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Real-Time Data Management and Visualization for Well Screen Placement During Remedial Action at the Puchack Well Field Superfund Site

Puchack Well Field Superfund Site

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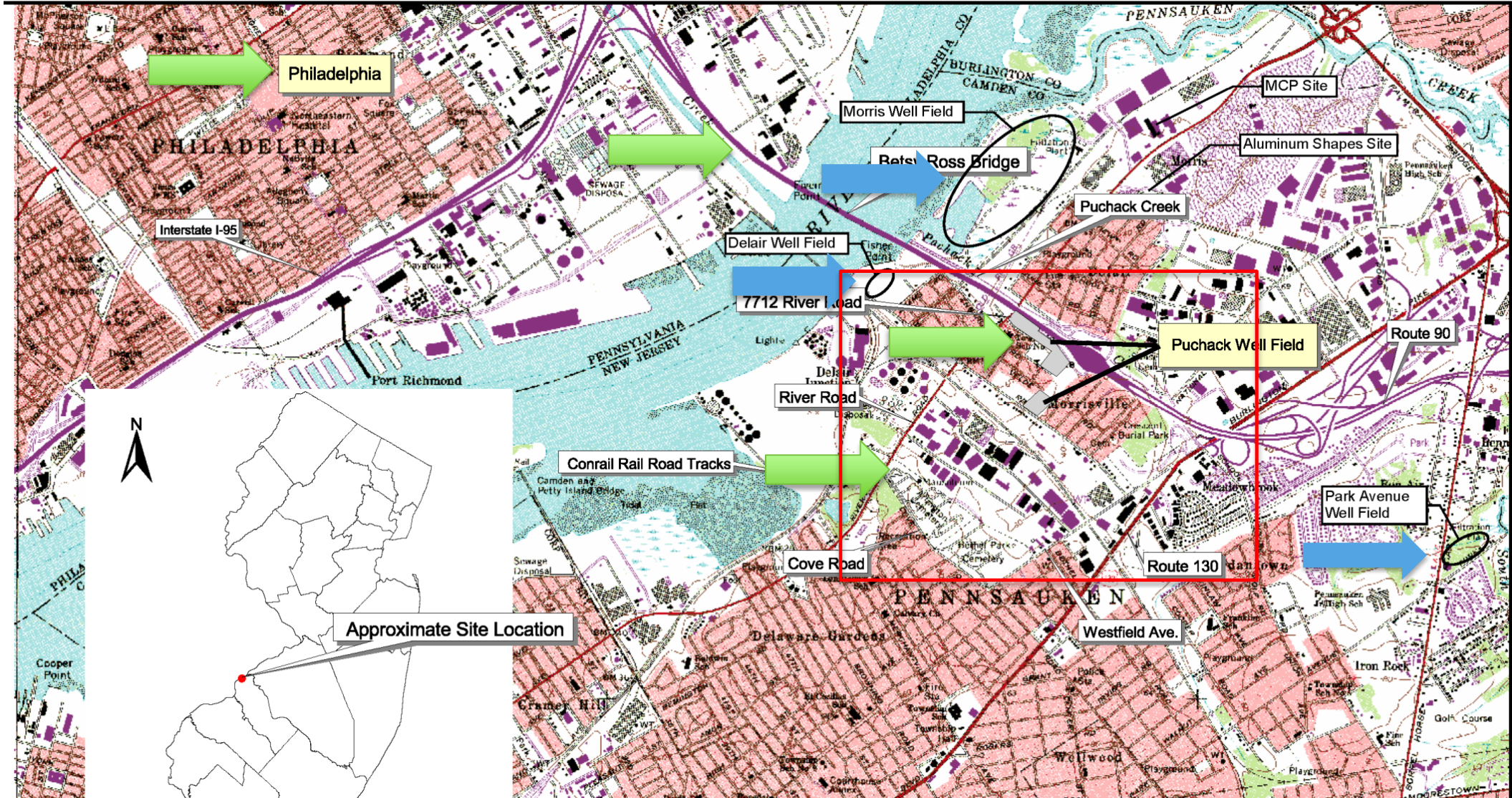




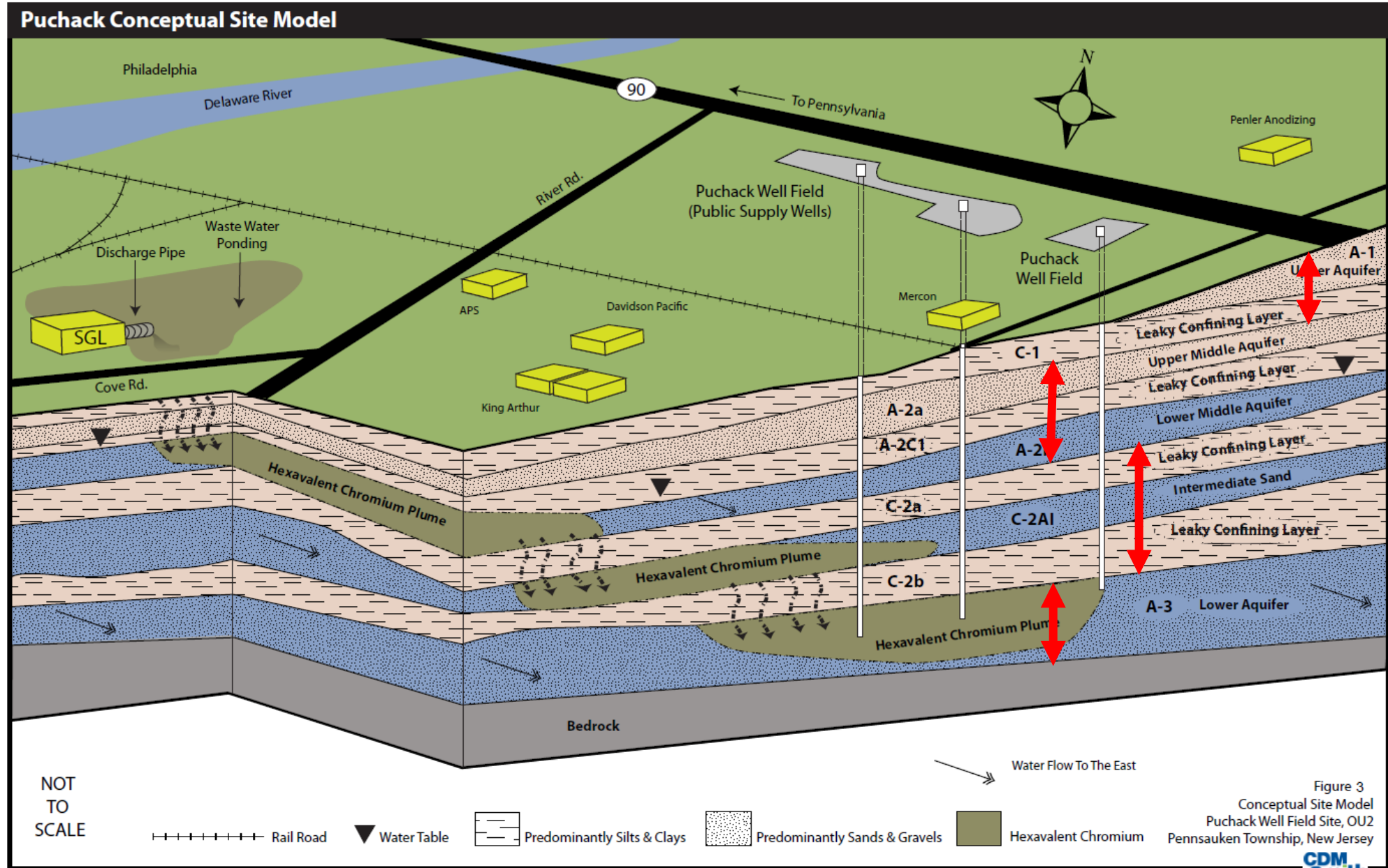
Presentation Overview

- Overview of the Puchack Well Field Superfund Site
- Site background
- Overview of Phase II Remedial Action
- The design requirement for real time data evaluation during drilling to finalize well screen placement.
- Real time data management workflow during drilling with up to 3 rigs
- Well package
- Time critical communications
- Next Steps

The map displays the Philadelphia and Pottsville regions. Philadelphia is on the left, with Interstate I-95 and the Schuylkill River. Pottsville is on the right, with the Susquehanna River. The Puchuck Well Field is highlighted with a red box. Labels include Philadelphia, Pottsville, Morris Well Field, Delair Well Field, Puchuck Creek, Puchuck Well Field, Park Avenue Well Field, Route 90, Route 130, Westfield Ave., Delaware Gardens, Cramer Hill, and Cooper Point. A green arrow points from Philadelphia to the site, and a blue arrow points from the site to Pottsville. An inset map shows the location of the site within the state of Pennsylvania.



Lithostratigraphic CSM



Project Timeline

■ Phase I Remedial Action

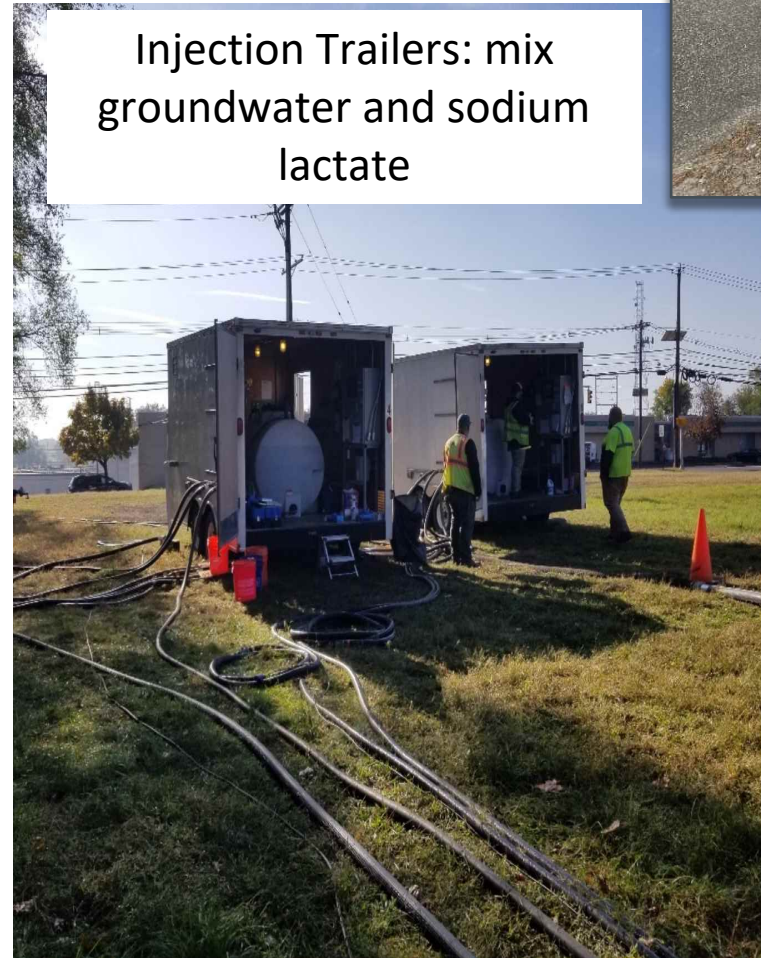
- PDI: 2007
- Bench and Pilot Study: 2008
 - Sodium lactate selected as reducing
- RD Complete: 2010
- PRAI: 2011-12
- Remedial Action (RA) Construction: 2011-13
 - Monitoring completed 2016
 - **Borehole data stored in gINT but evaluated on paper**
- Expanded Series F: 2017
 - Monitoring through 2020

■ Phase II Remedial Action

- PDI: 2014-15
- Pilot Study: 2015
 - Monitoring completed 2018
- **CSM in Leapfrog 2016**
 - Using data in gINT
- PRAI: 2017
 - **Pilot test of real time borehole data management using gINT**
- RD Complete: 2018
- RA Start: 2019 – ongoing
 - **RA Contractor implements borehole data management with gINT**

In Situ Treatment - Geochemical Fixation

- Create favorable conditions (low ORP) to reduce Cr^{+6} to Cr^{+3} , form iron/chromium precipitate
- Success of technology depends on:
 - ➔ - **Proper screen placement to inject the reducing agent into the aquifer**
 - Ability of the reducing agent to reduce Cr^{+6} in groundwater to Cr^{+3} , and
 - Formation of immobile Cr^{+3} precipitate.
- Total chromium in system is not decreased, but the precipitate is fixed onto aquifer solids



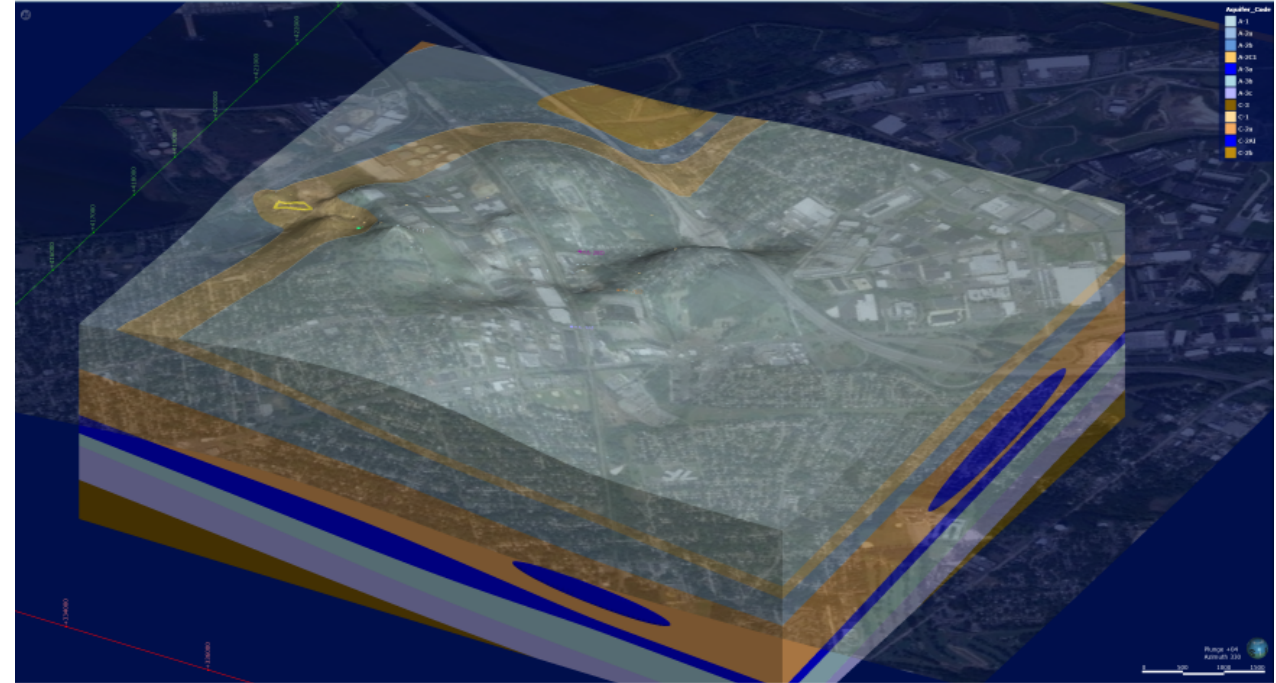
Development of Real Time Data Evaluation

Phase I Remedial Action

- Data management and evaluation was done on paper.
- Difficult to incorporate information from adjacent wells because you could not create cross sections as needed

Conceptual Site Model Development

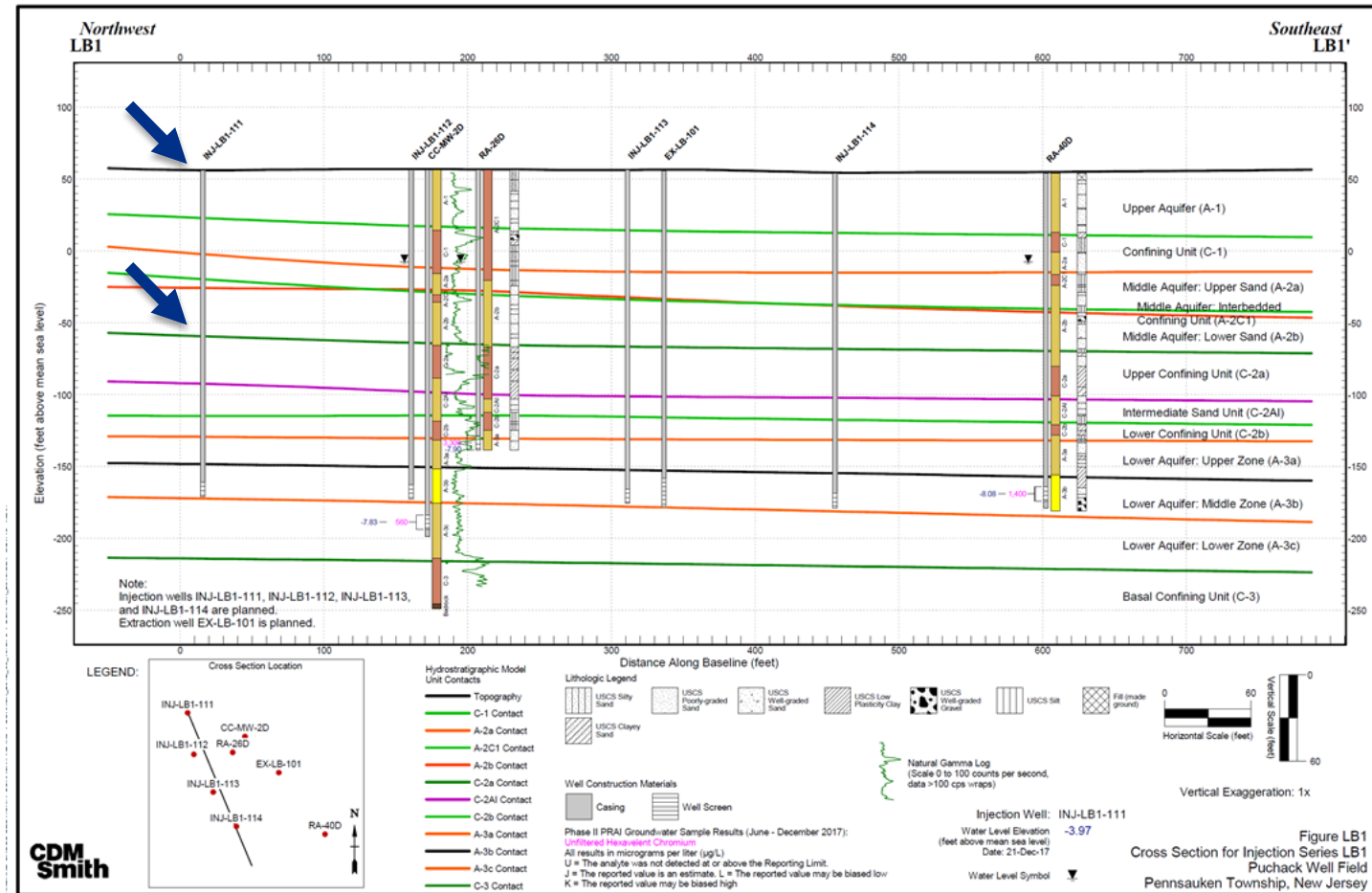
- The gINT database of about 500 boring and wells and the USGS framework were used in Leapfrog to prepare a geologic model
- Surfaces exported for use in gINT
- Last updated in 2016



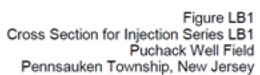
Development of Real Time Data Evaluation

■ PRAI: 2017

- Planned well locations and screens were input into gINT
- Cross section used to predict depths to key units, e.g., C-2a
- Field geologist transmitted data via text or scan to geologist off site
- Data input into gINT
- Feedback to the field geologist in real time for screening sample collection and screen placement



Over 100 planned monitoring, injection, and extraction wells



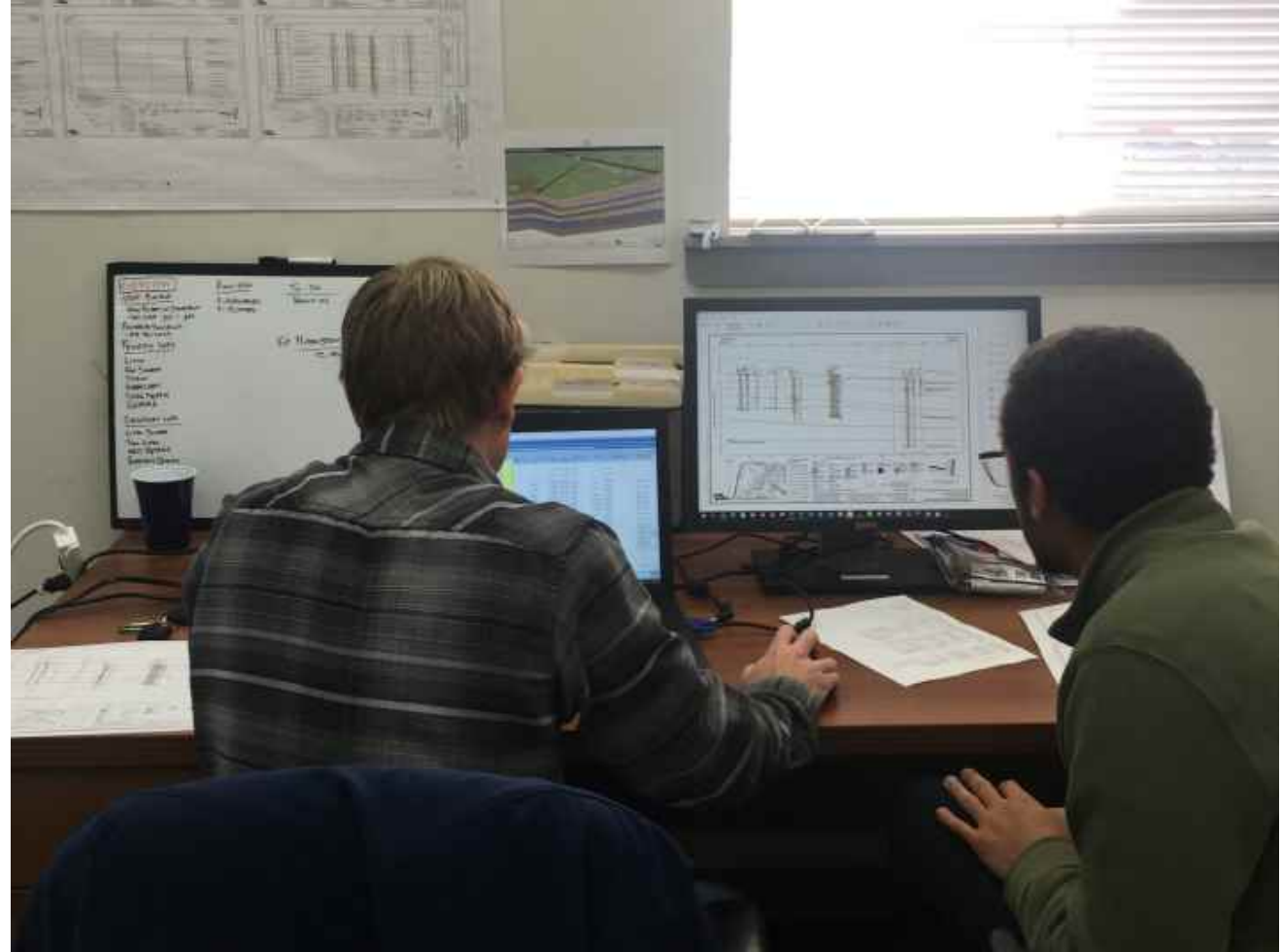
How to Meet the Requirements for Real Time Data Evaluation During Drilling?

- Up to three rigs running simultaneously
- Case off the C-2a confining unit separating the Middle and Lower Aquifers
 - **What is the depth to depth to the C-2a?**
- Collect screening samples
 - 10-foot intervals
 - From the Middle Aquifer and the Lower Aquifer (A-3a, A3b, and A3c) up to 250 feet deep
 - **Where do we collect samples?**
- Well screen placement must consider:
 - Screening sample data
 - Lithologic data
 - Natural gamma log
 - Data from nearby borings
 - Site hydrostratigraphic model
 - Review with the Contracting Officer to finalize screen placement
 - **What depth should we screen?**

How do we do this?

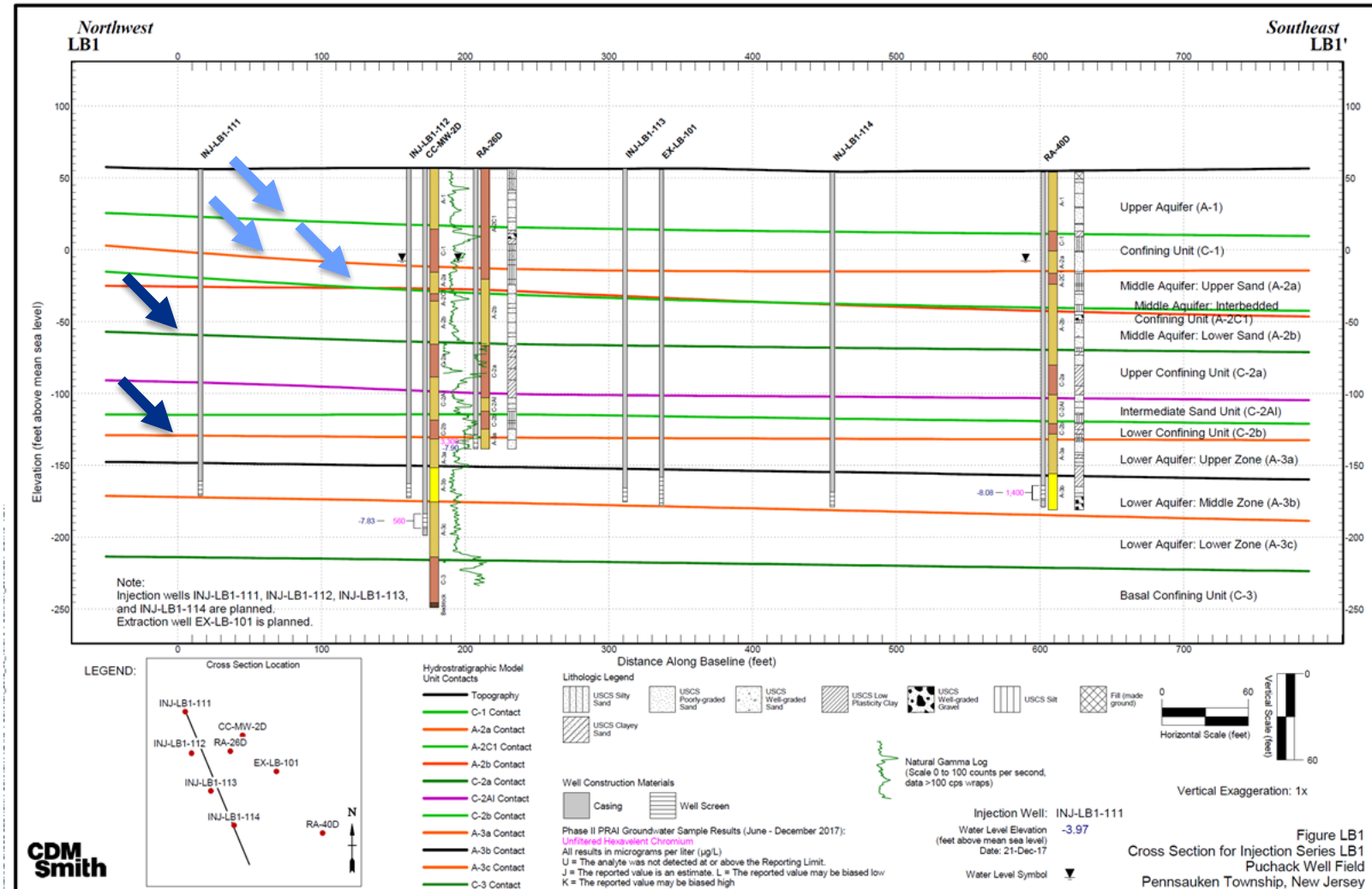
How to Meet Requirements During Drilling?

- Share the gINT project file and library with the RA contractor EA Science and Engineering (EA)
- EA implement the approach developed during the PRAI
- CDM Smith worked with EA staff for one week to train and transition
- EA senior geologist experienced with gINT trained junior geologist site for about 2 weeks



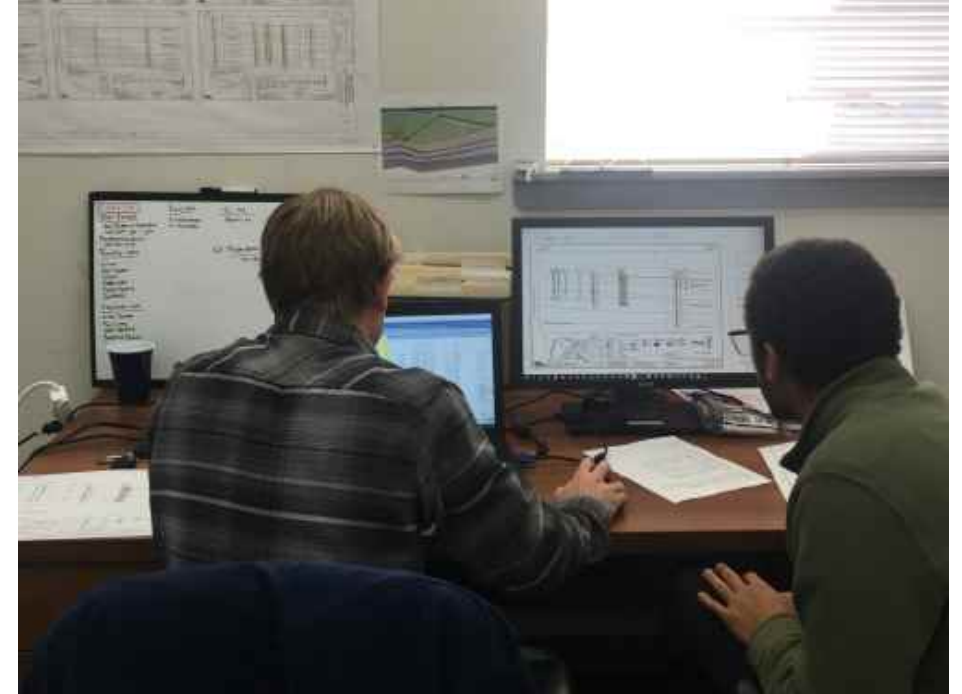
Workflow: Lower Aquifer Well

- Expected depths to top or each HSU and total depth determined from cross section/design table
- C-2a: case off temporarily
- Top of Lower Aquifer: collect screening samples



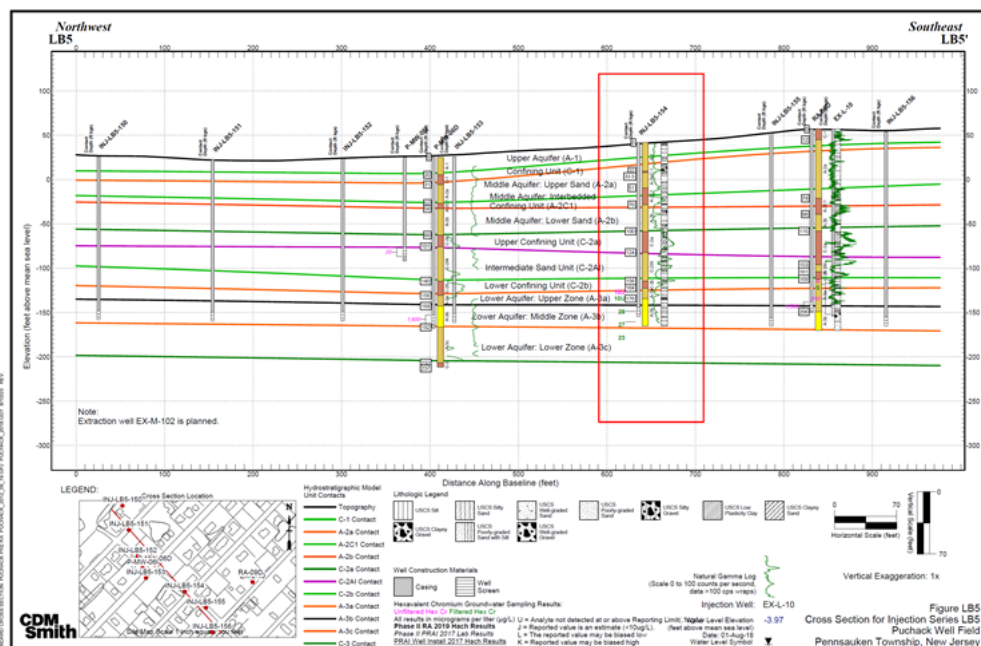
Workflow

- Expected depths to tops of HSUs shared with field geologist
- Field geologist prepares lithologic log at the rig
- Transmits log to gINT geologist every 20 to 30 feet via text or email
 - gINT geologist was onsite to input data into gINT for much of the project especially when 3 rigs running at the same time
- Input lithologic data into gINT
- QC lithologic data
- Add screening sample data and natural gamma log



Workflow

- When the C-2a unit was reached then assign hydrostratigraphic units to the lithologic data
- The data were evaluated in cross section to select screening sample depths



PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED FRAMEWORK	FRAMEWORK USED IN THIS STUDY
UPPERAQUIFER	AQUIFER(A-1)
UPPER/MIDDLE CONFINING UNIT	CONFINING UNIT (C-1)
MIDDLE AQUIFER	UPPER SAND (A-2a)
	INTERBEDDED CONFINING UNIT (A-2C1)
	LOWER SAND (A-2b)
MIDDLE/LOWER CONFINING UNIT	UPPER CONFINING UNIT (C-2a)
	INTERMEDIATE SAND (C-2AI)
	LOWER CONFINING UNIT (C-2b)
LOWERAQUIFER	UPPER ZONE (A-3a)
	MIDDLE ZONE (A-3b)
	LOWER ZONE (A-3c)
LOWER CONFINING UNIT	CLAY OR BEDROCK BASAL CONFINING UNIT (C-3)

Workflow

- Once the borehole was at depth a natural gamma log was run at some locations
- The data was QC'd by the senior EA geologist who reviewed the planned well in cross section and selected a screened interval

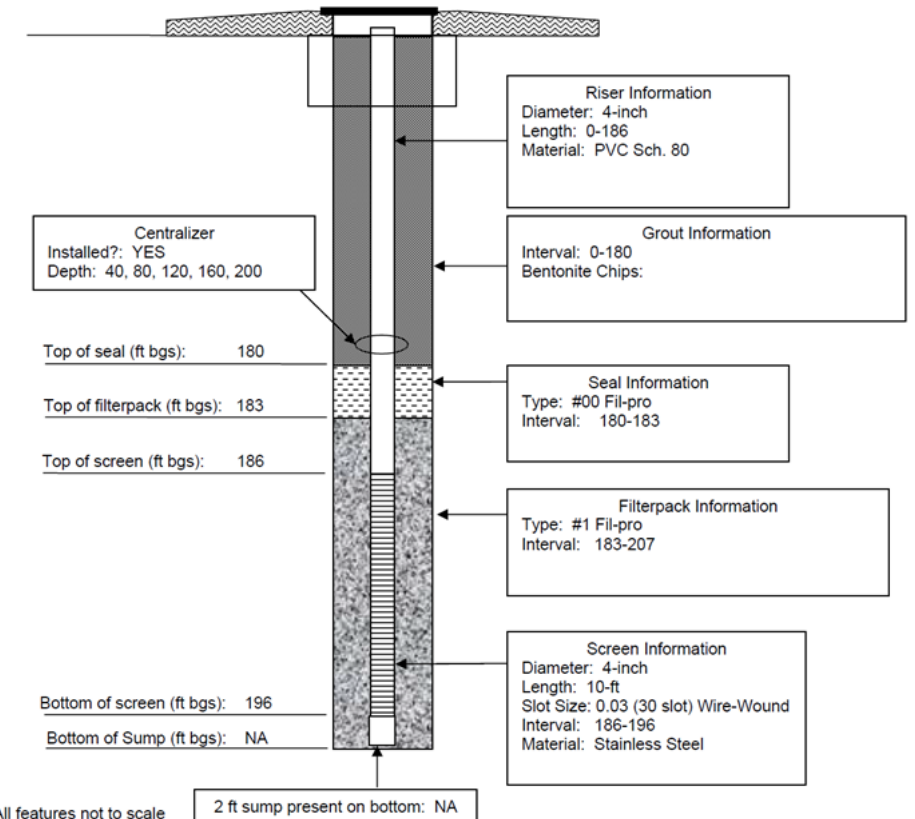


Well Package: Well Construction Diagram

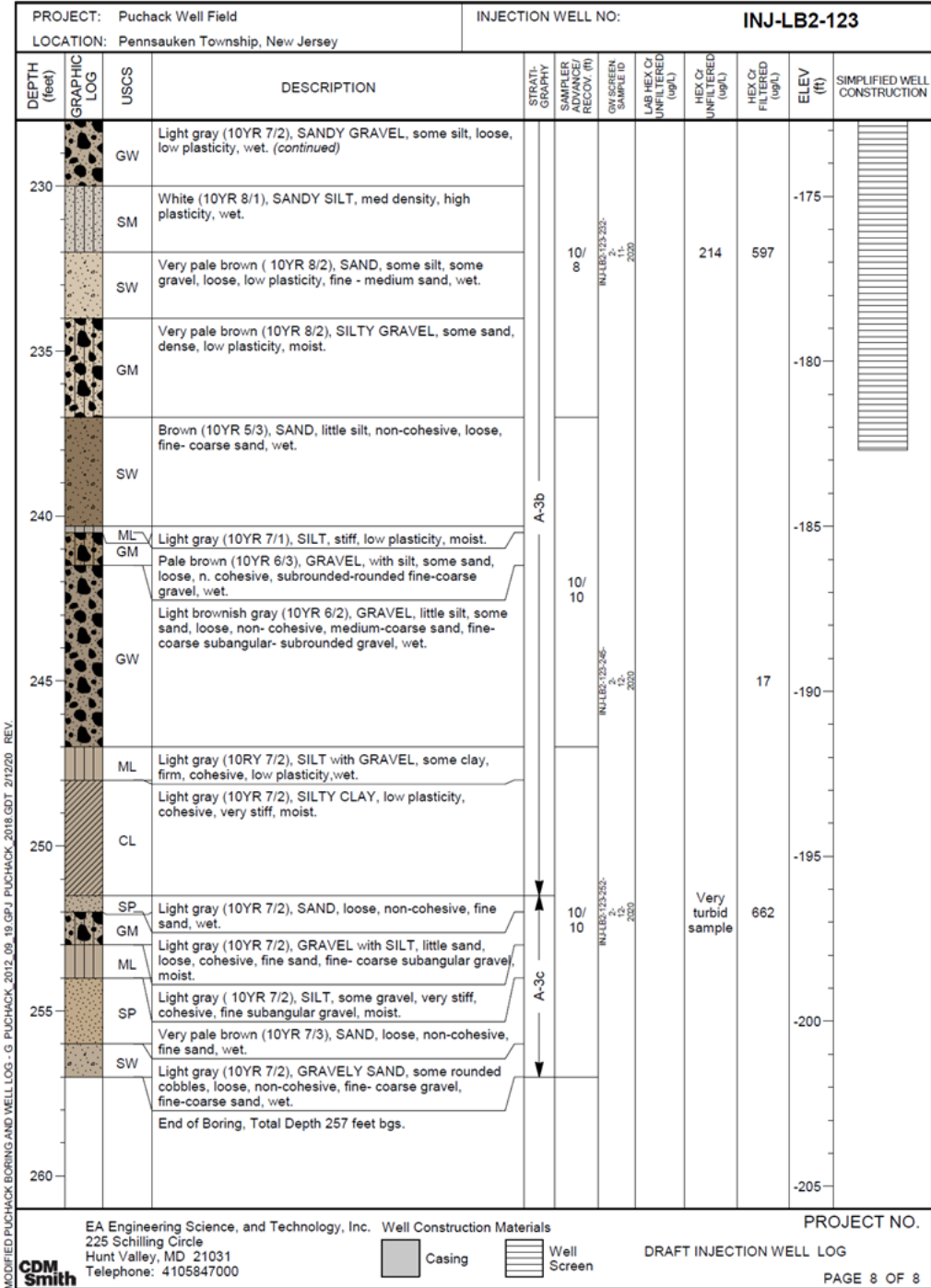
PROPOSED WELL INTERVAL

EA [®] EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc.	Well ID No.: INJ-LB5-154 (415865.40 N, 338195.78 E NAD27) TOC Elevation: 41.61 ft NAVD88
	Project Name/ Project No.: Puchack/6304306
	Approvals: USACE: _____ EA: _____
Location: 7245 WESTFIELD AVE	

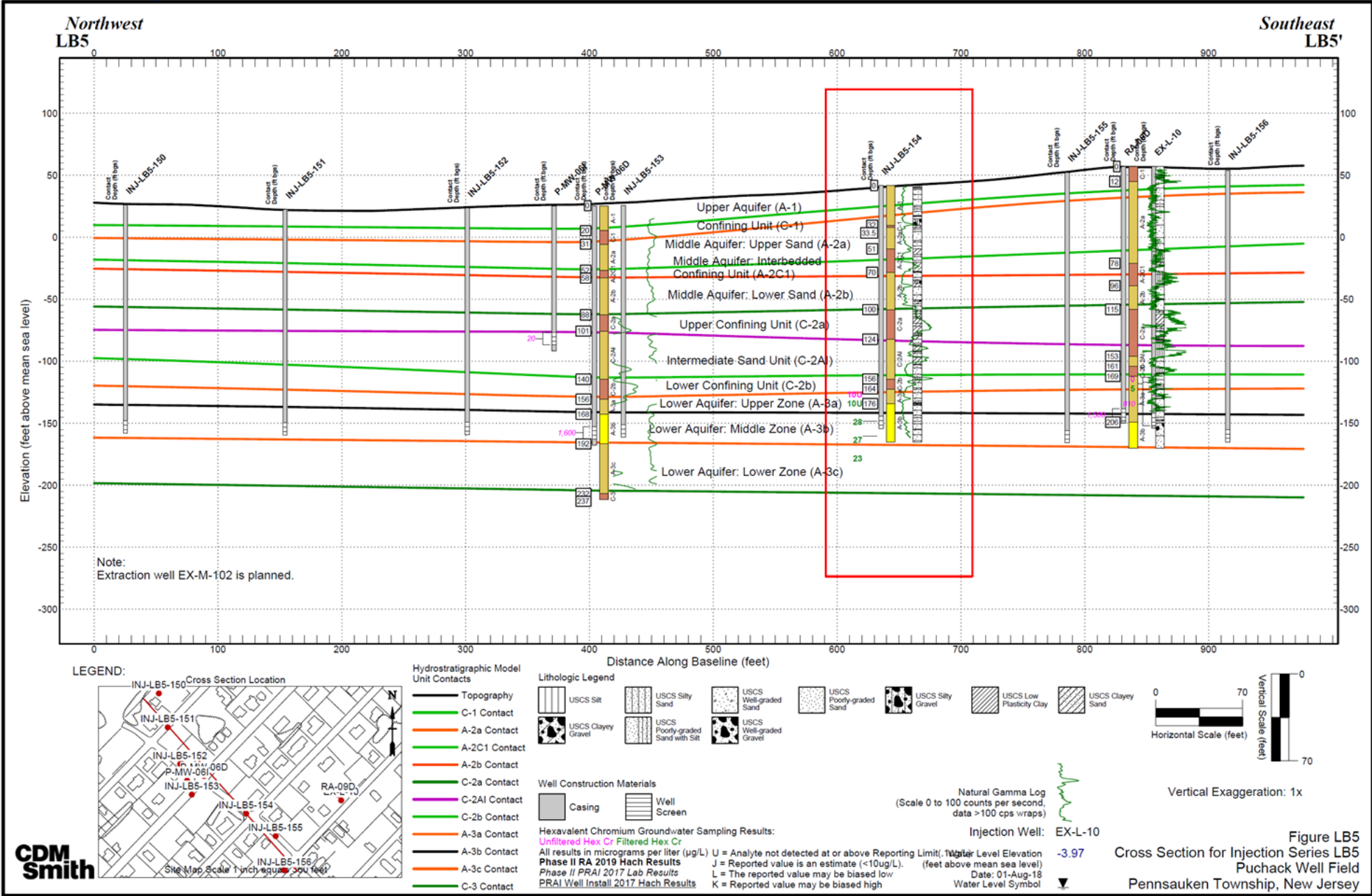
EA recommends installing well at locations indicated on this form with the stratigraphy as shown. Well to be constructed in accordance with the approved specification unless otherwise noted. All footages indicated are below ground surface (bgs).



Well Package:
Boring Log, Natural Gamma
Log,
Screened Interval



Well Package: Cross Section



STANDARD CROSS SECTION: PUCHACK PH2 RA PUCHACK_2012_09_19.GPJ PUCHACK_2018.GDT 8/10/20 REV.



Review Screen Placement by Project Team

Puchack Phase 2 RA-M3-101 Well Package.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Standard DC

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Depth (ft)	Soil Type / Description	SW	SP	CL
45	Light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4), SAND, some silt, little gravel, m-vc sand, f-m gravel, wet.	5/5		
50	Light gray (10YR 7/1), GRAVELLY SAND, m-vc. sand, m-vc. Gravel, wet.	5/5		
55	Very pale brown (10YR 7/3), CLAYEY SAND WITH GRAVEL f-m. sand, m-vc gravel, wet.			
55	Light gray CLAY, some grave, some sand, m-c. gravel, f-m. sand, clay content increases @ 55', wet.			
55	Light gray (10YR 7/2), CLAY, some gravel, some sand, m-vc. gravel, f-m. sand, clay content increases @ 55', wet.			
60	Light gray (10YR 7/1), SAND, some silt, little clay, trace gravel.			
65	Light gray (10YR 7/2), SANDY CLAY, dense, plastic, f. sand, wet.			
End of Boring	Total Depth 65 feet bgs.			

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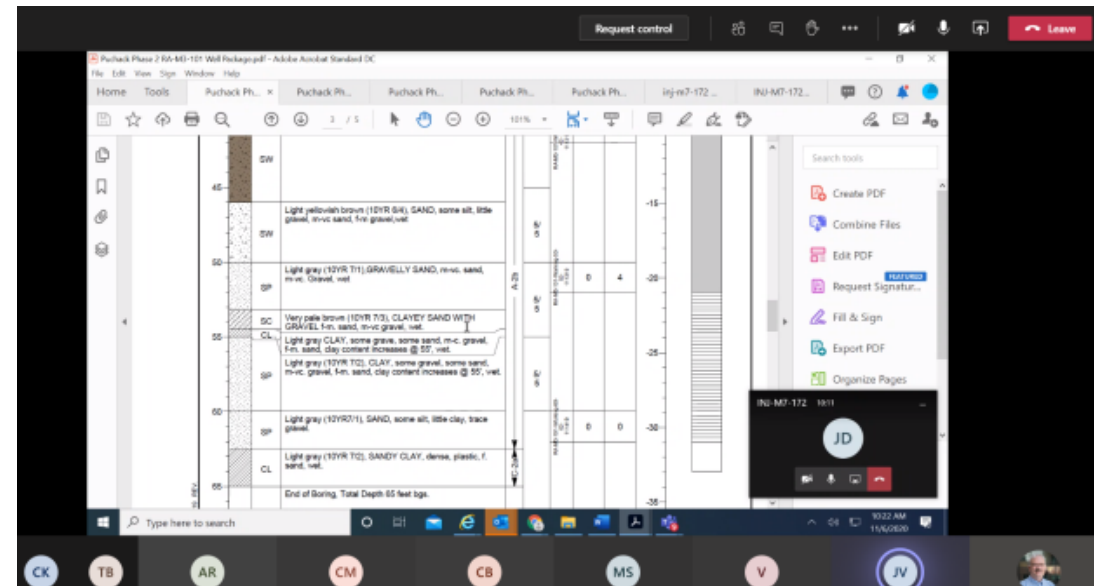
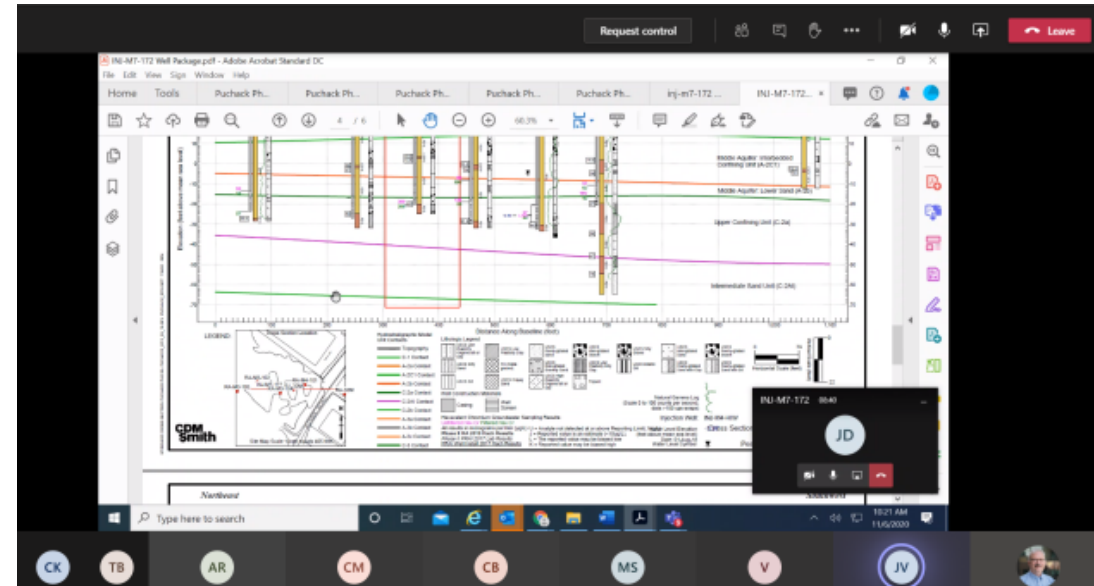
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Project Team Conference Call to Finalize Screen Placement

- Borehole is at depth and the rig is on the borehole waiting for a final well design
- The well package was finalized and QC'd by the EA PM and senior geologist then sent to the project team
- Project team: EPA, KC Corps, Philly Corps, EA, and CDM Smith met via Teams
- Reviewed well package, adjusted the screen position if necessary and approved the design
- Typical calls lasted 10 minutes
- Driller completed the well construction



Conclusions

- This process was developed by CDM Smith during the PRAI in 2017
- Transferred to the RA contractor to implement the Phase II RA drilling (October 2019 through January 2021)
- This process can be scaled to any size site

Aquifer	Monitoring Wells	Injection Wells	Extraction Wells	Total
Middle	12	29	2	43
Intermediate Sand	2	0	0	2
Lower Aquifer A-3a Unit	10	39	4	53
Lower Aquifer A-3b/c Unit	2	20	3	25
Total	26	88	9	123

Next Steps

- The gINT project file now contains data from 667 borings stretching back to 2000
- Update the site conceptual model in Leapfrog and to apply ESS to support remediation of the Intermediate Sand unit
- The workflow detailed here will be used to guide well installation

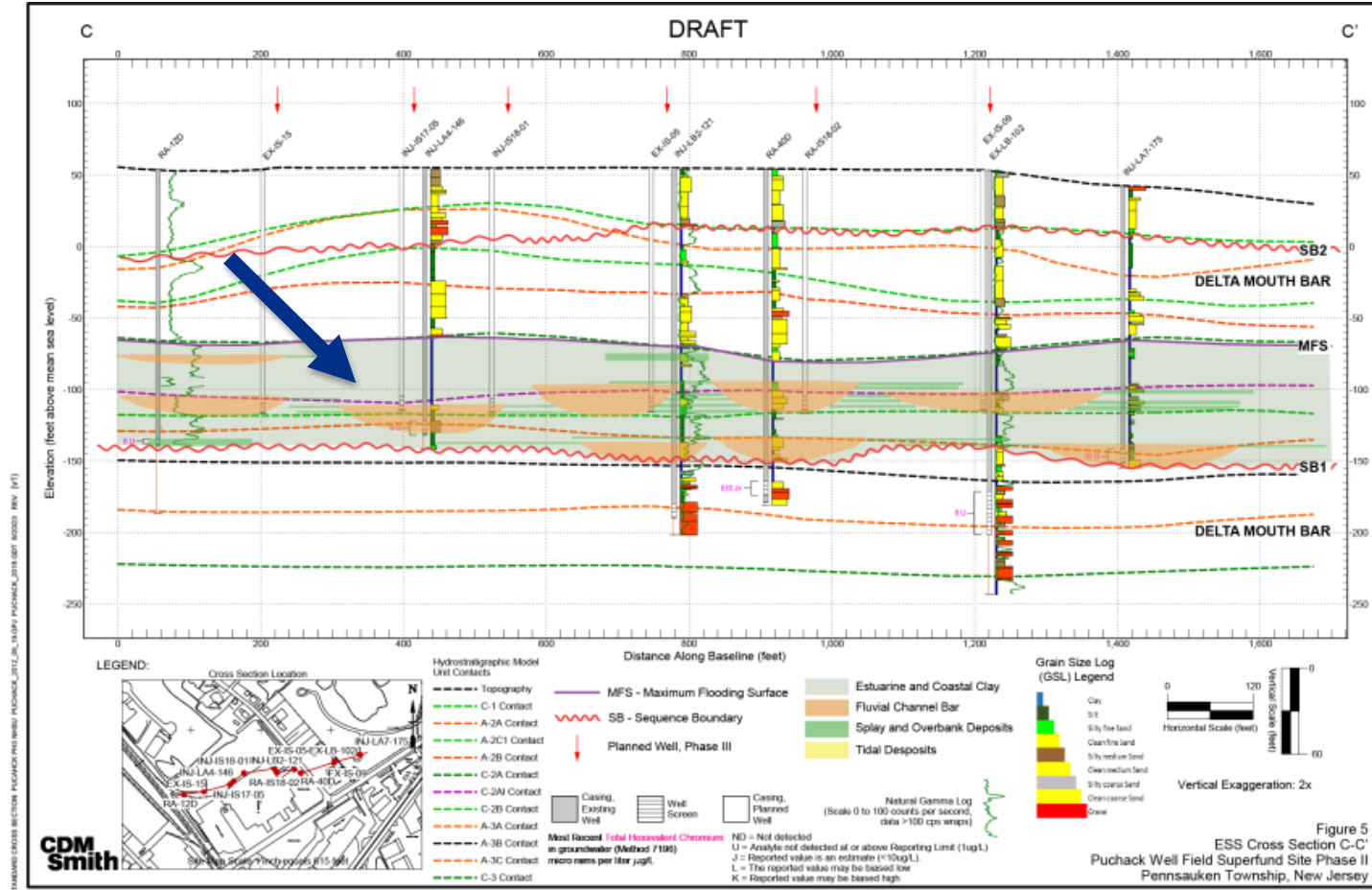


Figure 5
ESS Cross Section C-C'
Puchack Well Field Superfund Site Phase II
Pennsauken Township, New Jersey

Thank you!



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