

# 100-N TPA Decisions; Milestones/Target Dates & Progress

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# Future 100-N TPA Milestones & Target Dates

- **M-015-00D DOE shall complete the RI/FS process through the submittal of a proposed plan for all 100 and 300 area operable units Dec 2012**
  - **M-015-62-T01 Submit a feasibility study report and proposed plan for the 100-NR1 and 100-NR-2 Operable Units including groundwater and soil. The FS report &PP will evaluate the permeable reactive barrier technology and other alternatives and will identify a preferred alternative in accordance with CERCLA requirements Dec 2011**
- **M-015-60 If an amendment to the 100-NR-1/2 record of decision for interim action is issued, DOE shall submit an RD/RA work plan within 6 months after the ROD amendment**
- **M-016-00 Complete remedial actions for all non-tank farm operable units Sept 2024**
  - **M-016-110-T03 DOE shall take actions necessary to contain the Sr-90 plume at the 100-NR-2 Operable Unit such that the default ambient water quality standard (8 pCi/L) for Dr-90 is achieved in the hyporheic zone and river water column Dec 2016**
- **M-016-00A Complete all interim response actions for the 100 Areas Dec 2012**

# TPA Milestones for CERCLA RI/FS Work Plans Leading to the 1999 Record of Decision for Interim Action

TPA Milestone	Document	Completed
M-012-12	SUBMIT 100-NR-1 OPERABLE UNIT WORK PLAN (SOURCE AND GROUNDWATER OPERABLE UNIT).	Oct 1990
M-012-14	SUBMIT 100-NR-3 OPERABLE UNIT WORK PLAN (SOURCE AND GROUNDWATER OPERABLE UNIT).	Oct 1990
M-012-12A	SUBMIT RESCOPE RFI/CMS WORK PLAN 100-NR-1 OPERABLE UNIT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINAL "HANFORD PAST-PRACTICE STRATEGY DOCUMENT".	Dec 1991
M-012-14A	SUBMIT RESCOPE RFI/CMS WORK PLAN FOR 100-NR-2 OPERABLE UNIT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINAL "HANFORD PAST PRACTICE STRATEGY DOCUMENT".	Dec 1991
M-013-87	SUBMIT 100-NR-01 AND 100-NR-02 RFI/CMS OPERABLE UNIT WORK PLANS.	Oct 1994

# TPA Milestones for Investigations Supporting 1999 Record of Decision for Interim Action

TPA Milestone	Document	Date Completed
M-015-12A-T01	SUBMIT TO ECOLOGY AND EPA FOR REVIEW THE 100-NR-1 AND 100-NR-2 LIMITED FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORTS FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FIELD INVESTIGATIONS.	Aug 1994
M-015-12A	SUBMIT LIMITED FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR NEW WORK COMPLETED UNDER 100-NR-1 AND 100-NR-2 RFI/CMS WORK PLANS.	July 1996
M-015-12B	Submit Closure Plan/Corrective Measures Study (CMS) For 1301-N/1325-N, And 1324-N/1324-NA To Ecology For Approval. ....	March 1997
M-015-12C	Submit 100-NR-1 And 100-NR-2 CMS To Ecology For Approval. The 100-NR-1 And 100-NR-2 CMS Will Address All 100-N Area Groundwater, And High And Low Priority Past Practice Sites.....	Nov 1996

# TPA Milestones for D&D

TPA Milestone	Document	Completed
M-016-01A	Submit Draft 100-N Area Ancillary Facility Decommissioning Engineering Evaluation And Cost Analysis (EE/CA) To Ecology. ....	April 1997
M-016-01E	Complete N Reactor/100-N Area Deactivation Pursuant To The Work Scope Identified In The "N Reactor Deactivation Program Plan", Revision 4, WHC-SP-0615, December 1993.	July 1998
M-093-25	Submit EE/CA For N Reactor ISS	Oct 2004

# Engineering Evaluation of Containment Alternatives for N-Springs Releases

May 1991

- Prepared for WHC by Ebasco Environmental (WHC-SD-EN-EE-003)
- Analysis was not required by the TriParty Agreement
- Evaluation of alternatives to restrict N-Springs releases to below DCG in DOE Order 5400.5 (1,000 pCi/L)
- Considered
  - Pump-and-Treat – Evaluated in detail
  - Freeze Wall– Evaluated in detail
  - Slurry Wall– Evaluated in detail
  - In Situ Chemical Precipitation– Evaluated in detail
  - Surface Sealing and Capping – Screened out in initial evaluation
  - Hydraulic Barrier using a carbonate solution – Screened out in initial evaluation
- Slurry Wall and Freeze Wall received similar score and outranked pump-and-treat
- No action was implemented

# **TPA Milestone M-14 SEC Dispute Decision**

## **January 1993**

- **DOE commits to a response action at N-Springs**
  - **Reduce the Sr-90 contamination flux to the groundwater that feeds N-Springs**
  - **Evaluate commercially available treatment options for Sr-90**
  - **Provide data necessary to set demonstratable Sr-90 groundwater cleanup standards**
  - **Approval mechanism will be a non-time-critical ERA as defined in the HPPS**
  - **Enforceable milestones**

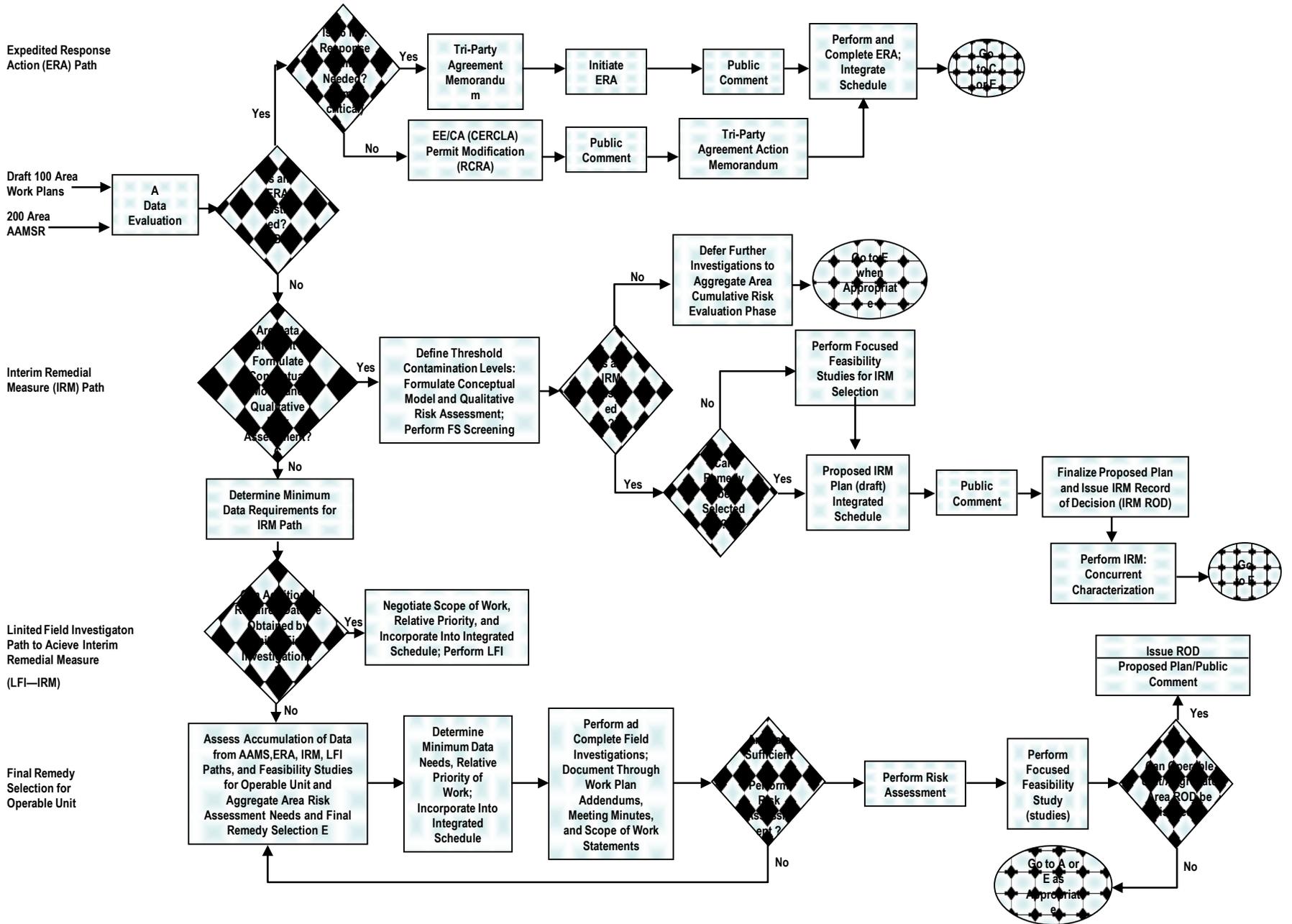
# Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis

## January 1994

- **Four Alternatives Determined to be appropriate for consideration**
  - **No Action (Required for baseline comparisons)**
  - **Pump-and-Treat**
  - **Slurry-Wall Barrier**
  - **Hydraulic Control**
- **DOE concluded that no single alternative could be recommended above the others to meet the 90% reduction of Sr-90 concentrations in the groundwater flowing from N-Springs into the Columbia River**
- **DOE convened an independent expert panel to review the findings.**
- **Ecology and EPA did not concur with the findings of the report (or the findings of the expert panel) – Ecology directed DOE, through an Action Memorandum in September 1994, to install a pump-and-treat system enhanced with a temporary sheet pile barrier.**

# Independent Technical Review of N-Springs Expedited Response Action Proposal Hanford Site February 1994

- **Prepared by Advanced Sciences Inc for WHC**
- **Review of “N-Springs Expedited Response Action Proposal, DOE/RL-93-23, Rev 0, January 1993” and supporting documents.**
- **Review Board of nationally recognized experts**
- **Board consensus and recommendations included the following:**
  - **The goal of significant reduction of Sr-90 flux to the Columbia River by separation of Sr-90 from pumped groundwater during the [proposed] 10 year ERA duration would result in insignificant total mass removal due to the natural immobility of Sr-90.**
  - **The most cost-effective alternative appears to be a vertical barrier with monitoring at the ends of the barrier. The Panel stated that a vertical barrier using a slurry wall could have been selected and this option has the least technological and cost uncertainty (The WHC report did not recommend a preferred alternative).**



# **ACTION MEMORANDUM; N-SPRINGS EXPEDITED RESPONSE ACTION (ERA) CLEANUP PLAN**

September 24, 1994

- **Ecology and EPA direction to DOE to perform an ERA**
- **50 gpm pump-and-treat system**
  - **Operational by September 1995**
  - **Continuous operation**
  - **Design Requirements**
    - **Meet Sr-90 draft DWS**
    - **90% reduction of Sr-90 minimum in treatment effluent**
    - **Design to evaluate commercially-available Sr-90 treatment technologies**
    - **Ease of expansion**
    - **Discharge treated water upgradient to aid Sr-90 recovery**
- **P&T System enhanced by a 3,000 ft. grouted hinge sheet pile wall**
  - **Initiate construction February 1995, Complete June 1995**
  - **Terminated after constructability test**
  - **The intent of the wall was to reduce the inflow of river water and increase the capture zone inland.**

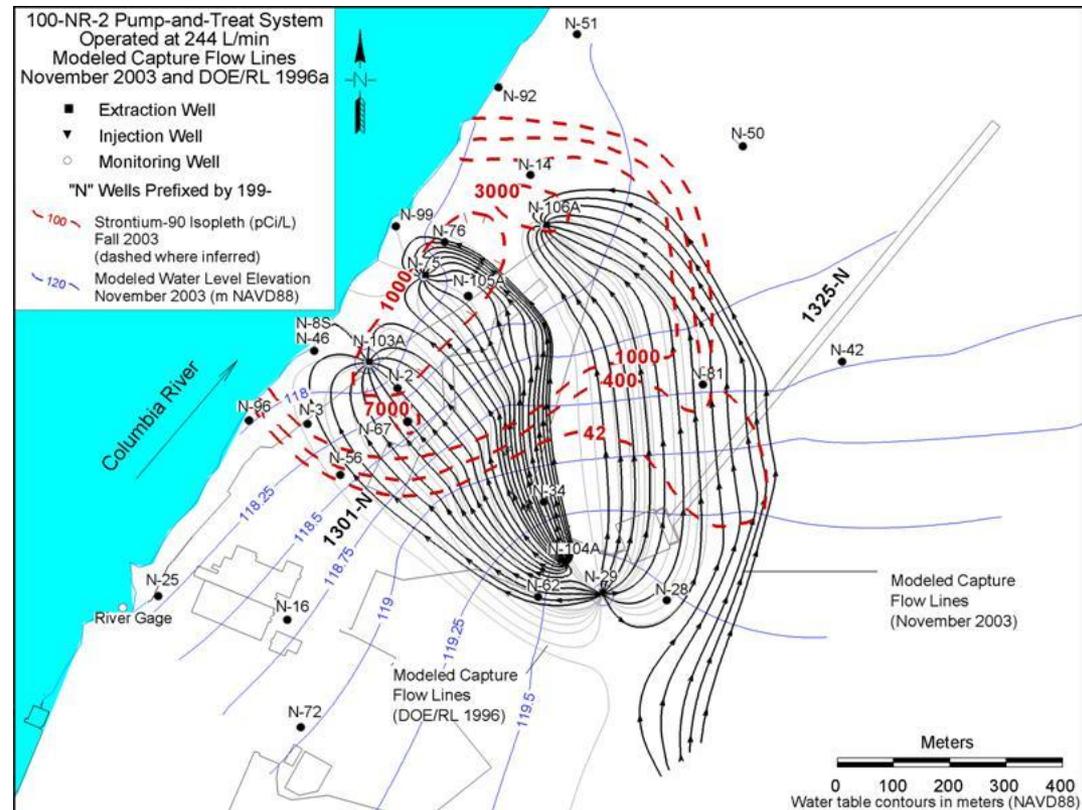


# **Record of Decision for Interim Action September 1999**

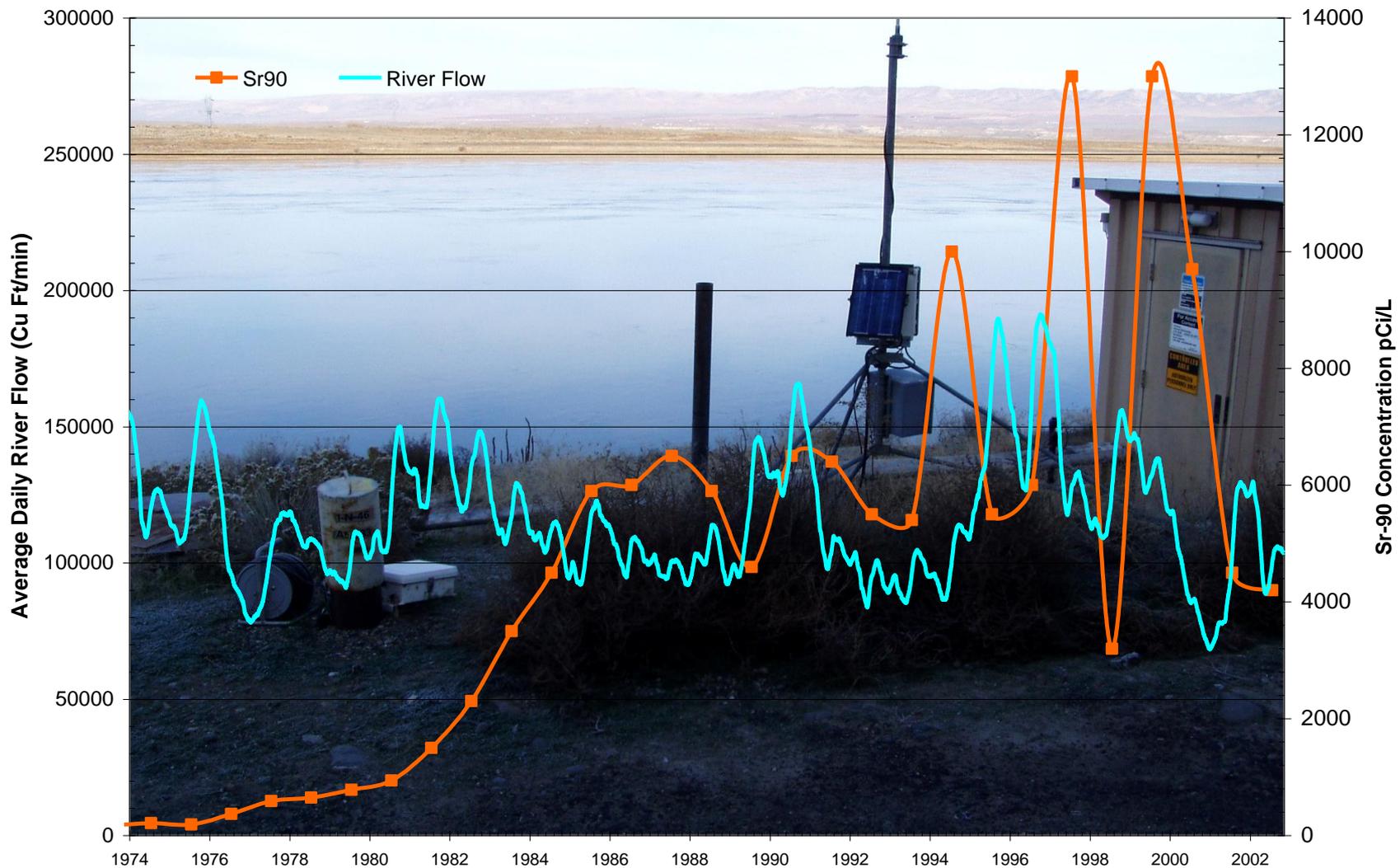
- **100-NR-01 Source & 100-NR-02 Groundwater combined ROD**
- **Groundwater provisions include**
  - **Remove and treat Sr-90 contaminated groundwater through extraction and treatment with ion exchange and discharge treated groundwater upgradient into the aquifer**
  - **Maintain approved groundwater monitoring networks**
  - **Evaluate technologies for Sr-90 removal and submit information to Ecology**
  - **Remove free-floating petroleum hydrocarbons from monitoring wells**
  - **Remove petroleum-contaminated solid waste, if needed, and dispose to ERDF**
  - **Conduct an evaluation of aquatic and riparian receptor impacts at the groundwater/river interface within 5-years. Evaluation will include a literature search and evaluation of existing data. Lab tests and studies may be required.**
  - **5-Year review and maintain institutional controls**

## IROD Requirement: Remove and treat Sr-90 contaminated groundwater through extraction and treatment with ion exchange and discharge treated groundwater upgradient into the aquifer

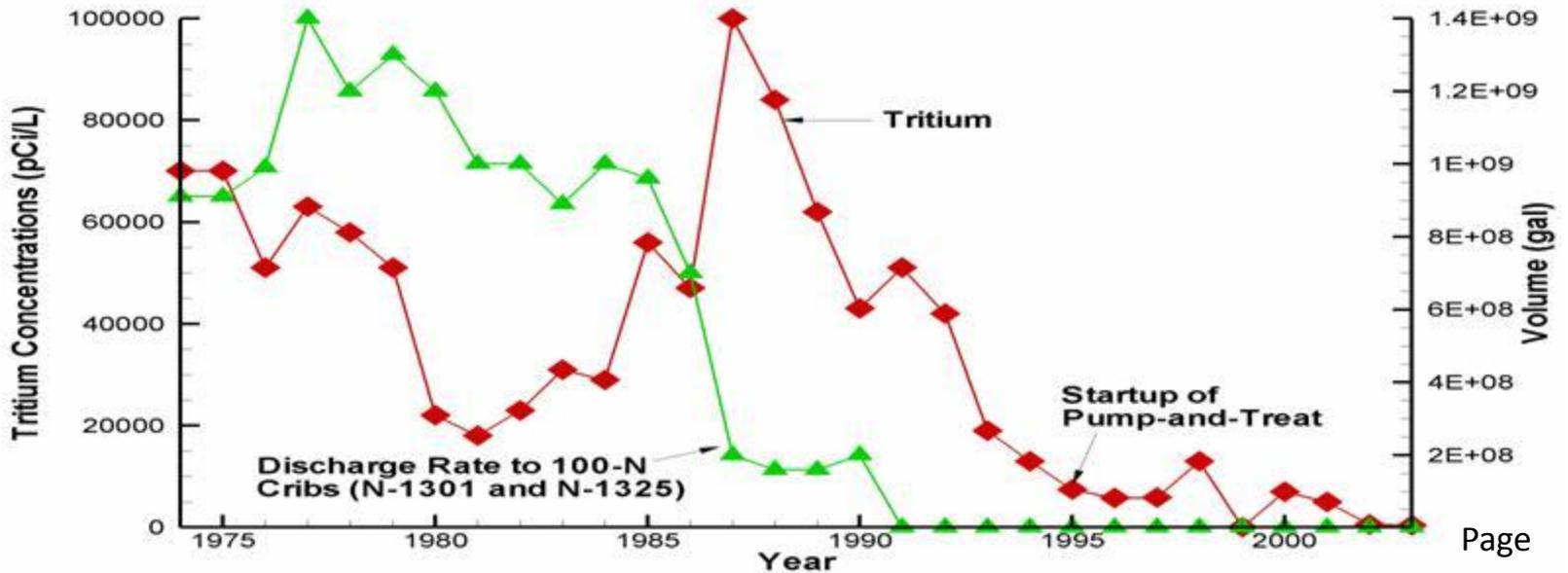
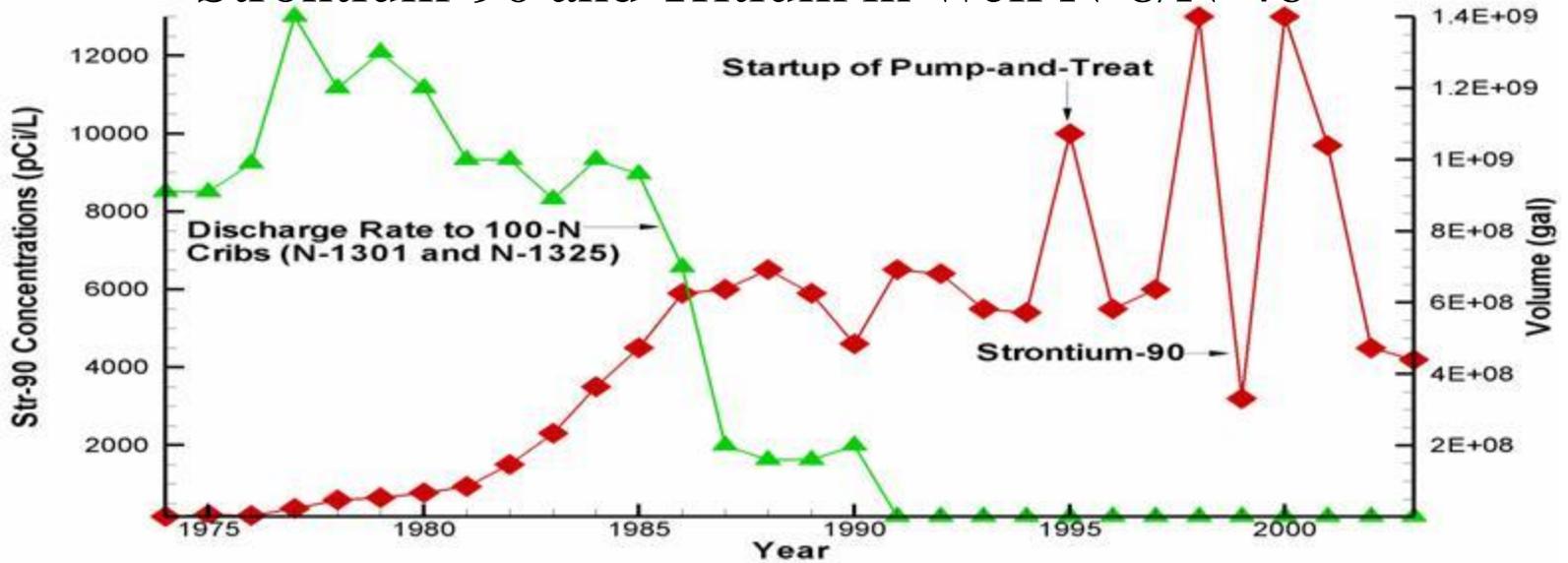
- The P&T system did:
  - Create a hydraulic sink to reduce flux to the river
  - Provide sufficient data to support Proposed Plan
  - Remove ~1.8 Ci Sr-90 at a cost exceeding \$20M; Whereas, ~320 curies were “removed” by radioactive decay during same period (15 curies in the groundwater)
- The P&T system did not:
  - Significantly impact the Sr-90 source, groundwater plume and Sr-90 concentrations between the pumping zone and the river



# Strontium-90 and river flow at N-8/N-46



# Strontium-90 and Tritium in Well N-8/N-46





# **IROD Requirement: Evaluate technologies for Sr-90 removal and submit information to Ecology**

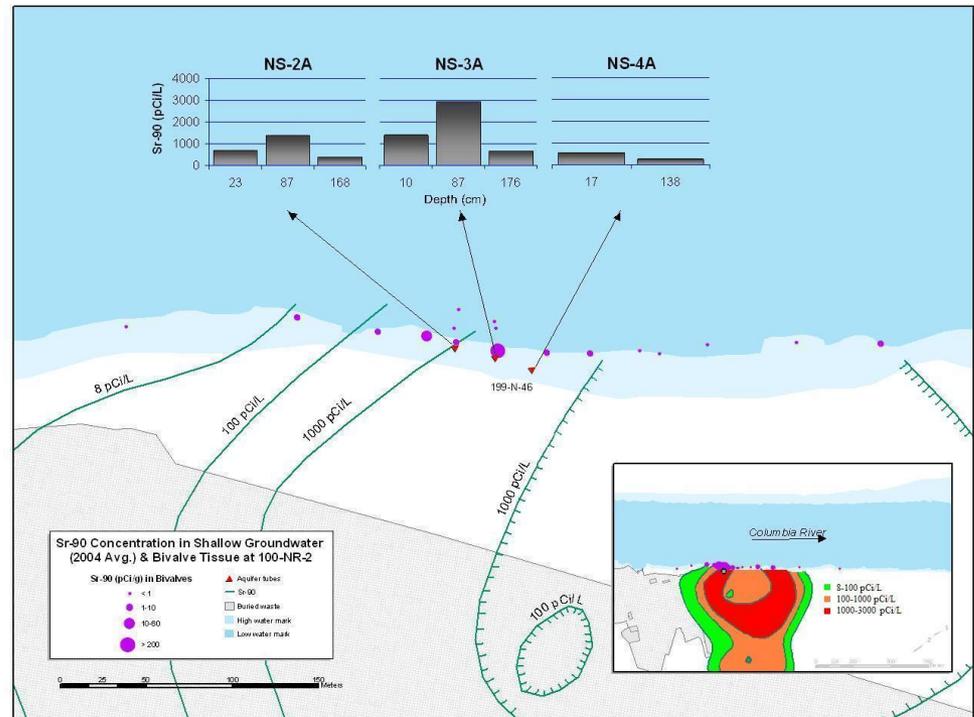
- **Pre-IROD Technology Evaluations**
  - Engineering Evaluation of Containment Alternatives for N-Springs Releases  
May 1991
  - Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis January 1994
  - Independent Technical Review of N-Springs Expedited Response Action Proposal Hanford Site February 1994
  - In Situ Treatability Test Planning Workshop April – May 1996
  - Corrective Measures Study for the 100-NR-01 and 100-NR-02 Operable Units July 1997
- **Post-IROD Technology Evaluations:**
  - Innovative Treatment and Remediation Demonstration (ITRD) for Hanford's 100-N Area 1998-2001
  - Apatite Permeable Reactive Barrier & Phytoextraction tests

**IROD Requirement: Remove free-floating petroleum hydrocarbons from monitoring wells & Remove petroleum-contaminated solid waste, if needed, and dispose to ERDF**

- **2 Smart Sponges<sup>®</sup> (absorbent sponges that preferentially remove floating diesel product from the surface of water) installed in the well 199-N-18 (Only well with persistent hydrocarbon occurrence)**
- **The date of the last change-out was 1-18-2010.**

**IROD Requirement: Conduct an evaluation of aquatic and riparian receptor impacts at the groundwater/river interface within 5-years. Evaluation will include a literature search and evaluation of existing data. Lab tests and studies may be required.**

- Delivered to Ecology October 31, 2005; Final document submitted December 2009
- Identified abnormalities the soft tissues of clams
- Diesel fuel spill causing reduced oxygen in a localized shoreline area
- High lead levels in some mice captured at the shoreline



# Key 100-N Documents Supporting RI/FS Work Plan

- 100-N Literature & Data Review; PNNL-SA-39495  
September 2003
  - ~220 reports & technical documents reviewed
  - Describes: biological resources, contaminant data & trend plots, dose assessments, modeling efforts and environmental studies
- 100-N Area Technical Baseline Report; WHC-SD-EN-TI-251
  - Describes waste sites & releases; 1994
- 3 Limited Field Investigation (LFI) Reports
  - DOE/RL-93-80 (100-NR-01)
  - DOE/RL-93-81 (100-NR-02)
  - DOE/RL-96-11 (LWDF's)

# 100-N Area RI/FS Work Plan

- The work plan is 5<sup>th</sup> and last addendum to the Integrated 100 Area RI/FS Work Plan that contains the planning elements common to the 100 Area source and groundwater operable units.
- Draft Work Plan was transmitted to Ecology December 22, 2009, meeting TPA Milestone M-015-61; 60 day comment period per Section 9.2 of TPA; Comments provided January 29, 2010
- Today's workshop is intended to facilitate work plan completion.

# 100-N Area RI/FS Work Plan

The work plan identifies scope of work required to support a remedial decision recommendation via a CERCLA proposed plan due December 2011 (TPA Target Date M-015-16-T01)

- Describes an updated conceptual model based on significant characterization, research & interim remedial action activities since the previous RODs were written.
- Identifies data needs and scope to close them
- SAP for 4 new characterization/monitoring wells
- Continued characterization of 93 waste sites scheduled for evaluation/characterization or remediation
- Preliminary information to determine COPCs, RAO's, remediation goals, and assessment of ARARs
- Describes remediation approach
- Addresses NEPA values
- Includes community relations

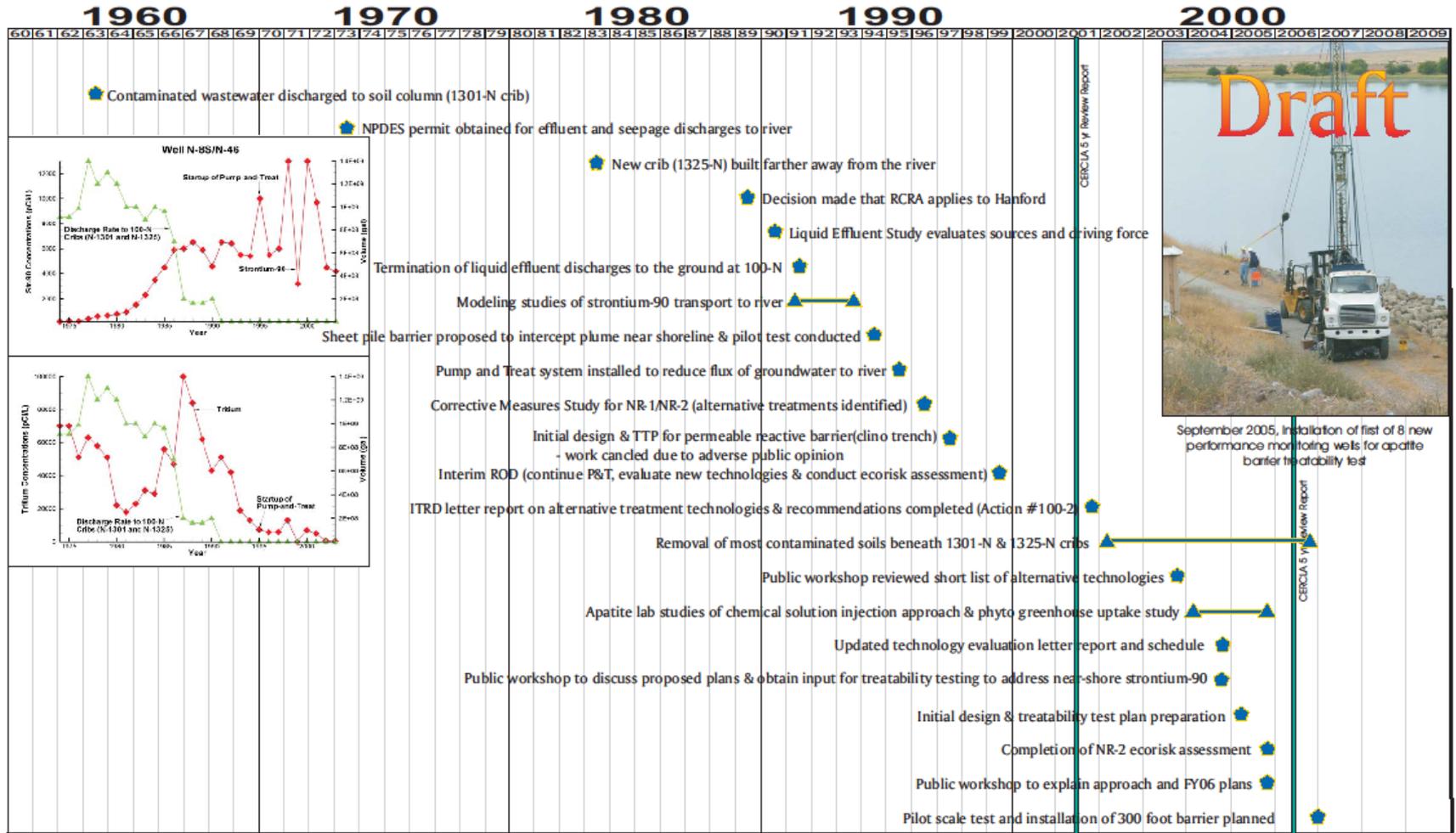
## The Work Plan reflects considerable characterization and environmental remediation activities

- Implementation of the bias-for-action concepts described in the Hanford Past Practice Strategy (DOE/RL-91-40, 1991)
- 1999, Interim Remedial Action Record of Decision for the 100-NR-1 and -NR-220 Operable Units of the Hanford 100-N Area, as amended
  - characterizing groundwater plumes and their potential sources,
  - evaluation of ecological impacts,
  - evaluation of potential remedial technologies,
  - implementing remedial actions for groundwater and soil,
  - testing new and alternative treatment methods.

# PROGRESS!!!

- **76% of the facilities in the decision unit have been demolished or removed.**
- **Reactor ISS completion is scheduled for September 2011.**
- **Cleanup of 18 waste sites -including the large liquid waste disposal facilities (source of groundwater contamination)**
- **~108 K tons of contaminated soil and debris have been removed & more than 650 soil samples have been collected to verify cleanup and document cleanup status.**
- **Orphan site evaluation completed**
- **Pump-and-treat has been implemented and evaluated; and, a hinged sheet-pile barrier, designed to supplement the pump-and-treat system was tested in 1994**
- **Testing a more promising groundwater remediation technology (permeable reactive barrier); 171 wells (ARRA Funding) will be constructed for 2700 ft apatite barrier**
- **A supplemental groundwater remediation technology (phytoextraction) is also being tested**
- **The Innovative Treatment and Remediation Demonstration Program evaluated 40 remediation technologies in 1998 that will serve as the basis of the 100-N feasibility study**
- **Characterization and remediation of petroleum contamination has been initiated**
- **Characterization of groundwater upwelling into the river and sediments is underway**
- **An initial assessment of the current impacts of contaminated groundwater plumes on aquatic and riparian zones within the 10-NR-2 Operable Unit was conducted in 2005 and completed in 2009**
- **River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment is ongoing**

# History of Effluent Control and Groundwater Remedial Actions at 100-N

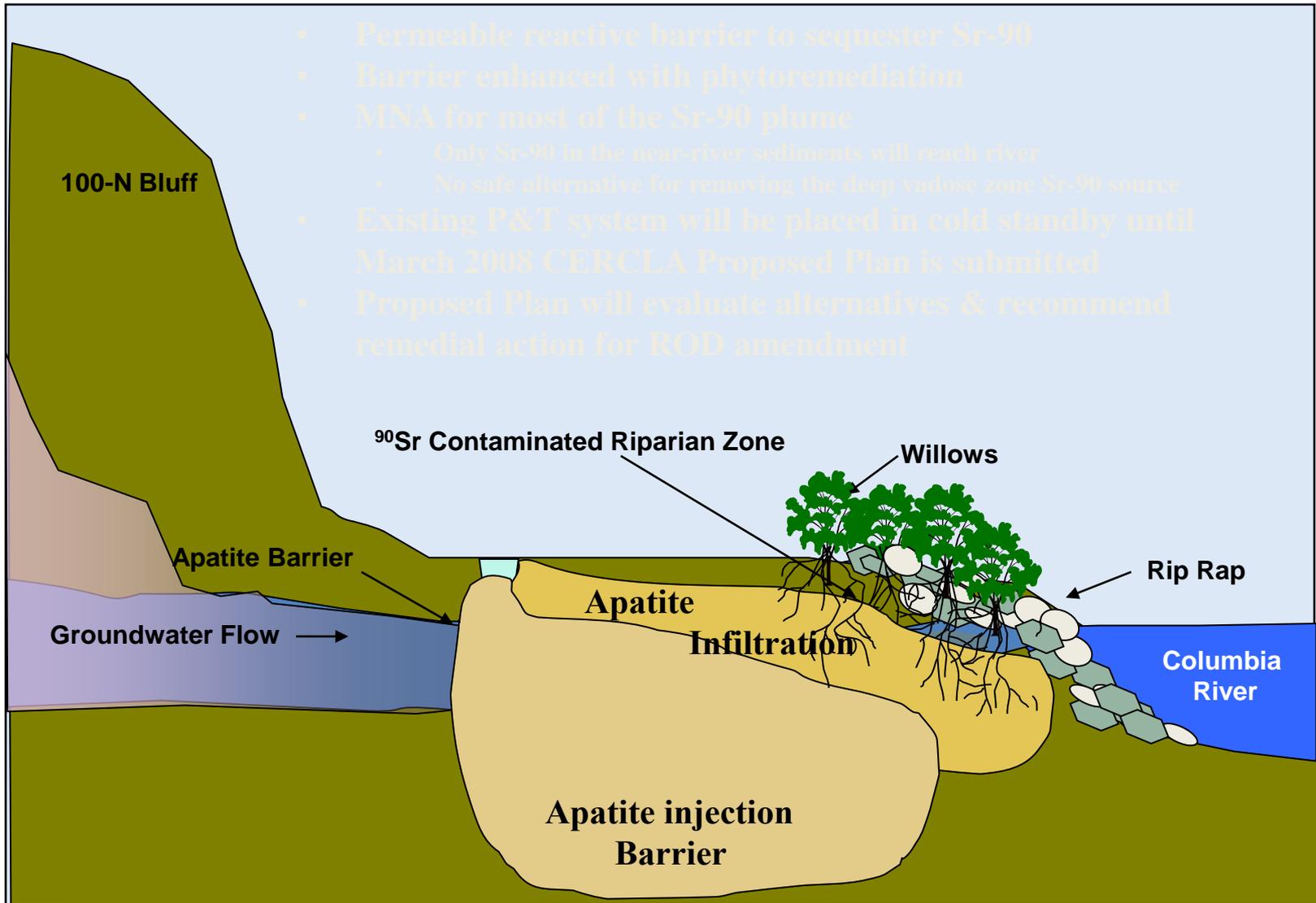


Key Event  
 Activity



# Systems Approach to Address 100-N $^{90}\text{Sr}$

- Permeable reactive barrier to sequester Sr-90
- Barrier enhanced with phytoremediation
- MNA for most of the Sr-90 plume
  - Only Sr-90 in the near-river sediments will reach river
  - No safe alternative for removing the deep vadose zone Sr-90 source
- Existing P&T system will be placed in cold standby until March 2008 CERCLA Proposed Plan is submitted
- Proposed Plan will evaluate alternatives & recommend remedial action for ROD amendment



# Recent Technology Applications and Demonstrations

- **Jet Injection technology being tested for emplacement of phosphate and pre-formed apatite**
  - **Pilot-scale test includes three ~10 x 15-foot test plots**
    - One plot injected with pre-formed fish bone apatite
    - One plot injected with phosphate solution
    - One plot injected with both pre-formed fish bone apatite and phosphate
  - **Injection depth from just below ground surface to 25 feet**
  - **Soil sampling in test plots included as part of 171-well installation drilling**
- **Infiltration gallery – for passive infiltration of apatite or apatite-forming chemicals**
  - **8 wells in place for test**

# Barrier Well Installation

- **CHPRC is drilling 171 wells along Columbia River shoreline**
  - Wells could be used to expand existing Apatite PRB along 100N shoreline where Sr-90 plume intersects river
  - Sonic drilling technology allows wells to be installed faster and more efficiently than previous drilling operations



Existing  
Apatite Barrier



Above and below: Sonic  
drill rig and support  
equipment





# Phytoremediation Study

- **Work completed at 100K test plot of coyote willows**
  - Data to date show promise for technology as “polishing” step for Sr-90 remediation on 100N shoreline
  - PNNL report completed



**Coyote willows before harvesting biomass**

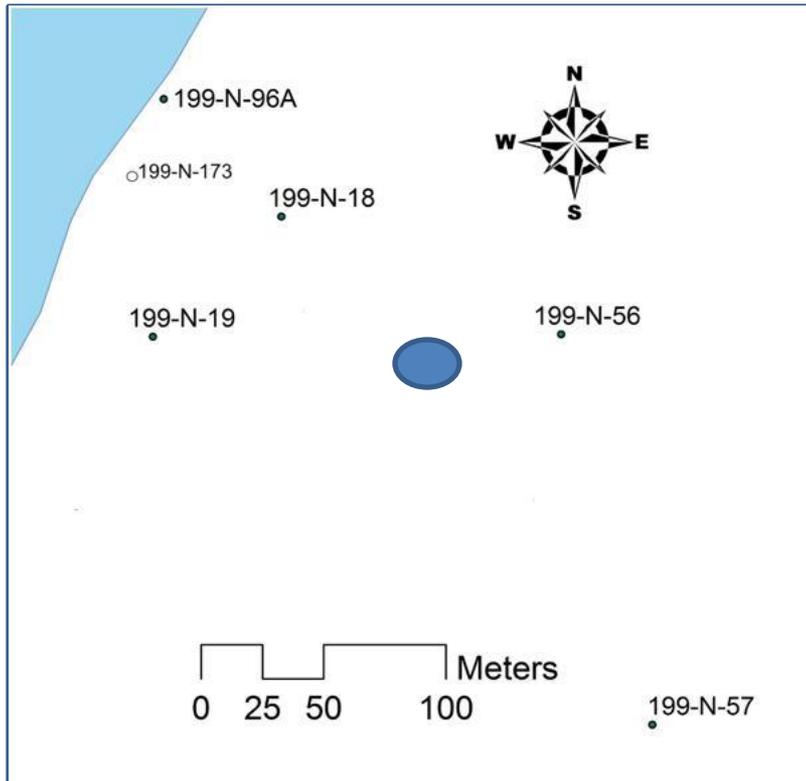


**Coyote willows after harvesting biomass**

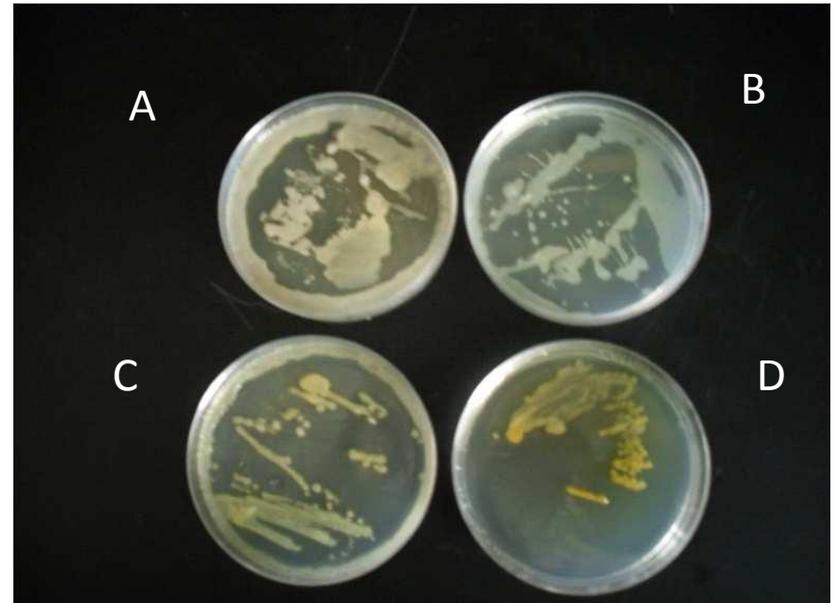
# Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) Plume Characterization

- **5 wells (199-N-173, 199-N-96A, 199-N-167, 199-N-172, and 199-N-18) sampled in August and September**
- **Future samples planned for late 2009/early 2010 to provide more data for determining possible remediation technologies**
- **PNNL also performing study and taking additional samples and will issue report on study in early 2010**
- **Results promising for diesel-degrading microbes being present in 100N Area soils**

# TPH Plume Characterization (continued)



**Spill location related to wells**



**Diesel-degrading microbes, shown above in samples from well 199-N-173, are present in 100N Area soils**

**Sample A is 35 feet below ground surface (bgs), Sample B is 17 feet bgs, Sample C is 15 feet bgs, Sample D is 17.5 to 20 feet bgs**

# Draft 100-N Proposed Plan to amend the 1999 ROD for Interim Action

- Draft PP submitted December 18, 2009 in accordance with TPA Milestone M-016-14B.
- Rational for IROD Amendment
  - P&T system has provided sufficient information for P&T to be evaluated in the PP
  - Expanded PRB test is needed to meet remediation goals defined in TPA Target M-016-110-T03
  - A “plug-in” approach is proposed for any newly discovered waste site that is similar to the sites included in IROD.
- Ecology & EPA provided initial comments January 28, 2010