

### "Urban Creek Impacted Sediment Removal and Isolation Utilizing a Geosynthetic Clay Liner"

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# Background

- Manufactured Gas Plant located in Indianapolis, Indiana
  - 1908 to 2007
  - 87 acres
- Produced manufactured gas and metallurgical coke
- Urban waterway:
  - Pleasant Run Creek (PRC)
    - 3,000 linear ft of channel bisects the property
    - Section of on-Site channel relocated in the 1940's

### Background



# **Site Investigation**

- Indiana Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) (2005)
- Investigation activities (2009-2016)
  - 120 monitoring wells;
    - 800 groundwater samples
  - 350 soil borings;
    - 600 soil samples
  - 500 surface soil samples; and,
  - 20 test pits.

# **Site Investigation**



# Pleasant Run Creek (PRC)

- Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) discharge
- Highly incised channel
- Flow range from <10 MGD to >500 MGD
- Multiple investigations:
  - Visual inspections
  - Poling
  - Habitat
    - Assessment

- Bulk Sediment/Soil
  Sampling
  - Pore Water
    Sampling
- Human Health and Ecological Assessment
- TarGOST

# **2016 PRC Investigation**



# **TarGOST Investigation**



# **TarGOST Investigation**





# **PRC IM Design Objectives**

- Two (2) areas tied to gross contamination (2,000 linear ft)
- Objectives:
  - Mitigate direct contact potential with impacted soil/sediment
  - Mitigate potential for ecological risk from groundwater discharge
  - Protect PRC from being re-contaminated
- Hydraulic Control + Surficial Excavation/ Capping

# **Design Considerations**

- Hydraulic Control System
  - Upland Groundwater Control
  - Minimal upwelling (approx. 0.8 cm/day)
- Creek Diversion "Pump Around"
  - "Dry" application
- Isolation Barrier
- Restoration
  - Armoring
  - Overburden

# **PRC Interim Measure Design**

- Expansion of the Hydraulic Control System
- Soil Excavation and Disposal





# **PRC Interim Measure Design**

### **Isolation Barrier:**

- Geosynthetic Clay Liner (GCL)
  - Components
  - Advantages
  - Site-Specific Application



https://www.geosyntheticssociety.org/corporatome/cpany\_details/6507/



http://www.gseworld.com/content/documents/product-sheets/BentoLiner\_Installation\_QA\_.pdf

 "Phased" Work Approach (April-December 2017)





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• Creek Pump-Around



• Low Permeability Barrier



• GCL and Material Placement





• Restoration



# **Project Success**

- ✓ Design-build process allowed for implementation challenges to be quickly addressed
- ✓ Consistent application of the low permeability layer
- ✓ Uniform hydraulic conductivity and transmissivity
- ✓ Site characteristics made use of GCL viable.
- ≻Future Obligations:
  - ≻Ongoing visual inspections (5-10 years).
  - ➢Institutional Controls
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