

CASE STUDY

MIDWEST NAPL SITE GRANTED NFA AFTER BOS 200[®] APPLICATION

RPI GROUP

ABSTRACT

The subject site is a former retail petroleum station located in Ava, Missouri. Use of the site as a retail petroleum station dates back to 1950 when the site was initially developed as a truck stop. Aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) were used from the late 1970s to 1991 to store and dispense gasoline and diesel fuel. A Tier I Risk Assessment was completed in 2006 and revised in 2012. Due to the presence of LNAPL and high concentrations of dissolved petroleum constituents, remediation by injection of RPI Products, Inc. BOS 200[®] was performed prior to site redevelopment in 2013. Pre-injection sampling conducted in May 2013 indicated benzene and TPH-GRO were present in groundwater at 14 and 150 mg/L, respectively. Corrective action goals established in the MDNR-approved Corrective Action Plan (July 2013) were to: 1) reduce concentrations of COCs in shallow groundwater adjacent to the injection areas; 2) reduce LNAPL to below measurable thickness (<1/16inch); 3) reduce vapors in shallow soils to the depth of construction; and 4) reduce concentrations of COCs in groundwater to below the Risk-Based Target Levels (RBTL) for a construction worker. Subsequent groundwater monitoring and plume stability analyses demonstrated that each of these remedial goals were achieved. Therefore, the MDNR issued a No Further Action Letter – Non Residential, dated September 30, 2019.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

- Key Dates
 - Corrective Action Plan approved – August 2013
 - Injection of BOS 200[®] – September 2013
 - No Further Action (NFA) Determination by MDNR – September 30, 2019
- Combined Treatment Areas (Figure 1): 18,979 ft²
- The impacted groundwater resided within clay and sandy clay with chert. Depth to groundwater was approximately 6 feet bgs.
- Contaminants: The pre-treatment maximum concentration of BTEX constituents above regulatory limits were 14 mg/l benzene and 150 mg/l TPH-GRO
- Implementation Method: Direct push injection

CHALLENGES & OBJECTIVES

The primary challenge to achieving the project completion milestones was the presence of LNAPL. The goal of the proposed remedial action was to alleviate the risk of fire and explosion during onsite construction. Since no Risk-Based Target Levels (RBTLs) were established for combustion, the corrective action targets were set as the overall reduction of COC concentrations in groundwater and soil vapor, and the reduction of measurable LNAPL thickness to below 1/16th of an inch.

APPROACH

The BOS 200® injection design was developed based on existing site data with the goal to achieve the stated remedial targets within approximately 12 months from the time of injection. Five distinct treatment areas were established, totaling approximately 18,979 square feet in area, with a total treatment volume of approximately 8,700 cubic yards.

A total of 2,304 injections were completed within 338 points on 7.5-foot centers in September 2015. Treatment depths within the treatment areas ranged from 6 to 12 feet in Area E to 6 to 22 feet in Area B. A total of 48,795 pounds of BOS 200® was mixed with 46,080 gallons of water and injected as a slurry, supplemented with 105 gallons of facultative bacteria concentrate.

RESULTS

Following four consecutive groundwater monitoring events (2015 – 2017) demonstrating that cleanup goals had been achieved and that the plume was stable, the MDNR closed the site and issued a *No Further Action Letter – Non Residential* to the responsible party on September 30, 2019.

FIGURE 1. SITE MAP DEPICTING BOS® 200 INJECTION AREA

