



# RACER Trust Buick City

## *DRAFT Project Update*

**Tuesday, August 13, 2019**  
Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle  
930 E. Myrtle Avenue (at Industrial)  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm


[racertrust.org](http://racertrust.org)



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**Information and Materials**

**[racertrust.org/buickcity18](http://racertrust.org/buickcity18)**

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### About RACER Trust

- We own former General Motors Corp. (GM) properties – result of bankruptcy (June 2009)
- RACER was established by U.S. Bankruptcy Court March 2011
  - 89 former GM locations, 14 states
  - 44 million square feet of industrial space
  - 66 buildings
  - 7,000 acres
- In Michigan we have 36 sites with funded environmental cleanup budgets
- Buick City began with \$33 million – we have \$21 million remaining and long term budget to the year 2060

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### RACER Trust's Mission

- Help communities affected by the closure of GM facilities
- Conduct safe, effective, efficient environmental cleanups
- Help create new jobs
- Help bring new investment and local tax revenue
- Position properties for economic redevelopment and job creation through the sale to qualified, responsible buyers

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## Overview

- We have been working on this site since April of 2011
- We held public information meetings in June 2013, November 2018, and March 2019
- Completed substantial work on site
- Tonight we want to share a summary of what we have been doing
- And what we plan to do over the months ahead
- Our work has been complicated by the discovery of PFAS

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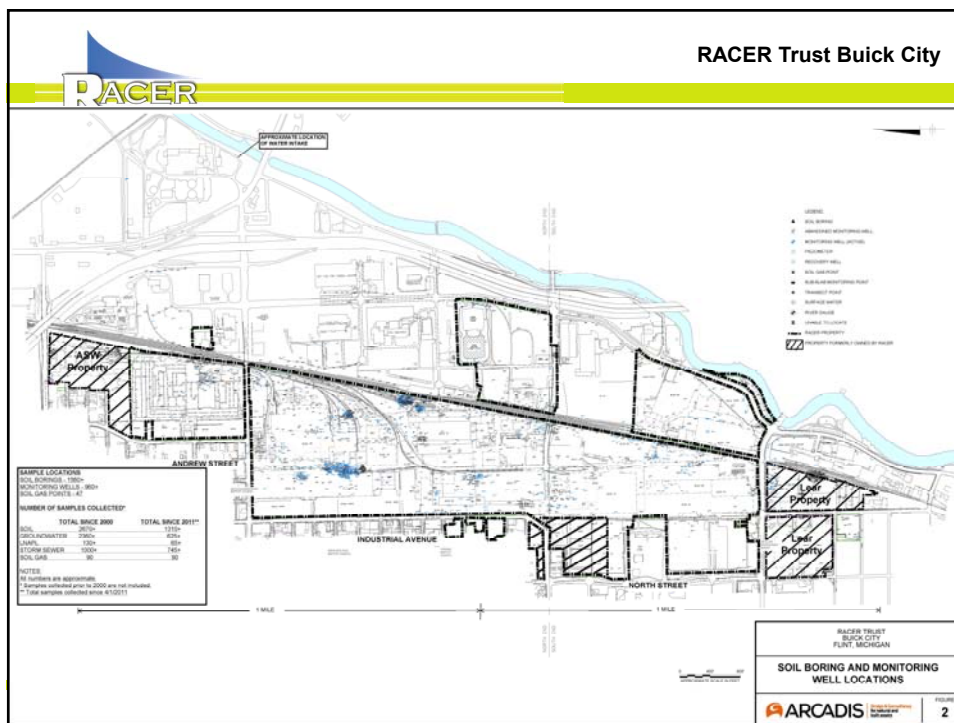
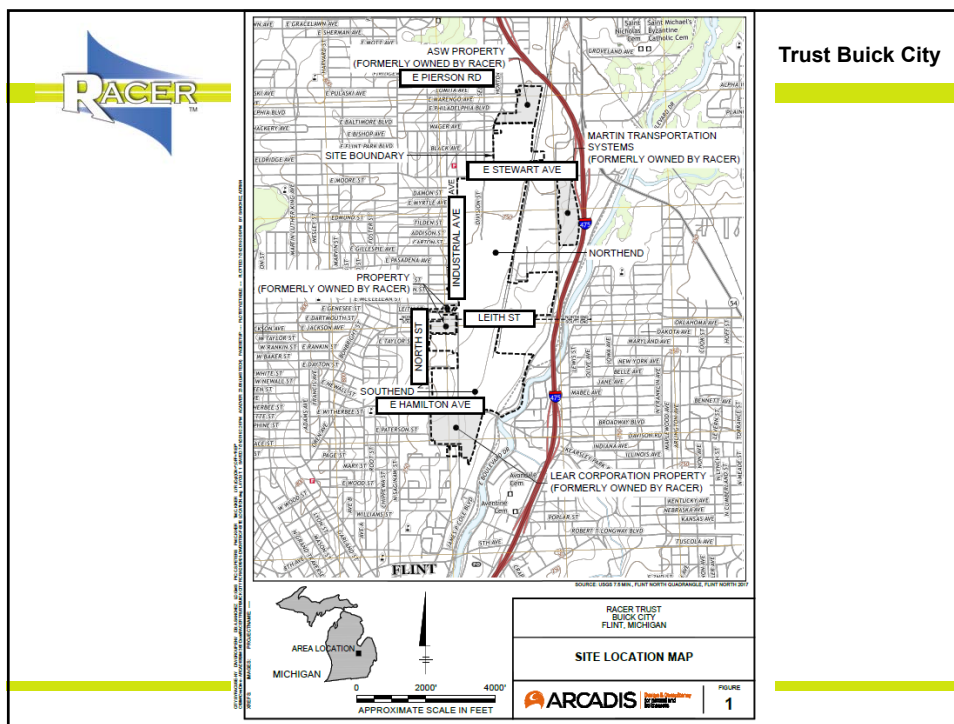

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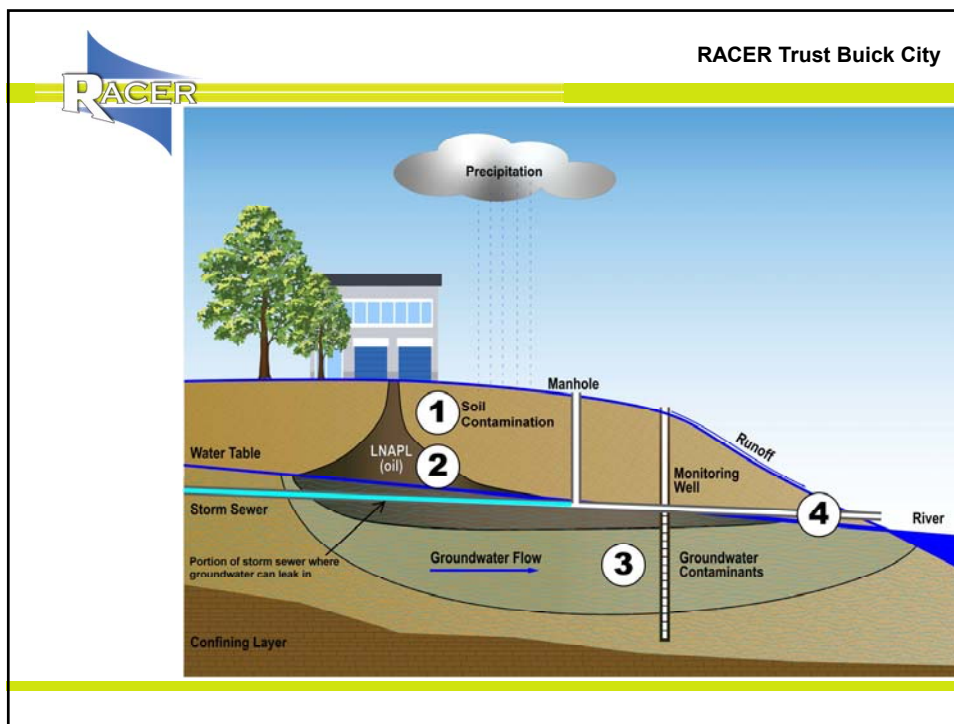
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## Format for Tonight

- **Grant Trigger, Michigan Cleanup Manager**  
Review basic work done and current activities
- **Patricia Spitzley, Deputy Redevelopment Manager**  
Overview of marketing and development activities
- **Chris Black, USEPA Project Manager**  
Overview of USEPA approval process
- **Others here to help answer questions**
- **Small Group Discussions**  
Better way to listen and answer questions  
If we cannot answer a question tonight - we will do our best to get an answer
- **Reconvene – sum up discussion**
- **Next meeting – this fall**

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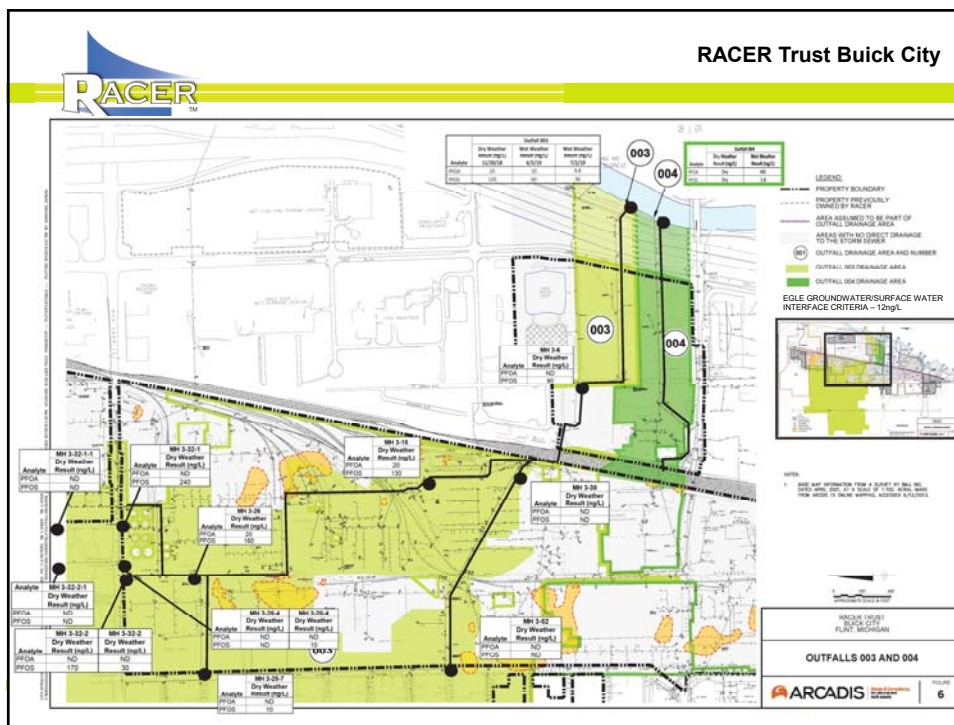
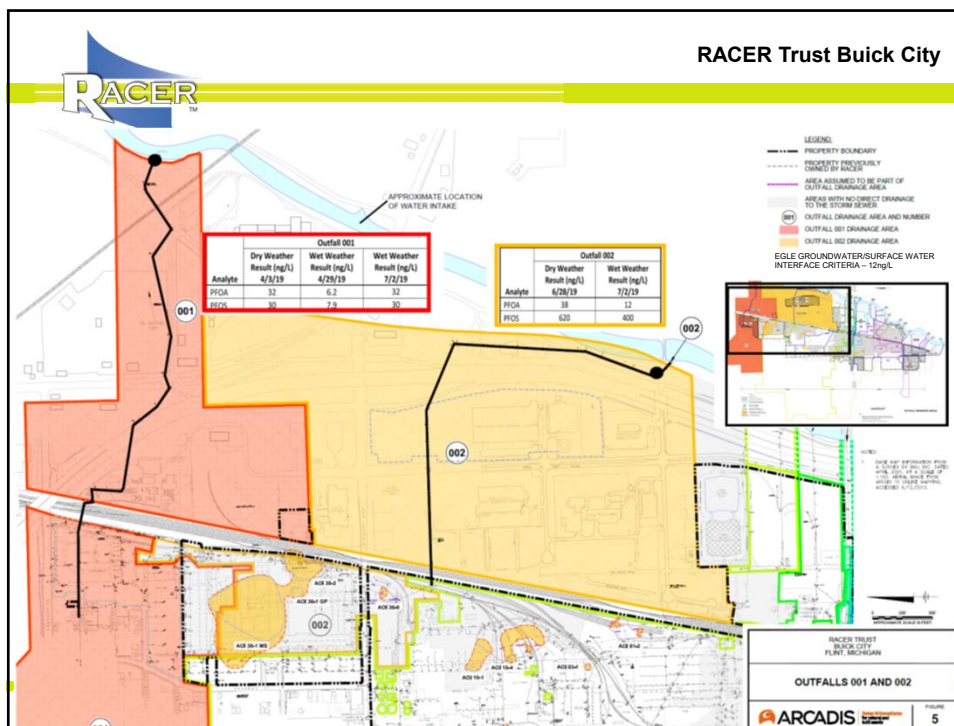
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### What Are PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances)?

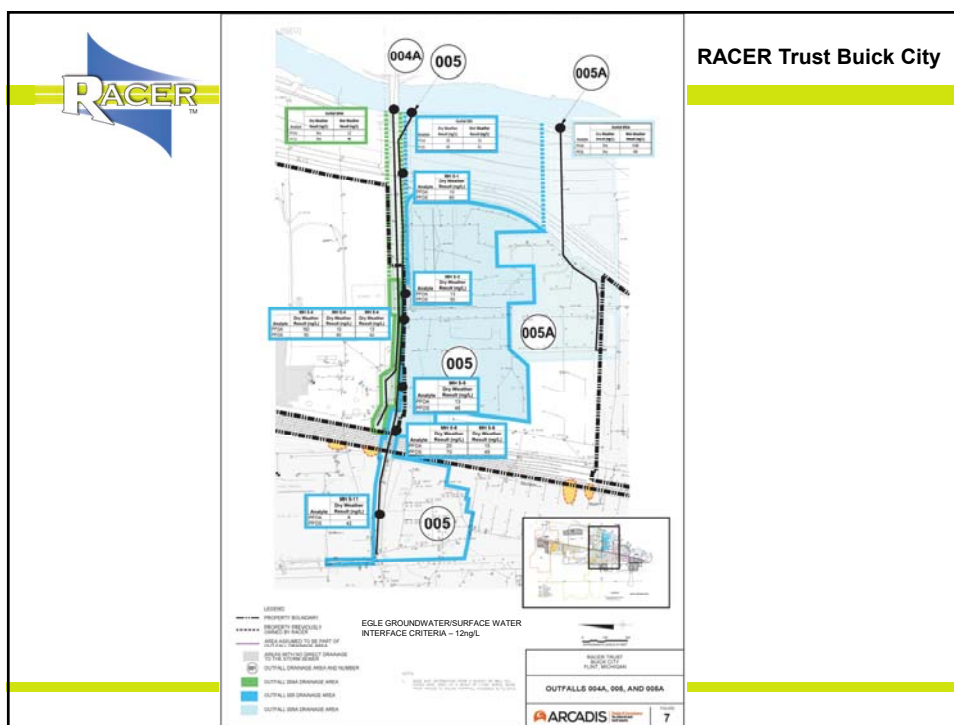
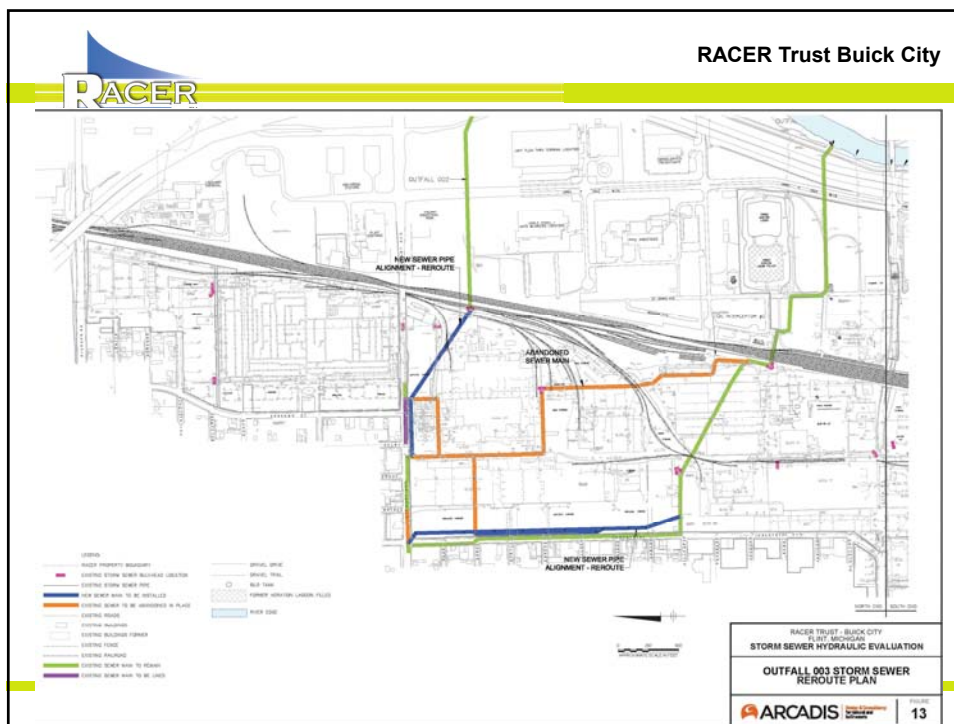
PFAS are a part of a group of chemicals used globally during the past 50 years in manufacturing, firefighting and thousands of common household and other consumer products (USEPA):

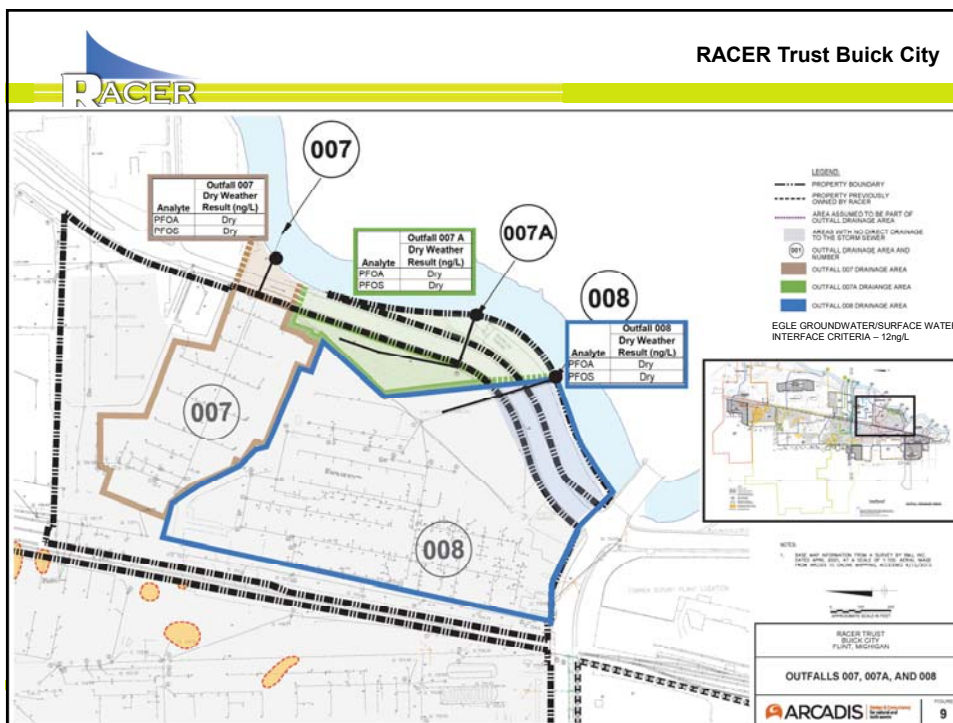
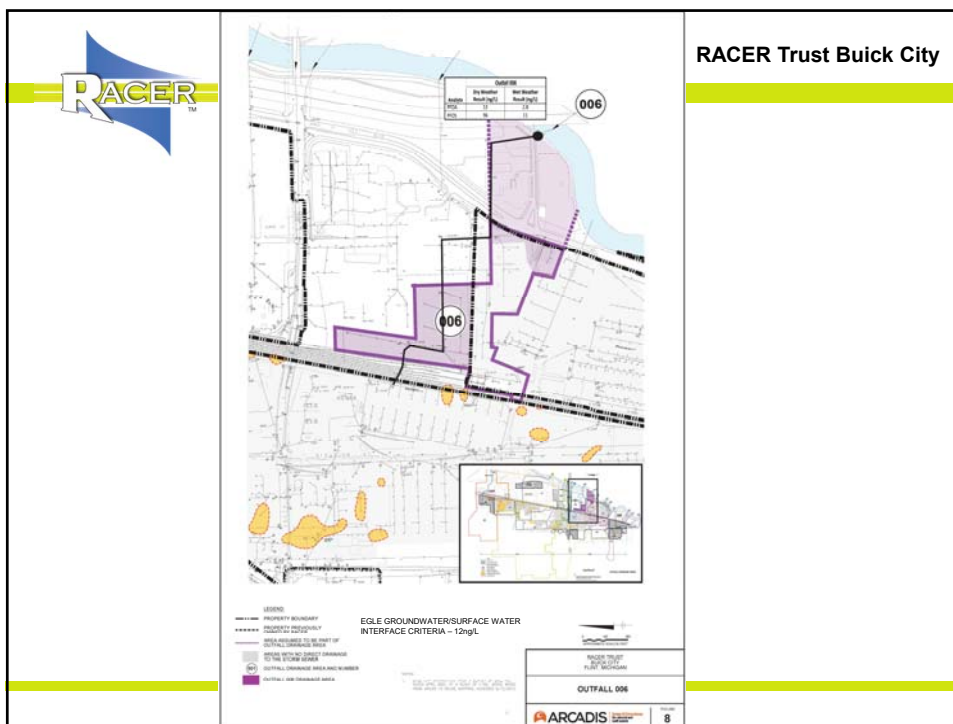
- Made up of “chains” of carbon atoms attached to fluorine and other atoms
- Stable, persistent and mobile in the environment – the “Forever Chemicals”
- Found everywhere in the US and around the world
- Bioaccumulative
- Potential adverse health effects, suspected carcinogen
- Top priority - prevent drinking water exposures and minimize eating fish

Firefighting Foams    Metal Plating    Textiles    Electronics    Photography    Paper Coatings    Paints    Hydraulic Fluids

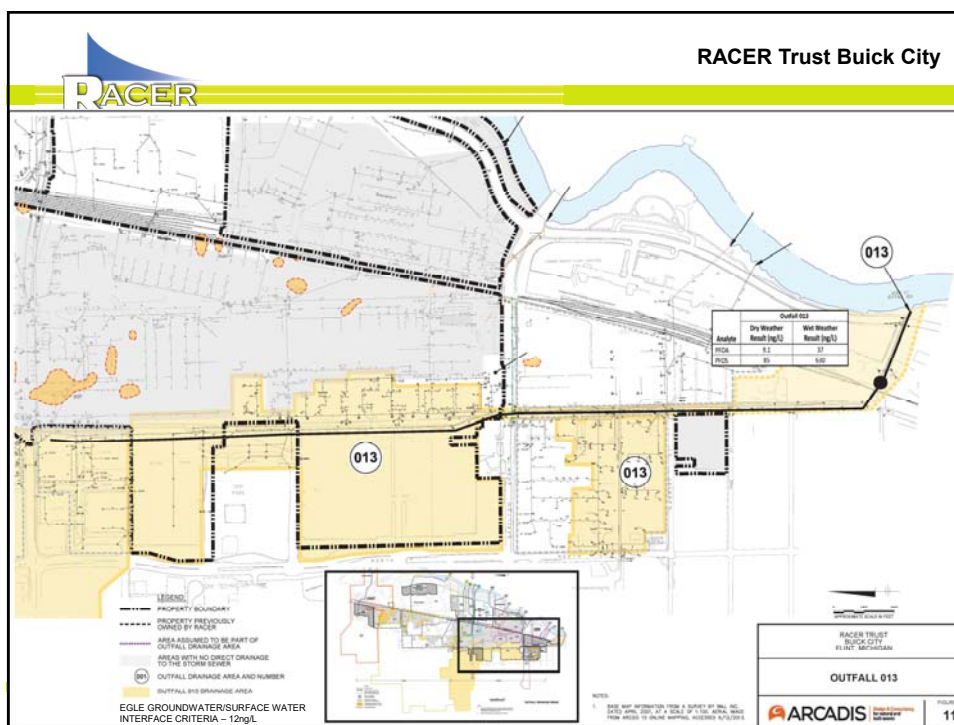
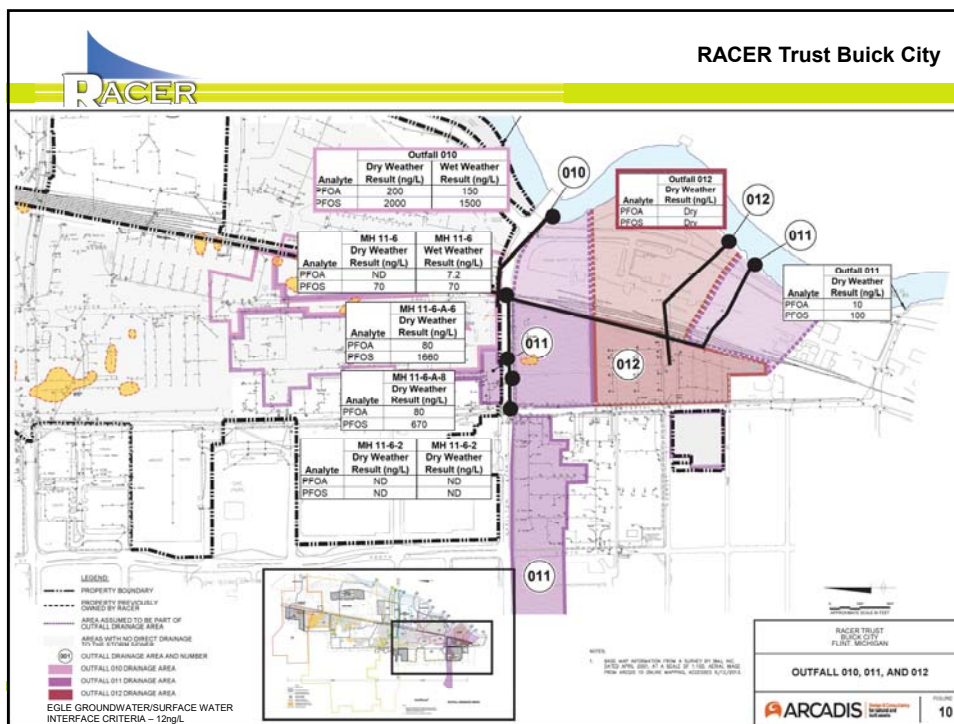








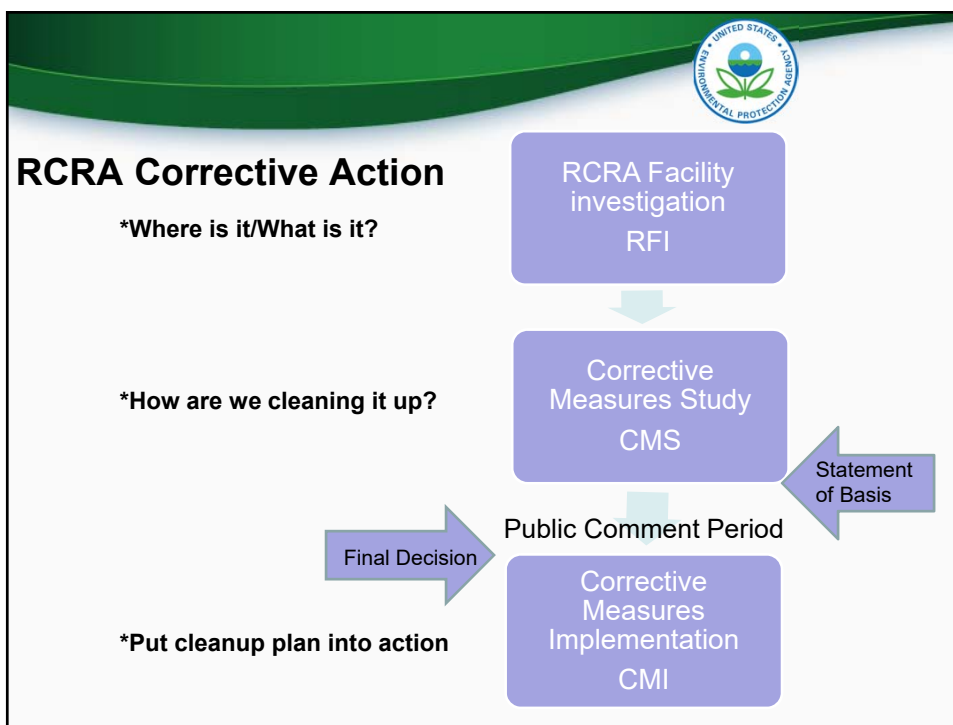






## U. S. EPA's Roles

- Report Review & Approval
 
- Oversight
 
- Budget Approval





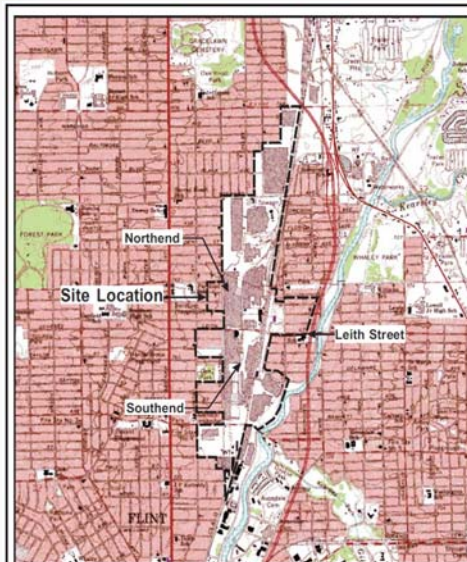
### Where are we in the RCRA Corrective Action Process?

#### Northend

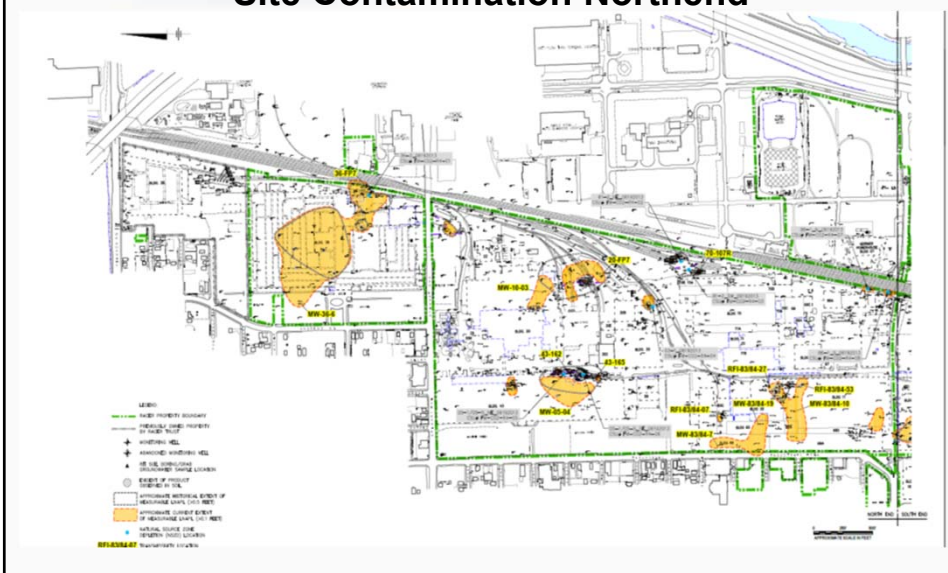
We are conducting Interim Measures and testing to decide the proper final remedies to propose. (CMS/Stmt. of Basis)

#### Southend

Final Decision is complete and we are moving forward with implementing work.(CMI)



### Site Contamination Northend





## Future Work




- Northend Statement of Basis  
Fall 2019
- Public Comment Period  
– 45 day period where we request comments from the public on the remedy proposed



## U.S. EPA's Goals

- Primarily – make remedy decisions to protect human health and the environment
- Effective cleanups within the budget allowed by RACER
- Focus cleanup levels on Industrial Reuse Standards





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**Thank you.**  
**Questions?**

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