

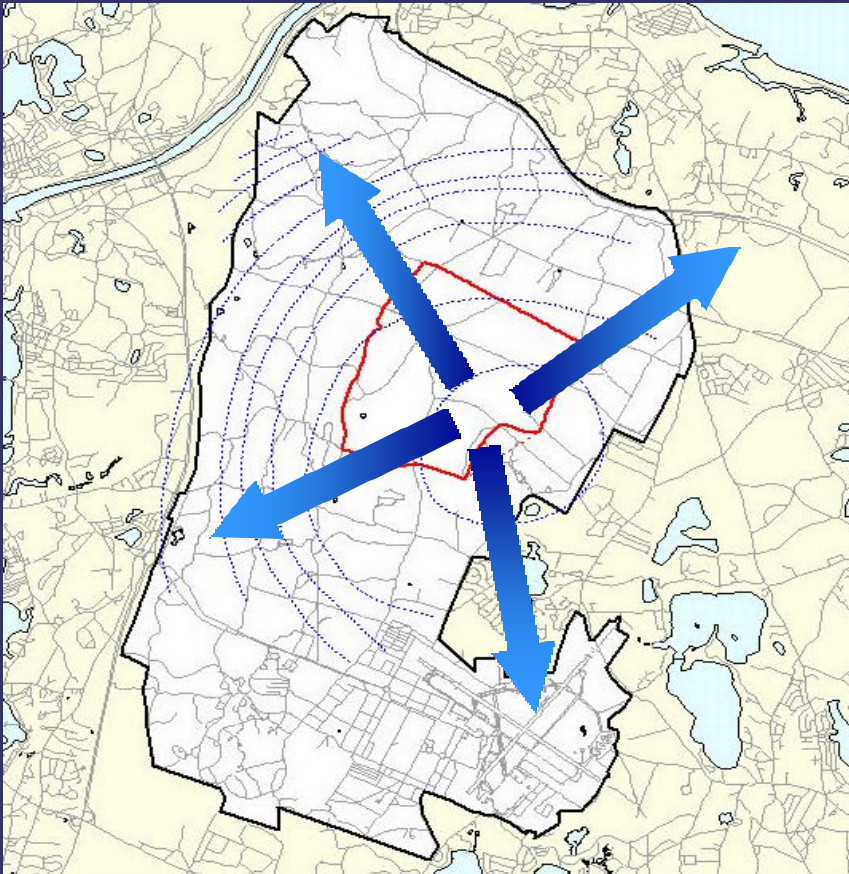
DISTRIBUTION OF EXPLOSIVES IN SOILS AND GROUND WATER AT MMR



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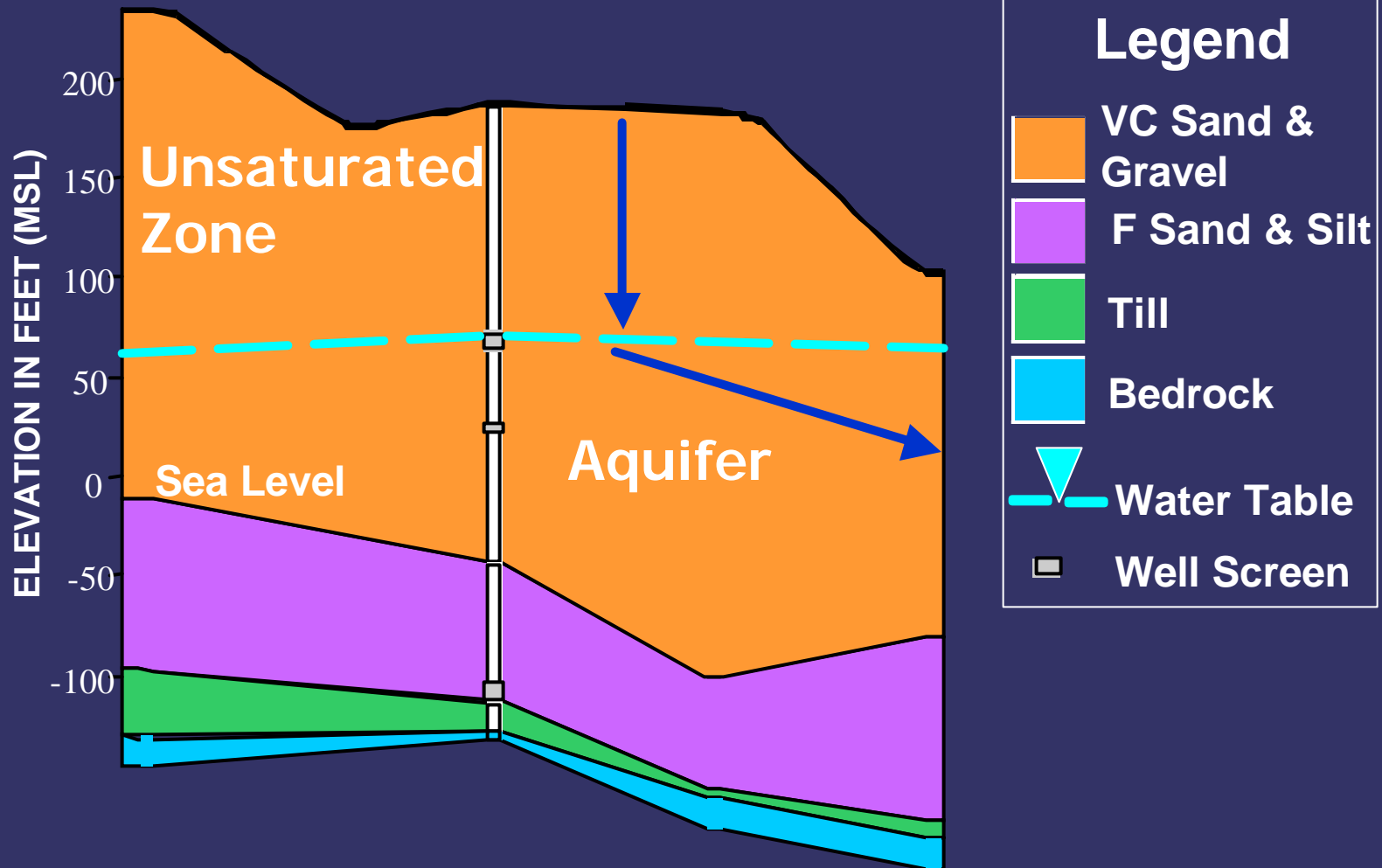
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Hydrogeology

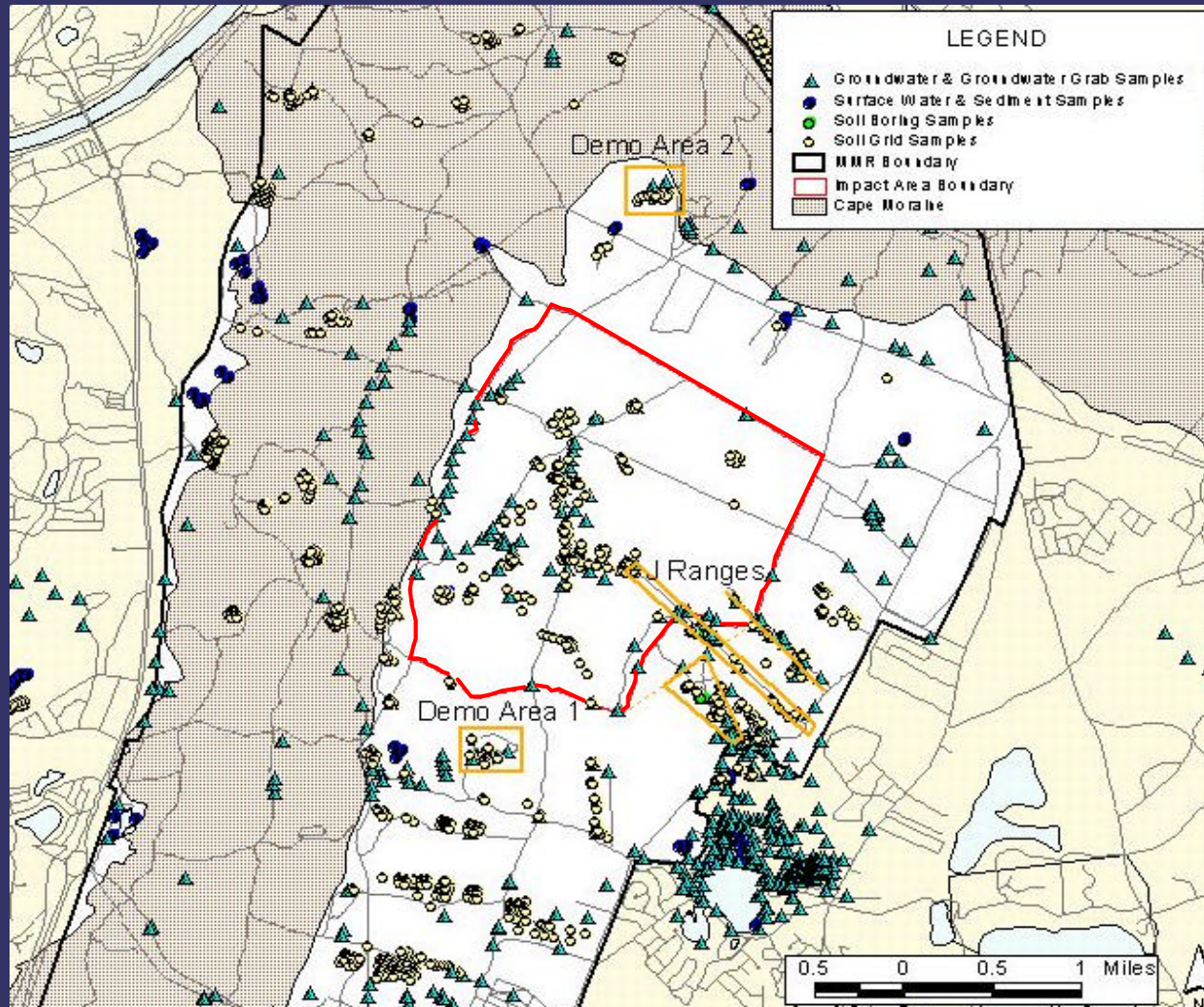


- Groundwater flow is radial with the mound to the southeast of the Impact Area in the J Range Area
- Groundwater flow is < 1 ft/day

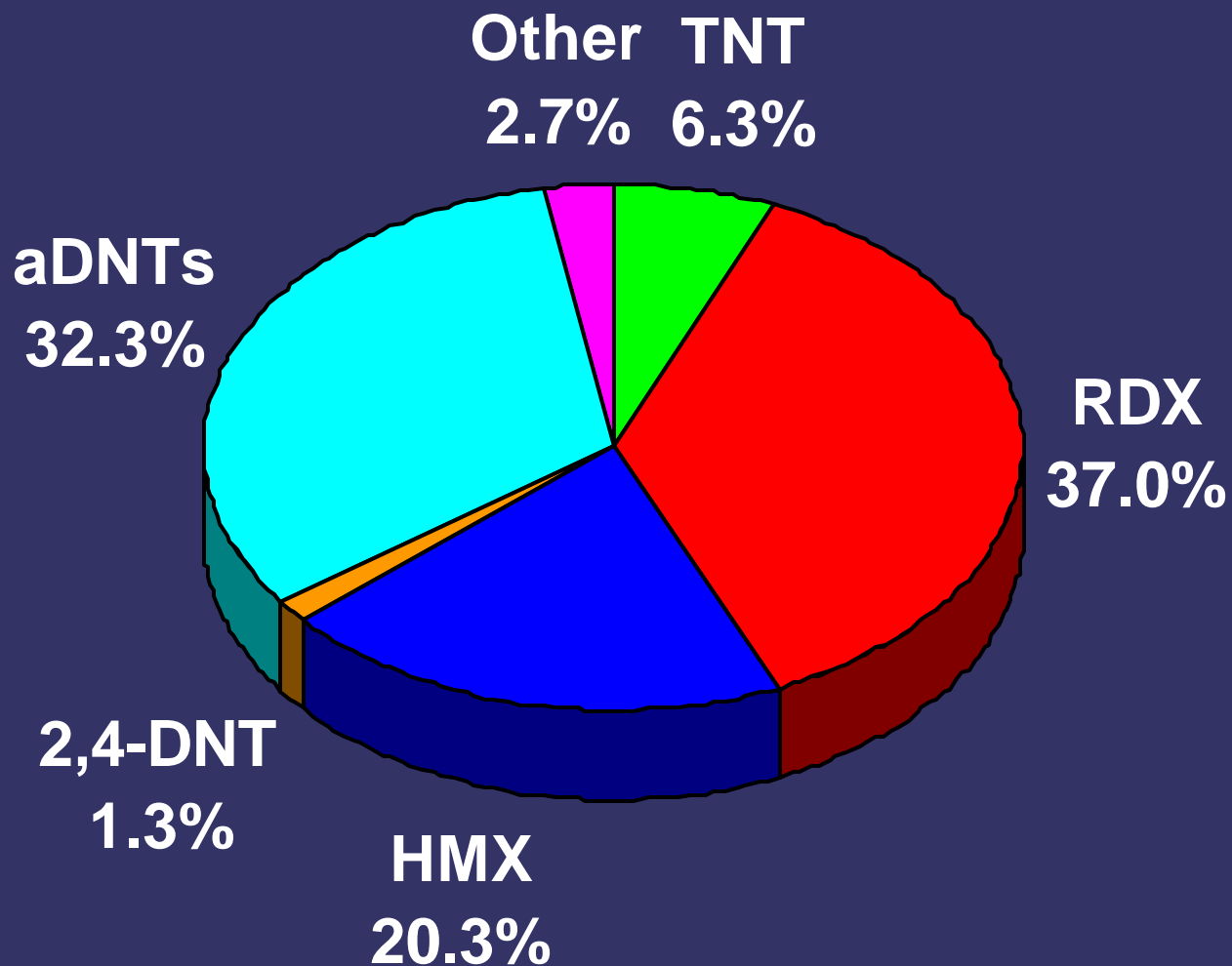
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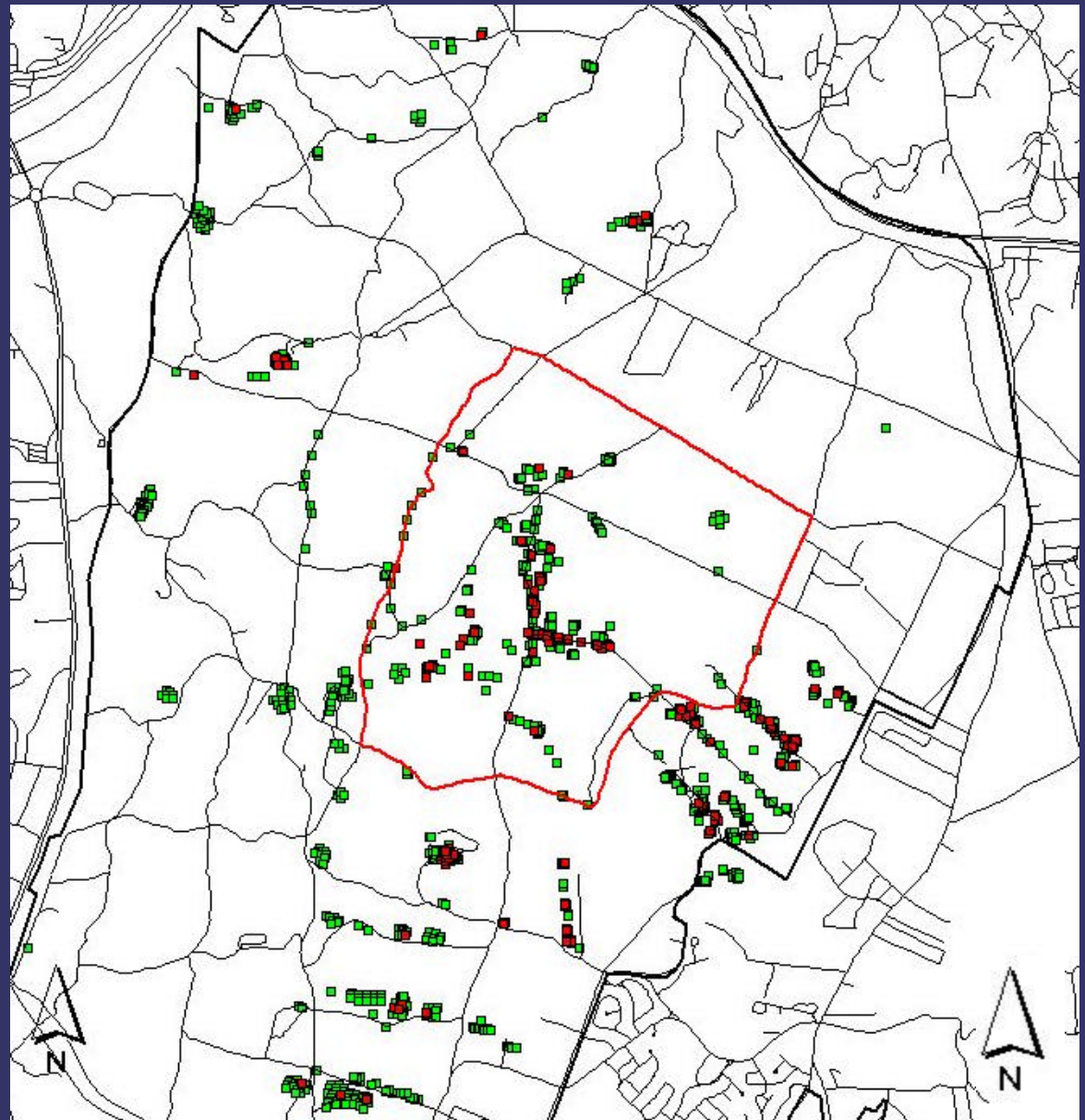
Areas of Investigation



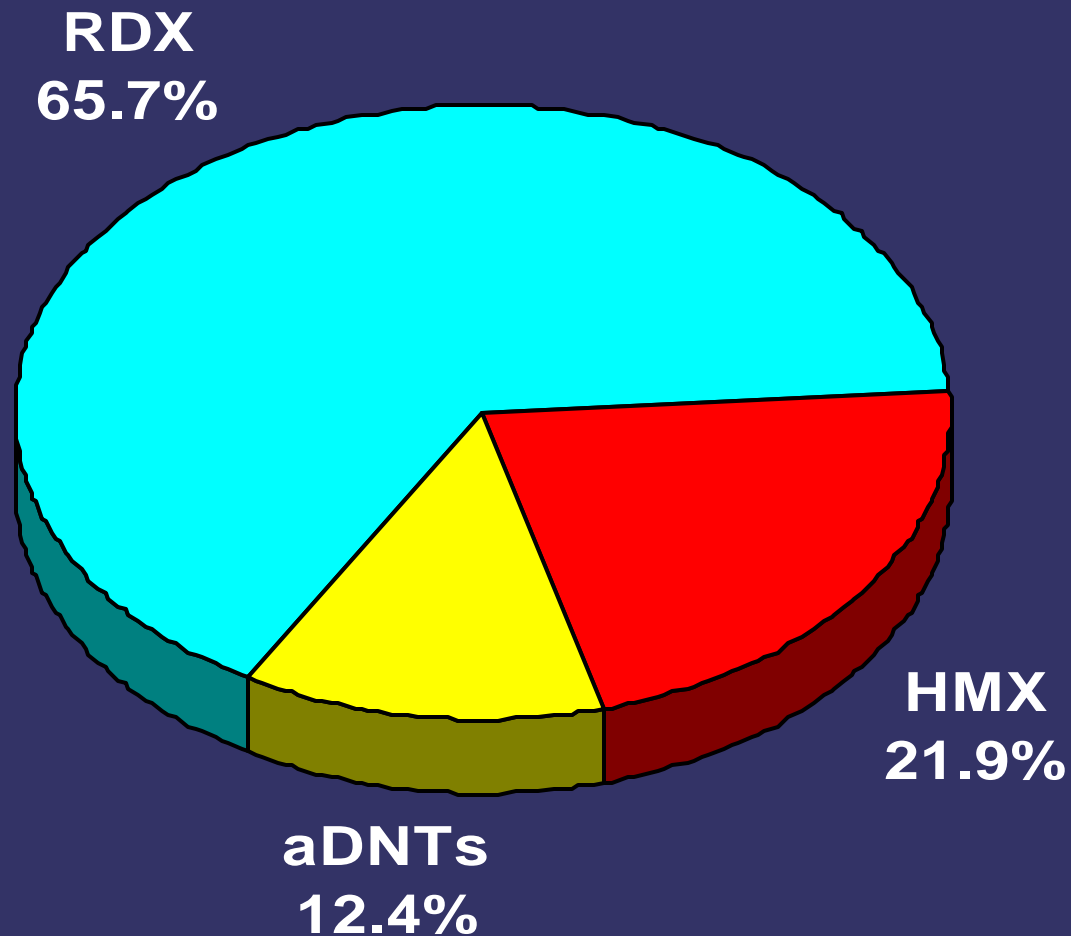
Surface Soil Findings (explosives)



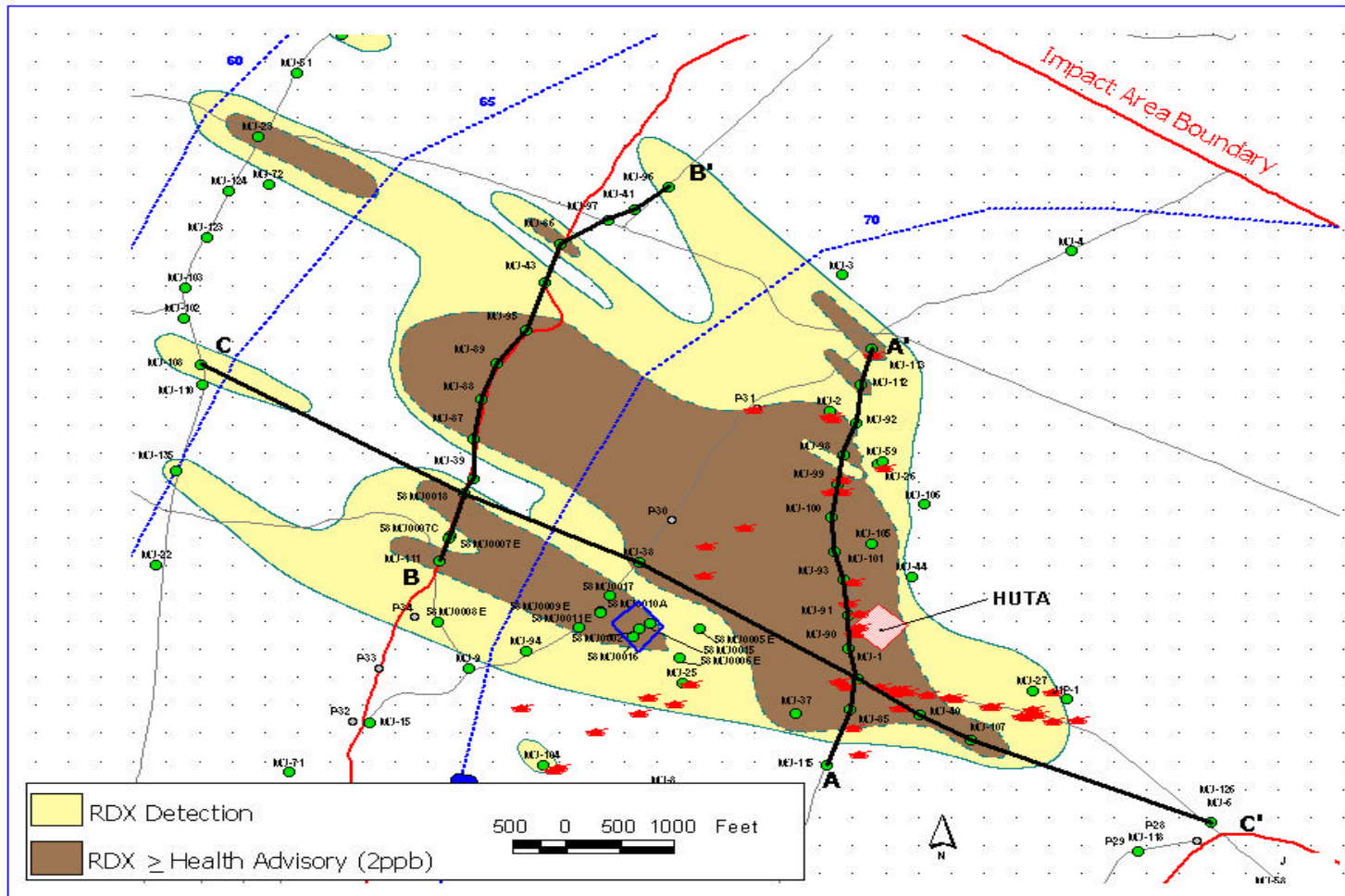
Soil Results (explosives)



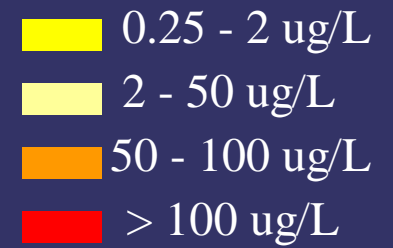
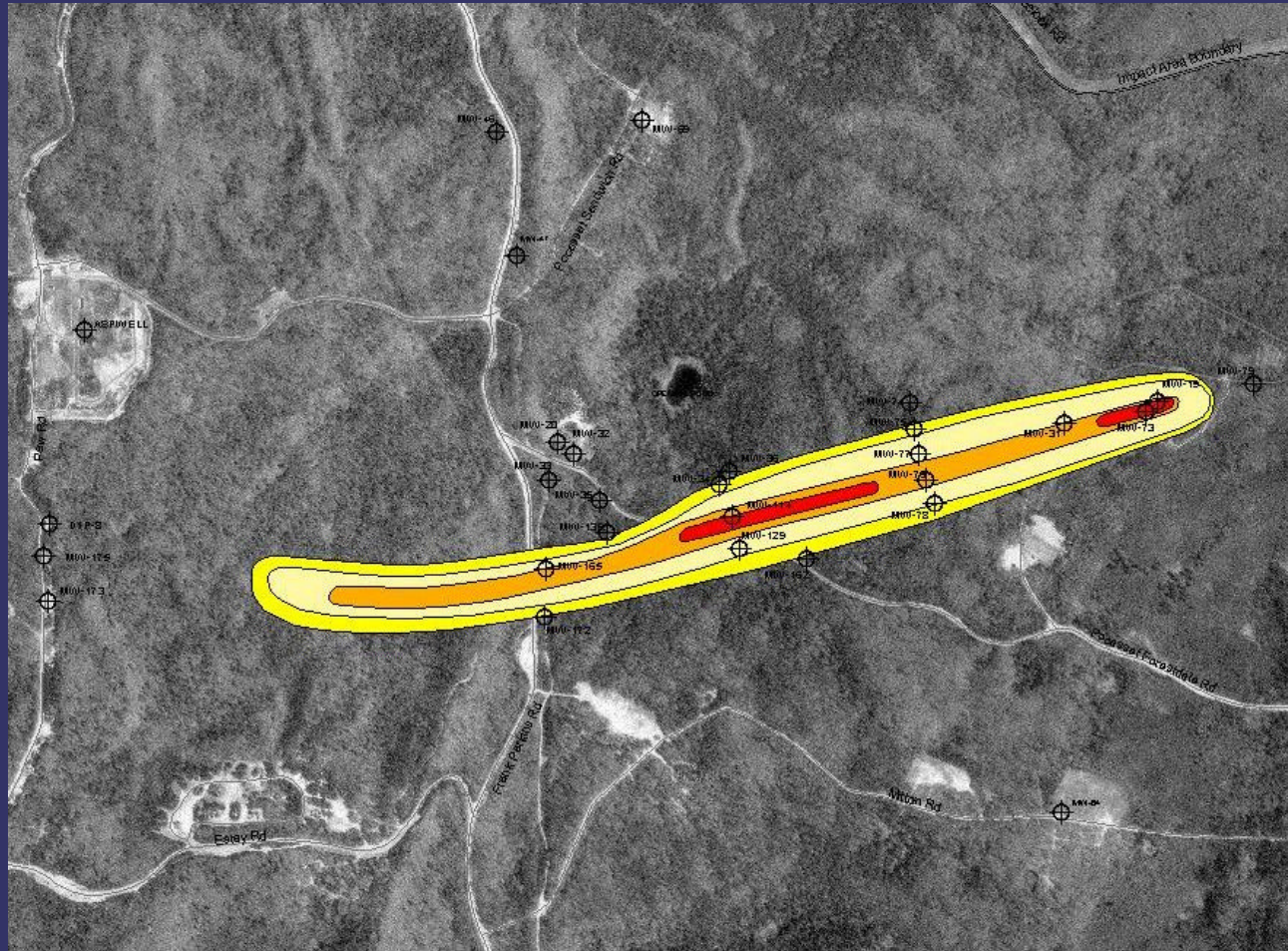
Groundwater Findings (explosives)



RDX Detections in the Impact Area



Demo 1 RDX PLUME MAP



Conclusions

- Demolition/disposal activities had largest groundwater impact
- RDX and HMX present in surface soil adjacent to artillery and mortar targets
- RDX and HMX present in groundwater downgradient of primary target area (i.e. Tank Alley) within the Impact Area
- TNT which is a component of the munitions appears to be degraded before reaching groundwater



Conclusions (cont.)

- Firing HE artillery and mortar rounds (UXO, detonation, or both) appears to have resulted in explosives in groundwater at MMR
- Some metals, PAHs, and pesticides/herbicides present in surface soil but no evidence of significant impacts to groundwater
- PCNs may be an issue for soil and perchlorate is now being found in groundwater

