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Introduction

- SWAP
 - Source Water Assessment and Protection
- Watershed Protection Data reviewed by a facility responder
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SWAP

- Source Water Assessment and Protection Program
- 1996 Reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act provided the mechanism
 - EPA mandates that each state conduct source water assessments of all public drinking supplies.
 - The assessments will form the basis for grass-root source water protection plans.



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SWAP

- Compile an Inventory of Potential Sources of Contamination (PSOC's) in the water system's watershed based on **existing readily available data**.
- Review both groundwater and surface water sources



SWAP

- Show location of the PSOCs relative to the PWS (public water supplier) intake
- Review the time of travel (TAT) for 5 hour and 25 hour
- Educate public on watershed
- Educate public on raw water quality



SWAP

- Appeals to watershed interested and active environmentalists
- EPA and now the states want the public to think of where you live in terms of your watershed basin
- Where are you from?
“I live in the Antietam Creek portion of the Schuylkill River Basin of the Delaware River Watershed.



Real life: I am not an active member of my watershed

- This is a different mindset for most industrial type people.
- One way to live life:
 - “So what, who cares”
- Another way:
 - How can I use all this information with respect to facility spill response plans?



Reverse the flow of information

Reverse the use of information

- Common dilemma now is that one environmental manager stewards multiple locations, sometimes in different states and hundreds of miles apart
- Many times the lead environmental person on site is not a career regulatory compliance specialist
- Some locations now are not operated nor manned 24-7.





Freshwater Terminals



SWAP Information

- Information provide to the PWS, local government:
 - water department
 - municipal authority
 - municipal government
 - Emergency Management Coordinator
- Available at the local library
- Best data is the GIS maps of PSOCs



PSOCs

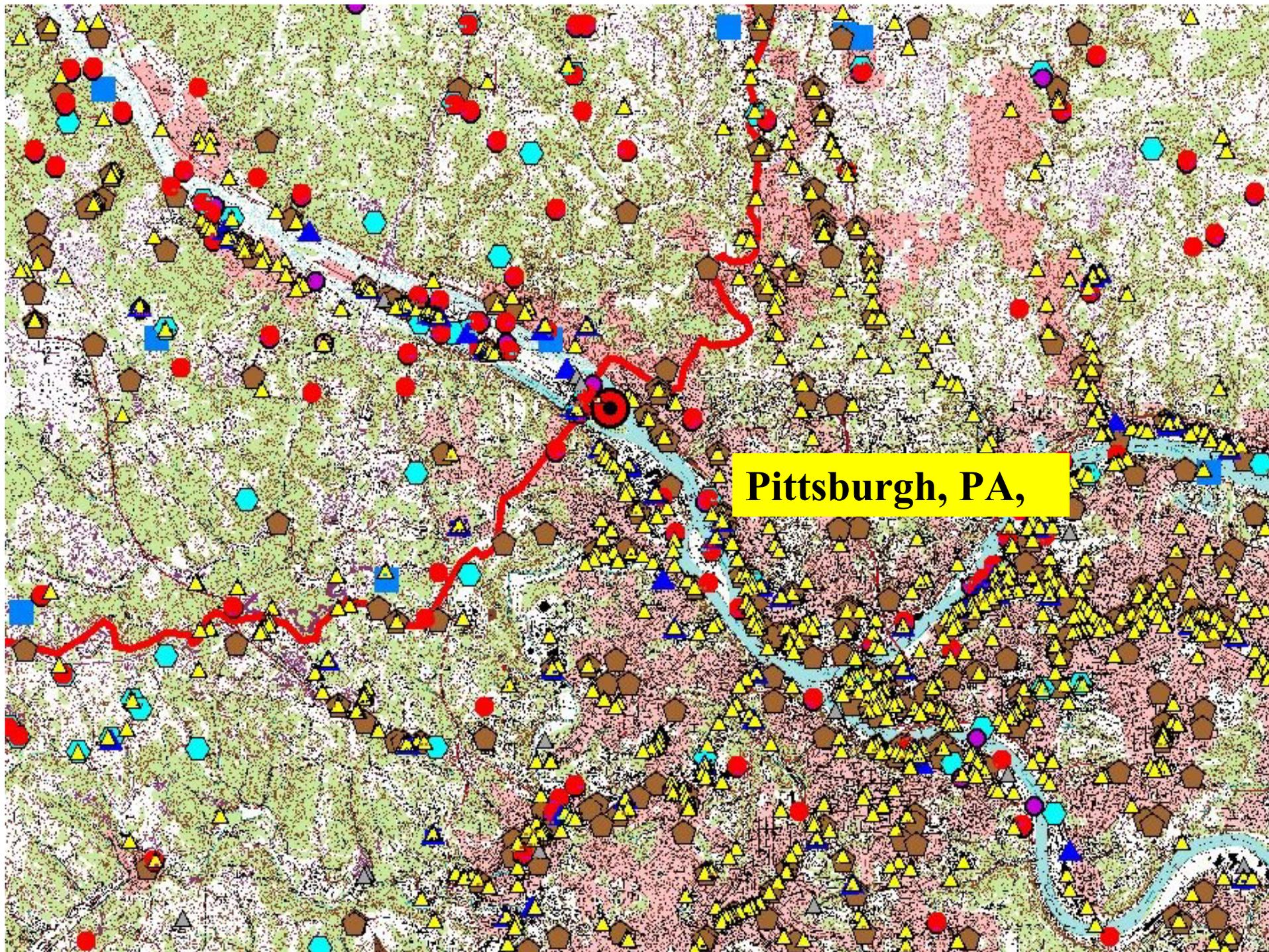
- Qualitative analysis
 - PSOC's ranked A-F
 - "A" greatest potential threat
 - "F" least potential threat
- Based on
 - Contaminant and its physical and chemical properties
 - Location of contaminant source
 - Quantity of contaminant potentially released
 - Best Management Practices



Review the spatial information

- Find your facility on the available maps
- Locate downstream potable water intake
- Review the other PSOCs and their ranking
- Amend your facility response plan with the new information





Final Actions

- Get a copy of the drawing from the local Emergency Management Coordinator
- Obtain an electronic copy from the state regulatory agency (request in JPEG format)
- Some states had this information on a special SWAP website (Illinois)
- Many states now (after Sept 11 incidents) require a written request prior to release of information



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