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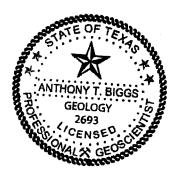
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LIST OF ACRONYMS

μg/L micrograms per liter CatOX catalytic oxidation COCcontaminant of concern Cr(VI) hexavalent chromium

compound-specific isotope analysis **CSIA**

DCE dichloroethene DHC Dehalococcoides spp. DNT4A 4-amino-2,6-dinitrotoluene

DO dissolved oxygen FGZ fine-grained zone **FYR** five-year review

GAC granular activated carbon

GWPS groundwater protection standard

HE high explosive

HW-50284 Hazardous Waste Permit #50284

IAG **Interagency Agreement**

ISPM in situ performance monitoring

ISB in situ bioremediation

lb pound

million gallons Mgal mV millivolts

non-aqueous phase liquid NAPL ORP oxidation-reduction potential P1PTS Playa 1 Pump and Treat System PID photoionization detector

PQL practical quantitation limit

RDX hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine

SAP sampling and analysis plan

SEPTS Southeast Pump and Treat System

SVE soil vapor extraction

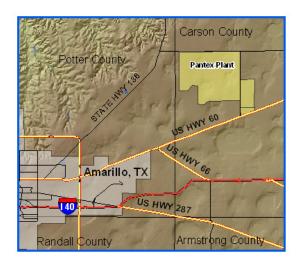
SWMU Solid Waste Management Units

TCE trichloroethene TNT trinitrotoluene

UIC underground injection control VOC volatile organic compound WWTF wastewater treatment facility

INTRODUCTION

The Pantex Plant, located in the Texas Panhandle 17 miles northeast of Amarillo, has implemented a response 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 two areas. A soil vapor extraction (SVE) system has been installed to remediate volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soils at the Burning Ground area. This quarterly report addresses progress achieved through implementation of the remedial actions for 4th quarter 2017.



This report provides an intermediate data summary for response action systems throughout the year. More intensive data reporting is included in the annual progress reports. The quarterly progress reports address three of the five evaluations included in the annual progress reports: response action effectiveness, uncertainty management, and early detection. The reports provide required information from Hazardous Waste Permit #50284 (HW-50284) CP Table VII and the Pantex Interagency Agreement (IAG).

Maps of the plumes, remedial action systems, sampling locations, and system wells are provided in Appendix A. Graphs of operation and flow rates for the pump and treat systems are provided in Appendix B. Graphs of important parameters for the ISB treatment zone and downgradient wells are provided in Appendix C.

RESPONSE ACTION EFFECTIVENESS

This quarterly progress report focuses on specific criteria for the pump and treat systems, ISB systems, and a small-scale SVE system. System operation, mass removal, and evaluation of effluent in reference to established operational goals are reported for the pump and treat systems. For the ISB systems, this report evaluates geochemical conditions and availability of food source in the treatment zone and reduction of concentrations of contaminants of concern (COCs) in downgradient performance monitoring wells to evaluate whether the treatment zone is working effectively. System operation, mass removal, and effluent photoionization detector (PID) readings are evaluated for the SVE system.

PUMP AND TREAT SYSTEMS

The groundwater remedial action at the Pantex Plant includes two pump and treat systems: Southeast Pump and Treat System (SEPTS) and Playa 1 Pump and Treat System (P1PTS). The pump and treat systems are designed to extract water and remove contaminant mass from the water before the effluent is beneficially used by the wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) and irrigation system, for general Plant needs, or for amendment injections at the ISB systems. The systems were also designed to remove water from the perched aguifer to reduce saturated thickness. This reduction in saturated thickness reduces migration of contaminants both vertically and horizontally so that natural breakdown processes can occur over time. Reducing migration provides protection for the underlying High Plains Aquifer (also known as and referred to herein as the Ogallala Aquifer). SEPTS has the capability to

Pump and Treat System 4th Quarter 2017 Operation			
Playa 1 Pump and Treat Syste	m (P1PTS)		
Days Operated	85		
% Operation Time	89%		
Volume Water Treated (Mgal)	17.7		
HE Mass Removal (lbs)	8.8		
Beneficial Use of Water	0		
Southeast Pump and Treat Syst	tem (SEPTS)		
Days Operated	92		
% Operation Time	100%		
Volume Water Treated (Mgal)	21.2		
HE Mass Removal (lbs)	72.1		
Chromium Mass Removal (lbs)	20.9		
Beneficial Use of Water	0.2%		
Value below operational goals			

inject the treated water back into the perched aquifer when beneficial use is not possible. Operational priorities for the pump and treat systems emphasize beneficial use of water.

SEPTS and P1PTS operation and throughput were impacted in 4th quarter by a filter bank break at the irrigation system that occurred in late June. The system was shut down to trouble shoot the problems and determine a path forward. Due to the severity of the break, engineering evaluation, contracting, and major repairs will be required, and the irrigation system is expected to be offline for more than one year. Pantex started releasing all WWTF water to Playa 1 in accordance with our wastewater permit. The flow to Playa 1 is restricted by permit, so flow from the systems must also be restricted until the irrigation system is repaired. Current and future operations will be impaired by the restricted flow to the WWTF. SEPTS has the capability to reinject, so the system has operated at a lower capacity, with the treated water injected into the two available injection wells for the system and a small amount released to the WWTF and Playa 1. A small amount of water was beneficially used for drilling wells on Pantex property.

In accordance with pump and treat goals, the systems operated at a lower capacity during 4th quarter when release to the WWTF was restricted or the systems were shut down to ensure that a minimum flow continued at one or both systems with no injection. For these reasons, operation and throughput were lower than the usual goal of 90%. Graphs of monthly operation and throughput are included in Appendix B. Over 99% of the treated water was either released to Playa 1 or injected into perched injection wells. Pantex has focused on operating the highest priority

wells at SEPTS to continue capture of water along the eastern fence line and along the highest plume concentrations to the south on Texas Tech property. Most wells were operating at P1PTS.

Pantex is currently looking for other irrigation alternatives on the property east of FM 2373 and on Texas Tech property to provide additional long-term use of the treatment system water.

P1PTS removes primarily RDX and SEPTS removes primarily RDX and hexavalent chromium



Figure 1. P1PTS Mass Removal



Figure 2. SEPTS Mass Removal

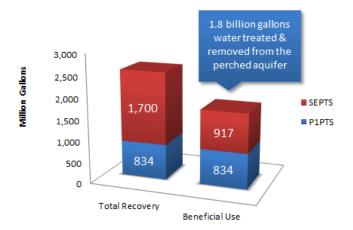


Figure 3. System Recovery and Use

[Cr(VI)]. Figures 1 and 2 provide mass removal information for RDX and other high explosives (HEs) and Cr(VI) for the 4th quarter, as well as totals since system startup. Concentrations near Playa 1 are much lower due to declining source concentrations; therefore, mass removal is much lower at P1PTS. The primary goal of P1PTS is water removal to decrease saturated thickness and remove head that pushes groundwater out horizontally, with mass removal as a secondary goal. Overall, the systems have removed about 14,090 lbs of contaminants from perched groundwater since operations began.

The total recovery and treatment from both systems since startup has been calculated at over 2.5 billion gallons. Because SEPTS was originally designed to inject treated water, all of the treated water prior to 2005 was injected. However, a significant volume of treated water has been used beneficially since 2005, with a total of about 1.8 billion gallons of treated water beneficially used since startup of the irrigation system. The recovery and beneficial use totals are presented in Figure 3. Evaluation of effluent data from both systems indicates that all COCs were treated to levels below the groundwater protection standards (GWPS).

ISB Systems

Two ISB systems (Zone 11 ISB and Southeast ISB) are installed at Pantex. The systems are designed with closely spaced wells to set up a treatment zone in areas of the perched groundwater where pump and treat may not be as effective, or where the area is sensitive to vertical migration of COCs to the Ogallala Aquifer. Amendment is injected into these systems to establish treatment zones where COCs are degraded. Monitoring wells were installed downgradient of the treatment zone to monitor whether the system is effectively degrading the COCs (see maps in Appendix A). The primary COCs at the Zone 11 ISB are trichloroethene (TCE) and perchlorate. The primary COCs at the Southeast ISB are RDX and hexavalent chromium.

For the treatment zone wells, this report evaluates whether the conditions are present to degrade the COCs in each area, and evaluates the presence of a continued food source for the microbial reduction of COCs (see Table 1).

Downgradient monitoring wells are evaluated to determine if the ISB systems are effective in degrading the COCs and any breakdown products of the COCs. Graphs of data from sampled treatment zone wells and downgradient in situ performance monitoring (ISPM) wells are included in Appendix C. Table 1 summarizes ISB system performance.

Treatment Zone Wells			Downgradient Performance Monitoring Wells		
	Food	Primary		Degradation	
Reducing	Source	COCs		Products of COCs	
Conditions	Available	Reduced?	COCs < GWPS?	Reduced?	
Very mild to	Yes	Yes	Perchlorate in 6 of	No ¹	
strong			9 wells		
			TCE in 7 of 9 wells		
Medium to	Yes	Yes	RDX in 2 of 3 wells	No ³	
strong			Cr(VI) in 3 of 3 wells ²		
	Reducing Conditions Very mild to strong Medium to	Reducing Source Conditions Available Very mild to strong Medium to Yes	Reducing Source COCs Conditions Available Reduced? Very mild to Yes Yes Medium to Yes Yes	Reducing ConditionsFood Source AvailablePrimary COCsVery mild to strongYesReduced?COCs < GWPS?Very mild to strongYesPerchlorate in 6 of 9 wellsTCE in 7 of 9 wellsMedium toYesYesRDX in 2 of 3 wells	

Table 1. ISB System Performance

Mild conditions = oxidation-reduction potential (ORP) of 0 to -50 millivolts (mV)

Strong conditions = ORP < -100 mV and sulfate and nitrate reduced, indicating that conditions are present for reductive dechlorination.

³PTX06-1153 is currently demonstrating partial treatment. Therefore, the degradation products of RDX are now observed slightly above the GWPS.

¹ cis-1,2-Dichloroethene concentrations remain above GWPS in two downgradient wells, while vinyl chloride concentrations (final breakdown compound) remain at low concentrations or not detected. However, during the 4th quarter, cis-1,2-DCE concentrations (79 and 85 μ g/L) only slightly exceed the GWPS of 70 μ g/L in two wells. Pantex bioaugmented the original wells on the west side of the system during the seventh injection event in 2015. Pantex is continuing to monitor the effectiveness of the bioaugmentation.

² Pantex formerly sampled four downgradient wells at this system. However, one of the wells (PTX06-1123) could not be sampled this quarter because the well did not have enough water to sample. This well had demonstrated complete treatment of HEs and Cr(VI) since October 2012.

ZONE 11 ISB

Installation of the Zone 11 ISB remedial action was completed in 2009, and an expansion was completed in early 2015 (see Appendix A maps). Eight injection events have been completed at the current system, with the first injection event occurring in the expansion zone in 2015 and the eighth injection event completed in August 2016 for the original system. As documented in the 2016 Annual Progress Report (Pantex, 2017), data indicate that moving to a two-year injection frequency in the original portion of the system is appropriate for future injections. The expansion area will continue to be injected yearly until the system is established. Pantex continues to evaluate the expansion area to determine the appropriate timing for bioaugmentation with *Dehalococcoides* spp. (DHC) to potentially boost the treatment efficiency for TCE.

The system has a well-established treatment zone in the original portion of the system, where injection has occurred since 2009. The expansion area (see map in Appendix A) has only received two injections, so deeper reducing conditions are just being established at the injection wells. Deep reducing conditions may not be fully demonstrated at all of the wells that are monitored in the expansion area due to their placement between injection wells. Additionally, wells downgradient of the expansion area are not expected to fully demonstrate treatment until up to two years following the second injection, which occurred in 2016.

Evaluation of data in the treatment zone wells indicates mild to strong reducing conditions on the perchlorate (eastern) side of the Zone 11 ISB. Reducing conditions across the TCE side (see plume map in Appendix A) ranged from very mild (ORP > 0 and sulfate rebounding in some wells) to strong. Monitored conditions indicate that sulfate was reduced in 6 of 10 treatment zone wells, indicating that deeper reducing conditions are present at injected wells for the reduction of TCE. Review of data at injection wells vs. treatment zone wells that are located between injection wells indicate that reducing conditions 25 to 50 ft from injection wells are mild and are likely not conducive to reduction of TCE. However, methane concentrations were high in most treatment zone wells this quarter, indicating that strong reducing conditions continue to occur in many areas. TCE continues to be reduced to cis-1,2-dichloroethene (DCE), with TCE concentrations near or below GWPS in all but four wells inside of the treatment zone and cis-1,2-DCE present above the GWPS in three of the wells. The presence of TCE and cis-1,2-DCE continues to indicate partial treatment in the non-injected treatment zone wells, as concentrations tend to be higher in the noninjected 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 one well inside the treatment zone. Ethene and ethane were detected at low concentrations in five wells, indicating that TCE is being completely degraded in limited amounts in some areas of the treatment zone. When TCE concentrations inside the treatment zone are low (< 300 ug/L), these low degradation rates may be enough to treat TCE and its breakdowns to GWPS. Upgradient data still indicate TCE concentrations fluctuating above 300 ug/L periodically.

Pantex evaluates performance at nine downgradient ISPM wells for the Zone 11 ISB, including the wells in the expansion area. Six of these wells (PTX06-1012, PTX06-1149, PTX06-1155, PTX06-1156, PTX06-1173, and PTX06-1174) have perchlorate concentrations below the GWPS. PTX06-1148, which is farther downgradient, has been slower to respond due to expected longer

travel times. One of the new wells downgradient of the expansion area (PTX06-1175) does not yet demonstrate treatment of perchlorate. The perchlorate concentration detected in PTX06-1150 is slightly above the GWPS this quarter. TCE concentrations are below the GWPS in seven of nine ISPM wells. Two wells (PTX06-1150 and PTX06-1175) demonstrate TCE concentrations above the GWPS, although concentrations are near the GWPS in PTX06-1150. The first breakdown of TCE, cis-1,2-DCE, continues to be detected above the GWPS in PTX06-1155 and PTX06-1173. However, concentrations have decreased in these wells, with the latest concentrations near the GWPS, indicating that treatment of TCE and its breakdown products are very close to meeting the GWPS in treated water from the original portion of the system. Additionally, downgradient wells PTX06-1155, PTX06-1173, and PTX06-1174 demonstrate the presence of ethene and vinyl chloride, indicating that full treatment is occurring on a limited basis and is helping decrease concentrations to the GWPS.

Two former ISB injection wells (PTX06-ISB079 and PTX06-ISB082) are now monitored to evaluate conditions on the perchlorate (eastern) side of the ISB, in the second row of injection wells. Pantex will no longer inject into the second row of wells, and will evaluate these wells to ensure that treatment continues on the perchlorate side of the ISB. Additionally, the upgradient well PTX06-1127 indicates that TCE is increasing on the eastern side of the ISB, so treatment of the TCE will also be evaluated to determine if changes in the system will be required. Currently, perchlorate and the low concentrations of TCE that occur on the eastern side are treated to non-detect or below GWPS. No degradation products of TCE were detected.

Although there are areas in the treatment zone that indicate mild reducing conditions, the downgradient data indicate that treatment is effectively reducing contaminants and risk.

Due to a delay in contracting, Pantex will inject the expansion area and two wells that were skipped in 2016 on the perchlorate side of the ISB in 2nd quarter 2018. Due to very mild conditions that occur in the new treatment zone wells in the expansion area, Pantex will continue to evaluate data to determine the appropriate timing for bioaugmentation.

SOUTHEAST ISB

The Southeast ISB was installed in 2007. Six injection events have been completed at this system. The Southeast ISB continues to demonstrate declining water levels at the system; as a result, only 50% of the system was injected during 2016. A discussion of the injection and issues encountered during injection are provided in the 2016 Annual Progress Report. Based on review of system data and ISB Pilot Study data, Pantex recommended waiting three years for the next injection in the Southeast ISB (see 2016 Annual Progress Report).

Due to low water or dry conditions, only four of eight treatment zone monitoring wells were sampled in 4th quarter. Evaluation of treatment zone data indicates that strong reducing conditions are present for treatment of HEs and hexavalent chromium. ORP is less than -50 mV and sulfate is reduced, indicating that reducing conditions are present for the continued reduction of HEs and hexavalent chromium. Total organic carbon results indicate that a continued food source

is available to maintain the deep reducing conditions. All COCs were non-detect in the sampled treatment zone wells.

Four downgradient wells have historically been sampled at this system. Two of the closest downgradient monitoring wells for the Southeast ISB, PTX06-1037 and PTX06-1154, demonstrate reduction of RDX, RDX degradation products, and hexavalent chromium, with all primary COCs not detected. PTX06-1123 had demonstrated COC concentrations below the GWPS; however, this well has not been sampled since August 2015 due to insufficient water being present in the well. PTX06-1153 continues to exhibit RDX concentrations above the GWPS, but hexavalent chromium concentrations continue to demonstrate a decreasing trend below the GWPS. During 4th quarter, this well continued to demonstrate signs of partial treatment. Breakdown products of RDX were detected at concentrations above the GWPS. Upgradient dry wells were injected in 2013 and 2015 in an attempt to affect this well. It is possible that those injections were slow to respond at this location and may only be partially affecting the water that continues to move into PTX06-1153. As with other locations, water levels at this well continue to decline. Pantex will continue to monitor PTX06-1153 for contaminant concentrations and water levels over time.

Many of the injection and performance monitoring wells indicate variable water conditions at the Southeast ISB. Two Southeast ISB performance monitoring wells (one upgradient and one farther downgradient) remain dry and cannot be sampled. PTX06-1123, a downgradient performance monitoring well, has not been sampled since August 2015 due to low water conditions. The remaining three downgradient wells demonstrate declining water levels, with only PTX06-1153 containing more than 4 ft of water above the bottom of screen. Only four of eight monitoring wells in the treatment zone could be sampled in the 4th quarter due to insufficient water. Injection was completed at only 50% of the injection wells during the 2016 injection event due to dry or low water (< 1 ft) conditions in the wells. The inability to sample or inject into these wells is expected to persist with continued upgradient removal of water by the SEPTS. Evaluation of data indicates that most wells in the Southeast ISB will not contain appreciable water by 2022. Pantex will evaluate the timing and need for further injections after the 2019 injection event.

BURNING GROUND SVE

The Burning Ground SVE system began operation in 2002 as a large-scale catalytic oxidizer (CatOX) system. Due to a large reduction in VOC concentrations, a small CatOX system has been operating at the Burning Ground SVE system since April 2012. This small-scale system focuses on treating residual non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) and soil gas at a single extraction well (SVE-S-20) near the source area.

The system was intermittently operated during 4th quarter. It was shut down for replacement of a heating element and power outages, with the system operating about 93% of the quarter (about 2,046 hours of operation). Figure 4 shows mass removal calculated for the 4th quarter and since startup for VOCs contributing more than 2% of the total VOC concentration.

The system removed about 361 lbs of VOCs during 4th quarter, and has removed over 19,650 lbs of VOCs since startup. Based on PID data collected at the system effluent port,

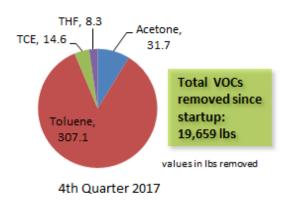


Figure 4. SVE Mass Removal

system destruction efficiency was at least 97%. The system operated at a higher flow due to the modifications to the system, with the flow increased from 32 scfm to 40 scfm in May, a 25% increase over previous flow rates. The system flow was increased to 42 scfm at the end of 3rd quarter and the average system flow during 4th quarter was increased to 44.5 scfm. The hourly VOC removal rates increased with the increased flow. Pantex will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of removal with the increased flow rates to determine when removal appreciably decreases.

Uncertainty Management and Early Detection

Uncertainty management and early detection wells are evaluated to determine if there are unexpected conditions in areas where previous groundwater contamination has not been detected or confirmed (Ogallala and perched aquifers), or in previous plume locations where concentrations have fallen below GWPS, background, and the practical quantitation limit (PQL) (e.g., perched wells at the Burning Ground and Old Sewage Treatment Plant areas). Indicator COCs are evaluated at the uncertainty management/early detection wells in the quarterly report. A map depicting the wells evaluated is included in Appendix A.

Review of the uncertainty management/early detection data collected during the 4th quarter indicates unexpected conditions at three Ogallala Aquifer wells. No detections exceeded the GWPS in the Ogallala Aquifer uncertainty management/early detection wells sampled during the 4th quarter. No unexpected conditions were observed at perched wells.

PTX06-1056 continues to demonstrate detections of 4-amino-2,6-dinitrotoluene (DNT4A), a breakdown product of the HE 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), with the initial detection occurring in April 2014. Sample results collected since that time have been variable, with a few values slightly exceeding the PQL. DNT4A concentrations exceeded the PQL during 4th quarter 2017. 1,2-Dichloroethane has been variably detected since August 2015, with all detections below the PQL. Trends of these analytes were performed using Mann-Kendall statistics; both constituents continue to demonstrate a slight increasing trend when evaluating all data collected at the well.

Summary of Unexpected Ogallala Detections, 4th Quarter 2017						
Well ID	Sample Date	Analyte	Measured Value (μg/L)	PQL (μg/L)	GWPS (μg/L)	
PTX06-1056	10/23/2017	1,2-Dichloroethane	0.62	1	5	
PTX06-1056	10/23/2017	4-Amino-2,6-Dinitrotoluene	0.344	0.258	1.2	
PTX06-1068	10/31/2017	1,4-Dioxane	1.05	1	7.7	
PTX07-1R01	10/31/2017	1,4-Dioxane	0.897	1	7.7	

Pantex has proactively evaluated potential sources for the contamination. A nearby perched well that was drilled deep into the fine-grained zone (FGZ) was plugged to address that potential source. An outside review indicated that, based on fate and transport modeling, the perched well was the most likely source of the contamination. A cement bond log was run on PTX06-1056 in October 2016 to determine the competency of the concrete seal at the FGZ. The log indicates that the seal is competent and that PTX06-1056 is not likely acting as a preferential pathway for contamination to reach the Ogallala Aquifer. As agreed with regulatory agencies, Pantex will continue with quarterly sampling to evaluate trends in these detections. Further actions will be determined based on results of sampling and in accordance with the Pantex Groundwater Contingency Plan.

Two detections of 1,4-dioxane were also observed in two Ogallala wells. The 1,4-dioxane concentration of 1.05 ug/L in PTX06-1068 was slightly above the PQL of 1 ug/L. The concentration (0.897 ug/L) in PTX07-1R01 was below the PQL. The Contingency Plan does not require a resample when the concentration is below the PQL - the well can continue to be evaluated through the regularly scheduled sampling in the Sampling and Analysis Plan. Pantex has resampled PTX06-1068; however, those results will not be available for this report. The results will be provided in the 2017 Annual Report and in the 1st Quarter 2018 Progress Report.

OTHER UNEXPECTED CONDITIONS

Pantex routinely evaluates data as they come in from the laboratory to determine if data are offtrend, at an all-time high, or represent a new detection that may require further sampling or evaluation. Additionally, through the well maintenance program Pantex 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. Wells with unexpected conditions are depicted in Appendix A maps.

A video inspection was conducted at PTX06-EW-58 when the equipment was removed from the well to evaluate the pump that was not working. The video inspection revealed broken casing with separations in the casing at more than one interval. Pantex has been evaluating options for overdrilling, lining with a smaller casing, or replacing the well. Replacing this well would take considerably longer to reconnect to the SEPTS as the infrastructure to the new well would have to be rearranged, so other methods are being considered first. This well is located upgradient of the eastern fence line wells, so is not a high priority well for pumping. However, Pantex plans to get

this well connected into the SEPTS as efficiently as possible as this well can maintain a high flow rate and affect removal of water in that area.

As discussed in the two previous quarterly reports, Pantex drilled PTX06-1182 in 2016 to evaluate water conditions in the southeastern lobe of perched groundwater based on the continued evaluation that indicates that some portions of the southeast perched groundwater are not under the influence of the pump and treat systems. Water containing HEs at concentrations above the GWPS was discovered in PTX06-1182. In response to that information, Pantex installed three new wells (PTX06-1184 through PTX06-1186) during 2nd quarter 2017 to define the extent of the plume to the southeast (see figure in Attachment A maps for well locations). Water was discovered in two of the wells and data confirmed the presence of the HEs RDX and DNT4A.

As previously recommended, Pantex has obtained additional funding to extend the Southeast ISB to the southeast boundary of the site. Pantex completed drilling the wells in December. Preliminary results indicate the presence of high explosives, particularly RDX, at the fence line. Because the sampling was conducted on undeveloped wells, Pantex is in the process of resampling the wells after well completion and development and will provide those results in a later report. Pantex has also obtained an agreement with the landowner to the south. Drilling was completed for those wells in January 2018, with three of the wells indicating the presence of water and one well that is dry. Pantex is continuing to work with the neighboring landowner to the east to obtain an agreement to drill wells on their property to aid in determining extent of contamination. Pantex is also working to complete sampling at the newly completed ISB wells and on the neighboring property. Expedited priority COC results (HEs and VOCs) from the new sampling will be available for the 2017 Annual Progress Report and for the 1st Quarter Progress Report to aid in mapping the high explosive plumes.

SCHEDULE UPDATE

Pantex provided a detailed schedule of upcoming work in the 2016 Annual Progress Report. An update of the activities scheduled to be started or completed by the date of publication of this report is provided below.

Pantex completed the following items prior to the March 2018 publication date of this report:

- Pantex completed drilling 24 ISB injection wells in December at the southeast boundary, east of FM 2373, to address the plume of perched groundwater contamination that is moving to the southeast. Sampling commenced at the wells in January and was completed in February.
- Pantex has obtained a landowner agreement to drill wells to the south of Pantex property. Four monitor wells were drilled by February 2018. Three wells encountered perched groundwater and one well was dry. Sampling was completed by mid-February and expedited priority COC results will be available for the annual progress report.

 Pantex drilled an additional monitor well to delineate contamination to the north of the ISB system, along the property boundary.

Pantex continues progress toward completion of the following items:

- Pantex continues to work with the neighbor to the southeast to obtain an agreement to drill wells to aid in determining contaminant extent in the southeast perched groundwater lobe.
- The RDX natural attenuation study has been contracted and groundwater samples have been collected. Laboratory analysis and data evaluation are underway. The study is expected to be completed in 2018.
- Pantex is contracting for construction of Landfill 3 erosion control. Work is expected to be completed in 2018.
- Pantex is contracting for the construction of the SEPTS extension tie-in of the new wells east of FM 2373. The construction is expected to be completed by July 2018.
- The five-year review (FYR) has been contracted and the review is underway. The FYR is expected to be finalized by September 2018. A draft report is scheduled for completion and delivery to regulatory agencies in March 2018.
- Contracting for the design and construction of the Southeast ISB extension injection components, electrical, water conveyance, roads and pad began in December 2017. The design and construction is expected to be completed by July 2018.
- Pantex is in the process of contracting services with Willowstick for a specialized geophysical study of the southeast lobe of perched groundwater to attempt to identify preferential flow paths. This study may help identify locations that are conveying most of the contaminants to the southeast.
- Pantex is currently contracting for passive flux meters to be developed for wells in the southeast lobe of contamination, east of FM 2373. The passive flux meters will be deployed by Pantex and will be used to evaluate water flux in the southeast lobe, east of FM 2373 and to the south of Pantex property.
- Pantex has contracted for an evaluation of the best methods to treat the plume that extends to the northwest of the Zone 11 ISB. That evaluation is scheduled for completion by June 2018.

Upcoming work includes the following:

 Pantex is preparing for the 2018 Landfill repair work. The work focuses on filling holes/voids, reseeding, and maintenance of the Landfill 1 Closure Turf.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGE

The remedial actions continue to operate and meet short-term expectations for cleanup of the perched groundwater in areas under the influence of the remediation systems. Perched water levels are declining, mass is being removed or reduced, and institutional controls provide protection for use of impacted groundwater, while the remedial actions continue to operate to meet long-term goals. Pantex is working to extend treatment systems to areas that are not currently under the influence of the existing remediation systems.

The pump and treat systems continue to remove COC mass and water from critical areas in the perched aquifer, thus decreasing head that is driving vertical and lateral movement of perched groundwater. The systems have been impacted by the shutdown of the irrigation system and Pantex is evaluating other options for release or use of the treated water. Pantex will continue to inject and release water to Playa 1 until the irrigation system is repaired or other uses can be identified and constructed.

Monitoring results for areas downgradient of the ISB systems continue to demonstrate that system treatment has been generally effective. COC concentrations meet the GWPS at the Southeast ISB at three downgradient wells. One downgradient well (PTX06-1153) for the Southeast ISB is not responding as well as others. Pantex continues to evaluate conditions in that area to determine if the well is impacted by water from the western end of the Southeast ISB or if it is not hydraulically connected to that system. Data collected this quarter indicate that partially treated water has entered the well. The well may be responding to injections at upgradient dry wells in 2013 and 2015. Monitoring will continue at PTX06-1153 as described in the SAP, as the quarterly samples will provide adequate information for this well. Further recommendations will be made based on evaluation of data over time.

Downgradient wells at the Zone 11 ISB are generally demonstrating treatment. Six of the nine downgradient ISPM wells exhibit perchlorate concentrations below the GWPS, with perchlorate concentrations near GWPS in one of the other three wells. Long-term declining concentrations occur in the other two wells. Since the start of the remedial action, TCE concentrations continue to indicate a decreasing trend, with current concentrations below the GWPS in seven of nine downgradient wells. Detected concentrations of the TCE breakdown product cis-1,2-DCE persist, although the latest results indicate that it is being treated to concentrations near the GWPS in the original part of the system that has been injected the longest. Sampling results indicated some presence of vinyl chloride and ethene this quarter, indicating that complete reduction of TCE is occurring on a limited basis. Pantex will collect samples again in early 2018 to further evaluate the effectiveness of the bioaugmentation. The expanded area to the northwest will be injected in 2nd quarter 2018.

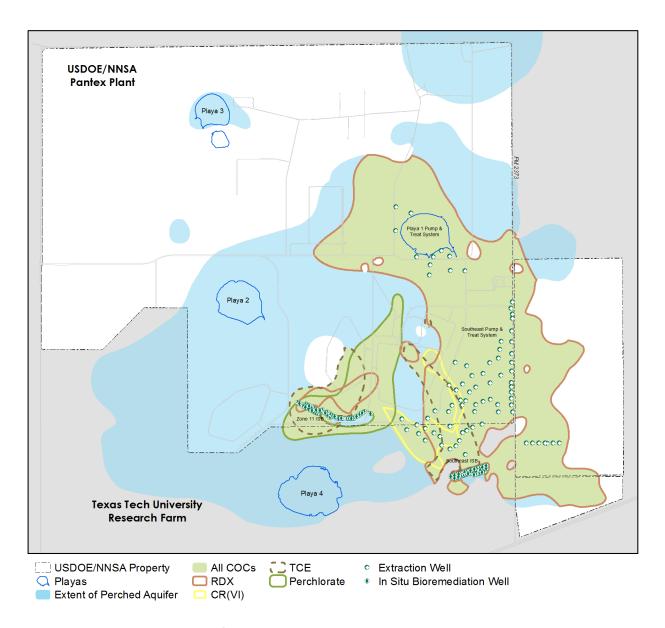
The SVE system continues to treat soil gas and residual NAPL in the solvent evaporation pit/ chemical burn pit area of the Burning Ground, thereby mitigating vertical movement of VOCs to groundwater. Pantex has continued to have problems with completing rebound tests, and has been unable to prepare a path to closure as recommended in the first FYR. Therefore, Pantex has

evaluated other paths to closure for this system. In May 2017, Pantex completed a modification to six inactive SVE extraction wells surrounding the active extraction well SVE-S-20 to open the wells to ambient air. This modification will enhance air flow through the formation while the system is operating. The air flow was increased from 32 scfm to 40 scfm following the completion of modifications, with another increase at the end of 3rd quarter and in 4th quarter to about 45 scfm. Evaluation of hourly VOC removal indicates that the mass removal also increased with the increase in influent air flow. Pantex will continue to evaluate the VOC removal to determine when the removal rates appreciably decrease. Pantex will provide further recommendations based on review of influent SVE data over time.

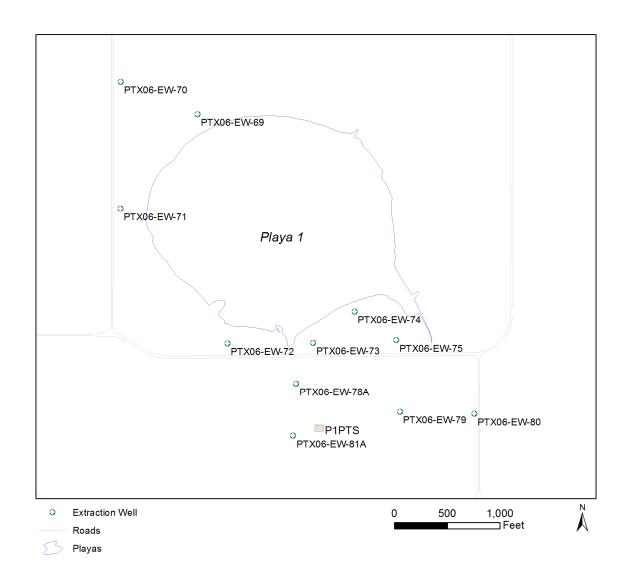
The groundwater remedies are considered to be protective for the short-term, as untreated perched groundwater use is controlled to prevent human contact and monitoring data continue to indicate that the remedial actions remain protective of the Ogallala Aquifer. Detections of DNT4A and 1,2-dichloroethane at concentrations below the GWPS have occurred in one Ogallala well, and Pantex is actively following the Groundwater Contingency Plan to guide the response. Pantex proactively conducted work to determine possible causes of the detections; those results indicate that the most likely cause is the nearby perched well that was drilled deep into the FGZ. Pantex plugged the nearby perched well in November 2014. Pantex will continue to monitor this Ogallala well quarterly to determine if a trend emerges, and will determine if further steps are necessary for the protection of the Ogallala Aquifer. Two other Ogallala wells demonstrated low-level detections of 1,4-dioxane. One of those wells had a detection below the PQL; therefore, sampling will continue as described in the SAP to monitor the well. The detection in the other well was slightly above the PQL and has been resampled. The data will be available in subsequent reports.

Pantex continues to evaluate options for the southeast lobe of perched groundwater east of FM 2373. As recommended in the 2016 Annual Progress Report, Pantex is actively working toward extending the SEPTS operation to that area to address the continued plume movement to the south. Pantex has obtained additional funding to extend the Southeast ISB to the southeast boundary of the site. Pantex completed drilling of the ISB wells in December 2017. After gaining an agreement, Pantex has also installed four wells south of Pantex property. The new wells indicate water is present in three wells, with one well dry. Pantex is currently working towards sampling all of the newly constructed wells and expedited data for priority COCs will be available in the 2017 Annual Progress Report and the 1st Quarter Progress Report due in June 2018. The new extraction wells are scheduled to be tied-in and operating by July 2018 and injection will begin in the Southeast ISB extension in July 2018.

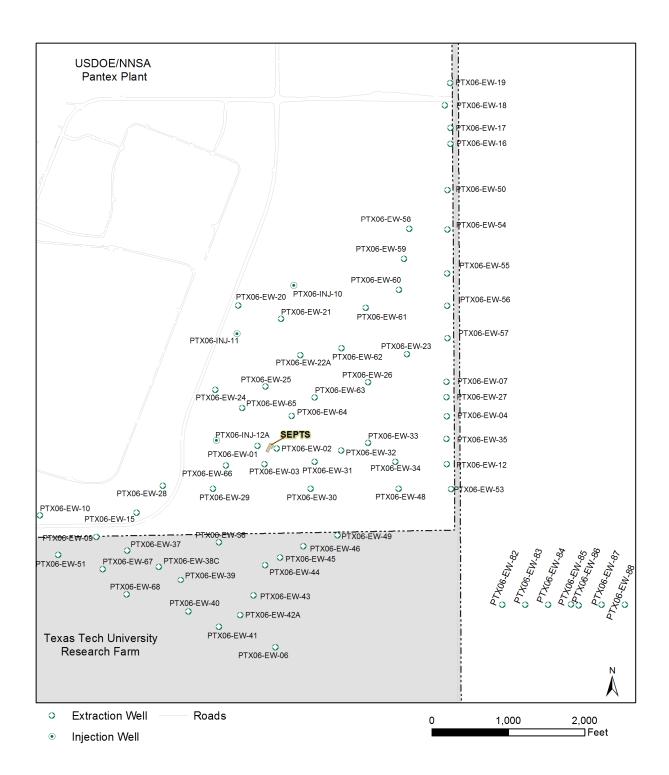
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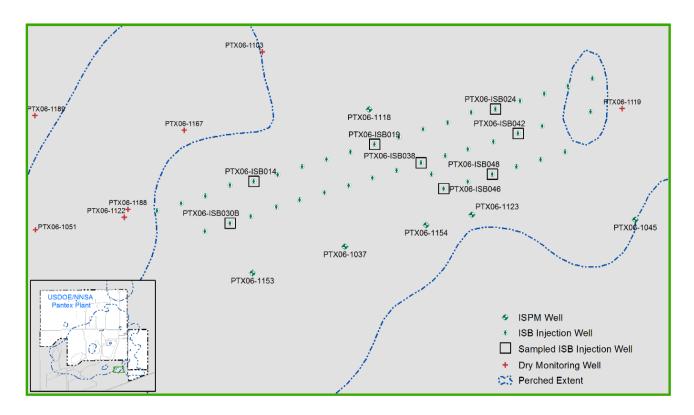
Extent of Perched Groundwater and Contaminant Plumes



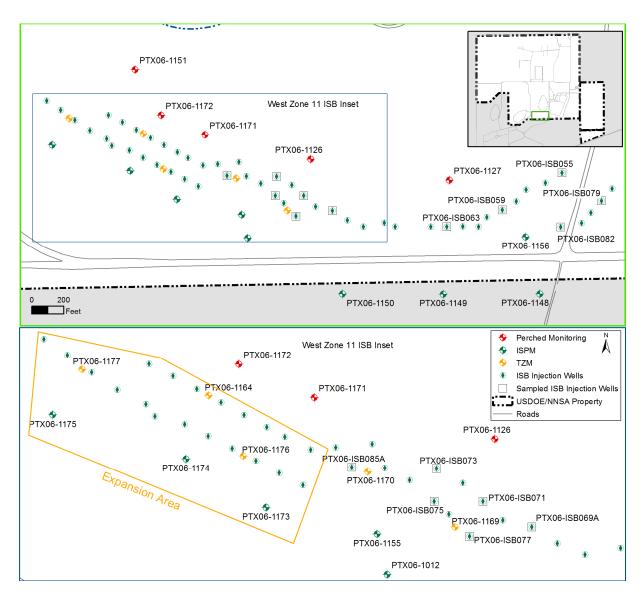
Playa 1 Pump and Treat System Wells



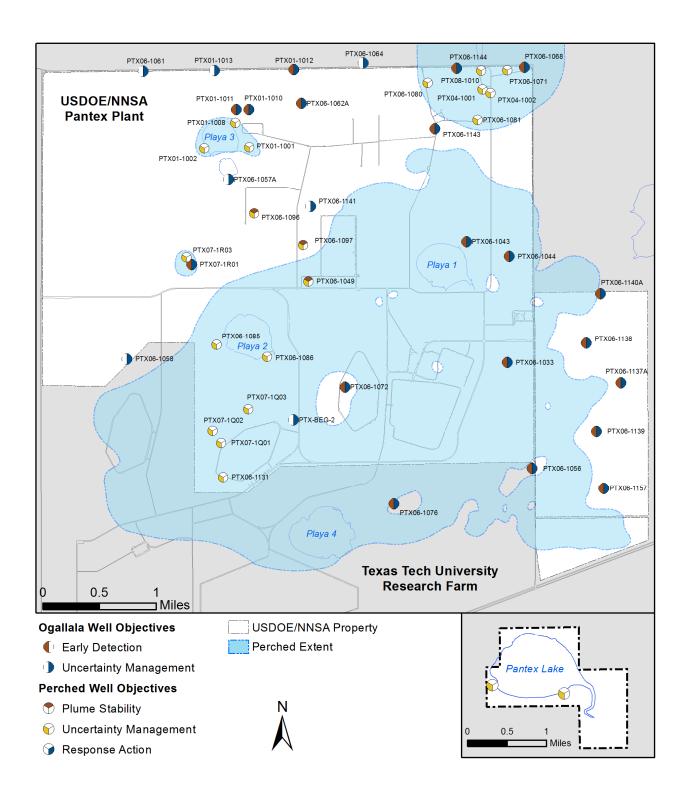
Southeast Pump and Treat System Wells



Southeast ISB Wells and Sampling Locations

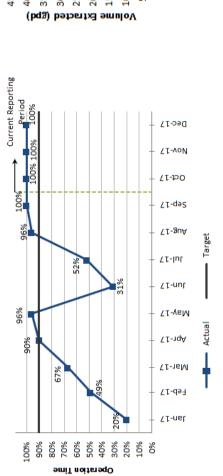


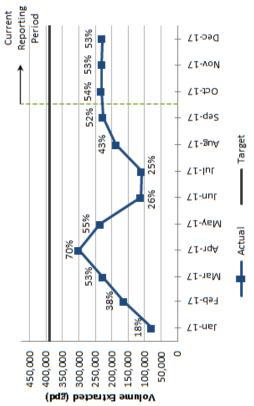
Zone 11 ISB Wells and Sampling Locations



Uncertainty Management and Early Detection Wells Evaluated in the Quarterly Progress Report Appendix B
Pump and Treat System Graphs

Southeast Pump and Treat System Graphs



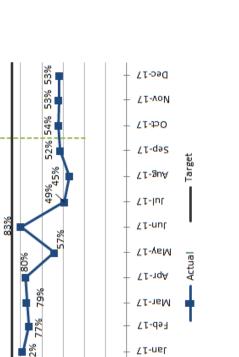




Reporting Current Period

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SEPTS Operation Time vs Target



 Volume Extracted (gpm)

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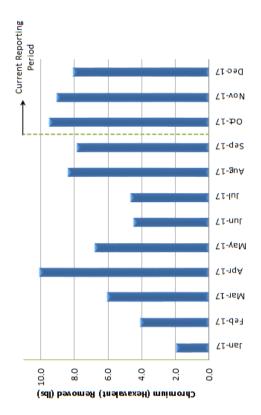
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SEPTS Average GPM and % Capacity

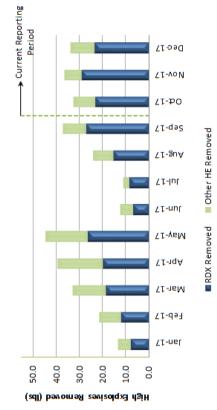
SEPTS Monthly Total Flow

Injection Wells
Beneficial Use

WWTF/Irrigation



SEPTS Chromium Mass Removal by Month



SEPTS HE Mass Removal by Month

Playa 1 Pump and Treat System Graphs

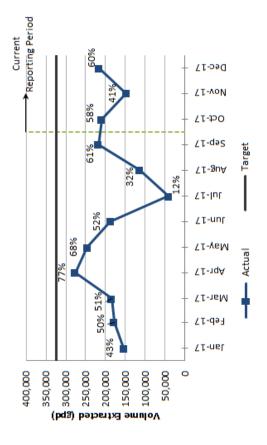
Current Reporting

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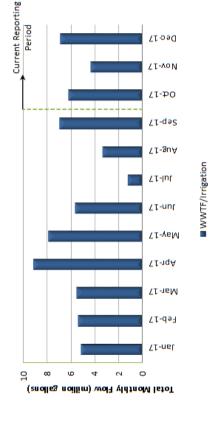
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Target

P1PTS Operational Time Vs Target

P1PTS Average GPD and % Capacity



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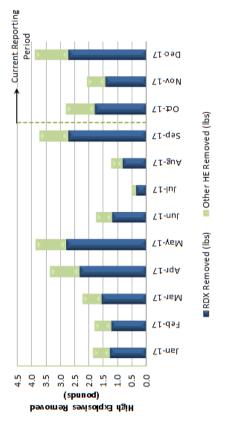
Volume Extracted (gpm)

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P1PTS Average GPM and % Capacity

P1PTS Monthly System Total Flow



P1PTS HE Mass Removal by Month

Appendix B Glossary

Operation Time Operation time represents the percentage of the total number of hours the

system was actually operated vs. the total possible hours the system could have

operated on a monthly basis.

GPM Extraction The gallons per minute (GPM) extraction rate represents the extraction rate from

the well field while the system was operating. This is a measurement of the well field's capability to support the overall system throughput goals. Low well field rates can occur due to inoperable wells or decline in saturated thickness that

makes extraction difficult.

GPD Extraction The gallons per day (GPD) extraction rate represents the system's ability to meet

overall throughput goals, considering the well field extraction rate and the system's operational rate. This rate is affected by the ability to extract water

from the well field and the system downtime.

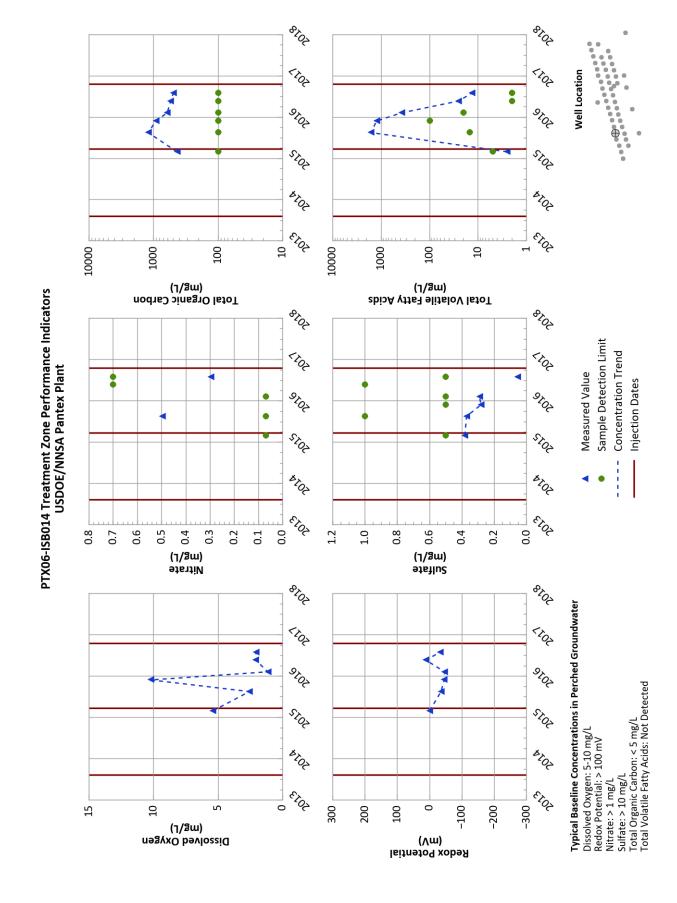
Total Monthly Flow Total monthly flow is the total volume of extracted water measured at the

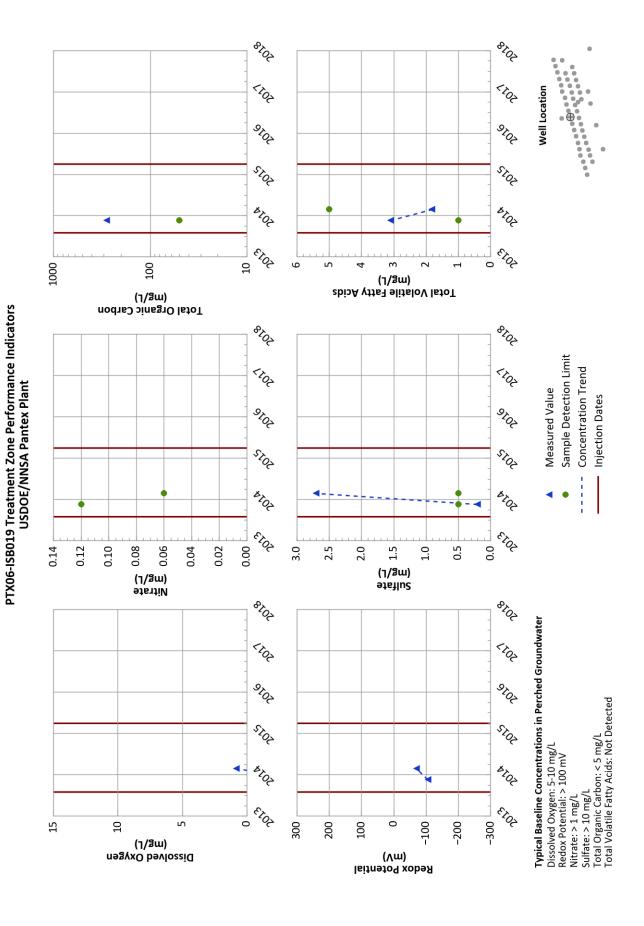
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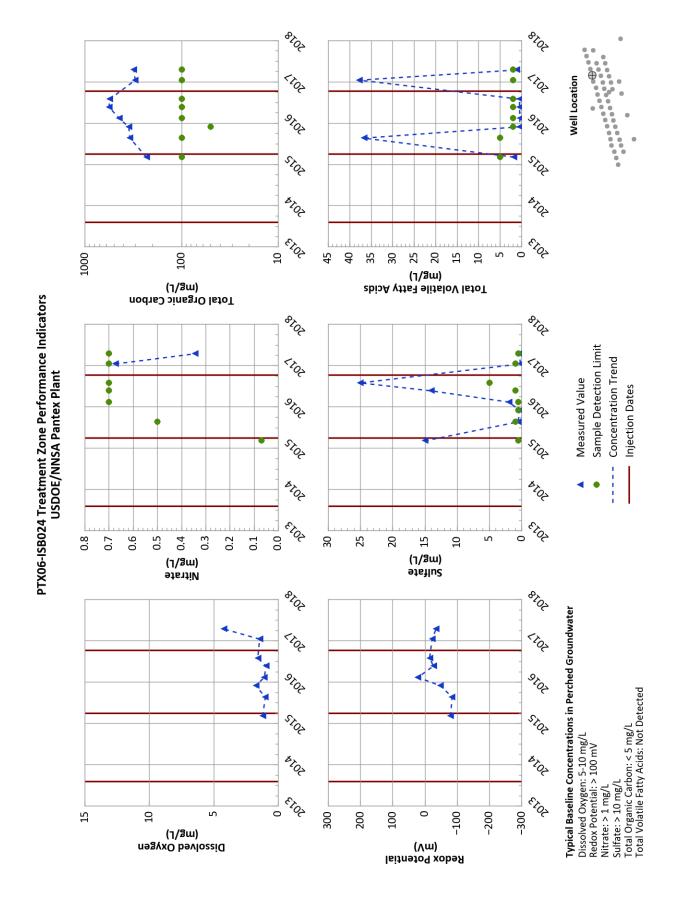
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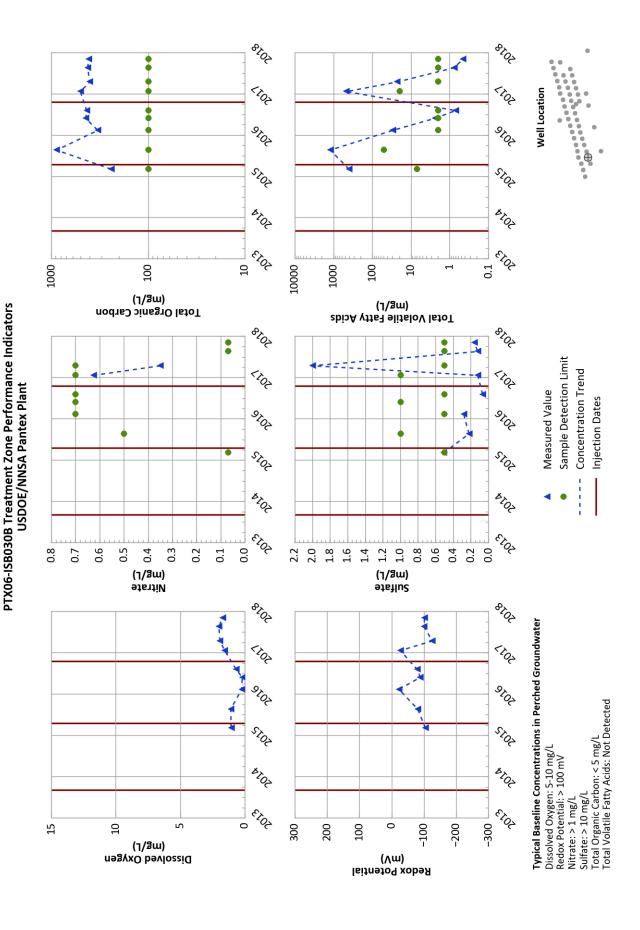
Appendix C ISB Graphs

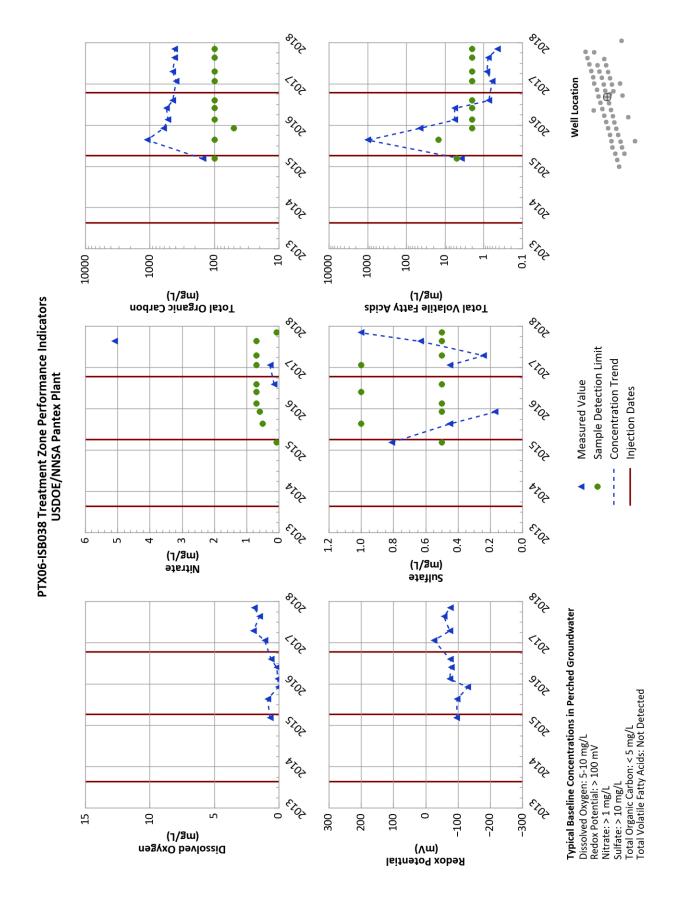
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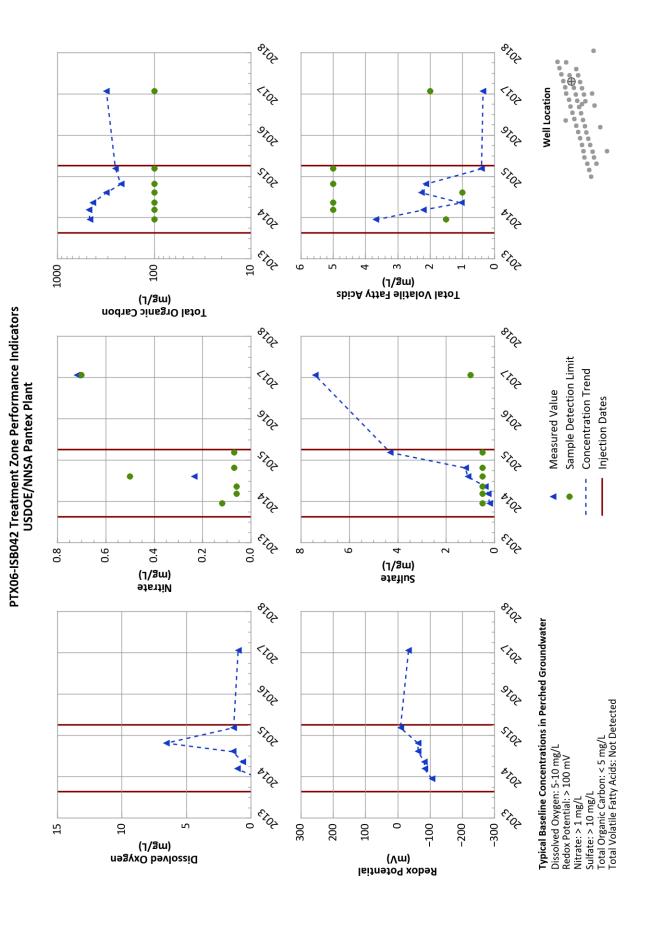


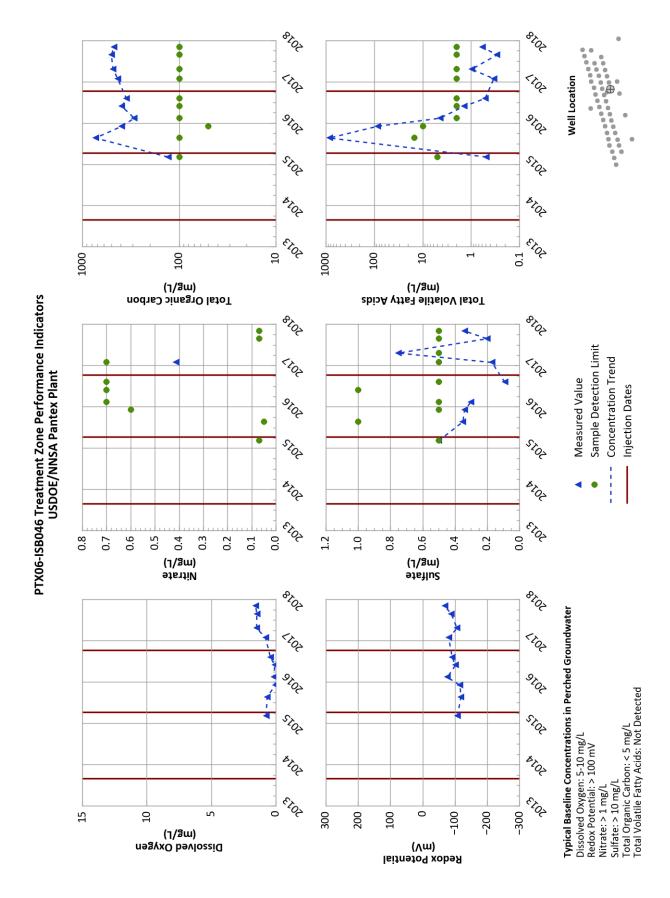


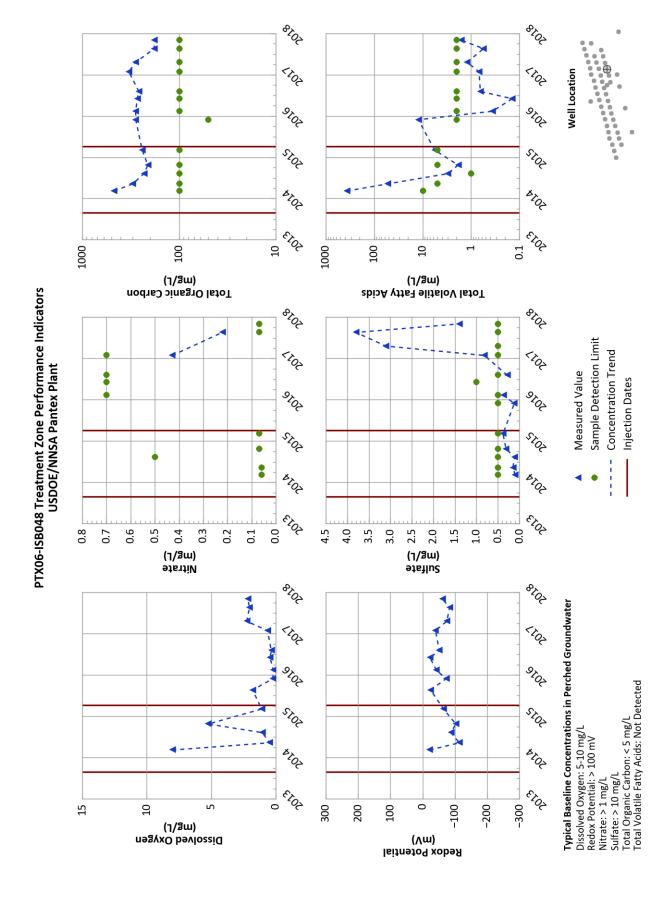


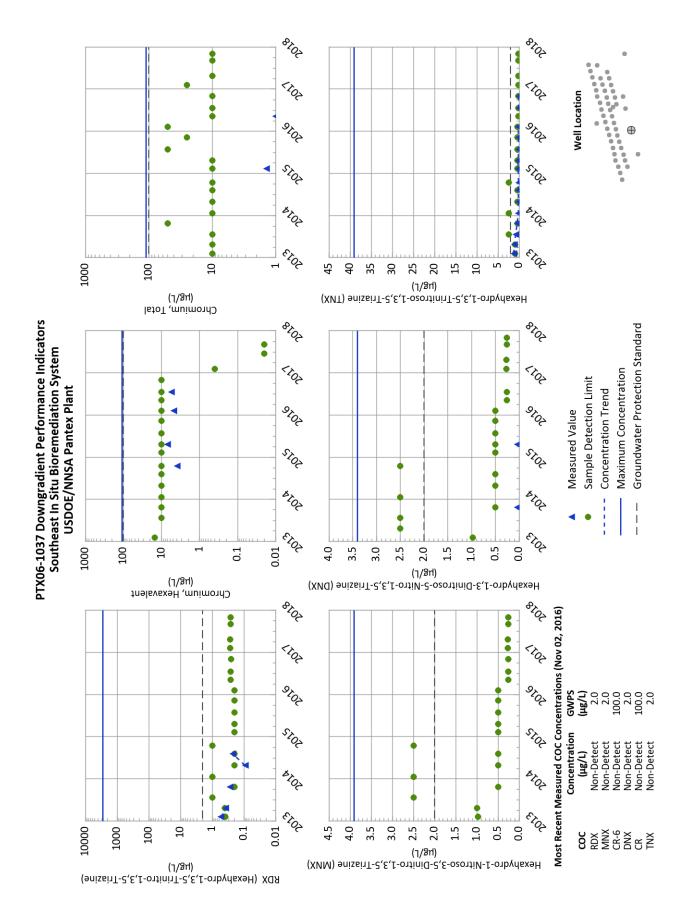


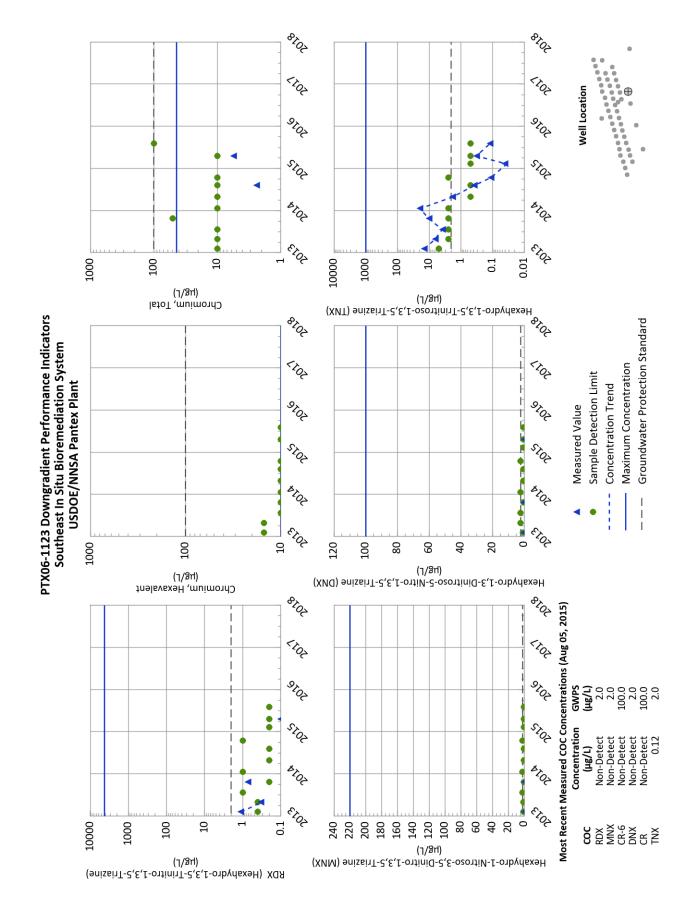


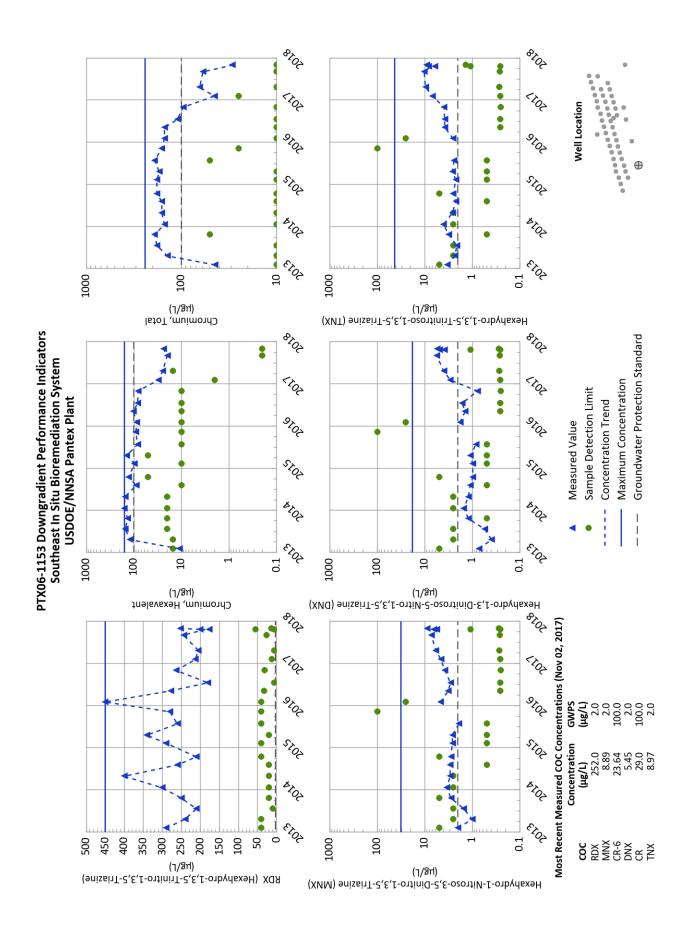


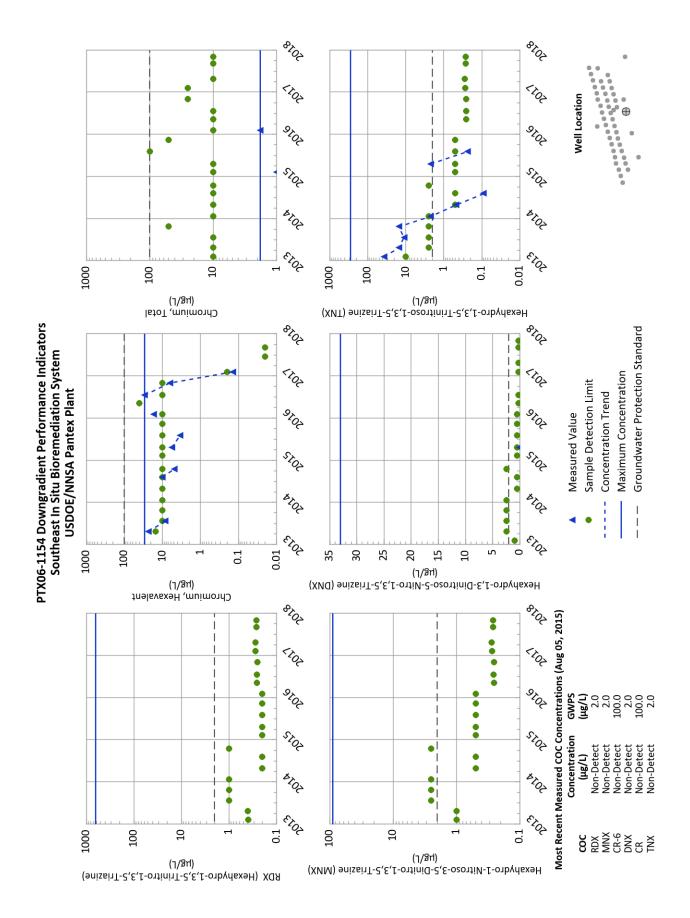












Zone 11 ISB Graphs

