

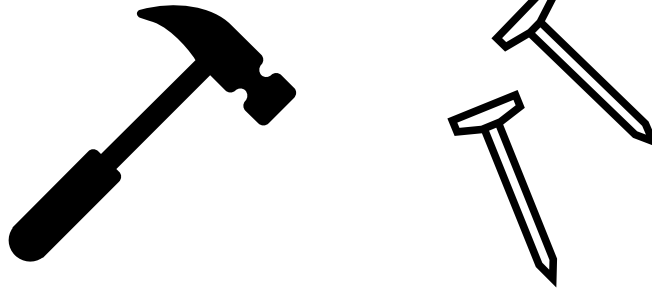


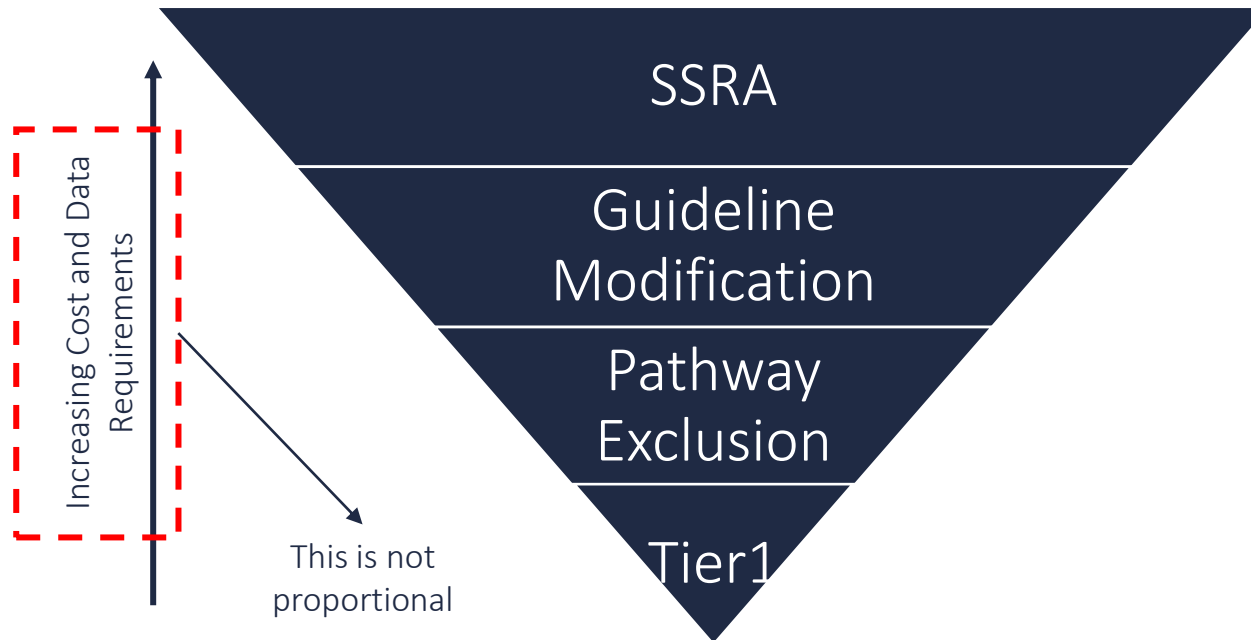
KEEP IT SIMPLE, SCIENTISTS:  
THE BENEFITS OF APPLYING RISK  
PRINCIPALS TO SIMPLE SITES AND THE  
DATA THAT GETS YOU THERE

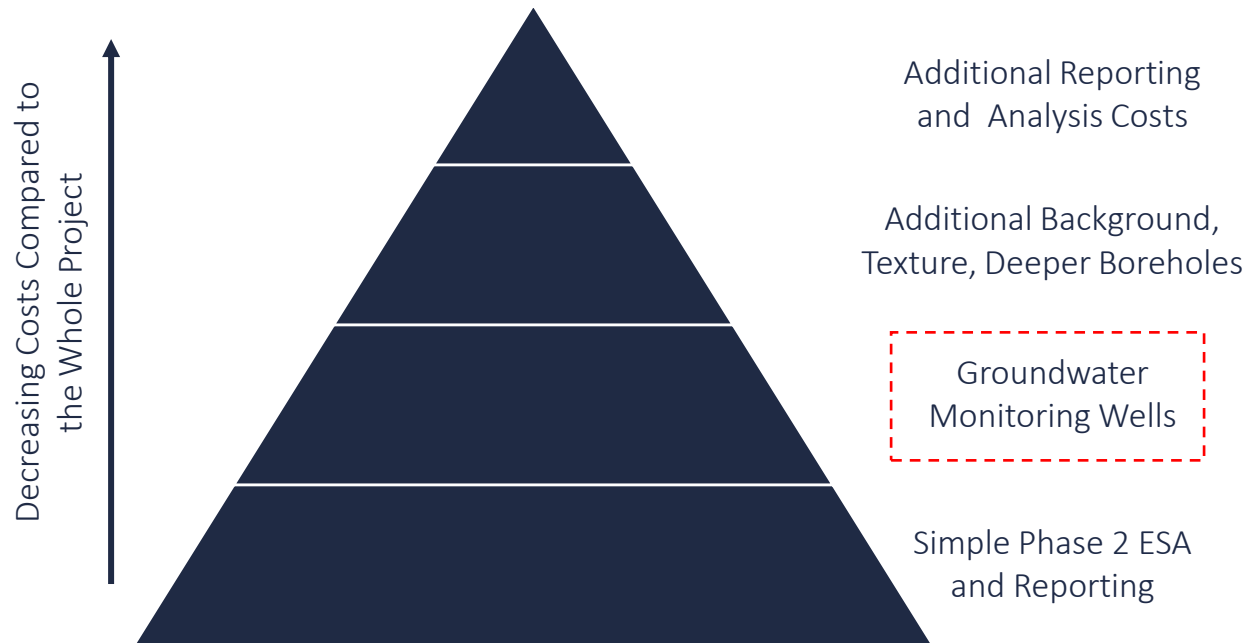
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### Assessment and Remediation Guidelines

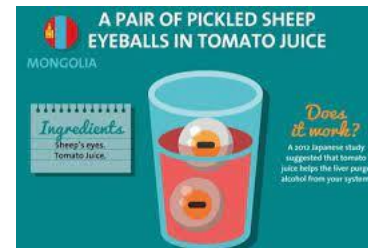
- Tier 1 - generic guidelines designed using relatively conservative assumptions
- Non-alcoholic example, as it is Friday morning!!!



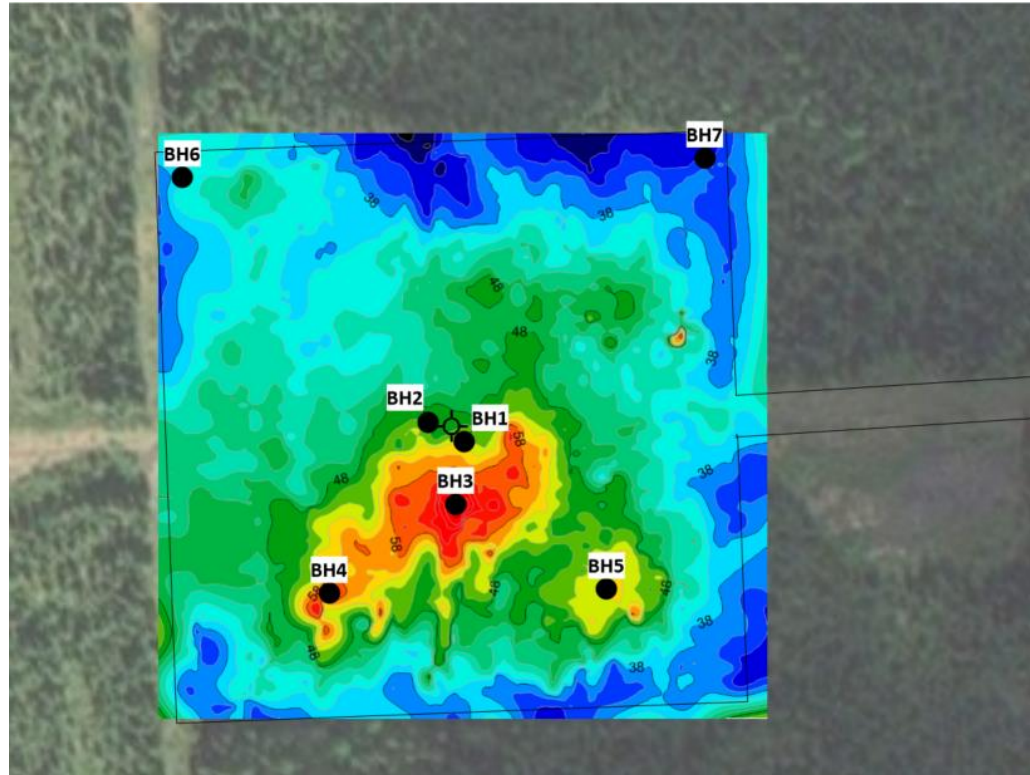
Tier 1



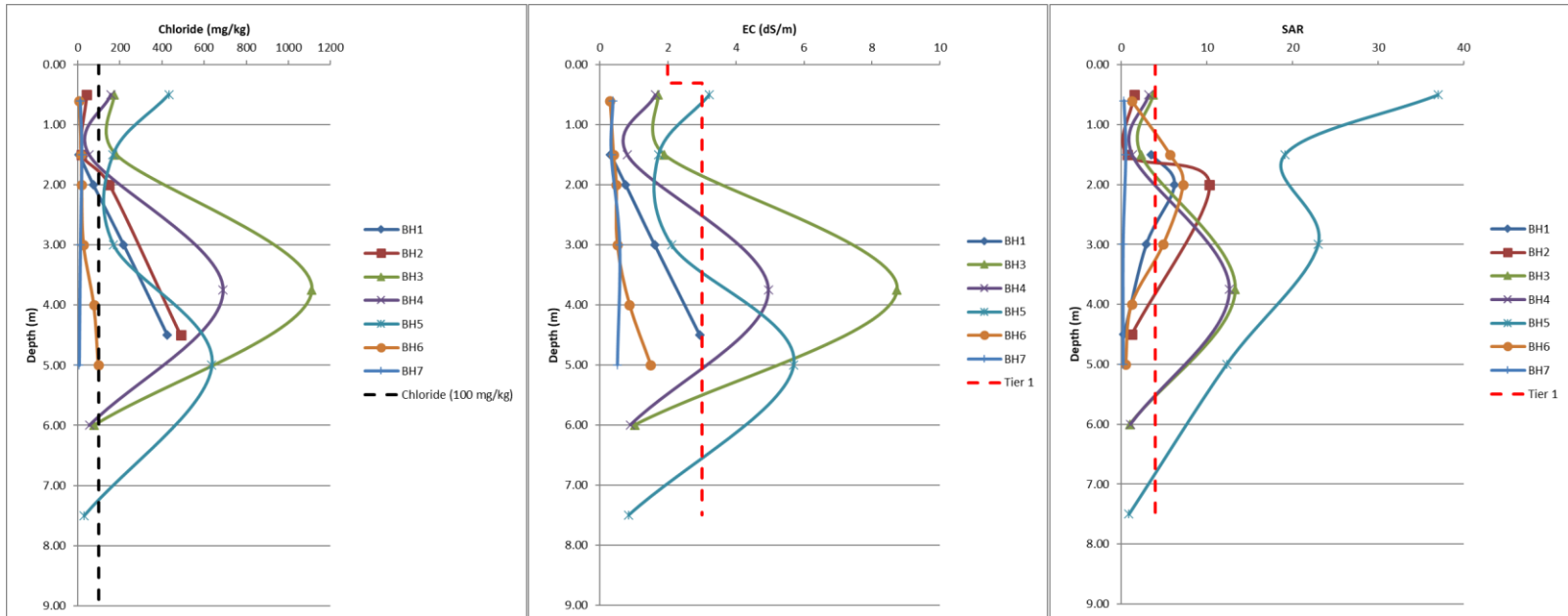
Tier 2



### A Tale Of “One Simple Site”: Approached Two Different Ways

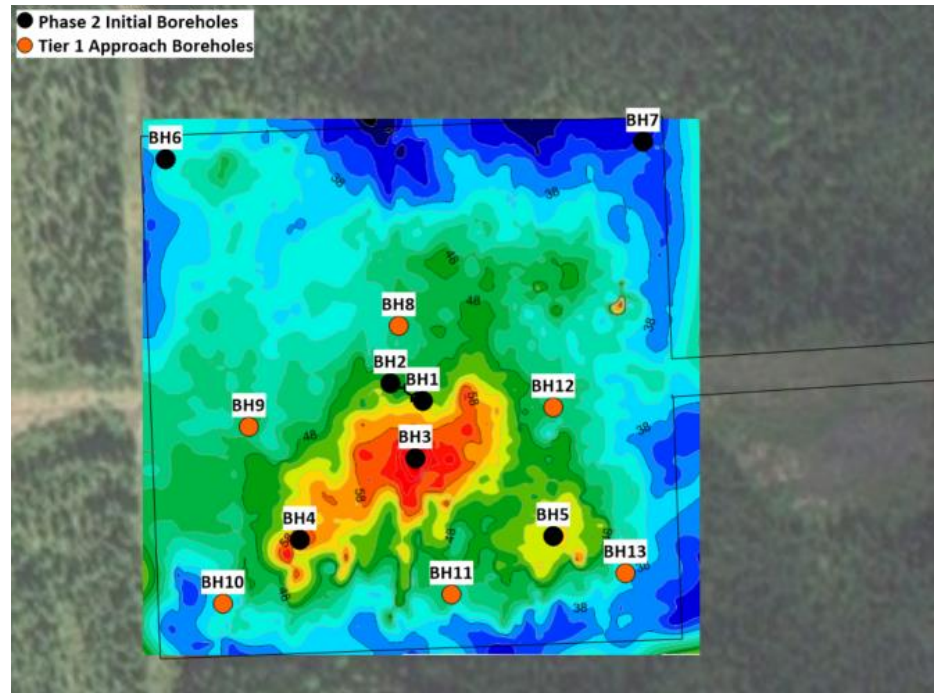


### “One Simple Site”: Approached Two Different Ways



### “One Simple Site”: Approach Method 1

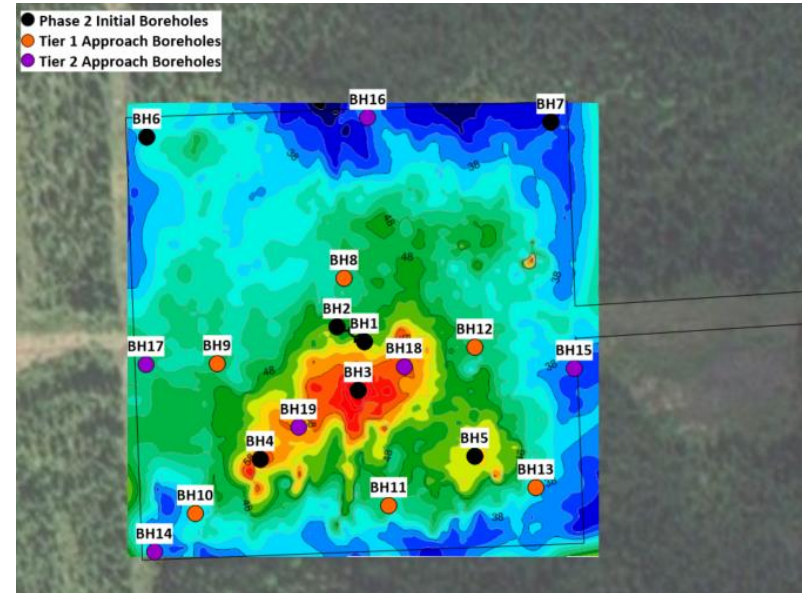
- Approach as a Regular Tier 1 Site
  - Assuming groundwater is not impacted
  - Characterize and delineate APECs to Tier 1
  - Two background boreholes
  - Vertical and lateral closure for chloride
  - Cost is approximately \$8,000 to \$12,000





## “One Simple Site”: Approach Method 2

- Approach With a Risk Perspective
  - Delineate APECs
  - Six background boreholes, higher sample intensity, more texture by sieve and hydrometer
  - Vertical and lateral closure for chloride
  - Minimum four boreholes per APEC
  - One deeper borehole for DUA buffer
  - Shelby tubes
  - Cost is approximately \$17,000 to \$20,000



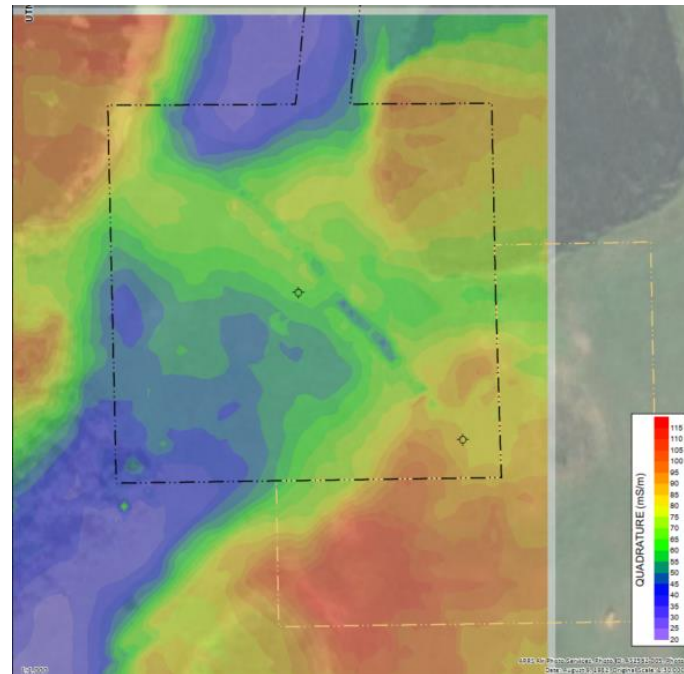
### “One Simple Site”: Approached Two Different Ways

- Cost Breakdown of Investigation and Reporting (approximate)
  - Tier 1 – \$8,000 to \$12,000
  - Tier 2 – \$17,000 to \$20,000
  
- Volumes / Cost Breakdown for Remediation

Guidelines Applied	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Depth (m)	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Estimated cost (\$125/m <sup>3</sup> )
Tier 1	750	6	4500	\$ 562,500.00
Tier 2	750	1.5	1125	\$ 140,625.00
Additional Costs for Tier 2 Investigation				\$ 10,000.00
Tier 2 Actual Cost				\$ 150,625.00
Cost Savings				\$ 411,875.00

## Preplanning

- Background Borehole Locations
- Groundwater Receptors
  - Freshwater Aquatic Life
  - Livestock and Irrigation  
(depth to GW < 6 m)
  - Drinking Water - Water Well Drilling  
Reports



### Water Well Drilling Reports:

ESA1 identifies water wells within 300 m of the site. Review in detail during ESA2 planning.

Oil Well Spud Date:  
March 24, 1994

Oil Well Drilling Contractor:  
Arkoma Drilling Rig #25

Water Well Drilling Date:  
March 21, 1994

Water Well Owner:  
Arkoma/Kenting 25#Camp Well

Lithology:  
21 m Sandy Clay

**Alberta Water Well Drilling Report** [View in Imperial](#) [Export to Excel](#)

The driller supplies the data contained in this report. The Province disclaims responsibility for its accuracy. The information on this report will be retained in a public database.

GIC Well ID: 376893  
GWA Well Tag No.:  
Drilling Company Well ID:  
Date Report Received: 1994/03/31

GOWN ID:

Well Identification and Location							Measurement in Metric	
Owner Name ARKOMA/KENTING 25#CAMP WELL	Address 1410-407 2 ST SW, CALGARY		Town	Province	Country	Postal Code T2P 2Y3		
4	13	60	11	5				
Measured from Boundary of			GPS Coordinates in Decimal Degrees (NAD 83)			Elevation		
m from			Latitude 54.183263 Longitude -115.523170			m		
m from			Field			How Elevation Obtained Survey-Air		

Drilling Information		Type of Work	
Method of Drilling Rotary	Proposed Well Use Domestic	New Well	Plugged Plugged with Amount
			1994/05/06 Unknown 

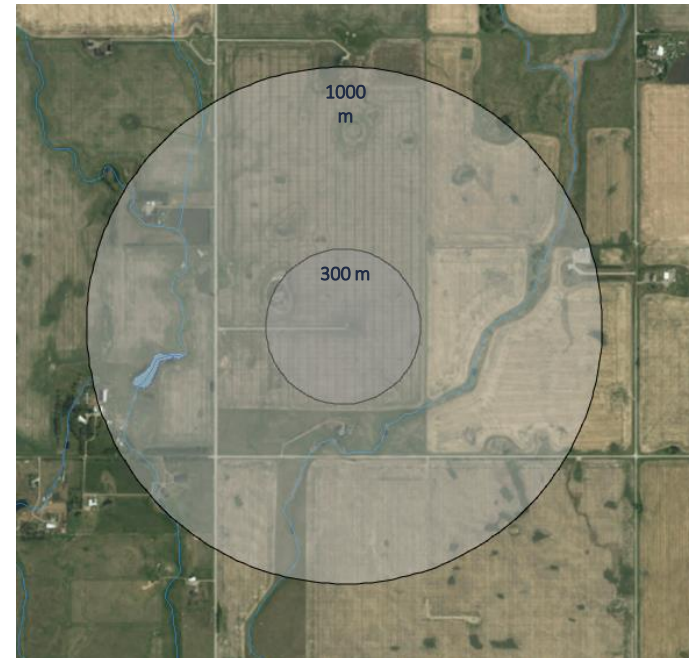
Formation Log			Yield Test Summary	
Depth from ground level (m)	Water Bearing	Lithology Description	Recommended Pump Rate	Static Water Level (m)
21.64		Sandy Clay	27.28 L/min	
24.38		Gravel	Test Date: 1994/03/21	Water Removal Rate (L/min): 27.28
				Static Water Level (m): 12.19

Well Completion			
Total Depth Drilled	Finished Well Depth	Start Date	End Date
24.38 m		1994/03/21	1994/03/21
<b>Borehole</b>			
Diameter (cm)	From (m)	To (m)	
0.00	0.00	24.38	
<b>Surface Casing (if applicable)</b>		<b>Well Casing/Liner</b>	
Steel			
Size OD :	13.97 cm	Size OD :	0.00 cm
Wall Thickness :	0.620 cm	Wall Thickness :	0.000 cm
Bottom at :	24.38 m	Top at :	0.00 m
		Bottom at :	0.00 m

On Lease Water Well -Support for Potential DUA Receptor Exclusion

## Freshwater Aquatic Life

- Tier 1 assumes FAL 10 m from impacts
- Identify all waterbodies that can support an aquatic ecosystem 1000 m from
- Potential Exclusion of Pathway for BTEX (groundwater flow direction and parameter specific)
- Can not be excluded for salts but the farther away the better
- Depending on the contaminants of concern, a recalculation under Tier 2 using the actual distance to the closest aquatic ecosystem, can substantially relax guidelines.



## Chlorides:

The swear word heard in oil/gas company offices in Western Canada, but the most challenging and fun part of the work for environmental consultants.

The Tier 1 requirement to delineate chlorides in soil to meet the lowest applicable guideline is often either overlooked or misunderstood in basic Phase 2 assessments. This can lead to regulatory rejection of the ESA 2 at the time of reclamation, or over excavation of salt impacted soils.

- Natural versus anthropogenic sources
- Shallow impacts and deep groundwater



## Phase 2: Sampling with Tier 2 in Mind

- Texture requirements
  - Texture by sieve and hydrometer (sand % / silt % / clay %) from 0 to 1.0 m, 1.0 to 1.5 m and subsoil (>1.5 m)
  - Three samples from each depth interval / unique lithology observed
- One deeper borehole (not in the impacted area)
  - Potentially to exclude the DUA for BTEX and relax SST guidelines
  - Need 5 m of “isolating geologic unit” with a hydraulic conductivity less than  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  m/s
  - Shelby tubes are relatively inexpensive to obtain and very valuable, if required
- Minimum four boreholes within each impacted area
- Lateral and vertical delineation

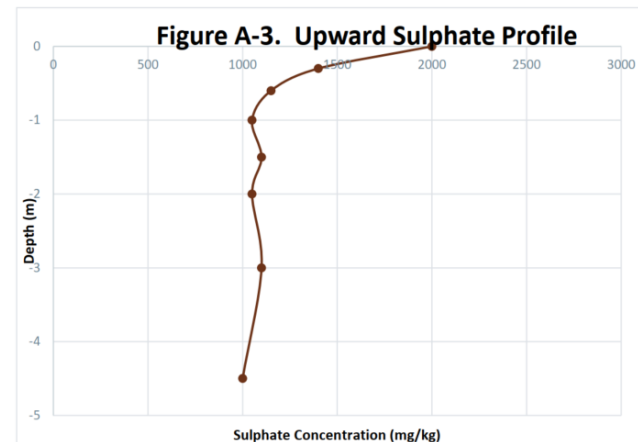
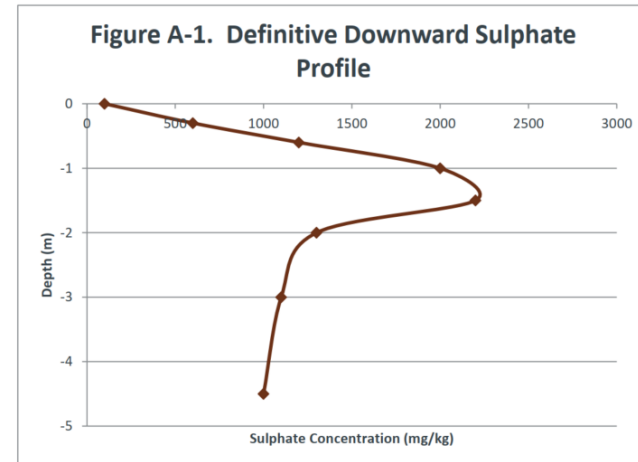
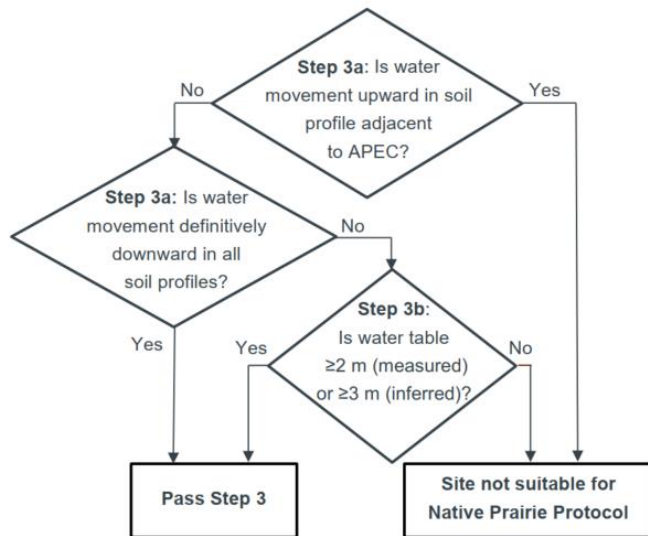
### Native Prairie Protocol (NPP)

- Soil salinity > Tier 1 guidelines
- Meets SST guidelines for all pathways except root zone
- No adverse effects to the plant community
- Demonstrate no likely future adverse effects
  - Groundwater deeper than 2 m
  - Min one soil profile near each salt impacted area
  - Minimum of three soil profiles in background
  - Total of eight samples should be collected from each borehole between surface and 4.5 m in depth with closer sample spacing at shallow depths and wider spacing with increasing depth
  - Potential to change RZ drainage rate in SST regardless of vegetation
- **Plan to collect required data during initial/supplemental ESA2.**
- **Complete a native grasslands DSA in conjunction with obtaining data to support SST/NPP.**





## Native Prairie Protocol (NPP)



## Phase 2: Sampling with Tier 2 in Mind

- Do you really need monitoring wells?
  - FAL is constraining; need at least 3 shallow
  - DUA is constraining; 3 deep may help but not if lithology indicates groundwater is slow
  - Nested pairs can help with rooting zone and DUA guidelines
- But...
  - Can use borehole logs for depth to GW, per the SST
  - Determine background TDS by sulphate concentrations in soil
  - Look for coarse intervals in Sat% data





## Complicated, Simplified

- Detailed review of available background information
- Look at information from other local area sites
- Data, Data, Data – characterize and delineate
- Employ expertise early
- Client Perception – Tier 1 is too conservative, but Tier 2 is too costly. Potential major savings on remediation



Questions?