

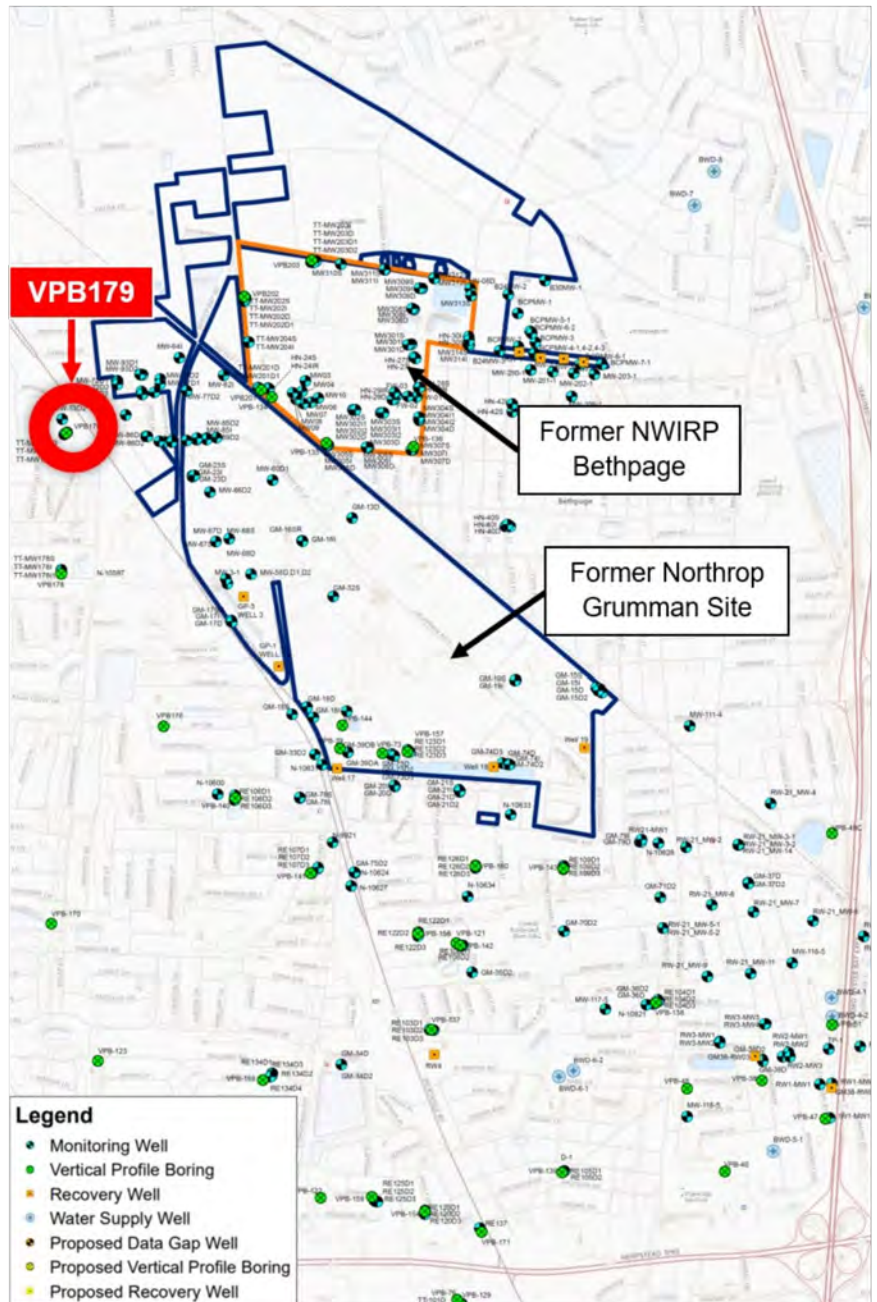
Vertical Profile Boring Installation Summary

August 2021

Historic storage and/or disposal practices at the former **Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant Bethpage (NWIRP Bethpage)** and adjacent former Northrop Grumman properties resulted in groundwater contamination in the local area. Over the last several decades, **volatile organic compounds (VOCs)** that originated from these facilities have moved into the groundwater and off-property with the groundwater flow. The contamination has generally moved to the south while sinking downward to greater depths.

The Navy estimates the VOC contamination covers approximately 3,000 acres, but it is not distributed evenly throughout the area. Instead of a single, contiguous plume, there are multiple widely dispersed plumes or “fingers,” meaning VOCs are present in the groundwater at different concentrations and different depths in different areas.

The Navy is conducting a groundwater investigation that includes the installation of **vertical profile borings (VPB)** to gather more information on the location, depth, and concentration of contaminants in the groundwater plume. Installation of a VPB involves drilling a deep hole (up to 1,000 feet deep) and taking samples of the groundwater at various depths. One to three permanent monitoring wells are typically installed adjacent to the VPB hole, and the depth of the well(s) is determined based on the results of the sampling conducted during the VPB installation.



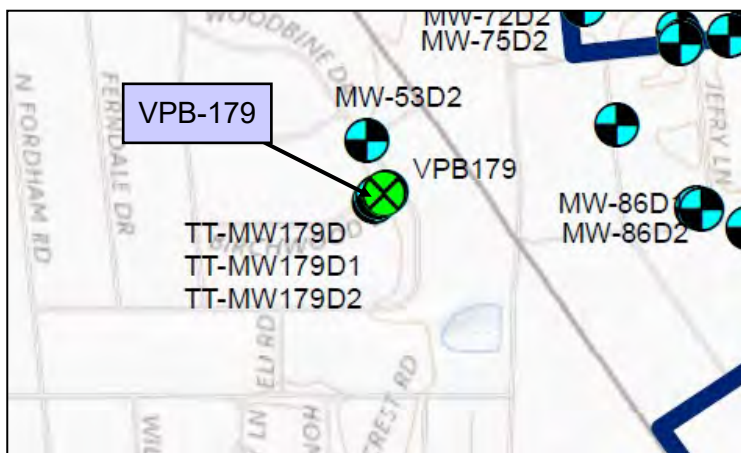
The VPB179 investigation focused on **Trichloroethene (TCE)** and **Tetrachloroethene (PCE)**, which are two primary VOCs in the NWIRP Bethpage groundwater contamination. The groundwater results were compared with **Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)**, which are used by the New York State Department of Health for determining when water is safe for distribution. The MCL for both TCE and PCE is **5 micrograms per liter (ug/L)** or parts per billion.

Please note the VPB investigation is sampling raw groundwater, meaning it has not been treated to remove contaminants. Raw groundwater is not what is distributed by the water districts to the public. All water distributed by the water districts is collected from their own water supply wells, and is regularly tested and treated by the districts to ensure a safe water supply.

**VPB179 Investigation Summary**

- VPB179 was completed between July 21 and August 14, 2020;
- The final boring was 848 feet (ft) deep;
- 35 groundwater screening samples were collected at different depths in feet below ground surface (ft bgs);
- The table contains TCE and PCE levels; bolding indicates an exceedance of the NYSDEC MCL of 5 ug/L; ND means non-detect;
- Other VOCs were found over the MCL: cis-1,2-dichloroethene (49 ug/L).

Permanent wells (TT-MW179D, TT-MW179D1, TT-MW179D2) were installed at VPB179 (August-October 2020) and are sampled as part of the Navy's Environmental Restoration Program. Results of monitoring will be discussed at the RAB meetings and will be available online at the information repository website for review.



DEPTH (ft bgs)	PCE (ug/L)	TCE (ug/L)
60	ND	ND
100	ND	ND
155	0.31	ND
200	<b>15.1</b>	<b>140</b>
220	<b>17</b>	<b>76.7</b>
240	3.2	<b>24.2</b>
260	<b>14.9</b>	<b>32.8</b>
280	4.1	<b>53.5</b>
300	<b>10.7</b>	<b>130</b>
320	<b>11.1</b>	<b>150</b>
340	0.26	1.5
360	<b>13.2</b>	<b>75.5</b>
380	<b>8.1</b>	<b>67.1</b>
400	<b>17.9</b>	<b>280</b>
420	<b>25</b>	<b>270</b>
440	0.93	<b>7.9</b>
460	ND	ND
480	ND	ND
500	ND	ND
520	ND	ND
540	ND	ND
560	ND	ND
580	ND	ND
600	ND	ND
620	ND	ND
645	ND	ND
665	ND	ND
680	ND	ND
705	ND	ND
720	ND	ND
740	ND	ND
760	ND	ND
780	ND	ND
800	ND	ND
820	ND	ND

**For More Information**

Copies of all official environmental program documents are available for review at an information repository located at Bethpage Public Library, 47 Powell Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714 (516) 931-3907.

Additional information on the NWIRP Bethpage Environmental Restoration Program is available online at <http://go.usa.gov/DyXF>, or by contacting NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs, 9324 Virginia Ave., Bldg. Z-140, Norfolk, VA 23511-3095, email [NAVFAC\\_ML\\_PAO@navy.mil](mailto:NAVFAC_ML_PAO@navy.mil), or call (757) 341-1410/11.