



The Former Lewis Chemical Site
12 Fairmount Court, Hyde Park
Project Update
Wednesday, January 22, 2014
Fairmount Hill Neighborhood
Association Monthly Meeting
85 Williams Ave, Hyde Park
(Boston Police Academy)

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The Former Lewis Chemical Property

1983: EPA ID MAD053455911

1987: MA DEP issued Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-1616



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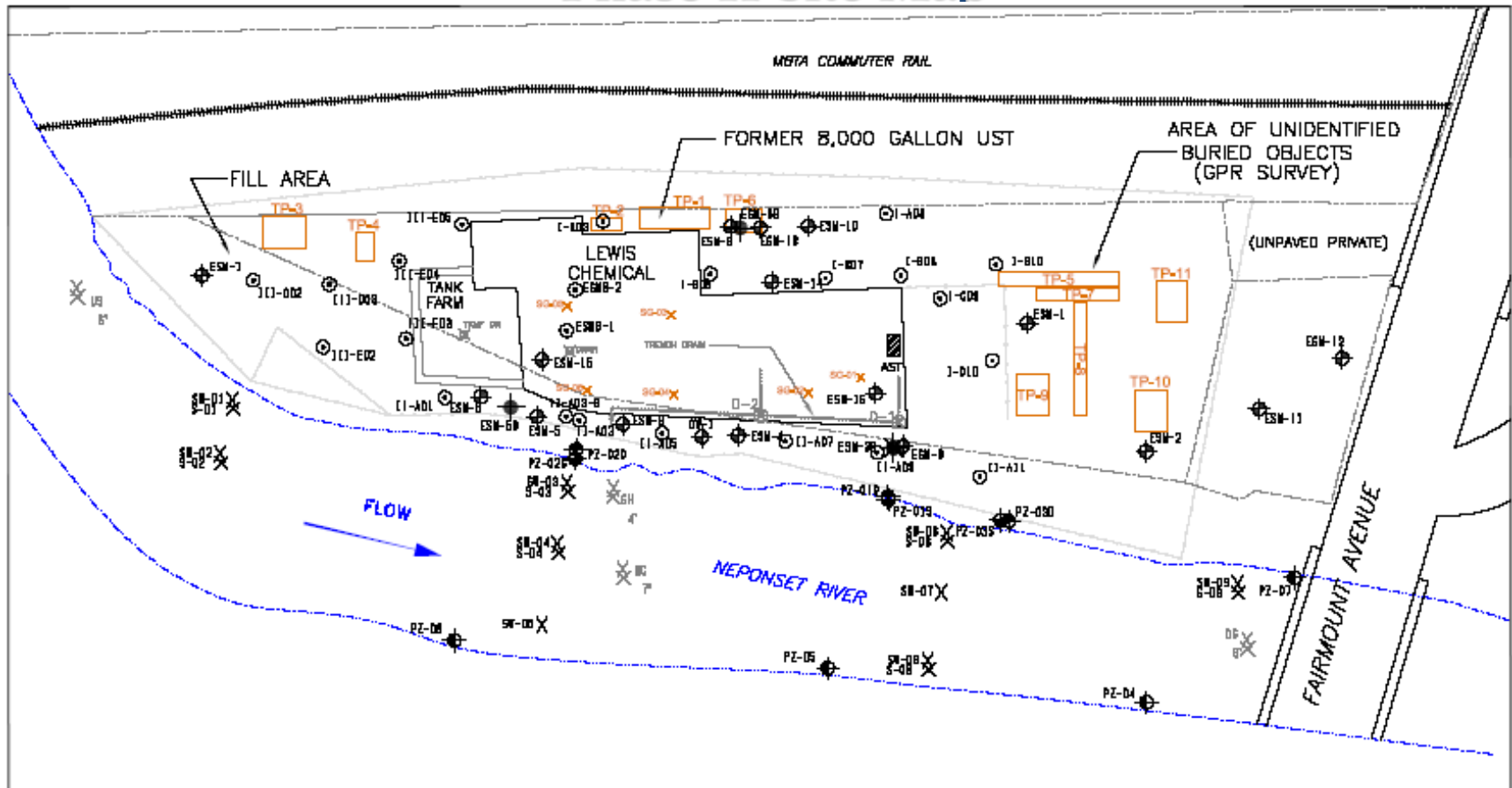
Property History



- Leather Tannery: 1940s-1960s
- Lewis Chemical: Solvent recovery from waste liquids: 1963-1983
 - MA DEP Revokes Lewis Chemical hazardous waste handling license and Lewis Chemical ceases operation : 1983
 - Building owner leases property to various tenants
- City of Boston receives property through tax foreclosure: 2000



Phase II Site Map



- SG-01 SOIL GAS POINT
- SW-01 X SURFACE WATER SAMPLE LOCATION
- S-01 X SEDIMENT SAMPLE LOCATION
- CI-01 SOIL BORING LOCATIONS

- ESM-1 GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL
- ESM-17 BEDROCK WELL COUPLET
- ESM-21 BEDROCK WELL
- PZ-01 DEEP PIEZOMETER (~12')
- PZ-02 SHALLOW PIEZOMETER (5')
- PZ-04 TEMPORARY PIEZOMETER (<5')



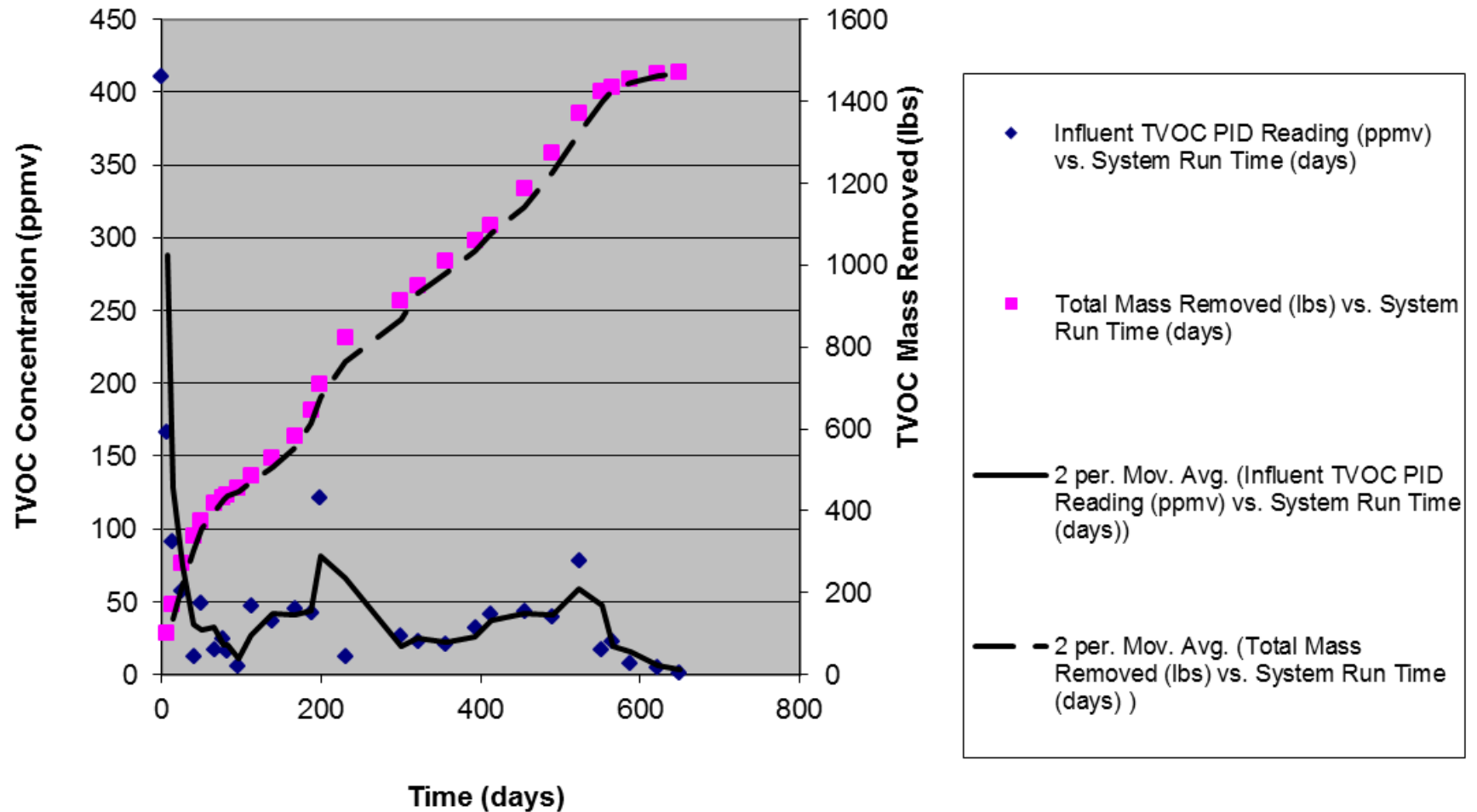
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Lewis Chemical Site Remediation

- City of Boston Remediation with EPA Cleanup Grant Funds
 - Design & Installation of Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) remediation system
 - Focus to reduce the TCE source material beneath the building
 - SVE system operated for ~2 years
 - Shut down February 2013 after removing an estimated 1,500 pounds of VOC contaminants



Figure 3: TVOC Readings and Mass Removal Versus Time



Building Demolition

- Design Completed and Project Bid March 2013
- Project awarded and permits/access agreements obtained – Spring 2013
- Hazardous Materials abatement – July 2013
- Demolition Complete – September 2013



Before Demolition



During Demolition



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After Demolition



Recent Photo



Concerns for Human Health and the Environment

- Volatile organic compound (VOC) vapors from the soil and groundwater to building
 - Building demolished, but this pathway must be considered for future buildings
 - Reduction of source material under the former building accomplished 2010-2013 treatment system
- Impacts to the Neponset River
- Contaminated Soil
 - VOCs, PCBs, Metals
 - Property access restricted



Brownfields Support Team

- On November 29, 2012, Lt. Governor Murray announced 12 Fairmount Ct. one of five new Brownfields sites in MA designated for Brownfields Support Team (BST) assistance
- The Brownfields Support Team is a collaboration of state, local, and federal agencies to help advance and accelerate the redevelopment of major brownfields sites across the state



Brownfield Support Team Work

- Prior to and during demolition, DND worked with BST members including EPA, DEP, DCR on a scope of work for a comprehensive cleanup plan and to identify funding sources for future work
- July 2013 – EPA awarded \$100,000 Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) Grant
- October-November 2013 – TBA Grant utilized to complete critical portion of BST Scope
- Conducted comprehensive soil sampling beneath and around former building footprint and installed additional monitoring wells
 - Draft results received January 2014



TBA Assessment Project



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Sample Locations





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Next Steps



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- Meet with BST to complete evaluation of recently collected data
- Complete planned assessment activities
 - Additional soil sampling on remainder of property (primarily PCBs)
 - Groundwater monitoring (including recently installed wells)
- Evaluate future cleanup options and costs vs. future use scenarios
- Pursue new funding opportunities
 - **THANK YOU FHNA for your support of recent DND and DCR grant proposals!!!!**



For More Information on Lewis Chemical

- http://www.cityofboston.gov/dnd/remes/M_Lewis_Chemical_Property.asp
- <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites/Search.asp>
 - Search for RTN 3-1616

