	Aug 2023	Sep 2023		HW-50284 Provision XI.G.3 and IAG Article 16.4	
3rd Quarter 2023 Progress Report	Nov 2023	Dec 2023		HW-50284 Provision XI.G.3 and IAG Article 16.4	
4th Quarter 2023 Progress Report	Feb 2024	Mar 2024		HW-50284 Provision XI.G.3 and IAG Article 16.4	

Activity	Start Date	Scheduled Completion Date	Actual Completion	CP Provision or Requirement	Origin of Recommended Action
1st Quarter 2024 Progress Report	Apr 2024	Jun 2024		HW-50284 Provision XI.G.3 and IAG Article 16.4	
2023 Annual Progress Report	Mar 2024	Jun 2024		HW-50284 Provision XI.G.3 and IAG Article 16.4	
2nd Semi-Annual 2023 Groundwater and ISB Sampling	Jul 2023	Dec 2023		HW-50284 Provision XI.F	
1st Semi-Annual 2024 Groundwater and ISB Sampling	Jan 2024	Jun 2024		HW-50284 Provision XI.F	

*Revised activity or date.

“Origin of Recommended Actions” refers to the report that first presented the recommendation to complete the project. Year plus “A” refers to the specific yearly annual progress report while the quarter and year refers to the specific quarterly progress report that presented the recommendation.

FYR - Five-Year Review

LiDAR – light detection and ranging

Activities in bold require regulatory interaction and/or review and approval

2.0 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF REMEDIAL ACTIONS

Operation of the remedial actions is critical to meeting the remedial action objectives established in the ROD. Maintenance activities, both routine and unscheduled, ensure that the systems continue to operate optimally. This section summarizes the remedial action systems' O&M efforts to provide an understanding of the remedy's effectiveness.

2.1 GROUNDWATER REMEDIAL ACTIONS

As discussed in Section 1, Pantex has implemented pump and treat and ISB for the final remedial actions for perched groundwater. Additionally, institutional controls, in the form of deed restrictions, have been placed in areas of impacted perched groundwater as part of the final remedial action. Pantex drafted all deed restrictions as part of the final remedy during 2009 and submitted them to TCEQ and EPA as part of the draft final IRAR. Those deed restrictions were filed in 2010 in conjunction with the approval of the final IRAR (Pantex, 2010a). Those deed restrictions were placed on Pantex, TTU, and one neighboring property where impacted perched groundwater is present. Pantex has added two additional neighboring property deed restrictions due to the plume extending offsite to the southeast. The deed restrictions were completed in June 2022 and will remain in place until the offsite remedial action is complete.

2.1.1 PUMP AND TREAT SYSTEMS

The pump and treat systems were described in Section 1.4. In 2022, these systems continued to reduce saturated thickness and contaminant mass in the southeast perched groundwater, although they were impacted by reduced flow and shutdowns resulting from continuing issues with the subsurface irrigation. These data demonstrate that the systems are effective in removing mass and water from the perched aquifer, and system operation continues to move toward meeting Pantex's remedial action objectives.

Appendix B contains the monthly flow calculations for each active well and detailed O&M information.

Pump and Treat Systems Milestones

2022

- 123.2 million gallons treated
- 6% of treated water beneficially used
- 457 lbs of contaminants removed

Since Startup

- 3.2 billion gallons treated
- 1.8 billion gallons beneficially used
- 16,484 lbs of contaminants removed

2.1.1.1 Playa 1 Pump and Treat System

A description of the P1PTS is provided in Section 1.4.2. The operational goals for the systems were realigned in 2014 and are depicted in the highlight box in Section 1.4.1. These goals are prioritized and will be met as conditions allow.

The P1PTS was designed with a treatment capacity of 250 gpm or 360,000 gallons per day (gpd) and could potentially treat up to 131 million gallons (Mgal) of water per year running at design capacity and 100% operation. P1PTS releases all water through the WWTF, so operation is affected when water cannot be released to the WWTF. Operation of P1PTS has been impacted by a break at the irrigation system that occurred in late June 2017 and required an engineering evaluation and complex repairs. Repairs to the filter bank were completed in May 2019 and after completion of startup testing and repairs on the communication systems, a portion of the system became operational in March 2022. However, in April 2022, the communication interface on the system failed. System repairs were completed and the system became operationally available in late September 2022. However, a mishap with a bird caused an electrical failure of the system in early December 2022. The electrical system is currently under repair and not expected to be operational until late 2023.

While the irrigation system remains down, the WWTF's treated water is being routed to Playa 1. Flow to Playa 1 is restricted by permit; therefore, Pantex has also reduced the P1PTS's operation to allow higher recovery at the SEPTS, which provides better control of the RDX plume's movement to the southeast. This reduction in operation is reflected in the reduced number of operational days and throughput for the system.

During 2022, P1PTS was operated one week per quarter to maintain function and operability, or when SEPTS could not be fully operated, until March 2022, when repairs to the subsurface were completed, allowing for longer operational periods. However, the system was shut down in April 2022 to complete installation of new components for the

new center pivot irrigation system. Operations are expected to begin again in June 2023. When both systems are operated, flow must be reduced at both systems due to permit restrictions that limit release to Playa 1.

The following figures depict the P1PTS’s system operation, throughput, and well operation, providing the percentage of design capacity or operation achieved as well as goals for the system. While operation and throughput were reduced in 2021 to allow better capture of the RDX plume through the SEPTS’s increased operation, the 90% goals are still depicted in the graphs and used to identify potential issues with system or well operation.

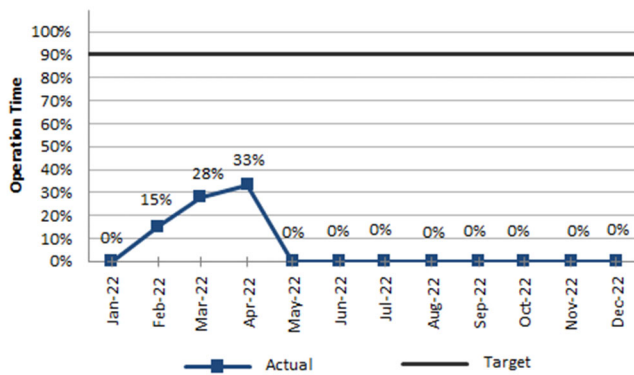


Fig. 2-1. P1PTS operation time vs target.

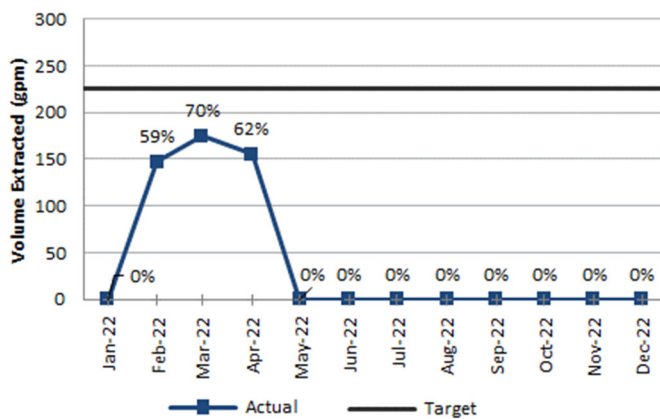


Fig. 2-2. P1PTS average GPM and % capacity.

The P1PTS was operational for 35 days during 2022 with an average annual operational rate of 6%, based on total hours operated versus total possible operation time. The actual percentage of monthly system operational time versus the target percentage is depicted in Fig. 2-1.

Fig. 2-2 depicts the average gpm extracted from all wells by month. The P1PTS system extracted an average of 159 gpm (about 64% of design throughput) from the well field while operating in 2022. The calculated gpm accounts for water extracted from the well field when the system operated and is affected by each well’s yield, downtime, or reduced flow required by the WWTF/irrigation system.

Fig. 2-3 reflects the operation time by well. PTX06-EW-72, EW-78A, EW-80, and EW-81 were not operated during 2022 due to communication problems at the well which can cause potential leaks. Most other wells were running when the system was operated, if flow was not restricted.

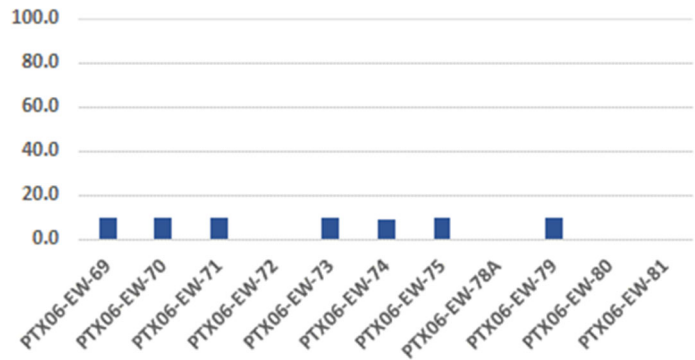


Fig. 2-3. P1PTS well operation time.

Fig. 2-4 reflects the P1PTS’s overall system efficiency considering system and well operation. The system treated an average of about 62,200 gpd when operating during 2022, which is approximately 17% of design capacity. The gpd is affected by system operational time, ability to extract water from the wells, and reduced flow to the WWTF and irrigation system. The system treated approximately 5.5 Mgal during 2022, with an average treatment volume of about 1.8 Mgal per month when operating.

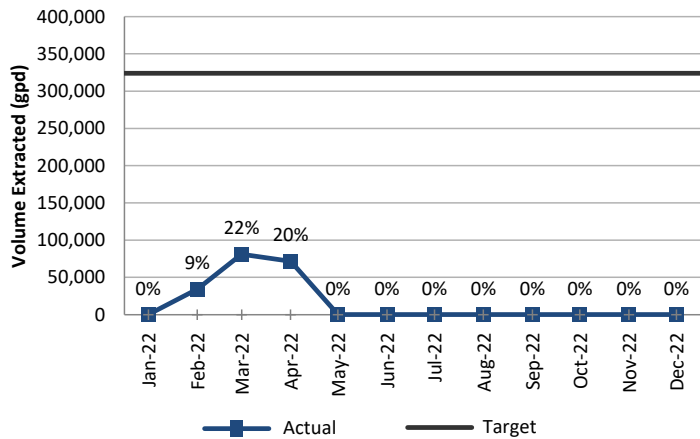


Fig. 2-4. P1PTS average GPD and % capacity.

The monthly treatment flow volumes and treated water usage are depicted in Fig. 2-5.

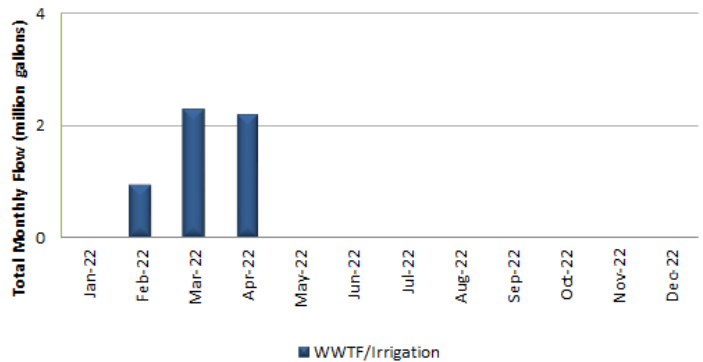


Fig. 2-5. P1PTS system monthly total flow.

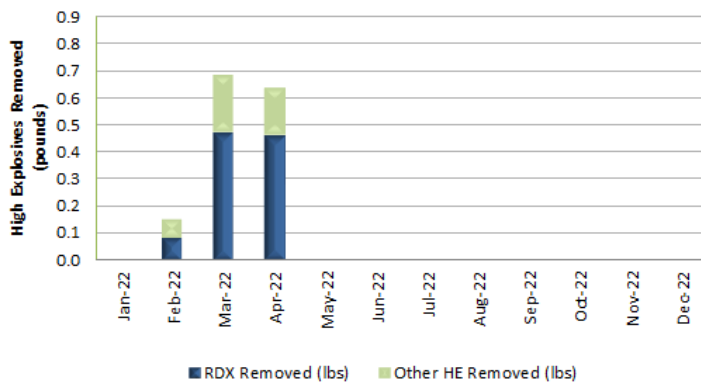


Fig. 2-6. P1PTS mass removal by month.

During 2022, the system removed approximately 1.0 lbs of RDX and 0.5 lbs of all other HEs (see Fig. 2-6). The average removal rate of HEs was approximately 0.74 lbs/Mgal of treated water. Since startup in September 2008, the system has removed a total of 550 lbs of RDX and 222 lbs of all other HEs.

HE mass removal is dependent on the wells operated within the system, which affects influent concentrations and throughput. Source concentrations from Playa 1 are rapidly declining, with a small area directly beneath the Playa now demonstrating full treatment (see the plume maps in Section 3). Therefore, most wells are no longer in the higher-concentration HE plume; thus, mass removal is low at P1PTS.

The average influent concentration of RDX was 148 ug/L in 2009 while the average influent concentration in 2022 was 17.2 ug/L. The maximum influent RDX concentration in 2009 was 200 ug/L and 25.1 ug/L in 2022. This system primarily reduces saturated thickness and head on the southeast perched groundwater, although mass removal is also achieved.

Evaluation of effluent data indicates that the system treated the recovered groundwater to concentrations below the GWPS. The complete set of effluent data collected during 2022 is included in Appendix D's electronic data tables.

Pantex also evaluates extraction wells near upgradient of SWMU 5-12 ditch for evidence of contamination that could affect the P1PTS. In the past, wells in that area indicated the presence of perchlorate and 1,4-dioxane which are not treatable by GAC. The plumes have shrunk back toward the source areas and are no longer expected to reach the P1PTS.

In 2022, the P1PTS was in its fourteenth year of operation. Operational performance was low for most of the year. Performance was affected by the continued irrigation system closure, which required reduced operations to allow full operation of the SEPTS to control the RDX plume moving to the southeast. However, paging system issues at P1PTS have also impacted the ability to operate the system overnight during part of the year. The

aging supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system could no longer use the existing paging system to send warnings and alerts to pump and treat personnel; therefore, the system was shut down overnight during the early part of 2022 to avoid potential issues with the unplanned release of water from the system.

The existing paging call-out system was updated and operational by early 2022. Additionally, Pantex requested funding for 2022 through 2025 to design and install a new SCADA system at both pump and treat systems to ensure continued reliability of the system's operation. Pantex has contracted for the new SCADA system's design, with completion of the design scheduled for September 2023. Construction was planned to begin in 2024; however, the construction will be implemented based on available funding.

Pantex has evaluated other methods to manage treated water and in 2018 recommended extending the line going to the Zone 11 ISB to an area east of Playa 2 and injecting treated water there. That project started in late 2019 and was completed in February 2022; however, it was designed to only receive water from SEPTS. Pantex also completed the design of a new center-pivot irrigation system east of FM 2373 in May 2021. The construction of the system began in November 2021. The system will be complete by summer 2023 and will utilize treated water from both P1PTS and SEPTS.

2.1.1.2 Southeast Pump and Treat System

The SEPTS is designed to treat up to 300 gpm or 432,000 gpd and has the capability to treat 158 Mgal annually if operated at 100%.

During 2022, the SEPTS operated all or part of 362 days with an average operational rate of 97%, based on total hours operated versus total possible operation time. The percent operation time (i.e., hours per day) versus the target operation time is depicted in Fig. 2-7.

System operation was affected by power outages, paging issues, and carbon/resin change-outs. Operation was consistent at the SEPTS due to shutdown of P1PTS. When P1PTS was operating, flow was reduced at the SEPTS to meet discharge permit limits to Playa 1 and minimize injection into the perched aquifer.

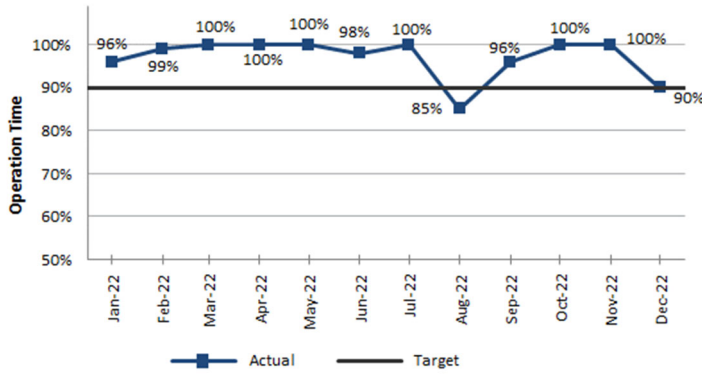


Fig. 2-7. SEPTS operation time vs target.

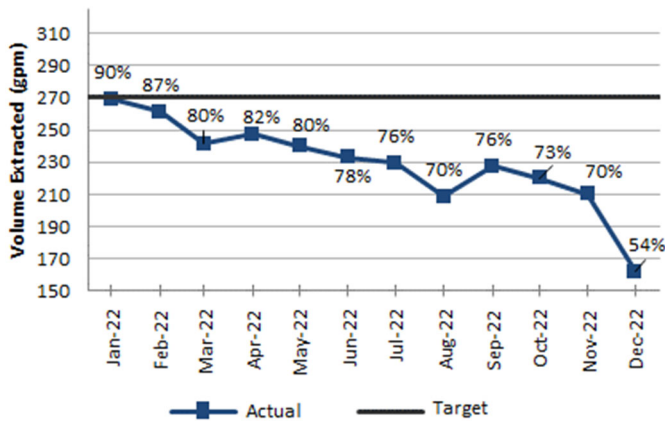


Fig. 2-8. SEPTS average GPM and % capacity.

As a measure of well operation efficiency, Fig. 2-8 depicts the average gpm extracted from all wells by month, the percentage of design capacity achieved, and system goals. Unless flow is affected by the WWTF or other issues, the system’s operational rate has been the prioritized goal since June 2014. In 2022, the system was operated fully, except when P1PTS was operated. Even though the 90% throughput goal was not applicable during portions of 2022, it is still depicted in the graphs, and well throughput is evaluated to identify potential issues. Throughput was below the 90% goal after January 2022.

The system extracted an annual average of 229 gpm (about 76% of design capacity) from the well field while operating. The calculated gpm accounts for water extracted from the well field during the time the system operated and is affected by each well’s yield, downtime, or reduced flow required by the WWTF/irrigation system. Because the WWTF/irrigation system was unable to receive full flow from the pump and treat systems, flow was sent to Playa 1 in accordance with permit limits, and injection into the perched aquifer was minimized. The SEPTS operated fully, when possible, with shutdown of P1PTS allowing increased flow and treatment through the SEPTS.

Well operation was reduced when P1PTS was operated. Due to permit limitations for release of water to Playa 1 and the goal to reduce injection into the perched aquifer, system flow was reduced when both systems were operated. However, results of

optimization modeling as well as observations of RDX plume changes indicated that full operation of the SEPTS would be beneficial to maximize plume capture, so flow was prioritized over injection later in the year. Well operation and throughput were also affected by the number of extraction wells that were down in 2022 as well as by the ability to only operate one pump and treat injection well. Well repairs require the use of an electrical contractor and coordination of lockout/tagouts (LOTOs) with the Pantex Plant Maintenance Department. Multiple LOTOs were scheduled during 2022 to repair wells and to continue maintenance of wells in accordance with the *Well Maintenance Plan for USDOE/NNSA Pantex Plant Groundwater Remedial Action Projects* (Pantex, 2020). Two wells (PT06-EW-10 and PTX06-EW-51) were not operated during part of the year due to increased perchlorate concentrations in that area. Once the new perchlorate system became operational, the two wells were operated.

Because the SEPTS has 65 operating wells, it is currently capable of extracting more water than its maximum treatment capacity. For this reason, not all wells are pumping within the SEPTS on a daily basis. Estimated flow volumes for each well in the SEPTS are included in Appendix B.

Six new extraction wells, PTX06- EW-83 through EW-88, were installed in 2016 to control the movement of HE plumes to the southeast. Those wells were connected to the SEPTS and began consistent operation in May 2019. Due to declining water levels in that area, only the eastern three wells remain operational at this time.

Although perched groundwater levels are declining, the extraction rates from the well field currently exceed the treatment system's capacity. Pantex extracts from the well field according to set priorities that best meet long-term objectives. The well-extraction priorities for operating wells are as follows and depicted in Fig. 2-9:

- **Priority 1 wells:** Wells along the eastern edge of the well field (i.e., along the eastern fence line of the main plant) and a line of wells east of FM 2373 that are used to control the continued movement of water and contamination to thinner saturated zones at the margin of the perched aquifer where pump and treat technology is ineffective. The new wells, PTX06-EW-83 through PTX06-EW-88, are included in this group.
- **Priority 2 wells:** Wells along the southern edge of the system that were installed to capture the highest concentrations of hexavalent chromium and prevent the

plume's migration to thinner saturated zones or into areas where the FGZ is more permeable.

- **Priority 3 wells:** Wells along the southeastern edge of the system that capture the highest concentrations of RDX and prevent the plume's migration to thinner saturated zones or into areas where the FGZ is more permeable.
- **Priority 4 wells:** Wells along the northern edge of the hexavalent chromium plume from the Zone 12 South area.
- **Priority 5 wells:** Wells close to the highest concentrations of RDX. These wells will continue to capture the RDX plume movement when the Priority 3 wells are not pumping.
- **Priority 6 wells:** Wells that capture the center of the hexavalent chromium plume from the former cooling tower on the eastern side of Zone 12.
- **Priority 7 wells:** All other wells in the SEPTS. With the exception of EW-49, these wells help reduce saturated thickness in the perched aquifer and remove head that pushes the groundwater horizontally and vertically but will not be as effective at controlling plume movement. EW-49 is in a low-transmissivity zone and, thus, is a very low-producing well. For this reason, it was not placed in a high priority for pumping.

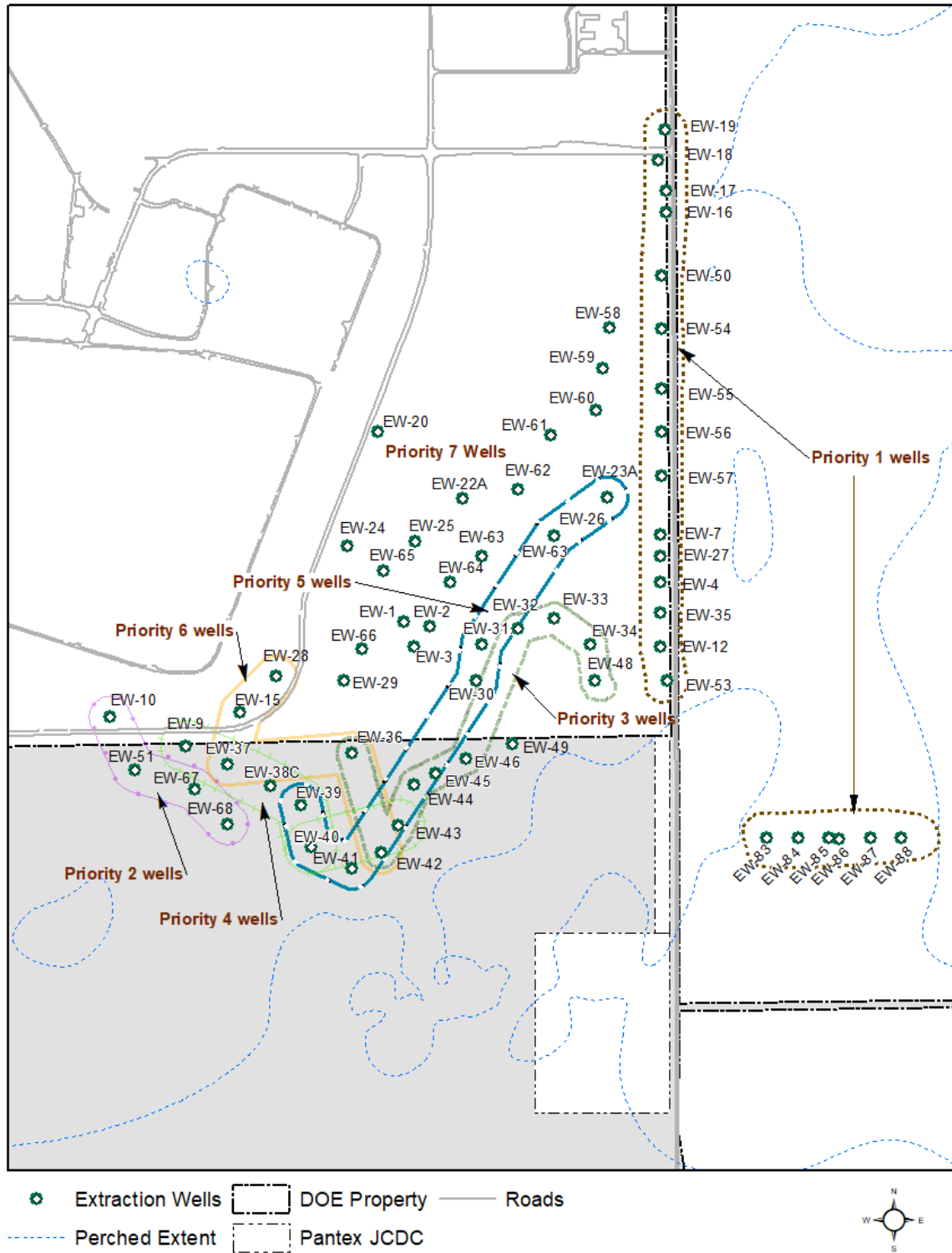


Fig. 2-9. Extraction well prioritization.

During 2022, the highest-priority wells were operated to meet extraction rates, unless issues with maintenance or low water levels occurred at the wells. Lower-priority wells were only operated to make up additional flow that was needed.

This prioritization scheme was implemented in 2009 after the system was expanded. Fig. 2-10 provides the percentage of days on which the wells were operated in the SEPTS. Priority 1 – Priority 5 wells were operated at higher frequencies with the exception of wells that had repair issues, were locked out due to repair issues with wells on the same line, or had low water levels that prevent them from operating properly. Two wells in the perchlorate plume, PTX06-EW-10 and PTX06-EW-51, were shut down while contracting for the design and installation of a perchlorate pre-treatment occurred. Those wells were turned back on in August 2022 when the perchlorate system became operational. Due to a plant electrical failure, those two wells plus several other wells in the vicinity stopped operating in December 2022. Electrical repairs were completed and the wells were back online in spring 2023.

Some of the high-priority wells are in areas that have rapidly declining water levels and/or are in low-yield portions of the formation. Those wells are operated intermittently due to pumps cycling on and off. As the system continues to remove water from the perched aquifer, this effect is becoming more prominent in wells in thin, saturated portions of the perched aquifer. In particular, many wells along the eastern fence line and to the south on TTU property are frequently cycling off due to the limited saturation in some areas.

Several wells have gone dry and have been removed from the pumping network. Priority 6 and Priority 7 extraction wells were operated as needed to ensure that wells remain operational or to make up flow.

The prioritization of the well pumping will be changed based on results of the optimization of the pump and treat system (HGL, 2021a). The realignment of prioritization will be completed in conjunction with recommendations from the FYR and this report. Prioritization will be discontinued in the future when the pump and treat system's capacity exceeds extraction rates.

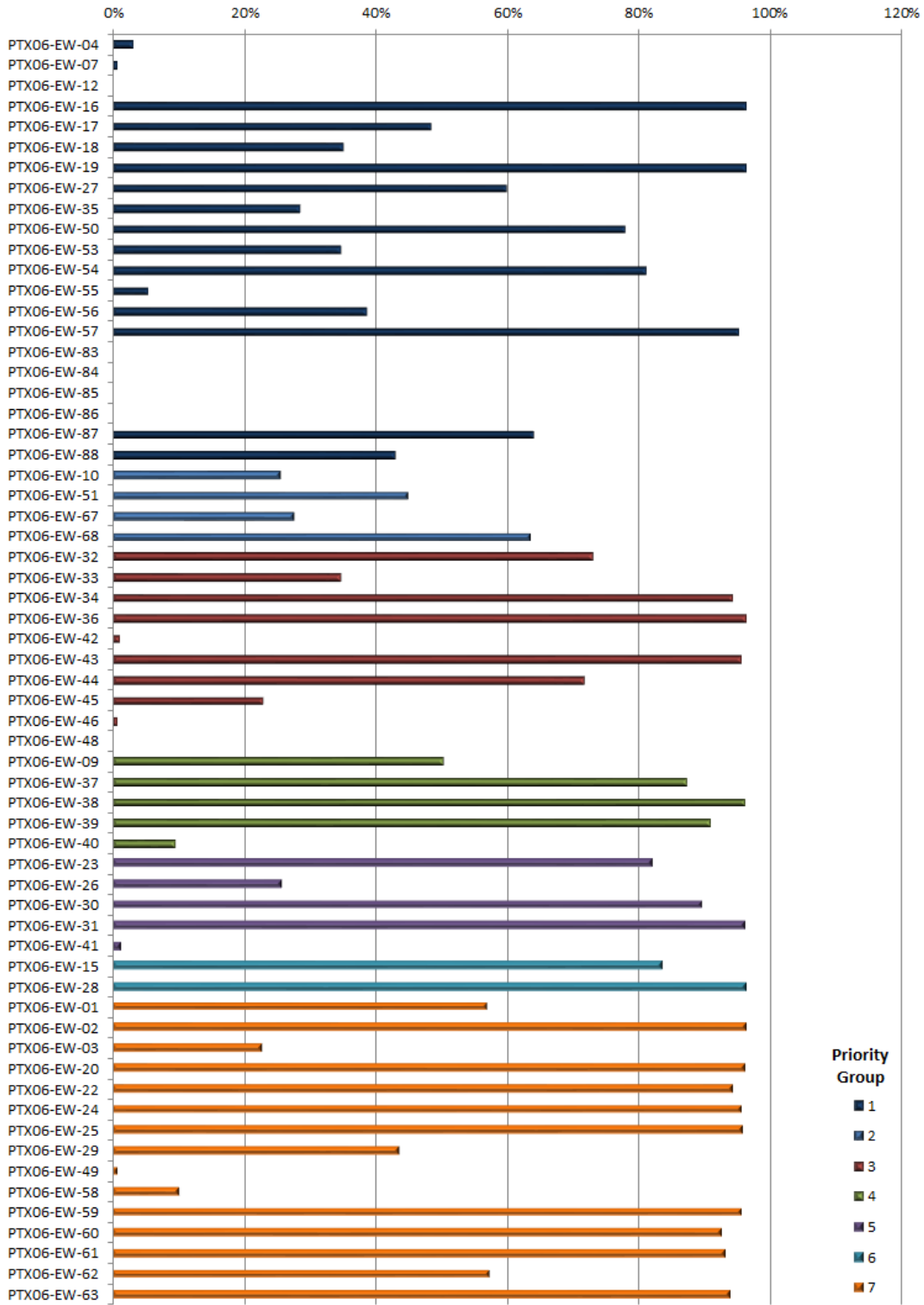


Fig. 2-10. SEPTS well operation time.

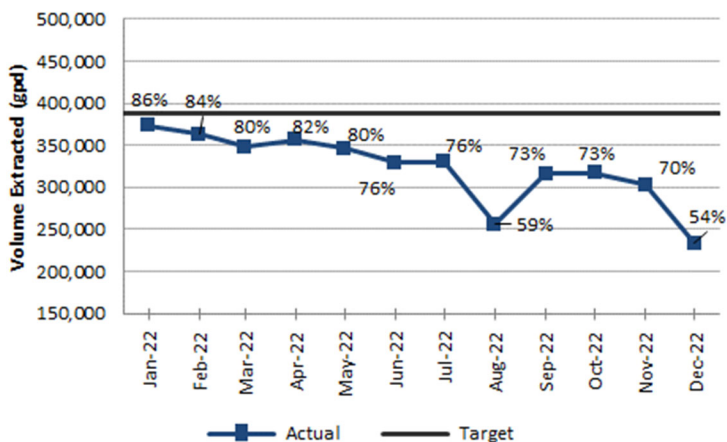


Fig. 2-11. SEPTS average GPD and % capacity.

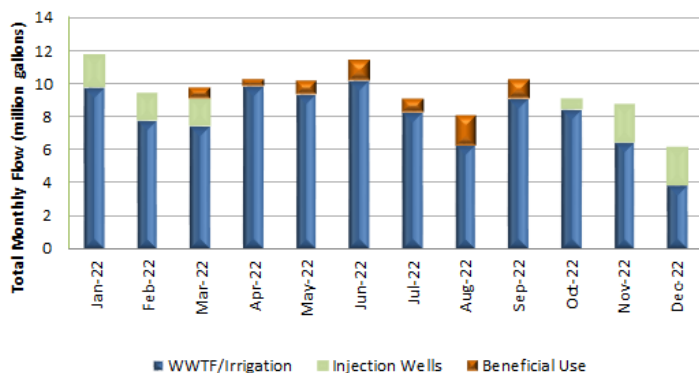


Fig. 2-12. SEPTS total flow volume and disposition of effluent.

Fig. 2-11 reflects the SEPTS's overall efficiency considering system and well operation. The figure depicts the average daily treatment rate in gpd by month, the target, and the percentage of total capacity achieved at the SEPTS. In 2022, the SEPTS treated an annual average of approximately 322,957 gpd (about 75% of design capacity), based on total possible hours of operation and total inflow from the well field. System operation time was high, but flow was impacted by well downtime and limited outlets for treated water.

The gpd is affected by system operational time, the ability to extract water from the wells, and reduced flow to the WWTF and irrigation system. As discussed above, the system was primarily affected by the loss of wells that required repair and reduced throughput to the WWTF/irrigation system. Operation was high (99%) for 2022, so reduced throughput to the WWTF/irrigations system had little effect on the overall well field operation.

The system treated approximately 117.7 Mgal of extracted water during 2022. The total volume treated by month and the final disposition of the treated water are depicted in Fig. 2-12. Approximately 6% of the treated water was injected into the perched aquifer, 9% was used beneficially for ISB injection, and the remainder was released to Playa 1 via the WWTF.

The SEPTS primarily removes RDX, hexavalent chromium, and perchlorate from the perched groundwater. The system removed approximately 45 lbs of hexavalent chromium, 27 lbs of perchlorate, 216 lbs of RDX, and 169 lbs of all other HEs during 2022. The total mass removed for hexavalent chromium, perchlorate, and HEs, by month, is depicted in Fig. 2-13, Fig. 2-14, and Fig. 2-15. The average removal rate of hexavalent chromium was 0.39 lbs/Mgal of water and the average removal rate for perchlorate was 0.77 lbs/Mgal. The average removal rate for HEs was 3.0 lbs/Mgal of water.

Hexavalent chromium mass removal is declining because concentrations in PTX06-EW-51 and nearby extraction wells continue to decline. PTX06-EW-51 was located in the heart of the hexavalent chromium plume south of Zone 12 and contributed heavily to the hexavalent chromium influent concentrations at the SEPTS. The plume has moved downgradient, and other extraction wells now capture portions of it even though concentrations are much lower at these wells. Average influent

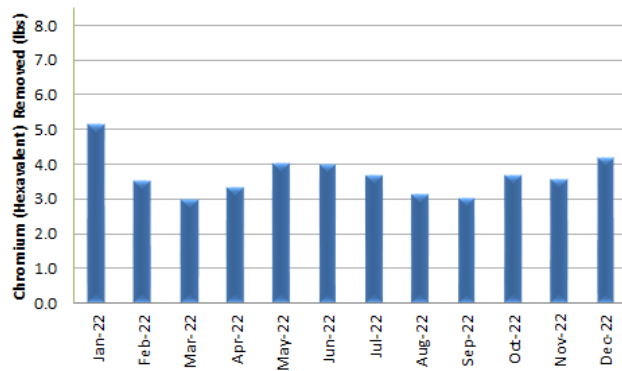


Fig. 2-13. SEPTS chromium mass removal by month.

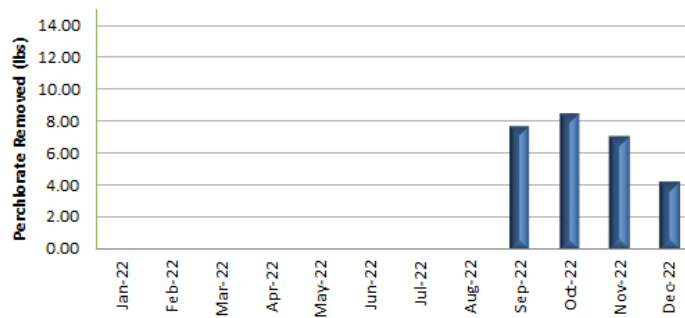


Fig. 2-14. SEPTS perchlorate mass removal by month.

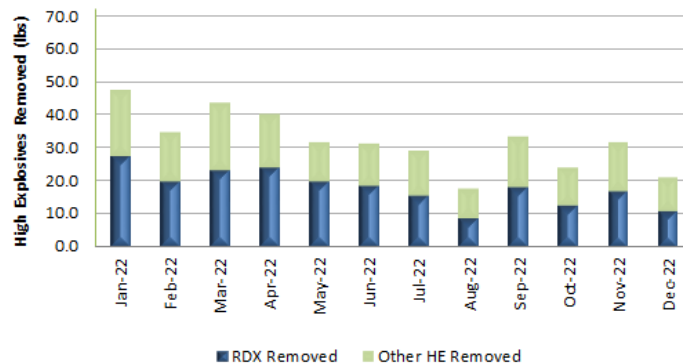


Fig. 2-15. SEPTS high explosive mass removal by month.

concentrations of hexavalent chromium were approximately 214 ug/L in 2009 and approximately 42.1 ug/L in 2022.

In accordance with the *Pantex Plant Ogallala Aquifer and Perched Groundwater Contingency Plan* (Pantex, 2019c), Pantex also evaluated eight extraction wells (PTX06-EW-9, -EW-10, EW-15, -EW-37, -EW-39 -EW-51, -EW-67, and -EW-68) for evidence of perchlorate. Due to removal of perched water, flow directions are changing along the eastern side of Zone 11; therefore, perchlorate, which is not treatable by GAC, has moved into the southwestern portion of the SEPTS's extraction well field. Perchlorate was detected in the two closest downgradient extraction wells starting in 2017, with concentrations increasing since then.

Pantex evaluated options to treat perchlorate through the SEPTS since it is expected to move through the same area as the hexavalent chromium plume. In 2021, as concentrations increased at the individual wells, wells were shut down until a perchlorate pre-treatment could be added to the system. The new perchlorate pre-treatment has been constructed and was commissioned at the end of August 2022. Wells with high perchlorate concentrations were tied into the new system and brought back online at the completion of the project. The new system was operational until a possible lightning strike caused loss of power at wells EW-9, EW-10, EW-15, and EW-51 late in the year. A work order to fix the power outage was created and wells became operational in spring 2023. Average influent concentrations of perchlorate that were treated through the perchlorate pre-treatment vessels were approximately 52.9 ug/L in 2022.

HE mass removal is affected by wells that operate in higher-concentration portions of the RDX plume. Overall, average concentrations of RDX in the SEPTS influent have declined with average concentrations about 570 ug/L in 2009, the first year of the full remedial action, to about 212 ug/L in 2022. This system has treated approximately 13,843 lbs of HEs, 1,869 lbs of hexavalent chromium, and 27 lbs of perchlorate since it started operating. Evaluation of effluent data indicates the system treated the recovered groundwater to concentrations below GWPS.

A summary of COC effluent detections at the SEPTS is included in Table 2-1, with the exception of boron, which is detected in all samples and continues to remain below the GWPS. The complete set of effluent data collected during 2022 is included in Appendix D.

Table 2-1. Summary of Effluent COC Detections at SEPTS

Sample Date	Analyte	Measured Value (ug/L)	Bkgd (ug/L)	> Bkgd?	PQL (ug/L)	> PQL?	GWPS (ug/L)	> GWPS?
1/5/2022	Hexavalent Chromium	10.3J	3.2	Y	0.2	Y	100	N
1/5/2022	Perchlorate	4.6J	0.96	Y	10	N	15	N
1/18/2022	Perchlorate	2.2J	0.96	Y	5	N	15	N
2/7/2022	Hexavalent Chromium	0.1J	3.2	N	0.02	Y	100	N
2/7/2022	Perchlorate	1.4J	0.96	Y	2	N	15	N
2/14/2022	Perchlorate	1.6J	0.96	Y	2	N	15	N
3/1/2022	Hexavalent Chromium	1.2	3.2	N	0.02	N	100	N
3/1/2022	Perchlorate	2.6J	0.96	Y	5	N	15	N
3/16/2022	Perchlorate	4.4J	0.96	Y	5	N	15	N
4/4/2022	Hexavalent Chromium	2.5	3.2	N	0.02	Y	100	N
4/4/2022	Perchlorate	5.5J	0.96	Y	10	N	15	N
4/11/2022	Perchlorate	6.1J	0.96	Y	10	N	15	N
4/18/2022	Perchlorate	4.8	0.96	Y	10	N	15	N
4/18/2022	Perchlorate	4.6J	0.96	Y	10	N	15	N
4/25/2022	Perchlorate	4.2J	0.96	Y	10	Y	15	N
5/2/2022	Hexavalent Chromium	2.4J	3.2	N	0.02	Y	100	N
5/2/2022	Perchlorate	3.9J	0.96	Y	10	N	15	N
5/16/2022	Perchlorate	5.0J	0.96	Y	10	N	15	N
6/8/2022	Hexavalent Chromium	2.2	3.2	N	0.02	Y	100	N
6/8/2022	Perchlorate	2.3J	0.96	Y	5	N	15	N
6/23/2022	Perchlorate	2.7J	0.96	Y	5	N	15	N
7/5/2022	Perchlorate	3.1J	0.96	Y	5	N	15	N
7/18/2022	Perchlorate	3.2J	0.96	Y	10	N	15	N
8/3/2022	Perchlorate	4.0J	0.96	Y	1	Y	15	N
8/15/2022	Perchlorate	4.6J	0.96	Y	1	Y	15	N
9/6/2022	Perchlorate	5.0J+	0.96	Y	1	Y	15	N
9/13/2022	Perchlorate	5.5	0.96	Y	1	Y	15	N
10/3/2022	Perchlorate	2.3J	0.96	Y	1	Y	15	N
10/17/2022	Perchlorate	1.6J	0.96	Y	1	Y	15	N
11/1/2022	Perchlorate	1.9J	0.96	Y	2	N	15	N
11/14/2022	Perchlorate	2.6	0.96	Y	1	Y	15	N
12/5/2022	Perchlorate	3.4	0.96	Y	1	Y	15	N

Sample Date	Analyte	Measured Value (ug/L)	Bkgd (ug/L)	> Bkgd?	PQL (ug/L)	> PQL?	GWPS (ug/L)	> GWPS?
12/19/2022	Perchlorate	3.6	0.96	Y	1	Y	15	N

PQL – Practical quantitation limit

Bkgd - background

J = Estimated value representing a concentration detected less than the practical quantitation limit and equal to or greater than the method detection limit (MDL).

J+ = The associated numerical value is an estimated quantity with a suspected positive bias.

Overall, the SEPTS continues to remove and treat water from the well field. The system was primarily affected by power outages, paging issues, and carbon/resin change-out. P1PTS was shut down during the majority of 2022 due to construction activities allowing SEPTS to fully operate when the system was down. When P1PTS was operating, flow was reduced at both systems due to permit flow restrictions to Playa 1. Pantex has evaluated options to better manage the treated water. As proposed in the *Remedial Action Progress Report 2nd Quarter 2018* (Pantex, 2018), Pantex completed construction of a line that extends from the current Zone 11 ISB system to an area east of Playa 2 for the injection of the treated water when the ISB system is not using it for injection. The system was tested and became available for use by March 2022. However, the system was not operated through most of 2022 while preparation for radio repairs were completed. The system began operating in April 2023.

Since the Playa 2 injection line will only allow 150 to 180 gpm, Pantex has planned to design and construct five small center-pivot irrigation systems in fields east of FM 2373. This project is currently planned to receive treated water from the pump and treat systems and the WWTF, as needed, and will provide a consistent, long-term, high-volume option to manage treated water. The design of the system is complete and construction began in November 2021. The system is scheduled to be constructed and commissioned for use in the summer of 2023.

Pantex also completed repairs to the break at the older subsurface irrigation system. The subsurface irrigation system became operational in March 2022 but failed in April 2022 due to a communication interface issue. System repairs were completed and the system became operationally available in late September 2022 but failed again due to an electrical failure at the system caused by a bird in early December 2022. The system is currently under repair. Additionally, Pantex began replacing the lagoons at the WWTF in early 2022, so storage capacity was limited during that time; however, the lagoons are expected to be

operational by the end of summer 2023. Pantex will continue to manage SEPTS in 2023 to meet the realigned operational goals, agreed upon by the regulators and Pantex and discussed in Section 5 of this report, using a combination of release to the WWTF, injection, and reduction of flow or ceasing operation of P1PTS, as needed. Operations will continue to prioritize capture of RDX, perchlorate, and hexavalent chromium plumes.

2.1.2 ISB SYSTEMS

Pantex has installed and operates four ISB systems as part of the final Remedial Action for groundwater. One system is southeast of the plant on TTU property, one is south of Zone 11, one is southeast of the main plant (i.e., east of FM 2373) at the extreme southeast boundary of USDOE/NNSA-owned property, and the fourth is located offsite to the southeast of Pantex property, south of Highway 60. System information and maps are provided in Section 1.4.2. In 2022, the ISB systems consisted of 194 treatment zone injection wells, 30 ISB extraction wells, 12 TZM wells, and 19 ISPM wells. Some wells were just installed in 2022 and were not yet actively used. Some of the wells are now dry or inactive due to changing conditions at the ISBs.

In the past, the systems were injected with Newman Zone[®], an emulsified soybean oil (EVO or emulsified vegetable oil). Based on indications that the amendment was not distributing well, Pantex conducted studies at the Zone 11 ISB to determine an approach that could impact monitoring wells located between the injection points. Based on the study, Pantex has moved to the use of a more soluble carbon source, such as molasses, in the systems. This change has also required more frequent injection of amendment to ensure continued treatment of COCs. With the exception of the Offsite ISB, each system's frequency of injection is determined by the amount of saturated thickness and water movement through the system.

Injection volumes and amendment concentrations are planned based on the Zone 11 ISB study, which indicated that a higher volume of amended water was needed to affect areas between the wells. A dose response study was conducted early in the 2018 injection event to determine if a solution of molasses mixed with EVO would reach the areas between the wells at an appreciable concentration. Pantex also studied three TZM wells between the injected wells, allowing for a robust study on the effectiveness of injection.

For the study, fluorescein dye was injected into five injection wells (PTX06-ISB091, PTX06-ISB092, PTX06-ISB096, PTX06-ISB103, and PTX06-ISB104), and three monitoring wells (PTX06-1164, PTX06-1176, and PTX06-1177) were monitored to evaluate the

distribution of the injection solution. Samples were collected for visual comparison to a pre-mixed fluorescein standard and for laboratory analysis for total organic carbon (TOC). Because TOC data analysis and reporting would be delayed, the fluorescein dye was used as a tracer to determine when injection should be discontinued. Dye arrival was not observed at the monitoring locations when the target volume was reached; therefore, injections were continued until dye arrival was confirmed or a volume equivalent to 20% mobile porosity was reached.

The study indicated that only the more soluble carbon (i.e., molasses) reached the monitoring points between the injection wells. Calculations using dye and TOC concentration results indicate that injection volumes must be increased. Information from this study is now used at all ISBs to determine injection volumes.

Based on the dose response study, future operation of the ISBs will focus on the use of a more soluble carbon (e.g., molasses) to achieve the distribution needed at the ISB systems when wells are widely spaced. Pantex has been in-filling wells and installing some areas of the system with wells approximately 50 ft apart so that the soybean amendment could be used at those locations with less frequent injection. Most of the Zone 11 ISB and all of the Southeast ISB systems are configured with 100-ft spacing between injection wells. The Southeast ISB Extension was configured with 75-ft spacing to overcome known problems with distribution. This approach will be evaluated through continued monitoring, and results and recommendations will be provided in future reporting.

The Offsite ISB was designed using an updated perched groundwater fate and transport model and wells were located optimally to achieve cleanup within 25 years. The system was planned for injection with molasses twice annually at locations the modeling indicated would require injection. Monitoring will be used to evaluate against modeled data to determine the effectiveness of the treatment and whether adjustments in injection or additional wells may be needed to achieve cleanup goals.

2.1.2.1 Zone 11 ISB

2.1.2.1.1 History of Zone 11 ISB

The Zone 11 ISB system is on Pantex property, south of Zone 11. The system, as operated in 2022, consists of 89 active and inactive injection wells, 7 TZM wells, and 9 downgradient ISPM wells installed in a zone of a saturated thickness of approximately 15 to 20 ft. The system is detailed in Section 1.4.2.

Based on recommendations made in the *2016 Annual Progress Report* (Pantex, 2017a), injections have been lengthened to approximately two years in the original portion of the ISB where reducing conditions are established. This is based on evaluation of three factors: PTX06-ISB082, use of EVO, and pilot study data.

In the past, Pantex had ceased injection at a second row well, PTX06-ISB082, to determine if pausing injection would be effective in reducing biomass and provide more effective sampling. This well had a viscous white mass in the well when injection was discontinued, and rehabilitation was performed at the well for two years following the last injection to remove this mass. Within two years the well had improved.

Data at the monitoring wells installed for the pilot study indicated that complete treatment of HEs and hexavalent chromium occurred in less than two years at most downgradient wells. Where monitoring was continued at the downgradient wells, results indicated that the ISB continued to treat RDX and hexavalent chromium into 2022 at all but one well, with no further injections in the pilot study wells, even though the system was only injected in 2005 and 2006. These results indicate that treatment has continued for more than 10 years after the final injection. While conditions at the pilot study differ from those of the Zone 11 ISB, pilot study data indicate that longer wait times for injection are appropriate when EVO, such as Newman Zone[®], is used.

Pantex has moved to the use of a more soluble carbon source throughout the Zone 11 ISB and modified injection frequencies to nine to twelve months in portions of the system where EVO has not been used.

Based on a previous recommendation in the *Remedial Action Progress Report 4th Quarter 2015* (Pantex, 2016), Pantex discontinued injection into the second row of wells on the perchlorate side in 2016. This decision was based on information collected at PTX06-ISB082 and PTX06-1156.

To evaluate the need for continued injection into the second-row wells, Pantex discontinued injection into PTX06-ISB082 after the fifth injection event in 2013. Data collected since 2014 indicate that PTX06-ISB082 maintains deep reducing conditions and has ample food source for the continued degradation of perchlorate. PTX06-ISB079 has also been monitored since all treatment was discontinued in the second row of wells on the ISB's eastern side, and data through 2022 indicate that treatment is continuing and that ample food source remains to continue treatment. The current downgradient ISPM

well, PTX06-1156, continues to indicate that perchlorate is treated, even though it is downgradient of a single row of injection wells. Pantex has continued to monitor these wells through 2022 but may begin using them in 2023 to continue injections for treating the plume of TCE that has moved into the eastern side of the ISB.

2.1.2.1.2 Operation of Zone 11 ISB

During 2022, injection occurred across the Zone 11 ISB, with 57 wells rehabilitated and 69 being injected. Nine of the wells installed in 2021 were injected for the first time in 2022 and as such, no rehabilitation was required for those wells. The rehabilitation and post-injection reports are included in Appendix H.

Previously injected wells were first maintained to improve injection performance and mitigate the effects of biofouling so that the wells were suitable for amendment injection. Maintenance consisted of mechanical and chemical rehabilitation and was performed from March through May 2022. Maintenance was performed in the following steps:

1. An initial round of mechanical rehabilitation was conducted to remove gross deposits from the well and enhance the effectiveness of subsequent chemical rehabilitation. Mechanical rehabilitation consisted of an initial evaluation of the well followed by brushing, surging, and bailing to loosen and remove deposits from the well screen and filter pack.
2. Chemical rehabilitation involved the application of Cotey Chemical Corporation's Welgicide Cleaner (Welgicide). The purpose of chemical rehabilitation was to dissolve and remove mineral scale and/or biomass on the well screen and in the filter pack.
3. A second round of mechanical rehabilitation was conducted using brushing, surging, and bailing. Development was considered complete when extracted water color improved and pH was below 9.

After well maintenance, constant-rate injection tests were performed to calculate transmissivity and specific capacity values for each well. The objective of hydraulic testing was to evaluate present well performance compared to what is documented in historical testing results. Well maintenance effectively increased performance in 42% of the wells that were maintained; however, based on results of injection testing and actual injection rates achieved, overall transmissivity has decreased across the well field, with the greatest decreases occurring in older wells.

Injection occurred from May through September 2022. For injection, Pantex used 80% strength molasses to enhance the distribution of amendment across the treatment zone. The injected solution was approximately 2.7% pure molasses by volume.

Injection activities consisted of injecting makeup water mixed with amendment followed by a clean water flush of 5% of the injected volume. Approximately 4,799,000 gallons of solution were injected into 69 injection wells during the 2022 injection event. Target volumes were amended at 22 wells due to decreased injection performance. The typical average flow rate at locations where the target volumes were amended was 3.6 gpm or lower, with those locations occurring in the oldest part of the system. New wells were able to achieve average flow rates of 5.0 to 15.2 gpm.

Target dosing of 2% pure molasses was achieved in 93% of the wells. The lowest target dose achieved was 1.8%.

2.1.2.2 Southeast ISB

2.1.2.2.1 History of Southeast ISB

The Southeast ISB system is on TTU property, southeast of the main plant. The system consists of 42 injection wells and 5 downgradient ISPM wells installed in a zone of saturated thickness of less than 4 ft throughout most of the system. The system is detailed in Section 1.4.2.

Due to upgradient pump and treat operations, areas within and surrounding the Southeast ISB continue to demonstrate declining water conditions. An upgradient monitoring well, PTX06-1118, has not been sampled since 2010 when it went dry. Three of the five downgradient ISPM wells south of the system went dry in 2009, 2015, and 2018, although water came back into PTX06-1045 in 2018 because of water retention ponds installed at the administrative complex. PTX06-1167, which was installed to the north of the system in July 2013 to evaluate the water and COCs entering the western side of the system, remains dry. Several areas inside the treatment zone are dry, and injection does not typically occur in those wells.

Across all data, water-level trends indicate that water is declining in all but six wells. While recent trends indicate increasing water likely due to reduced treatment flow at the SEPTS, water-level trends are expected to reverse as the irrigation systems and the Playa 2 injection wells become available. The system continues to have very little saturated thickness (i.e., <10 ft of water), as shown in Fig. 2-16. About 31% of wells inside the

treatment zone demonstrate greater than 5 ft of water, with all downgradient wells having less than 5 ft of water.

Evaluation of water-level trends indicates that water levels have decreased since the start of remedial action, with some wells now dry. The 2022 water-level mapping indicates that a small portion of upgradient perched water has reconnected to the central portion of the ISB. Where disconnected from the upgradient perched water source, any water remaining will continue to move through the system and be treated. With the focus on operating SEPTS at or near operational goals at all time, this trend is expected to reverse, and the ISB is expected to dry up over time and no longer require injections.

Note that downgradient well PTX06-1045, which was previously dry, demonstrated some recovery in water levels beginning in 2018. This is believed to be related to the construction of the Administrative Site Complex (ASC), south of the main Pantex property. Management of drainage required the installation of retention ponds at the northwest and southwest corners of the property. The northwest retention pond is near PTX06-1045 and believed to be a contributor to the increased water levels in that well, which has been sampled since 2019.

Pantex recommended in the *2016 Annual Progress Report* that injection at the Southeast ISB be repeated in 2019 (i.e., three years after the last injection event) and be re-evaluated thereafter. Pantex has planned for injections every two years at this system, based on the change to molasses. Another injection event started in late 2021, finishing in early 2022. Due to declines in water levels, it is possible that much of this system will no longer require injection after the last injection event in 2022. However, monitoring data will be used to inform the timing and need for injection.

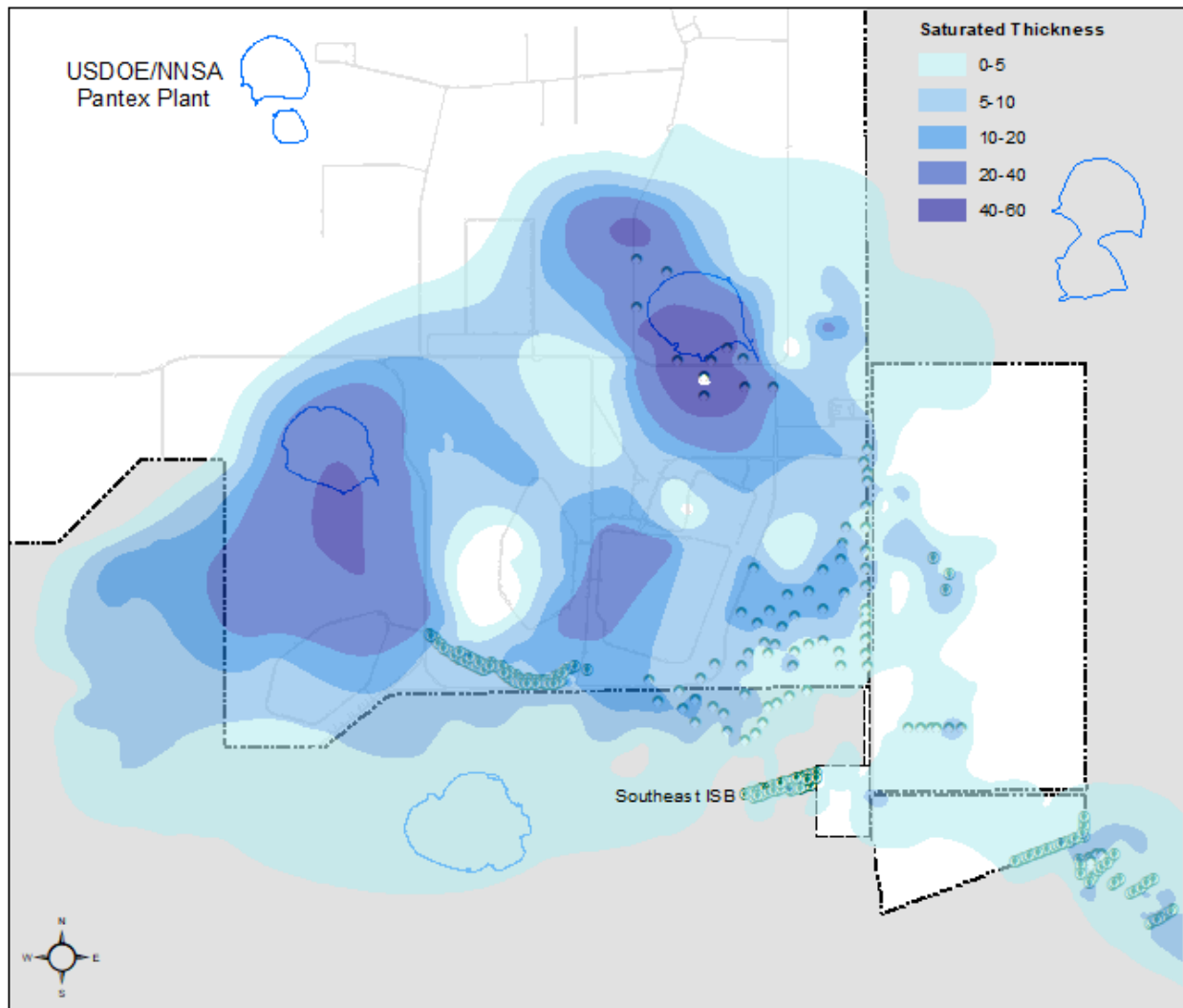


Fig. 2-16. Perched aquifer saturated thickness, 2022.

2.1.2.2.2 Operation of the Southeast ISB

Rehabilitation occurred at the Southeast ISB from October to December 2021, with injection occurring from March through May 2022. Only 28 of 42 wells were maintained and only 25 were injected during this injection event. Wells were first maintained to improve injection well performance and mitigate the effects of biofouling so that the wells were suitable for amendment injection. Maintenance consisted of mechanical and chemical rehabilitation and was performed from October to December 2021. At the Southeast ISB, 7 of 25 wells planned for maintenance were dry or nearly dry, requiring water to be added for the mechanical rehabilitation and the second step, chemical rehabilitation.

Maintenance was performed in three steps:

1. An initial round of mechanical rehabilitation was conducted to remove gross deposits from the well and enhance the effectiveness of subsequent chemical rehabilitation. Water was added to the wells to the top of screen so that surging would impact all of the screened area. Mechanical rehabilitation consisted of an initial evaluation of the well followed by brushing, surging, and bailing of the well to loosen and remove deposits from the well screen and filter pack.
2. Chemical rehabilitation involved the application of Cotey Chemical Corporation's Welgicide Cleaner® (Welgicide), which consists primarily of sodium hydroxide (a strong base). The purpose of chemical rehabilitation was to dissolve and remove mineral scale and/or biomass on the well screen and in the filter pack. After the Welgicide solution was allowed to react in the well for 24 hours, the solution was purged from the well.
3. A second round of mechanical rehabilitation was conducted using a combination of brushing, surging, and bailing. Development was considered complete when extracted water was clear and free of suspended solids and pH was below 9 standard unit (SU) or the well was bailed dry.

Seven wells that were gauged as dry before maintenance had recovery of water in the wells, with the exception of one well. After well maintenance, constant-rate injection tests were performed to calculate transmissivity and specific capacity values for each well. The objective of hydraulic testing was to evaluate well performance compared to historical testing results. Well maintenance effectively increased well performance at 10 of the wells prior to implementation of injection operations; however, overall transmissivity has decreased across the well field based on results of injection testing and actual injection rates achieved.

Injection occurred from March through May 2022, with a total of 25 wells injected. For injection, Pantex used molasses (80% strength i.e. 0.8 lbs molasses/0.2 lbs water) to increase distribution of amendment across the treatment zone. Injection activities consisted of the injection of makeup water mixed with amendment followed by a clean water flush. A total of about 1,137,000 gallons was injected into 25 injection wells, which included water mixed with amendment and clean flush water.

The average flow rate was 5.7 gpm, which is consistent with or exceeded the 2020 injection event. Target dosing ranged from 1.5 to 2.2%, with an average dosing of 1.8% of pure molasses.

2.1.2.3 Southeast ISB Extension

2.1.2.3.1 History of the Southeast ISB Extension

The Southeast ISB Extension system is on USDOE/NNSA property, southeast of the main plant, along the southeast fence line east of FM 2373. The system consists of 31 injection wells, 2 TZM wells, and 3 downgradient ISPM wells installed in a zone of saturated thickness of less than 12 ft throughout the system. The system is detailed in Section 1.4.2.

Similar to the Southeast ISB, this ISB extension will also be affected by the upgradient removal of water from the SEPTS. Water levels are anticipated to decline in this system over time, and future injections will be unnecessary. Currently, injections are budgeted every nine to twelve months since this system has only been injected with a more soluble carbon source (i.e., molasses).

2.1.2.3.2 Operation of the Southeast ISB Extension

Injection and rehabilitation occurred at the Southeast ISB Extension in 2022. Thirty wells were maintained during May to June. PTX06-ISB331 was the one well that was not maintained as it had not been previously injected and did not yet require maintenance. Maintenance was performed in three steps:

1. An initial round of mechanical rehabilitation was conducted to remove gross deposits from the well and enhance the effectiveness of subsequent chemical rehabilitation. Mechanical rehabilitation consisted of an initial evaluation of the well followed by brushing, surging, and bailing of the well to loosen and remove deposits from the well screen and filter pack. Bailing occurred until improvements were observed in solids content and clarity of the evacuated fluids, or the well was bailed dry.
2. Chemical rehabilitation involved the application of Cotey Chemical Corporation's Welgicide Cleaner (Welgicide), which consists primarily of sodium hydroxide (a strong base), with the well surged following application of the Welgicide. The purpose of chemical rehabilitation was to dissolve and remove mineral scale and/or biomass on the well screen and in the filter pack. After the Welgicide solution was allowed to react in the well for at least 24 hours, the solution was purged from the well.
3. A second round of mechanical rehabilitation was conducted using a combination of surging, brushing, and bailing. Development was considered complete when extracted water color improved and free of suspended solids, pH was below 9 SU.

After well maintenance, constant-rate injection tests were performed to calculate transmissivity and specific capacity values for each well. The objective of hydraulic testing was to evaluate well performance compared to historical testing results. Well maintenance effectively increased well performance at 22 of the wells prior to implementation of injection operations. Overall transmissivity is good across the well field, indicating that system injection will continue to be effective.

The 2022 injection occurred from August to September 2022, with 31 wells injected. Injection activities consisted of the injection of makeup water mixed with amendment, followed by a clean water flush. The amendment injection consisted of 2.0% pure molasses by volume and a total of about 947,560 gallons of amendment solution. The wells were then flushed with clean water with about 5% of the total volume injected into each well.

Target injection volumes and dosing were exceeded at all wells during the second injection event. Approximately 106% of planned injection volume and 2.1% pure molasses was achieved during this event.

2.1.2.4 Offsite ISB Extension

2.1.2.4.1 History of the Offsite ISB

The Offsite ISB is located to the southeast of Pantex property, south of Highway 60. This system currently consists of 19 active ISB injection wells and 11 extraction wells. The Offsite ISB injection consists of two injection areas: North and South. The system is detailed in Section 1.4.2.

The system operation was determined using fate and transport modeling with an optimization approach to minimize the amount of infrastructure and injections needed to complete cleanup within a 25-year timeframe. System wells will be injected as needed, with injections occurring twice each year for 15 years and monitoring of the system performance for the remaining 10 years. Molasses is planned for injections at this system.

2.1.2.4.2 Operation of the Offsite ISB

Injection occurred at this system for the first time in 2021, with only the wells at the leading edge of the plume being injected. In 2022, two injection events occurred across the system. The injection occurred at the wells at the leading edge of the plume in the south and in the heart of the plume located to the north. Wells installed in 2022 were not injected during either injection event. Because this system must derive all water from the site, ISB extraction wells were used to withdraw water and use for injection. However, due

to limited saturated thickness, withdrawal of water is slow. Additionally, challenges associated with new infrastructure required a conservative approach to ensure that spills would be avoided.

Injection and rehabilitation occurred at the Offsite ISB twice during 2022. During the spring event, 10 ISB wells (PTX06-ISB401 – PTX06-ISB410) in the southern region of the ISB underwent maintenance from February through March. Maintenance of six ISB wells (PTX06-ISB411 - PTX06-ISB416) in the northern area of the ISB was not performed before injection during the spring, because no injection had previously occurred at these wells. During the fall event, PTX06-ISB401 through PTX06-ISB410 underwent additional maintenance. Wells were first maintained to improve injection well performance and mitigate the effects of biofouling so that the wells were suitable for amendment injection. Maintenance was performed in three steps:

1. An initial round of mechanical rehabilitation was conducted to remove gross deposits from the well and enhance the effectiveness of subsequent chemical rehabilitation. Mechanical rehabilitation consisted of an initial evaluation of the well followed by brushing, surging, and bailing of the well to loosen and remove deposits from the well screen and filter pack. Bailing occurred until improvements were observed in solids content and clarity of the evacuated fluids, 30 gallons (approximately three well casings) was removed, or the well was bailed dry.
2. Chemical rehabilitation involved the application of Cotey Chemical Corporation's Welgicide Cleaner (Welgicide), which consists primarily of sodium hydroxide (a strong base). The purpose of chemical rehabilitation was to dissolve and remove mineral scale and/or biomass on the well screen and in the filter pack. After the Welgicide solution was allowed to react in the well for at least 24 hours, the solution was purged from the well.
3. A second round of mechanical rehabilitation was conducted using a combination of surging, brushing, and bailing. Development was considered complete when extracted water color improved and free of suspended solids, and pH was below 9 SU.

After well maintenance, constant-rate injection tests were performed to calculate transmissivity and specific capacity values for each well. The objective of hydraulic testing was to evaluate well performance compared to historical testing results. Well maintenance

declined after each injection event, but the overall transmissivity is good across the well field, indicating that system injection will continue to be effective.

Injection occurred twice during 2022, from March to August and September into November. During the first injection, operations only occurred during the workday, so injections took longer than anticipated. During the fall injection event, if water in the frac tanks was maintained at a high enough level, water was injected overnight, but due to slow extraction rates, it was not possible to run overnight continually. Additionally during the fall injection event, rates for extraction wells PTX06-REC401A through PTX06-REC404 slowed due to fouling issues. The four extraction wells underwent the well maintenance process and flow rates were restored, but extraction rates began to decline toward the end of the injection event. Pantex is working toward operating the system in 2023 so that operations can occur 24 hours per day, which will significantly increase injection capability at the system.

For the first injection, ten southern wells (PTX06-ISB401 – PTX06- ISB416) and six north ISB (PTX06-ISB411 -PTX06-ISB416) were injected. Injection activities consisted of the injection of makeup water mixed with amendment followed by a clean water flush. A total of 986,061 gallons of amendment solution was injected during the first injection event. About 3,253 gallons of flush water was then injected into each well. Target dosing was 2.1% molasses by volume.

During the second injection event, a total of about 1,492,318 gallons of amendment solution was injected into 20 injection wells, including the converted ISPM well PTX06-1191 (renamed PTX06-ISB462). About 3,700 gallons of flush water was then injected into each well. Target dosing was 2% molasses by volume. Target injection volumes and dosing was met or exceeded at all wells for both events, with the exception of two wells during the second event due to issues with flowmeters.

2.2 SOIL REMEDIAL ACTIONS

Soil remedial actions at Pantex include the Burning Ground SVE system, landfill covers, ditch liners, and institutional controls (see Section 1.3). The O&M of the soil remedies is discussed in these sections.

2.2.1 BURNING GROUND SVE

A description of the Burning Ground SVE is included in Section 1.3.1.

Fig. 2-17 depicts the SVE system's operation for 2022. The system was restarted in January, as part of the pulsing plan, but was shut down at the end of January due to freezing conditions. The system was restarted in early February and ran until March, when a failure at the catalytic oxidizer occurred. The system was repaired in August and operated through October, when another catalytic oxidizer failure occurred. The system remained down for the remainder of 2022. Overall, the system operated approximately 32% of the year. Fig. 2-17 depicts the system operation for 2022.

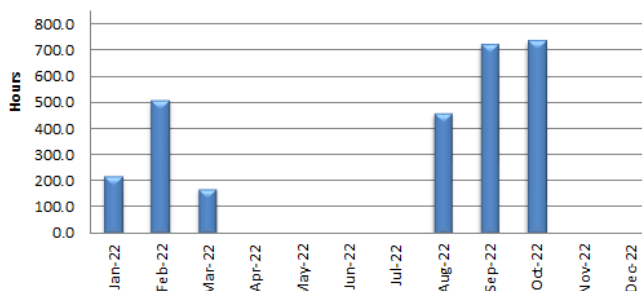


Fig. 2-17. SVE System operation.

Calculated mass removal for 2022 is presented in Fig. 2-18. Mass removal was estimated based on concentrations reported from analytical sampling, system operation time, and system flow rates. VOC constituents contributing to the majority of the total VOC concentration were included in the calculation. The system removed approximately 58 lbs of VOCs during 2022, and since its inception the SVE system has removed about 21,331 lbs of VOCs. Trends of removal rates, concentrations, and general effectiveness of the SVE are provided in Section 4.

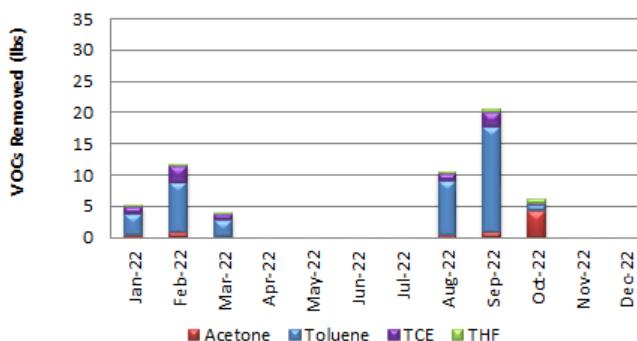


Fig. 2-18. Burning Ground SVE mass removal.

Since system modifications were completed in May 2017, the influent flow rate was increased from 32 scfm to approximately 44 scfm before the end of 2017. The 44-scfm flow rate has been generally maintained since late 2017. Flow rates increased from 13% to 24% from 2017's first quarter baseline, causing a rise in mass removal as well. However, data collected from 2018 to 2022 indicate that, although flow rate remained steady, mass removal rates declined due to lower influent concentrations.

As documented in the monthly air quality monitoring reports to the regional TCEQ office, all 2022 effluent photoionization detector (PID) readings for the system indicate that destruction efficiency was greater than 95%.

2.2.2 ENGINEERED AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS

The soil remedial actions at Pantex are discussed in Section 1. The SVE system and containment of landfills and ditch soils are the only active soil remedies at this time; however, other soil remedies require long-term stewardship to maintain controls. Pantex drafted all deed restrictions required as an institutional control and as part of the final remedy during 2009 and submitted them to TCEQ and EPA as part of the draft final IRAR. Those deed restrictions were filed in 2010 in conjunction with the approval of the final IRAR (Pantex, 2010a). All remedial action units at Pantex are restricted to industrial use and groundwater deed restrictions are required in affected areas of perched groundwater. To support the deed restrictions, Pantex maintains long-term control of any type of soil disturbance in the SWMUs to protect human health and prevent spread of contaminated soils.

Pantex also regularly inspects and maintains soil covers on landfills to prevent infiltration of water into the landfills' contents and the migration of impacted water to groundwater. In 2022, Pantex conducted landfill inspections in accordance with the updated *Maintenance Plan for Landfill Covers* (Pantex, 2017b). Pantex installed, inspects, and maintains a fence around FS-5 to control access and use of an area that is impacted by depleted uranium.

Additionally, Pantex installed a synthetic liner along a ditch system in Zone 12 where investigations indicate that the ditches continue to act as a source to perched groundwater. Installation of the ditch liner minimizes migration of contaminants because it prevents rainwater from infiltrating into soils. Inspections for the ditch liners were conducted in accordance with the recently updated *Maintenance Plan for SWMUs 2 and 5-05 Ditch Liner* (Pantex, 2017c). Inspections were also conducted for SWMU signs and postings at various times during 2022.

Maintenance is either contracted, as necessary, or work orders are placed with the onsite maintenance department. Findings from the inspections of landfills and ditch liners and maintenance actions are provided below.

2.2.2.1 Landfill Inspection and Maintenance

Many of the findings at the landfills are related to wildlife activities that disturb soils in the landfill covers. It is expected that Pantex will have ongoing activities at many of the landfills due to holes/voids from wildlife. Additionally, the landfills can be affected by heavy rainfall and drought conditions that frequently occur in the Texas Panhandle. Areas that become eroded from heavy rainfall can be impacted by loss of vegetation that can be worsened by drought conditions.

In the past, these smaller issues were addressed using Pantex maintenance personnel and equipment. However, to ensure consistent comprehensive support with the landfill covers, Pantex has contracted for long-term maintenance of the landfills. The landfills will be inspected each year and then maintenance will be contracted or assigned to onsite maintenance based on the evaluation. Larger issues are planned, budgeted, and contracted separately for design and construction. Each contracting effort is followed up with inspections to evaluate the effectiveness of the actions. Pantex continues to use onsite personnel for maintenance, as needed.

Key findings and maintenance actions completed from past soil inspections, including those completed in 2022, are included in Table 2-2. The results of the landfills' site inspection from the *Second Five-Year Review* (HGL and Pantex, 2018) are also included if a corrective action was not completed at the landfill.

Table 2-2. Key Findings and Corrective Actions for Landfill SWMUs

Findings	Corrective Actions
<i>Previous Findings</i>	
Supplemental Verification Site (SVS) 8, Zone 10 Abandoned Landfill has minor holes and depressions, as identified in the second five-year report (FYR).	Pantex inspected the landfill in late 2022 and no issues were identified. Onsite landfill manager addressed issues found previously.
SWMU 63, Landfill 12, small depressions, and animal burrowing holes observed. Erosion was noted on the south end of the landfill.	Prairie dog control occurred at this landfill and nearby SVS 7a and 7b landfills. The latest inspections note that the south end of the landfill has been revegetated from the last seeding efforts. Contracting will be requested to complete filling of depressions and holes.

Findings	Corrective Actions
SWMU 68d settling and small holes, as identified in the second FYR	Pantex inspected the landfill in late 2022 and no issues were identified. Onsite landfill manager addressed issues found previously.
SWMU 66, Landfill 15 large holes	This landfill received some fill during 2021. However, due to the large holes present on the western side, further work is planned to finish filling all holes and reseed the area. Work has been started and was completed in 2023.
SWMU 64, Landfill 13 debris visible	Current inspection noted debris on top of old building foundation; no issues were found at the landfill.
SVS 6, holes and subsidence and reseeding required	This is a low-priority landfill that will be filled by on-site maintenance group as time and resources allow.
<i>New 2022 Findings</i>	
Burning Ground Former Ash Disposal Trench liner is exposed	This is a high priority landfill, with completion occurring in FY 2023 or 2024.
Landfill 1 (SWMU 68b) sand missing from portions of the Closure Turf cover	Sand covering on Closure Turf liner is heavily eroded and requires replacement to avoid UV damage to the liner. This landfill will be prioritized for sand replacement under FY 2023 budget.
Landfill 2 (SWMU 38) sand missing from portions of the Closure Turf cover	Sand covering on Closure Turf liner is eroded and requires replacement to avoid UV damage to the liner. This landfill will be prioritized for sand replacement under FY 2023 budget.
Landfill 3 (SWMU 54) geocell is exposed along edges of the landfill	Will request onsite maintenance group to add soil to exposed geocell and add seed. This will be prioritized for FY 2023 or FY 2024.
SVS 7a prairie dog control, holes in four landfills and denuded areas	Prairie dogs have invaded newly covered landfills. Filling and seeding will be completed by onsite maintenance group. This is a low priority landfill and holes will be filled as time and resources allow.
SVS 5 large and small holes in cover	Large and small holes that require fill material. This is a low priority landfill and holes will be filled by onsite maintenance group as time and resources allow.
SVS 6 large and small holes and lack of vegetation in some areas	Large and small holes that require fill material and reseeding of areas without vegetation. This is a low priority landfill and filling of holes and reseeding will be completed by onsite maintenance group as time and resources allow.

Based on previous findings, Pantex will have to continue to prioritize landfill cover maintenance based on available funding. Some of the older construction debris landfills

are given lower priorities than other landfills that had new additional cover placed at the end of the investigations, given their content. Pantex will always prioritize the following landfills for maintenance of the cover:

- Landfill 1 (SWMU 68b).
- Landfill 2 (SWMU 68c).
- Landfill 3 (SWMU 54).
- Landfill 12 (SWMU 63).
- Landfill 13 (SWMU 64).
- Burning Ground Landfills (SWMUs 37-44).
- Burning Ground Ash Disposal Trench.
- FS-5 facility cover located inside the berm (SWMU 70).

Other landfills will be addressed over time by a combination of available contract funding and onsite maintenance. Due to the settling caused by burrowing animal activity at some of these landfills, extensive maintenance is required and is typically covered by a combination of contracting and onsite maintenance support. This approach has been used to manage some of the larger areas to be filled and reseeded.

Pantex will continue to evaluate the landfills annually and report findings and plans developed to address holes, depressions, or bare areas. Problems identified will be addressed through the landfill cover maintenance contracts or limited onsite maintenance. The active landfill area at Pantex is continually maintained by the Waste Operations Department, and old landfills (i.e., SVS 8 and SWMU 68d) in that area continue to be addressed by onsite Waste Operations personnel.

2.2.2.2 Ditch Liner Inspection

Pantex installed a new liner over the old one, with construction completed in March 2017. As discussed above in Section 2.2.2, a new maintenance plan was developed for the new liner.

An inspection conducted in 2021 and 2022 at SWMUs 2 and 5/05 ditch liner indicated tears were present in the liner, and sedimentation and erosion of the anchor trench continue to be an issue. Contracting has been set up to address the liner repairs, anchor trench erosion, and sedimentation on an ongoing basis. Work is scheduled to start in May 2023, with completion expected by summer 2023.

2.2.2.3 Review of Soil Disturbance

Pantex also conducts reviews of projects (referred to as SWMU interference) that will disturb SWMU soils. Project plans or work requests for repairs were reviewed to ensure that workers used necessary protective equipment and that soils were managed appropriately during the execution of work. Older listed projects from the completed project areas were verified after the completion of work to ensure that all soils were returned to the excavation or kept within the contamination extent. Long-term projects are reviewed periodically to ensure that contractors are adhering to SWMU interference permit requirements.

Table 2-3. SWMU Interference Log” provides information on projects that were not complete by the last annual report as well as new SWMU interference projects from 2022. Three new projects were approved during 2022. Other projects are ongoing.

Table 2-3. SWMU Interference Log

SIN#	State Approval Date	SWMU #	Explanation of Work
<i>Previous SWMU Interference Notifications (SINs)</i>			
SIN18-001	2/27/2018	SWMU 5-09; 148	Lightning-protection system testing and upgrades at 11-17, 11-17A, 11-25. Status: Active
SIN18-003	2/27/2018	WMG 6/7; SWMU 1	Lightning-protection system testing and upgrades at 12-62 and 12-62 Berm (Berm in 12/18). Status: Active
SIN19-001	4/2/2019	WMG 13	Burning Ground lightning-protection system upgrades. Status: Active
SIN19-003	6/20/2019	SVS 7b	Clearing ditches around 16-24 Range Complex. Status: Active. Needed for extended period of time.
SIN19-005	10/22/2019	WMG 5/ SWMU 68a	Zone 12 South paving - South of 12-R-79. Status: Active
SIN20-001	1/22/2020	Zone 10 Extents	Zone 10 Lot 3 Electrical equipment installation. Status: Active
SIN20-002	2/26/2020	SWMU 97 & Extents	Building 12-34 SS demolition. Status: Active
SIN20-003	6/30/2020	WMG 4, SWMU 87	Building 11-20 SS demolition. Status: Active
SIN20-004	7/27/2020	WMG 6/7 extents	Building 12-26E chiller replacement. Status: Active
SIN21-002	3/9/2021	SWMU 4	11-50 KRONOS Installation. Status: Active
SIN21-004	4/7/2021	SWMU 5-15a	Zone 11 ISB Snow Fence Removal. Status: Active

SIN#	State Approval Date	SWMU #	Explanation of Work
2022 SWMU Interference Notifications			
SIN22-001	12/20/2022	SWMU 14	HESE Early Works West of 11-050. Status: Active
SIN22-002	2/13/2023	SWMU 149, SVS 2, and SWMU 60	HESE communication Line North of 11-026 Status: Active
SIN22-003	2/13/2023	SWMU 57 and 5-06	12-084 Generator Replacement. Status: Active

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2.3 LONG-TERM MONITORING WELL NETWORK

2.3.1 WELL MAINTENANCE

As recommended in the *First Five-Year Review* (Pantex, 2013d), the *Well Maintenance Plan* (Pantex, 2013b) was completed in October 2013 and implemented in January 2014. This plan formalized the well-surveillance and inspection process already in place and incorporated analytical and empirical data collected over time to develop a well-maintenance schedule. The list of wells is updated yearly to add or remove wells and the plan underwent a comprehensive update in 2020 (Pantex, 2020) to change the frequency of maintenance where needed.

The plan completes the following significant tasks:

- Assigns an inspection and maintenance frequency of three years to all active Ogallala Aquifer monitoring wells, as recommended in the *Ogallala Aquifer Sampling Improvement Plan* (Pantex, 2013a).
- Assigns a maintenance frequency of three years for all wells with stainless-steel screens that have documented well corrosion and elevated chromium concentrations.
- Assigns a default inspection frequency of five years for all perched aquifer LTM wells to comply with requirements for total depth measurement in the Compliance Plan.

Additional program activities, such as redevelopment, down-hole videos, pump and tubing bundle replacements, vegetation control, and other associated tasks are completed when requested by the groundwater media scientist or identified by field technicians. Water

levels are measured at each sampling event and twice annually while total well depths are only measured when dedicated equipment is not present in the well.

The 2022 maintenance log for groundwater wells is included in Appendix C, which contains all entries for well inspections, redevelopment of wells, changes in sample intake depths, and Bennett pump servicing at the wells. The log also contains the water depths and total well depths measured at wells when equipment was removed as well as the disposition of the purge water from well activities.

Through well videos, Pantex has identified evidence of bacteria in many of the stainless-steel wells. This condition is common in monitoring wells, especially those with lower groundwater flux. This is occurring in both newly installed wells and older wells in both the perched aquifer and Ogallala Aquifer, although the perched wells experience greater problems. The bacteria may be the source of stainless steel corrosion indicators (i.e., chromium, manganese, molybdenum, and nickel) that become elevated in wells; well videos recorded during routine well inspections indicate that a large percentage of stainless steel wells have some biofouling.

Pantex continues to evaluate rehabilitation methods for biofouling and in 2018 developed plans to evaluate a chemical rehabilitation program that addresses growth that has completely blocked portions of the screens in certain wells. A study was completed in 2020 on two parked wells that are not part of the active LTM network to evaluate the biofouling's impacts on water quality as well as the ability to effectively manage it. New perched wells are now installed with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) materials, rather than stainless steel, to avoid corrosion issues associated with the well materials; however, pumps still consist of stainless steel that is subject to corrosion.

When screens were found to be impacted by biofouling, calcium deposits, or sedimentation; or when elevated chromium levels were observed, Pantex redeveloped the wells by brushing, bailing, and pumping, as necessary. Based on well videos and total depth measurements, some wells were observed to have sediment in the sump, with a few having sediment built up into the bottom of the screen. However, no LTM wells had more than 20% of the saturated screen silted in, so Pantex will continue to monitor and sample the wells.

Pantex performed the following well-maintenance activities in 2022:

- One hundred and eighteen well videos to evaluate the wells' installation or condition and determine if re-development or other maintenance was required. The effectiveness of rehabilitation was also confirmed through well videos.
- Pump service (i.e., removal and installation of the pump and tubing bundles) at 27 locations to prepare for well videos, re-development, special sampling, change-outs of pump and tubing bundle, lengthening of sampling depths, and/or the replacement of pumps.
- Extraction well service at 14 wells to support repair and maintenance of pump and treat extraction wells.
- Miscellaneous maintenance including moving diverters, fishing out broken equipment, and collection of total depth, as requested.

2.3.2 WELL CASING ELEVATIONS

In accordance with HW-50284, Pantex periodically surveys the top of casing elevations at the monitoring wells. This work must be performed every 10 years, at a minimum, for wells included in the monitoring network. To evaluate water levels, Pantex also maintains wells not included in the monitoring network, which are surveyed to ensure that the water table maps developed from water-level readings are correct.

Pantex re-surveyed all LTM wells and wells used for water-table mapping in 2020 using a real-time kinetic Global Positioning System (GPS) that is calibrated to the National Geodetic Survey. This system will be consistently used to re-survey wells in the future. The next survey is due in 2030.

The surveyed elevations for new wells are included in Table 2-4. Re-survey of wells was not completed in 2022.

Table 2-4. Well Elevations Collected in 2022

Well	Easting	Northing	Ground Surface Elevation (amsl)	TOC Elevation (amsl)
PTX06-1215	651607.49	3748834.66	3506.55	508.67
PTX06-1216	649743.32	3749537.50	3508.61	3510.72
PTX06-1218	649667.96	3749890.07	3509.63	3511.72
PTX06-1219	650185.72	3750054.28	3509.75	3511.80
PTX06-1221	650875.74	3750521.45	3511.32	3513.31
PTX06-ISB425	650237.10	3749889.05	3509.33	3511.42
PTX06-ISB426	650315.00	3749940.31	3509.27	3511.37
PTX06-ISB427	650394.60	3749988.93	3509.24	3511.44
PTX06-ISB428	650485.88	3750047.56	3509.39	3511.52
PTX06-ISB429	650582.37	3750108.23	3510.39	3512.31
PTX06-ISB430	650635.79	3750141.61	3510.17	3512.22
PTX06-ISB431	650708.72	3750189.11	3510.36	3512.51
PTX06-ISB432	650787.00	3750238.86	3510.56	3512.67
PTX06-ISB437	649787.61	3750120.41	3510.29	3512.38
PTX06-ISB438	649855.36	3750171.10	3510.28	3512.40
PTX06-ISB439	649921.41	3750221.31	3510.22	3512.34
PTX06-ISB440	649972.93	3750258.98	3510.24	3512.36
PTX06-ISB453	649215.32	3750145.23	3511.14	3513.28
PTX06-ISB454	649253.94	3750191.39	3510.36	3512.44
PTX06-ISB455	649291.57	3750235.65	3510.74	3512.75
PTX06-ISB456	649328.78	3750281.30	3511.16	3513.19
PTX06-ISB501	645402.44	3758144.97	3534.82	3536.91
PTX06-ISB502	645791.43	3757732.13	3533.97	3536.08
PTX06-ISB503	645698.75	3757351.47	3533.50	3535.58
PTX06-MINJ401	651511.84	3750413.88	3511.36	3513.48
PTX06-REC416	650662.78	3749438.56	3508.63	3510.73
PTX06-REC417	650738.08	3749484.59	3509.17	3511.26
PTX06-REC418	650812.65	3749529.58	3509.12	3511.25
PTX06-REC419	650889.91	3749576.75	3509.30	3511.34
PTX06-REC420	650963.40	3749623.60	3509.41	3511.48
PTX06-REC421	651037.35	3749667.44	3509.56	3511.63
PTX06-REC422	651112.69	3749713.17	3509.66	3511.79
PTX06-REC433	649972.75	3750051.20	3510.08	3512.14
PTX06-REC434	650022.61	3750092.70	3509.91	3511.97
PTX06-REC435	650072.32	3750134.99	3510.07	3512.15
PTX06-REC436	650123.62	3750176.26	3510.11	3512.19
PTX06-REC442	649237.73	3749938.28	3510.34	3512.42
PTX06-REC443	649302.46	3750009.54	3510.42	3512.53
PTX06-REC444	649367.39	3750079.82	3510.14	3512.22
PTX06-REC445	649432.37	3750148.34	3510.57	3512.67
PTX06-REC446	649496.71	3750217.21	3510.69	3512.85
PTX06-REC447	649549.37	3750280.47	3511.28	3513.42

Northings and Eastings are Texas State Plane

amsl – above mean sea level

TOC - top of casing

2.3.3 WATER-LEVEL ELEVATIONS AND TOTAL DEPTHS

In accordance with requirements in Provision XI.F.3.d and CP Table VII of the HW-50284, Pantex must measure water-level elevations at each well during each sampling event and total well depths when dedicated pumps are removed or when the well is sampled if no dedicated pump is installed. Pantex also measures water levels at all wells twice per year to provide consistent measurements to map the water table. Water-level measurements are also taken during any well-maintenance activities. The measurements and corresponding water elevations and total depth measurements are included in Appendix C.

2.4 MANAGEMENT OF RECOVERED/PURGED GROUNDWATER

In 2022, all purged, contaminated groundwater found to exceed the GWPS during sampling events and maintenance activities was containerized. Then, the volume of water was logged and treated through the SEPTS in accordance with Provision XI.B.8 of HW-50284, with one exception. Purge water from all ISB system wells was containerized and disposed of by the Plant's Waste Operations Department since the water was characteristically hazardous or contained contaminants that were not treatable by the pump and treat systems.

Most Ogallala Aquifer wells are unaffected and not required to be managed or their volumes tabulated, so the water is released to nearby ditches. Because Ogallala well PTX06-1056 had detections of HEs and one VOC in 2022, Pantex containerized the purge water from sampling events and then logged and treated it through the SEPTS.

In accordance with Provision XI.B.8 of HW-50284, all recovered perched groundwater from the extraction wells is treated through the P1PTS or SEPTS. All treated water from the P1PTS and the majority of the SEPTS's treated water is sent through subsurface lines to the WWTF's storage lagoon. Lagoon water is then sent through the WWTF's filter building and subsequently released to the plant's subsurface irrigation system, when operating.

Pantex has been authorized by permit (TLAP #0004397000, issued August 2020) to release treated wastewater for the irrigation of crops. Provisions were added in the permit, which allow treated water obtained directly from the SEPTS or P1PTS to be used in other ways, such as for construction projects, so long as the treated water meets the GWPS and criteria specified by the State of Texas. Pantex constructed a bulk water station at the SEPTS to deliver treated water for beneficial use at Pantex. Pantex set up procedures and record-keeping for this station, which became operational in July 2016.

A break at the irrigation system's filter bank caused all of the water from the WWTF to be routed to Playa 1 via Outfall 001 after June 2017, in accordance with TCEQ Permit #WQ00002296000. All treated water from the SEPTS was either injected back into the perched groundwater, released to Playa 1 via the WWTF, or beneficially used for ISB injection or well drilling. All of the P1PTS's water was released to Playa 1 via the WWTF.

As authorized by the Underground Injection Control, Authorization No. 5X2600215, Pantex injects treated water into select wells. Portions of the SEPTS's treated water are injected through injection well PTX06-INJ-10 when needed. Three new injection wells at Playa 2 were installed. The system was tested in 2022, but, repairs to the radio system were identified, so limited water was released to PTX06-INJ-13 through PTX06-INJ-15. Some of the SEPTS's treated water is also used for ISB amendment injections. Treated water is mixed with the amendment and injected into the treatment zone. The volumes of treated water injected, sent to the WWTF, or sent to the ISB system are provided in Section 2.1.

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3.0 GROUNDWATER REMEDIAL ACTION EFFECTIVENESS

In this section, the groundwater remedial action is evaluated for overall effectiveness during 2022 operations. This evaluation focuses on the following four aspects of monitoring associated with the remedy for perched groundwater:

1. Plume stability
2. Remedial action effectiveness
3. Uncertainty management and early detection
4. Natural attenuation

In addition, POC and POE wells are evaluated against the GWPS to determine compliance with HW-50284.

3.1 PLUME STABILITY

Plume stability is evaluated through the examination of water level and concentration data. Water-level data are used to generate hydrographs and trends for individual wells and contour maps of water elevations. Data from dry wells (e.g., continuing dry conditions or influx of water) support this analysis.

Concentration data are used to perform concentration trend analyses. Concentration trend data are mapped for the four major COCs (RDX, TCE, hexavalent chromium, and perchlorate) to identify trends in their spatial distributions. The concentration data are used to generate plume maps for each COC. The maps and trends, together, form the basis for an evaluation of overall plume stability.

To satisfy the objectives of the LTM design, expected conditions and trends were developed for each LTM network well in the *Update to the Long-Term Monitoring System Design Report* (Pantex, 2019a). Therefore, a comparison of observed versus expected conditions is conducted as part of the evaluation process. Appendix E includes the LTM expected conditions and current conditions based on 2022 analytical and water-level data.

3.1.1 WATER LEVEL MAPPING

Groundwater beneath the plant and vicinity occurs in two stratigraphic horizons within the Ogallala Formation. The most significant quantities of groundwater in the vicinity of the plant are found in the Ogallala Aquifer system. Considerably less water occurs in the upper Ogallala Formation since perched groundwater overlies an FGZ.

Presented in this section are water table maps of the Ogallala Aquifer and the primary perched aquifer underlying the plant. Water-level measurements used to create these maps were collected primarily during December 2022 from Pantex Ogallala and perched aquifer monitor wells. These data were supplemented with recent water-level measurements in the Ogallala Aquifer, collected by the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

Fig. 3-1 presents the Ogallala Aquifer water levels while Fig. 3-2, Fig. 3-3, and Fig. 3-4 presents perched aquifer water levels.

3.1.1.1 Ogallala Aquifer

As shown in Fig. 3-1, flow in the Ogallala Aquifer underlying the plant is to the northeast. The northeast hydraulic gradient results from agricultural pumping as well as from the City of Amarillo's well field to the north and from the Pantex water supply wells in the northeastern part of the USDOE/NNSA property. The Amarillo well field produces approximately 12.7 Mgal per day from the Ogallala Aquifer, based on the City of Amarillo's 2018 data. The hydraulic gradient in the Ogallala Aquifer underlying the northern part of the plant is approximately 0.006 foot per foot (ft/ft).

3.1.1.2 Perched Aquifer

As shown in Fig. 3-2, Fig. 3-3, and Fig. 3-4, perched groundwater occurs as a number of separate flow systems beneath the plant. Each of these flow systems is associated with an area of focused recharge, usually a playa lake.

The main perched aquifer is associated with natural recharge from Playas 1, 2, and 4; past treated wastewater discharge to Playa 1; and historical wastewater releases to the ditches draining Zones 11 and 12. Small areas of perched groundwater occur in the vicinity of Playa 3, the Old Sewage Treatment Plant (OSTP) area, and Zone 6. Because of the limited extent and saturated thickness of these separate areas, water table contours for these areas are omitted from the perched aquifer contour map. The extents of saturation for the main perched aquifer and perched groundwater beneath the OSTP area show that these

two bodies of groundwater are separated by only a short distance. However, observed water levels in both areas indicate that hydraulic interaction between these two areas is limited, even if the extents of saturation overlap. Perched groundwater has also been observed beneath the southern side of Pantex Lake, located approximately 2.5 miles northeast of the USDOE/NNSA property boundary, but this body of groundwater is not hydraulically connected to the perched aquifer underlying the Pantex Plant.

Historically, groundwater in the perched aquifer tended to flow radially away from Playa 1, but extraction of perched groundwater beneath Playa 1 by the P1PTS has shifted the highest elevations of perched groundwater northeast of the playa. Flow to the north and directly east of Playa 1 is limited by the structure of the FGZ. Flow to the south and southwest has extended several miles from Playa 1 and has been enhanced by recharge through Playas 2 and 4. Additionally, the large area of contaminated groundwater in the southeast corner of the USDOE/NNSA property occurred as a result of historical discharges of treated and untreated process waters from Zone 12. Two perched groundwater pump and treatment systems are currently removing water and contaminants from the perched aquifer, thus limiting the further migration of contaminated groundwater to the east and south.

The horizontal hydraulic gradient of the perched aquifer varies spatially across the plant. The hydraulic gradient is 0.006 ft/ft near Playa 1, 0.002 ft/ft near Playa 2, 0.005 ft/ft downgradient of Zone 12, and 0.002 ft/ft south of Zone 11.

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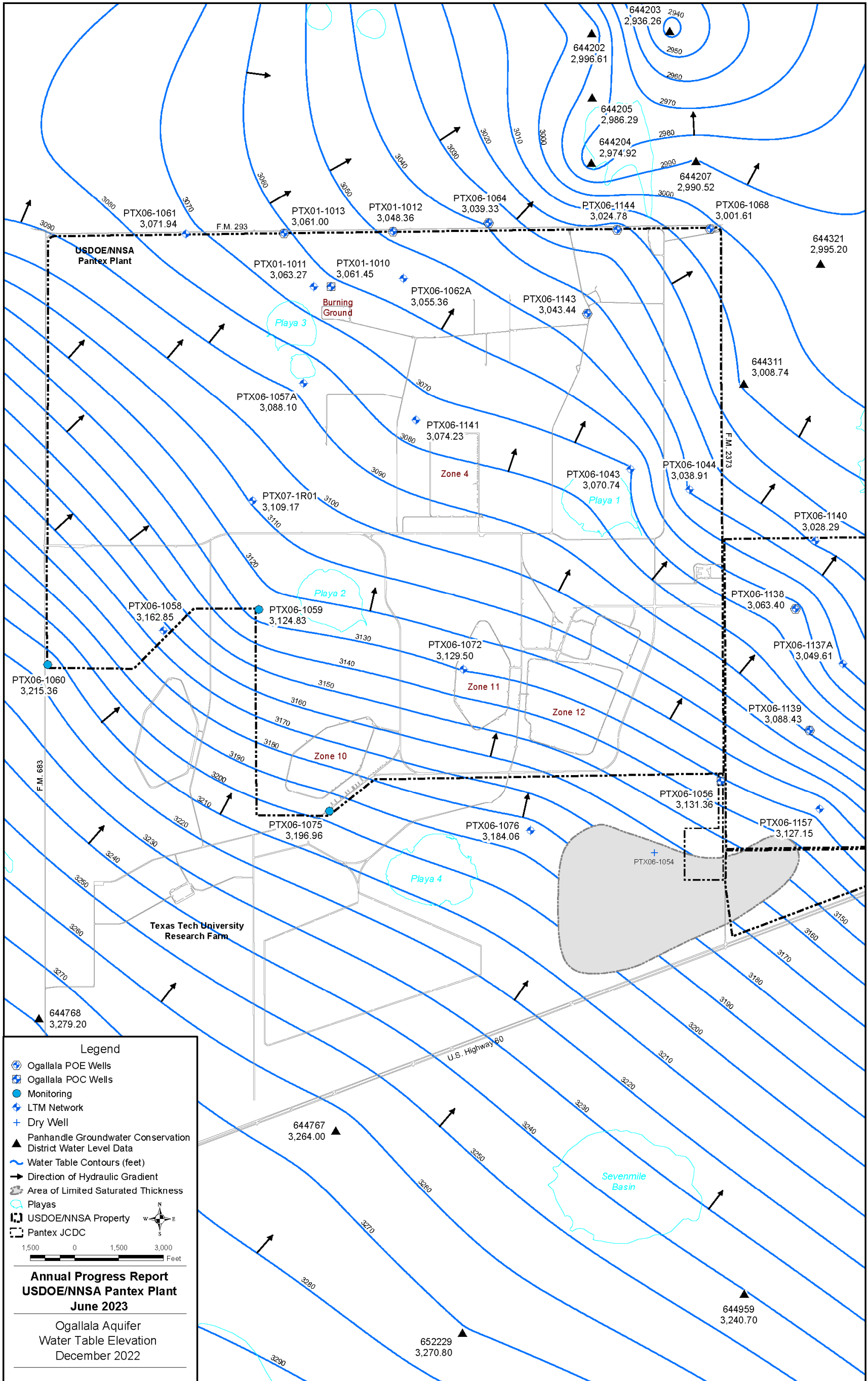


Fig. 3-1. Ogallala Aquifer water levels.

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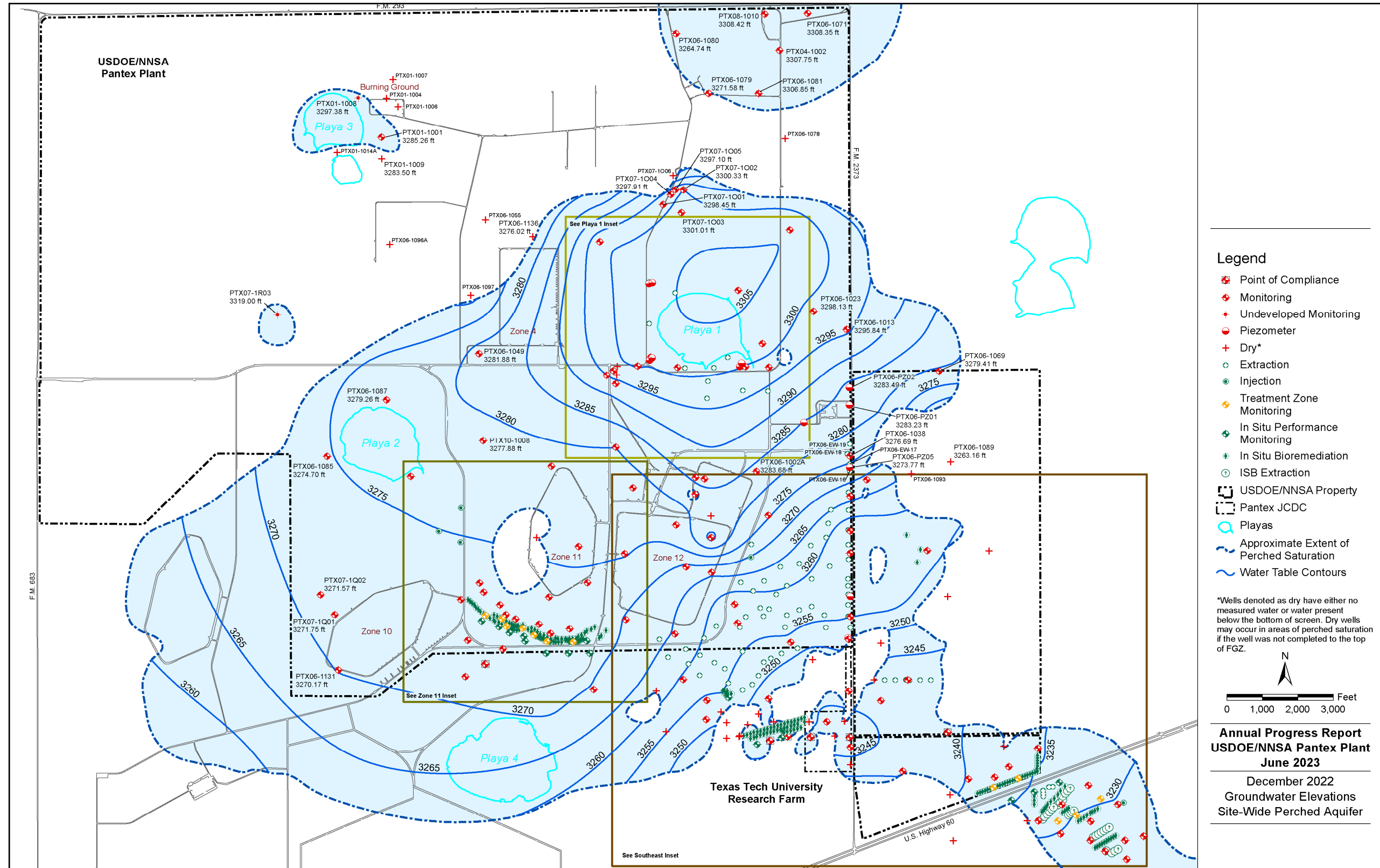


Figure 3-2. Perched aquifer water levels.

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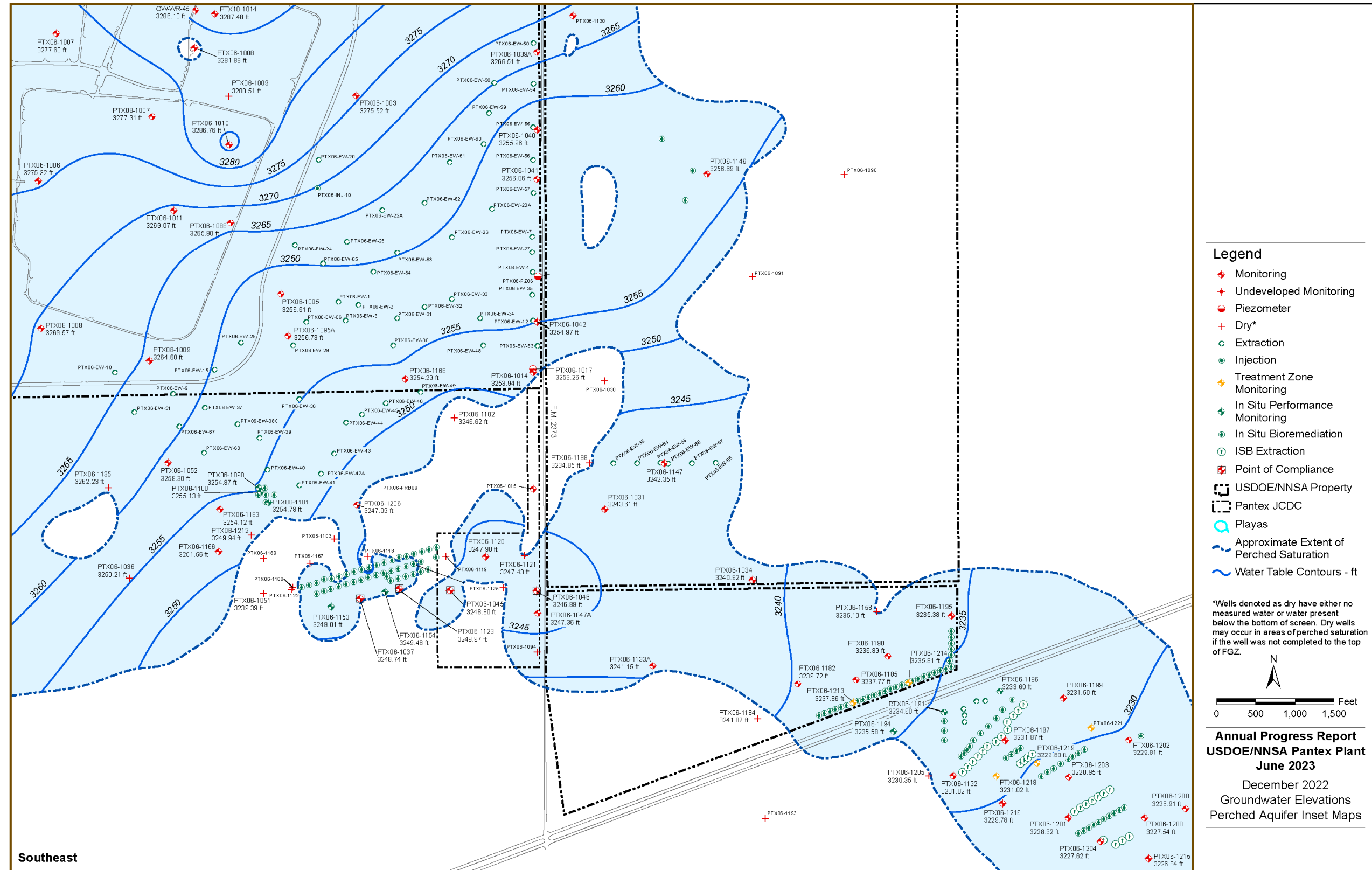
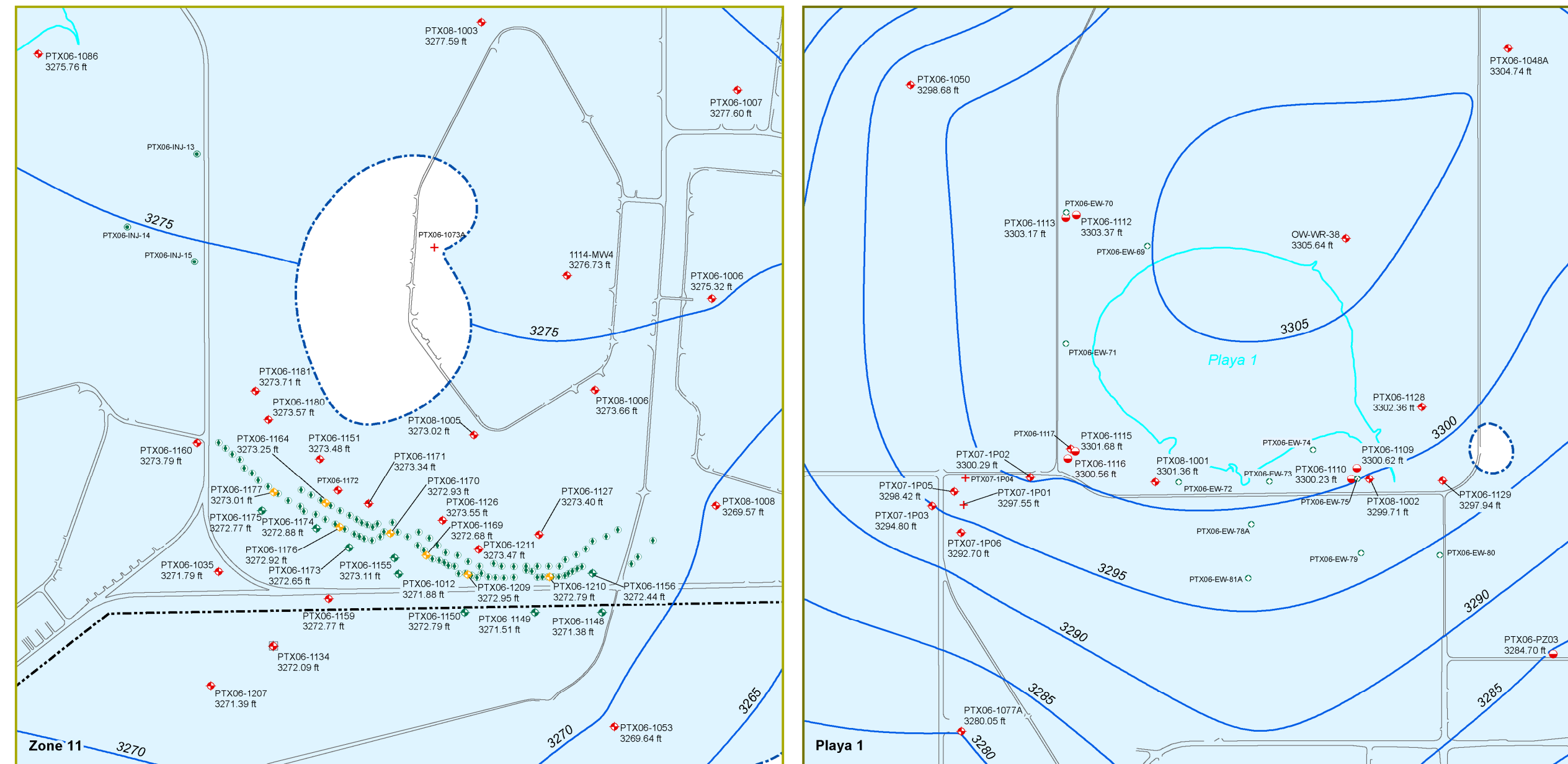


Fig. 3-3. Perched aquifer water levels, southeast inset map.

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Legend

- ⊠ Point of Compliance
- ⊕ Monitoring
- + Undeveloped Monitoring
- ⊖ Piezometer
- + Dry*
- Extraction
- Injection
- ⊕ Treatment Zone Monitoring
- ⊕ In Situ Performance Monitoring
- ⊕ In Situ Bioremediation
- ⊖ ISB Extraction
- ~ Water Table Contours - ft
- - - Approximate Extent of Perched Saturation
- USDOE/NNSA Property
- Playas

*Wells denoted as dry have either no measured water or water present below the bottom of screen. Dry wells may occur in areas of perched saturation if the well was not completed to the top of FGZ.

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Fig. 3-4. Perched aquifer water levels, Zone 11, and Playa 1 inset maps.

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3.1.2 WATER LEVEL TRENDING

The Monitoring and Remediation Optimization System (MAROS) software linear regression methodology (AFCEE, 2007) outlined in the LTM Design Report was used to trend water levels at each well. Trends were calculated for the dataset of water levels collected since the start of remedial actions in 2009, in addition to the most recent two years of data at each well. The recent trends are expected to give more accurate measurements of the effectiveness of the two pump and treat systems since the P1PTS began operating in late 2008 and the SEPTS was operating near full capacity by April 2009. Long-term trends were also calculated using all data for a well, including measurements taken before the start of remedial action. These trends represent overall historical conditions of the perched aquifer and depict whether conditions are returning to baseline.

Figure 3-5 depicts the water-level trends in all LTM perched aquifer wells. Well hydrographs are included in Appendix F.

Trending results show positive effects of the remedial actions given that almost all wells currently recognized to be under the influence of the SEPTS and P1PTS have exhibited decreasing water-level trends in recent years. Above-normal precipitation during the spring and summer of 2016 and 2019 and again in the summers of 2017, 2018, and 2020 filled the playas, and a resulting increase in water levels was observed in several wells near Playa 1 and some ditches. The apparent recharge through the playa was much greater than the volume extracted by the P1PTS, causing short-term increasing trends in these wells.

In addition, SEPTS and P1PTS operation and throughput continued to be impacted in 2022 by a filter bank break at the irrigation system that occurred in late June 2017. Because of the severity of the break, engineering evaluation, contracting, and major repairs were required to restore the irrigation system. Although repairs are complete at the filter bank, the system continues to have repair issues as Pantex has tried to bring the system back online since early 2022. Additionally, construction of a new center pivot system east of FM 2373 impacted P1PTS operations. P1PTS was shut down for the majority of 2022 due to construction activities at the system. Meanwhile, Pantex continues to release all WWTF water to Playa 1. The flow to Playa 1 is restricted by permit, so flow from the remediation systems must also be restricted until the irrigation system is repaired.

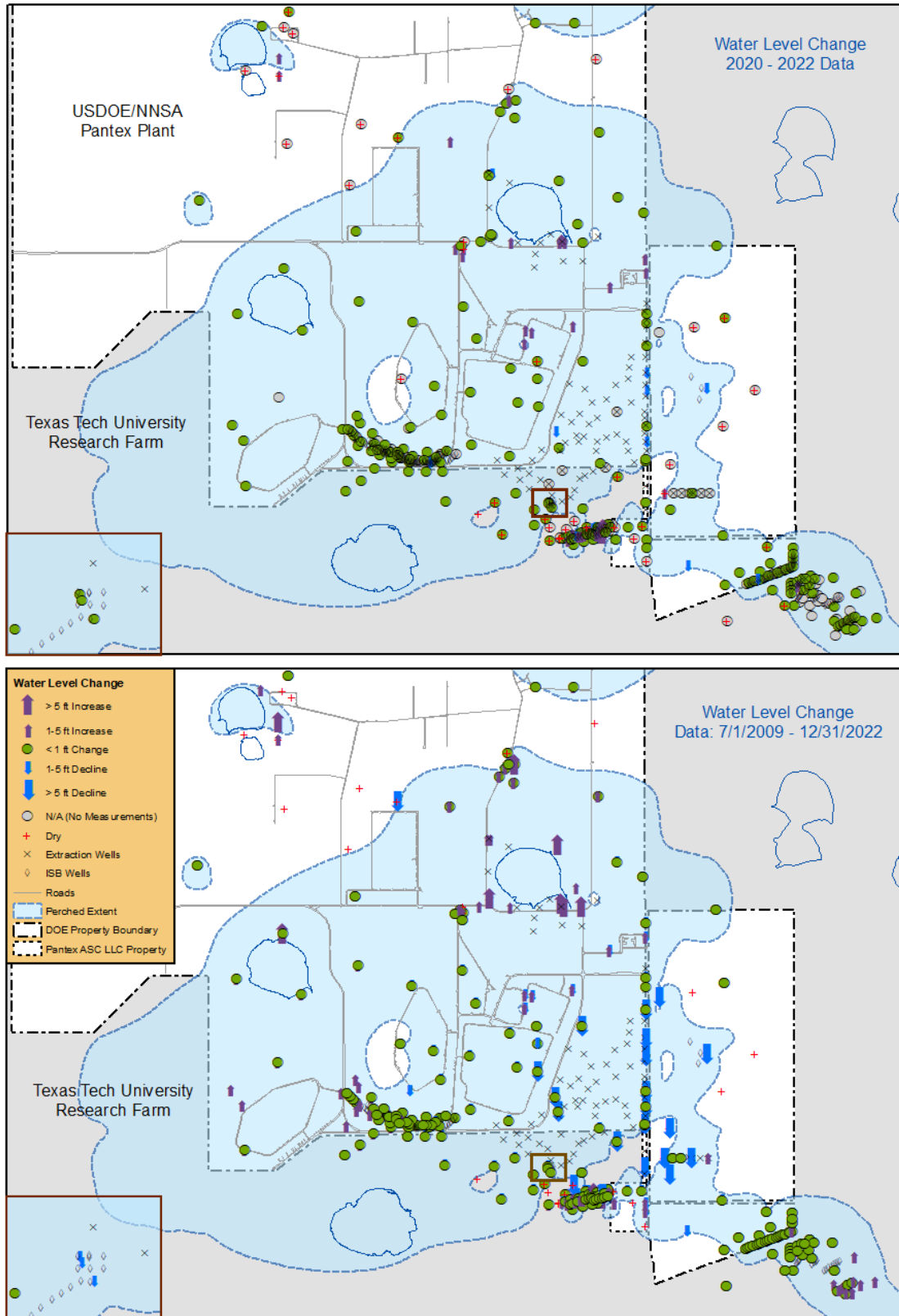


Fig. 3-5. Water level trends in the perched aquifer.

Current and future operations will be impaired by the restricted flow to the WWTF. The SEPTS has the capability to reinject, so the system has operated at a lower capacity, with the treated water being injected into the one available injection well for the system and/or released to the WWTF and Playa 1. Reduced extraction of perched groundwater by the SEPTS and P1PTS, combined with injection or release of treated water to Playa 1, limits the ability of the remedial actions to influence water levels. A discussion of the remedial action effectiveness is included in Section 3.2.

3.1.3 WATER-LEVEL TRENDS COMPARED TO EXPECTED CONDITIONS

Overall, calculated groundwater level trends are consistent with expected conditions defined in the LTM Design Report, which is summarized in Appendix E. Of the 46 monitoring wells with expected decreasing water-level trends, limited water, or dry conditions defined in the *Update to the Long Term Monitoring System Design Report* (Pantex, 2019a), 23 wells depicted in Fig. 3-6, exhibited conditions inconsistent with current expected conditions or trends. These include nine wells with recent increasing trends and 14 wells with recent “no trend” conditions. In addition, six wells are exhibiting apparent long-term increasing trends.

A recent increasing trend was observed at five wells near Playa 1 (PTX06-1013, PTX06-1023, PTX06-1050, PTX08-1001, and PTX08-1002). These trends are associated with a combination of increased recharge through the playa resulting from the discharge of treated wastewater effluent and treated perched groundwater to the playa along with decreased extraction of perched groundwater from the P1PTS. The long-term water-level trend is decreasing for all of the wells near Playa 1 except OW-WR-38, PTX08-1001, and PTX08-1002, which are increasing but remain below historically observed high levels.

A recent increasing trend was observed in two wells in the southeast area (PTX06-1002A and PTX06-1038), and recent no trend conditions were observed at PTX06-1039A, PTX06-1098, PTX06-1102, PTX08-1008, PTX08-1009, and PTX06-1052. Most of these wells exhibited a marked increase in 2017 water levels, a response to above-normal precipitation, followed by less varied increasing trends or declines through 2022, due to the release of water to Playa 1. The hydrographs for all of these wells show that water levels have fluctuated in recent data and the long-term water-level trend is decreasing. Hydrographs for all active perched wells are found in Appendix E. The observed

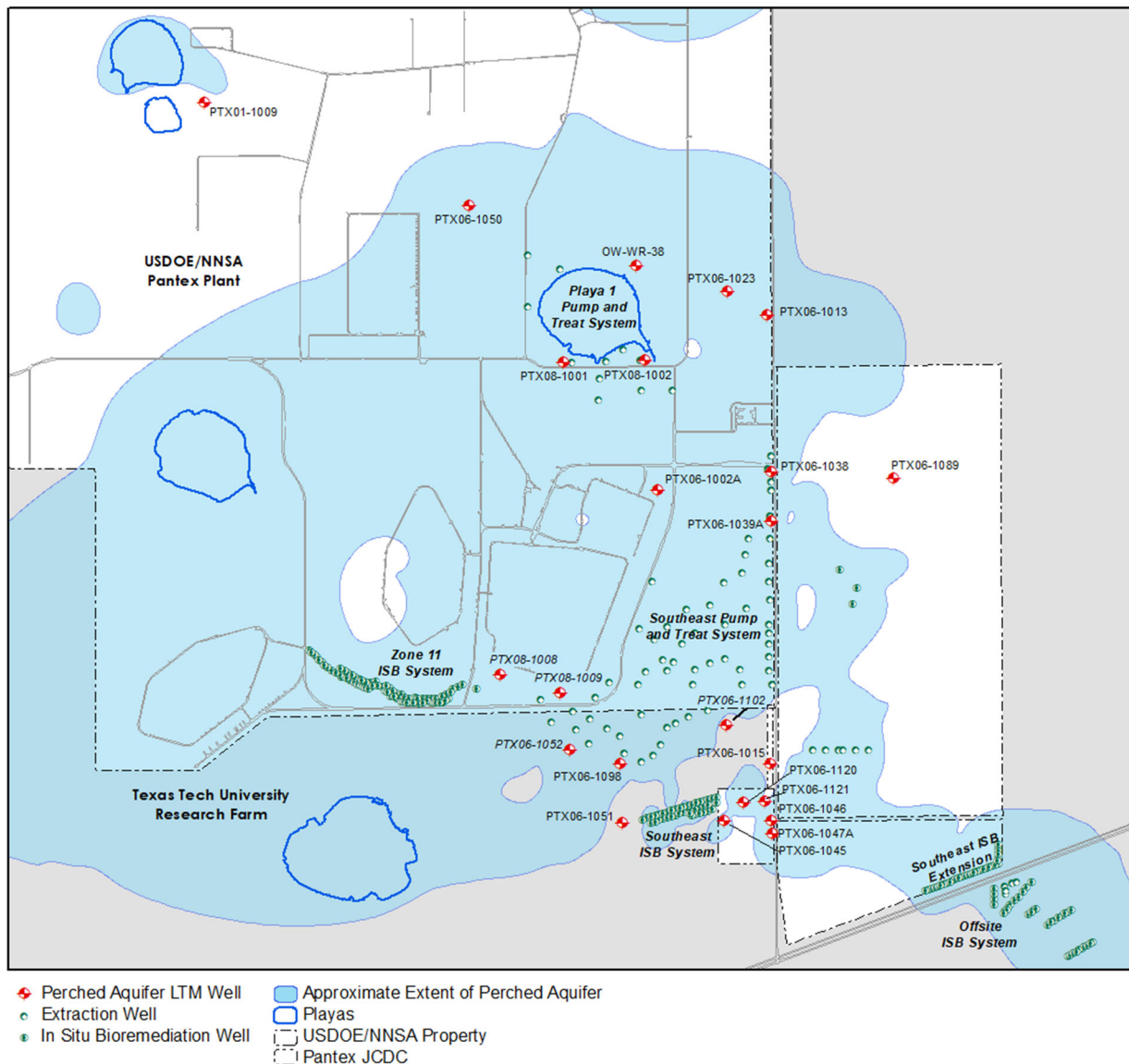


Fig. 3-6. Perched wells with unexpected water level trends.

fluctuations may be associated with recharge to the ditches and areas that pond in Zone 12 as well as reduced extraction of perched groundwater from the SEPTS.

A recent no trend condition was observed in PTX06-1015, a well located in the southeast area along FM 2373. This well, in the past, has only demonstrated minor variations in water levels since 2019 and has a long-term decreasing trend. Only one well in this area (PTX06-1121) demonstrated an increasing trend in 2022. The long-term water-level trend is decreasing for all of these wells. Similarly, a recent no trend condition was observed at PTX06-1089, a historically dry well beyond the extent of perched saturation east of FM

2373. Water has intermittently been detected in the sump of this well since 2010 but has not been measured in the screen. Observation of water in the well sump does not indicate the presence of perched groundwater at this location.

A recent no trend condition has been observed at four wells (PTX06-1045, PTX06-1046, PTX06-1047A, and PTX06-1120), located southeast of the Southeast ISB system near the Pantex ASC south of the main Pantex property. Management of drainage required the installation of retention ponds at the northwest and southwest corners of the property along with new drainage ditches to the north and south. The past increasing water levels in these wells is believed to be related to the recharge of stormwater runoff from this facility. Water levels may be stabilizing in this area due to below-normal precipitation in 2022 and new drainage ditches.

An apparent long-term increasing trend was identified for PTX06-1051, although recent data indicate no trend. Historically, this well has been dry, with no water measured; however, the current well is a replacement well completed in October 2015. Water was measured in the sump starting in June 2016 and again in December 2016; then, a maximum of 0.15 ft of water was measured above the bottom of the well screen in 2017 and has since fallen below the bottom of the screen. The water level indicated by these measurements is approximately 10 ft below the elevation where perched water would be expected if it occurred in this area. Pantex completed a well video survey in July 2018 to evaluate the condition of the well and potential sources of this water. The video showed seepage of water into the well screen at and just above the level of standing water in the well but did not identify any structural issues with the well. This well will continue to be monitored for changes in water level.

Increasing water levels have been observed at PTX01-1009 near Playa 3. This well has historically been dry, but water was first measured in the screen in June 2019. The subsequent December water-level measurement was dry, but water has been observed in the screen in both measurements in 2022. These recent increased water levels may be associated with above-normal precipitation in recent years and increased recharge through the playa.

3.1.4 COC CONCENTRATION TRENDING

COC concentration trends were calculated using both the non-parametric Mann-Kendall and parametric linear regression statistical methods adapted from the MAROS software (AFCEE, 2007). Trends were calculated for the entire dataset for each LTM network well (i.e., long-term), data from the four most recent sampling events (i.e., short-term), and data collected since the start of remedial actions in 2009. The results of these analyses can be found on the concentration trend graphs located in Appendix E. In addition, the Mann-Kendall trending results since the start of remedial actions for RDX, hexavalent chromium, perchlorate, and TCE are depicted in Fig. 3-7, Fig. 3-8, Fig. 3-9, and Fig. 3-10, respectively, to illustrate the effectiveness of the groundwater remedial actions.

Linear regression is a parametric statistical procedure that is typically used for analyzing trends in data over time. However, with the usual approach of interpreting the log slope of the regression line, concentration trends may often be obscured by data scatter arising from non-ideal hydrogeologic or sampling and analysis conditions. The Mann-Kendall test is a non-parametric statistical procedure that is well suited for analyzing trends in data over time (Gilbert, 1987). The Mann-Kendall test can be viewed as a nonparametric test for zero slope of the first-order regression of time-ordered concentration data versus time. The Mann-Kendall test does not require any assumptions as to the statistical distribution of the data (e.g., normal, lognormal) and can be used with data sets that include irregular sampling intervals and missing data (i.e., non-detects). More information on these statistical methods can be found in the *Update to the Long Term Monitoring System Design Report* (Pantex, 2019a).

3.1.4.1 RDX Trends

Evaluation of concentration trends indicates that RDX is decreasing or does not demonstrate a trend at all monitoring points near the ditch along the eastern side of Zone 12. This continued condition is expected, given that the source areas are predicted to continue contributing to the perched aquifer for at least 20 years, if not longer, but at much lower concentrations than in the past (Pantex, 2006).

Some wells near Playa 1 are exhibiting increasing trends because of system operations at the P1PTS, which have dramatically affected water levels and gradients in this region of perched groundwater. The SEPTS has had some effect on the plume since the majority of COC concentrations are declining or exhibit no trend within the boundaries of the well field. The Southeast ISB has had some effect on wells to the south on TTU property,

exemplified by stable or declining concentrations in downgradient wells, including the trend of recent data at PTX06-1153. This is a key area for declining concentrations because portions of that area are potentially more sensitive to vertical migration to the deeper drinking water aquifer. The trends are depicted in Fig. 3-7.

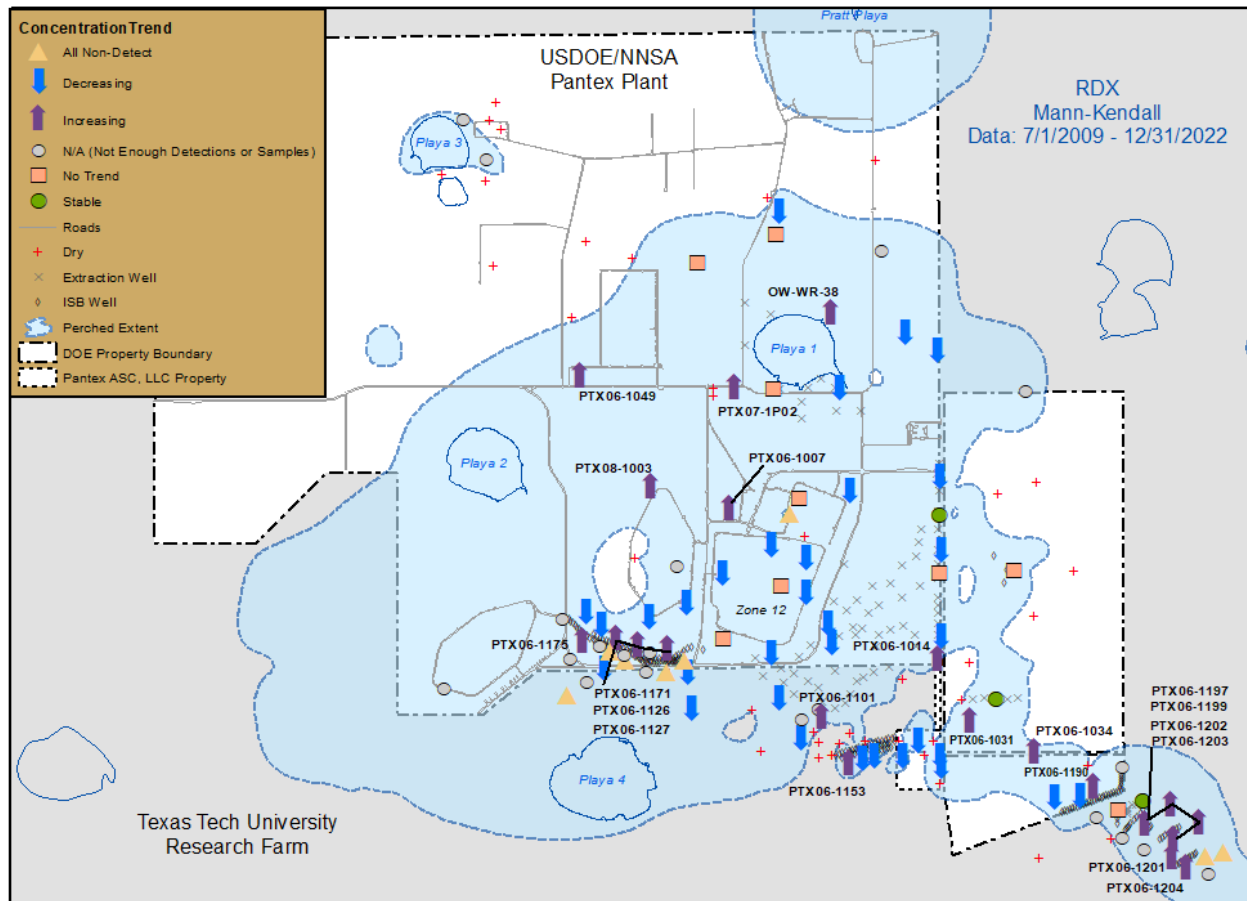


Fig. 3-7. RDX trends in the perched aquifer.

According to data collected since the start of remedial actions, the following 21 monitoring wells exhibited increasing trends in RDX, as depicted in Fig. 3-7:

- OW-WR-38, located north of Playa 1, is exhibiting an increasing trend in RDX. RDX concentrations have been fluctuating near the GWPS since 2009 but increased to 50.0 ug/L in the most recent sample collected in 2022. Although elevated RDX has not been previously observed at this well, other wells north of Playa 1 (e.g., PTX06-1050 and PTX07-1003) have exhibited higher concentrations of RDX in the past. The trend may be due to the P1PTS's operation or recent changes in the

discharge of treated water to Playa 1, which have dramatically affected water levels and gradients in this region of perched groundwater.

- PTX07-1P02, located southwest of Playa 1, is exhibiting an increasing but variable trend just above the GWPS, but fluctuating concentrations remain far below historical levels for this well. The apparent increasing trend may be due to the effects of the P1PTS operation which has dramatically affected water levels and gradients in this region of perched groundwater.
- RDX was first observed at low concentrations in PTX06-1049 in 2011 and has since fluctuated at levels slightly above the GWPS. This well is located on the far western side of the perched aquifer, which is outside the influence of remedial action. These trends are likely due to groundwater flow from the Playa 1 vicinity.
- PTX08-1003, is exhibiting a “probably increasing trend,” but all values are near the practical quantitation limit (PQL) and well below the GWPS. Data for the last four samples indicates no trend.
- PTX06-1007, located between and north of Zones 11 and 12, is exhibiting an increasing trend in RDX. Since 2002, RDX has been detected at levels near the PQL in this well with only one detection of 5 ug/L above the GWPS in 2017. In 2022, RDX was measured above the GWPS (2 ug/L) at 5.4 ug/L. This is a decrease from 2020 and 2021 where RDX was detected around 26 ug/L.
- PTX06-1014 is exhibiting an increasing trend, although data for the last two years shows no trend. This well is within the influence of the SEPTS well field. Recently observed concentrations are similar to levels observed since 2009 and remain below this well’s historical maximums.
- PTX06-1101 is located immediately downgradient of the Southeast ISB pilot study well field. RDX has not been detected in this well since its installation in 2007 until 2014 and has been increasing since then. The increasing trend results from loss of treatment effectiveness in the ISB pilot area and concentrations returning to baseline conditions.
- PTX06-1153, a downgradient ISPM well for the Southeast ISB system, is exhibiting an increasing but highly variable trend in RDX since the start of remedial actions. However, the recent trend shows a no trend. This well is detailed in Section 3.2.3.2.

- PTX06-1175 is downgradient of the new ISB expansion wells on the western side of Zone 11 and the only well downgradient of this portion of the system not demonstrating strong treatment of RDX. This well has had fluctuating concentrations, exceeding the GWPS, since 2016, but is exhibiting a decreasing trend in recent data. This well is detailed in Section 3.2.3.2.
- PTX06-1126, PX06-1127, and PTX06-1171, located south of Zone 11 and outside the effects of remedial action, are exhibiting long-term increasing RDX trends. However, recent data indicate a stable trend in PX06-1171 and no trend in PTX06-1126 and PTX06-1127. These wells are located upgradient of the Zone 11 ISB system and, based on the data collected in the Southeast ISB system, RDX will be effectively treated by the system.
- Two wells (PTX06-1031 and PTX06-1034) located in the southeast lobe of perched groundwater east of FM 2373 are exhibiting increasing trends in RDX, likely due to plume movement into these wells. However, recent data indicate no trend conditions.
- PTX06-1190, PTX06-1197, PTX06-1199, PTX06-1201, PTX06-1203, and PTX06-1204 located in the southeastern lobe of perched groundwater, are exhibiting increasing RDX trends. PTX06-1202 is demonstrating a probably increasing trend. These seven wells are part of the 14 monitoring wells installed in 2018 and 2019 to define the extent of the plume to the southeast. The increasing trends are expected because these wells are monitoring the leading edge of the RDX plume in this area. Pantex has installed a combination ISB/pump and treat system to control the plume and prevent further movement downgradient. Increasing concentrations in these wells are expected for several years as the treatment system is installed and expanded.

A comparison of current trends to expected conditions for specific wells in the LTM network is included in Section 3.1.5.

3.1.4.2 Hexavalent Chromium Trends

As depicted in Fig. 3-8, the following 12 perched aquifer wells are exhibiting increasing trends in hexavalent chromium below the GWPS since remedial actions began:

- A probably increasing trend was identified for PTX06-1011. This well is located within Zone 12, southwest of one of the hexavalent chromium source areas, at the former cooling tower. Historical concentrations in this well have fluctuated from slightly

above the GWPS in the mid-1990s to less than the PQL. Concentrations in this well likely decreased after the SEPTS came online and, as flow conditions changed with the decline in saturated thickness in the perched groundwater, concentrations have fluctuated. The long-term trend for this well is stable, and recent concentrations remain below the GWPS. The probably increasing trend is partially the result of low-level detections and the use of one-half the detection limit in the trending but may also reflect the variable influence of the remedial actions and general plume movement in this area. Data for the last four samples indicate no trend.

- An increasing trend was identified for PTX06-1031, but concentrations remain far below the GWPS. Concentrations of total chromium, molybdenum, and nickel in this well have also fluctuated over the past several years; therefore, observed fluctuations in hexavalent chromium may be due to corrosion of the well's stainless-steel screen.
- PTX06-1095A is within the influence of the SEPTS well field but is also located less than 50 ft downgradient of the permeable reactive barrier (PRB) pilot study wells PTX06-PRB01A and PTX06-PRB02. Since 2013, detections have been highly variable. The probably increasing trend is likely due to the PRB losing treatment effectiveness and concentrations returning to baseline conditions. No trend was exhibited in the last four samples.
- A probably increasing trend was identified for PTX06-1126; however, no trend was identified for the last four samples. All concentrations remain far below the GWPS.
- An apparent increasing trend was identified for PTX06-1146; however, no trend was identified for the last four samples. Concentrations of total chromium in this well have also fluctuated over the past several years; therefore, observed fluctuations in hexavalent chromium may be due to corrosion of the stainless-steel screen of the well.
- An increasing trend was identified for PTX06-1166. Concentrations exceeded the GWPS for the first time in 2020, but concentrations dropped back below the GWPS in 2021 and 2022. This well is located along the southern edge of the hexavalent chromium plume, so the observed fluctuations are related to the movement of the plume to the southeast and operations of SEPTS.

- An apparent increasing trend was identified for PTX06-1190, PTX06-1192, and PTX06-1199; however, a no trend was identified for the last four samples for all wells. All concentrations remain far below the GWPS.
- A probably increasing trend was identified for PTX06-1195 and an increasing trend was exhibited for PTX06-1201. However, all concentrations remain far below the GWPS. The identified probably increasing trend is partially the result of low-level detections and the use of one-half the detection limit in the trending.
- A probably increasing trend was identified for PTX06-1202; however, no trend was identified for the last four samples. All concentrations remain far below the GWPS.

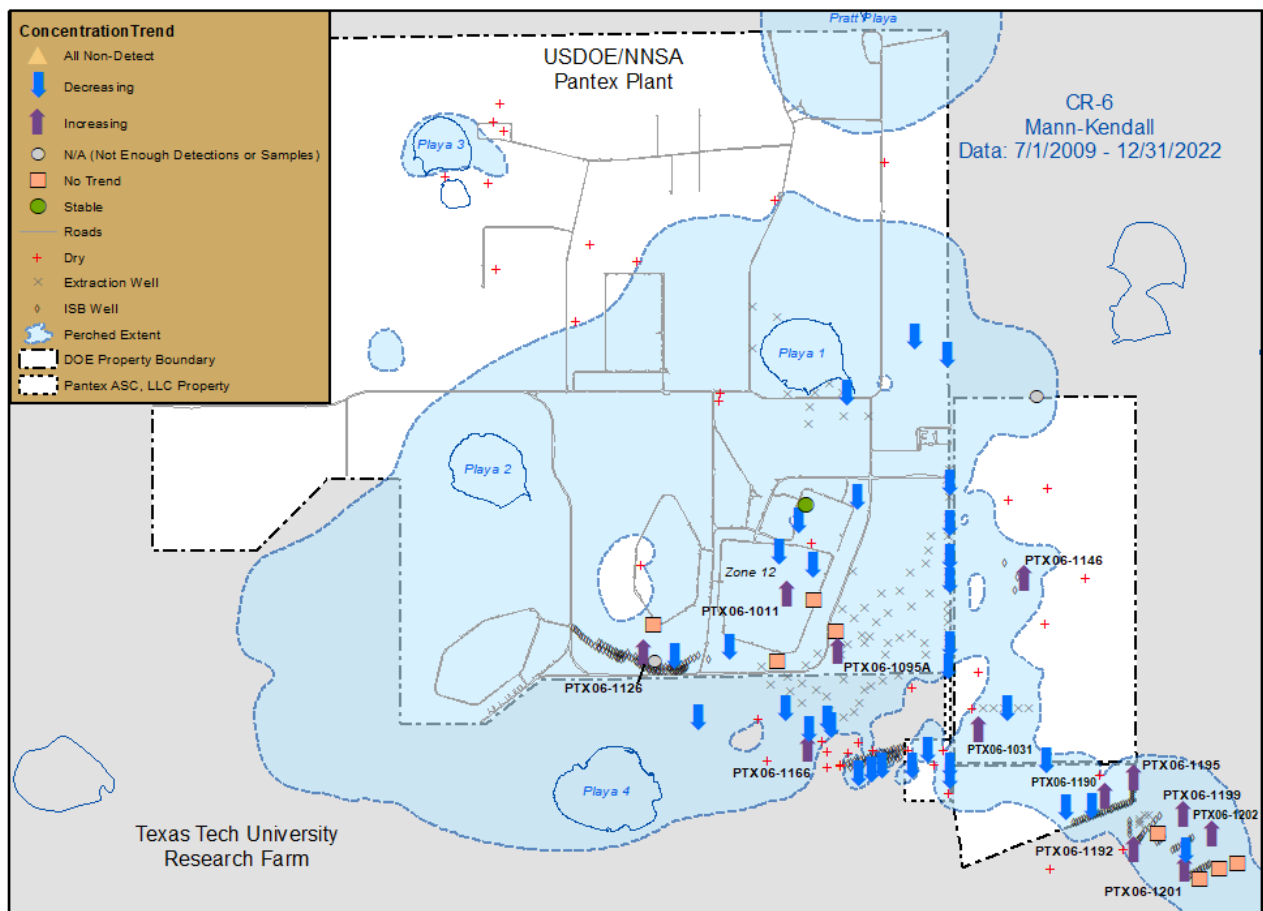


Fig. 3-8. Hexavalent chromium trends in the perched aquifer.

3.1.4.3 *Perchlorate Trends*

As depicted in Fig. 3-9, seven monitoring wells are exhibiting increasing trends in perchlorate concentration:

- PTX06-1006 was exhibiting a decreasing trend in perchlorate from the time it was first detected in the well until 2014; the Mann-Kendall analysis indicates a probably increasing trend based on data collected since the start of remedial actions in 2009. However, concentrations have remained relatively constant since 2014, and no trend is indicated for the last four samples. These fluctuations could be caused by changes in gradients and plume movement from the SWMU 5-13A ditch. Another possible cause of these shifting trends could be caused by historical injection and the resulting return to unaffected perchlorate concentrations after injection ceased. As discussed in several prior annual progress reports, historical injection from 1996 to 2006 at the SEPTS injection well PTX06-INJ-02 affected COC concentrations and trends in wells installed east of PTX06-1006.
- PTX06-1035, PTX06-1134, and PTX06-1207 which are located southwest of the Zone 11 ISB system, are demonstrating increasing trends in perchlorate concentrations likely due to general plume movement downgradient. These wells are located downgradient of the Zone 11 ISB system, and treated water was not expected to reach these wells for many years following the establishment of reducing conditions in the treatment zone. However, a no trend was identified for the last four samples for PTX06-1035 and PTX06-1134.
- PTX06-1159, southwest of the Zone 11 ISB system, is demonstrating increasing trends in perchlorate concentrations. Concentrations in this well has been increasing for several years, but the most recent samples collected exhibit a significant decline in concentrations. These declines may indicate that treated groundwater may be entering the well.
- PTX08-1007 is exhibiting an overall increasing trend in perchlorate. Perchlorate has been detected below the PQL since 2014, but recent data do not indicate a trend.
- Perchlorate increased in PTX08-1008 from 2014 into 2017; however, perchlorate has been stable with fluctuations in this well since 2017. The variation in perchlorate in this well may be due to general plume movement to the southeast in this area, which may also be influenced by the SEPTS's operations.

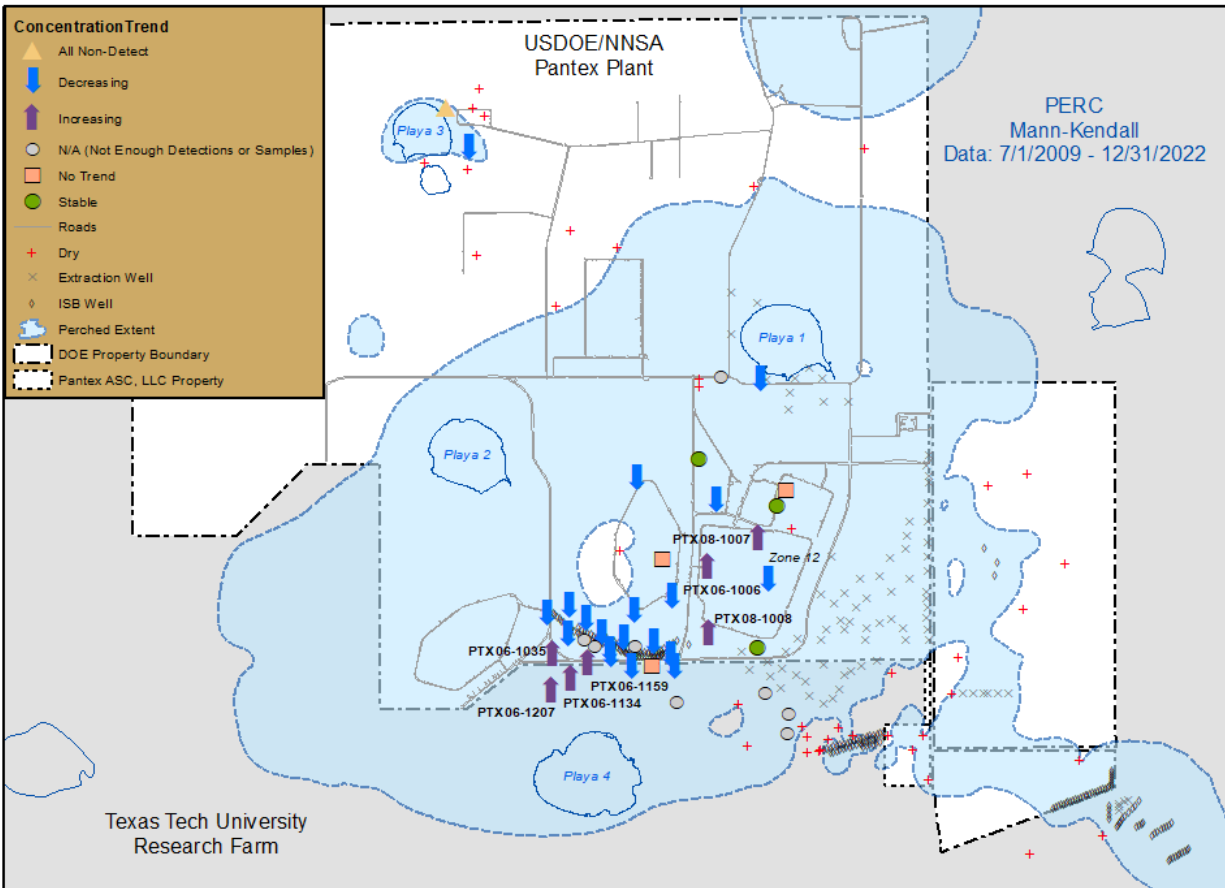


Fig. 3-9. Perchlorate trends in the perched aquifer.

3.1.4.4 TCE Trends

As depicted in Fig. 3-10, the following 19 monitoring wells are exhibiting increasing or probably increasing trends in TCE concentration since the start of remedial actions:

- An apparent increasing trend was identified for OW-WR-38 located northeast of Playa 1. Detections have been sporadic since 2009, and all sample results have been either below the sample PQLs or non-detect. The identified increasing trend is the result of low-level detections and the use of one-half the detection limit in the trending and does not indicate actual increasing concentrations in this area.
- TCE is exhibiting a probably increasing trend in PTX06-1048A, located northeast of Playa 1, which has not historically been nor is expected to be under the effect of remedial action. TCE was first detected in this well in 2000 and has generally been detected at levels near the PQL and below the GWPS. The last four samples indicate no trend.

- A probably increasing trend was identified for PTX07-1002, located north of Playa 1. This well has consistently measured values of TCE below the PQL since the start of remedial action. When trending all historical data, it exhibits a decreasing trend.
- TCE was first detected in PTX06-1006 in 2011. The Mann-Kendall analysis indicates an increasing trend based on data collected since the start of remedial actions in 2009. However, concentrations have remained relatively low (below the PQL) since 2018, and a decreasing trend is indicated for the last four samples. The increasing concentrations could be caused by changes in gradients and plume movement from the SWMU 5-13A ditch or the return to unaffected TCE concentrations after injection ceased. As discussed in several prior annual progress reports, historic injection at SEPTS injection well PTX06-INJ-02 (1996–2006) affected COC concentrations and trends in wells installed east of PTX06-1006.
- An increasing trend was observed for PTX06-1010 in the eastern part of Zone 12. Although the trend indicates increasing TCE concentrations in this well, TCE concentrations have declined to below the GWPS from historical levels that were above GWPS. Concentrations have remained below GWPS since 2009, and the last four samples indicate no trend.
- PTX06-1011, located in Zone 11, has fluctuating detections of TCE near the GWPS since 1995. No trend is indicated for the last four samples and for all data.
- PTX08-1006 is exhibiting an increasing trend in TCE, although the expected condition is a long-term decreasing trend. The increasing trend in PTX08-1006, which is located downgradient from the identified sources in Zone 11, is likely due to general plume movement to the southeast that may also be influenced by SEPTS operations. Concentrations have been highly variable in this well, and the last four samples indicate a decreasing trend.
- An increasing trend was identified for PTX06-1127 located upgradient of the Zone 11 ISB system. Concentrations began increasing in 2015, but a decreasing trend is indicated for the last four samples. This well is located downgradient from the identified sources in Zone 11, so the variations likely reflect general plume movement in the area.
- PTX06-1035 and PTX06-1134, which are downgradient of the western side of the Zone 11 ISB, are exhibiting increasing trends in TCE concentration due to general

plume movement downgradient. The ISB system conceptual site model predicted treated water would not reach these wells for many years, and these wells are not expected to demonstrate TCE treatment until 10 years or longer after system operations began. TCE concentrations in PTX06-1134 exceeded the GWPS in both samples collected in 2022, but the last four samples show no trend. Data for the last four samples at PTX06-1035 indicate an increasing trend.

- TCE was at or right above the GWPS in 2022 at PTX06-1052 and PTX06-1183, located southeast of Zone 12. A recent increasing trend is likely due to general plume movement to the southeast and operations of the SEPTS wellfield.
- PTX06-1148, PTX06-1149, and PTX06-1150 are downgradient of the original part of the Zone 11 ISB. TCE concentrations at PTX06-1150 have been increasing since 2010, while TCE concentrations at PTX06-1148 and PTX06-1149 began increasing in 2018. Concentrations of TCE are above the GWPS in all three wells. An increasing trend is likely due to general plume movement to the southeast. Additional evaluation of the ISB system performance is provided in Section 3.2.3.1.
- An apparent increasing trend below the GWPS was identified for PTX06-1098, located on the upgradient side of the ISB pilot system. These results correspond to a decrease in cis-1,2-dichloroethene (cis-1,2-DCE) and indicate reduced treatment provided by the ISB pilot system along with movement of the plume out of this area.
- An apparent increasing trend was identified for PTX06-1101; however, the most recent sample was only slightly below the GWPS, and the last four samples indicate no trend. This well is located on the downgradient side of the Southeast ISB pilot study well field, and these results correspond to recent decreases in cis-1,2-DCE to below the PQL. The increase in TCE indicates reduced treatment provided by the ISB pilot system along with movement of the plume out of this area.
- TCE was not detected in 2022 at PTX06-1196, downgradient of the Southeast ISB Extension. TCE has been detected below the PQL since 2018 and concentrations are decreasing. The past four samples were all non-detect.
- TCE was below the GWPS in 2022 at PTX08-1008, located southwest of Zone 12. TCE has been detected above the PQL, but below GWPS, for a number of years, and recent data does not indicate a trend.

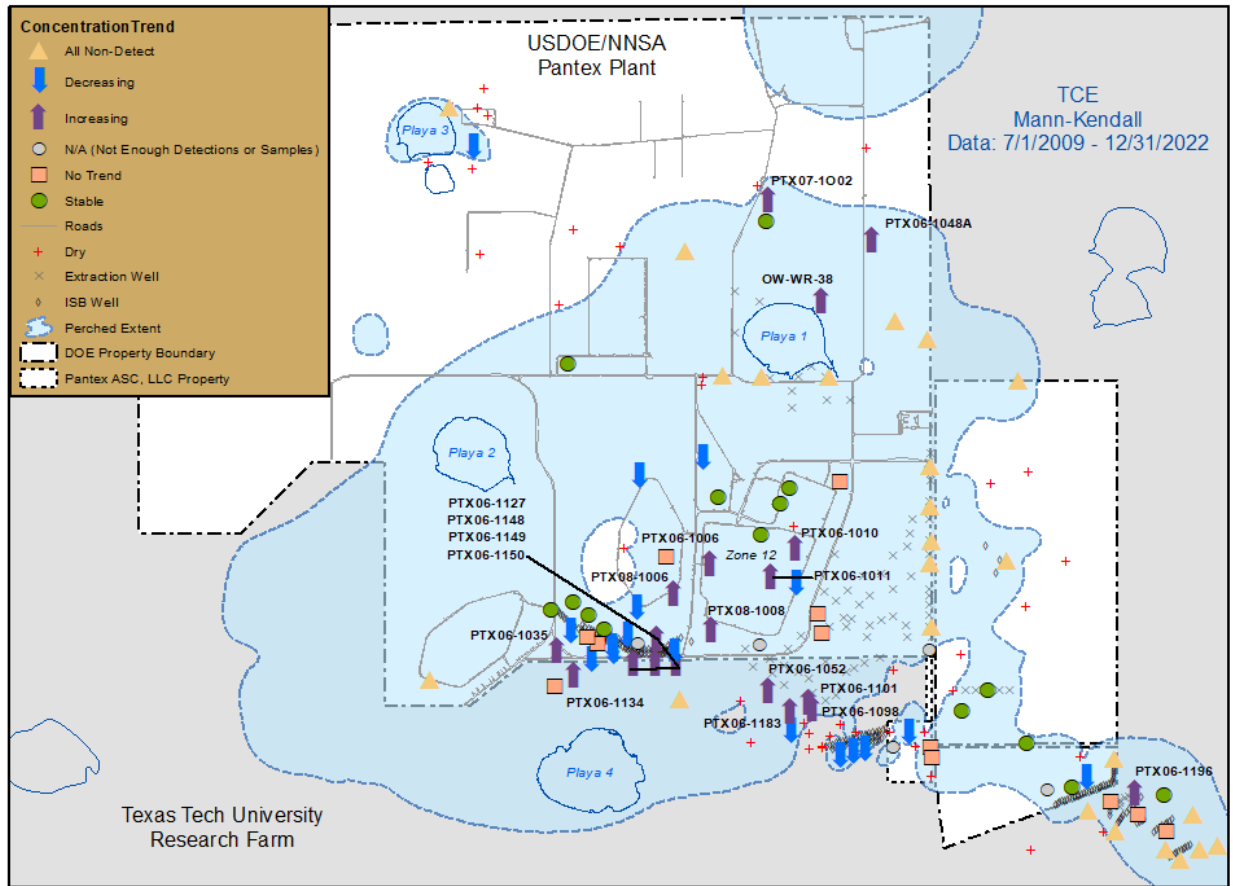


Fig. 3-10. TCE trends in the perched aquifer.

3.1.5 CONCENTRATION TRENDS COMPARED TO EXPECTED CONDITIONS

Of the 117 monitor wells with expected COC concentration conditions defined in the LTM Design Report, the 45 wells depicted in Fig. 3-11 did not exhibit trends consistent with the expected conditions since the start of remedial actions. These wells were discussed in Section 3.1.4. Additional detail on all LTM wells is located in Appendix E, Table E-1.

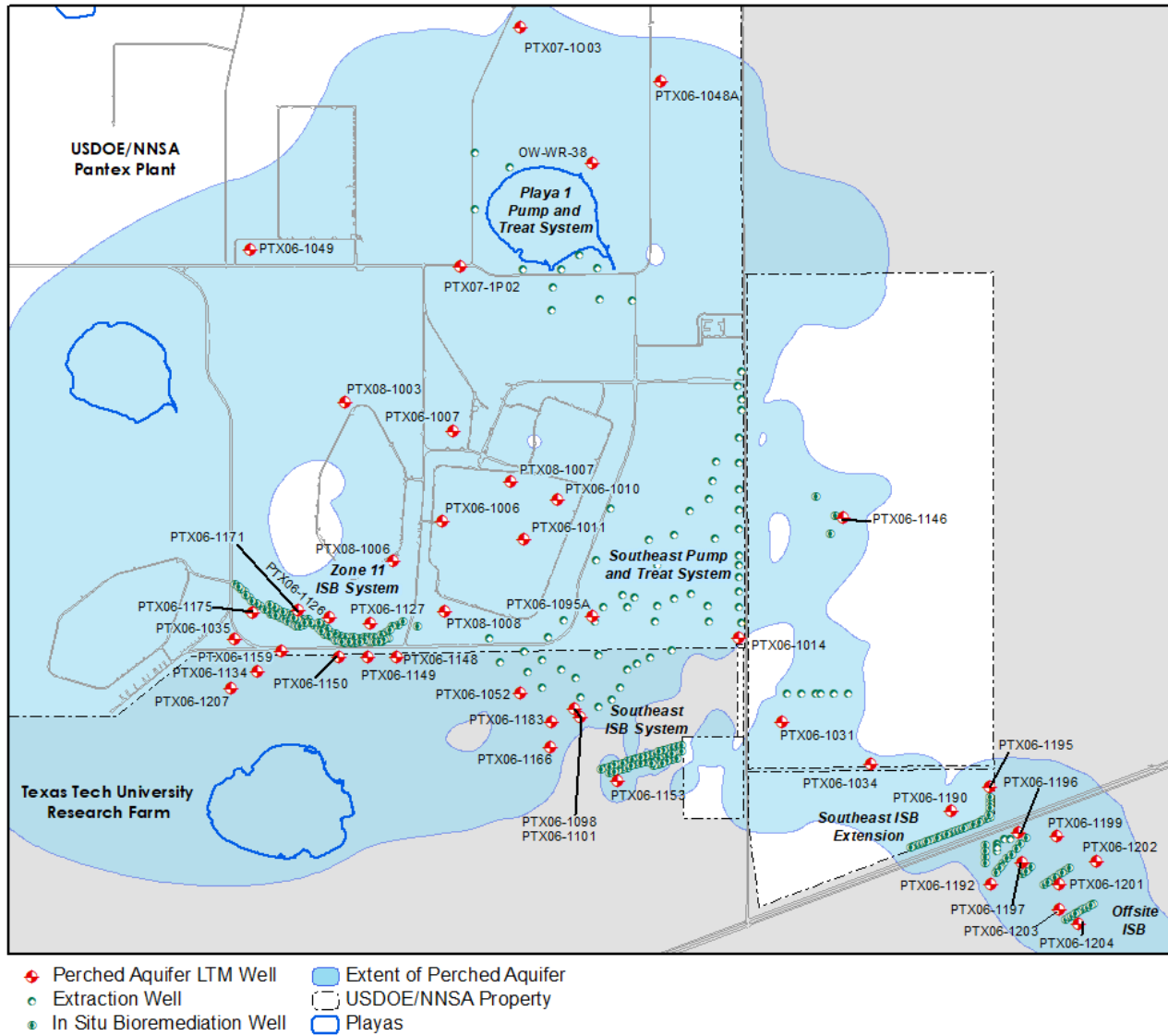


Fig. 3-11. Perched wells with unexpected COC trends.

3.1.6 PLUME MAPPING

This section presents isoconcentration maps of indicator constituents (i.e., COCs and breakdown products of RDX and TCE) in the perched aquifer. Perched aquifer indicator parameters were proposed in the SAP. Isoconcentration maps for this annual report were produced from groundwater data collected in 2022.

Each isoconcentration map presents the highest detected concentration for each constituent using validated analytical data from January to December 2021. COC plumes were delineated to the approved GWPS as was first done for the *2014 Annual Progress*

Report (Pantex, 2015). The GWPS isoconcentration contour is highlighted by a yellow line outlined in black.

Constituent concentrations for samples from the extraction wells located within the two extraction well fields were used to generate the isoconcentration contours, but the analytical concentration data from these wells may differ from those of the investigative wells because of the different sampling techniques used for the extraction wells. The extraction wells are clearly identified on the figures with an "EW" in the well identification label and a distinct symbol. Pump and treat system injection wells are identified on the figures with an "INJ," and ISB injection wells are identified with an "ISB" in their respective well identification labels.

Constituent concentrations for samples collected from wells within the ISB treatment zones and downgradient zones of influence were generally used to generate the isoconcentration contours; however, for some constituents, including metals and HEs, these data were not used because the concentrations were indicative of the ISB treatment zone rather than the surrounding formation. Additionally, most downgradient ISPM wells are indicating treatment effects of the ISB treatment zone as well as the effects of expansion of the treatment zone. When these effects resulted in concentrations that were not believed to be representative of the surrounding formation and the overall plume shape, they were not included in the contouring process. The estimated downgradient areas under the influence of the ISB systems are depicted on plume maps, where appropriate. COC data obtained from the wells immediately downgradient from the three in-situ remediation pilot project areas were not used to generate the isoconcentration contours. Concentrations observed at these wells are typically much lower than surrounding plume concentrations and represent the localized influence of the pilot-scale remediation projects.

Table 3-1 identifies all indicator constituents for the perched aquifer. Figure 3-12 through Fig. 3-26 are isoconcentration maps for RDX; 4-amino-2,6-dinitrotoluene (DNT4A); hexavalent chromium; perchlorate; and TCE. Maps for hexahydro-1-nitroso-3,5-dinitro-1,3,5-triazine (MNX); hexahydro-1,3-dinitroso-5-nitro-1,3,5-triazine (DNX); hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitroso-1,3,5-triazine (TNX); 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT); 2-amino-4,6-dinitrotoluene (DNT2A); 1,3,5-trinitrobenzene; 1,4-dioxane; 1,2-dichloroethane (DCA); cis-1,2-DCE; and vinyl chloride are presented in Appendix F.

Table 3-1. Perched Aquifer Indicator Parameters

HEs	Metals	Inorganics	Volatile Organics
RDX	Boron	Perchlorate	Chloroform
HMX	Chromium		1,2-DCA
MNX	Hexavalent Chromium		1,4-Dioxane
DNX			<i>cis</i> -1,2-DCE
TNX			<i>trans</i> -1,2-DCE
TNT			PCE
1,3-Dinitrobenzene			TCE
DNT2A			Vinyl Chloride
DNT4A			
2,4-DNT			
2,6-DNT			
1,3,5-Trinitrobenzene			

Isoconcentration maps for other indicator constituents, such as octahydro-1,3,5,7-tetranitro-1,3,5,7-tetrazocine (HMX); 1,3-dinitrobenzene; 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT); 2,6-DNT; boron; *trans*-1,2-DCE; tetrachloroethylene (PCE); and chloroform, were not prepared because none of the measured concentrations exceeded the GWPS or detections were isolated to only a few wells and could not be used to map a distinct plume. The following paragraphs provide specific information detailing the reasons maps were not prepared for these constituents as well as for total chromium.

HMX

HMX was not detected above the GWPS of 360 ug/L in any perched aquifer well sampled in 2022. Therefore, an isoconcentration map was not prepared for this compound.

1,3-Dinitrobenzene

1,3-Dinitrobenzene was not detected above the PQL or GWPS in any perched aquifer well sampled in 2022. Therefore, an isoconcentration map was not prepared for this compound.

2,4-Dinitrotoluene

2,4-Dinitrotoluene was not detected above the GWPS of 1 ug/L in any perched aquifer well sampled in 2022. Therefore, an isoconcentration map was not prepared for this compound.

2,6-Dinitrotoluene

2,6-Dinitrotoluene was not detected above the GWPS of 1 ug/L in any perched aquifer well sampled in 2022. Therefore, an isoconcentration map was not prepared for this compound.

Boron

Boron did not exceed the GWPS of 7,300 ug/L in any perched aquifer well sampled in 2022. Therefore, an isoconcentration map was not prepared for this compound.

Chromium

A map of total chromium isoconcentrations for the perched aquifer was not prepared for 2022. Historically, wells constructed with stainless-steel well screens have exhibited elevated concentrations of chromium and other components of stainless steel. Several of these wells have been shown by video observation to be corroded and/or have bacterial growth present, and statistical analyses of the concentrations of chromium and other components of stainless steel (i.e., manganese, molybdenum, and nickel) show strong correlations among the concentrations of these metals in samples obtained from these wells. This evidence indicates some degree of corrosion occurring in all perched aquifer stainless-steel wells at Pantex. In addition, chromium risks are associated with the hexavalent form of chromium. Because the map of hexavalent chromium shows the extent of chromium contamination in the perched aquifer, a separate map based on total chromium concentrations was not prepared.

Chloroform

Chloroform was detected above the GWPS of 80 ug/L in one perched aquifer well sampled in 2022. This isolated exceedance could not be used to map a distinct plume. Therefore, an isoconcentration map was not prepared for this compound.

Trans-1,2-Dichloroethene

Trans-1,2-DCE was not detected above the PQL or GWPS in any perched aquifer well sampled in 2022. Therefore, an isoconcentration map was not prepared for this compound.

PCE

PCE was not detected above the PQL or GWPS in any perched aquifer well sampled in 2022. Therefore, an isoconcentration map was not prepared for this compound.

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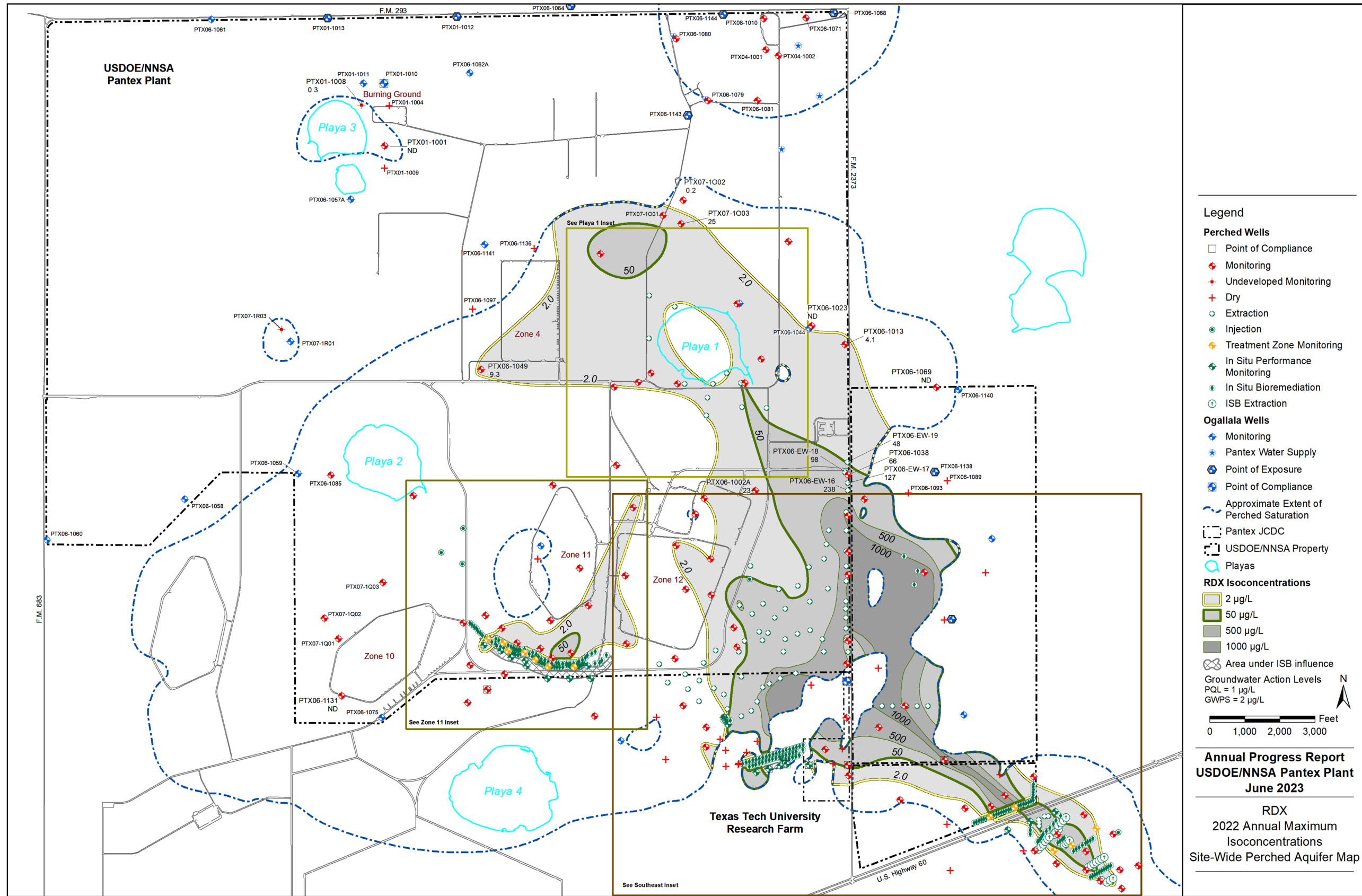


Fig. 3-12. RDX isoconcentration map.

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Fig. 3-13. RDX isoconcentration southeast inset map.

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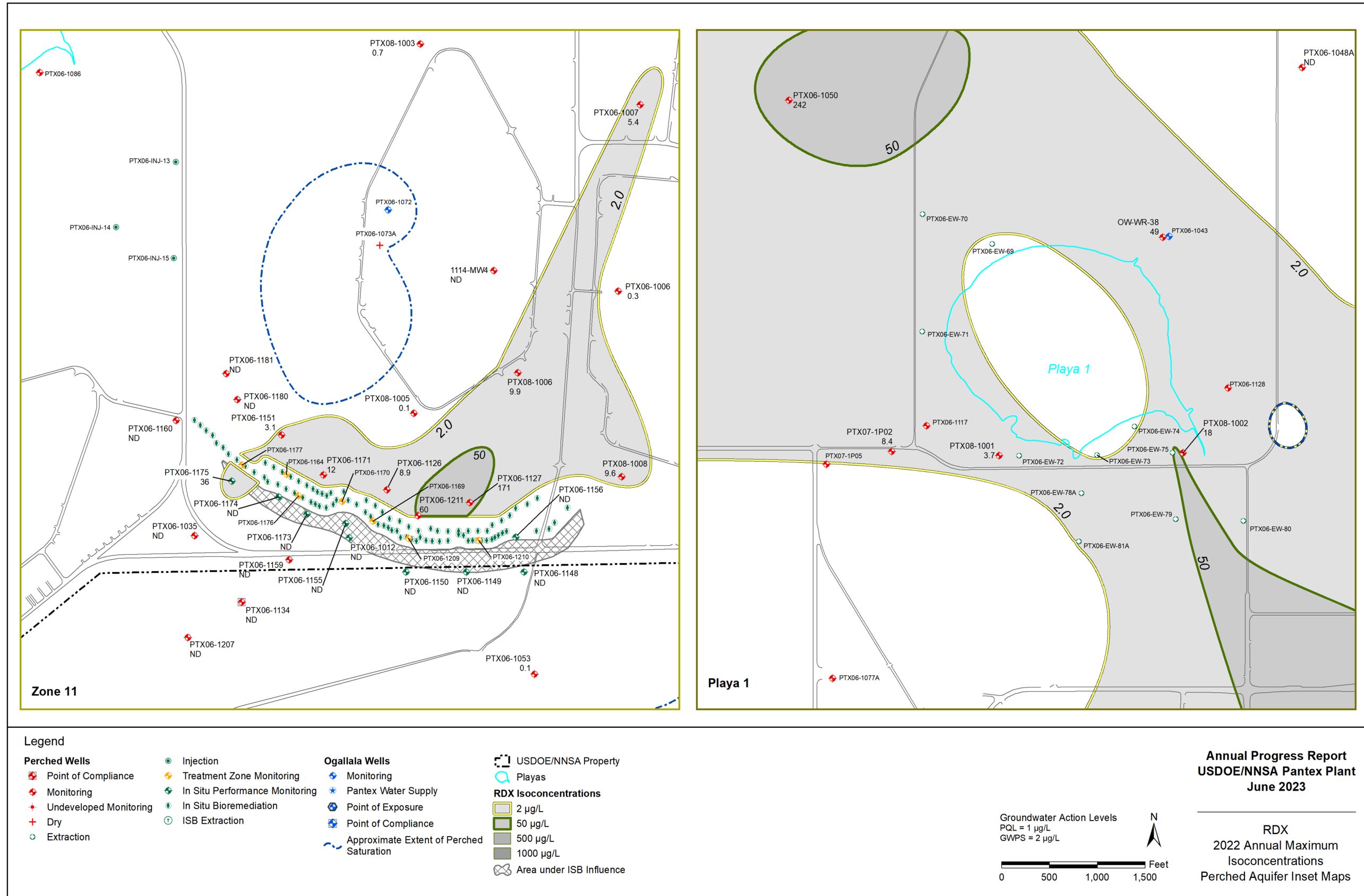


Fig. 3-14. RDX isoconcentration Zone 11 and Playa 1 inset maps.

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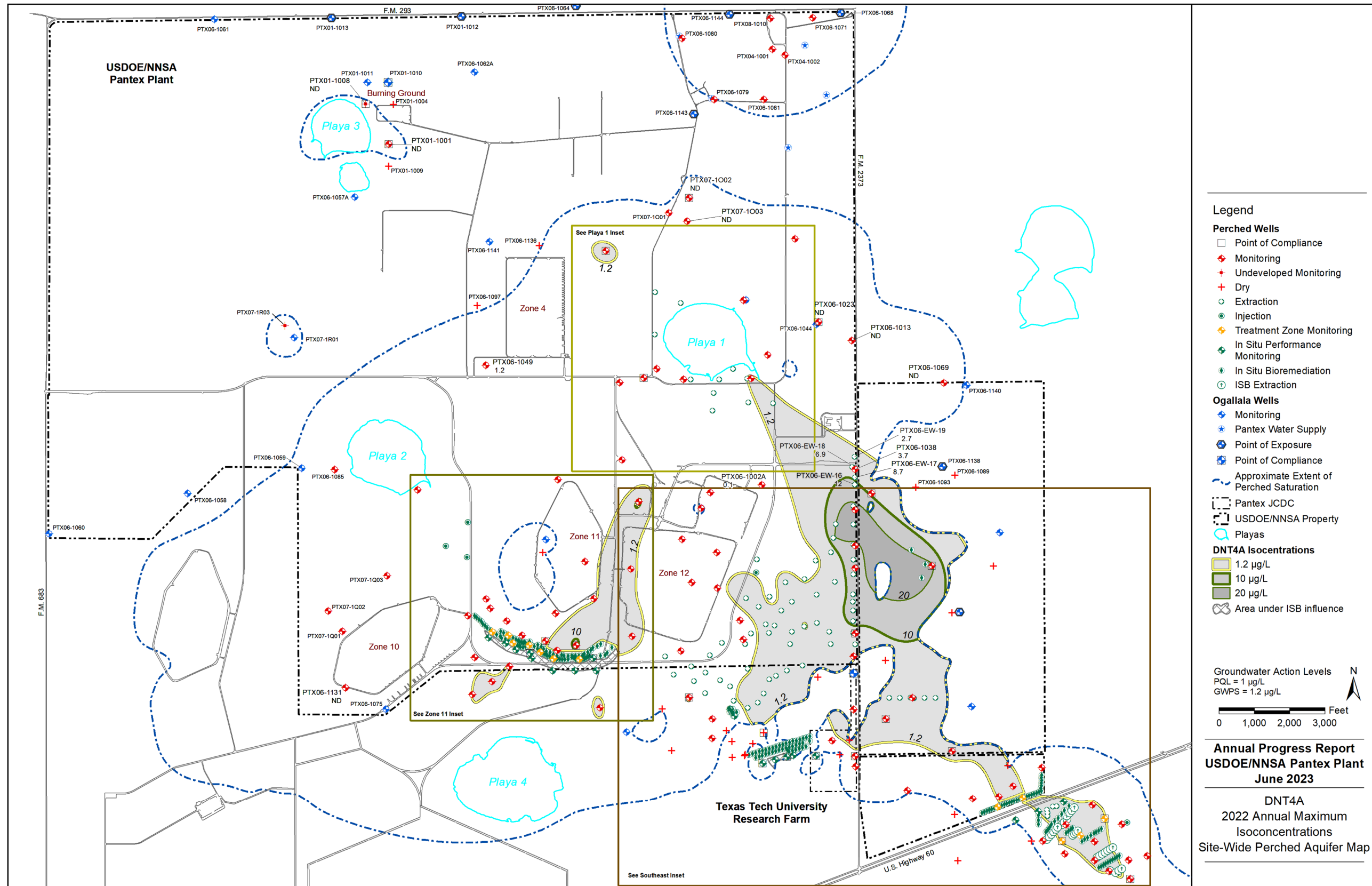


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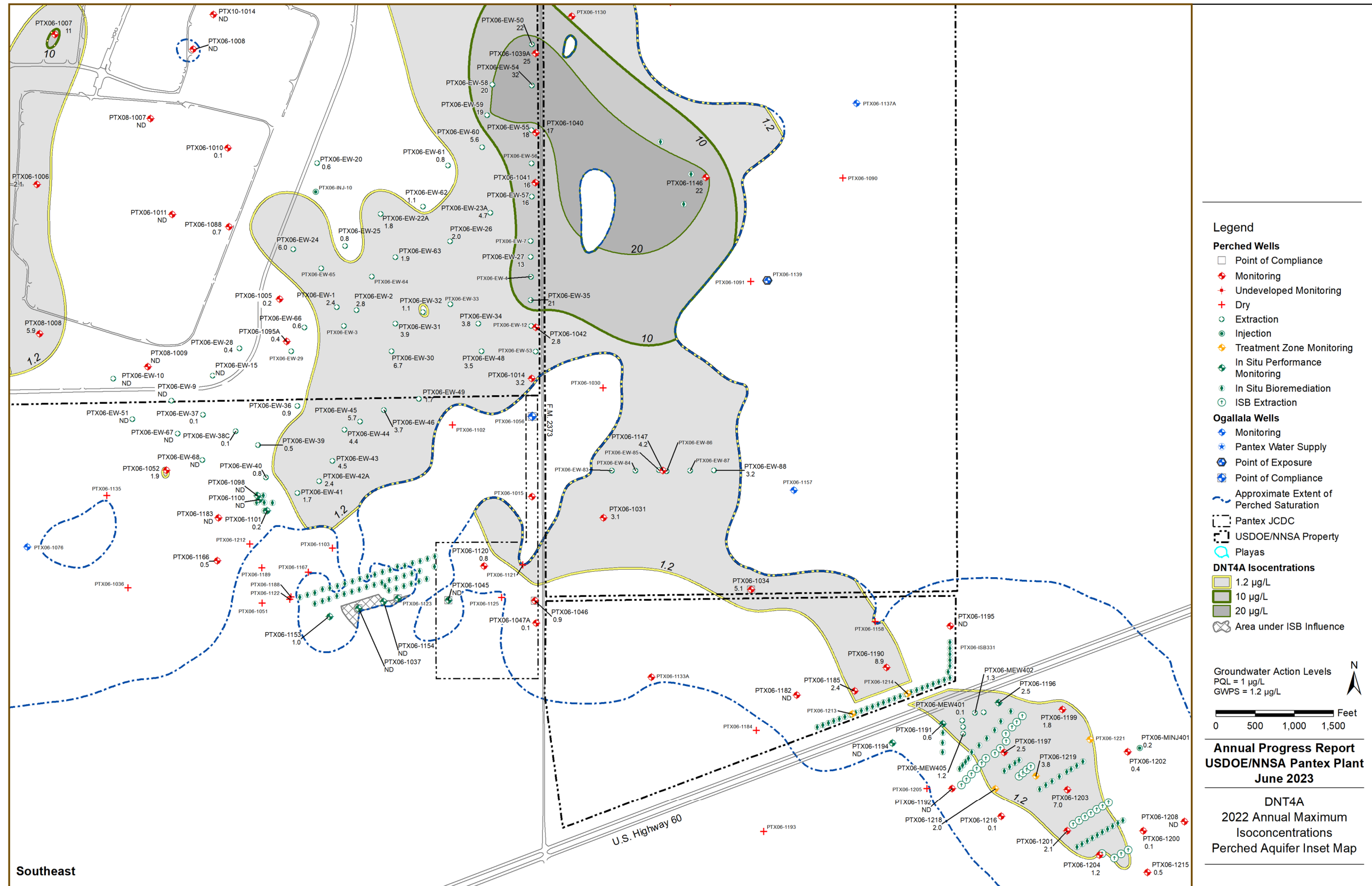


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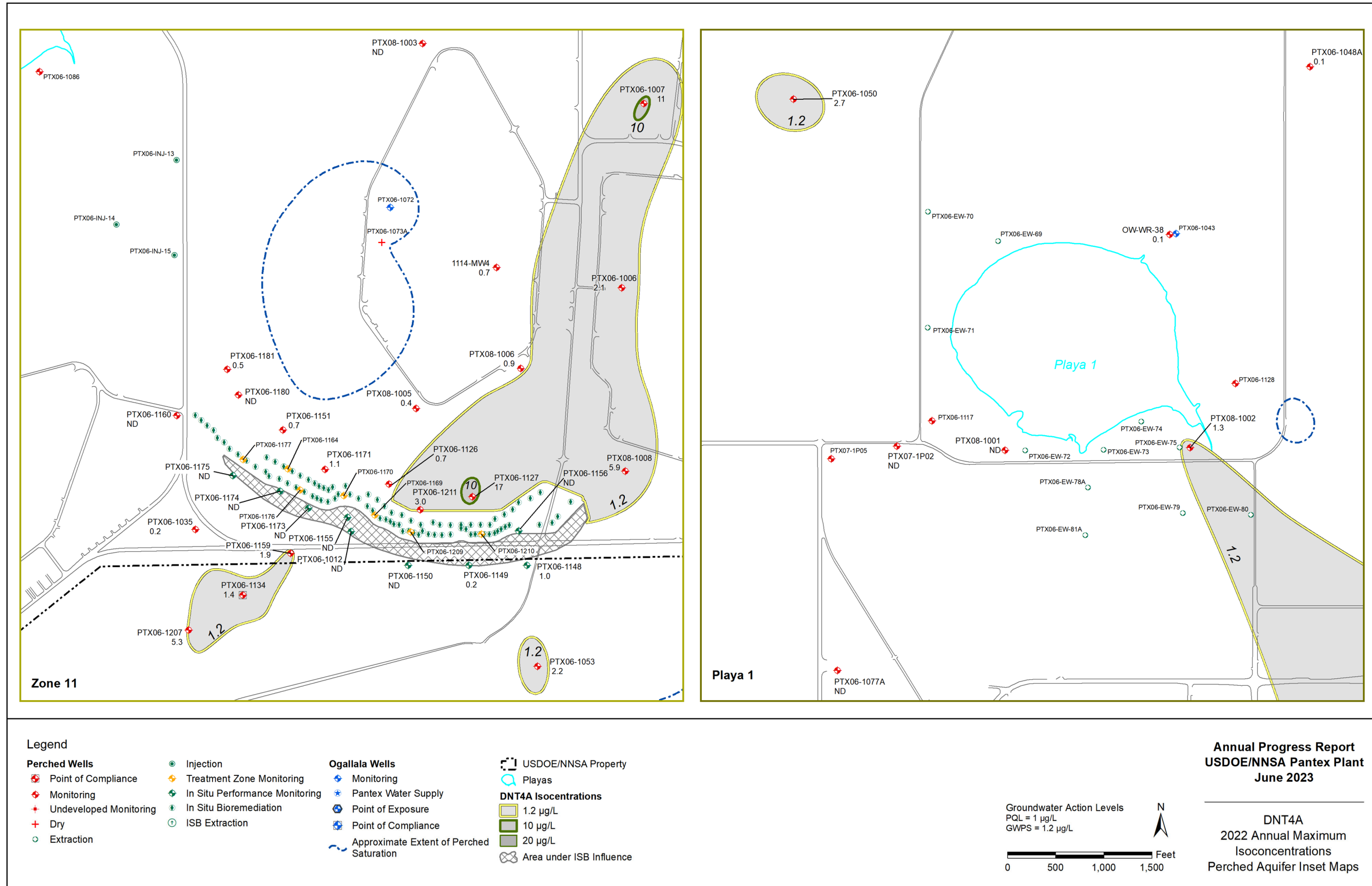


Fig. 3-17. DNT4A isoconcentration Zone 11 and Playa 1 inset maps.

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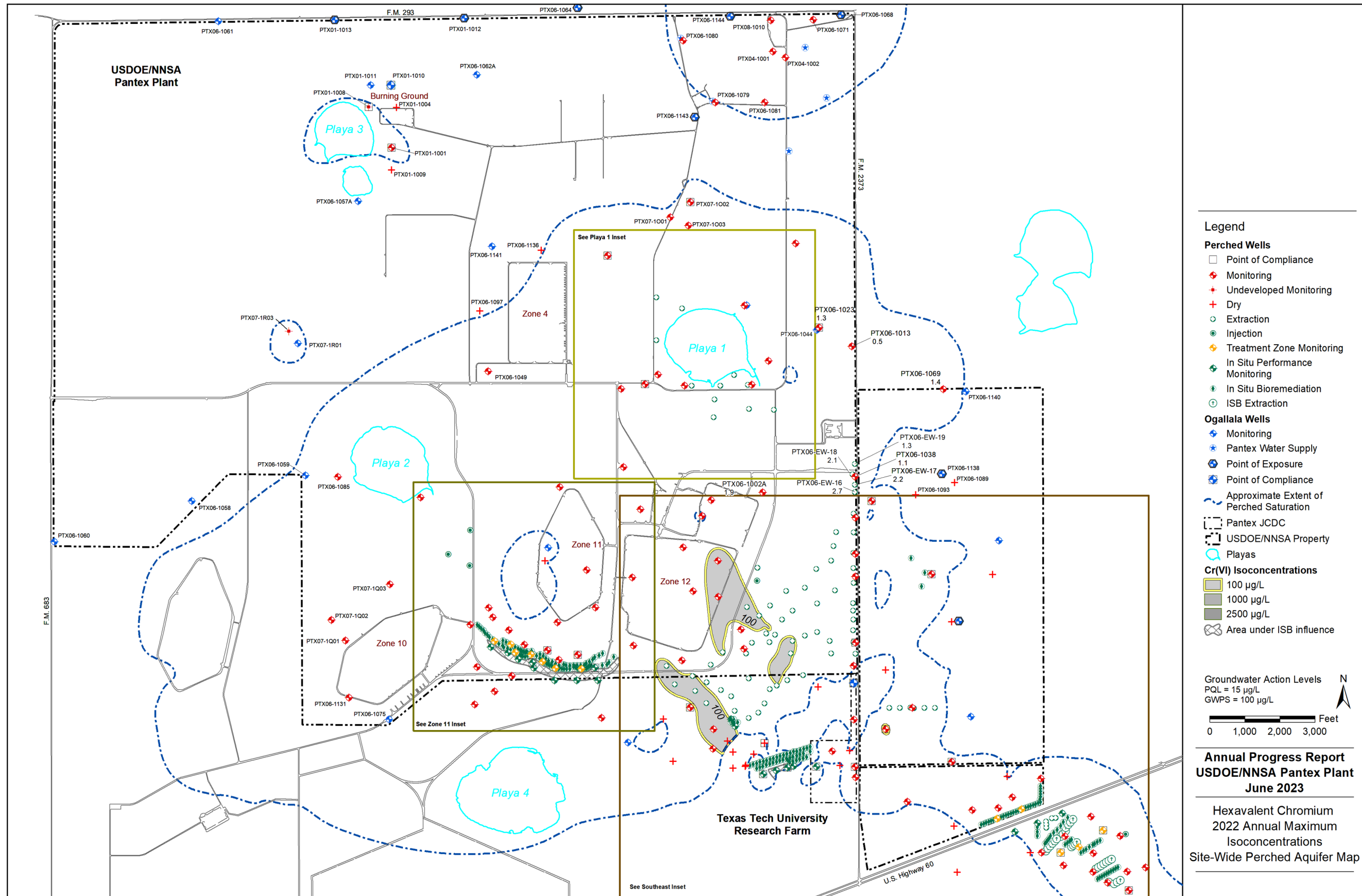


Fig. 3-18. Hexavalent chromium isoconcentration map.

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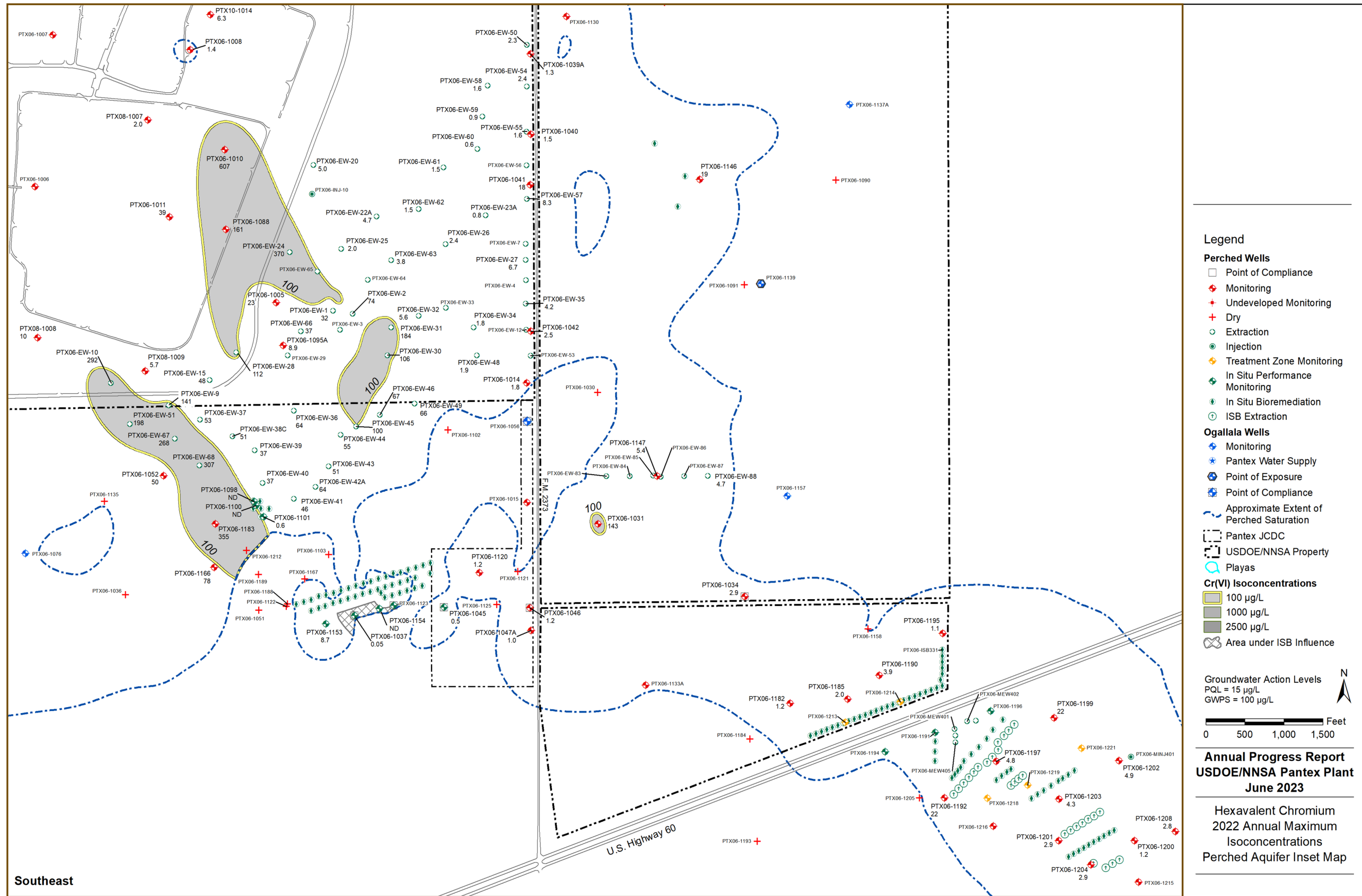
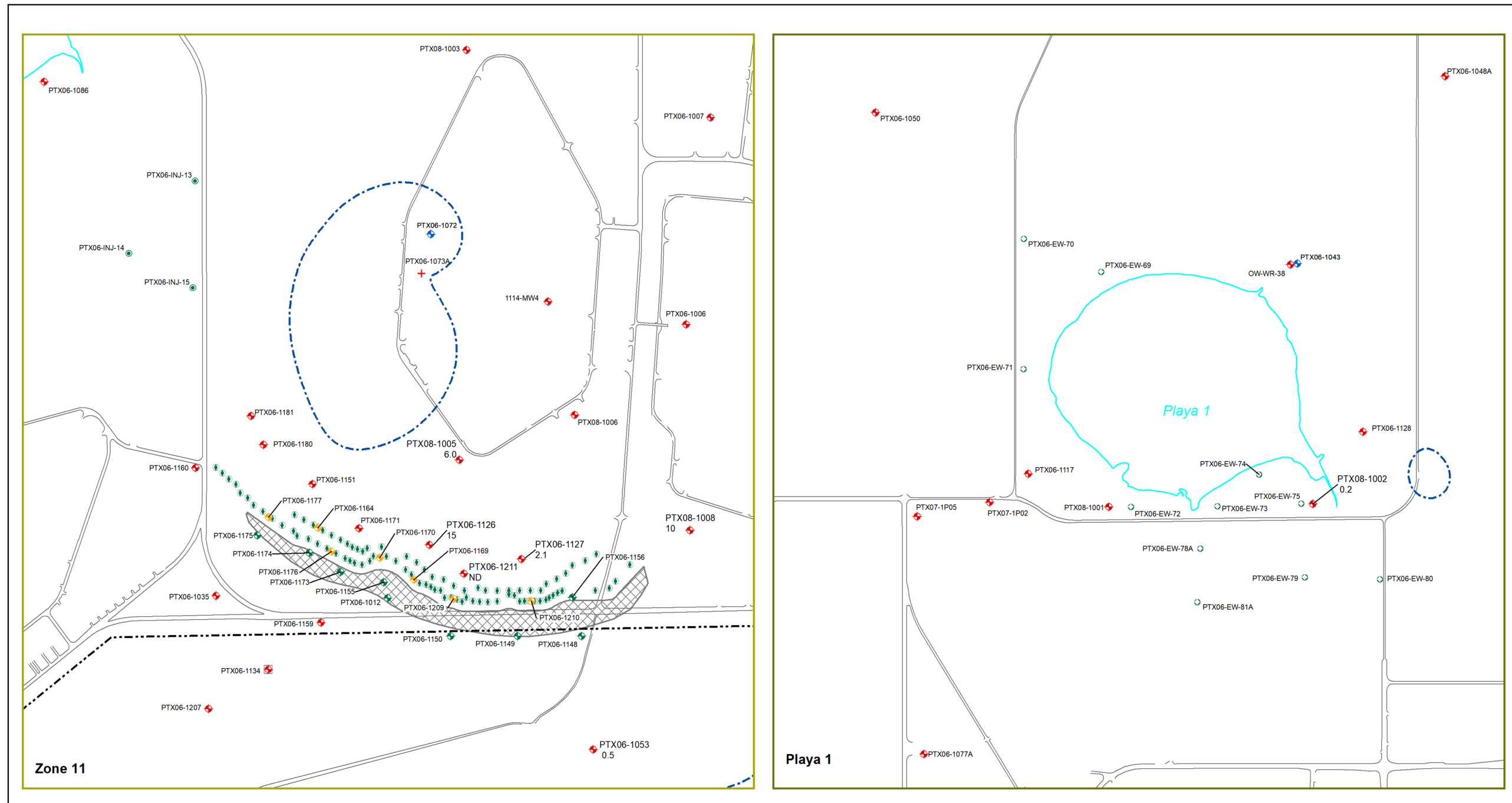


Fig. 3-19. Hexavalent chromium isoconcentration southeast inset map.

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Legend			
Perched Wells	● Injection	Ogallala Wells	⊠ USDOE/NNSA Property
□ Point of Compliance	⊕ Treatment Zone Monitoring	⊕ Monitoring	⬭ Playas
⊕ Monitoring	⊕ In Situ Performance Monitoring	⊕ Pantex Water Supply	Cr(VI) Isoconcentrations
⊕ Undeveloped Monitoring	⊕ In Situ Bioremediation	⊕ Point of Exposure	⬭ 100 µg/L
⊕ Dry	⊕ ISB Extraction	⊕ Point of Compliance	⬭ 1000 µg/L
○ Extraction		⊕ Approximate Extent of Perched Saturation	⬭ 2500 µg/L
			⬭ Area under ISB Influence

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Groundwater Action Levels
PQL = 15 µg/L
GWPS = 100 µg/L

0 500 1,000 1,500 Feet

Fig. 3-20. Hexavalent chromium isoconcentration Zone 11 and Playa 1 inset maps.

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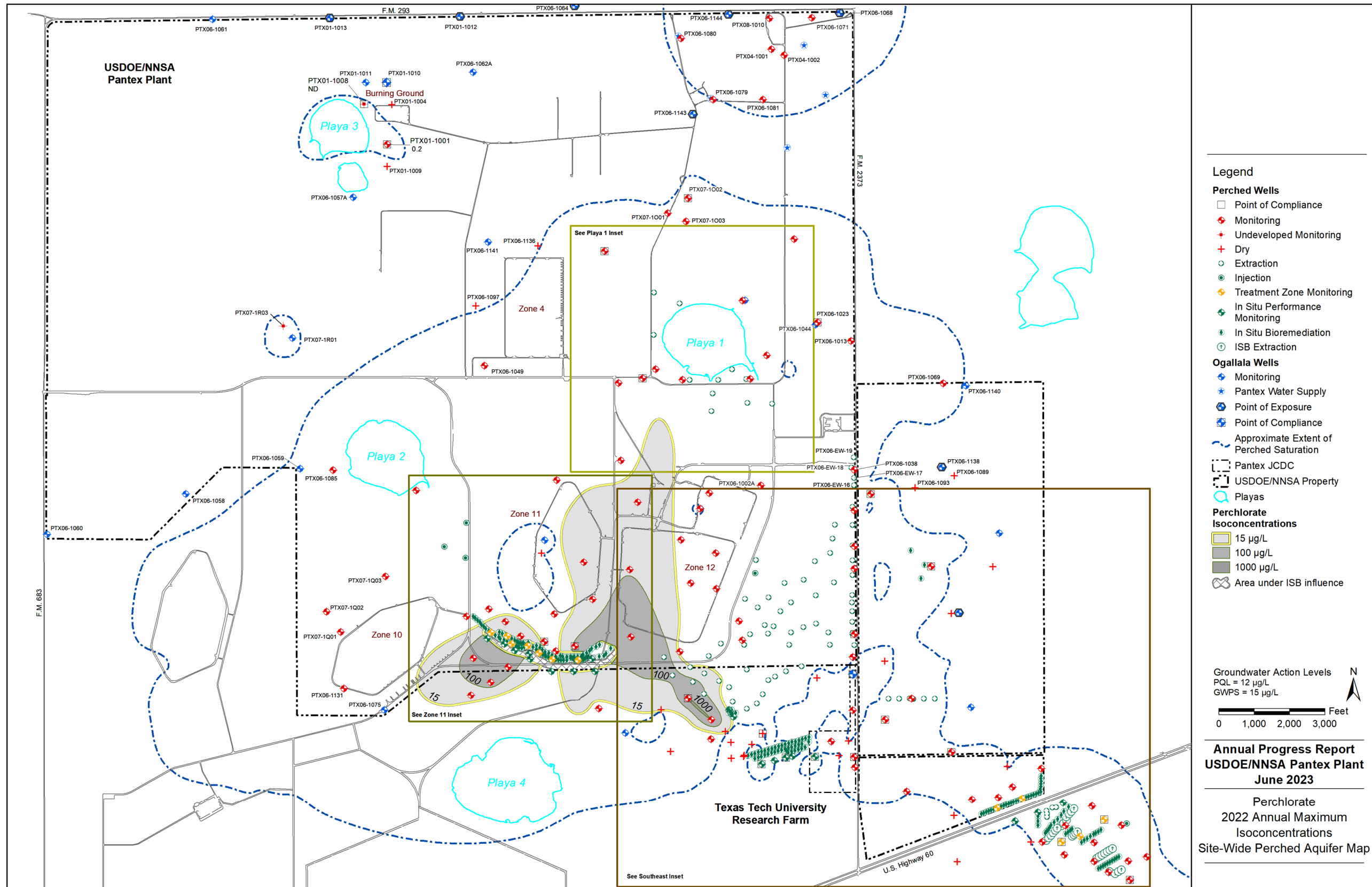


Fig. 3-21. Perchlorate isoconcentration map.

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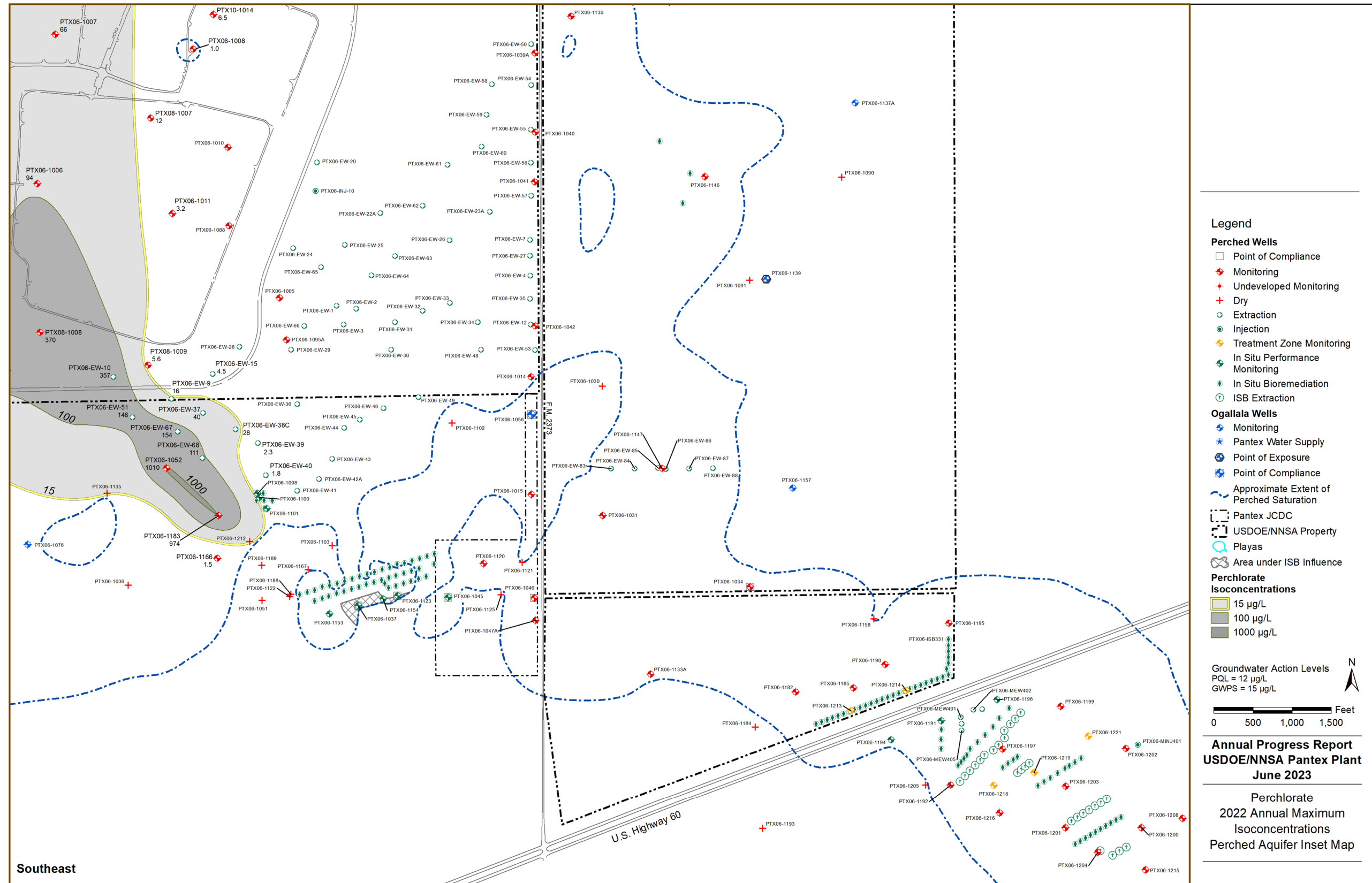


Fig. 3-22. Perchlorate isoconcentration southeast inset map.

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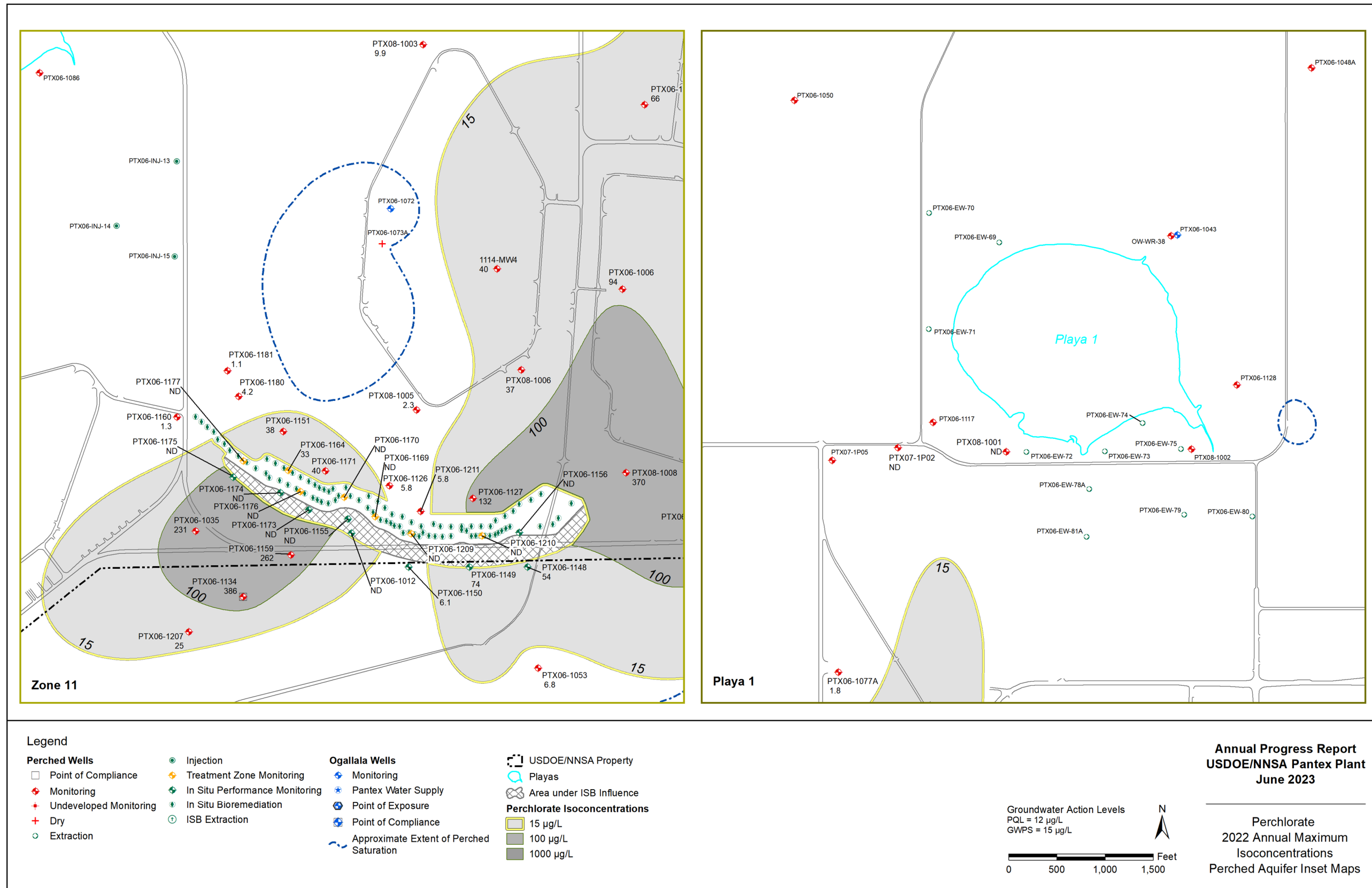


Fig. 3-23. Perchlorate isoconcentration Zone 11 and Playa 1 inset maps.

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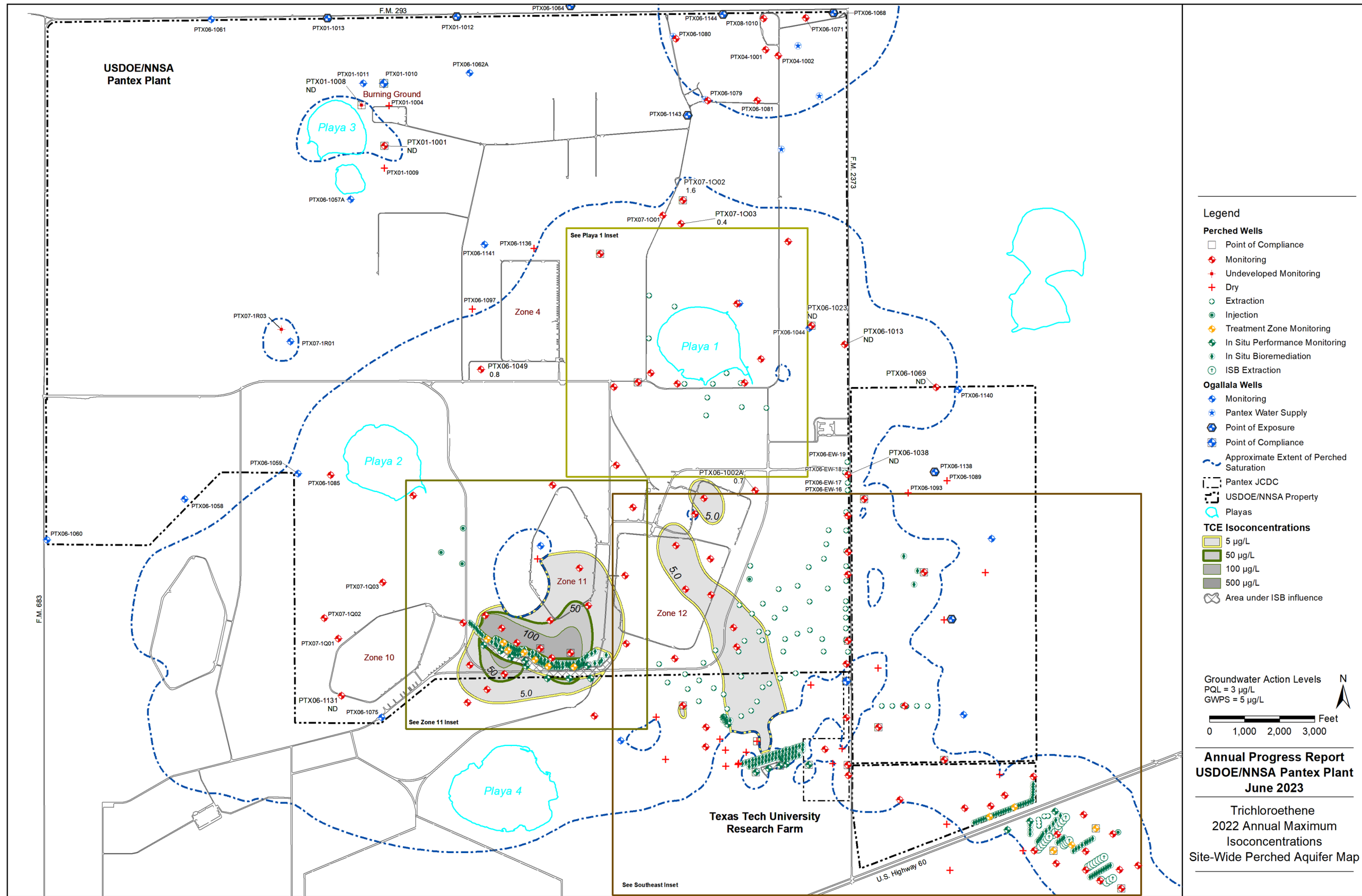


Fig. 3-24. TCE isoconcentration map.

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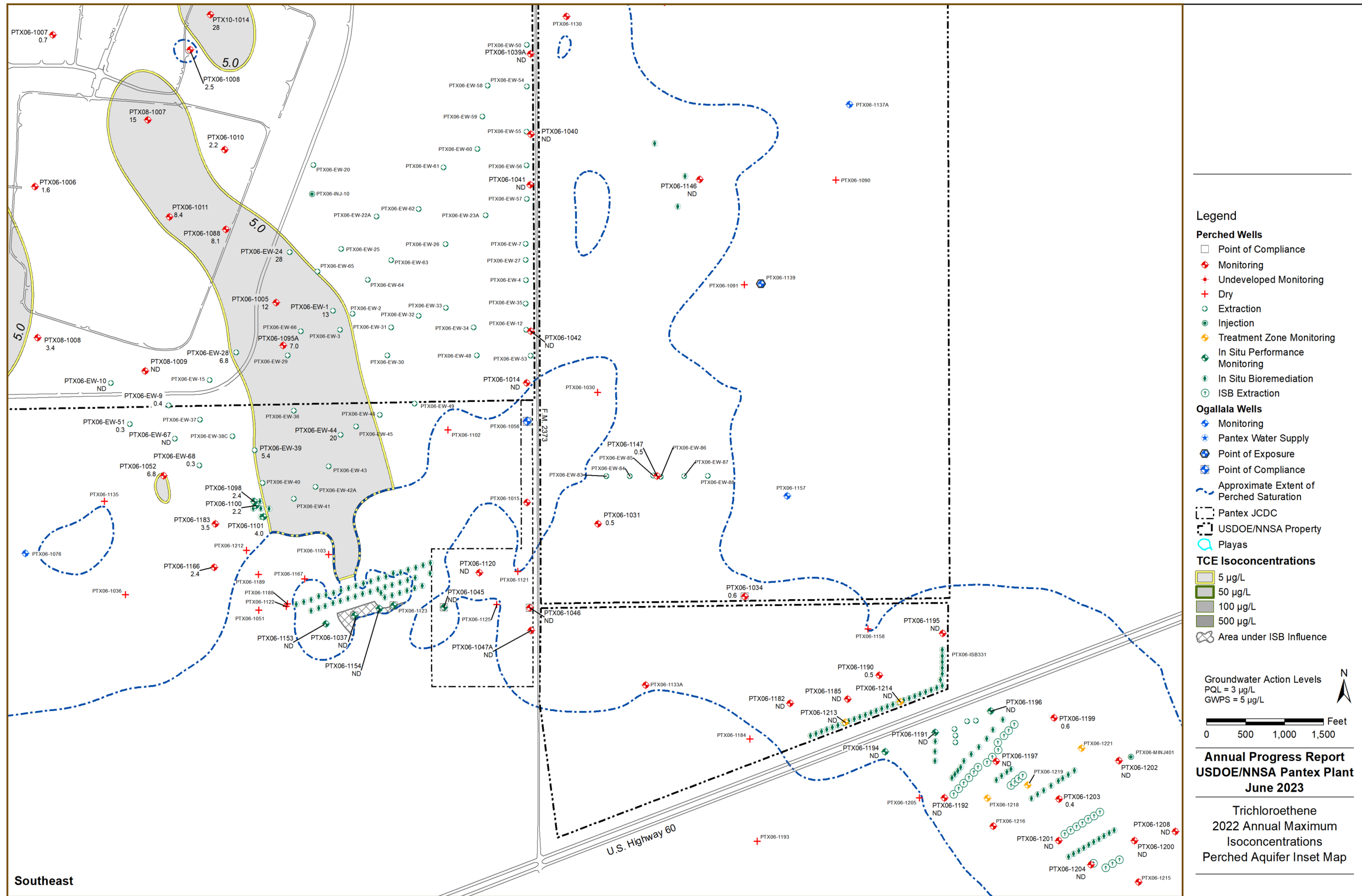


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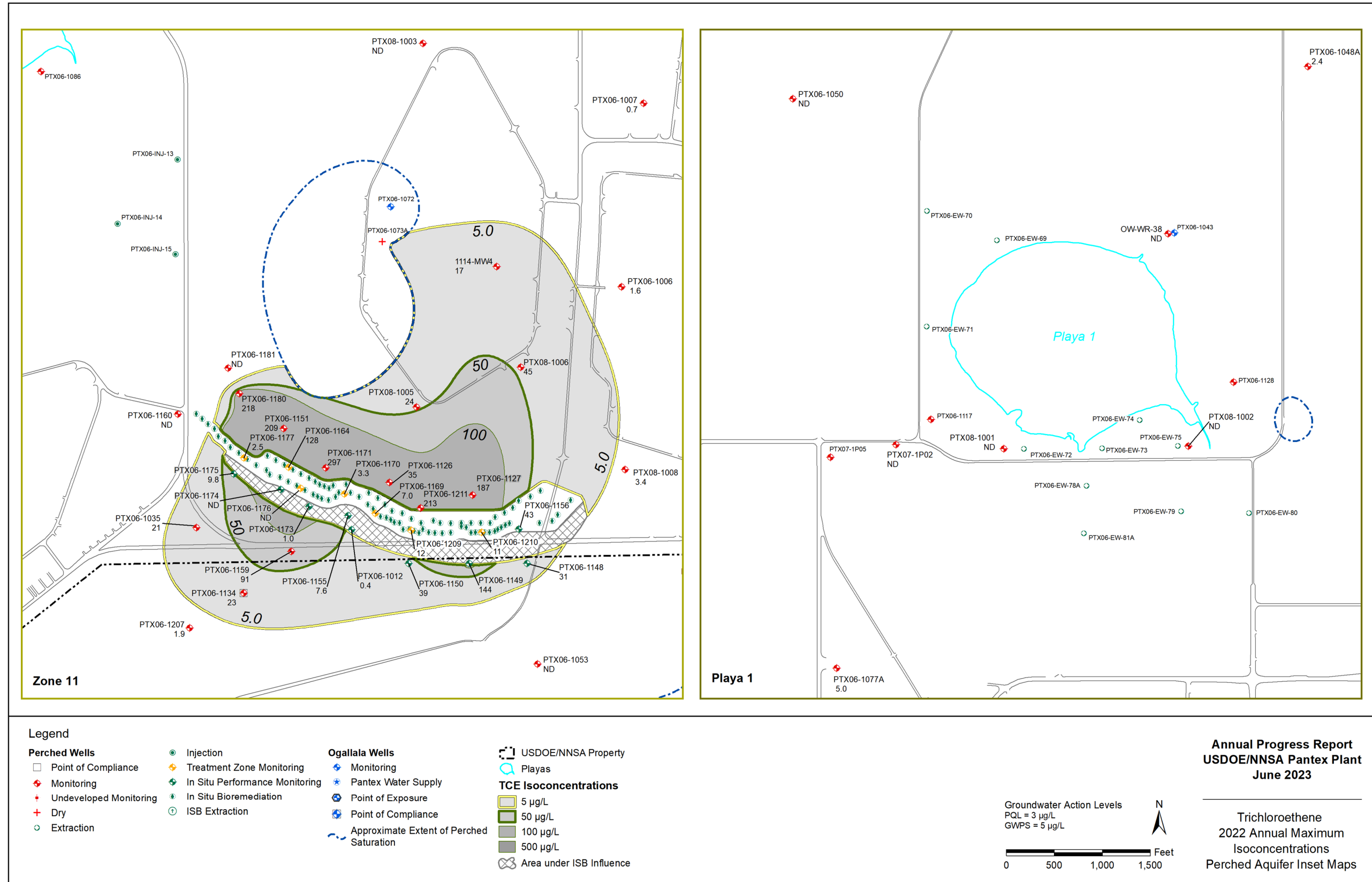


Fig. 3-26. TCE isoconcentration Zone 11 and Playa 1 inset maps.

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3.1.7 ESTIMATE OF PLUME MOVEMENT

The unique characteristics of the perched aquifer, including the limited areal extent of the aquifer, cause difficulty when estimating the rate of migration of groundwater contaminants. Unlike a typical contaminant plume in a regional aquifer, the HE plume associated with Pantex (see Fig. 3-12) extends to the edge of aquifer saturation, because this part of the aquifer was largely created by the infiltration of industrial wastewater discharges from legacy activities at Pantex. Furthermore, the movement of contaminants within the plume is difficult to assess because of the impacts of the groundwater treatment systems. COC concentration trends for individual wells are presented in Appendix E.

The approved LTM network has been in place since 2009, making it possible to compare the size and shape of plumes from specific time periods. Previous attempts to quantify plume movement by calculating plume centroids were unsuccessful, possibly due to asymmetrical plume shapes and remedial action effects. Therefore, only a qualitative discussion of plume movement from 2009 to 2022 is included in the following sections. Estimated plume boundaries for 2022 and/or select contours were compared with the 2009 isocontour maps. As additional data are collected, quantification of plume movement may be attempted again.

Groundwater contamination in the perched aquifer occurs as several overlapping plumes associated with historical release areas. Each of the principal plumes is discussed below.

3.1.7.1 High Explosive Plumes

Several HE plumes are present in the perched aquifer. These plumes are primarily composed of RDX and TNT, including breakdown products of those compounds, and other HE constituents. The largest plume having the highest concentrations, referred to as the Southeast Plume, is located east and southeast of Zone 12 and Playa 1 and extends offsite to the south and east to the extent of perched saturation. A second HE plume occurs beneath the southeast portion of Zone 11. Other HE plumes are present in the areas surrounding Playa 1.

The Southeast Plume was formed as a result of the discharge of HE-contaminated process waters into unlined ditches in Zone 12. The contaminated wastewater flowed through the ditches to Playa 1, but significant volumes of the water infiltrated through the ditches. The HE plume maps presented show that the highest concentrations of HEs in groundwater occur away from the ditches, indicating that contaminated perched groundwater has moved to the southeast, away from the source areas, and that concentrations of contaminated recharge water have declined over time. Trends in this plume's historic

analytical data indicate that source areas along the ditches continue to leach HEs into perched groundwater but at much lower concentrations than what has occurred historically.

This plume is being actively remediated by the SEPTS, which limits further migration of contaminants to the east. In addition, the P1PTS is actively treating the remaining HE plume in the vicinity of Playa 1 as well as reducing the head driving the Southeast Plume movement. The Southeast ISB system is also actively treating the HE plume before reaching the area beneath TTU property where the FGZ becomes less resistant to vertical migration.

The Zone 11 plume was formed as a result of the discharge of HE-contaminated process waters into unlined ditches and ponds in Zone 11. Groundwater contaminant concentrations in wells located along the southeast perimeter of Zone 11 are increasing while concentrations at the south end of Zone 11 are decreasing. These increasing concentrations indicate movement of the plume away from upgradient source areas rather than increasing concentrations related to a source near the well.

HE plumes surrounding Playa 1 are likely associated with water infiltrating from the playa. Wells installed near Landfills 1 and 2 along with OW-WR-38 and PTX06-1049 are exhibiting some increasing trends in HEs. However, these trends are likely due to the reduction of saturated thickness and shifting gradients in the northern perched groundwater due to the P1PTS's operations rather than sourcing from the landfills. Trends will continue to be monitored at these locations.

To evaluate HE plume movement from 2009 to 2022, the RDX plume was chosen due to its size and distribution near the remedial actions. Considering the size and complexity of the RDX plume and the fact it is defined by the perched aquifer extent in many areas, the 1000-ug/L contours were included in the evaluation. These two contours represent the "hearts" of the two original plume sources (i.e., Playa 1 and Zone 12 ditches) that have since commingled in the southeast portion of the perched aquifer and are under the effects of the remedial actions.

As depicted in Fig. 3-27, the 1,000-ug/L plume outlines have slightly shifted in the SEPTS well field and shifted to the southern and eastern edge of the perched aquifer extent. This is likely due to a combination of the SEPTS's operations and general plume movement in areas that are not under the SEPTS influence. For 2022, the RDX contour has extended into the far eastern and southern lobe of the perched groundwater. This shift is the result of

increases in RDX to above 1,000 ug/L at PTX06-1034, PTX06-1146, and PTX06-1190 coupled with recent additional investigation of the perched groundwater in this area. Movement of the plume in this area appears to be associated with faster groundwater flow paths along channel-type features on the top of the FGZ. Pantex determined the downgradient extent of the plume in early 2019 with the installation of six new wells to the southeast and, to intercept this plume as it migrates to the southeast, has completed a line of injection wells as part of an extension of the Southeast ISB remedy.

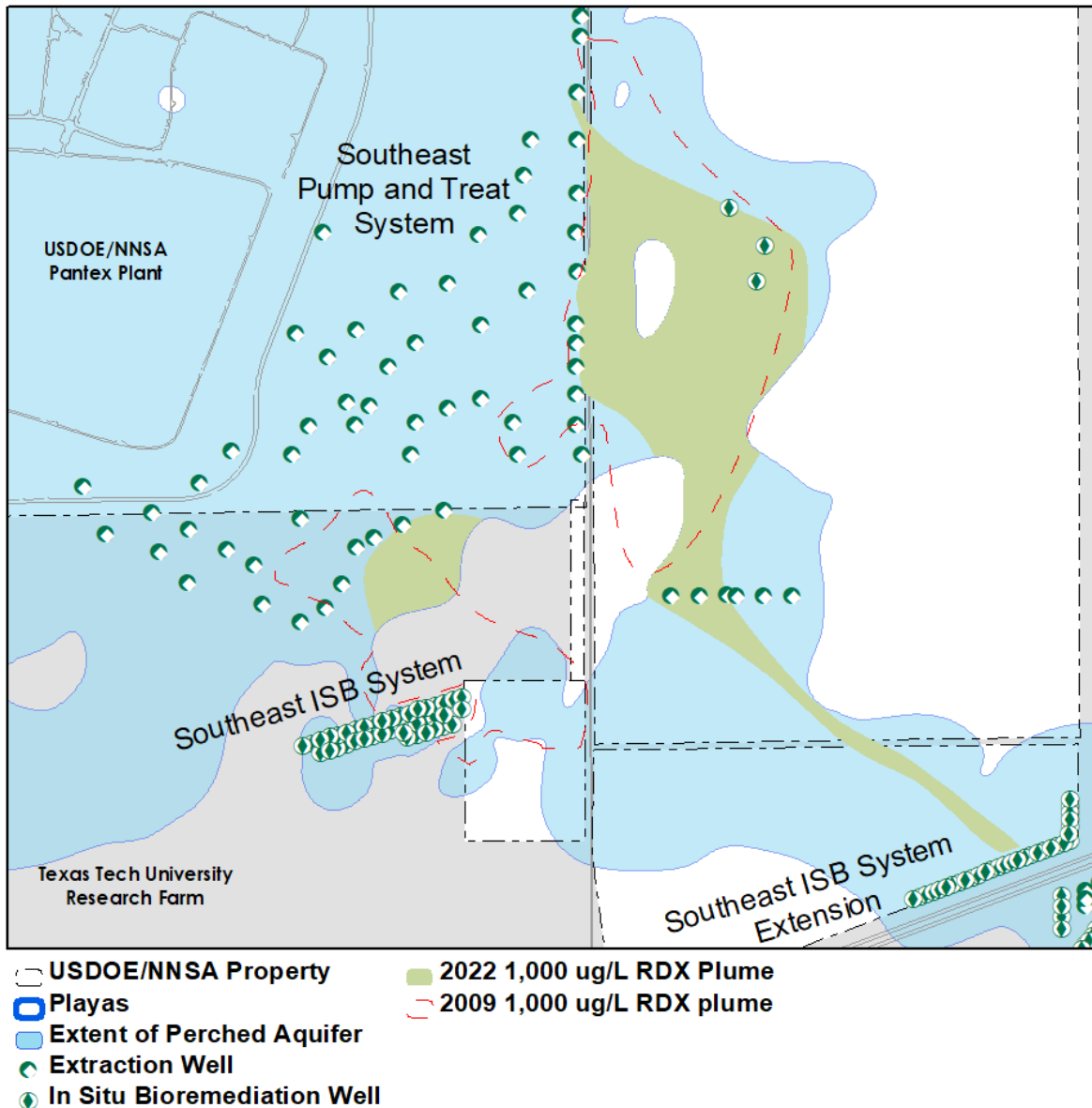


Fig. 3-27. RDX plume movement, 2009-2022.

3.1.7.2 Hexavalent Chromium Plumes

As shown in Fig. 3-18 and Fig. 3-19, hexavalent chromium is present in the perched aquifer in three plumes originating in Zone 12. These plumes are being actively remediated by the SEPTS.

The highest concentrations are associated with a source in Waste Management Group 5 outside the southwestern corner of Zone 12. Concentrations near the source area are decreasing (based on trend analysis of nearby wells), indicating that the source is declining. However, concentrations within the plume and in the far downgradient wells are variable, and the plume continues to move offsite to the southeast and extends to the limit of perched aquifer saturation on TTU property.

A smaller plume of hexavalent chromium emanates from the area of the Former Cooling Tower on the east side of Zone 12. Concentrations in this plume have decreased, but data from PTX06-1010 indicate the source area continues to leach contamination to the perched groundwater.

When compared with the 2009 hexavalent chromium maps (see Fig. 3-28), the shapes are similar, with the following exceptions:

- The northern lobe of the plume has apparently shifted to the east, likely due to a combination of the SEPTS's extraction well pumping and reduction of injection in the area.
- The southern portion of the plume has apparently shifted southwest because of downgradient movement of chromium beyond the influence of the SEPTS.
- The smaller middle plume is a result of historical high injection rates that have pushed the plume to the southeast. This portion of the plume is expected to be captured by SEPTS.

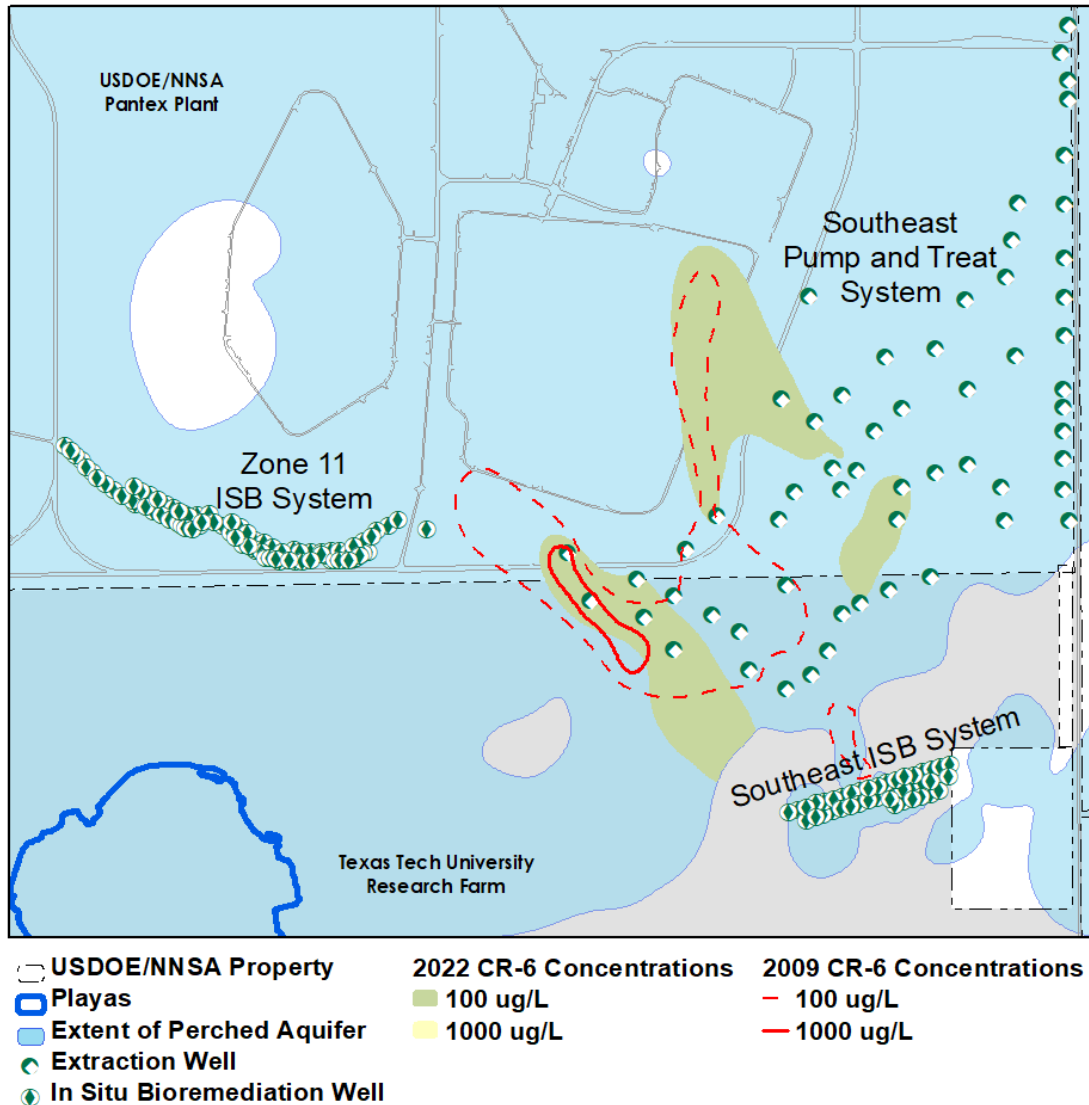


Fig. 3-28. Hexavalent chromium plume movement, 2009–2022.

3.1.7.3 Perchlorate Plume

A single plume of perchlorate occurs in the perched aquifer underlying Zone 11 and the western portion of Zone 12. This plume extends northeast toward Playa 1 and southwest beneath the TTU property, as shown in Fig. 3-21, Fig. 3-22, and Fig. 3-23. This plume is associated with the historical release of perchlorate from processes in Zone 11 to unlined ditches that carried the untreated water to the playa.

Concentrations of perchlorate in areas underlying the potential source areas in Zone 11 are generally decreasing, and perchlorate concentrations are decreasing or remain steady near the ditch to Playa 1. Perchlorate concentrations near the southern boundary of the plant continue to generally increase. This plume is being actively remediated by the Zone 11 ISB

system, though portions of the plume have moved outside of the Zone 11 ISB area of influence and into the SEPTS wellfield and beyond.

In 2022 as part of the ESD, the action level (GWPS) was updated for perchlorate from 26 ug/L to 15 ug/L. For comparison purposes, the 2022 26 ug/L contour is depicted in Fig. 3-29 to not only show the difference in the updated lower limit but also for comparison of the 2009 plume shape versus the 2022 plume shape. As depicted in Fig. 3-29, the perchlorate plume shape is similar to the 2009 plume map, with the following notable exceptions:

- The southern lobe of the plume has shifted to the south and west likely due to advection and dispersion, as indicated by data collected from newly sampled monitoring wells. Recharge from Playa 4 to the south may also have an influence on plume movement south of Zone 11.
- The southeastern boundary of the plume has shifted east because of the increase of perchlorate in PTX08-1008 first observed in 2008 and in the four westernmost SEPTS extraction wells. Additionally, two wells located south of the SEPTS wellfield had detections of perchlorate near or above 1000 ug/L further expanding the plume to the southeast.

The hydraulic gradient in the area between the southern parts of Zones 11 and 12 has shifted more eastward because of the influence of the SEPTS and the decline in perched water levels. This shift in the hydraulic gradient has allowed perchlorate to migrate east and southeast, with perchlorate moving into the SEPTS well field.

Portions of the perchlorate plume are being actively remediated by SEPTS at this time. In 2022, extraction wells with the highest perchlorate concentrations were tied into a new treatment process at SEPTS. Two new perchlorate resin vessels were installed in August 2022 at SEPTS to capture perchlorate as it came into the SEPTS wellfield. However, the southern portion of the plume may be outside the SEPTS capture zone. Installation of a new perchlorate/chromium (PCR) ISB is planned for the future to address the leading edge of the southeastern moving plume.

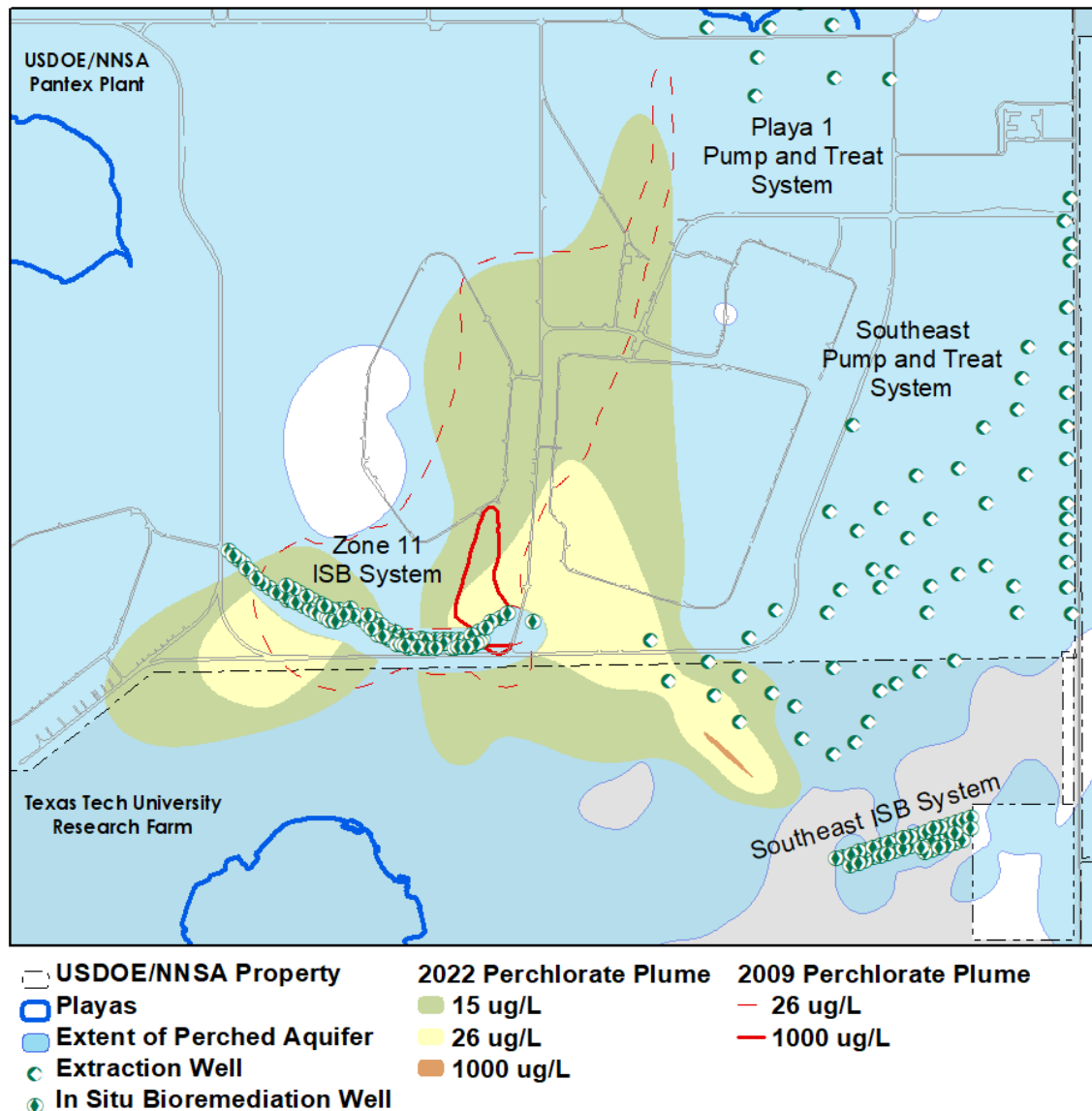


Fig. 3-29. Perchlorate plume movement, 2009-2022.

3.1.7.4 TCE Plumes

Several TCE plumes are present in the perched aquifer, as shown in Fig. 3-24, Fig. 3-25, and Fig. 3-26. TCE plumes in Zone 12 originate in the north (source area in WMG 10) and the east (source area in SWMU 122b) side of Zone 12 and extend to the southeast. Another TCE plume originates beneath Zone 11 and extends to the south off-site. TCE in the perched aquifer occurs from partitioning of TCE in soil gas into perched groundwater and TCE-contaminated process water associated with legacy discharges leaching into unlined former pits and ponds.

Groundwater concentrations of TCE in the wells on the east side of Zone 12 indicate a continuing source of TCE to the groundwater. This plume is being actively remediated by the SEPTS. PTX10-1014, which is near WMG 10 in the northern part of Zone 12, is exhibiting a stable trend in TCE.

The TCE plume underlying Zone 11 is associated with legacy HE operations that resulted in industrial wastewater infiltrating into the subsurface and TCE in soil gas originating from several areas within that zone. Concentrations in this plume are decreasing at all wells beneath Zone 11, except PTX08-1006 where concentrations are increasing; this indicates continuing migration of TCE in the perched groundwater from beneath Zone 11. This plume is migrating southward and observed concentrations at the TTU property boundary are increasing. As discussed in Section 3.2.3.1, this plume is being actively remediated by the Zone 11 ISB system.

As depicted in Fig. 3-30, the 2009 and 2022 TCE plume shapes are similar, with the following notable exceptions:

- The plume originating from Zone 12 has contracted and split into two plumes near this zone's source areas. The Zone 12 plume has shifted directions over time due to injection of treated water into injection wells near Zone 12. Data collected in the Southeast ISB's ISPM wells indicate the plume has been treated and the plume has contracted above the Southeast ISB.
- The plume originating from Zone 11 has shifted to the south and west due to the area's general gradient and recently installed wells to the west. The TCE plume beneath Zone 11 continues to expand to the east as a result of the shifting flow gradients in perched groundwater.

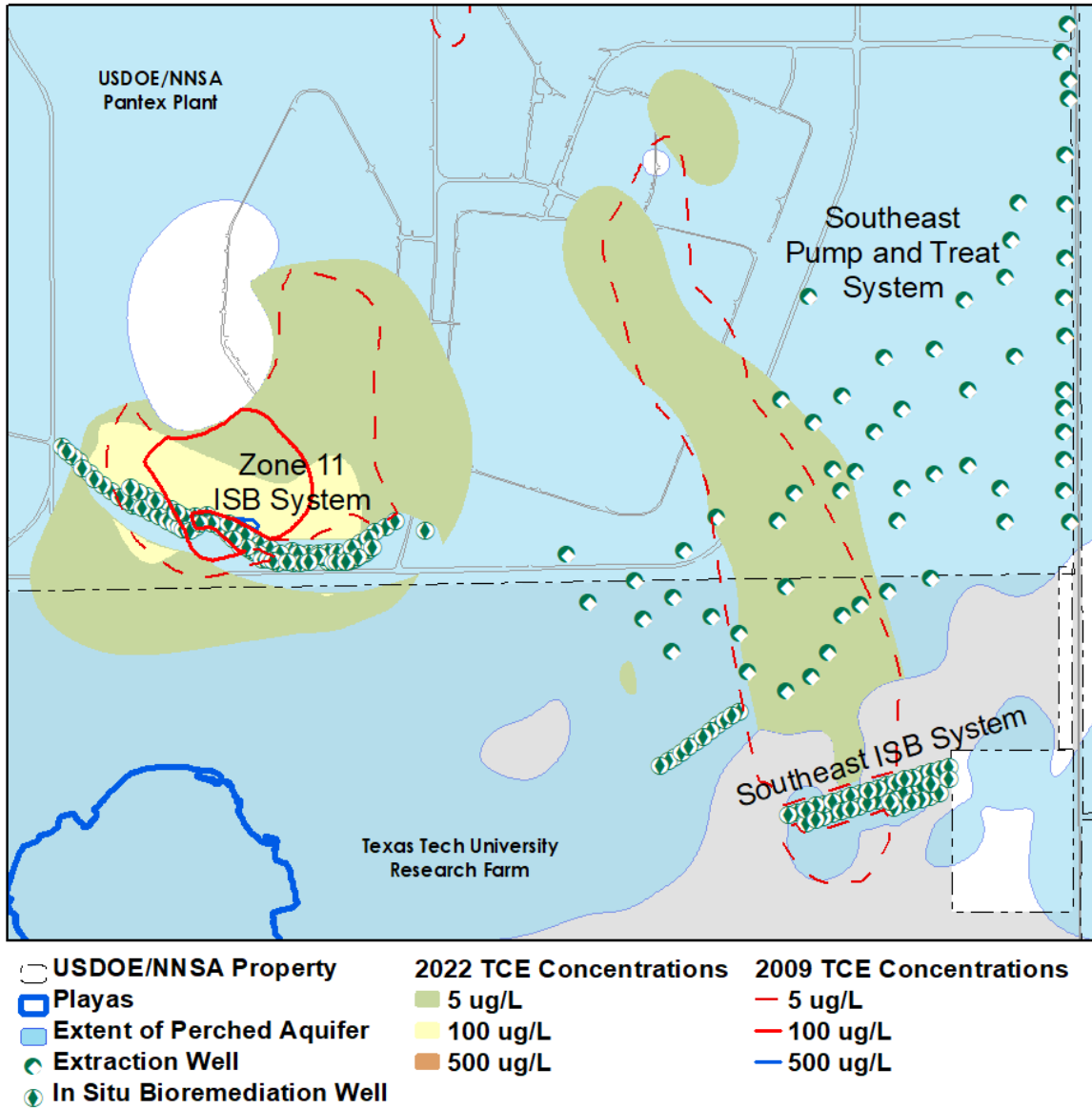


Fig. 3-30. TCE plume movement, 2009-2022.

3.2 REMEDIAL ACTION EFFECTIVENESS

3.2.1 SOUTHEAST PUMP AND TREAT SYSTEM

The objective of the SEPTS (see Fig. 1-7) is to remove contaminated perched groundwater and treat it for industrial and/or irrigation use. While the capability is being maintained for injection of treated water back into the perched zone, the intent is to permanently remove perched groundwater to gradually reduce the saturated thickness in this zone and to achieve the following two important goals:

- A gradual reduction of the volume of perched groundwater and contamination moving downgradient toward the extent of saturation
- A reduction in the head (i.e., driving force) for vertical migration of perched groundwater into the FGZ and toward the drinking water aquifer

The SEPTS has altered the groundwater flow direction and gradient at localized areas near the extraction wells in the perched aquifer. Figure 3-31 illustrates the influence of this pump and treat system and the P1PTS. Water levels measured at the extraction wells were not used in the interpretation of water table contours so that cones of depression would not be overestimated. Localized cones of depression are present surrounding several extraction wells, but the formation of an extensive cone of depression throughout the system is limited by the aquifer's thin saturated thickness.

The water table map indicates groundwater is still flowing southeastward across the USDOE/NNSA property boundary onto TTU property. However, extraction wells located on the TTU property limit the further migration of perched groundwater contaminants to the south. Water table contours along FM 2373 indicate groundwater is flowing primarily to the south along the USDOE/NNSA property boundary, thus limiting the transport of perched aquifer contaminants eastward. The hydraulic gradient varies greatly in this area because of the influence of the SEPTS. Very steep gradients occur locally near many of the extraction wells, and the southerly flow direction is reversed in some areas.

3.2.1.1 Hydrodynamic Control

By using extraction wells to alter the hydraulic gradient, hydrodynamic control limits the horizontal migration of contaminants. Because of the limited saturated thickness of the perched aquifer, complete hydraulic containment of the contaminant plume is not possible. However, the SEPTS has effectively altered the hydraulic gradient to limit the movement of contaminants.

Analysis of groundwater flow directions, as indicated by water table contours, shows that the SEPTS has reduced the eastward movement of perched groundwater across FM 2373 and limited expansion of the plume south of the extraction wells on TTU property. In addition, removing perched groundwater has caused the extent of perched saturation on TTU property to retreat significantly. Figure 3-31 shows the approximate radius of influence of the groundwater treatment systems and the directions of perched groundwater flow gradients outside the radius of influence. Capture zones, shown in Fig. 3-31 for the extraction wells, were calculated using a single-layer groundwater flow model of the perched aquifer. Average 2022 extraction flow rates for each well were used in the calculations.

Operation of the pump and treat systems was affected in 2022 by repairs at the WWTF and the break at the irrigation system's filter bank. This break is expected to be a long-term impediment to operations because repairs are only focused on restoring a portion of the irrigation system. The irrigation system is expected to support release of water from the WWTF as a priority, restricting flow from the P1PTS more than in the past. As a result, the capture zone is expected to be impacted until Pantex can put other systems in place to manage treated water. Operation of new wells east of FM 2373 that were tied into the system in March 2019 has improved the capture of water to the east of FM 2373, but as the new wells are prioritized for operation, other areas may continue to be impacted by the lower flow rates at the SEPTS.

To address issues regarding the release or use of treated water, Pantex is pursuing more than one option to enable consistent operation of the systems in the future and provide the flexibility needed to balance the impacts associated with each option implemented alone. To provide additional long-term use of treated water, Pantex is currently installing other irrigation alternatives on the property east of FM 2373. Funding was received in fiscal year 2021 to construct infrastructure for irrigation on land east of FM 2373 using center pivot sprinklers. Pantex completed the design of the new irrigation system in May 2021. Construction of the system began in November 2021, with final commissioning and operation expected by summer of 2023.

Pantex also constructed three new perched injection wells to the east of Playa 2 and northwest of the Zone 11 ISB. Construction of the injection wells and infrastructure was completed in 2022. These new injection wells will provide a consistent outlet for approximately 150 gpm of treated water when irrigation is unavailable for the beneficial

use of treated water. These wells will also provide a method to inject the treated water without affecting the movement and capture of plumes in the southeast area.

With both of these options implemented, the systems will be able to consistently operate at or near capacity.

3.2.1.2 System Effectiveness

Because the primary goal of both pump and treat systems is to affect plume movement and reduce saturated thickness in the perched aquifer, the plume stability discussion in Section 3.1 can be used to determine the effectiveness of these systems. Overall, when operating, the pump and treat systems continued to be effective in 2022. When comparing 2022 conditions to the LTM design's expected conditions, the majority of monitoring wells are meeting expected conditions in the thirteenth year of the remedial action. The LTM wells not meeting expected conditions for water levels are summarized in Section 3.1.4. The wells have primarily been impacted by the loss of the onsite subsurface irrigation, requiring release of wastewater and treated perched water to Playa 1 as well as reduced operation of P1PTS.

As a part of the secondary goal of mass removal for the SEPTS, the system continued to remove HEs, hexavalent chromium, and perchlorate and treated 117.7 Mgal of extracted water to concentrations below the PQL and the GWPS during 2022. As discussed in Section 2.1.2, the SEPTS was primarily affected by the loss of throughput to the WWTF and irrigation system after the irrigation system's filter bank break. As a result, the SEPTS did not consistently meet all throughput goals during 2022; however, Pantex continues to optimize the system operation. During 2022, P1PTS was operated one week per quarter to maintain function and operability, or when SEPTS could not be fully operated, until March 2022, when repairs to the subsurface irrigation system were completed, allowing for longer operational periods. However, P1PTS was shut down in April 2022 to complete installation of new components for the new center pivot irrigation system.

Pantex conducted a formal optimization analysis for the SEPTS and P1PTS using a fate and transport model of the perched aquifer. The results of the analysis were delivered to Pantex in September 2021 and will be used to develop an extraction strategy that maximizes mass removal and plume control while reducing saturation and guide the operation of the pump and treat systems in the future.

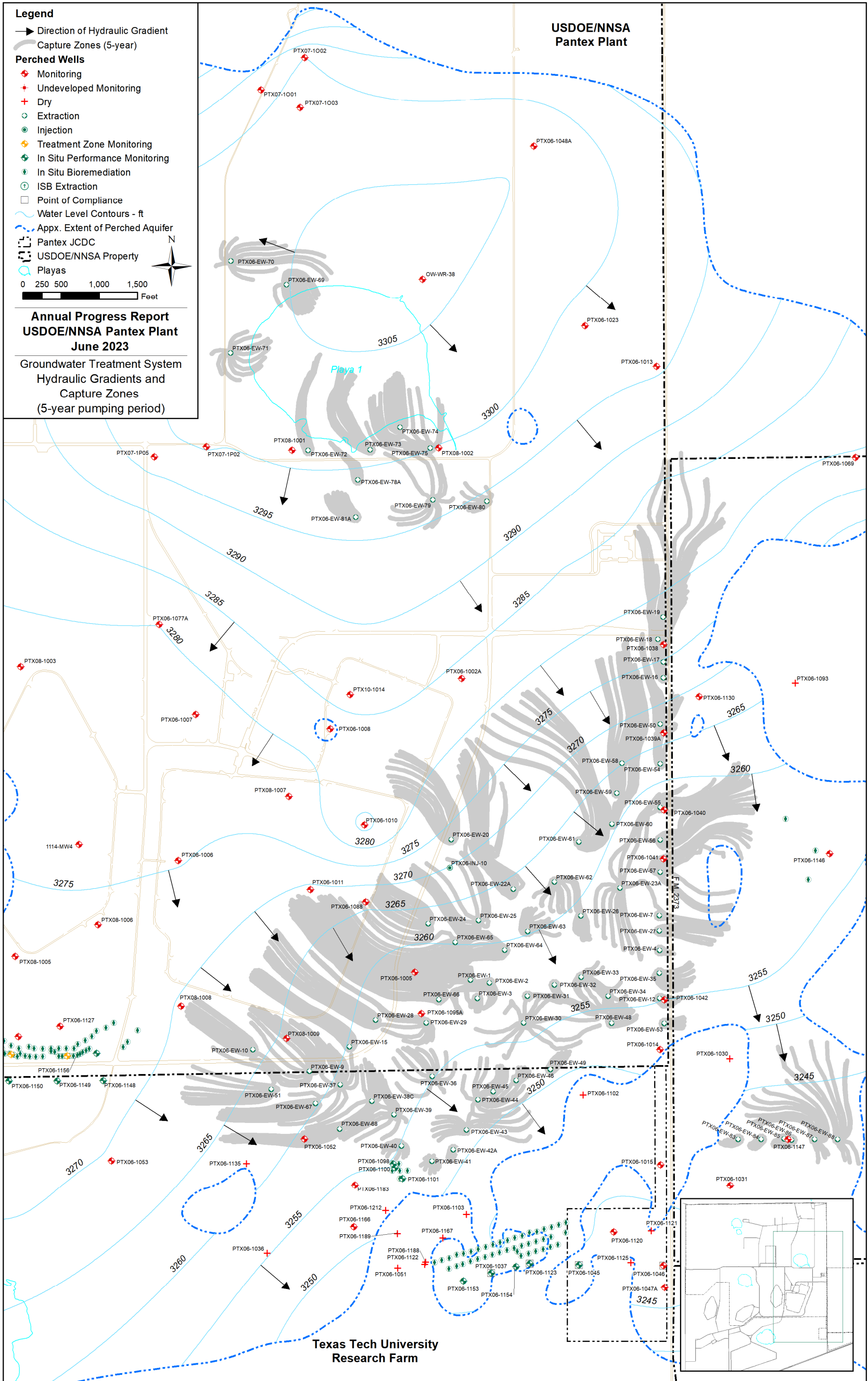


Fig. 3-31. Pump and Treat System capture zones.

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3.2.2 PLAYA 1 PUMP AND TREAT SYSTEM

The P1PTS was completed in 2008 with operations starting in September 2008. This system extracts water from 11 wells near Playa 1 (see Fig. 1-6) and treats the water through a series of GAC beds and ion exchange process units to reduce HEs and metals below the GWPS established in HW-50284 and the ROD. The objective of this system is to achieve mass removal and reduce the mound of perched groundwater associated with Playa 1, which affects the movement of the Southeast Plume by reducing the hydraulic head.

The P1PTS appears to be influencing local water levels, as well as the hydraulic gradient, in the Playa 1 area, when operating. Figure 3-31 illustrates the influence of both groundwater pump and treat systems. Water levels measured at the extraction wells were not used in the interpretation of water table contours so that cones of depression would not be overestimated.

The water table map indicates the mound of groundwater beneath Playa 1 has been reduced since the groundwater high in the perched aquifer is now to the north; however, groundwater levels near the playa are increasing because of the volume of treated water extracted and discharged to the playa while the irrigation system remains down. Groundwater is still generally flowing away from the Playa 1 region then to the south and southeast across the USDOE/NNSA property boundary onto TTU property or the offsite property to the southeast. As the perched aquifer's saturated thickness continues to be reduced in this region, this flow should decrease and reduce the driving head. In addition, the SEPTS extraction wells limit the further migration of perched groundwater contaminants to the south.

The hydraulic gradient is affected by pumping at the P1PTS well field and is difficult to estimate. Very steep gradients occur locally near most of the extraction wells, and the general flow patterns are reversed in some areas.

3.2.2.1 System Effectiveness

As noted for the SEPTS, the pump and treat systems continue to be effective in 2022. When comparing 2022 conditions to the LTM design's expected conditions, most wells are meeting expected conditions.

During 2022, the system treated approximately 5.5 Mgal of extracted water. As discussed in Section 2.1.1, total flow at the P1PTS was limited or operations were ceased to allow

higher recovery at the SEPTS because increased recovery at SEPTS provides better control of the RDX plume movement to the southeast.

Impacts from the irrigation system break and construction activities related to the new center pivot irrigation system were the primary reasons for reduced operations at the P1PTS. Evaluation of effluent data indicates P1PTS treated the recovered groundwater to concentrations below the PQL and GWPS.

3.2.3 ISB SYSTEMS

Pantex has installed and operates four ISB systems: the Zone 11 ISB, Southeast ISB, Southeast ISB Extension, and the Offsite ISB. The objective of the ISB systems is to establish anaerobic biodegradation treatment zones capable of reducing COCs to the GWPS by injecting the necessary amendments and nutrients to stimulate resident bacteria. The microbial growth first consumes oxygen and then, in turn, consumes other electron acceptors, creating reducing geochemical conditions. Under reducing conditions, biotic and abiotic treatment mechanisms occur.

The following sections provide an understanding of the expected conditions at the ISB systems and downgradient concentrations of COCs. This information is used to determine whether further injections are required for continued treatment of COCs and to ensure that COC concentrations are being reduced downgradient of the treatment zone.

To monitor the effectiveness of the treatment zones, geochemical conditions and amendment longevity become important. These indicators are used to determine if conditions are within an acceptable range for oxidation-reduction (i.e., redox) potential, electron acceptor concentrations (i.e., dissolved oxygen, nitrate, and sulfate), and nutrient supply (i.e., TOC). These parameters are important because reducing conditions and adequate nutrients must be present to treat COCs.

Because of problems with plugging of the wells, Pantex has moved to increasing soluble carbon during injection events and reducing the emulsified vegetable oil (EVO), as recommended in the *2018 Annual Progress Report* (Pantex, 2019d). An amendment dose response study performed in 2018 found that the use of more soluble carbon source amendments, such as molasses, in combination with the use of larger volumes of water and amendment results in better distribution of amendment between the injection wells and produces deeper reducing conditions within the treatment zone.

Based on the dose response study, future operation of all ISBs is primarily focused on using a more soluble carbon (e.g., molasses) to achieve the distribution needed at the systems. Molasses was injected at the Zone 11 ISB and Southeast ISB in 2022 and used exclusively at the Southeast ISB Extension and the Offsite ISB. This measure is expected to help avoid issues with well plugging or stagnation by the EVO and resulting biomass. Pantex moved to closer spacing of wells in newly installed wells at the Zone 11 ISB in 2021, allowing less frequent injections of EVO while maintaining a proper radius of influence for treatment. Other areas may use this approach when feasible. Pantex will continue to evaluate available data and make appropriate recommendations for treatment in future progress reports.

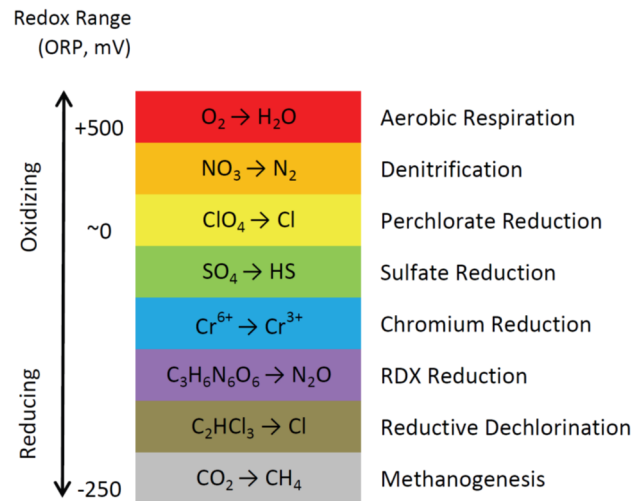


Fig. 3-32. Typical geochemical redox ranges.

Geochemical conditions can be evaluated to determine if adequate reducing conditions exist to achieve reduction. Figure 3-32 presents the redox ranges for the reduction of various COCs. TCE and perchlorate are the primary COCs in the Zone 11 area while HEs, primarily RDX, and hexavalent chromium are the primary COCs in the southeast area. Perchlorate degradation does not require as strongly reduced conditions as RDX or TCE.

To document the effectiveness of COC removal, downgradient wells are monitored for specific target indicators chosen for each ISB system. Target indicators include COCs that are most widespread and have the potential to affect human health if the water were to be used for residential purposes (note that perched groundwater use is controlled to prevent any potential for exposure). In addition, breakdown products are monitored to determine if complete degradation is occurring. Specific indicators are discussed separately for each system below.

In addition to specific indicators that help determine if additional injections are required, Pantex monitors for TOC, metals, and general chemistry parameters. TOC was selected as an indicator for adequate carbon sources that have remained available for continued ISB

treatment. Specific metals are monitored in downstream ISPM wells to ensure that metals are returning to background conditions after leaving the treatment zone. Specific metals are expected to increase in the treatment zone because of reducing conditions that release naturally occurring metals in the formation soils. However, as water moves away from reducing conditions, the metals are expected to precipitate onto the soil matrix. The general chemistry parameters are also monitored to determine if the water is returning to baseline conditions.

3.2.3.1 Zone 11 ISB

The Zone 11 ISB system (see Fig. 1-8) has a well-established treatment zone in the original portion of the system where injection has occurred since 2009. Portions of the expansion area have received more than three injections, so deeper reducing conditions are likely established at the injection wells. In 2021, a second row of wells was added across the southern and eastern most side of the system. Reducing conditions are not yet expected at the new ISB wells that were injected for the first time at the end of 2021. More frequent injections are anticipated for molasses and are planned at least annually for the Zone 11 ISB due to the need to continue reducing conditions. Pantex will continue to evaluate the system to ensure appropriate timing of injections using molasses.

COCs targeted for treatment by this system are perchlorate and TCE. Indicator constituents evaluated for trends at downgradient ISPM wells include TCE and its degradation products (i.e., cis-1,2-DCE and vinyl chloride) along with perchlorate. Indicator constituent concentrations are expected to decline at the downgradient monitoring wells at their estimated travel times from the treatment zones, which are discussed later in this section.

Dissolved oxygen, redox potential, nitrate, sulfate, and TOC are evaluated in the ISB treatment zone performance wells to determine if the treatment zone is rebounding to baseline conditions, thus requiring amendment injection. Redox potential and electron acceptor (i.e., dissolved oxygen, nitrate, and sulfate) concentrations in the treatment zone wells are expected to decline after injection. As shown in Fig. 3-32, strongly reducing conditions must be achieved for the reductive dechlorination of TCE to occur. The redox potential should decline from the baseline and be below -50 millivolts (mV) to reduce TCE and near 0 mV to reduce perchlorate. Concentrations of TOC should increase after injection but decline over time as the amendment is consumed.

During 2022, Pantex monitored seven TZM wells, seven injection wells, and nine downgradient ISPM wells in accordance with the SAP to evaluate the Zone 11 ISB (see

Section 1.4.2 map). Pantex also monitors two treatment zone injection wells in the second row to better evaluate conditions on the east side of the system where injection was discontinued in the second row of wells. The ISPM wells are used to monitor characteristics indicative of overall performance of the remedial system.

Table 3-2 summarizes the current and maximum COC concentrations in each ISB, TZM, and ISPM well. One of the monitored treatment zone wells (PTX06-ISB075) is a replacement of the original ISB injection well but is not currently used for injection. The original PTX06-ISB075 well continues to receive amendment and will be used until the well fails.

The Zone 11 ISB has a well-established treatment zone in the original portion of the system, where injection has occurred since 2009, as well as in the northwest expansion area, that has received five injections; therefore, deeper reducing conditions are likely established at those injection wells. Improved conditions have been noted across the western side of the Zone 11 ISB after moving to the use of molasses in recent years. However, some wells have limited ability to accept injection, and those areas will likely continue to demonstrate milder reducing conditions until the wells can be replaced. All wells downgradient of the system have indicated the arrival of treated water.

Evaluation of data in the treatment zone indicates very mild to strong reducing conditions, with the oxidation-reduction potential (ORP) ranging from -132 to 66 mV and sulfate from 1 to 186 mg/L across the Zone 11 ISB. At this time, sulfate is not used as an indicator of reducing conditions, due to potential addition of high level of sulfates in the treatment zone from molasses used during injections. Monitored conditions inside the treatment zone indicate negative ORP was observed in all but two wells, indicating deeper reducing conditions in most areas. Additionally, arsenic, barium, and methane remain high in most treatment zone wells indicating that deeper reducing conditions exist across most of the ISB.

By the end of 2022, perchlorate was not detected at any monitored injection well or treatment zone monitoring well. TCE continues to be reduced to cis-1,2-DCE, with TCE concentrations below the GWPS in 12 of 14 monitored wells inside of the treatment zone and cis-1,2-DCE present at concentrations below the GWPS in all but two of the sampled wells.

When greater amounts of TCE and cis-1,2-DCE are being degraded, ethene and vinyl chloride are expected to be detected. Vinyl chloride was detected in the six sampled wells inside the treatment zone, and ethene was detected at low concentrations in one well. The low vinyl chloride results, coupled with the detection of ethene, indicate that a portion of the TCE is being completely degraded in some areas of the treatment zone. When TCE concentrations inside the treatment zone are low (i.e., <300 ug/L), these low degradation rates may be enough to treat TCE and its breakdown products to the GWPS, as indicated by downgradient monitoring well data. Upgradient data still indicate TCE concentrations periodically fluctuating right below 300 ug/L, with a maximum concentration of 297 ug/L indicated at an upgradient monitoring well in 2022.

Pantex evaluates performance at nine downgradient ISPM wells for the Zone 11 ISB and two former ISB injection wells, PTX06-ISB079 and PTX06-ISB082. Perchlorate was detected above the GWPS in two downgradient ISPM wells in 2022 but was not detected or was below the GWPS in the other seven wells. TCE concentrations are below the GWPS in four of nine ISPM wells, as well as the two former injection wells.

At the end of 2022, TCE was detected at or above the GWPS in five downgradient wells, PTX06-1148, PTX06-1149, PTX06-1150, PTX06-1155 and PTX06-1156. The first breakdown product of TCE, cis-1,2-DCE, was detected above the GWPS in only one downgradient well, (PTX06-1155), but all downgradient wells had detections of cis-1,2-DCE. In 2022, perchlorate was detected at or above the GWPS in three downgradient wells, PTX06-1148 and PTX06-1149. PTX06-1148 and PTX06-1149 had demonstrated complete treatment of perchlorate until early in 2021 when perchlorate was detected above the GWPS. These exceedances may indicate problems with injection in the upgradient ISB wells. Pantex added an additional row of injection wells upgradient of the eastern located wells to ensure the treatment of TCE, as well as perchlorate.

The results for upgradient well PTX06-1127 and PTX06-1211 indicate that TCE is increasing above the GWPS on the eastern side of the ISB. Neither TCE nor its degradation products were detected in PTX06-ISB079 and PTX06-ISB082 in 2022; TCE and cis-1,2-DCE were detected below the GWPS at downgradient well PTX06-1156.

In previous years, the downgradient well PTX06-1175 was not demonstrating strong treatment of RDX and TCE. PTX06-1175 is downgradient of the expansion area on the northwest side of the system and downgradient of a single row of injection wells. Because of its distance downgradient of the injection wells and expected time of travel, this well

was not expected to show strong treatment for several years. However, increases in breakdown products of RDX (TNX and MNX) and a decrease in overall concentration in RDX were seen in 2022, demonstrating the arrival of treated water to the well. Decreasing TCE concentrations and the increase of cis-1,2-DCE, also indicates that treated water is now reaching this well.

Metals concentrations have been increasing in all downgradient ISPM wells since the start of remedial actions and some are exceeding GWPS. For example, arsenic concentrations in PTX06-1012, PTX06-1155, PTX06-1156, PTX06-1173 and PTX06-1174 and barium concentrations in PTX06-1156 exceeded the GWPS in 2022. However, metals concentrations in the downgradient ISPM wells are lower than observed in the treatment zone. These concentrations are expected to decrease as the treated water moves downgradient, the water returns to more oxidized conditions, and the metals precipitate onto the soil matrix, as discussed in Section 3.2.3.

Table 3-2. Summary of 2022 Zone 11 ISB Monitoring Well Data for Perchlorate and TCE

Well ID	Perchlorate			TCE		
	Max ^a	1S	2S	Max ^a	1S	2S
<i>In-Situ Bioremediation Wells</i>						
PTX06-ISB055	3000	<10UJ	<20	16	<2.5	<10
PTX06-ISB059	970	<20UJ	<20	<3	<2.5	<5
PTX06-ISB064	<100	<20UJ	<10	<250	0.7	0.9
PTX06-ISB075 ^b	97	<1	<5	440	1.8	<2.5
PTX06-ISB133	2.2	<10UJ	<50	310	<250	<125
PTX06-ISB135	2.2	<10UJ	<20	1.9	1.4	<2.5
PTX06-ISB137	2.2	<10UJ	<50UJ	12.2	<2.5	<12.5
<i>In-Situ Treatment Zone Monitoring Wells</i>						
PTX06-1164	130	32.7J	<2	180	128	23.4
PTX06-1169	<12	<1	<2	13	6.9J-	5.3
PTX06-1170	<120	<1	<5	500	3.3J	0.9
PTX06-1176	240	<1	<5	220J	<2.5UJ	<2.5
PTX06-1177	210	<5UJ	<5	130	<2.5	<2.5
PTX06-1209	52J	<5UJ	<5	329	<2.5	<10
PTX06-1210	<1	<5UJ	<10	230	11.2	<25
<i>In-Situ Performance Monitoring Wells</i>						
PTX06-1012	341	<1	<5	580	0.2	0.4J
PTX06-1155	487	<1	<5UJ	660	1.26	7.6J
PTX06-1156	2140	<1	<5UJ	43.3J	8	43.3J
PTX06-1148	1290	18.1	54.4J	30.5	14J-	30.5
PTX06-1149	1290	49	74.4J	144	55	144
PTX06-1150	235	6.1	4.2J	39	22.9J-	39
PTX06-1173	16J	<1UJ	<5UJ	140J	0.9J	0.8J
PTX06-1174	170J	<1UJ	<5UJ	160J	<2.5UJ	<2.5UJ
PTX06-1175	340J	<1UJ	<5UJ	150	9.8J	1.8J
PTX06-ISB079	<24	<5	<5	<3	<2.5	<2.5
PTX06-ISB082	3090	<5	<10	9.6	<2.5	<2.5

Concentrations provided in µg/L.

Highlighted cells indicate concentrations less than or equal to the GWPS. GWPS: Perchlorate = 15 µg/L and TCE = 5 µg/L.

When COC was not detected, a "<" with the detection limit is provided.

^aThe maximum value reported in each well is used as a baseline for comparison, regardless of the date on which it was collected.

^bDue to well damage, PTX06-ISB075 was replaced in September 2012, and the replacement well was first sampled during 2013.

J Analyte was detected below the PQL but above the MDL.

J- The associated numerical value is an estimated quantity with a suspected negative bias.

UJ The material was analyzed for but was not detected. The sample quantitation limit is an estimated quantity.

3.2.3.2 Southeast ISB

The Southeast ISB system is on TTU property south of Pantex (see Fig. 1-9). Constituents targeted for treatment by this system are RDX, other HE COCs (e.g., dinitrotoluenes and 1,3,5-trinitrobenzene), and hexavalent chromium. Indicator constituents evaluated for trends at downgradient performance monitoring wells include RDX and its degradation products (i.e., DNX, MNX, and TNX) and total and hexavalent chromium. Concentrations of indicator constituents in the performance monitoring wells are expected to decline over time, and all degradation products of RDX are not anticipated to be detected or will be present in low concentrations, thus indicating complete breakdown is occurring. Dissolved oxygen, redox potential, nitrate, sulfate, and TOC are also evaluated at the ISB treatment zone performance wells.

Redox potential and electron acceptor (i.e., dissolved oxygen, nitrate, and sulfate) concentrations in the treatment zone wells are expected to decline after injection. Redox potential should be less than 0 mV for the reduction of RDX and hexavalent chromium.

As provided in the SAP, six treatment zone wells and five downgradient performance monitoring wells are used to evaluate the Southeast ISB. One ISPM well (PTX06-1123) for the Southeast ISB has gone dry and has not been monitored since 2015. PTX06-1045, a point of compliance well, was dry from 2011 until the fourth quarter of 2018 when water was reported in the well. Water levels were sufficient to collect samples in the second quarter of 2022. However, PTX06-1045 is the furthest downgradient ISPM well that may have little to no hydraulic connection to the Southeast ISB treatment zone. Discussion on data for this well is not included due to this reason. Limited sampling has occurred at PTX06-1037 since November 2017 because of declining water levels; this well had sufficient water to allow sampling in 2022. All six treatment zone wells were sampled in 2022.

Table 3-3 summarizes the current and maximum COC concentrations in each ISB and ISPM well. Graphs of the amendment indicators and COCs for the sampled ISB injection wells as well as concentrations for target indicators at the performance monitoring wells for this system are included in Appendix E. The conditions in the treatment zone and performance monitoring wells are discussed below.

Evaluation of treatment zone data indicates that during 2022 mild to deep reducing conditions were present for the treatment of HEs and hexavalent chromium. The ORP was between -125.3mV and 198.7 mV at all six wells in 2022. TOC results indicated that a continued food source was available to maintain reducing conditions. RDX was detected

below the GWPS at all sampled wells in 2022; MNX, DNX, and TNX were not detected in the sampled treatment zone wells.

The ISB system has effectively treated HEs and hexavalent chromium at two of the closest downgradient ISPM wells, PTX06-1037 and PTX06-1154 for the Southeast ISB. RDX and hexavalent chromium concentrations in these wells are either non-detect or below the GWPS. These wells indicate that the reducing zone has extended beyond the treatment zone because the ORP is negative or less than 10 mV, nitrate and sulfate concentrations are reduced, and organic carbon is present.

Table 3-3. Summary of 2022 Southeast ISB Monitoring Well Data for RDX and Hexavalent Chromium

Well ID	Hexavalent Chromium			RDX		
	Max ^a	1S	2S	Max ^a	1S	2S
<i>In-Situ Bioremediation Wells</i>						
PTX06-ISB021	NE	NE	NE	3570	--	--
PTX06-ISB030B	NE	NE	NE	2.7	<0.26UJ	--
PTX06-ISB038	NE	NE	NE	421	<0.26UJ	--
PTX06-ISB042 ^b	NE	NE	NE	2920	<0.10UJ	--
PTX06-ISB046	NE	NE	NE	4350	<0.26UJ	<9.9UJ
PTX06-ISB048	NE	NE	NE	0.82	<0.26UJ	<1UJ
<i>In-Situ Performance Monitoring Wells</i>						
PTX06-1037	109	0.05	<0.02UJ	2800	<0.26UJ	<0.04J
PTX06-1123 ^c	10	--	--	4300	--	--
PTX06-1153	159	8.7	4.1J-	838	309J	211J
PTX06-1154	29.2	<0.02	<0.02UJ	630	<0.26UJ	<0.11UJ

Concentrations provided in µg/L.

Highlighted cells indicate non-detect or concentrations less than the GWPS. GWPS: Cr(VI) = 100 µg/L and RDX = 2 µg/L.

NE – Hexavalent chromium was not evaluated in the ISB treatment zone due to interference from the amendment.

The "--" symbol indicates that no data are available.

^aThe maximum value reported in each well is used as a baseline for comparison, regardless of the date in which it was collected.

^b PTX06-ISB042 had limited water and was not sampled for some analytes.

^c PTX06-1123 was dry and could not be sampled in 2022.

Data from ISPM Well PTX06-1045 is not included in this table. PTX06-1045 is the furthest downgradient ISPM well that may have little to no hydraulic connection to the Southeast ISB treatment zone.

J Analyte was detected below the PQL, but above the MDL.

J- The associated numerical value is an estimated quantity with a suspected negative bias.

UJ The material was analyzed for but was not detected. The sample quantitation limit is an estimated quantity.

Although PTX06-1153 continues to exhibit RDX concentrations above the GWPS, a steep decline in RDX has occurred since the peak observed in August 2019. Hexavalent chromium concentrations continue to demonstrate a decreasing trend and have remained below the GWPS since 2016. Pantex is continuing to investigate the cause of the

unexpected results in PTX06-1153. The conditions could be due to any number of hydrologic issues and proving (or disproving) them may be difficult, though it is possible that this well is not hydraulically connected to the Southeast ISB. Several confounding issues complicate the investigation efforts in the area, including significant heterogeneity in the FGZ, potential changes in formation properties due to biologic growth or other injection effects, and the potential reduction of saturated thickness upgradient due to the pump and treat operations.

Pantex injected this system with molasses during the 2019 injection to attempt better distribution of amendment. Additionally, to affect treatment at the well, Pantex extracted water from the well at a flow rate of approximately 1.25 gpm for two weeks during the fourth quarter of 2019. During 2020, PTX06-1153 demonstrated signs of partial treatment with the sharp decline in RDX, and breakdown products of RDX were detected at concentrations above the GWPS. In 2022, RDX concentrations decreased between sampling events and the continued presence of breakdown products suggests partial treatment.

Metals concentrations have increased in all downgradient performance monitoring wells, with some exceeding the GWPS. Arsenic and barium concentrations exceeded the GWPS in PTX06-1037 and PTX06-1154 during 2022. TOC data suggest the treatment zone has expanded into these wells, and the reduced conditions continue to mobilize naturally occurring metals. However, these concentrations are expected to decrease as the treated water moves out of the treatment zone and returns to more oxidized conditions.

Pantex also monitors for degradation products of RDX to evaluate whether or not complete breakdown is occurring. Monitoring results for the system indicate that RDX and breakdown products (i.e., MNX, DNX, and TNX) are present in downgradient performance monitoring wells. TNX, the final degradation product, is a better indicator of degradation because the other intermediate products (MNX, DNX) degrade rapidly and do not accumulate in the environment (SERDP, 2004). Both RDX and TNX have been reduced to concentrations below the GWPS at PTX06-1037 and PTX06-1154 since 2011 and 2015, respectively, indicating complete breakdown of RDX. RDX and TNX were not detected or below the PQL at both wells throughout 2022. These results indicate that near-complete treatment of RDX is occurring in all wells except PTX06-1153, as discussed previously.

3.2.3.3 Southeast ISB Extension

The Southeast ISB Extension was installed in 2017 as an extension of the chosen remedy for the southeast perched groundwater. Four ISB wells were installed in late 2020 and additional two in 2021 along the eastern property line in a north-south alignment to further encompass the plume. The wells installed in 2020 were injected for the first time in April 2021. Two treatment zone monitoring wells were also installed in 2021. The first post-injection treatment zone data for the Southeast ISB Extension were collected in the second quarter of 2019. Seven wells in the injected area of the ISB were sampled during the first and fourth quarters of 2022.

Treatment zone data, including the two new TZM wells, indicates strong to mild reducing conditions are present for the treatment of HEs. The ORP was between -129.4 mV and 43.3 mV and nitrate was reduced in all wells, but sulfate values remained high due to the presence of sulfate in the molasses. However, soluble metals (i.e., arsenic and manganese) increased, indicating that reducing conditions are being established, and TOC results indicate that a sufficient food source is available to continue establishing these conditions at the wells. Sampling results from the ISB wells indicate HEs were not detected.

Downgradient wells did not demonstrate treatment during 2022. The downgradient wells in the slower portion of the plume are not expected to establish treatment until 2025. TOC has slightly increased in downgradient wells since beginning of sampling in 2018.

Monitoring results for the system indicate that RDX and breakdown products (i.e., MNX, DNX, and TNX) are present in downgradient performance monitoring wells, but a lack of increase in metals and reduction of HE concentrations suggests treated water has not fully arrived to these wells.

Table 3-4. Summary of 2022 Southeast ISB Extension Monitoring Well Data for RDX

Well ID	Max ^a	RDX	
		1S	2S
<i>In-Situ Bioremediation Wells</i>			
PTX06-ISB302	<1.3UJ	<1.3UJ	--
PTX06-ISB307	12.3	<1.3UJ	--
PTX06-ISB317	718	<1.3UJ	--
PTX06-ISB321	279	<1.3	--
PTX06-ISB325	21.8	<1.3	--
PTX06-ISB329	7.4J+	<1.3UJ	--
PTX06-ISB331	7.4J+	3.5J	--
<i>In-Situ Treatment Zone Monitoring Wells</i>			
PTX06-1213	1.25	<0.25UJ	<0.11UJ
PTX06-1214	0.26	<0.26UJ	<0.11UJ
<i>In-Situ Performance Monitoring Wells</i>			
PTX06-1191	164	108J	137J
PTX06-1194	0.15	<0.26	<0.11UJ
PTX06-1196	33.5	14.6J-	14.7J

Concentrations provided in µg/L.

Highlighted cells indicate non-detect or concentrations less than the GWPS. RDX GWPS = 2 µg/L.

The "--" symbol indicates that no data are available.

^aThe maximum value reported in each well is used as a baseline for comparison, regardless of the date on which it was collected.

J Analyte was detected below the PQL, but above the MDL.

J- The associated numerical value is an estimated quantity with a suspected negative bias.

J+ The associated numerical value is an estimated quantity with a suspected positive bias.

UJ The material was analyzed for but was not detected. The sample quantitation limit is an estimated quantity.

3.2.3.4 Offsite ISB

The installation of the first phase of wells for the Offsite ISB system was completed in 2020. The first phase of the installation focused on treatment at the leading edge of the plume. Infrastructure to support an injection event was completed in June 2021, with first injection of molasses completed in October 2021. Based on the use of molasses, injections are planned every six months at differing parts of the system. Injection plans will follow the schedule that was designed using fate and transport and optimization modeling.

All water used in the injection process must be withdrawn from beneath the offsite property, so downgradient ISB extraction wells were installed. These wells were installed at the very edge of the plume and assist in pulling the amendment toward the removal wells, providing an expanded zone for COC treatment. Four ISB extraction wells (labeled REC

wells due to the recirculation they provide) were sampled in the fourth quarter 2022. Evaluation of the baseline data from 2022 at these wells indicated very mild reducing conditions with ORP ranging from 19 to 281 mV. As of the fourth quarter 2022, reducing conditions improved and ORP ranged from -77 mV to 57.8. Concentrations of HEs remain low in the ISB extraction wells at the leading edge of the plume. Total organic carbon was also present at a higher concentration in all four wells, demonstrating arrival of treated water.

Three treatment zone monitoring wells were also installed in 2022 and two were sampled for the first time in the second half of the year. Treatment zone data from the two new TZM wells does not indicate an established treatment zone and portions of the plume are not expected to establish treatment until 2025 or later.

Table 3-5. Summary of 2022 Offsite ISB Monitoring Well Data for RDX

Well ID	Max ^a	RDX	
		1S	2S
<i>In-Situ Bioremediation Wells</i>			
PTX06-REC401A	2.1J	2.1J	0.4J-
PTX06-REC402	1.3	1.3	0.8J
PTX06-REC403	10.9	10.9	5.5
PTX06-REC404	12.5	12.5J	3.3J-
<i>In-Situ Treatment Zone Monitoring Wells</i>			
PTX06-1218	14.9	--	14.9
PTX06-1219	443	--	443

Concentrations provided in µg/L.

Highlighted cells indicate non-detect or concentrations less than the GWPS. RDX GWPS = 2 µg/L.

The "--" symbol indicates that no data are available.

^aThe maximum value reported in each well is used as a baseline for comparison, regardless of the date on which it was collected.

J Analyte was detected below the PQL, but above the MDL.

J- The associated numerical value is an estimated quantity with a suspected negative bias.

3.3 NATURAL ATTENUATION

Natural attenuation is the result of processes that naturally lower concentrations of contaminants over time. Pantex monitors this process to help determine where and under what conditions natural attenuation is occurring and to possibly identify a rate of attenuation. This is an important process for RDX, the primary risk driver in perched groundwater, because it is widespread and extends beyond the reach of the groundwater remediation systems in some areas.

Because the right microbes for biodegradation are present in the perched sediments, Pantex is also interested in monitoring for breakdown products of RDX. In July 2009, Pantex started monitoring for degradation products of RDX in all monitoring wells after testing analytical methods to ensure they can reliably detect and quantify those products. Since analytical methods are readily available, Pantex has monitored degradation products of TNT and TCE in the past and continues to monitor them in key areas.

Other groundwater conditions that may affect attenuation, such as dissolved oxygen and redox potential, are also monitored in each well. The concentration data, as well as dissolved oxygen and redox potential, are detailed in electronic form in Appendix D.

RDX can degrade under aerobic and anaerobic conditions but achieves the best reduction under anaerobic conditions. As more data are collected, trending and statistical analyses can be used to evaluate the degradation of RDX. Trending of concentrations is also performed at each well to determine if concentrations are declining as expected.

Based on monitoring results for TNT and its breakdown products, DNT2A and DNT4A, TNT has naturally attenuated over time (see Fig. 3-33). TNT has been manufactured at Pantex since the 1950s and yet is only present in the central portion of the overall southeastern

Natural Attenuation Processes

- ❖ Biodegradation: Soil microbes cause the contaminants to break down into less harmful products.
- ❖ Sorption: Contaminants are bound to soil particles so that movement through groundwater is stopped or slowed, allowing time for other processes to work.
- ❖ Dispersion: Contaminants are dispersed through the groundwater as they move away from the source so that concentrations are diluted.

plume, within the SEPTS well field and near Playa 1. The first TNT breakdown product, DNT2A, occurs near the TNT plume and extends slightly beyond.

The final monitored breakdown product, DNT4A, extends out to the edges of the perched aquifer saturation at low concentrations. Only TNT breakdown products are present in perched groundwater beneath Zone 11 and north of Playa 1. Concentrations of the breakdown products are still above the GWPS, but most wells with detections have recently shown decreasing or stable trends. A table of natural concentration ranges for wells outside the influence of the ISB systems is included in Fig. 3-33.

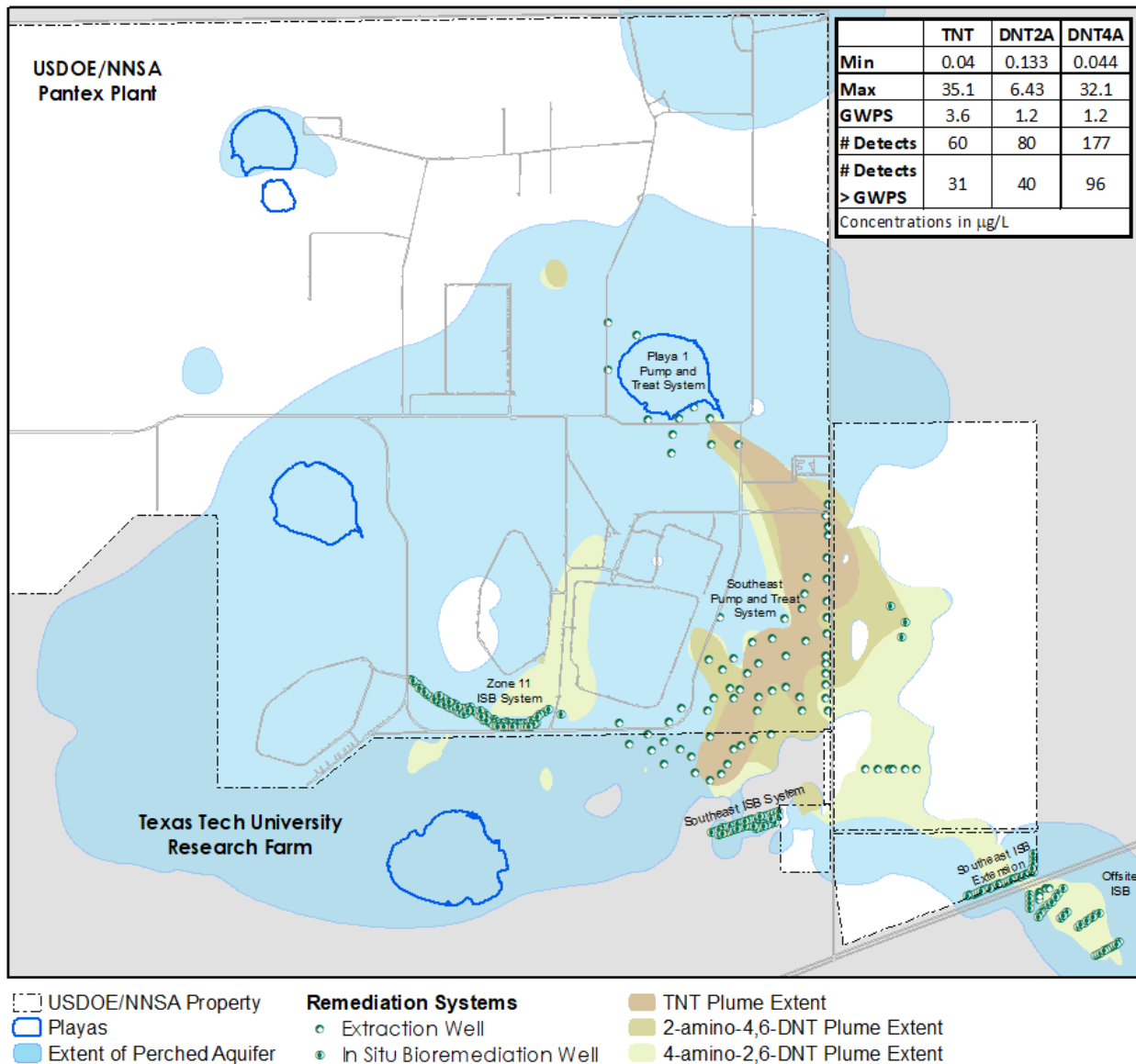


Fig. 3-33. TNT and degradation product plumes.

Perched aquifer sampling results for RDX and breakdown products (i.e., MNX, DNX, and TNX) indicate that the breakdown products are present throughout most of the RDX plume, with TNX, the final degradation product, being the most widespread. If complete biodegradation of RDX were occurring, RDX and all breakdown products would be expected to decrease over time. Fig. 3-34 depicts the overall RDX and TNX plume as well as a table of concentration ranges for wells outside the influence of the ISB systems.

A Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) study (2014) provided evidence that aerobic degradation is occurring in the Pantex RDX plume but was unable to quantify the rates of attenuation. This study provided new methods for evaluating RDX degradation including carbon and nitrogen fractionation (Compound Specific Isotope Analysis) approaches. These approaches, along with the ability to quantify 4-nitro-2,4-diazabutanal (NDAB), an aerobic degradation product, allows Pantex to better evaluate the degradation of RDX.

Pantex subsequently contracted with the SERDP study's leading researcher, Dr. Mark Fuller with APTIM Corporation, for a project to evaluate lines of evidence for the natural attenuation of RDX at the plant (Fuller, 2018). The study included both aerobic and anaerobic degradation with evidence of both occurring. The predominant attenuation process is aerobic biodegradation by bacterial strains. Biodegradation rates of 0.016 to 0.168 per year were calculated, translating into RDX half-lives of approximately 5 to 50 years.

The project found that the rates of RDX biodegradation are likely limited by the available labile organic carbon in the groundwater. The project went on to identify several lines of evidence for natural attenuation of RDX as well as the potential to enhance aerobic biodegradation of RDX by introducing low levels of labile organic carbon.

Recommendations were presented for additional treatability studies, bioaugmentation, and additional proteomics analyses of degrading bacterial strains.

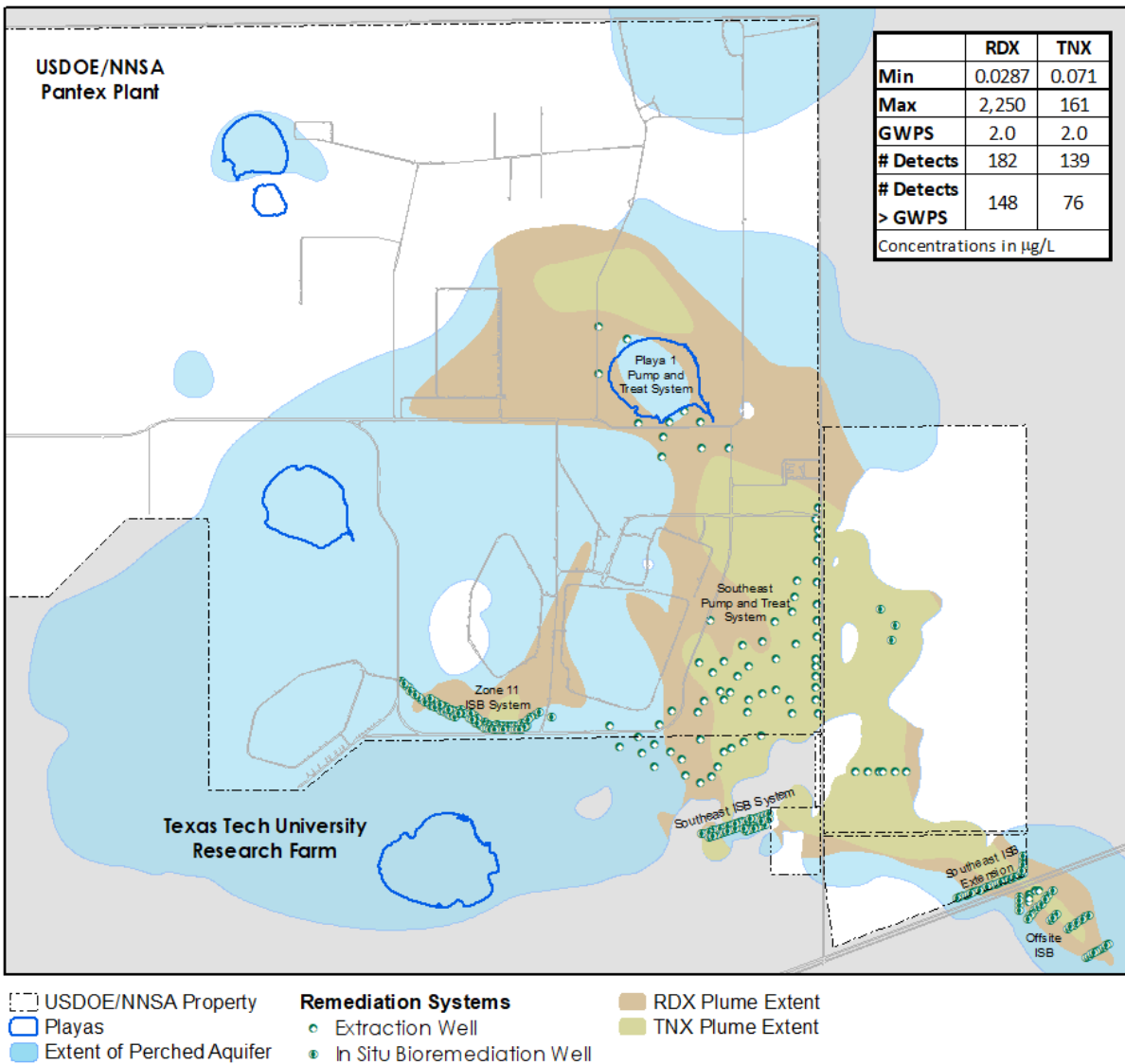


Fig. 3-34. RDX and degradation product plumes.

Pantex has monitored breakdown products of TCE for many years, and a strong indication of natural attenuation of TCE has not been observed in the perched aquifer. Quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) data collected upgradient and within the Zone 11 ISB system does not indicate that indigenous microbes are able to completely degrade TCE. However, the TCE plumes at Pantex are being actively treated by the SEPTS and ISB treatment zones.

3.4 UNCERTAINTY MANAGEMENT/EARLY DETECTION

The uncertainty management wells in perched and Ogallala groundwater have the following purposes:

- To confirm expected conditions identified in the RCRA facility investigations and ensure there are not any deviations
- Fill in potential data gaps
- Fulfill long-term monitoring requirements for soil units evaluated in a baseline risk assessment.

Meanwhile, the purpose of early detection wells is to monitor for the breakthrough of constituents to the Ogallala Aquifer from the overlying perched aquifer or from potential source areas in the unsaturated zone before potential points of exposure are impacted. These wells were proposed in the LTM design to evaluate the effectiveness of the soil and groundwater remedial actions. Additionally, the perched aquifer data were evaluated with respect to field observations. In 2022, no evidence of NAPL was observed in the sampled perched aquifer wells.

This report focuses on subsets of the uncertainty management/early detection wells, as depicted in Fig. 3-35. The wells are evaluated with respect to the following groups:

- **Group 1:** 37 locations (designated by boxes in Fig. 3-35) where contamination has not been detected or confirmed, or previous plume locations where concentrations have fallen below the GWPS, background, or PQL (e.g., Burning Ground and OSTP areas). These are typically Ogallala Aquifer wells, although some perched aquifer wells are located in areas without active groundwater remedial actions. These wells were evaluated in the quarterly reports.
- **Group 2:** 27 uncertainty management wells (all other wells in Fig. 3-35) near groundwater contamination source areas. This group is established to confirm that source strength and mass flux are decreasing over time. Every five years, these wells are also evaluated for new COCs from source areas.

Because of differing frequencies in sampling, all available data for the uncertainty management/early detection wells are used in this evaluation.

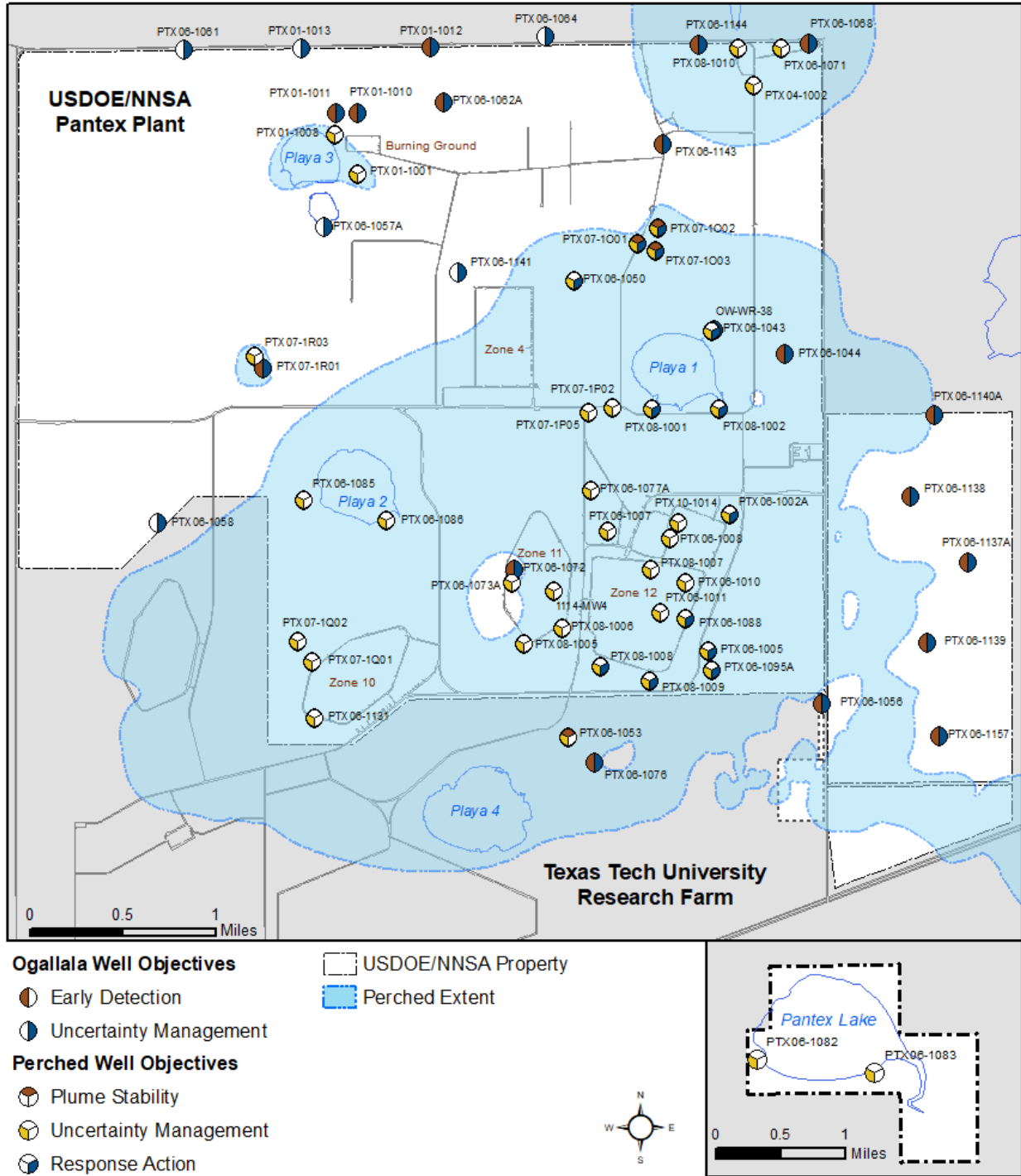


Fig. 3-35. Uncertainty management and early detection wells.

3.4.1 GROUP 1 WELLS

No Group 1 perched aquifer wells had unexpected conditions in 2022. Detections of indicator COCs occurred in all perched aquifer wells, but detections of indicator COCs at the wells were below the GWPS.

3.4.1.1 Ogallala Aquifer Wells

In 2022, detection of organic constituents or perchlorate above background occurred in three Ogallala wells. Perchlorate was detected above background but below the GWPS in one well. Data for these detections are provided in Table D-2, Appendix D. Boron was detected at levels slightly above background in seven wells; these detections represent natural variability in background. Boron detections are summarized in Table D-3.

Perchlorate was detected above background in one well, PTX01-1012, in 2022; this detection was below the GWPS of 26 ug/L. At PTX01-1012, perchlorate was detected slightly above the background value of 0.96 ug/L at a measured value of 0.985 ug/L using method SW-6850. This detection likely represents background variability.

RDX was detected above the PQL (0.26 ug/L) at PTX06-1157 during the third quarter of 2022. Resamples of the well did not confirm the detection (results were non-detect). At this time, no further action will be taken and sampling will continue as approved in the *2019 Sampling and Analysis Plan* and in accordance with the *Pantex Plant Ogallala Aquifer and Perched Groundwater Contingency Plan*.

PTX06-1056 continues to demonstrate detections of DNT4A, a breakdown product of TNT, first detected in April 2014, and the VOC, 1,2-DCA, detected for the first time in August 2015. DNT4A was detected in both semi-annual samples in 2022 at values up to 1.22 ug/L, above the PQL (0.26 ug/L) and the GWPS (1.2 ug/L). 1,2-DCA was detected in both samples in 2022; both detections were near or below the PQL of 1.0 ug/L and below the GWPS. Trends of these analytes were performed using Mann-Kendall statistics; both DNT4A and 1,2-DCA continue to demonstrate increasing trends across all data.

As of May 2020, Pantex went back to semi-annual sampling for PTX06-1056 as approved by regulatory agencies. The first quarter (February 2022) result detected DNT4A at 1.1 ug/L, just below the GWPS. RDX was not detected in this sample. The third quarter (July 2022) result detected DNT4A above the PQL at 1.22 ug/L and RDX below the PQL (0.26 ug/L) at 0.09 ug/L. As a result, Pantex performed a high volume purge, time-series sampling event in August 2022. Results from that study are summarized below in Fig. 3-36.

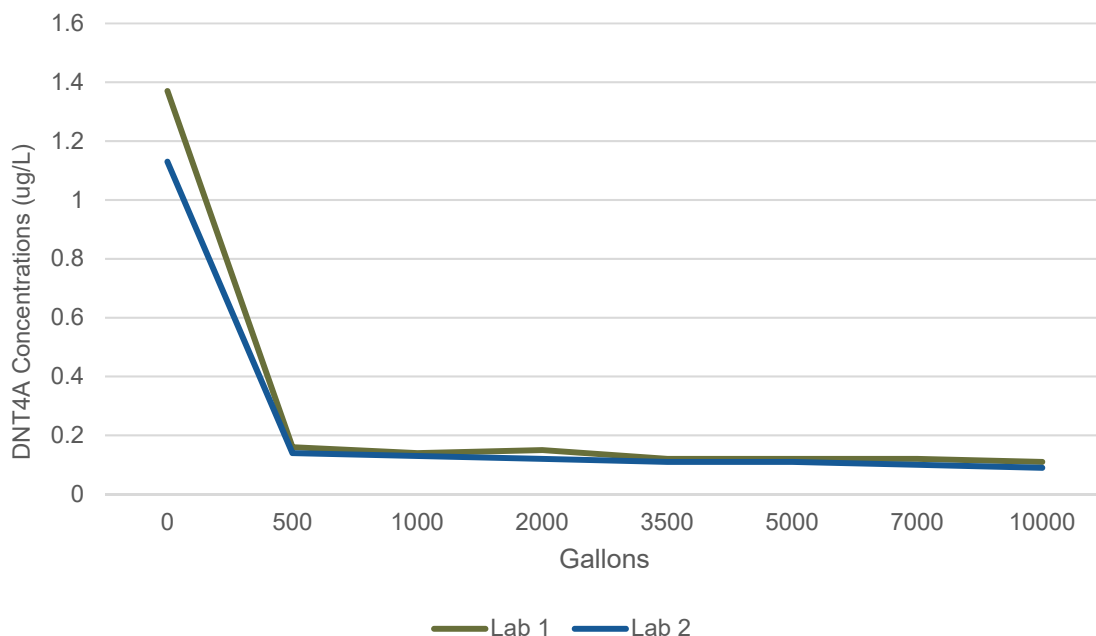


Fig. 3-36. High volume purge/time-series sampling results at PTX06-1056.

PTX06-1056 was resampled for DNT4A and RDX six weeks following the high volume purge to verify previous concentrations. Results from the verification samples confirmed DNT4A above the GWPS and detections of RDX below the PQL. Pantex is responding by installing two additional Ogallala monitoring wells to help understand nature and extent. These wells are anticipated to be installed in 2023. Notifications to regulators, Pantex Plant personnel, and the public have been sent. Further actions will be determined based on future sampling results and in accordance with the *Pantex Plant Ogallala Aquifer and Perched Groundwater Contingency Plan*.

As presented in Table D-3, boron was detected at concentrations slightly above the background value of 194 ug/L in seven Ogallala wells in 2022, including PTX06-1043, PTX06-1044, PTX06-1056, PTX06-1137A, PTX06-1139, PTX06-1140, and PTX06-1157. Because boron concentrations at these wells were very close to background and observed boron concentrations tend to vary considerably, these concentrations also appear to represent background. Evaluation of historic boron data in these wells results in variable trends. However, the measured concentrations are well below the GWPS of 7,300 ug/L. Pantex will continue to monitor these wells according to the SAP.

In addition to the comparison of measured concentrations to the GWPS, all Ogallala Aquifer wells were evaluated to determine if specific constituents that were detected are

trending upward (see Appendix E). For the trending analysis, chromium, hexavalent chromium, boron, and a small list of HEs (i.e., RDX and the dinitrotoluenes) were evaluated. The metals are naturally occurring, and the HEs have been sporadically detected in the past at a few wells.

The Mann-Kendall trending results, summarized in Table 3-6, indicate that across all data 13 wells are indicating increasing or probably increasing trends.

Table 3-6. Increasing Trends in Ogallala Aquifer Wells

Well	COC	Concentration Trend
PTX01-1012	B	Increasing
PTX06-1043	B	Increasing
PTX06-1043	CR	Increasing
PTX06-1044	B	Increasing
PTX06-1056	DNT4A	Increasing
PTX06-1056	DCA12	Increasing
PTX06-1056	CR	Increasing
PTX06-1056	MO	Increasing
PTX06-1058	B	Probably Increasing
PTX06-1059	B	Increasing
PTX06-1061	B	Increasing
PTX06-1064	B	Increasing
PTX06-1072	B	Increasing
PTX06-1138	CR	Probably Increasing
PTX06-1138	MO	Increasing
PTX06-1144	B	Increasing
PTX06-1157	B	Increasing
PTX06-1157	CR	Increasing
PTX06-1157	MO	Increasing
PTX07-1R01	PERC	Increasing
PTX07-1R01	B	Increasing

CR = total chromium

DCA12 = 1,2-dichloroethane

= Boron

MO = molybdenum

DNT4A = 4-amino-2,6-dinitrotoluene

PERC = perchlorate

B

Four wells indicate increasing trends for chromium. However, the detections were below background. These chromium trends may also be related to the stainless-steel screens and

the confirmed presence of bacterial growth that has been found in many perched aquifer and Ogallala Aquifer wells at Pantex. Typically, chromium levels drop in these wells after they are brushed and bailed. PTX06-1033 was plugged and abandoned in 2017 because well damage made it unusable; that well had similar chromium detections, which may indicate that corrosion of the stainless-steel well screens is also affecting these six wells.

Mann-Kendall trending across all data also indicates that boron is increasing or probably increasing in 11 Ogallala Aquifer wells. However, all boron detections are well below the GWPS of 7,300 ug/L and likely represent background variability.

As discussed above, PTX06-1056 exhibited increasing trends in DNT4A and 1,2-DCA across all data. Detected concentrations are above GWPS for DNT4A, but remain below the GWPS for 1,2-DCA and recent data indicate a stable trend for 1,2-DCA.

Mann-Kendall trending across all data indicates a probably increasing trend for molybdenum in PTX06-1056, PTX06-1138, and PTX06-1157. However, molybdenum was detected at levels far below background, and recent data indicate stable or no trend. Molybdenum is a component of stainless steel and can indicate corrosion of the wells is occurring.

3.4.2 GROUP 2 WELLS

These wells are near source areas and generally have contamination at levels above the GWPS. These wells all occur in the perched aquifer. The purpose of this evaluation is to determine if source strength is declining and if new COCs have migrated to wells near source areas.

The ditches and playas are expected to continue contributing contamination to the perched aquifer for at least 20 years or more but at much lower concentrations than in the past (Pantex, 2006). For many of these wells, concentrations are expected to stabilize, with an eventual long-term decreasing trend below the GWPS.

Table D-4 in Appendix D presents the evaluation of the Group 2 wells' COC trends since the start of remedial actions against expected conditions that were developed in the LTM Design Report. A full reporting of all trends versus expected conditions is included in Appendix E.

The following indicator parameters were not included in Table D-4:

- HE breakdown products (i.e., MNX, TNX, DNX, 1,3-dinitrobenzene, DNT2A, and DNT4A) were not included since increasing trends are not indicators of continued sourcing.
- TCE breakdown products (i.e., *cis*-1,2-DCE; *trans*-1,2-DCE; and vinyl chloride) were not included since increasing trends are not indicators of continued sourcing.
- Total chromium was not included in lieu of hexavalent chromium.

Nine wells that have detections of COCs are already meeting the wells' expected conditions, including PTX06-1077A. Several wells have increasing or probably increasing historical COC trends. PTX06-1005 and PTX06-1095A are exhibiting increasing trends in multiple COCs, but these wells are under the influence of remedial actions, and these trends more likely reflect the influences of the remedial actions rather than increased mass flux from the source areas.

One or more constituents in PTX06-1050, PTX06-1053, PTX07-1003, PTX08-1001, PTX06-1002, PTX08-1005, PTX08-1009, and PTX10-1014 are not exhibiting a trend or were non-detect, although expected conditions are long-term decreasing trends. However, statistical trends are not increasing.

The thirteen wells that are exhibiting increasing trends (excluding PTX06-1005 and PTX06-1095A that were discussed above), when their expected condition is a decreasing or stable trend, are discussed below. The trends in these wells are affected by changing flow gradients in perched groundwater that have been caused by the remedial actions and a decline in perched water levels. Thus, all of the increasing trends discussed below are associated with changes in plume movement rather than the continued or increasing release of contaminants from source areas.

- 1114-MW4, located in central Zone 11, is exhibiting an increasing trend for chloroform, possibly due to changing flow gradients and plume movement away from the source (i.e., Hypalon pond and nearby ditches). The last four samples indicate an increasing trend for chloroform.
- OW-WR-38, located northeast of Playa 1, is exhibiting increasing trends for RDX and TCE. RDX concentrations have been fluctuating near the GWPS since 2009 but increased to over 50 ug/L in the most recent sample collected in 2022. Although elevated RDX has not been previously observed at this well, other wells north of

Playa 1 (e.g., PTX06-1050 and PTX07-1003) have exhibited higher concentrations of RDX in the past. The trend may be due to the effects of the P1PTS or recent changes in the discharge of treated water to Playa 1, which have dramatically affected water levels and gradients in this region of perched groundwater. Detections of TCE have been sporadic at levels below the PQL and GWPS. The identified increasing trend is the result of low-level detections and the use of one-half the detection limit in the trending and does not indicate actual increasing concentrations in this area. TCE was not detected in the sample collected in 2022.

- PTX06-1002A, located north of Zone 12, is exhibiting a probably increasing trend for 1,2-DCA; however, 1,2-DCA has not been detected in this well since 2012 and has never been detected above the PQL. The apparent increasing trend is the result of historical low-level detections and the use of one-half the detection limit in the trending and does not indicate actual increasing concentrations in this area.
- PTX06-1007, located between and north of Zones 11 and 12, is exhibiting an increasing trend in RDX. RDX has been detected at levels near the PQL in this well since 2002 with only one detection above the GWPS of 5 ug/L in 2017. However, in 2020, RDX increased from near the PQL to 27 ug/L. In 2022, the RDX was measured at 5.4 ug/L. This increasing trend could be caused by changes in flow gradients and plume movement from the SWMU 5-13c ditch.
- PTX06-1008, located in Zone 12, is exhibiting increasing concentrations of chloroform and 1,2-DCA above the GWPS. 1,2-DCA has been gradually increasing in this well and has been above the GWPS since 2009. Chloroform has similarly been gradually increasing since 2009 but remained below the GWPS in 2022. Recent data for both constituents indicate no trend. Both constituents are associated with a soil gas plume from SWMU 136. The increasing trends may be linked to the repair of several major water leaks that occurred in Zone 12 in recent years. The leaking water from the surface may have diluted VOC concentrations in groundwater beneath Zone 12. If these plumes migrate from beneath Zone 12, the plumes should be captured by the SEPTS, and both constituents will be effectively treated by GAC.
- PTX06-1010 is exhibiting increasing trends in TCE and chloroform, although the expected condition is a long-term decreasing trend. Although the trend indicates increasing TCE, concentrations in this well have declined to below the GWPS from historical levels and have remained below the GWPS since 2009. Chloroform is

fluctuating near the PQL with an overall increasing trend, but concentrations, again, remain below the GWPS. The last four samples indicate no trend for both TCE and chloroform.

- PTX06-1011 is exhibiting a probably increasing trend in hexavalent chromium and TCE and an increasing trend in chloroform and 1,2-DCA, although the expected condition is a stable or decreasing trend below the GWPS. Hexavalent chromium and TCE has fluctuated in this well since 1998. The identified probably increasing trend is partially the result of low-level detections and use of one-half the detection limit in the trending but may also reflect the variable influence of the remedial actions and general plume movement in this area; however, data for the last four samples indicate no trend for both COCs. Recent chloroform concentrations in this well remain stable and near the PQL. Although it was detected above the GWPS in the late 1990s, 1,2-DCA was not detected for many years and has only been detected since 2017 at low levels near the PQL. The indicated increasing trend is the result of using one-half the detection limit in the trending.
- PTX06-1088 has exhibited an increasing trend in chloroform since the start of remedial actions. Chloroform has been increasing since 2017 but has been stable in recent data, and concentrations remain well below the GWPS.
- PTX07-1002 is exhibiting a probably increasing trend in TCE, although the expected condition is a long-term decreasing trend. TCE concentrations, below the PQL, have fluctuated in this well since 1996. The observed increasing trend is partially the result of low-level detections and use of one-half the detection limit in the trending. When considering all data, the TCE trend is decreasing. The continued presence of TCE at this well is not believed to be related to Landfill 1.
- PTX07-1P02 is exhibiting an increasing but variable trend in RDX, but concentrations remain far below historical levels for this well. The apparent increasing trend may be due to the effects of P1PTS since system operations have dramatically affected water levels and gradients in this region of perched groundwater.
- PTX08-1006 is exhibiting an increasing trend in TCE, although the expected condition is a long-term decreasing trend. The increasing trend in PTX08-1006, which is located downgradient from the identified sources in Zone 11, is likely due to general plume movement to the southeast that may also be influenced by SEPTS

operations. Concentrations have been highly variable in this well, and the last four samples indicate a decreasing trend.

- PTX08-1007 is exhibiting increasing trends in perchlorate, chloroform, 1,2-DCA, and 1,4-dioxane, although expected conditions are long-term decreasing trends. Perchlorate has been detected below the PQL since 2014, and recent data do not indicate a trend. Chloroform concentrations have fluctuated at levels below the GWPS since the well was completed in 1996; however, concentrations have been increasing since 2012, though they remain below the GWPS. 1,2-DCA has been detected near the PQL for many years and was detected above the GWPS in 2017; concentrations have continued increasing through 2022. Concentrations of 1,4-dioxane have been increasing since 2019, with the most recent detect above the GWPS of 7.7 ug/L. Concentrations of chloroform, 1,4-dioxane, and 1,2-DCA are associated with changing gradients and Zone 11 discharge to the SWMU 5/13A ditch. The increasing trends may be linked to the repair of several major water leaks in Zone 12 in recent years. The leaking water from the surface may have diluted VOC and VOA concentrations in groundwater beneath Zone 12.
- PTX08-1008 is exhibiting increasing trends in perchlorate, TCE, PCE, 1,4-dioxane, 1,2-DCA and chloroform, although the expected condition is a long-term stabilization of concentrations. As discussed in Section 3.1.1.3, the increasing trend in perchlorate may be due to general plume movement to the southeast, which has been influenced by SEPTS operations. 1,4-dioxane had been detected at low levels near the PQL since 2016; in 2022, concentrations increased to 7.8 ug/L, above the GWPS of 7.7 ug/L, and recent data indicates an increasing trend. TCE has been detected near the PQL for a number of years; an increase to over 3 ug/L was observed in 2022, but recent data do not indicate a trend. PCE has been detected below the GWPS since 2022, with the exception of the first semi-annual sample of 2021, which exceed the GWPS. No trend was identified in the last four samples. The increasing trend for PCE may be linked to the repair of several major water leaks in Zone 12 in recent years. Chloroform was detected below the PQL in 2022; chloroform has been below the PQL or non-detect in all samples since 2001, and the apparent trend is caused by using one-half the sample detection limit in the trend analysis.

Many other wells show the stabilization of concentrations or no trend rather than a decreasing trend. However, the expected condition is that most of these wells will present a long-term decreasing trend over the next few years.

Table D-5 in Appendix D summarizes all detections of analytes above the laboratory PQL and site-specific background, if calculated, that are not considered indicator parameters.

Manganese and nickel were detected above background in 2022. Manganese was detected in PTX06-1095A and PTX010-1014 above the background value of 16 ug/L but far below the GWPS of 1,716 ug/L. Detections of nickel occurred in PTX06-1010 and PTX10-1014 above the background value of 15 ug/L at a measured value of 28.7 and 505 µg/L, respectively. Manganese is naturally occurring but can be an indicator of corrosion of stainless-steel screens. Nickel is also an indicator of corrosion of stainless-steel screens, and these wells have stainless-steel screens.

3.4.3 OTHER UNEXPECTED CONDITIONS

Pantex routinely evaluates data as results are received from the laboratory to determine if data are off-trend, at an all-time high, or represent a new detection that may require further sampling or evaluation. Through the well maintenance program, Pantex also inspects wells at least every five years to ensure they are not silting in and evaluate whether or not the wells remain in contact with the formation. Based on evaluations in 2022, two wells (PTX06-1045 and PTX06-1095A) were determined to have potential issues with silting, causing problems with the sampling interval. One well, PTX06-1045, underwent well maintenance including brushing and bailing to clean the sampling interval. The other well is scheduled for well maintenance in 2024. No additional unexpected conditions were noted in 2022.

3.5 POINT OF COMPLIANCE AND POINT OF EXPOSURE WELL EVALUATION

As part of the approved changes to HW-50284, Pantex has designated POC and POE wells. As defined by HW-50284, POC wells demonstrate compliance with the GWPS and are used to evaluate the effectiveness of the remediation program. POE wells demonstrate compliance with the GWPS.

The remediation program must continue until the POC and POE wells are compliant with the GWPS. The POC and POE wells approved in HW-50284 are depicted in Fig. 3-37. All but two POC wells are in the perched aquifer. All POE wells are in the Ogallala Aquifer and are not expected to exhibit detections of organic COCs or detections above background values for inorganic COCs.

All POC and POE wells were evaluated against the established GWPS. Evaluation of the data indicates that only two perched aquifer POC wells had concentrations below the GWPS. This is an expected condition at these wells because the full remedial actions were started in 2009. The Ogallala Aquifer wells were evaluated in Section 4 to determine if any COCs were detected above the background or PQL. All well data, along with comparisons to the laboratory PQL, background, and GWPS, are provided in Appendix D.

POC/POE Wells

- ❖ 21 perched aquifer POC wells, with 14 exceeding the GWPS.
- ❖ 2 Ogallala Aquifer POC wells, with one GWPS exceedance.
- ❖ 8 Ogallala Aquifer POE wells, with no GWPS exceedances.

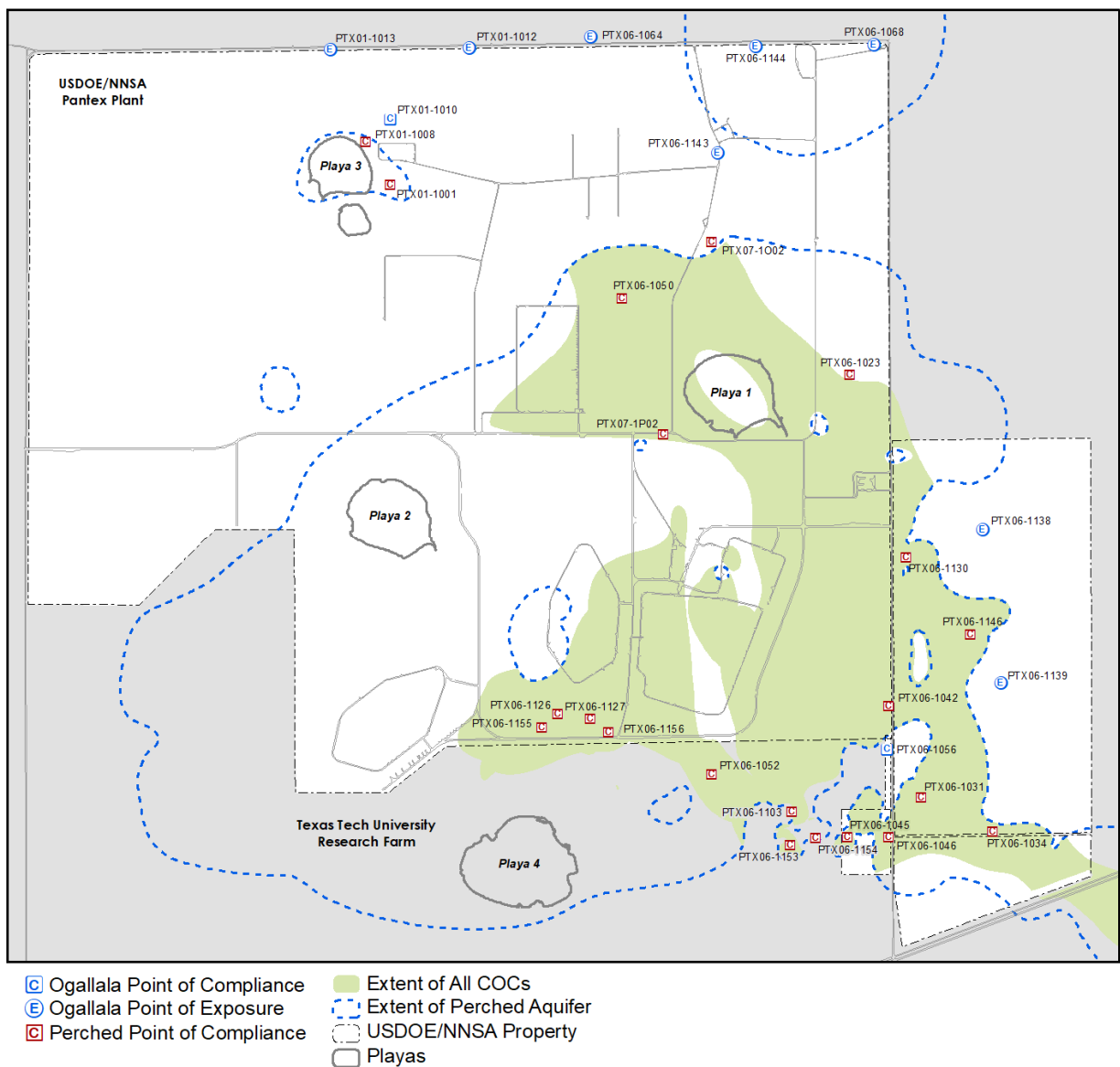


Fig. 3-37. POC and POE wells.

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4.0 SOIL REMEDIAL ACTION EFFECTIVENESS

To prevent cross-contamination from soils to groundwater, three soil remedial actions were implemented, including (1) soil covers on landfills, (2) ditch liner in Zone 12, and (3) the Burning Ground SVE. This evaluation focuses on the following two aspects of effectiveness:

1. Remedial action effectiveness of the SVE
2. Uncertainty management

4.1. SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION REMEDIAL ACTION EFFECTIVENESS

The Burning Ground SVE system consists of a small-scale CatOx system that has been operating since April 2012, when it replaced a large-scale CatOx system that was operated as an early remedial action to address risk to groundwater. The small-scale system is used to treat residual NAPL and soil gas at a single extraction well, SVE-S-20, near the source area.

The Burning Ground SVE system operated during two events in 2022, with the first event occurring from January into March and the second event occurring from August through October, with an operational rate of 32%, or about 2801 hours of operation for the year. A pulsing plan was implemented in 2021 to evaluate system closure. The system began operation on January 18 for the first pulsing event of 2022; however, the system was negatively impacted due to a heater failure on March 7 and was shut down until repairs were contracted and completed. The system was operated from the beginning of August through October and then shut down due to another failure.

Fig. 4-1 depicts the operation of the SVE. The system was operated at 100% in September and October. Operation of the system was impacted early in the year due to late start-up in January, freezing conditions that impacted operation, and a heater failure in March that shut the system down. The system was repaired and restarted in August.

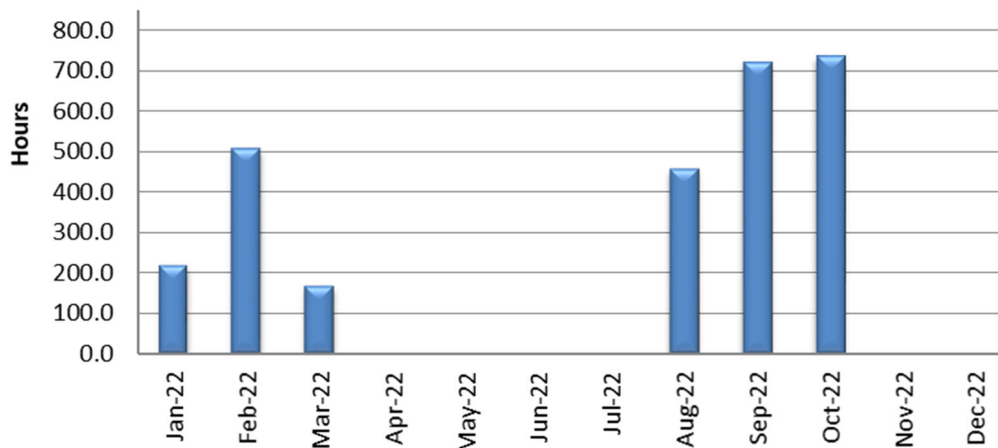


Fig. 4-1. SVE system operational hours in 2022.

The small CatOx/wet scrubber system continues to focus on treating residual soil contamination and soil gas at SVE-S-20, where soil gas concentrations continue to remain relatively high. To enhance the removal of the NAPL source through increased volatilization and stimulation of aerobic bioremediation, the system was modified in 2017; specifically, airflow was increased through the formation by opening pipes from wells surrounding SVE-S-20 to ambient air. The system removed approximately 58 lbs of VOCs during 2022. PID data collected at the SVE system's effluent port compared to that at the influent port suggests that the overall system destruction efficiency was more than 95% in 2022.

Figure 4-2 shows the mass of the four highest VOC compounds [i.e., acetone, toluene, TCE, and tetrahydrofuran (THF in the figure)], removed each month of 2022. The hourly VOC removal rate has declined significantly since modifications occurred in 2017. Data in 2021 and 2022 indicated the greatest drop since the system began operating.

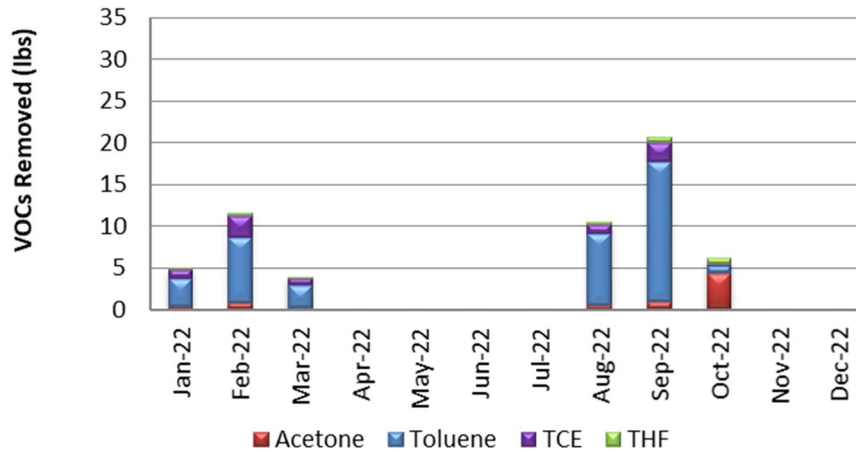


Fig. 4-2. SVE System 2022 VOC removal.

Influent and effluent PID readings are taken at the SVE system prior to the oxidizer and at the scrubber stack. The sampling frequency is weekly to ensure compliance with the permit-by-rule. Pantex also collects monthly influent samples that are sent to a laboratory for analysis. PID and laboratory data are also collected when the system is first started. The analytical samples are used to estimate the SVE system's mass removal. In 2022, a total of seven samples were collected for laboratory analysis from January through October.

Table 4-1 summarizes detected 2022 data in influent samples and the average concentrations from 2007 to 2008. The 2022 data were collected at the current SVE system's influent port. The average of 2022's measured values is lower than what was documented from 2007 to 2008. The lower 2022 average concentrations indicate that the majority of the NAPL source has been depleted at SVE-S-20. Maximum and average values are significantly lower than the baseline concentrations.

Table 4-1. Burning Ground SVE Data Summary

Analyte	2022 Measured Value			2007-2008 Measured Value		
	Mean*	Max	Min	Mean	Max	Min
Acetone	5,870	8,100	3,640	82,666	140,000	38,000
Toluene	18,975	47,600	16	477,307	990,000	45,000
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane (PCA)	1,794	3,110	58	3,356	6,300	760
Trichloroethene (TCE)	4,476	12,100	322	26,714	41,000	13,000
Tetrahydrofuran (THF)	1,168	2,210	225	20,107	26,000	9,500

Results for 2022 are based on laboratory analysis of samples of influent to the SVE system. Measured concentrations in parts per billion by volume (ppbv).

*Mean of measured values; non-detect results not included.

Minor concentrations of other VOCs were noted, due to the lowered detection limits for the SVE samples. As concentrations have declined, dilution of samples is not necessary and other minor VOCs are detected. Current data indicate that total VOC concentrations for each sample was below 100 ppmv for total VOCs for the entire 2022 operational period.

Fig. 4-3 demonstrates the change in daily removal rates since modification of the system occurred in May 2017. Removal rates have declined to 0.2 lbs/day, or a 92% decrease from May 2017 removal rates. The removal rate has dropped 95% from the peak removal rate in fourth quarter 2017.

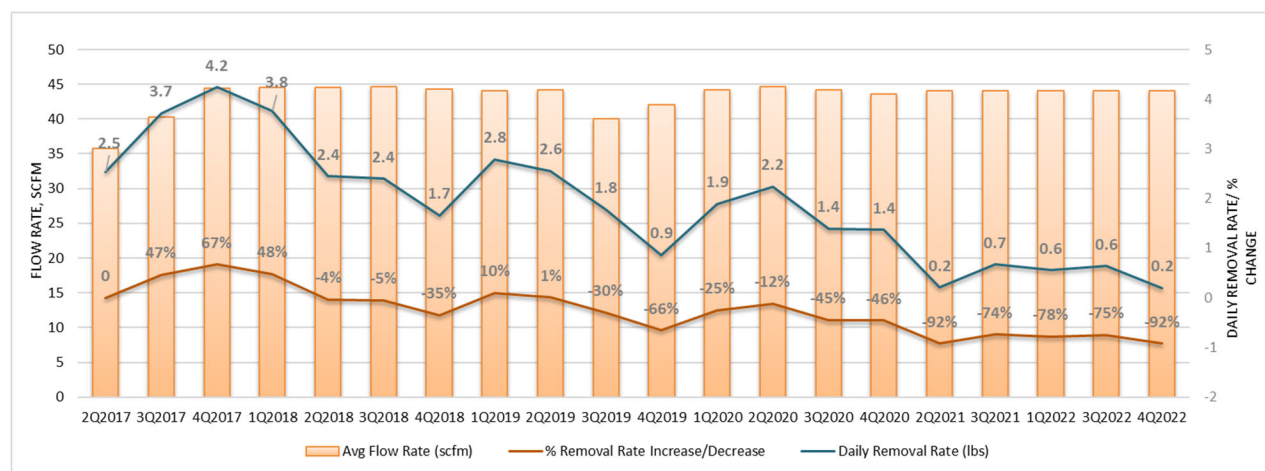


Fig. 4-3. Daily removal rate change since 2017 modification of the SVE system.

Concentrations were also evaluated to determine whether concentrations would increase after a long pause in operations. Samples collected in 2022 are indicating that a low total VOC concentration is observed at start-up (22 ppmv in January and 0.5 ppmv in August). With continued operation, concentrations increased slightly, remaining below 100 ppmv, then dropped off again in a short period of time. This pattern has been observed since the start of 2021. These data demonstrate the source at SVE-S-20 is significantly depleted. A small nearby source may be indicated by the rise in concentrations over time, but the data indicate that those concentrations also decline quickly, suggesting a minor source that is also near depletion. Total VOC concentrations since the installation of the current system are depicted in Fig. 4-4.

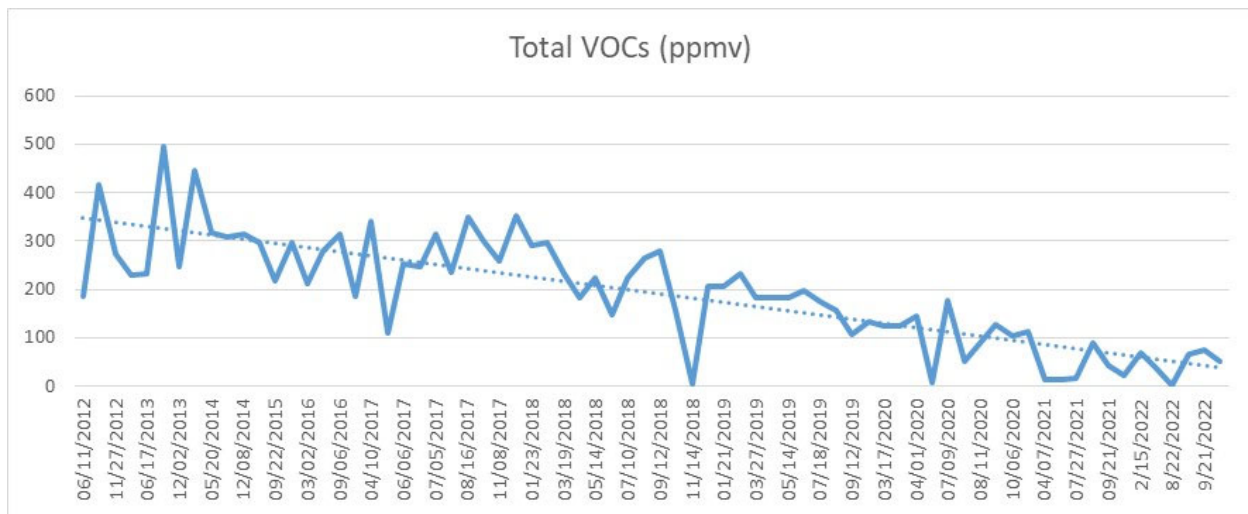


Fig. 4-4. Total VOCs since installation of current CatOx system.

To verify whether VOC concentrations are decreasing, the nonparametric Mann-Kendall trend test was applied. This method of statistical investigation was performed on all available SVE analytical data collected since the small-scale CatOx system was installed in early 2012.

Mann-Kendall trends were calculated based on all data collected from 2013 to the present and using recent data (i.e., the last four measurements collected at the system's influent port). Since the analytical results can be affected by multiple factors (e.g., extraction equipment, sample port location, system conditions), no effort was made to statistically trend the new results with the analytical data associated with the old systems. Generally, current concentrations are lower than those collected in the previous large-scale CatOx or

GAC system. These lower concentrations appear to reflect a significant decline in the residual NAPL source.

Table 4-2 summarizes the statistical trending. The results indicate that all four main COCs (i.e., acetone, toluene, TCE, and THF) exhibit decreasing trends, considering all data collected since 2013. The last four concentration measurements indicate no trend for the four primary VOCs.

Table 4-2. Mann-Kendall Results for Soil Gas COCs

COC	Trend-All Data	Recent Trend
Acetone	Decreasing	No Trend
Toluene	Decreasing	No Trend
TCE	Decreasing	No Trend
THF	Decreasing	No Trend

The average monthly PID measurements collected at the system influent, summarized in Fig. 4-5, show some variability, but 2022 monthly averages ranged between approximately 17 to 113 ppm. The orange circles on the chart show the 12-month rolling average, which illustrates a strong decline in average concentrations since the system modification in mid-2017. Two very high PID readings in June 2018 that were determined to be unrepresentative were omitted from the 12-month averages. Through the end of 2022, average PID readings were lower than observed since the small-scale system began operating in 2012. The observed decline in influent PID readings was expected and indicates NAPL source depletion.

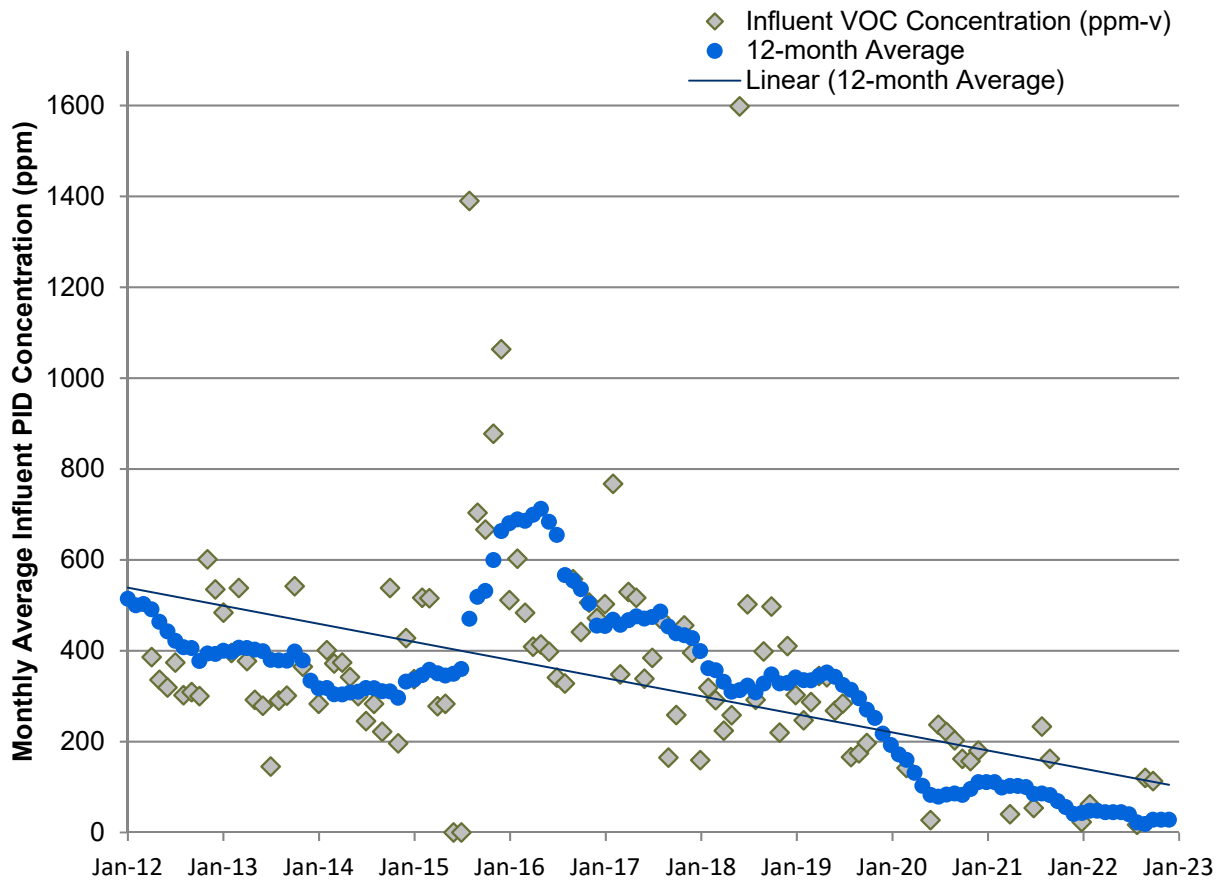


Fig. 4-5. Influent average PID VOC concentrations vs. time.

In the *Five-Year Review Report* (Pantex, 2013d), Pantex recognized the conflicting data and uncertainty concerning the reduction of soil gas VOCs and mass of NAPL remaining in the soil near SVE-S-20. However, no expected conditions or paths toward closure were defined for the SVE system, other than “significant reduction in soil gas VOCs.”

Therefore, in the first FYR, Pantex recommended developing a Burning Ground SVE Performance Monitoring Plan to define expected conditions of system performance as well as a clear path toward an endpoint of active SVE operations. In anticipation of this plan, four rebound tests were attempted in 2014 and 2015 to establish baseline conditions against which future rebound tests could be compared; however, none of the rebound tests were successful. Based on the system operational data and data collected during the four attempted rebound tests, it does not appear the SVE performance-based approach will be technically practicable in attaining closure at the SEP/CBP area of the Burning Ground.

Pantex has evaluated other paths to an endpoint of active remediation for this system. After evaluation of influent concentrations and system performance, Pantex recommended an approach to enhance bioremediation and volatilization.

In the *4th Quarter 2016 Progress Report*, Pantex recommended that up to seven inactive SVE extraction wells surrounding the active extraction well SVE-S-20 be modified with goose-neck pipes extending aboveground with screens and shut-off valves so that while the system is operating, airflow through the formation can be enhanced by opening the pipes to ambient air. This enhancement helps to stimulate naturally occurring aerobic bacteria that degrade the NAPL source and increase volatilization.

The modifications were completed in May 2017, with baseline samples collected in June. Flow was increased from an initial rate of approximately 32 scfm to 44.5 scfm during the fourth quarter of 2017. Hourly VOC removal rates increased with increased flow. In the fourth quarter of 2017, the SVE system's performance improved with a 50% increase in VOC mass removal rate over first-quarter baseline values and an increase of 34% in the extraction air flow rate. The mass removal rate improvement lasted through the first quarter of 2018 and has since declined, and the hourly removal rate has remained consistently low throughout 2022.

The drop in influent concentrations, mass removal rates, and declining influent PID measurements indicate that the system has reached a point where the residual NAPL mass will not be effectively treated through the system's continued operation. Pantex will recommend closure of the system, with continued monitoring of groundwater in the application to renew HW-50284 in late 2023. The SVE system has removed approximately 21,331 lbs of VOCs from soil gas and residual NAPL in the SEP/CBP area and has successfully mitigated the potential vertical movement of VOCs to groundwater.

4.2. UNCERTAINTY MANAGEMENT

One of the purposes of the uncertainty management wells is to confirm the following expected conditions from the soil units:

1. Declining source contributions from soil units that have historically contributed to groundwater
2. No new source contributions to currently impacted groundwater
3. Areas that have no historical contamination in the uppermost groundwater will not exhibit signs of sourcing to groundwater.

In accordance with the SAP, Pantex analyzes indicator constituents at all wells to determine possible impacts to areas that were previously unaffected or to ensure that source area strength is declining in impacted areas. This evaluation is presented in Section 3.4.

In 2022, no Group 1 perched aquifer wells had unexpected conditions. Organic constituents were detected in two Ogallala wells. Metals, including hexavalent chromium, manganese, aluminum, and boron were detected above background, but below GWPS. Boron frequently shows higher detections in wells that are towards the southern side of Pantex, due to the influence of the Dockum Aquifer. Other detections are likely the results of background variability or corrosion. Perchlorate was detected slightly above background but below the GWPS in one well, which is likely the result of background variability. This review indicates there are no unexpected conditions from the soil source areas.

PTX06-1056 continued to demonstrate detections of the HE, DNT4A, since its initial detection in April 2014. Sample results since that time have been variable, with values slightly exceeding the PQL since 2016. This trend continued in 2022, with DNT4A values exceeding the GWPS for the first time in the third quarter. As a result of the detection above the GWPS, Pantex performed a high volume purge time-series sampling event in August 2022. Results from the high volume purge sampling event and subsequent verification samples confirmed DNT4A above the GWPS and detections of RDX below the PQL.

Additionally, the VOC, 1,2- DCA, has been variably detected in well PTX06-1056 since August 2015, but all detections had been equal to or below the PQL. Both DNT4A and 1,2-DCA continue to demonstrate a slight increasing trend across all data. DNT4A demonstrates a probably increasing trend across recent data (last four measurements) and 1,2-DCA is stable across recent data.

PTX06-1056 is distant from soil sources, so detections are not related to movement from source areas. This uncertainty management well is used to evaluate potential movement of impacted perched groundwater to the Ogallala Aquifer.

A single detection of RDX was observed above the PQL, but below the GWPS, at Ogallala well PTX06-1157, but was not confirmed by a re-sample of the well. This well is also distant from soil sources and is also used to evaluate potential movement of impacted perched groundwater to the Ogallala Aquifer.

No Ogallala Aquifer uncertainty management wells indicated impacts from a soil source area.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 CONCLUSIONS FROM THE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Overall, the groundwater remedial actions have been effective in 2022. They continue to operate and meet short-term expectations for cleanup of the perched groundwater in areas under the influence of the remediation systems. While the remedial actions continue to operate to meet long-term goals, perched water levels are declining in most areas, COC mass is being removed or reduced, and institutional controls protect against the use of impacted groundwater. The influence of both pump and treat systems will continue to expand as saturated thickness is reduced in the perched aquifer.

The groundwater remedies are considered to be protective for the short term since untreated perched groundwater use is controlled to prevent human contact and monitoring data continue to indicate that the remedial actions remain protective of the Ogallala Aquifer. One Ogallala Aquifer well, PTX06-1056, had continued detections of DNT4A and 1,2-dichloroethane, with DNT4A exceeding the GWPS for the first time in 2022, indicating the possible migration of perched groundwater to the Ogallala Aquifer. In response to these detections, Pantex has completed the following actions in accordance with the *Pantex Plant Ogallala Aquifer and Perched Groundwater Contingency Plan* (Pantex, 2019c):

- A high-volume time-series sampling event was conducted August 8, 2022 at PTX06-1056 to determine if DNT4A was part of a wider plume area. Detections were confirmed throughout the sampling event, indicating the DNT4A was more widespread than occurred in a sampling event conducted August 5, 2014, after the first detections of DNT4A occurred.
- Pantex prepared contracting for two new Ogallala wells in 2022. The wells were installed May 2023 to evaluate the potential for a HE plume in the Ogallala Aquifer near PTX06-1056. Sampling will be conducted following development of the wells and review for acceptance. Sampling results are expected to be available in summer 2023.

Pantex will make further recommendations for a path forward once a series of sampling results from the new wells are available.

The pump and treat systems' throughput performance was affected by shutdowns for repairs to the break at the irrigation system's filter bank and subsequent repairs of the irrigation lines and communication system. In accordance with Permit #WQ0002296000, all treated wastewater effluent and treated water from the pump and treat systems is being routed to Playa 1. The SEPTS is injecting treated water into the perched aquifer and sending water to Playa 1 when P1PTS is not operating. The P1PTS was only operated once per quarter in the beginning of 2022 to ensure continued functionality, until March 2022, when repairs to the subsurface were completed, allowing for longer operational periods. The system was shut down in April 2022 to complete installation of new components for the new center pivot irrigation system. This allowed SEPTS to fully operate most of 2022 to capture water in high-priority locations. This operation scheme was implemented to control downgradient migration of plumes.

The Zone 11 ISB system has a well-established treatment zone in the original portion of the system, where injection has occurred since 2009, as well as in the northwest expansion area. Deep reducing conditions have been more difficult to establish at TZM wells located between the injection wells in the expansion area. Improved conditions have been noted across the western side of the Zone 11 ISB after moving to the use of molasses amendment in recent years. However, some wells have limited abilities to accept injection. Pantex in-filled wells on the western side to address some of the low-performing locations. To address the change in flow directions that are causing plumes to move to the southeast, a second line of injection wells was installed across the southern portion of the Zone 11 ISB.

The TZM wells' data indicate very mild-to-strong reducing conditions across the Zone 11 ISB. All wells downgradient of the system have indicated the arrival of treated water. PTX06-1175 has been slower to respond, but data indicate that TCE and RDX are trending appropriately now. In 2022, perchlorate was detected above the GWPS in three downgradient ISPM wells, but was not detected or was below the GWPS in the other six wells. TCE concentrations are below the GWPS in four of nine ISPM wells and two former injection wells. Two wells downgradient of the southern part of the system, where the second row of injection wells were added in 2021, are indicating increased concentrations of TCE. The second row of wells is expected to improve the treatment of TCE in that area of the ISB.

The Southeast ISB system has been effectively treating HEs and hexavalent chromium at two of the closest downgradient ISPM wells, PTX06-1037, PTX06-1154, and historically at

PTX06-1123. PTX06-1123 has limited or no water and can no longer be sampled. These wells indicate that the reducing zone has extended beyond the treatment zone and RDX and hexavalent chromium concentrations in these wells are either non-detect or below the GWPS.

PTX06-1153 continues to exhibit RDX concentrations above the GWPS, but hexavalent chromium concentrations continue to demonstrate a decreasing trend and have remained below the GWPS since 2016. This well has demonstrated signs of partial treatment since 2019. RDX breakdowns were detected at concentrations above the GWPS, indicating partial treatment has occurred. Trends across recent data indicate decreasing trends in RDX at this well.

The new Southeast ISB Extension was injected once during 2022, using molasses. Given the distance to the downgradient wells offsite, treatment results are not expected to be observed in wells near the slower-moving portion of the plume until at least 2025. TOC has slightly increased in downgradient wells and monitoring results for the system indicate that RDX and breakdown products are present in downgradient performance monitoring wells, but a lack of increase in metals and reduction of HE concentrations suggests treated water has not fully arrived to these wells.

The Offsite ISB was injected twice during 2022, using molasses. The system was designed to clean up the offsite area within 25 years, with approximately 15 years of injections planned. Treatment results are not expected to be observed in most areas for a long period of time. Arrival of amended water has been observed at the farthest downgradient ISB extraction wells as continued use of those wells requires cleanup to address fouling and withdraw water for injections. Evaluation of the baseline data from 2022 at sampled wells indicated very mild reducing conditions. Concentrations of HEs remain low in wells at the leading edge of the plume.

Soil remedies have been effective at Pantex. Workers and the public are protected from exposure to contaminated soils, and data do not indicate that new contamination is migrating to the underlying groundwater from soil source areas. The landfill covers and ditch liner are operating as designed and occasional rainfall continues to improve vegetative cover on the landfills.

Yearly inspections and the second FYR indicated several landfills that require the soil covers to be maintained. Pantex has completed all of the second FYR landfill actions using

a combination of onsite and contract resources. Pantex will continue to address the needed landfill maintenance observed during annual inspections, as budget and availability of onsite resources allow.

The ditch liner prevents the infiltration of water that would cause HEs in soils to migrate to the perched aquifer. Maintenance of the ditch liner is required to ensure continued conveyance of runoff through the ditch system. Contracting was completed in early 2023 and maintenance will be completed in summer 2023.

The SVE system has actively removed soil gas and residual NAPL in soils at the Burning Ground, thereby mitigating vertical movement of VOCs to the Ogallala Aquifer. The system was shut down due to needed repairs and for the planned pulsing periods. The system was operated twice in 2022. Data indicate a strong decline in influent concentrations in 2021 and 2022, indicating that the NAPL source is near depletion and closure of the system will be recommended in 2023.

Institutional controls are in place for soils and groundwater, providing short-term protection of human health and the environment while active remedies continue to operate. Pantex will continue to evaluate areas that are not currently under the influence of active remedies to determine if additional actions are needed to provide permanent, long-term protection.

Pantex updated the conceptual and fate and transport model in 2021 and completed an evaluation to optimize pump and treat and/or ISB remedies to affect the southeast plume of RDX, perchlorate, and hexavalent chromium. The optimization indicated that further work would be required to control the continued movement of RDX to where the plume extends offsite. Further work is also required to address the hexavalent chromium and perchlorate plume that is outside the influence of the SEPTS. Pantex has planned and requested budgets for projects that will improve cleanup of RDX and will implement those projects when funding is provided.

The updated model was also used to conduct a final evaluation of the offsite remedial action. The modeling indicated changes in the final placement and timing of injections at the offsite areas. This information was used to guide the final two phases of installation of the remediation system, including necessary monitoring locations. Pantex installed the first and second phases of the Offsite ISB wells in 2020, with infrastructure completed in 2021. The first injection event occurred in late 2021 at the wells on the leading edge of the plume. Phase 3 was installed in 2022, with infrastructure construction continuing into 2023. The system requires one more phase of installation in 2023. Injection will continue semi-annually at this system at the available wells.

5.2 CONCLUSIONS FROM THE FIVE-YEAR REVIEWS

The first FYR report for the Pantex Remedial Action was submitted in December 2012 and received final approval in August 2013. The second FYR report was submitted in May 2018 and received final approval in September 2018. The results of the FYRs indicate that the selected remedy is performing as intended and is protective of human health and the environment in the short term because there are no completed exposure pathways to human or environmental receptors for soil or perched groundwater.

To achieve long-term protectiveness of human health and the environment, operation and maintenance of the remedial action systems must continue, and enhancements to existing systems and institutional controls must be evaluated, planned, and implemented.

This section is provided to track the recommendations and actions from the FYRs to completion. The following three recommendations or issues remain from the first FYR and were carried into the second FYR:

1. The issue of expanding plumes to the southeast
2. The issue of incomplete treatment at the Southeast ISB at well PTX06-1153
3. The recommendation to develop criteria for ceasing active SVE system operations

The table below details the issues and recommendations contained in the second FYR. Items that have been addressed have been greyed out. Plans for completion or summary of work completed are provided for each item. All items were complete by the end of 2022.

Table 5-1. Second FYR (2018) Issues and Recommendations

Issue	Recommendations & Follow-Up	Milestone Date	Completion Date	Actions
Issues				
<i>Soil Remedies</i>				
Minor deficiencies in protective soil covers including erosion, slope instability, animal burrows, and settling.	Prepare and implement a work plan to restore slopes and fill holes on soil cover surfaces.	Dec-2022	Nov-2022	Pantex prepared a plan to address the issues identified in the FYR as well as those identified through continuing annual landfill inspections. See Section 2 for a discussion of the plan. Pantex is planning to use onsite and contract work to fulfill these requirements. New funding was requested to address the landfill maintenance. Most of the landfills identified in the FYR were addressed by the end of 2021. The remainder of the work was completed in January 2022.
New EPA protective dose calculations for radionuclides.	Meet with the EPA to discuss the risk assessment process and data for radionuclides	Dec-2019	Dec-2019	Discussed at a regulatory meeting on November 14, 2018. The EPA requested a letter to close out the radionuclide issue. The letter closing out the issue was sent on December 11, 2019.
<i>Groundwater Remedies</i>				
Plumes of HEs (primarily RDX) are expanding in the southeast lobe of the perched groundwater unit in areas of low saturated thickness.	Continue to characterize the conceptual site model for the southeast lobe of the perched unit, including the extent of contamination, saturated thickness, groundwater flow direction, and topography of the FGZ.	Phased approach through 2020, deed restrictions extended to end of 2022	Sep-2019	Pantex updated the fate and transport model and conceptual site model based on the latest data collected to the southeast of plant property. The model was used to optimize an offsite remedy. The new offsite system was discussed in the <i>2019 2nd Quarter Progress Report</i> .
	Connect six new extraction wells east of FM 2373 to the SEPTS.		Mar-2019	Wells were drilled and connected to the SEPTS in March 2019.
	Design and implement an ISB system along Highway 60 southeast of the Pantex Plant.		Feb-2019	ISB injection wells were installed in 2018, and the first injection event was completed in February 2019.

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	Confirm deed restrictions encompass property affected by the migration of the HE plume.		June-2022	Pantex has confirmed the extent of contamination for the deed restriction. The remediation system is designed to keep concentrations below the GWPS at the boundary of the deed restriction area. Pantex requested an extension to complete the necessary deed restrictions, with completion scheduled by the end of 2022. All deed restrictions were complete in June 2022.
The Zone 11 TCE plume extends west and outside of the Zone 11 ISB system.	Continue evaluating alternatives to treat the TCE plume. Remedial systems to be considered include expanding and/or updating the ISB system or implementing a pump and treat system.	Sep-2020	Jun-2018	Pantex completed an evaluation of remedial options. The final recommendation was to extend ISB to the untreated area and add recirculation to optimize treatment. Pantex has installed six new injection wells to the northwest of the ISB to expand injection to the edge of the plume. Injections have been implemented with another occurring in 2022.
Incomplete treatment of HE and Cr(VI) downgradient of the west end of the Southeast ISB (SEISB) at PTX06-1153. Other ISB performance wells show results below remedial goals.	Continue to collect and evaluate data from the SEISB area; consider targeted injections in the area of PTX06-1153. Evaluate options for optimized injection of amendments to address contamination in this area.	Sep-2019	Jun-2019	Pantex continues to evaluate data and optimize the ISB systems. A study conducted in 2018 using a soluble carbon (i.e., molasses) indicates improved distribution of amendment between the wells. As recommended in the <i>2018 Annual Progress Report</i> , Pantex injected molasses during the 2019/2020 injection event as part of an optimized strategy to impact PTX06-1153. Additionally, a pump was installed in PTX06-1153 to induce flow to the well while injection occurred upgradient. The results of the study will be evaluated over time.
Perchlorate plume potential migration to SEPTS.	Continue monitoring the perchlorate plume southeast of Zone 11. Modify the SEPTS extraction to limit mobilization in the short-term as needed. Addition of a perchlorate treatment unit to the SEPTS would be warranted if	Sep-2019	Jan- 2019	Pantex has increased sampling at the SEPTS to semi-monthly and semi-annually at the affected wells. Pantex has included modification of the SEPTS to include perchlorate resins in our 2021 budget and scope for extending irrigation to the east of FM 2373. Current concentrations are low at the SEPTS, and the chromium resin can treat the

Issue	Recommendations & Follow-Up	Milestone Date	Completion Date	Actions
	perchlorate is detected in SEPTS influent at concentrations near the GWPS of 26 ppb.			perchlorate. Wells will be turned off in response to higher concentrations that cannot be treated until Pantex can modify the SEPTS to include treatment vessels for perchlorate. Completion of this modification is scheduled in 2022.
The GWPS for perchlorate is 26 mg/L, the Texas Risk Reduction Program (TRRP) PCL is 17 mg/L, and the EPA Interim Lifetime Health Advisory is 15 mg/L.	Include perchlorate as part of the risk assessment meeting and discussion with EPA described under Issue 2 (Soil radionuclides risk assessment). Update the GWPS as needed in potential ESD.	Sep-2022	Dec-2022	The perchlorate issue was discussed at a meeting held in November 2018. Pantex plans to implement a change in the perchlorate GWPS when the ESD is completed (see issue below). Pantex has already implemented a lower GWPS at the pump and treat systems as part of the upgrade to the system to include resin treatment of perchlorate. ESD was completed in December 2022.
Significant updates to the selected remedy are currently underway or being considered	Issue an ESD before the 2023 FYR to document expansion and updates to the remedies selected in the ROD.	Sep-2022	Dec-2022	Pantex plans to include the offsite treatment system into a single ESD that covers the expansion of the Zone 11 ISB and new treatment systems for the expanded southeast plume. Pantex also plans to implement a change to the perchlorate GWPS. Any other changes made to the system to expand treatment at the Zone 11 ISB or possible changes at the Southeast ISB will also be included if needed.
<i>Additional Perched Groundwater COCs and Contaminants of Potential Concern (COPCs)</i>				
Cadmium concentrations exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) in 2011 beneath Zone 12 South (WMG 6/7) at PTX06-1010, recent data indicate concentrations below the GWPS	Concentrations of cadmium should be monitored at PTX06-1010 and down-gradient well PTX06-1088 during the next five-year period to confirm concentrations below the GWPS of 5 mg/L.	Annually through Progress Reports	Ongoing	Cadmium sampling at PTX06-1010 and one downgradient well have been included in the yearly data quality objectives and schedule for sampling.

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Detections of Cr(VI) in Zone 11 (PTX08-1005)	While hexavalent chromium [Cr(VI)] concentrations are still slightly below the GWPS, the area will need to be evaluated and concentrations trended in the future to determine if the Cr(VI) persists.	Annually through Progress Reports	Ongoing	Cr(VI) sampling at PTX08-1005 and two downgradient wells has been included in the yearly data quality objectives and schedule for sampling.
1,4-dioxane in Zone 11 plumes	Continue monitoring for 1,4-dioxane in the Zone 11 plume and downgradient from the Zone 11 ISB system to evaluate potential expansion of the plume.	Annually through Progress Reports	Ongoing	1,4-dioxane sampling is conducted at all upgradient and downgradient wells for the Zone 11 ISB as well as Zone 11 areas where a release could have occurred. This sampling has been included in the yearly data quality objectives and schedule for sampling.
Recommendations				
<i>Soil Remedies</i>				
Establish criteria for ceasing SVE system operations.	Develop a trial shutdown plan and monitoring program to evaluate potential rebound in concentrations during the shut-down period. Establish termination criteria.	As needed after review of influence of recent upgrades to system	Pulsing plan implemented in 2021 and 2022. Closure plan to be prepared in 2023.	Pantex modified the SVE system in 2017 to pull in ambient air and increase volatilization and bioremediation. A trial shutdown and pulsing plan began in December 2020. Based on the drop in influent concentrations through 2022, Pantex is requesting closure of the system in 2023.
<i>Groundwater Remedies</i>				
Repair or enhance irrigation system and/or develop new options to reduce reliance on injection of treated water back into the perched zone.	Develop a work plan to optimize the irrigation system for disposing of treated groundwater and/or develop new options for beneficial reuse to increase extraction and treatment throughput volumes.	Jul-2019	New options identified Jun-2019	See Section 2 for discussion of system O&M and recommendations to increase extraction and throughput. Plans include the following: -Playa 2 injection contract started in 2019. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of FY 2020.

Issue	Recommendations & Follow-Up	Milestone Date	Completion Date	Actions
				<p>-Design of changes to the SEPTS and new irrigation system east of FM 2373 design have been requested for the 2021 budget/scope.</p> <p>-The filter bank at the existing system has been repaired. After repairs to the filter bank, the system must be tested and repaired in the field. Testing of irrigation tapes and necessary repairs is underway. The existing system is expected to be running by the end of FY 2020.</p>
<p>Consider optimization of the pumping network in the SEPTS.</p>	<p>Computational or qualitative optimization of extraction could improve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Control of migration of perchlorate plume. -Continued reduction of saturation in the Southeast ISB. -Control of the plume migrating in the southeast lobe of the perched unit. 	<p>Sep-2021</p>	<p>Aug-2022</p>	<p>The optimization modeling is complete. The optimization report and recommended actions were submitted August 9, 2022 to TCEQ and EPA, after modifying budgets to include new actions.</p>
<p>Consider optimization of the Southeast ISB injection effort may be reduced in areas where groundwater COC concentrations have dropped below the GWPS.</p>	<p>Consider amendment injections in wells around PTX06-1153 (even if they appear dry) to target one area where COC concentrations are not responding.</p>	<p>Sep-2020</p>	<p>Jun 2019</p>	<p>See actions in Issues section above.</p>
	<p>Schedule a reduced amendment injection frequency at the Southeast ISB in areas where groundwater concentrations have dropped below the GWPS.</p>		<p>Jun 2019</p>	<p>Pantex has reduced soybean oil injection events for the Southeast ISB. One more injection event is planned in 2022. No further injections may be required due to declining water levels.</p>
	<p>Evaluate data annually and during the next FYR period to determine the effects of the optimized strategy.</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Pantex will include an evaluation of evolving strategies in each annual progress report.</p>
<p>LTM Network</p>				

Issue	Recommendations & Follow-Up	Milestone Date	Completion Date	Actions
Evaluate current conditions in Ogallala Aquifer monitoring wells to determine if changes are needed to implement an improvement plan (2014).	Check the current configuration of Ogallala Aquifer monitoring wells to decide if diverters need to be installed to improve early detection as recommended in the sampling improvement plan.	Sep-2019	Nov 2018	All Ogallala wells were evaluated with respect to screens with blanks and current water levels. A diverter was added to one Ogallala well, PTX01-1011. Sampling will continue at the current upper-screened section of this well.
Update LTM Network design and SAP documents to capture changes and recommendations from the second FYR, after regulatory approval.	LTM Network and SAP documents need to be updated to reflect recommendations from the 2017 LTM optimization review after approval by the TCEQ and EPA. Adjust sampling frequencies and add analytes where identified. Other needed revisions resulting from this FYR should be incorporated in this effort.	Sep-2019	Sep-2019	Pantex has updated the LTM Design and SAP and sent them to the TCEQ and EPA. Those documents have been approved. Pantex implemented changes to the network in accordance with the updated LTM Design and SAP beginning January 2020.
<i>Institutional Controls</i>				
Use data collected from the southeast lobe of the perched groundwater unit to determine if additional deed restrictions are required to restrict access to affected perched groundwater.	Implement additional deed restrictions as needed.	Phased approach through 2022	Jun-2022	Pantex and the DOE's Albuquerque Real Estate Office started working with neighbors to address treatment and deed restrictions in 2019. Well drilling in 2019 and new installations in 2020 indicate the plume is well-defined, and no further restrictions are required to address the plume. The deed restrictions are part of landowner agreements. Deed restrictions are complete at one property and the other is expected to be complete before the end of 2022.
<i>Community Involvement</i>				
Implement measures to better inform neighbors of the Remedial Action.	Update the community involvement plan, neighbor mailing lists, and distribute the annual newsletter and public meeting invitations	Dec-2019	May 2019	The community involvement plan was fully updated to reflect new community information and updated contract information. Neighbor mailing lists are updated annually. Public meeting invitations are

Issue	Recommendations & Follow-Up	Milestone Date	Completion Date	Actions
	<p>accordingly to improve communication with Pantex neighbors/ local officials.</p>			<p>sent based on those updates, as well as expressed interest from stakeholders. The annual newsletter is sent to the full list of neighbors by October of each year, in advance of the public meeting that is held in November.</p>
<p>Improve communication of Remedial Action efforts with the Local Groundwater District.</p>	<p>Provide copies of quarterly and annual progress reports to the Panhandle Ground Water District (PGWD) as part of distribution when submitted to the TCEQ and EPA. This will ensure that Remedial Action progress and the new information on wells installed and water quality encountered is available to PGWD staff for use in protecting and conserving groundwater resources critical to the future of the Panhandle region.</p>	<p>Annually</p>	<p>Jun-2018</p>	<p>The PGWD is now included in the distribution list for delivery of all quarterly and annual progress reports.</p>

5.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

Pantex plans to continue currently approved remedial actions. The groundwater remedies are considered protective for the short term since untreated perched groundwater use is controlled to prevent human contact and Ogallala Aquifer data continues to indicate COC concentrations are either non-detect or below the GWPS in areas near onsite and offsite water resources. The systems are also proving to be effective in reaching long-term objectives for cleanup in areas that are under the influence of a remedial action. Pantex has some recommended changes provided below to address areas outside of the influence of the remedial action.

Pantex has one Ogallala monitor well, distant from water resource locations, that demonstrated a detect of an HE, DNT4A, above the GWPS. Pantex is following the recommendations in the *Groundwater Contingency Plan* and will begin installing wells to determine whether a plume is developing in that area. Two new wells are planned in 2023 and further information will be provided as data become available.

Soil remedies have also been effective at Pantex; workers and the public are protected from exposure to contaminated soils, and data do not indicate that new contamination is migrating to the underlying groundwater from soil source areas. The SVE system has actively removed soil gas and residual NAPL in soils at the Burning Ground, thereby mitigating the vertical movement of VOCs to the Ogallala Aquifer.

Based on issues identified in the second FYR and this report, changes are recommended or have already been implemented to enhance the effectiveness of the remedies in some areas and improve monitoring of the actions' overall effectiveness. Those recommendations are provided in the following sections.

5.3.1 RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE SELECTED REMEDIES

Pantex released an ESD in 2022 that described changes that have been implemented at the southeast and Zone 11 remedies, along with recommended changes to the remedy.

Based on the optimization of the pump and treat systems, Pantex is recommending further changes to the remedies, as described in a letter to TCEQ and EPA dated August 9, 2022, which included the installation of two small ISBs to control RDX plume movement to offsite areas in the southeast and a perchlorate/chromium plume that is not being captured by the SEPTS. A small mobile pump and treat unit was also proposed to the east of FM 2373 in an area of high RDX concentrations; however, pump tests indicate that pump and treat

will not be feasible in that area and Pantex is now considering injection of those wells in the future. The recommended changes were captured in the ESD that was released in December 2022 and will be implemented as funding allows.

5.3.2 RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE PUMP AND TREAT SYSTEMS

Pantex has implemented a previously recommended change to the operation of the SEPTS and P1PTS. The P1PTS is now only operated once each quarter to allow the SEPTS to fully operate and continue to more effectively capture perched groundwater and contaminant plumes moving to the southeast. The subsurface irrigation system was repaired in early 2022, but after a short time of operation, communication issues shut the system down again. After the communication repair, further issues were created later in 2022 due to wildlife causing an electrical failure. Additionally, the lagoons at the WWTF are under repair thus also affecting flow to the lagoons which P1PTS releases to. Once repairs to the irrigation system and ponds are made and/or the pivot system becomes operational, P1PTS will be operated.

Pantex has evaluated methods to optimize the pump and treat systems to better capture plumes and remove water for the protection of the underlying Ogallala Aquifer. Based on results of that optimization, further changes will be implemented in the future as follows.

- Pantex will reevaluate the priority of pumping wells in the SEPTS. The pumping priorities will be updated and implemented in 2023. The priorities will be provided in the next annual report.
- Pantex has realigned overall goals for operating both systems. Those goals were sent to TCEQ and EPA in early 2023 and will be provided in the next annual progress report. Pantex is currently implementing those goals.

5.3.3 RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE ISB SYSTEMS

Pantex continues to evaluate the ISBs and make changes, as appropriate, to address incomplete treatment in certain areas.

5.3.3.1 Southeast ISB

Pantex has injected a more soluble carbon (i.e., molasses) to improve the distribution of amendment at the ISB and injected in dry upgradient wells. Those changes have resulted in declining RDX concentrations at PTX06-1153. Pantex injected the system with molasses again in early 2022 and will continue to evaluate the impacts to PTX06-1153. Water levels will continue to be monitored to evaluate the need for further injections.

5.3.3.2 *Southeast ISB Extension*

No changes to the ISB are recommended at this time.

5.3.3.3 *Zone 11 ISB*

Pantex has installed additional infrastructure to address the hydraulic changes in the system and has in-filled wells where old injection wells will no longer accept amendment injections. Pantex continues to monitor the effect of these changes.

No changes to the ISB are recommended at this time.

5.3.3.4 *Offsite ISB*

Injections began in 2021 and the system continues to be installed in phases. One more phase of installation is underway at this system in 2023.

No changes to the ISB are recommended at this time.

5.3.4 *RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE MONITORING NETWORK*

No changes to the existing monitoring network are recommended at this time.

Due to detections of DNT4A increasing above GWPS in 2022, Pantex will implement requirements to begin evaluation of the possible development of a plume in the Ogallala Aquifer in the area upgradient of PTX06-1056. Wells were drilled in spring 2023, with sampling anticipated during summer 2023.

5.3.5 *RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO SOIL REMEDIES*

No changes to the landfill or ditch remedies are recommended.

Pantex is continuing to evaluate SVE data after modifying the system in May 2017. Data have indicated the NAPL source is near depletion and further operation of the system is no longer necessary. Pantex will prepare a closure plan for the system in 2023 and plans to request removal of the system during renewal of HW-50284 in 2023.

5.3.6 *RECOMMENDED CHANGES BASED ON REGULATORY COMMENTS*

Pantex received comments from the TCEQ on the supporting documents for the recommended changes to the Pantex Remedial Action (TCEQ, 2022). Pantex has agreed to complete some additional work and track the actions to completion in the annual progress reports, per letter dated February 15, 2023 (USDOE/NNSA, 2023). The following table provides the two items that must be tracked to completion, the recommended timeframe of completion, and the current status of each action.

Table 5-2. Status of Actions from Recommended Changes Letter Response, USDOE/NNSA (2023)

Recommended Actions to Complete	Milestone Date	Completion Date	Status
Review/update the well information data table to include updated bottom of FGZ picks from Ogallala wells.	Dec-2026		Pantex will complete this after new Ogallala wells are drilled so information can be included in any future fate and transport modeling that is required.
Put in two additional wells at the southeast and southwest perimeter of Zone 11 to better evaluate the Zone 11 plumes.	Dec-2026		Pantex has requested budget for two new perched monitor wells in FY 2026.

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