

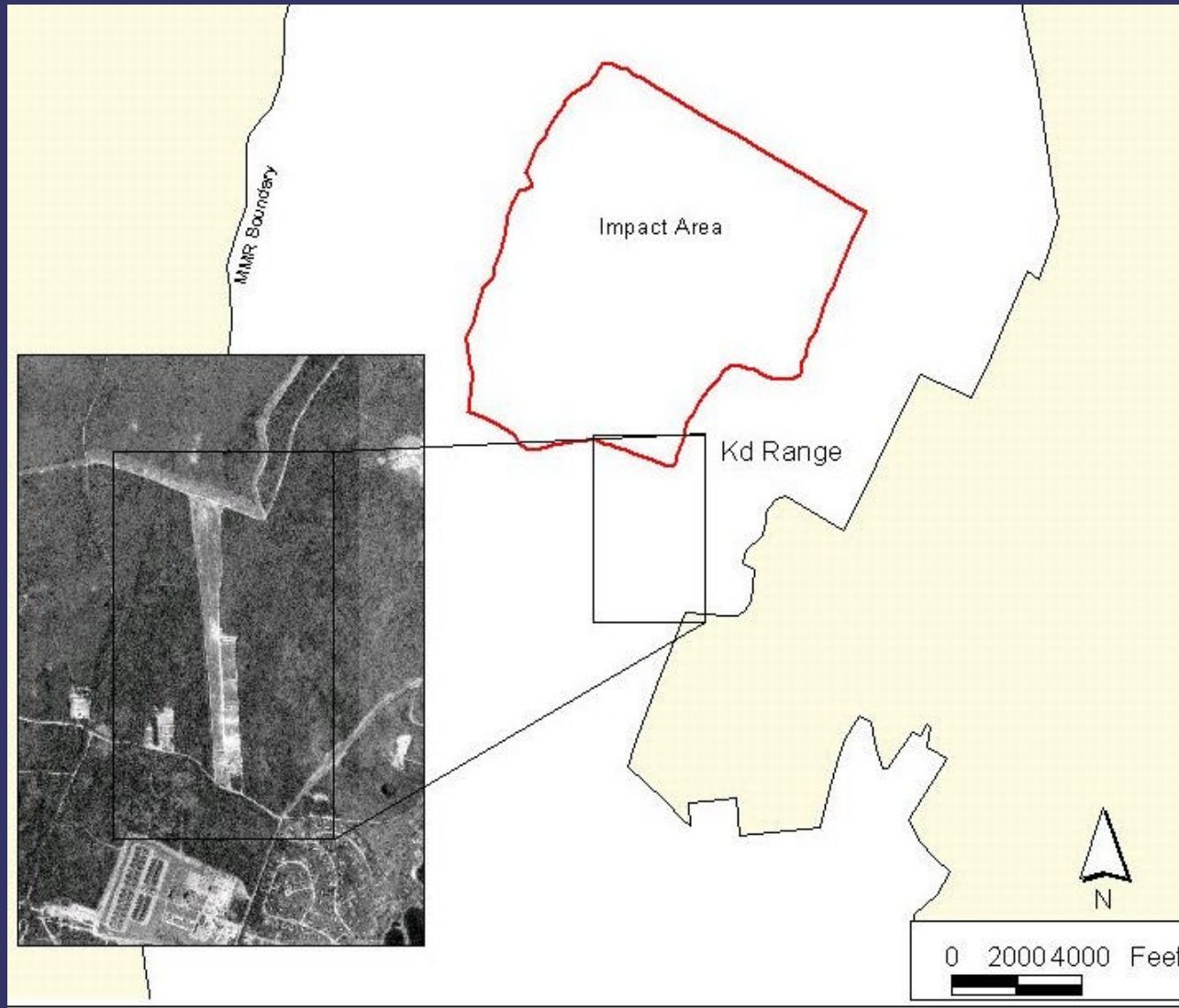
# DISTRIBUTION AND FATE OF ENERGETICS AT THE MMR KD ROCKET RANGE



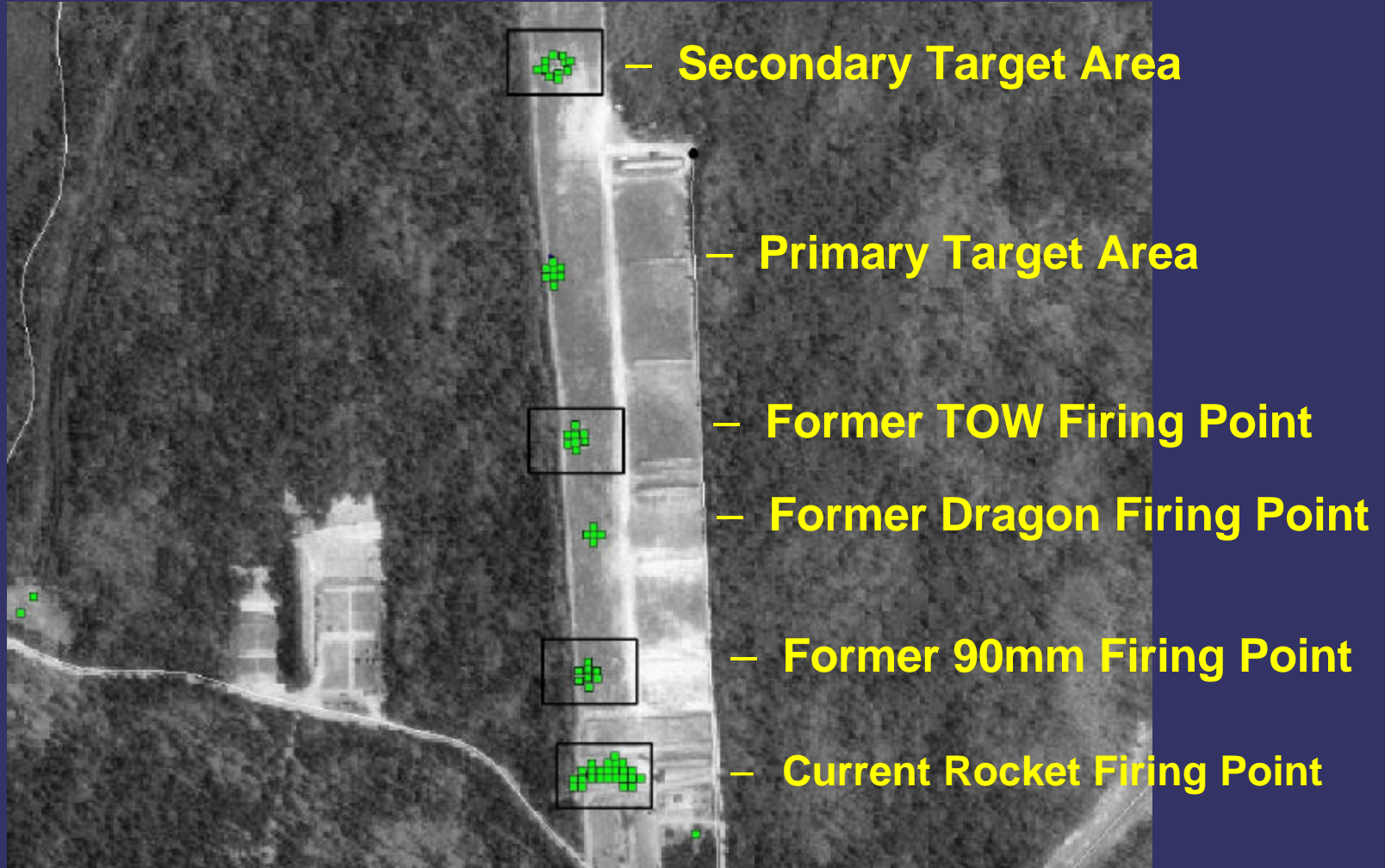
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# Site Location



# Nitroglycerin Distribution in Surface Soil



## KD Range - Site Location and Use

- Location/Description
  - Approximately 98 acres in size
  - Southeast of the Central Impact Area
  
- Use
  - Used as firing range from mid-1970's to 1997
  - Range consists of a 25- meter rifle range, a 600 yards known distance (KD) range, two firing points for Dragon missiles, 90 mm recoilless rifle training and one firing point for TOW missiles.
  - Historic information indicates significant anti-tank practice with rockets and grenades

# Explosive and Propellant Mixtures by Ordnance Type Used at KD Range

Ordnance Type	Range Used	Explosive Filler	Warhead Explosive Quantity (g)	Propellant Filler	Propellant Quantity (g)
Grenade 40mm	KD	Comp B	RDX = 192 TNT = 128	M9	NC = 567 NG = 567
Dragon Rocket	KD	Octol	HMX = 1,114 TNT = 477	HEN-12	NC = 49.23% NG = 36.39% Triacetin = 8.16%
Recoilless Rifle 90mm	KD	Comp B	RDX = 408 TNT = 312	M82	NC = 301 NG = 66
TOW Rocket	KD	None	None.	M7  PNJ	NC = 310 NG = 201 KCLO <sub>4</sub> = 44 NC = 1,251 NG = 924 Triacetin = 207

NG - Nitroglycerin

NC – Nitro Cellulose

KCLO<sub>4</sub> – Potassium Perchlorate

## Geology and Hydrogeology

- Sand from ground surface to groundwater
- Groundwater approximately 100 feet below ground surface
- Groundwater flows westerly

# Investigations

- Surface Soil Sampling
  - Surface soils samples collected at 0-3 inch, 3-6 inch and 6-12 inch depth for Phase I, Phase II and Rapid Response Action (RRA) activities
  - Discrete and composite soil samples collected from grids throughout the KD range
  - Initial (Phase I and Phase II) surface soil sampling focused on locations near firing points and targets. Surface soil samples collected from 20 grids.
  - Additional sampling via additional 36 sampling grids conducted for RRA activities to delineate explosive concentrations detected in surface soil

## Investigations (Continued)

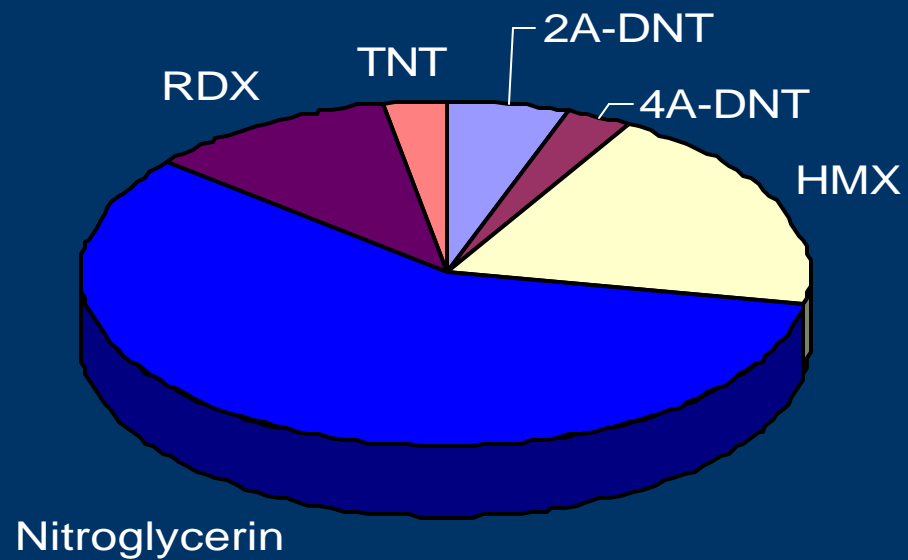
- Subsurface Soil Sampling
  - 18 subsurface soil samples collected to water table and analyzed for explosive compounds during the installation of MW-60 and MW-61
  - Only trace amounts of BEHP detected
- Groundwater Sampling
  - Trace amounts of 2,6-dinitrotoluene (2,4-DNT) and HMX detected in groundwater profile samples
  - No explosive analytes were detected in any groundwater samples at MW-14, 64, 68 and 79 located downgradient of the KD range



## Surface Soil Results

- Phase I and Phase II Sampling
  - Explosive compounds detected in 11 of the 20 grids
  - Explosive compounds identified were 2A-DNT, 4A-DNT, HMX, Nitroglycerin, RDX and TNT
  - Majority of surface soil contamination is from nitroglycerin, a propellant

# Explosive Compound Distribution



## RRA Assessment Activities

- Conducted to delineate explosive and propellant compounds in surface soil
- Included surface soil sampling and samples below Phase I and Phase II detection limits
- Results were used to determine limits of remediation



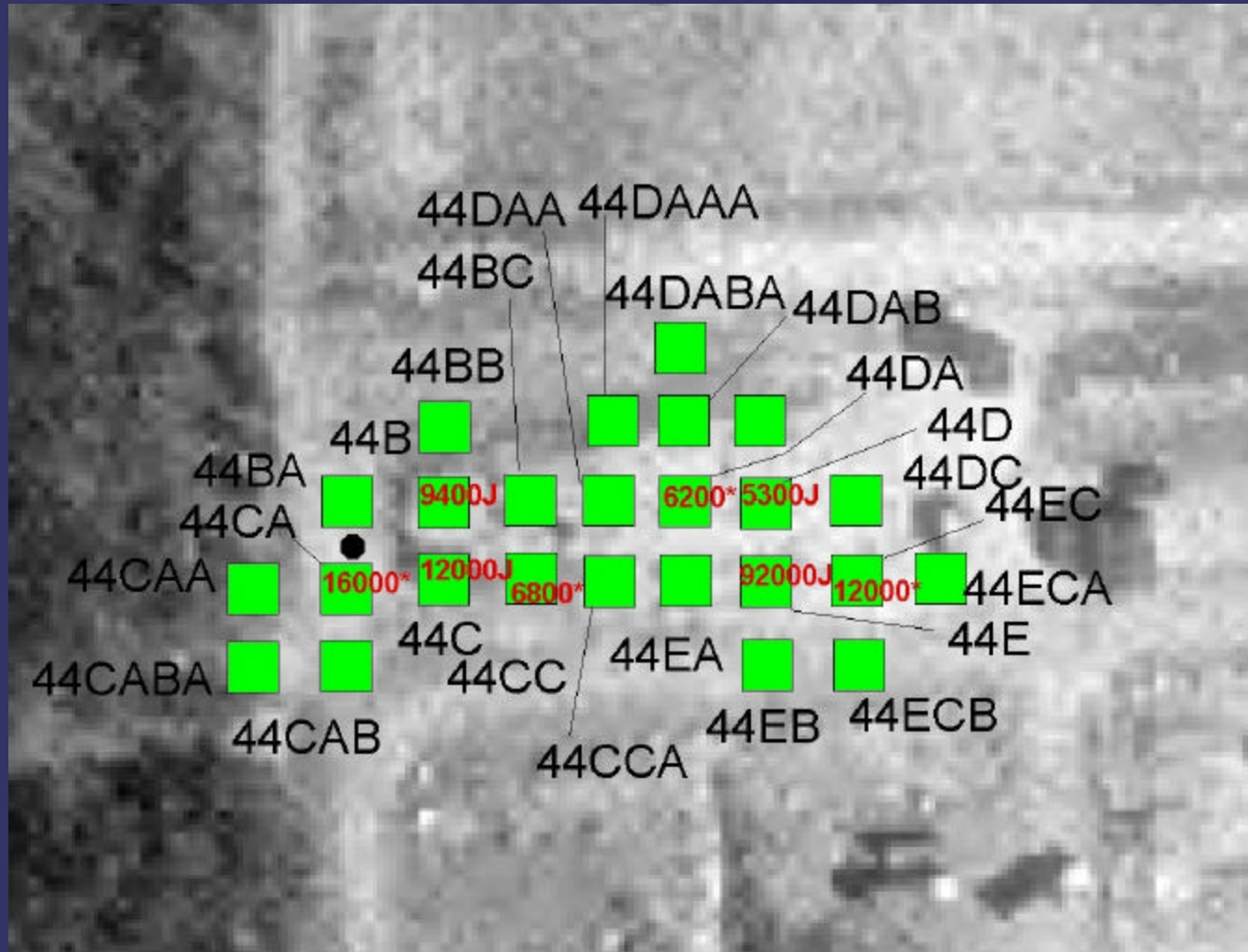
## Distribution of Contaminants in Surface Soil

- Nitroglycerin
  - Predominately detected near firing points
  - Attributable to rocket propellant
  - Quantity and magnitude of detected soil concentrations appears to correlate with firing point usage
  - Concentrations decrease with depth
  - Nitroglycerin was detected at a maximum depth of 0.5-1 foot below grade
- Other Explosive Compounds
  - Detected in only two soil grids located at northern target

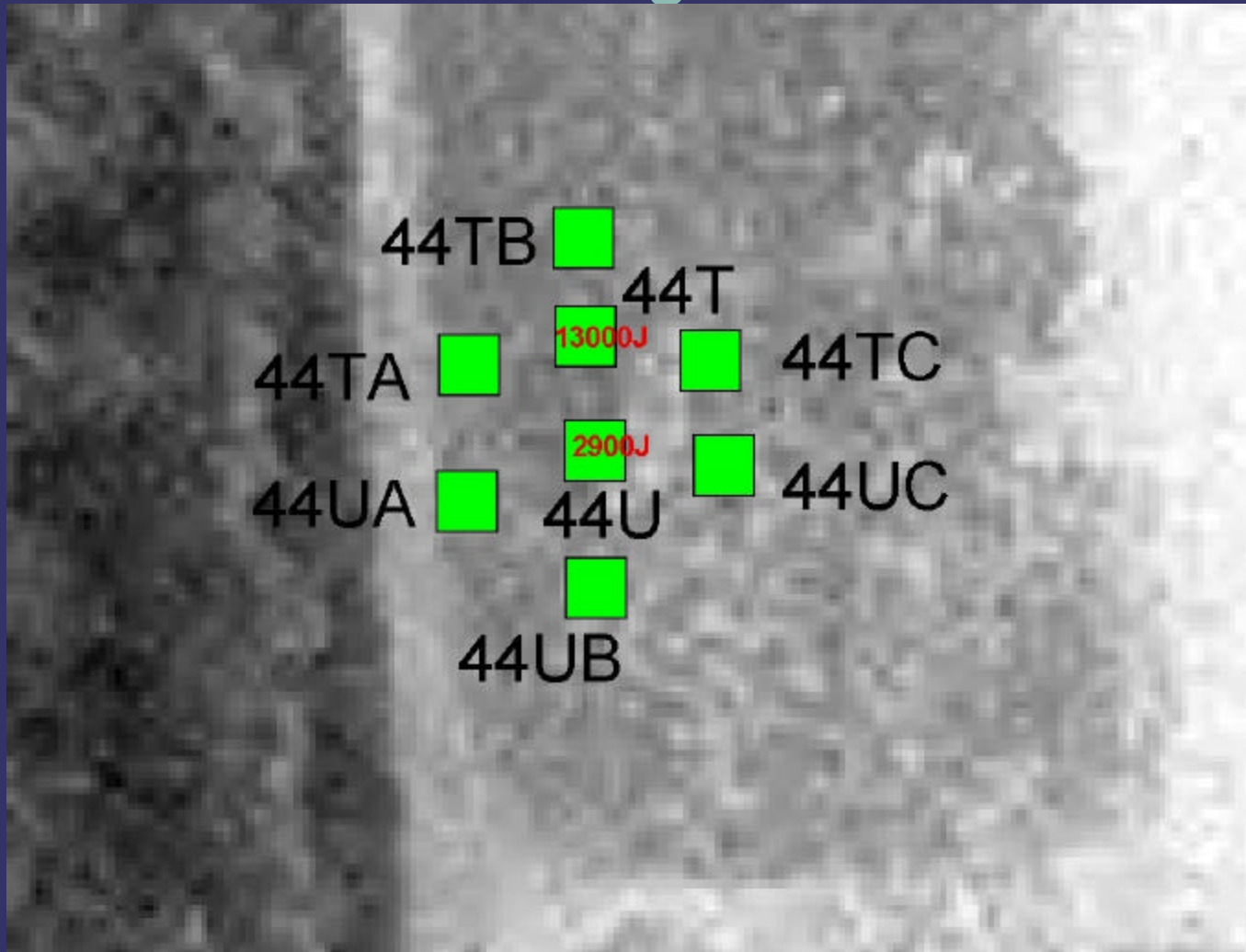
# Nitroglycerin Distribution in Surface Soil



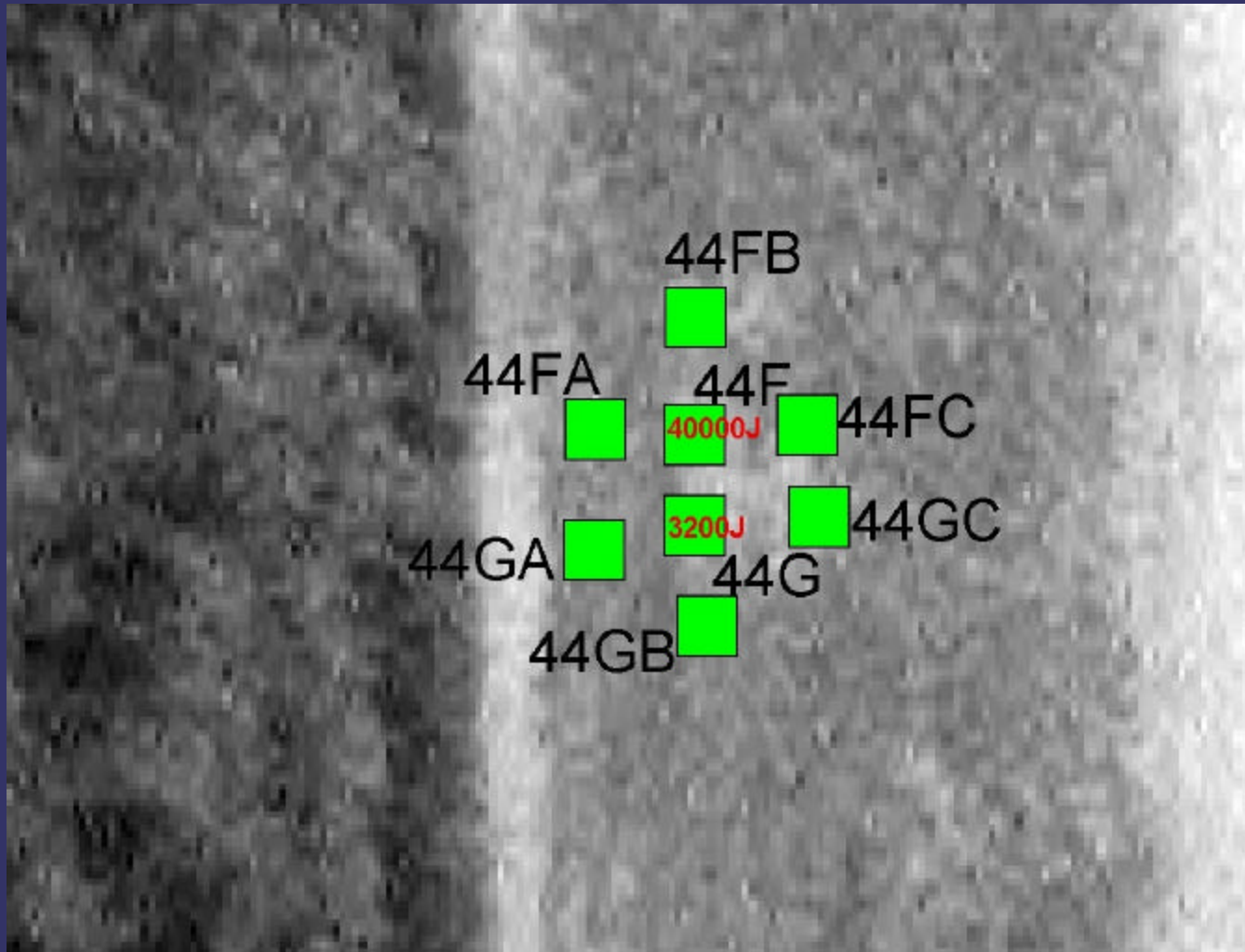
# Nitroglycerin Distribution in Surface Soil - Current Rocket Firing Point



# Nitroglycerin Distribution in Surface Soil - Former 90 mm Firing Point

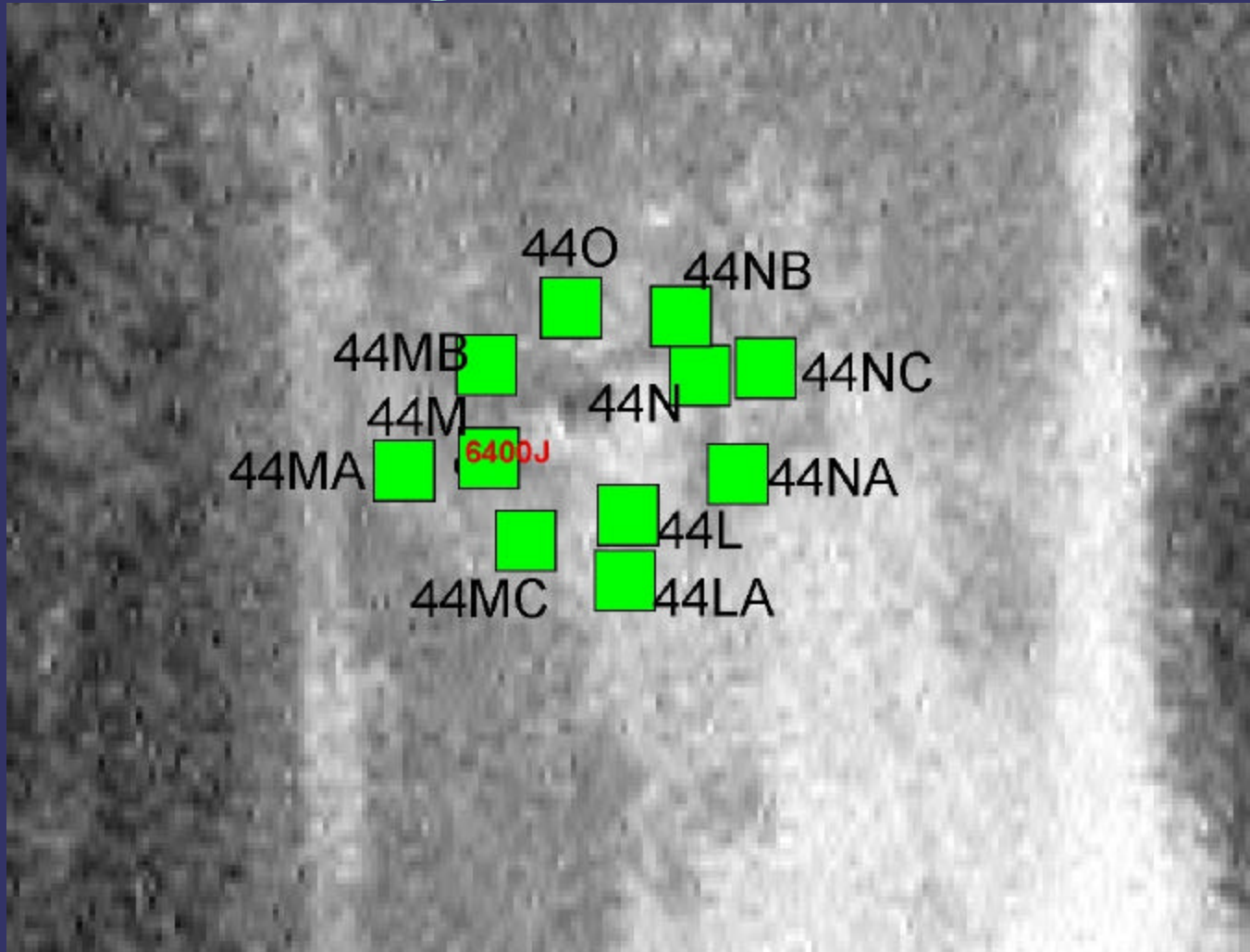


# Nitroglycerin Distribution in Surface Soil - Former TOW Firing Point





# Nitroglycerin Distribution in Surface Soil - Northern Target Area



## RRA Remediation Activities for Surface Soil

- EPA ordered remediation of soil due to leaching concerns
- Approximately 600 cubic yards of surface soil was excavated from the areas of concern
- Excavated soil was transported to an on-site facility for soil washing
- Post excavation soil sampling indicated successful remediation

## Conclusions

- Assessment activities indicated that contamination was primarily limited to surface soil
- Nitroglycerin is the primary compound detected in surface soil samples
- No impact has been found in subsurface soil or groundwater
- Limited explosive contamination observed at primary target
- Distribution of nitroglycerin appears to correlate with firing point usage
- Nitroglycerin contaminated soil was remediated with excavation and soil washing
- Perchlorate may have been present in soil but samples were not analyzed. Groundwater samples are currently being collected for perchlorate analysis.