## EMERGING CONTAMINANTS & CLEAN-UP CHALLENGES

MECC REMEDIATION WORKSHOP 2024



## Agenda

- 1 Panelist Introductions
- 2 Missouri DNR Program Updates
- 3 Lead Remediation Industry Perspective
- 4 Q&A

## **Panelists**





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## Part-Way to PFAS

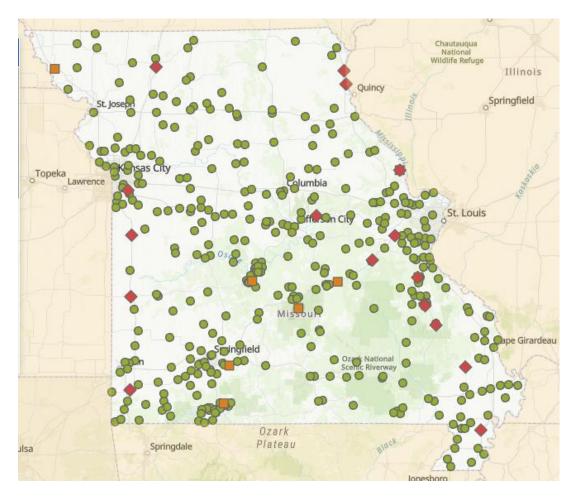
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## What's Happening in MO: Drinking Water Program

- MoDNR sampling & monitoring of public water supplies since 2013 (UCMR + other programs)
- Systems sampled to date serve
   >75% of population
- PFAS Dashboard: https://dnr.mo.gov/contaminantspotlight/perfluoroalkylpolyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas
- PFAS Viewer Tool →

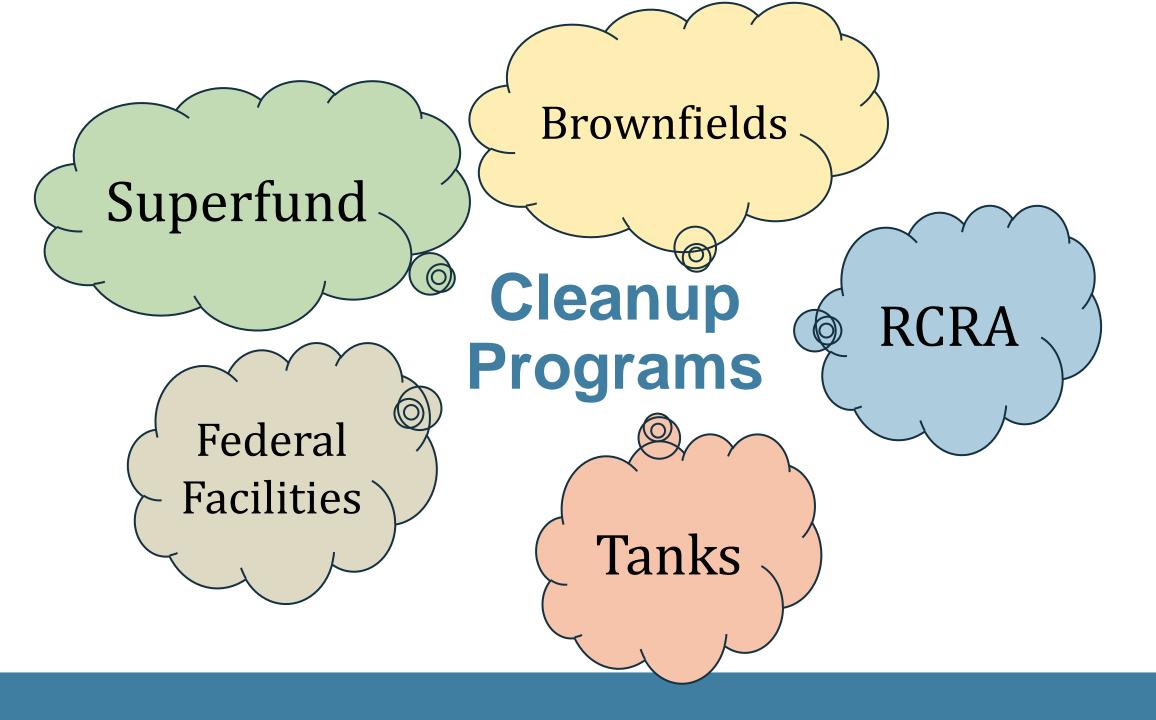




## What's Happening in MO: Water Protection Program

- 2022: Began voluntary PFAS sampling program for facilities renewing permits
- Purpose: acquire data for use when regulatory standards come along
- Challenges
  - So many PFAS
  - Treatability
  - Waste disposal
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## Superfund

- Haz Substance listings PFOA, PFOS
- MCLs for 6 PFAS
- Regional Screening Levels
- EPA is lead agency on MO sites
- No known PFAS sites under SPF yet
- MoDNR's 5-Yr Reviews will include PFAS recommendations





#### **Federal Facilities**

- Mostly DOD and DOE sites
- Handled under CERCLA
- New DOD Memo 9/3
- MO home to various DOD and DOE sites
- 2 NPL sites in MO have PFAS
- More to be investigated





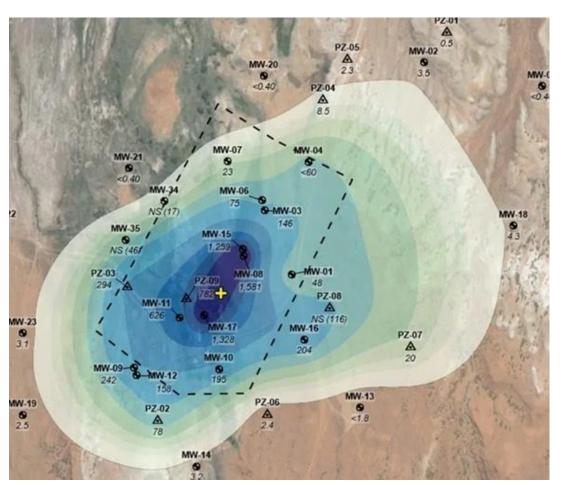
## **Brownfields/Voluntary Cleanup Program**

- 3 Active PFAS Sites: 2 Plating, 1 AFFF
- 2 Active plating sites that have not looked for PFAS (yet)
- 5 Closed plating sites (not tested)
- No other sites with PFAS as a COC at present
- List of possible PFAS sources is huge; which sites should require sampling?
- Likely candidates?
  - Dry Cleaners FL study
  - Wherever consumer products end up: Landfills, Dumps, POTWs, Wastewater Lagoons



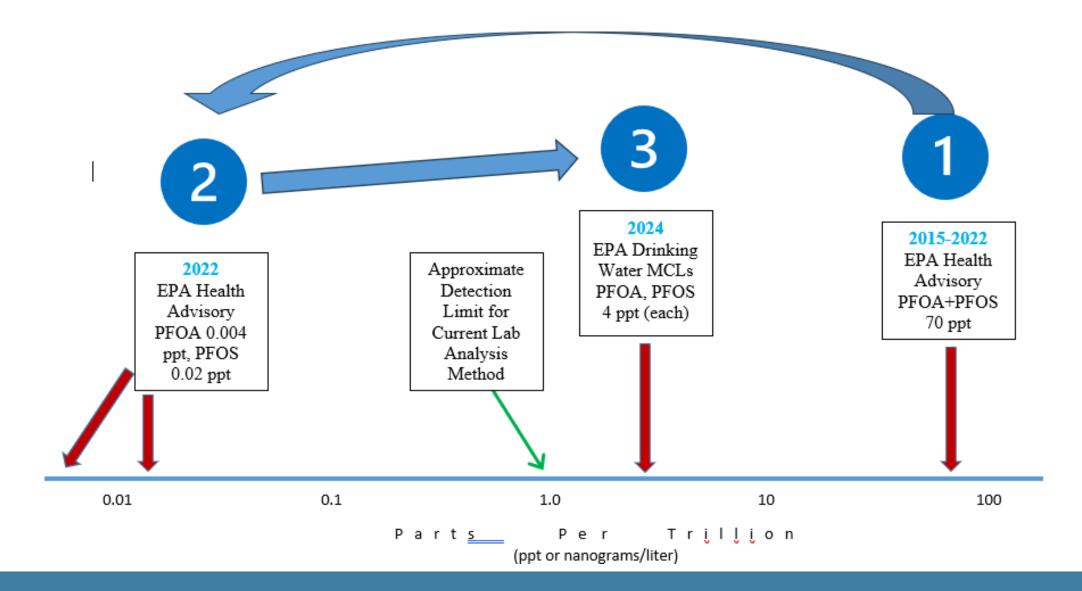
### **About Those Current Sites: Activities & Issues**

- All enrolled in BVCP prior to 2024
- Significant levels in groundwater
- Offsite migration: at least 1 site
- Private wells affected: 1 site
- All 3 in 3d party litigation
- Background/Other Sources?!
- None have reached remedy stage for PFAS





## **Evolution of Drinking Water HAs and MCLs**





## Remediation Challenges: PFAS checks all the boxes!

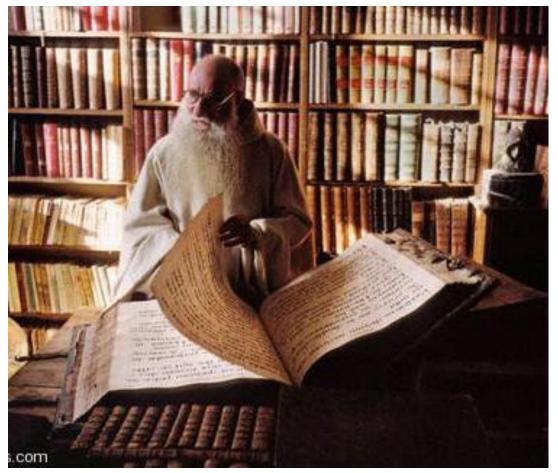
- Ubiquitous Contaminants
- Highly Mobile
- Non-biodegradable
- Specialized Sampling Requirements
- Expensive Lab Analysis, Wait Times
- Most Traditional Remediation Methods Don't Work
- Endpoint Has Been A Moving Target
- Tip of the Iceberg?
- Time for Another Feat of American Ingenuity!





#### **MRBCA** Revision

- Imminent Release for Public Comment
- Tier 1 RBTL tables will now look much like EPA RSL table
- 29 PFASs included
- Pb in Soil will change
  - Residential surface soil: 260 mg/kg → 200 mg/kg
  - Non-Residential: Unchanged
     @ 660 mg/kg
  - Constr. Worker soil:
     660 mg/kg → 315 mg/kg





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**MRBCA** Revision

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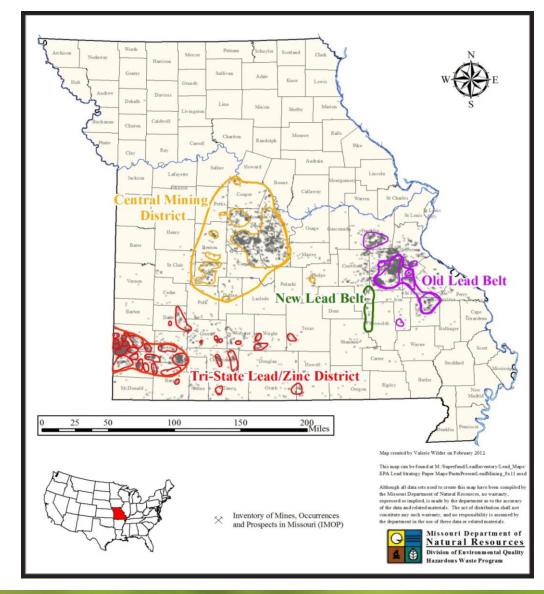
## Lead (Pb) Remediation Issues

## Chris Neaville Asset Development Director

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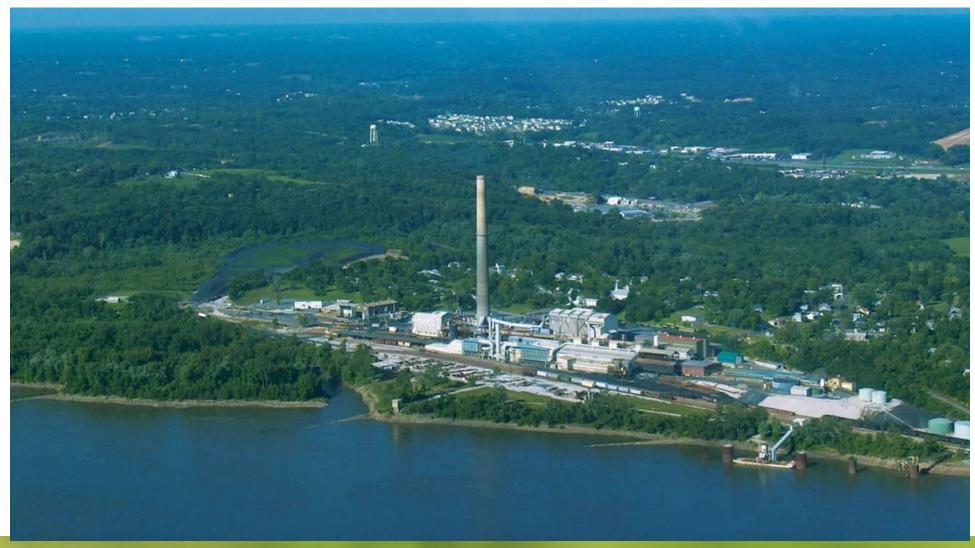
## **Lead (Pb) Mining Districts - Missouri**



## **Lead Remediation "Key Points"**

- >\$500M spent on lead remediation in the region by PRPs and EPA of historic mine NPL Superfund sites and surrounding residential areas in Missouri and Tri-State (Kansas, Oklahoma)
- In January 2024 EPA lowered the recommended screening level for lead in residential soil from 400 parts per million (ppm) to 200 ppm
- How will this be implemented in EPA Region 7?
  - Could have significant financial impact in this region due to historic lead mining and naturally occurring mineralization

## **Herculaneum Lead Smelter - Before**



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## **Herculaneum "Post-Smelter" – Looking Northeast**



## **Phase 1 Remediation - Port Development**



## **Railcar Loading from Port**



## Port Expansion – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dock



## **Bulk Storage Building**



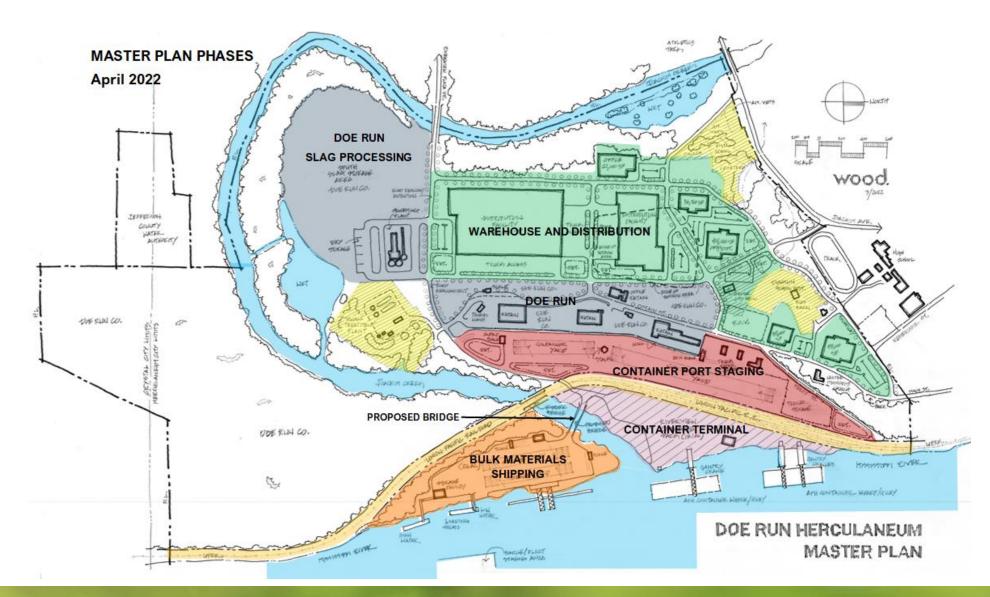
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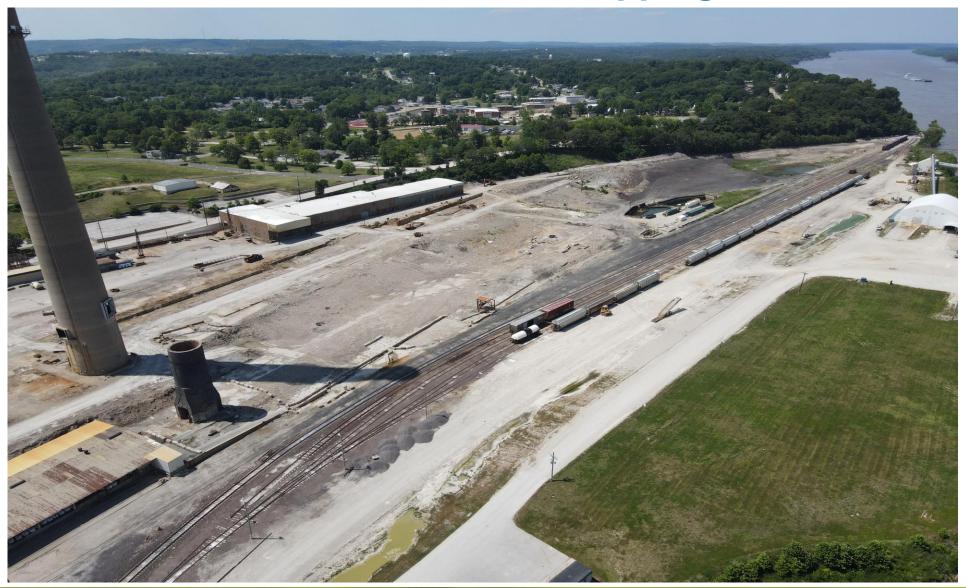
## **Rail Loading**







## **Smelter Site – Phase 2 Capping Area**



# Question & Answer Session