

THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT PROCESS - A CASE STUDY

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## Methodology

Initial Site Assessment = risk determination

Preliminary Site Investigation = impact verification

Detailed Site Investigation = impact quantification









#### Coordination with the NEPA Documentation Effort

- o Hazmat assessment can't start until the corridor is identified
- o NEPA effort can't be submitted until hazmat effort is complete
- o The hazmat world's interpretation of the NEPA term "mitigation"
- o Contrast in focus between the NEPA effort and the hazmat assessment effort





#### Initial Site Assessment (ISA)

#### **Risk Identification**





### **Elements of the ISA**

o Published data review / previous reports o Automated database search o Field review / site reconnaissance o Analysis of historic information sources o Interviews (OTN) o Integration of project design parameters o Photo or video logs o Draft and Final reports





#### ISA - the foundation for further analysis

- o The importance of a thorough ISA
- o The role of Geology
- o Understanding the highway design and construction process
- o Coordinating with the project team
- o Limitations ugly "surprises"





## The US 91 Project ISA

- o Typical project urban / rural
- o Project limits determining the "radius of concern"
- o Unusual information sources on very old siteso Good "OTN" local knowledge























#### **Site M –** Old UIC Train Depot, View to NE







#### Site N – Pepperidge Farm Cookie Plant View to NW







#### **Site Q –** Former Service Station, View to NE







#### **Site T –** Larsen's Service (FSS), View to NE





#### ISA Data Table

SITE CODE	NAME	ADDRESS	MP/ SIDE	BUSINESS TYPE	PSI. PRIORITY RECOMM.
A	Absolute Collision Repair	710 N. Main, Smithfield	35.2/E	Auto Body/Repair	LOW/
В	Don's Auto & Marine	740 N. Main, Smithfield	35.25/E	Engine Repair	LOW
C	Utah Power/Operations	780 N. Main, Smithfield	35.3/E	Povier Co. Maint. Vard	LOW
D	Lower Foods	700 S, 200 W, Richmond	39.1/E	Manuf./Food	LOW
Е	N. Cache Valley Middle Schl.	200 W, Richmond	39.3/E	FSS	нісн 📕
F	Fmr. Service Station	300 S 200 W, Richmond	39.5/E	R/DSS	HIGH 📕
G	Fmr. Peterson's Service	19×5, 200 W, Richmond	39.8/E	R/DSS, FSS	HIGH
н	EZE Sav-on Gas	19× S, 200 W, Richmond	39.8/W	FSS	HIGH 📕
I	City Park, Fmr. Handy Hut	🗙 S, 200 W, Richmond	39.9/E	R/DSS	HIGH
J	Randy's Texaco	11 S, 200 W, Richmond	40.05/E	CSS	HIGH 📕
к	Fmr. Bair's Garage	1× 5, 200 W, Richmond	40.00/W	Fmr. Garage	MOD. 📒
L	Maverik #180	10 S, 200 W, Richmond	40.05/W	CSS	HIGH
AA	Old Train Depot	1×N, 200 W, Richmond	40.1/E	Rail Depot	HIGH 📕
Ν	Pepperidge Farm, Richmond	901 N, 200 W, Richmond	41.2/W	Manuf./Food	MOD.
0	Fmr. Hayes Serv. Station	13xxx N, 200 W, Richmond	41.4/W	R/DSS	HIGH 📕
Ρ	Cove Sand & Gravel	1015 E, 1200 N	42.7/E	Materials Yard	LOW
Q	Kingsford Korner	? 13000 N, 200 W	43.1/E	FSS	HIGH
R	IFA	13395 N. Hwy 91	43.4/W	Farm Chemicals	LOW
5	Cache Valley Tire	13415 N. Hwy 91	43.5/W	Auto Service	LOW
Т	Larsen's Service	13xxxx N Hwy 91	43.5/E	Auto Syc./FSS	HIGH -

#### LEGEND

- css-Current Service Station
- FSS-Former Service Station
- R/DSS Redeveloped/Demolished Service Station Manuf. Manufacturing Facility BOP Beginning of Project EOP- End of Project





## Preliminary Site Investigation (PSI)

**Impact Verification** 







#### **Elements of the PSI**

- o Preparation and approval of Workplan, Health and Safety Plan, Traffic Control Plano Implementation of field sampling program
- o Changes "on the fly"
- o Inclusion of nondestructive testing
- o Analysis of geologic results and lab data
- o Preparation of Draft and Final reports





### **PSI – the "yes or no" step**

- o Scoping the PSI asking the right questions
- o The importance of geological accuracy
- o Regulatory action levels what is the meaning of "clean"
- o Making generalizations





## The US 91 Project PSI

- o Multiple sites
- o Tight right-of-way for drilling access
- o Multiple utility providers
- o Varied analytical program
- o Some sites no longer present historical source analysis
- o Interesting local geology







# **Direct Push Unit**











Performing Geologic/Stratigraphic Analysis



















#### Detailed Site Investigation (DSI)

### **Impact Quantification**





#### **Elements of the DSI**

o Preparation and approval of Workplan, Health and Safety Plan, Traffic Control Plan
o Negotiation for private property access
o Implementation of field sampling program
o Inclusion of nondestructive testing
o Analysis of geologic results and lab data
o Preparation of Draft and Final reports





## The US 91 Project DSI

- o Site Q very old former service station
- o Impacts identified in PSI phase
- o Cooperative property owner (with UDOT help)o Unavoidable site design limitations















20 L 61

20'L 85



20' 1 8.2



#### ISA / PSI / DSI Process Results

- o ISA identified 20 potential risk sites
- o Nine sites recommended for PSI (10<sup>th</sup> site had no excavation or ROW acquisition planned)
- Two sites found to be impacted during PSI one minor / deep, one more severe (Site Q)
- o DSI quantified limits and severity of Site Q impacts
- o All assessment data integrated into design process
- o ISA / PSI / DSI completed on time and within budget





#### Integration into the Design Process

- o ISA indicated no "fatal flaws" early in process
  o PSI narrowed down level of mitigation effort before PS&E and EA completion
- o DSI completed for inclusion in construction plans and right-of-way negotiation
- o Another "layer" of information available to the project team throughout the design process





#### **The Bottom Line**

- Cost for ISA / PSI / DSI ~\$54,000
  Cost of typical convice station remodiat
- Cost of typical service station remediation effort (ONE) ~\$100,000 to \$500,000
- Cost savings at right-of-way acquisition –
   Value of property diminished by contamination Amount of reduction negotiated \$28,000
- o Peace of mind of the Project Engineer Priceless





#### **Q & A**

### Thank you

