

#### East Tennessee Technology Park Groundwater Remedies Update

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#### We will require groundwater decisions soon at ETTP



#### Main plant

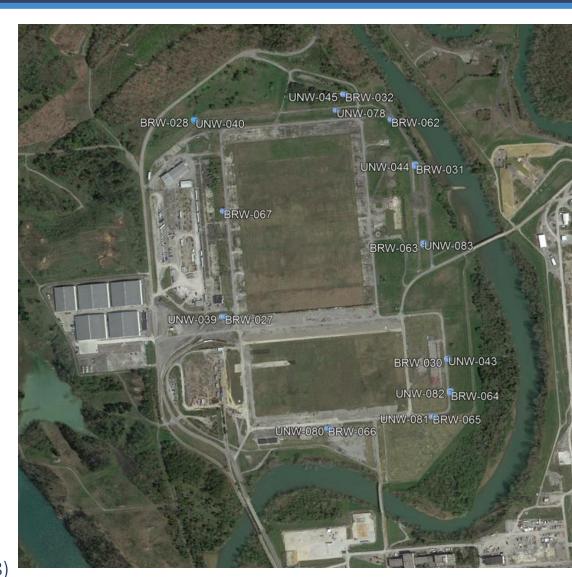
- Proposed Plan:December 22, 2021
- Record of Decision: January 8, 2022
- K-31/K-33 Area
  - Remedial Investigation/Feasibility
    Study:
    June 30, 2021
  - Proposed Plan:September 30, 2021
  - Record of Decision: April 30, 2022
- Remaining groundwater
  - After path forward for K-31/K-33
    and main plant area finalized



## There are thirty years of groundwater investigations at K-31/K-33



- 1987-1989: 21 permanent monitoring wells installed
- 1987-2017: Wells sampled 336 times
- December 2017: DOE, EPA, and TDEC meet to identify wells needing sampled before submitting report
- May 2019: DOE submit D2 Report recommending No Further Action
- May 2019: TDEC and EPA request additional sampling
- June 2019: DOE agrees to collect two more rounds of sampling along with additional analytes
- July 2019: First round completed; Analytical Parameters included Metals, Anion, Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCBs), Semi Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Radiological (gross alpha/beta, Tc-99, U-233/234, U-235/236, and U-238)



# There are thirty years of groundwater investigations at K-31/K-33 (continued)



- February-March 2020: Wet season sampling completed
- October–November 2020: Additional dry season sampling completed
- 2020: Agreement to collect four more quarters of groundwater samples to allow for approximately 6 to 8 data points per well for statistically valid trend analyses
- 2020: By triparty agreement, the FFA milestone for the D1 RI/FS Report was moved to 5/31/21, with the understanding that the results of the third and fourth rounds of additional quarterly sampling would be added to the D2 RI/FS
- January—February 2021: Additional wet season sampling completed
- 2021: Five new piezometers installed in former sinkholes and process building footprints and water levels and groundwater samples collected



### K 31/K 33 Area MCL exceedances in groundwater January/February 2021



Since completion of all of the K-31/K-33 Area demolition activities in 2015 and installation of dedicated micropurge, low-flow sampling pumps in 2019, there was a reduction in the number of metal and radiological constituents that have exceeded Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs):

	Unfiltered Groundwater October/November 2020	Unfiltered Groundwater January/February 2021
Constituent	Well	Well
Alpha activity	UNW-040	None
Antimony	None	None
Arsenic	None	None
Beryllium	None	None
Chromium BRW-030, BRW-031, UNW-039, UNW-083 BRW-030, UNW		BRW-030, UNW-039
Lead	None	None
Nickel	UNW-039, UNW-043, UNW-083	UNW-039, UNW-043, UNW-083

- Chromium:
  - Six unfiltered samples > MCL
- Nickel:
  - Six unfiltered samples > State MCL
- Antimony/Arsenic/Lead:
  - Zero unfiltered samples > MCL

# Majority of contaminated groundwater is localized to main plant area

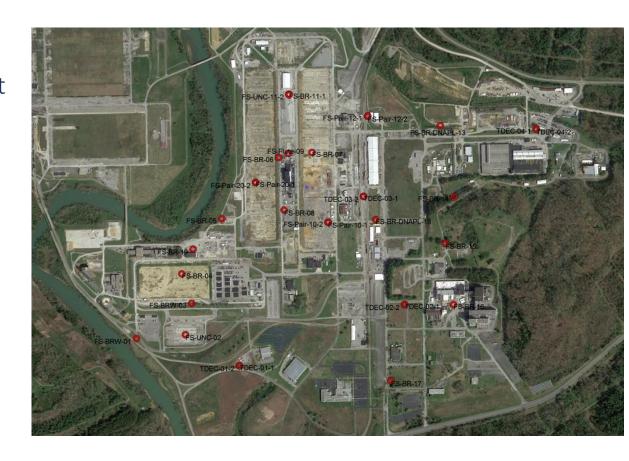




## DOE has conducted over twenty years of groundwater evaluation at the main plant area

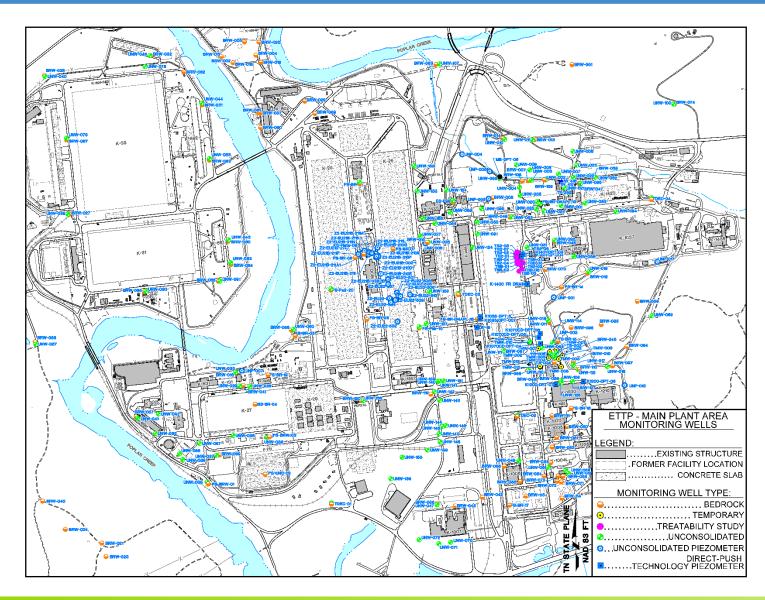


- Groundwater remedial investigation began
  1997-1998
- 355 existing permanent monitoring wells in Main Plant Feasibility Site Area (471 wells for entire ETTP site)
  - 96 new wells in
    2017/2018 as part of treatability study design for K-1401
  - 31 new wells in2018/2019 to supportFeasibility Study



# Extensive network of wells in place at East Tennessee Technology Park main plant





# Multiple technical alternatives being evaluated for remedy

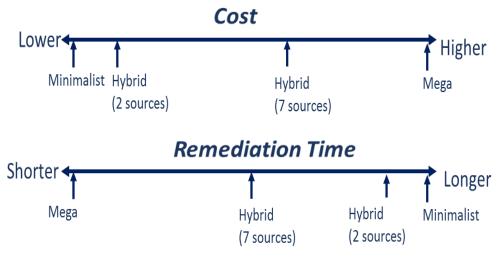


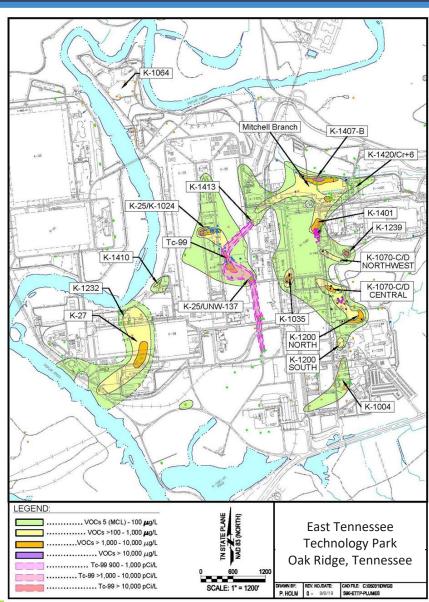
		Major Component		
TMA	Alternative	<b>Unconsolidated Zone</b>	Bedrock	
CVOC	<b>S</b> 1	In situ thermal treatment	In situ thermal treatment	
Sources	<b>S</b> 2	Subgrade biogeochemical treatment unit	Enhanced in situ bioremediation	
	<b>S</b> 3	In situ soil mixing with zero valent iron and bentonite	Enhanced in situ bioremediation	
	<b>S</b> 4	Monitored natural attenuation	Monitored natural attenuation	
	S5	Pump & Treat – extraction wells with above ground treatment system	Pump & Treat – extraction wells with above ground treatment system	
CVOC	P1	Enhanced in situ bioremediation	Enhanced in situ bioremediation	
Plumes	P2	Monitored natural attenuation	Monitored natural attenuation	
	P3	Pump & Treat – extraction wells with above ground treatment system	Pump & Treat – extraction wells with above ground treatment system	
Tc-99	Tc1	Subgrade biogeochemical treatment unit		
Plume	Tc2	Monitored natural attenuation	NA – no significant contamination in bedrock	
	Tc3	Funnel and gate		
	Tc4	Pump and treat		
Unique	BG1	Permeable reactive barriers at K-1070 C/D	Monitored natural attenuation	
Areas	Cr1	Continued operation of Chromium Water Treatment System	Monitored natural attenuation	
	CW1	Constructed wetlands at Mitchell Branch	Monitored natural attenuation	

#### We are working with TDEC and EPA to establish interim Record of Decision for main plant groundwater to enable reindustrialization



- Full range of groundwater cleanup approaches under evaluation with DOE, EPA, and TDEC
  - Monitored Natural Attenuation
  - Aggressive high-cost extensive treatment of both high and low concentration area
  - Combination of above





### OREM has collected a tremendous amount of data to allow for remediation decisions



- OREM has completed multiple investigations and has a vast monitoring network that provides an immense amount of data
- We have spent millions over the past several years collecting additional groundwater data
- Crews have installed all of the wells requested by EPA/TDEC
- We have collected enough information to work with regulators on developing interim decisions



- Range of technologies and alternatives evaluated in Feasibility Study
- Decisions needed to proceed with groundwater management approach



Questions?