



## PROPOSED PLAN FOR SITE FTMM-53

Fort Monmouth, Oceanport, Monmouth County, New Jersey

August 2020

### INTRODUCTION

1 The U.S. Army is presenting this **Proposed Plan\***  
2 for the public to review and comment regarding  
3 the remedial approach proposed for Site FTMM-  
4 53 at Fort Monmouth (FTMM) in Monmouth  
5 County, New Jersey. The U.S. Army (Army) is the  
6 lead agency for FTMM in accordance with the **De-**  
7 **defense Environmental Restoration Program**  
8 **(DERP)** (10 U.S.C. §2701 et. seq.). New Jersey  
9 Department of Environmental Protection  
10 (NJDEP) is the state regulatory agency which ad-  
11 ministers the State's Site Remediation Program  
12 under the Technical Requirements for Site Reme-  
13 diation (N.J.A.C. 7:26E). NJDEP, in consultation  
14 with the Army, will make the final selection of the  
15 response action for FTMM-53.

16 This site is classified as a **Petroleum, Oil, and**  
17 **Lubricant (POL)** site and therefore is exempt  
18 from the **Comprehensive Environmental Re-**  
19 **sponse, Compensation and Liability Act**  
20 **(CERCLA)** of 1980 (42 U.S.C. §§9601(14) and  
21 9604(a)(2)) process. However, the Army's au-  
22 thority to investigate and remediate environmen-  
23 tal contamination, as described in the Defense  
24 Environmental Response Program Manual  
25 (DoDM 4715.20, 9 March 2012), requires all such  
26 investigations and remedy selection processes  
27 be consistent with CERCLA. For POL sites, and  
28 other Resource Conservation and Recovery Act  
29 (RCRA) corrective action responses, the DoD in-  
30 terprets "consistent with" to mean public partici-  
31 pation prior to remedy selection, as described in  
32 the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pol-  
33 lution Contingency Plan (NCP 40 CFR Part 300).  
34 A CERCLA risk assessment was not performed,  
35 and the NJDEP soil cleanup standards and  
36 **Ground Water Quality Standards (GWQS)**  
37 were used to evaluate the need for remediation.

38 A Remedial Action Report (RAR) was prepared  
39 for FTMM-53 in 2019 to document the remedial  
40 actions completed at FTMM-53. A Remedial In-  
41 vestigation Report/Remedial Action Workplan

\* Words or phrases shown in **BOLD** are defined in the glossary at the end of this document.

#### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

**August 17, 2020 – September 17, 2020**

The Army will accept written comments on the Proposed Plan during the public comment period.

Written comments may be postmarked or emailed by **September 17, 2020** and sent to:

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The Proposed Plan can be viewed at [www.fortmonmouthrecords.com](http://www.fortmonmouthrecords.com) or subject to COVID-19 restrictions at the Fort Monmouth Environmental Restoration Public Information Repository (the Administrative Record) at the following location:

Monmouth County Library, Eastern Branch  
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43 (RIR/RAWP) was prepared in 2018 to character-  
44 ize the nature and extent of site-related contami-  
45 nation, describe previous remedial actions, and  
46 propose a final remedial action. The RIR/RAWP  
47 identified fuel-related **volatile organic com-**  
48 **pounds (VOCs)** as **constituents of concern**  
49 **(COCs)** in soil and **groundwater**. The **remedial**  
50 **investigation (RI)** sampling results indicated that  
51 active remediation is not required at FTMM-53  
52 based on historical investigations/remediation  
53 work and expected future industrial and institu-  
54 tional/civic land use.

55 This Proposed Plan describes the final remedial  
56 actions for FTMM-53 which will include **land use**  
57 **controls (LUCs)** in the form of a **Deed Notice**  
58 for fuel-contaminated soils, a **Classification Excep-**  
59 **tion Area (CEA)/Well Restriction Area (WRA)**  
60 to control exposure to fuel-related VOCs in  
61 groundwater, and **monitored natural attenua-**  
62 **tion (MNA)** to document the natural degradation  
63 of VOCs over time. The CEA/WRA would remain  
64 in place until NJDEP GWQS for COCs are  
65 achieved at the site.

## 1 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

2 As the lead agency for implementing the environ-  
3 mental response program at FTMM, the Army  
4 has prepared this Proposed Plan in accordance  
5 with the public outreach requirements of the **New**  
6 **Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 7:26C-**  
7 **1.7** since the release identified at FTMM-53 is pe-  
8 troleum hydrocarbons and therefore excluded un-  
9 der CERCLA. In order to continue its community  
10 awareness efforts and to encourage public partic-  
11 ipation, after the public has the opportunity to re-  
12 view and comment on this Proposed Plan, the  
13 Army will respond to the comments received dur-  
14 ing the public comment period. Information on the  
15 public comment period is shown in the box on  
16 Page 1.

17 Local community members and other interested  
18 parties are encouraged to review this Proposed  
19 Plan and submit comments. The Army will care-  
20 fully consider all comments received from the  
21 public and provide responses which will be com-  
22 piled into a **Responsiveness Summary**. The de-  
23 cision on which actions will be taken for FTMM-  
24 53 will be documented in a **Record of Decision**  
25 **(ROD)**, which will include the Responsiveness  
26 Summary.

27 This Proposed Plan summarizes information that  
28 can be found in greater detail in the RIR/RAWP  
29 for FTMM-53 (Parsons, 2018), the RAR for  
30 FTMM-53 (Parsons, 2019), and other documents  
31 contained in the FTMM **Administrative Record**  
32 file and on the website listed on the front page of  
33 this Proposed Plan. The Army encourages the  
34 public to review these documents to gain a more  
35 comprehensive understanding of the site and all  
36 associated activities.

## 37 SITE BACKGROUND

38 FTMM is located in the central-eastern portion of  
39 New Jersey in Monmouth County, approximately  
40 45 miles south of New York City, New York, 70  
41 miles northeast of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
42 and 40 miles east of Trenton, New Jersey. The  
43 Atlantic Ocean is approximately 3 miles to the  
44 east. FTMM was comprised of three areas: the  
45 Main Post (MP), the Charles Wood Area (CWA),  
46 (Figure 1), and the Evans Area (EA) (not shown).

47 FTMM's MP and CWA were selected for closure  
48 by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)  
49 Commission in 2005, and officially closed on 15.

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51 **Figure 1 - Fort Monmouth Location**

52 September 2011. The EA was closed under  
53 BRAC in 1998 and has since been transferred  
54 from FTMM

55 FTMM-53 is located in the central portion of the  
56 MP (Figure 2) and includes Building 699. FTMM-  
57 53 was a former fueling station and repair facility  
58 for nonmilitary vehicles that was constructed in  
59 1953. Gasoline was distributed from two remote  
60 pumping islands with a total of four dispensers.  
61 The tank system initially included four 4,000-  
62 gallon steel underground storage tanks (USTs)  
63 northwest of Building 699 that were removed in  
64 1999 (Figure 3). Six 10,000-gallon USTs were  
65 installed northeast of Building 699, which were  
66 then removed in April 2007 and replaced with two  
67 10,000-gallon aboveground storage tanks (ASTs)  
68 that were in use until base closure in 2011.

69 The piping and dispensing islands were replaced  
70 and a **light non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL)**  
71 recovery well with a dual pump system was  
72 installed after a fuel release was identified in  
73 1990. A groundwater remediation system was  
74 installed in 2001 consisting of multiple  
75 groundwater recovery, **air sparging**, and **soil**  
76 **vapor extraction (SVE)** wells and a groundwater  
77 and vapor treatment system. This system was  
78 operated until FTMM closure in 2011, and then  
79 again intermittently until active remediation was  
80 discontinued with NJDEP approval in 2013. Five  
81 hydraulic lifts were located in Building 699.

## 82 SITE CHARACTERIZATION

83 Major vegetation zones at the MP consist of  
84 landscaped areas, wetlands, **riparian** areas, and  
85 upland forests. Much of the MP upland areas  
86 consist of extensive areas of grass lawns and  
87 landscaped areas. In contrast, FTMM-53 is

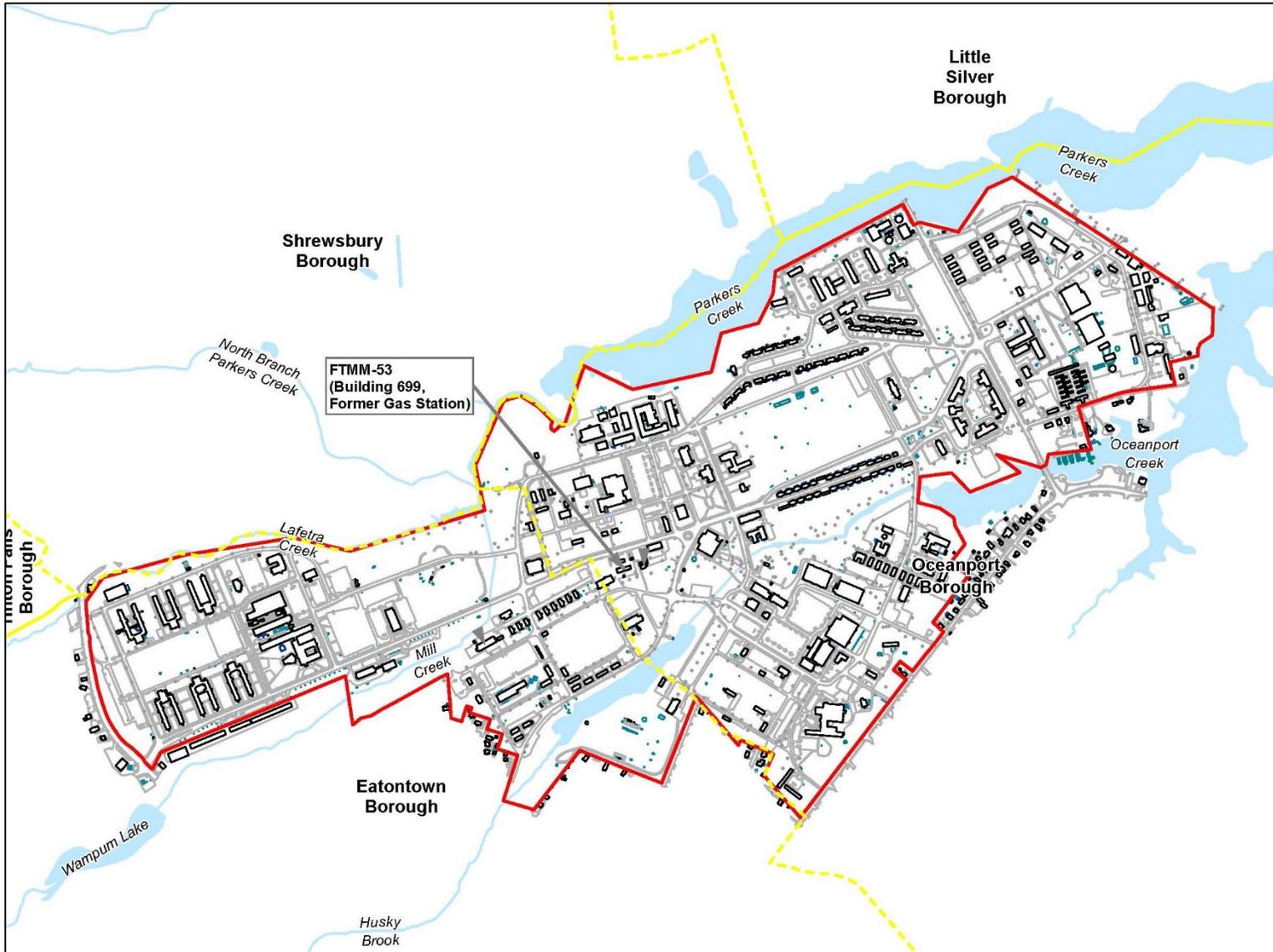


Figure 2 – Location of FTMM-53

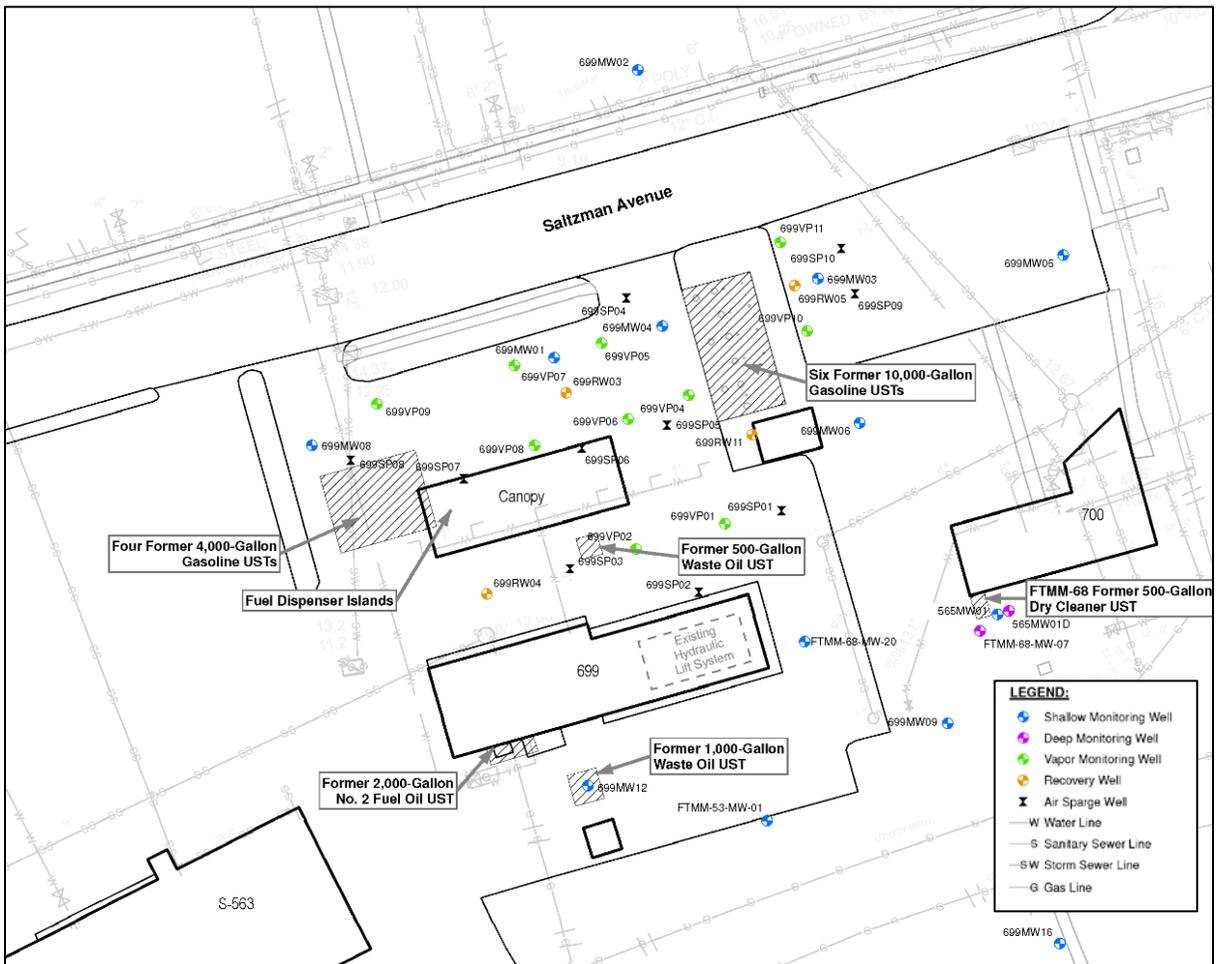


Figure 3 – FTMM-53 Site Layout

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4 covered with pavement and therefore without  
5 vegetation. Detailed vegetation information can  
6 be found in the Baseline Ecological Evaluation  
7 (BEE) Report (Shaw, 2012).

8 FTMM is situated on Coastal Plain deposits  
9 which are unconsolidated material that has not  
10 been cemented or compacted. Soil encountered  
11 at FTMM-53 is comprised of medium to fine, or-  
12 ange and tan sand and silty sand, and clay, and  
13 is likely some combination of fill material and  
14 surficial deposits belonging to the Cape May  
15 Formation Unit 2.

16 New Jersey GWQS classify groundwater for  
17 FTMM as Class II-A: **potable water** with  
18 secondary uses including agricultural and  
19 industrial (NJDEP, 2010). The depth to  
20 groundwater at FTMM-53 typically ranges from  
21 6 to 9 feet below ground surface (bgs).  
22 Groundwater migrates towards the south and  
23 southeast (i.e., toward Husky Brook).

24 The FTMM Reuse and Redevelopment Plan  
25 (EDAW, 2008) indicates that the anticipated fu-  
26 ture land use at FTMM-53 is for mixed use in-  
27 dustrial and institutional/civic purposes; institu-  
28 tional/civic uses may include schools (educa-  
29 tional) and administrative uses. A residential  
30 scenario is not currently anticipated for the site;  
31 however, the applicable remediation standards  
32 for remedial efforts at FTMM-53 are the Septem-  
33 ber 2017 NJDEP Residential Direct Contact Soil  
34 Remediation Standards (RDCSRS) for soil and  
35 July 2010 GWQS for groundwater. As described  
36 below, at FTMM-53 there are exceedances of  
37 the RDCSRS and GWQS for both soil and  
38 groundwater, respectively.

39 To determine the nature and extent of  
40 contamination at the site, chemical  
41 concentrations measured during the RI were  
42 compared to NJDEP residential, non-residential,  
43 and **Impact to Groundwater (IGW)** screening  
44 criteria as well as FTMM-specific background

1 concentrations for metals (Weston, 1995).  
2 NJDEP comparison criteria included:

- 3 • RDCSRS, Non-Residential Direct Contact  
4 Soil Remediation Standards (NRDCSRS),  
5 and IGW screening levels (SLs) for soil;
- 6 • GWQS for groundwater; and
- 7 • NJDEP nonresidential Soil Gas Screening  
8 Levels (SGSLs) for **soil gas/vapor intru-**  
9 **sion (VI)**.

10 The above criteria were used to identify those  
11 chemicals that are COCs at FTMM-53. Based on  
12 the RI sampling performed in 2015, COCs in soil  
13 that exceed the RDCSRSs include benzene and  
14 naphthalene. COCs in groundwater that exceed  
15 the GWQS include benzene, xylenes, 1,2,4-  
16 trimethylbenzene (TMB), and 1,3,5-TMB.

17 The following subsections describe site  
18 characterization activities for soil, groundwater,  
19 and soil gas/indoor air and a summary of the  
20 remedial measures conducted at FTMM-53. The  
21 Final RIR/RAWP was submitted to NJDEP in  
22 January 2018 and the Army received NJDEP's  
23 comments with no objections to the proposed  
24 remedy in May 2018.

#### 25 Summary of Investigations and Remedial 26 Measures

27 In 1989, approximately 11,000 gallons of  
28 gasoline were released into soil surrounding the  
29 gasoline USTs and associated fuel dispenser  
30 piping. The piping and dispensing island were  
31 replaced and an LNAPL recovery well with a  
32 dual pump system was installed immediately  
33 after the release. A total of 6,733 gallons of  
34 LNAPL were recovered by the summer of 1990.  
35 These recovery wells are no longer active.

36 In September 1999, four abandoned 4,000-  
37 gallon steel gasoline USTs were removed. The  
38 tanks were located northwest of Building 699  
39 near the western end of the fueling island  
40 canopy. Numerous corrosion holes in the USTs  
41 were observed, and the surrounding soil was  
42 visually contaminated. A fuel sheen was  
43 observed on the groundwater surface at a depth  
44 of 10 feet bgs (Versar, 2001). NJDEP approval  
45 of No Further Action (NFA) for the four 4,000-  
46 gallon steel gasoline USTs was received in a  
47 letter dated January 10, 2003 (NJDEP, 2003).

48 The removed USTs were replaced with six  
49 10,000-gallon USTs that were installed

50 northeast of Building 699. The six USTs were  
51 removed in April 2007 and replaced with two  
52 10,000-gallon aboveground storage tanks  
53 (ASTs) which were in use until base closure in  
54 2011. The ASTs were pumped out, fuel piping  
55 was blown out with nitrogen, and any residual  
56 product was drummed and properly disposed of.  
57 The ASTs, associated piping, and the  
58 dispensing islands were removed in April 2019.

59 In 1993, 27 soil samples were collected on the  
60 east side of the site at 5.5 feet below ground  
61 surface (bgs) at the soil-groundwater interface to  
62 define the extent of gasoline contamination from  
63 the 1989 release from the gasoline USTs (GES,  
64 1999). In 1993 and 1999, respectively, FTMM  
65 prepared a RAWP and subsequent RAWP  
66 Addendum at the request of NJDEP that  
67 proposed the installation of an SVE system and  
68 a groundwater pump and treat system with one  
69 recovery well to augment LNAPL recovery  
70 (GES, 1999). A groundwater remediation  
71 system consisting of multiple groundwater  
72 recovery, air sparging, and SVE wells as well as  
73 a groundwater and vapor treatment system was  
74 subsequently installed and began operation in  
75 2001. This system was operated until FTMM  
76 closure in 2011, and then again intermittently  
77 until active remediation was discontinued with  
78 NJDEP approval in 2013.

79 A 1,000-gallon, single wall, steel waste oil UST  
80 located south of the western half of Building 699  
81 (Figure 3) was removed in January 1992. No  
82 holes were noted during removal, and there was  
83 no visual evidence of contaminated soil.  
84 Monitoring well 699MW12 was installed at the  
85 location of the former waste oil UST in October  
86 1992 (Weston, 1993a). Verbal approval of the  
87 tank closure report was received from NJDEP in  
88 January 2004 (Appendix G of U.S. Army, 2007).

89 A former No. 2 fuel oil UST located immediately  
90 south of Building 699 (Figure 3) was removed in  
91 June 1998 (GES, 1999). NJDEP approval for  
92 NFA for the No. 2 fuel oil UST was received in a  
93 letter dated January 10, 2003 (NJDEP, 2003).

94 In October 2000, a 500-gallon waste oil UST was  
95 removed from the north side of Building 699  
96 (U.S. Army, 2000). Signs of corrosion were  
97 observed, but no holes were apparent. Soil  
98 samples were collected, and the results  
99 exceeded the RDCSRS for benzene and  
100 naphthalene. This area will be included in the  
101 LUCs for the site.

1 Proprietary biological enhancements (i.e.,  
2 enzymes, nutrients, and a bacterial consortium)  
3 were injected into the shallow subsurface in  
4 November 2000 to accelerate remediation of  
5 petroleum contaminants in “hot spot” areas that  
6 were not being effectively addressed by the SVE  
7 system. Prior to the injection, soil at 83 locations  
8 across the site was sampled using a Geoprobe®,  
9 and select locations were re-sampled six months  
10 after the injection (Versar, 2000b and 2002).

11 From April 1997 through June 2011, FTMM-53  
12 monitoring wells were sampled quarterly. In  
13 August 2013 a groundwater sampling event was  
14 conducted at 21 FTMM sites (including FTMM-  
15 53) to re-establish baseline groundwater  
16 conditions following temporary suspension of  
17 groundwater sampling in late 2011.  
18 Groundwater monitoring at a subset of site wells  
19 occurred quarterly at FTMM-53 from March  
20 2014 until November 2015. NJDEP agreed to a  
21 temporary suspension of quarterly monitoring  
22 (letter dated March 16, 2016). In September  
23 2015, Parsons performed an RI data gap  
24 investigation at FTMM-53 that involved soil and  
25 groundwater sampling and performance of  
26 aquifer slug tests. Results of this investigation  
27 are summarized in the RIR/RAWP (Parsons,  
28 2018). Areas identified during the RI data gap  
29 investigation with RDCSRS exceedances will be  
30 included in the Land Use Controls (LUCs) for the  
31 site. Groundwater monitoring will resume  
32 following completion and final  
33 review/acceptance of the Classification Excep-  
34 tion Area/Well Restriction Area (CEA/WRA) by  
35 NJDEP.

36 Five in-ground hydraulic lifts were located in  
37 each of the service bays on the east end of  
38 Building 699. Visual inspections of the hydraulic  
39 oil within each of the lifts was initiated in October  
40 2017, and additional sampling and analysis of  
41 soil and groundwater was performed in July  
42 2019 to address NJDEP comments related to  
43 the hydraulic lifts. Soil sampling results from  
44 borings adjacent to the lifts indicated no evi-  
45 dence of a release to soil. However total **semi-**  
46 **volatile organic compound (SVOC) tenta-**  
47 **tively identified compounds (TICs)** in tempo-  
48 rary wells exceeded the GWQS; some of the  
49 TICs were similar to brake fluids or antifreeze,  
50 and therefore may be related to the FTMM-53  
51 former gas station operations. The residual oil  
52 was completely removed from the hydraulic lifts  
53 in October 2019, and the lift reservoirs are now

54 empty. The hydraulic lifts area will be included  
55 in the CEA/WRA for the site.

#### 56 Soil Gas/Indoor Air

57 Near-slab soil gas samples and indoor air  
58 samples were collected adjacent to and within  
59 Building 699, respectively, in 2007. A  
60 subsequent sampling event in 2012 included  
61 collection of sub-slab soil gas samples and  
62 indoor air samples beneath and within Building  
63 699, respectively. Based on historical  
64 groundwater analytical data and VI data  
65 collected in 2012, it was concluded that  
66 groundwater was acting as a source for VOC  
67 contamination detected in sub-slab soil gas at  
68 Building 699. However, given that the VOCs  
69 were not detected in indoor air, the VI pathway  
70 for targeted VOCs at Building 699 was  
71 considered incomplete.

#### 72 Conceptual Site Model

73 Current or potential future human receptors at  
74 FTMM-53 include workers, institutional/civic  
75 users, school and administrative personnel and  
76 students, and possibly future residents (with  
77 groundwater used as a potable water source).  
78 Potentially complete exposure pathways (either  
79 currently or under hypothetical future scenarios)  
80 include incidental ingestion of or dermal contact  
81 with contaminated soil or groundwater,  
82 inhalation of dust or vapor containing volatilized  
83 chemicals, and ingestion of groundwater as a  
84 potable water source.

## 85 **REMEDIAL ACTION** 86 **APPROACH**

87 This Proposed Plan recommends actions to  
88 address residual soil and groundwater  
89 contamination at FTMM-53 that exceed NJDEP  
90 criteria and may pose a risk to human health and  
91 the environment. The objective of the remedial  
92 action is to protect human health by eliminating  
93 exposure to fuel hydrocarbon contamination that  
94 will remain in-place in soil and groundwater at  
95 FTMM-53 at concentrations greater than the  
96 RDCSRS and GWQS, respectively.

97 The proposed remedial approach for FTMM-53  
98 was developed in accordance with the N.J.A.C  
99 7:26E-5.1, and will include **Land Use Controls**  
100 **(LUCs)** in the form of a Deed Notice to control  
101 exposure to COCs in soil, a CEA/WRA to control  
102 exposure to COCs in groundwater, and MNA to

1 document the natural degradation of COCs over  
2 time.

3 LUCs will be used to prevent uncontrolled  
4 exposure of potential receptors to contaminated  
5 media. A groundwater use restriction will be  
6 established in the form of a CEA/WRA in  
7 accordance with NJDEP's Technical  
8 Requirements for Site Remediation (TRSR)  
9 (N.J.A.C. 7:26E) and Administrative  
10 Requirements for the Remediation of  
11 Contaminated Sites (N.J.A.C. 7:26C).

12 Groundwater at FTMM-53 is not currently used  
13 as a drinking water source. Concentrations of  
14 the fuel hydrocarbons 1,2,4-TMB, 1,3,5-TMB,  
15 benzene, m,p-xylene, tetrachloroethene (PCE),  
16 total xylenes, and total volatile and semivolatile  
17 TICs have recently been detected in FTMM-53  
18 groundwater at concentrations greater than their  
19 NJDEP GWQS (Figure 4). A CEA/WRA  
20 application will be prepared pursuant to N.J.A.C.  
21 7:26C-7.3. The CEA/WRA is a groundwater use  
22 restriction to protect a hypothetical residential  
23 user from potential risk associated with  
24 groundwater used as a potable water source.  
25 The CEA/WRA will remain in place until NJDEP  
26 GWQS are achieved.

27 A Deed Notice will be prepared and filed  
28 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26C-7.2 to address the  
29 presence of the fuel hydrocarbon contamination  
30 (i.e., benzene and naphthalene) above NJDEP  
31 RDCSRS remaining in site soil (Figure 5). The  
32 Deed Notice will serve to prevent potential  
33 exposure to contaminants that will remain in-  
34 place at the site. Use of the site will be restricted  
35 to non-residential purposes.

36 MNA relies on natural processes to achieve  
37 applicable groundwater remediation standards.  
38 Based on the long-term monitoring (LTM) results  
39 reflecting decreased COC concentrations in  
40 groundwater and conclusions of the RIR/RAWP,  
41 MNA has been selected as an appropriate  
42 remedy for fuel hydrocarbon contamination in  
43 groundwater at FTMM-53. The site has an  
44 existing network of monitoring wells that have  
45 been sampled for site-related contaminants for  
46 17 years. Fuel hydrocarbon concentrations in  
47 groundwater have decreased substantially since  
48 quarterly monitoring began in 1997. The  
49 groundwater contaminant plume (Figure 4) is  
50 mature and stable to diminishing, and fuel  
51 hydrocarbon concentrations in groundwater  
52 have been reduced substantially due to a

53 combination of in situ remediation and natural  
54 attenuation. The MNA program at FTMM-53 will  
55 be conducted in accordance with NJDEP's Site  
56 Remediation Program MNA Guidance (NJDEP,  
57 2012) with periodic monitoring to evaluate  
58 changes in groundwater contaminant  
59 concentrations.

60 The Army will prepare a **LUC Implementation**  
61 **Plan (LUCIP)** to document the controls and  
62 identify procedural responsibilities including  
63 groundwater monitoring and MNA reporting, and  
64 long-term stewardship responsibilities. When  
65 the property is transferred to private ownership  
66 out of federal control, the LUCs will be recorded  
67 against the property, and the new owner will be  
68 responsible for complying with the LUCs. While  
69 the Army may later transfer its procedural re-  
70 sponsibilities to another party by contract, prop-  
71 erty transfer agreement, or through other  
72 means, the Army retains ultimate responsibility  
73 for remedy integrity until groundwater contami-  
74 nant concentrations are in compliance with  
75 NJDEP GWQS.

## 76 **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

77 Public participation is an important component of  
78 remedy selection. The Army is soliciting input  
79 from the community on the proposed remedial  
80 approach identified for FTMM-53. The Army  
81 and the NJDEP encourage the public to gain a  
82 more comprehensive understanding of the site  
83 and the remedial activities that have been con-  
84 ducted at FTMM-53. The dates for the public  
85 comment period and the locations of the Admin-  
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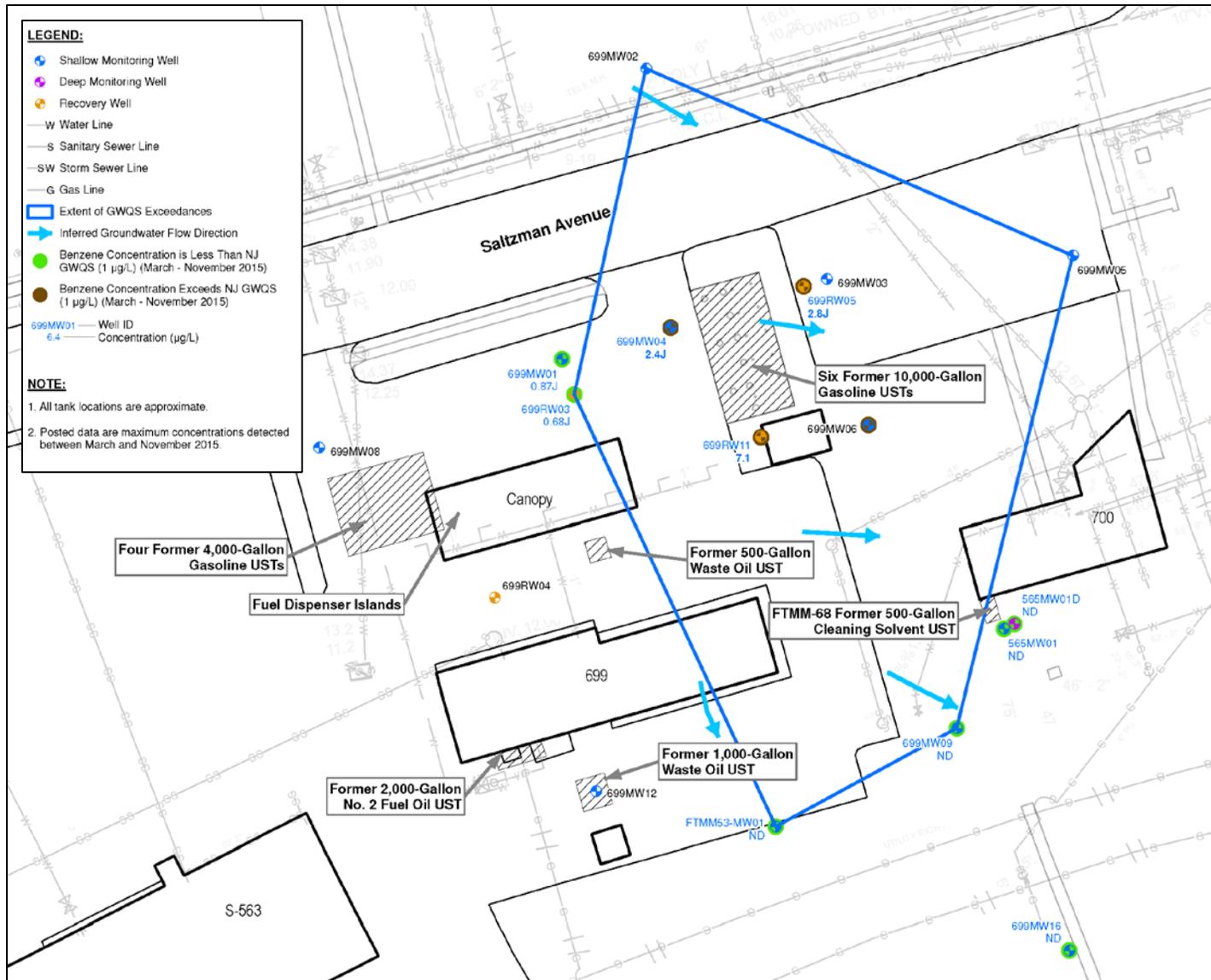


Figure 4 – Benzene Concentrations in Groundwater at FTMM-53

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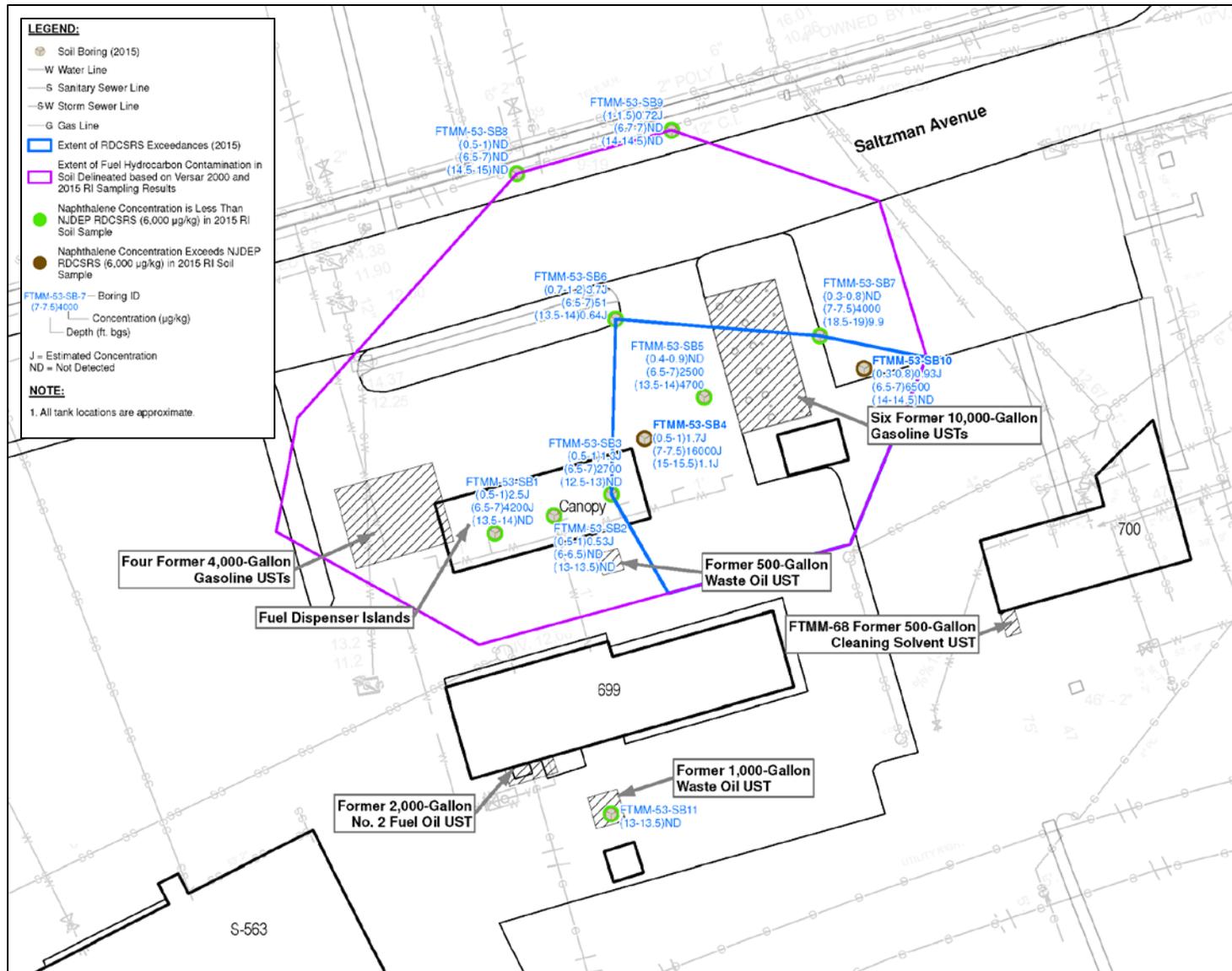


Figure 5 – Naphthalene Concentrations in Soil at FTMM-53

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# 1 ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACRONYM	DEFINITION
AST	aboveground storage tank
BEE	Baseline Ecological Evaluation
bgs	below ground surface
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure
CEA/WRA	Classification Exception Area/Well Restriction Area
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
COCs	constituent of concern
CWA	Charles Wood Area
EA	Evans Area
FTMM	Fort Monmouth
GWQS	Ground Water Quality Standard(s)
IGW	Impact to Groundwater
LNAPL	light non-aqueous phase liquid
LTM	long-term monitoring
LUCs	land use controls
LUCIP	Land Use Controls Implementation Plan
MNA	monitored natural attenuation
MP	Main Post
NCP	National Contingency Plan
NFA	No Further Action
N.J.A.C.	New Jersey Administrative Code
NJDEP	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
NRDCSRS	Non-Residential Direct Contact Soil Remediation Standard
PCE	Tetrachloroethene
POL	Petroleum, oil and lubricant
RAR	Remedial Action Report
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RDCSRS	Residential Direct Contact Soil Remediation Standard
RI	remedial investigation
RIR/RAWP	Remedial Investigation Report/Remedial Action Workplan
ROD	Record of Decision
SL	screening level
SGSLs	Soil Gas Screening Levels
SVE	soil vapor extraction
SVOCs	Semi-volatile organic compounds
TMB	Trimethylbenzene
TIC	tentatively identified compound
TRSR	Technical Requirements for Site Remediation
UST	underground storage tank
VI	vapor intrusion
VOCs	volatile organic compounds

# 1 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

2 **Administrative Record** – A file that contains all information used by the lead agency to make its  
3 decision on the selection of a response action under CERCLA. A copy of this file is to be available  
4 for public review at or near the site, usually at the information repository.

5 **Air Sparging** – The injection of air or oxygen through a contaminated aquifer or media to remove  
6 VOCs and SVOCs by volatilization. Injected air traverses horizontally and vertically in channels  
7 through the soil column, creating an underground stripper.

8 **Classification Exception Area (CEA)** – A NJDEP designation established whenever groundwa-  
9 ter standards in a particular area are not met. It ensures the use of the groundwater in that area  
10 is restricted until standards are achieved.

11 **Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, oth-  
12 erwise known as Superfund)** – A federal law that addresses the funding for and remediation of  
13 abandoned or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites. This law also establishes criteria for the crea-  
14 tion of key documents such as the Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, Proposed Plan, and  
15 Decision Document.

16 **Constituent of Concern (COC)** – A chemical that is present at sufficient concentrations to ex-  
17 ceed NJDEP cleanup standards and so may pose a risk to human health or the environment.

18 **Deed Notice** – A notification added to the title of a property when contamination will remain above  
19 residential or unrestricted [soil remediation standards](#). A Deed Notice requires a property owner's  
20 concurrence and specifies the location and concentration of all contaminants and how they must  
21 be controlled, maintained or monitored.

22 **Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP)** - Under DERP, DoD conducts cleanup  
23 at active installations, Formerly Used Defense Sites, and BRAC locations. The Army manages  
24 the cleanup programs at their active installations and BRAC locations.

25 **Groundwater** – Water found beneath the earth's surface that fills pores between materials such  
26 as sand, soil, or gravel. In aquifers, groundwater occurs in sufficient quantities that it may be used  
27 for drinking water, irrigation, and other purposes.

28 **Ground Water Quality Standards (GWQS)** – NJDEP GWQS, N.J.A.C 7:9C, establish the des-  
29 ignated uses of the State's groundwater and specify the water quality (criteria) necessary to attain  
30 those designated uses. The ground water quality criteria are numerical values assigned to each  
31 constituent (pollutant) discharged to groundwater of the State. The GWQS also contain technical  
32 and general policies to ensure that the designated uses can be adequately protected. Groundwa-  
33 ter is classified according to its hydrogeologic characteristics and designated uses.

34 **Impact to Groundwater (IGW)** – A NJDEP soil cleanup standard that is applied in soil above the  
35 groundwater table that is designed to be protective of groundwater quality.

36 **Land Use Control (LUC)** – Physical, legal, or administrative mechanisms that restrict the use of,  
37 or limit access to, real property to manage risks to human health and the environment. Physical  
38 mechanisms include physical barriers to limit access to real property, such as fences or signs,  
39 providing potable water, as well as a variety of engineered remedies to contain or reduce con-  
40 tamination. Legal mechanisms include zoning, permits, and deed restrictions on property; for ex-  
41 ample, allowing only commercial or industrial use of a property where contaminants have not  
42 been remediated to residential levels.

43 **Land Use Control Implementation Plan (LUCIP)** – Documents the LUCs required during and  
44 after implementation of the preferred alternative.

1 **Light Non-aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL)** - A non-aqueous phase liquid (contaminants that  
2 remain undiluted as the original liquid in the subsurface, e.g. spilled oil) that is less dense than  
3 water. Most common petroleum hydrocarbon fuels and lubricating oils are LNAPLs.

4 **Monitored Natural Attenuation** – A remedial approach that involves monitoring of contaminant  
5 concentration and natural attenuation parameters that provide an indication of the effectiveness  
6 of natural attenuation and progress being made to achieve remedy goals. In general, MNA does  
7 not include remediation methods that require human intervention beyond monitoring. However,  
8 LUCs, such as use restrictions, may be needed in conjunction with MNA to ensure protection of  
9 human health and the environment.

10 **National Contingency Plan (NCP)** – National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contin-  
11 gency Plan, “National Contingency Plan” (40 CFR 300). Provides the organizational structure and  
12 procedures for preparing for and responding to discharges of oil and releases of hazardous sub-  
13 stances, pollutants, and contaminants.

14 **New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.)** – The collection of all rules and regulations made  
15 by the executive branch agencies of the State of New Jersey.

16 **Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricant (POL)** – A broad term that includes all petroleum and associated  
17 products used by the Armed Forces.

18 **Potable Water** – Water of a quality suitable for drinking

19 **Proposed Plan** – A plan that identifies the preferred remedial alternative(s) for a site, and is made  
20 available to the public for comment.

21 **Record of Decision (ROD)** - A public document that explains which cleanup alternative(s) will be  
22 used at a site.

23 **Remedial Investigation (RI)** – Exploratory inspection conducted at a site to define the nature  
24 and extent of contamination present, and to assess potential related hazards and risks

25 **Responsiveness Summary** - A component of the Record of Decision that summarizes infor-  
26 mation about the comments and views of the public and support agency regarding both the re-  
27 medial alternatives and general concerns about the site submitted during the public comment  
28 period. It also documents in the record how public comments were integrated into the decision-  
29 making process.

30 **Riparian** – Riparian areas are ecosystems adjacent to a river or waterway that, in an undisturbed  
31 state, provide habitat for wildlife and help improve water quality. Riparian areas are usually tran-  
32 sitional zones between wetland and upland areas and are generally comprised of grasses,  
33 shrubs, trees, or a mix of vegetation types that exist within a variety of landscapes (e.g., natural,  
34 agricultural, forested, suburban, and urban).

35 **Semivolatile Organic Compounds (SVOC)** – An organic compound which has a boiling point  
36 higher than water and which may vaporize when exposed to temperatures above room tempera-  
37 ture. SVOCs include phenols and PAH.

38 **Soil Gas** - Soil gas or (soil vapor) is air existing in void spaces in the soil between the groundwater  
39 and the ground surface.

40 **Soil Vapor Extraction** – A vacuum is applied to the soil to induce the controlled flow of air and  
41 remove VOCs and some SVOCs from the soil.

42 **Tentatively Identified Compound (TIC)** - A compound which is outside the standard list of ana-  
43 lytes in a gas chromatography/mass spectrometry analysis, but which is based on a tentative

1 match between the instrument response and the instrument's computer library. The identification  
2 and quantitation of these compounds is speculative.

3 **Vapor Intrusion (VI)** - The general term given to migration of VOCs from any subsurface con-  
4 taminant source, such as contaminated soil or groundwater, through the soil and into an overlying  
5 building.

6 **Volatile Organic Compound (VOC)** – Organic chemical compound whose composition makes  
7 it possible for it to evaporate under normal indoor atmospheric conditions of temperature and  
8 pressure.

9 **Well Restriction Area (WRA)** – A designated area where NJDEP restricts the potable ground-  
10 water use, including the types of wells that can be constructed, sampling of potable water wells,  
11 and evaluating the influence of nearby high capacity production wells. This area typically has the  
12 same boundary as the CEA.

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3 are valuable in helping the Army select a remedy for FTMM-53.

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