Phase II Investigations: A Comparative Data and Cost Analysis

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Questions We Asked

How often is contamination found during a Phase II? (soil, groundwater, soil gas both above and below regulatory thresholds)

Is there a correlation between age of feature and presence of contamination? (soil, groundwater, soil gas both above and below regulatory thresholds)



Three years of Phase II data were analyzed for the following features/property types :

1. Hydraulic Lifts

- 2. Oil Water Separators
- 3. Heating Oil USTs
- 4. Historical Manufacturing (with potential use of solvents)
- 5. Funeral Homes
- 6. General Auto Service and Repair
- 7. Drycleaners
- 8. Off-site Issues



The following data was obtained for a total 1167 Phase II Environmental Site Assessments in 45 states:

Presence of contamination

Presence of contamination above regulatory standards

Was groundwater encountered in the investigation?

Presence of contamination in groundwater above regulatory standards

Was a soil gas survey performed?

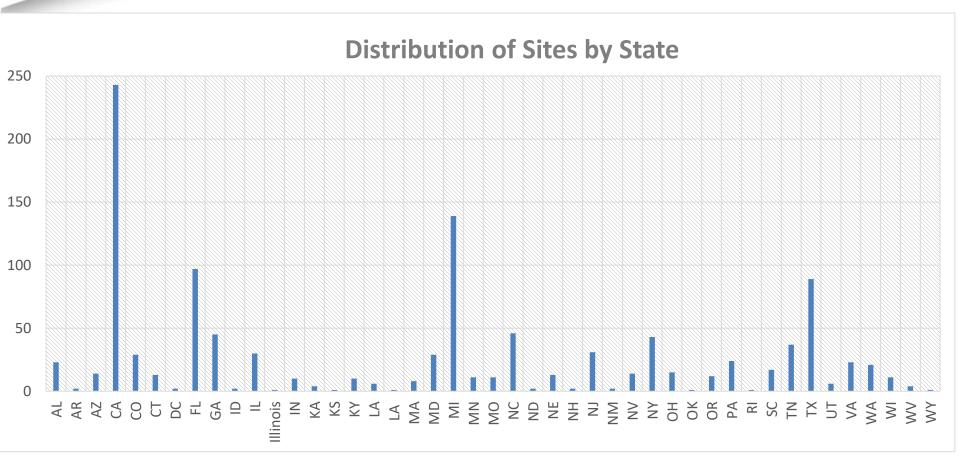
Was contamination detected in the soil gas survey?

Presence of soil gas contamination above regulatory standards

Age of feature investigated

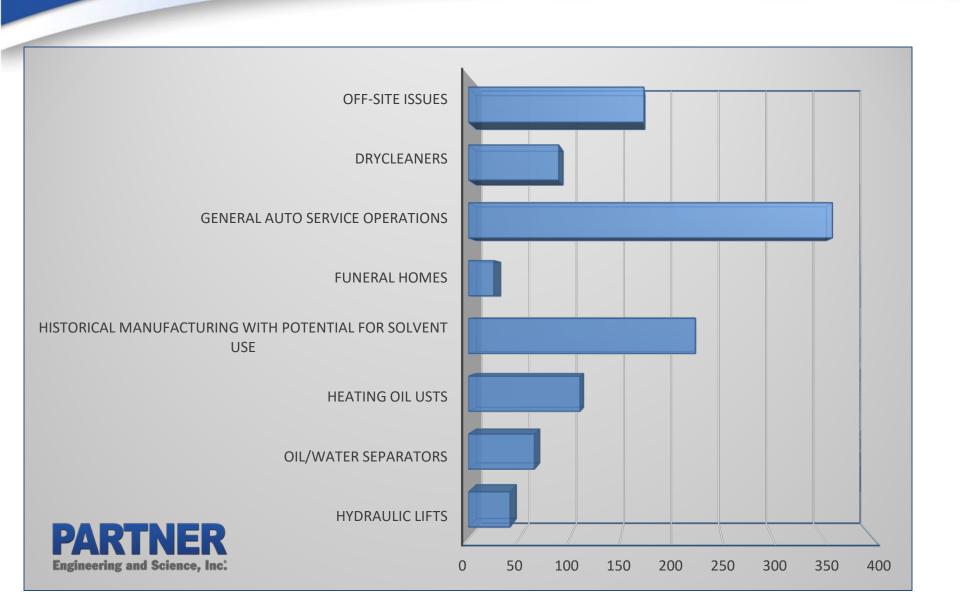


Number of Sites Surveyed per State





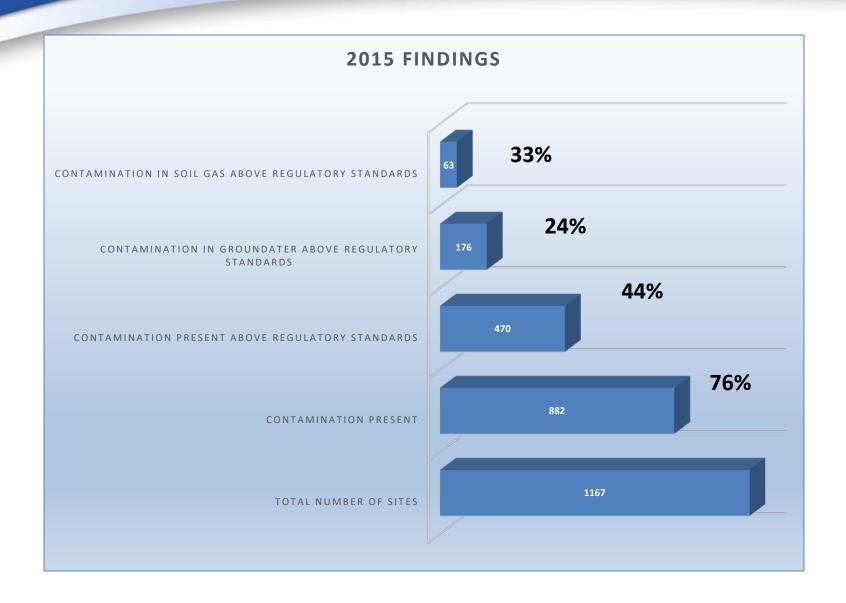
Total Number of Each Feature



Limitations

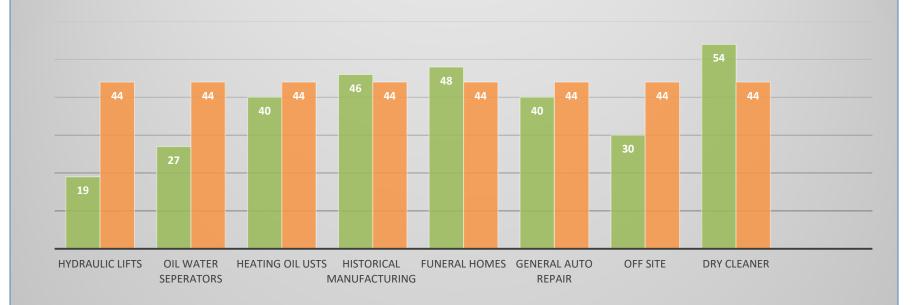


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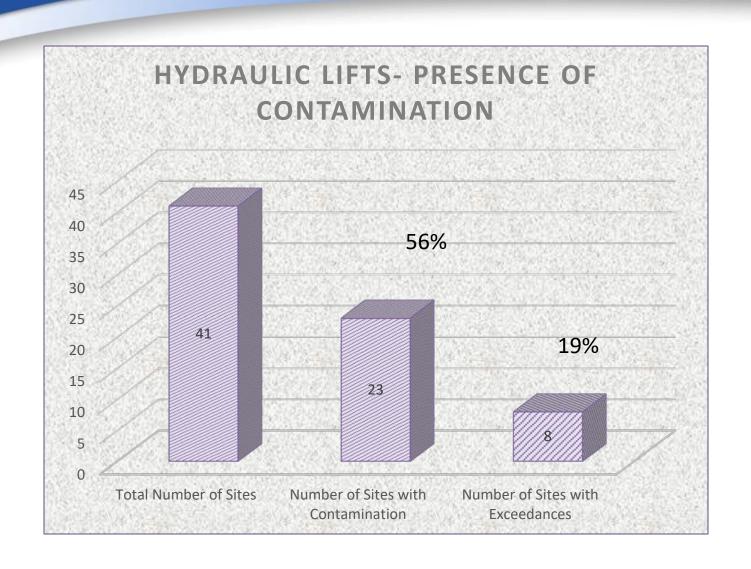


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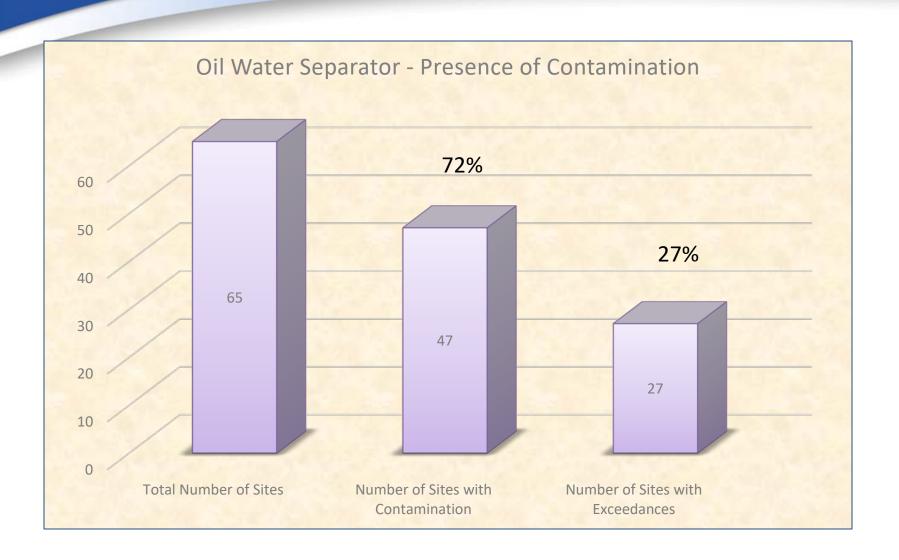
Comparison of Exceedances by Property type and Overall Exceedances



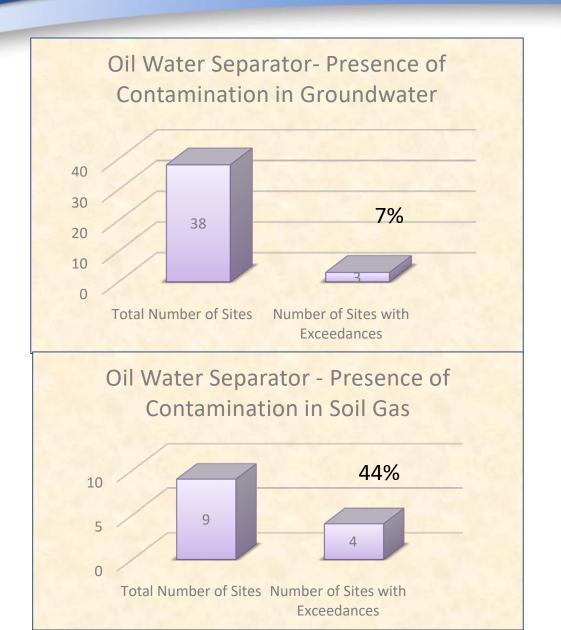
Hydraulic Lifts



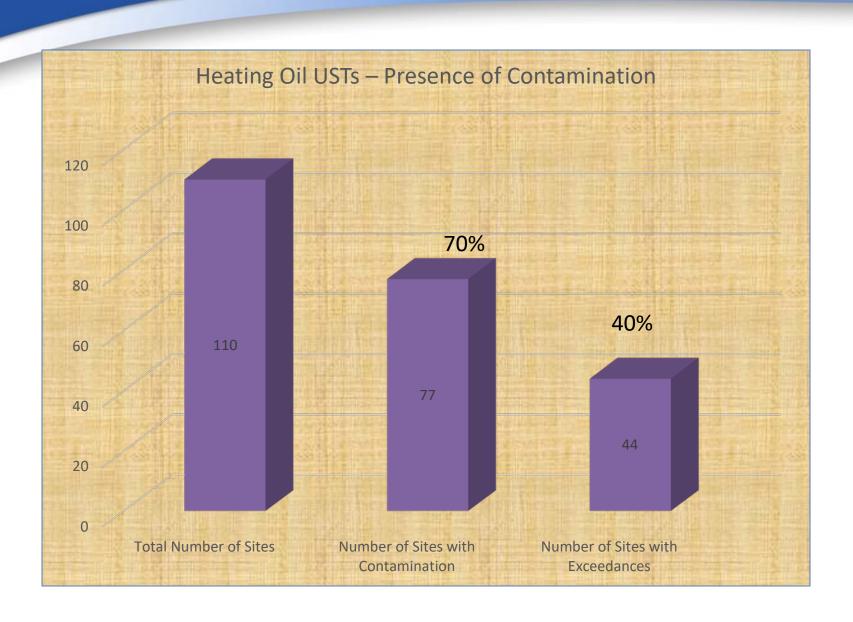
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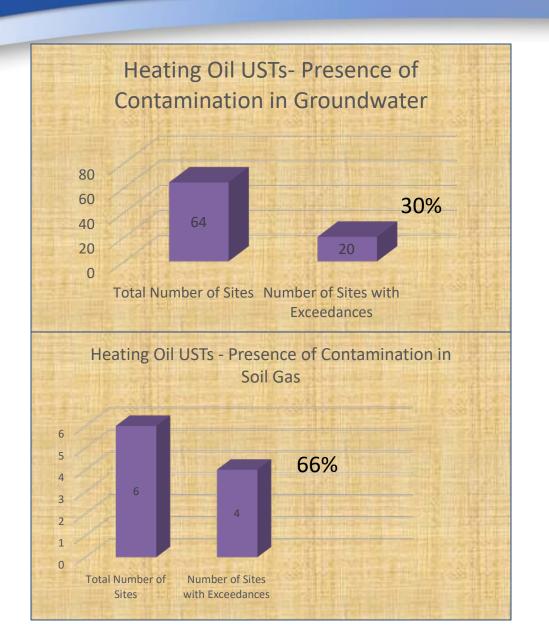
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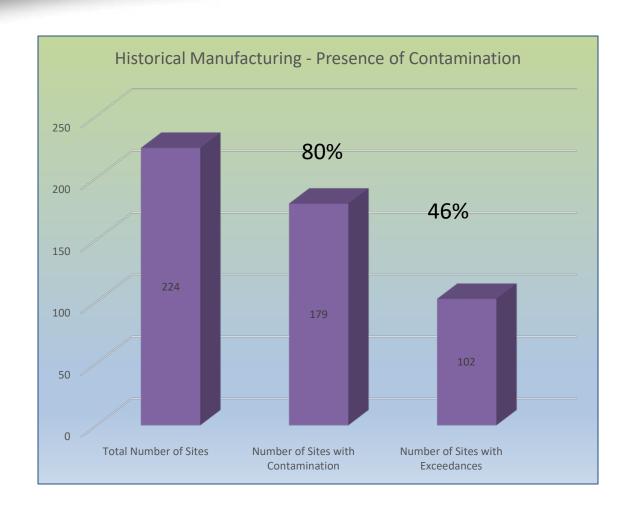
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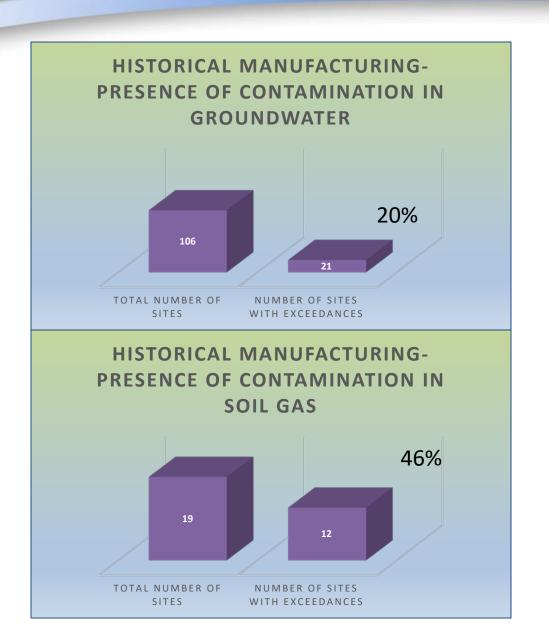
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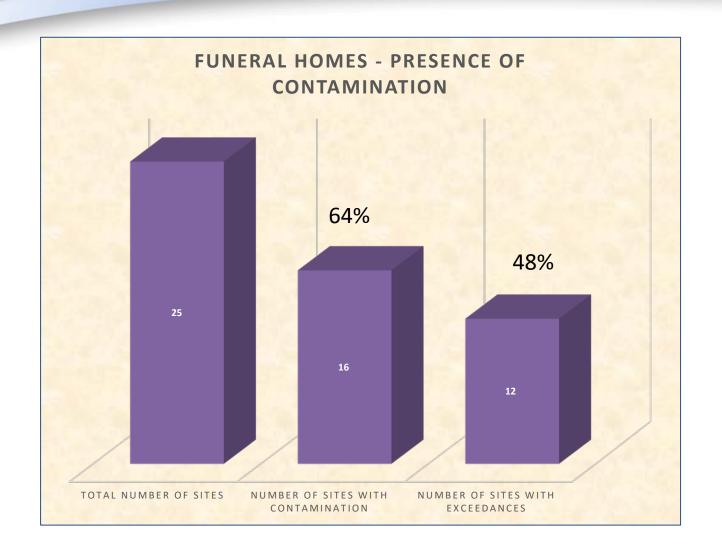
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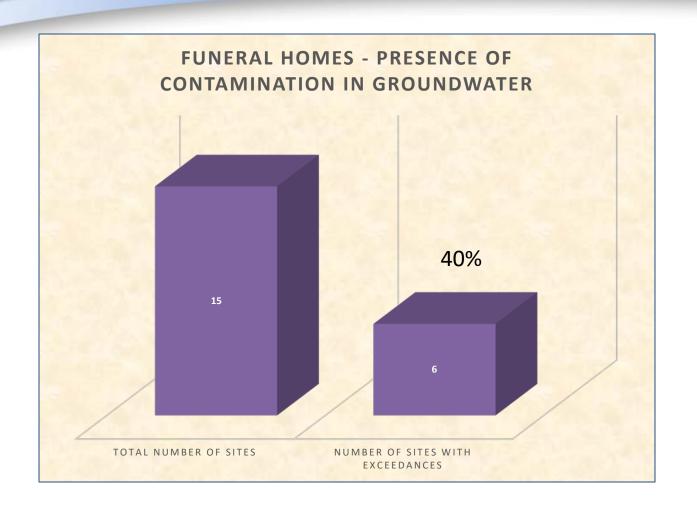
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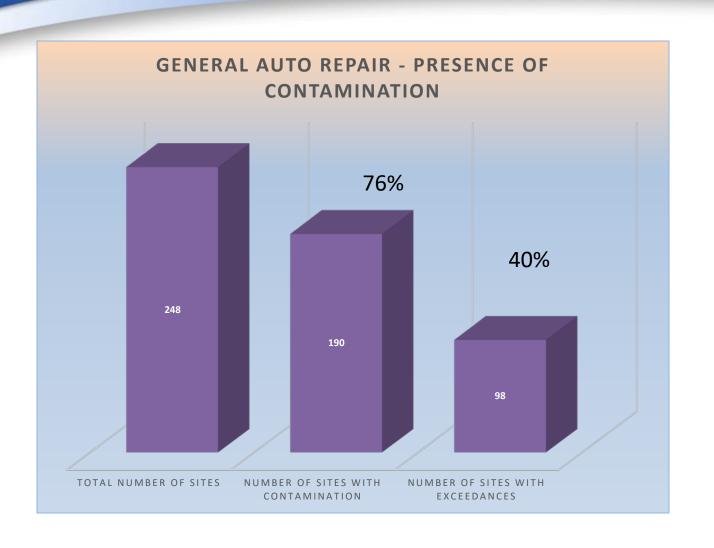
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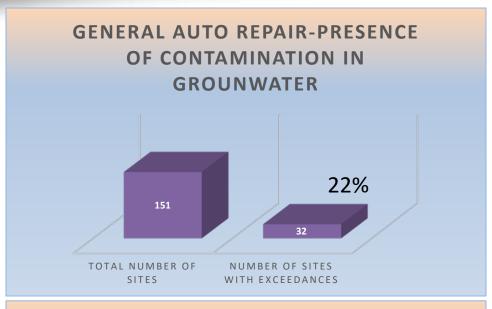
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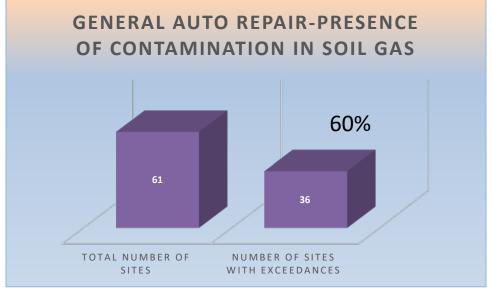


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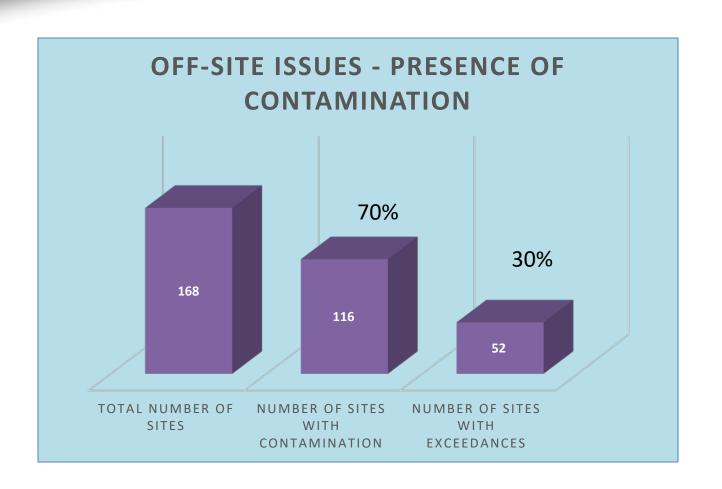


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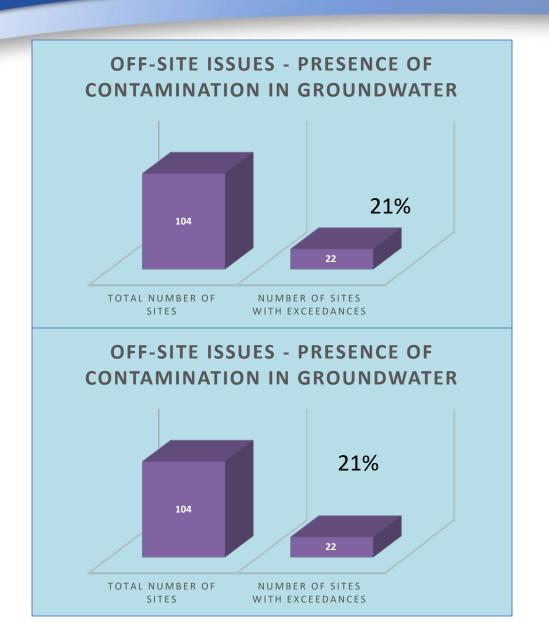




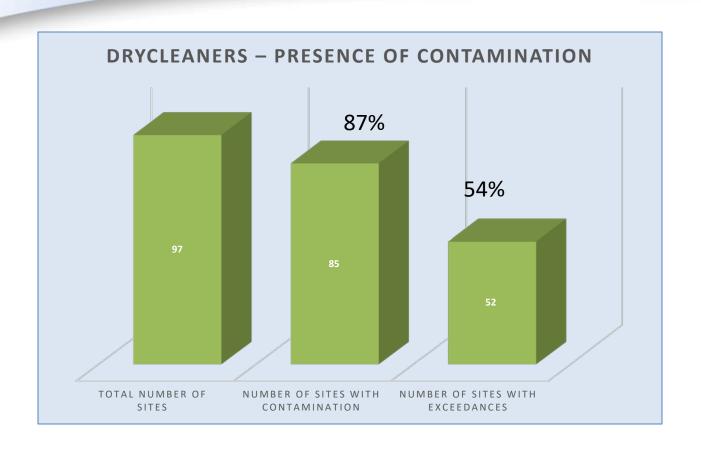
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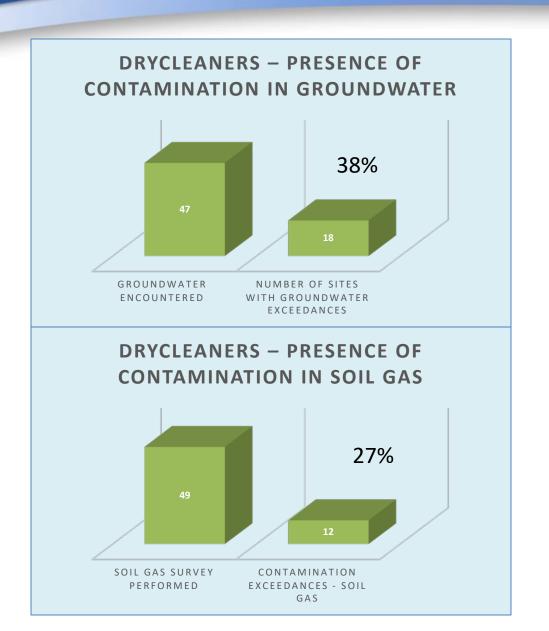
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Remediation Costs – Gas Stations and USTs

| | Α | | В | | С | | D |
|----|------------|----|-----------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| 3 | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Percentile | | Minimum | num Expect | | Maximum | |
| 5 | 40% | \$ | 66,880 | \$ | 153,570 | \$ | 326,200 |
| 6 | 60% | \$ | 225,000 | \$ | 305,177 | \$ | 567,096 |
| 7 | 90% | \$ | 1,530,877 | \$ | 1,521,306 | \$ | 2,427,714 |
| 8 | Std dev | \$ | 593,612 | \$ | 675,689 | \$ | 1,104,158 |
| 9 | Min | \$ | 14,500 | \$ | 23,500 | \$ | 170,575 |
| 10 | Average | \$ | 398,095 | \$ | 485,512 | \$ | 910,772 |
| 11 | Max | \$ | 1,651,677 | \$ | 2,606,801 | \$ | 4,128,181 |

Remediation Costs – Auto Repair

| | Α | В | С | D |
|----|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 3 | | | | |
| 4 | Percentile | Minimum | Expected | Maximum |
| 5 | 40% | \$ 20,000 | \$ 128,590 | \$ 290,941 |
| 6 | 60% | \$ 35,063 | \$ 166,500 | \$ 342,513 |
| 7 | 90% | \$ 100,000 | \$ 259,060 | \$ 620,316 |
| 8 | Std dev | \$ 41,209 | \$ 126,555 | \$ 216,130 |
| 9 | Min | \$ 500 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,500 |
| 10 | Average | \$ 40,479 | \$ 166,346 | \$ 359,444 |
| 11 | Max | \$ 139,500 | \$ 582,540 | \$ 809,380 |

Remediation Costs – Dry Cleaners

| | Α | В | С | D |
|----|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 3 | | | | |
| 4 | Percentile | Minimum | Expected | Maximum |
| 5 | 40% | \$ 133,096 | \$ 249,038 | \$ 409,178 |
| 6 | 60% | \$ 183,733 | \$ 430,720 | \$ 644,160 |
| 7 | 90% | \$ 549,233 | \$ 668,194 | \$ 871,659 |
| 8 | Std dev | \$ 280,173 | \$ 297,006 | \$ 360,446 |
| 9 | Min | \$ 18,287 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 100,000 |
| 10 | Average | \$ 255,749 | \$ 380,509 | \$ 561,348 |
| 11 | Max | \$ 1,186,000 | \$ 1,482,500 | \$ 1,630,750 |

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