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Summary of MNA Cleanup Timeframes and Decay Rate Calculations

Constituent Plume & Aquifer	Approximate MNA Cleanup Timeframe (Years)		Overall Estimated MNA Cleanup Timeframe (3)
	Distance Dependent Calculation Method (1)	Time-Dependant calculation Method (2)	
Northern TCE Plume			25 Years
Overburden	3.2	20.2	
Bedrock	22.2	NC*	
Southern TCE Plume			50 Years
Overburden	41.5	48.1	
Bedrock	25.2	NC*	
RDX Plume			40 Years
Overburden	22.3	35.7	
Bedrock	9.8	17.7	

(1) MNA Cleanup time was calculated using the distance-dependant degradation rate constant method as described by Newell et al., (USEPA, 2002)

(2) MNA Cleanup time was calculated using the time-dependant degradation rate constant method as described by Newell et al., (USEPA, 2002)

(3) Overall Estimated MNA Cleanup Timeframes were determined by comparing all timeframes calculated for each plume. The longest calculated timeframe for each plume was rounded up to the nearest five years

* Not Calculated, Insufficient Data for temporal concentration trend.

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Slope of exponential regression versus distance (k/v_x)

Location: Mid-Valley -Southern TCE Plume - Overburden Aquifer - 2003 Data

Monitoring Well	B1038MW-1	B1038MW-3	161MW-1	125MW-1A	125MW-2A	104MW-1	GMW-4	Slope	R ²
Feet	741	1067	1705	3488	3957	4507	4948	-0.0006	0.7810
Concentration	59	44	94	44	10.0	6.1	5.1		

Hydraulic Conductivity	ft/day
Groundwater Gradient	ft/ft
Total Porosity	0.20 porosity
Average groundwater velocity, v_x =	0.500 ft/day
	182.5 ft/year

$$\lambda = (v_c/4\alpha_y) ([1+2\alpha_y(k/v_y)]^2 - 1)$$

$$\alpha_v = 5\% \text{ of flow field (distance separating two furthest wells)}$$

247.4 ft

$$f_{oc} = 0.01$$
$$K_{oc} = 126 \text{ L/kg}$$
$$K_d = \frac{K_{oc} f_{oc}}{f_{oc}}$$

1.26 L/kg

$$\rho_b = 1.7 \text{ kg/L}$$
$$n = 0.20$$
$$R = 1 + (\rho_b K_d / n)$$

11.710

$$v_c = v_x/R$$

15.5850 ft/year

Natural Attenuation Rate

$$k = 0.1095 \text{ /year}$$

half-life = **6.3 years**

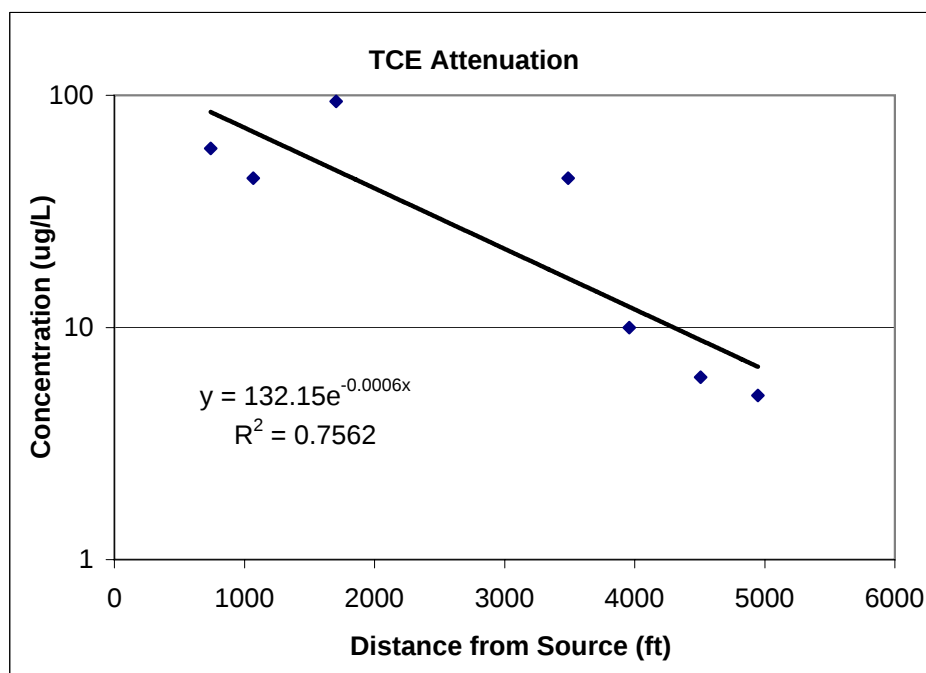
Estimate of time needed to degrade contaminants at various points:

$$t = -\ln[C_{\text{goal}}/C_{\text{start}}]/k$$

$$C_{\text{goal}} = 1.0$$

Duration at point t (years)

B1038MW-1	37.2
B1038MW-3	34.6
161MW-1	41.5
125MW-1A	34.6
125MW-2A	21.0
104MW-1	16.5
GMW-4	14.9



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Time-Dependent Degradation Rate Constant for TCE

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Slope of exponential regression versus time (k)

Location: Mid-Valley - Southern TCE Plume - Overburden Aquifer - Time-Conc. Data

Total Porosity

Average groundwater velocity, $v_x =$

0.20 porosity
0.130 ft/day
47.5 ft/year

Natural Attenuation Rate

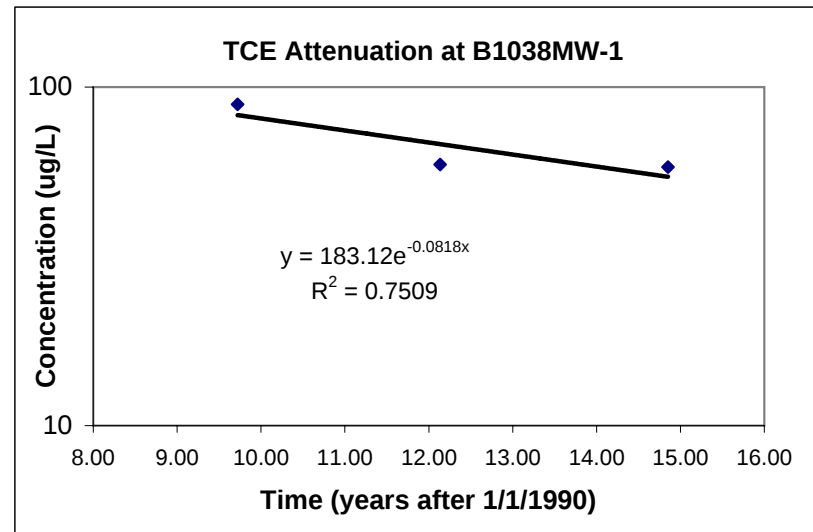
$k_{\text{point}} = 0.0818$ /year

half-life = 8.5 years

Estimate of time needed to degrade contaminants at various points:

$$t = -\ln[C_{\text{goal}}/C_{\text{start}}]/k \quad C_{\text{goal}} = 1.00$$

Duration at point:	t (years from 1/1/1990)	MNA Time (from present)
B1038MW-1	63.7	48.1



B1038MW-1				Slope	R ²
Years (from 1/1/1990)	9.72	12.13	14.85	-0.0818	0.7509
Concentration	89.00	59.00	58.00	Y-int	
Date	9/19/1999	2/18/2002	11/6/2004	183.12	
Days (from 1/1/1990)	3548	4429	5421		
Years (from 1/1/1990)	9.7	12.1	14.9		

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Slope of exponential regression versus distance (k/v_x)**Location:** Mid-Valley - Southern TCE Plume - Bedrock Aquifer 2003 Data

Monitoring Well	161MW-1B	125MW-1B	125MW-2A	Slope	R ²
Feet	1650	3420	3900	-0.0008	0.8877
Concentration	83	30	10.0		

Hydraulic Conductivity ft/day
 Groundwater Gradient ft/ft
 Total Porosity 0.05 porosity
 Average groundwater velocity, v_x = 0.600 ft/day
 219.0 ft/year

λ = $(v_c/4\alpha_x) ([1+2\alpha_x(k/v_x)]^2 - 1)$
 α_x = 5 % of flow field (distance separating two furthest wells)
 195 ft
 f_{oc} = 0.01
 K_{oc} = 126 L/kg
 K_d = $K_{oc}f_{oc}$
 1.26 L/kg
 ρ_b = 1.7 kg/L
 n = 0.05
 R = $1 + (\rho_b K_d/n)$
 43.840
 v_c = v_x/R
 4.9954 ft/year
 Natural Attenuation Rate
 k = 0.1752 /year
 half-life = 4.0 years

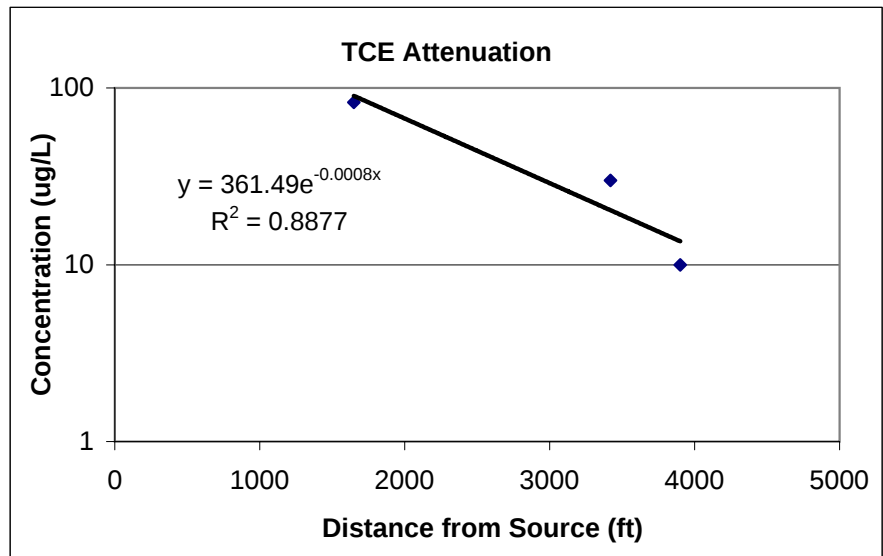
**Estimate of time needed to degrade
 contaminants at various points:**

$$t = -\ln[C_{goal}/C_{start}]/k$$

$$C_{goal} = 1.0$$

Duration at point: t (years)

161MW-1B 25.2
 125MW-1B 19.4
 125MW-2A 13.1



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Slope of exponential regression versus distance (k/v_x)**Location:** Mid-Valley - Northern TCE Plume - Overburden Aquifer - 2003 Data

Monitoring Well	6MW-4	Extrap.	MWF-2A	PW410	Slope	R ²
Feet	277	682	1003	1544	-0.0012	0.8905
Concentration	8	7.0	5.2	1.8		

Hydraulic Conductivity ft/day
 Groundwater Gradient ft/ft
 Total Porosity 0.25 porosity
 Average groundwater velocity, v_x = 1.500 ft/day
 547.5 ft/year

λ = $(v_x/4\alpha_x) ([1+2\alpha_x(k/v_x)]^2 - 1)$
 α_x = 5 % of flow field (distance separating two furthest wells)
 77.2 ft

f_{oc} = 0.01
 K_{oc} = 126 L/kg
 K_d = $K_{oc} f_{oc}$
 1.26 L/kg

ρ_b = 1.7 kg/L
 n = 0.25
 R = $1 + (\rho_b K_d/n)$
 9.568

v_c = v_x/R
 57.2220 ft/year

Natural Attenuation Rate

k = 0.6570 /year
 half-life = 1.1 years

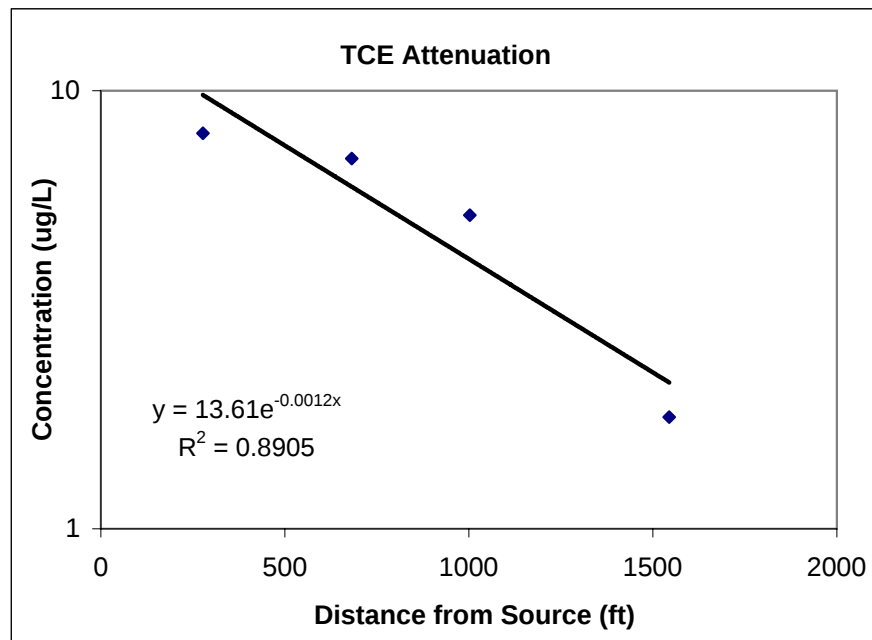
**Estimate of time needed to degrade
 contaminants at various points:**

$$t = -\ln[C_{goal}/C_{start}]/k$$

$C_{goal} = 1.0$

Duration at point: t (years)

6MW-4 3.2
 MWF-2A 2.5
 PW410 0.9



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 Slope of exponential regression versus time (k)

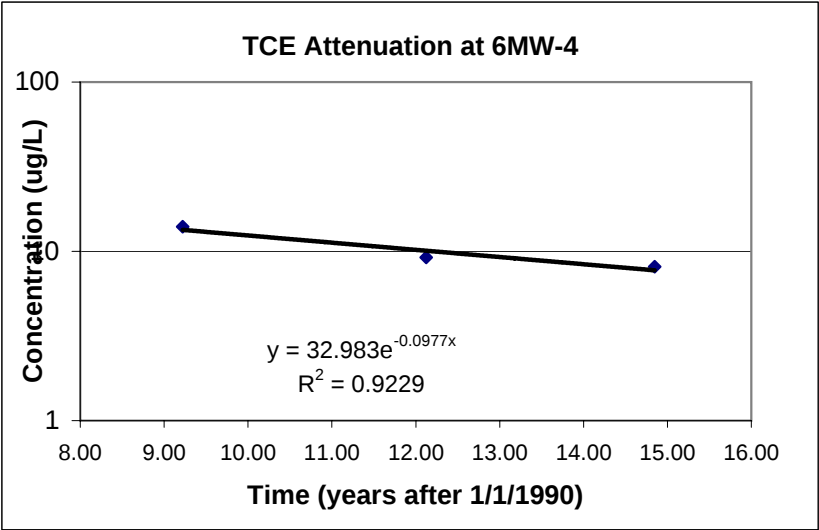
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Total Porosity **0.25** porosity
 Average groundwater velocity, v_x = **1.500** ft/day
547.5 ft/year

Natural Attenuation Rate
 k_{point} = **0.0977** /year
 half-life = **7.1** years

Estimate of time needed to degrade contaminants at various points:
 $t = -\ln[C_{goal}/C_{start}]/k$ $C_{goal} = 1.00$

Duration at point:	t (years from 1/1/1990)	MNA Time (from present)
6MW-4	35.8	20.2



6MW-4				Slope	R ²
Years (from 1/1/1990)	9.22	12.12	14.85	-0.0977	0.9229
Concentration	14.00	9.20	8.10	Y-int	
Date	3/21/1999	2/14/2002	11/5/2003	32.983	
Days (from 1/1/1990)	3366	4425	5420		
Years (from 1/1/1990)	9.2	12.1	14.8		

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Slope of exponential regression versus distance (k/v_x)

Location: Mid-Valley - Northern TCE Plume - Bedrock Aquifer - 2003 Data

Monitoring Well	6MW-4D	DM17-2	DM17-3	Extrap.	Slope	R ²
Feet	277	930	1027	1670	-0.0007	0.8878
Concentration	17	9	12	6.0		

Hydraulic Conductivity	ft/day
Groundwater Gradient	ft/ft
Total Porosity	0.05 porosity
Average groundwater velocity, $v_x =$	0.500 ft/day
	182.5 ft/year

$$\lambda = \frac{(v_c/4\alpha_x) ([1+2\alpha_x(kV_x)]^2 - 1)}{5 \text{ \% of flow field (distance separating two furthest wells)}}$$
$$f_{oc} = 0.01$$
$$K_{oc} = 126 \text{ L/kg}$$
$$K_d = \frac{K_{oc} f_{oc}}{1.26 \text{ L/kg}}$$

$\rho_b =$ 1.7 kg/L
 $n =$ 0.05

$$R = \frac{1 + (\rho_b K_d / n)}{43.840}$$
$$v_c = \frac{v_x}{R} = 4.1629 \text{ ft/year}$$

Natural Attenuation Rate

k = 0.1278 /year
half-life = 5.4 years

Estimate of time needed to degrade contaminants at various points:

$$t = -\ln[C_{\text{goal}}/C_{\text{start}}]/k$$

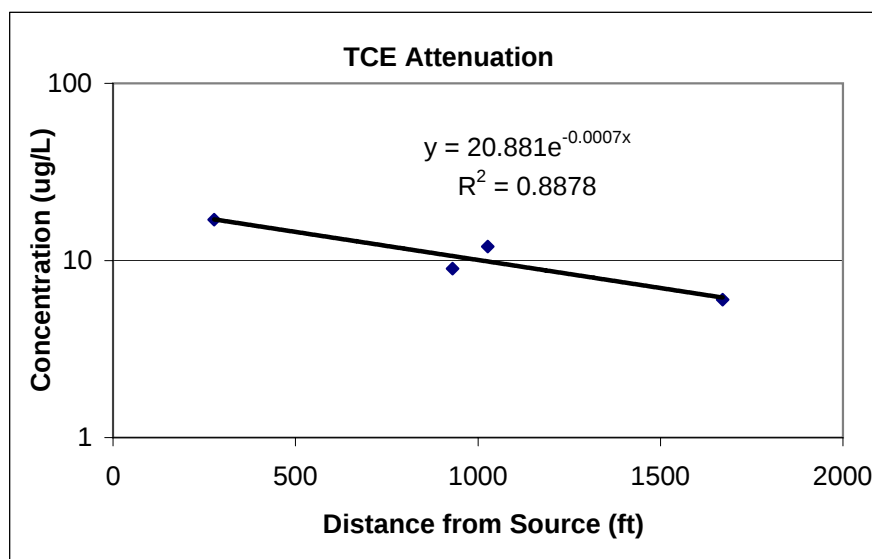
$$C_{\text{goal}} = 1.0$$

Duration at point: t (years)

6MW-4D	22.2
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DM17-2 17.2

DM17-3	19.5
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Time-Dependent Degradation Rate Constant for RDX

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 Slope of exponential regression versus time (k)

Location: Mid-Valley - RDX Plume - Overburden Aquifer - Time-Conc. Data

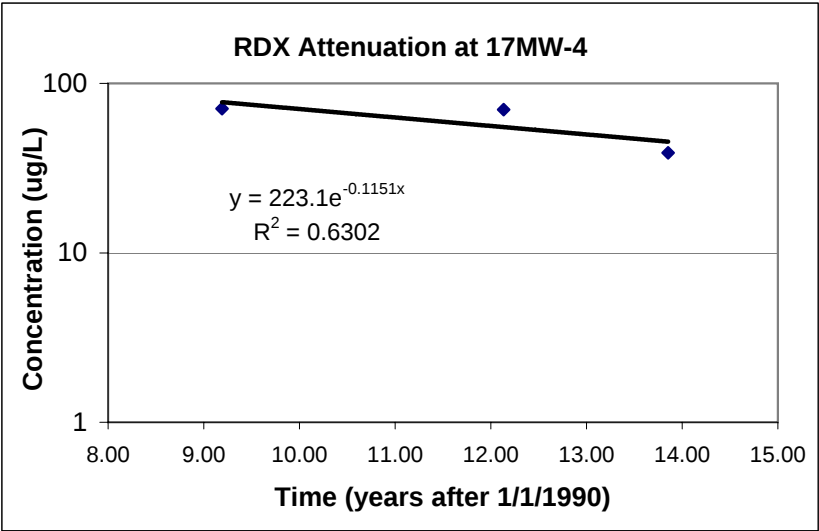
Total Porosity **0.25** porosity
 Average groundwater velocity, $v_x =$
0.050 ft/day
18.3 ft/year

Natural Attenuation Rate

$k_{point} =$ **0.1151** /year
 half-life = **6.0** years

Estimate of time needed to degrade contaminants at various points:

$t = -\ln[C_{goal}/C_{start}]/k$ $C_{goal} =$ 0.61



Duration at point:	t (years from 1/1/1990)	MNA Time (from present)
17MW-4	51.3	35.7

17MW-4				Slope	R ²
Years (from 1/1/1990)	9.19	12.13	13.85	-0.1151	0.6302
Concentration	71.00	70.00	39.00	Y-int	
Date	3/9/1999	2/18/2002	11/6/2003	223.1	
Days (from 1/1/1990)	3354	4429	5056		
Years (from 1/1/1990)	9.2	12.1	13.9		

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Slope of exponential regression versus time (k)

Location: Mid-Valley - RDX Plume - Bedrock Aquifer - Time-Conc. Data

Total Porosity

Average groundwater velocity, $v_x =$

0.05 porosity

0.600 ft/day

219.0 ft/year

Natural Attenuation Rate

$k_{point} = 0.2349$ /year

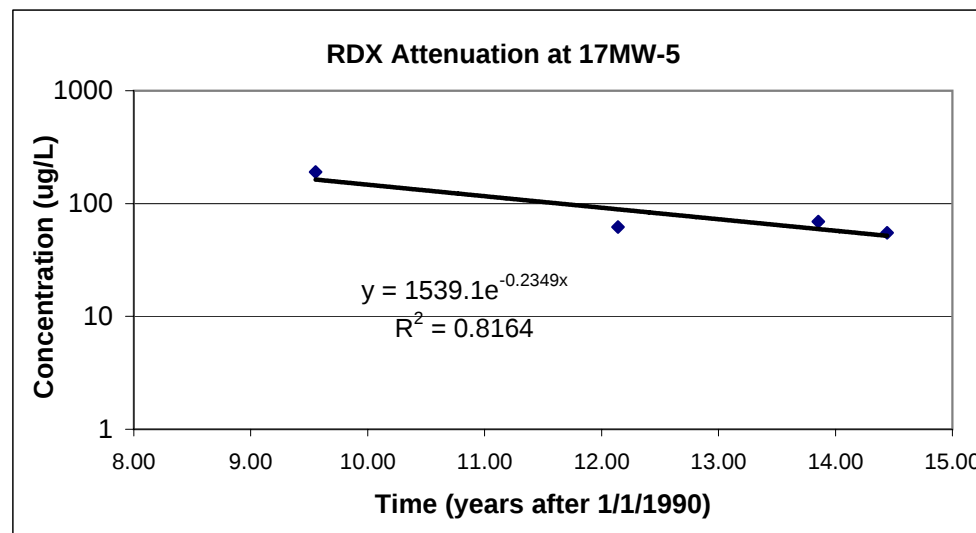
half-life = 3.0 years

Estimate of time needed to degrade contaminants at various points:

$$t = -\ln[C_{goal}/C_{start}]/k$$

$C_{goal} = 0.61$

Duration at point:	t (years from 1/1/1990)	MNA Time (from present)
17MW-5	33.3	17.7



17MW-5					Slope	R ²
Years (from 1/1/1990)	9.55	12.14	13.85	14.44	-0.2349	0.8164
Concentration	190.00	62.00	69.00	55.00	Y-int	
Date	7/20/1999	2/20/2002	11/6/2003	6/9/2004	1539.1	
Days (from 1/1/1990)	3487	4431	5056	5271		
Years (from 1/1/1990)	9.6	12.1	13.9	14.4		

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Hydrogeologic Parameters Used for Degradation Rate Calculation

Area L Bedrock		Hydraulic Conductivity	Gradient*	Porosity	Groundwater Velocity=K*i/n	Velocity (Ft/Day)	Velocity (Ft/Yr)
		K (Ft/Min)	i (Ft/Ft)	n	Velocity (Ft/Min)		
114MW-1B	Rising Head	0.000024	0.04427	0.05	2.09E-05	0.0301	10.99
161MW-1B	Rising Head	0.0004215	0.04427	0.05	3.73E-04	0.5374	196.15
6MW-4D	Average	0.000167	0.084**	0.05	2.80E-04	0.4032	147.17
171MW-4	Rising Head	0.0019	0.04427	0.05	1.68E-03	2.4225	884.20
171MW-4	Falling Head	0.001816	0.04427	0.05	1.61E-03	2.3154	845.11

*Gradient measured from 161MW-1B and 125MW-1B

**Gradient measured from 6MW-4D and DM17-3

Robinson Run Area, Overburden		Hydraulic Conductivity	Gradient*	Porosity	Groundwater Velocity=K*i/n	Velocity (Ft/Day)	Velocity (Ft/Yr)
		K (Ft/Min)	i (Ft/Ft)	n	Velocity (Ft/Min)		
B1038MW-1	Rising Head	0.000530	0.0433	0.25	9.18E-05	0.1322	48.26
161MW-1	Avg	0.003952083	0.0433	0.25	6.85E-04	0.9857	359.77

*Gradient measured from 161MW-1 and 125MW-1

Northwest Area L, Overburden		Hydraulic Conductivity	Gradient*	Porosity	Groundwater Velocity=K*i/n	Velocity (Ft/Day)	Velocity (Ft/Yr)
		K (Ft/Min)	i (Ft/Ft)	n	Velocity (Ft/Min)		
6MW-4	Average	0.003270833	0.087	0.25	1.14E-03	1.6391	598.26
17MW-2	Average	0.008444444	0.087	0.25	2.94E-03	4.2317	1544.56

*Gradient measured from 6MW-4 and MW138-2

1000 Area, Overburden		Hydraulic Conductivity	Gradient*	Porosity	Groundwater Velocity=K*i/n	Velocity (Ft/Day)	Velocity (Ft/Yr)
		K (Ft/Min)	i (Ft/Ft)	n	Velocity (Ft/Min)		
162MW-1	Rising Head	0.004811	0.002	0.25	3.85E-05	0.0554	20.23
162MW-1	Falling Head	0.004632	0.002	0.25	3.71E-05	0.0534	19.48
161MW-1	Avg	0.003952083	0.002	0.25	3.16E-05	0.0455	16.62

*Gradient measured from 114MW-1A and 162MW-1