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The Hydraulic Hammer Rig (HHR) direct-push technology (Fig. 1) has been successfully used to characterize carbon tetrachloride in the vadose zone at the 216-2-9 Trench (Figs. 2 and 3). Three of the HHR holes were completed as ½-in. ID SVE wells (Fig. 3).

Compared to traditional drilled wells, the HHR wells have several advantages (Table 1). The main HHR limitations are penetration depth (~120 ft to Cold Creek Unit) and the need to pre-select soil sample depths based on adjacent wells or geophysical logs.

Table 1: SVE Well Comparison

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<th>Installation Method</th>
<th>HHR</th>
<th>Drilling</th>
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<td>Speed</td>
<td>~2 days</td>
<td>Weeks or more</td>
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<td>Well diameter</td>
<td>½-in.</td>
<td>2- to 8-in. typical</td>
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<td>Cutting/DW</td>
<td>Minimal</td>
<td>Significant</td>
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<td>SVE radius of influence</td>
<td>30 ft</td>
<td>120 ft</td>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>&lt;$10,000</td>
<td>$200,000 or more</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depth limits</td>
<td>~120 ft (to Cold Creek Unit)</td>
<td>Your DDOs or project budget!</td>
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In 2008, a vacuum test of these narrow diameter wells (Fig. 8) indicated that they have a radius of influence of about 30 ft.

Based on their favorable performance and radius of influence, HHR SVE wells have potential for future use in both monitoring and targeted SVE to achieve VOC cleanup goals at the carbon tetrachloride waste sites.