

SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS SUPERFUND SITE

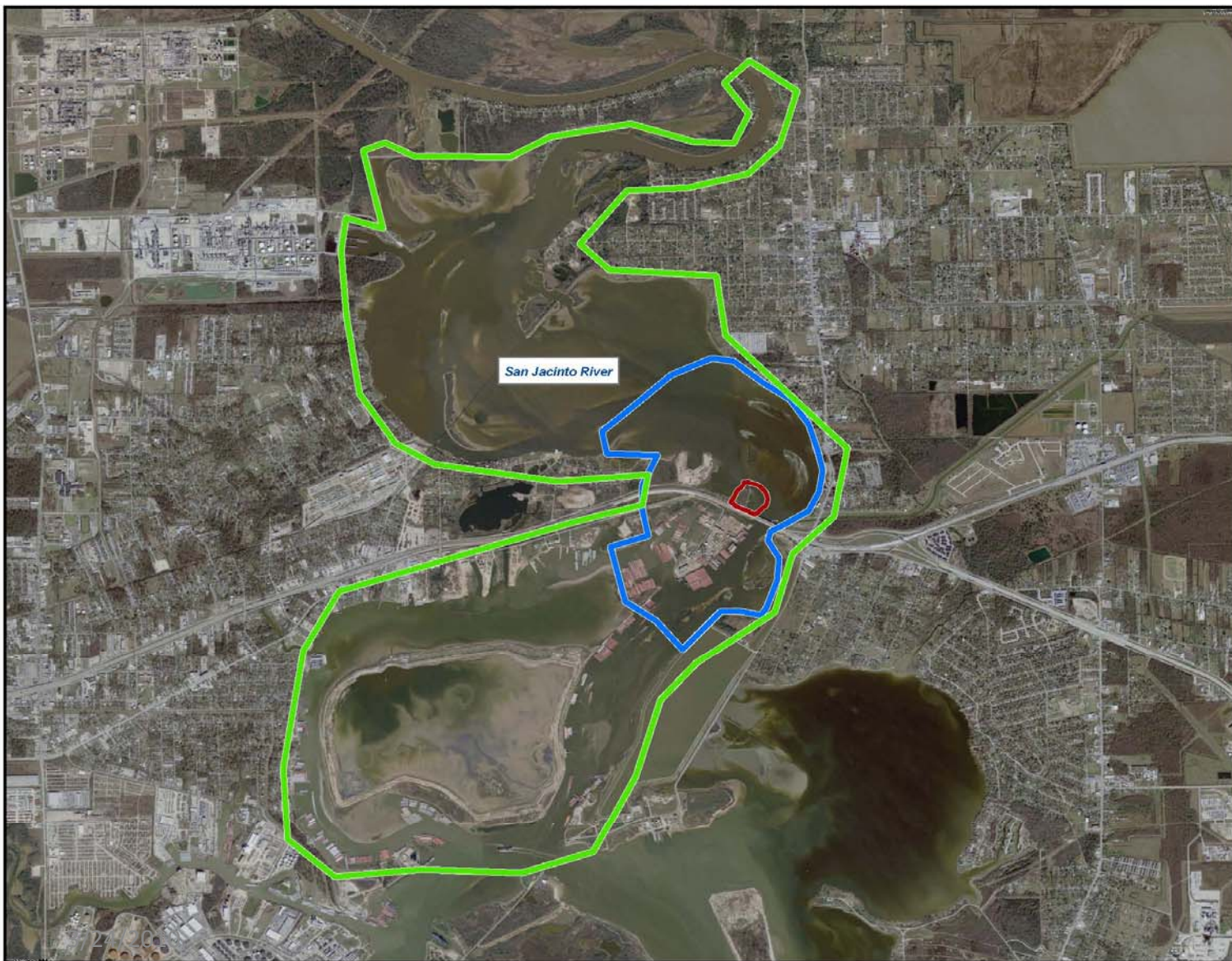


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SITE MAP



San Jacinto River Waste Pits

- Permits Area of Concern
- Preliminary Perimeter
- 1966 Original Perimeter of Impoundments



Sources:
Aerial Photo: DigitalGlobe 1/2009.
Permits Area of Concern: TCEQ
Preliminary Perimeter: EPA Region 6
Impoundment Boundary: Created by EPA Region 6 using 1966 aerial photo from USGS

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PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

- Federal and State Natural Resource **Trustees**
 - NOAA, FWS, TCEQ, TPWD, GLO
- Coordination **Partners**
 - ATSDR/CDC
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Texas Department of Transportation
 - Houston-Galveston Area Council
 - Harris County
 - Port of Houston Authority



Respondents

- International Paper Company & McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation.
- RI/FS Unilateral Administrative Order: **November 20, 2009**
- TCRA Administrative Order on Consent: **May 11, 2010.**



SITE PROGRESS

- REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY (RI/FS)
- USACE PERMITS ACTIVITY
- WATERSHED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
- SOURCE STABILIZATION (TCRA)



RI/FS





RI/FS, cont.

- **RI/FS Work Plan:**
 - Work plan of all remedial investigation components.
 - Identifies critical path needed to fully evaluate all remedial approaches.





<Discuss Highlight 1-5, Remedial Approaches for Contaminated Sediment>

1.3.1 Remedial Approaches

Highlight 1-5 lists the major remedial approaches or alternatives available for managing risks from contaminated sediment. Frequently, a final sediment remedy combines more than one type of approach.

| Highlight 1-5: Remedial Approaches for Contaminated Sediment | |
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| In-situ Approaches | Ex-situ Approaches |
| <p>In-situ Capping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single-layer granular caps • Multi-layer granular caps • Combination granular/geotextile caps <p>Monitored Natural Recovery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical isolation or other processes • Chemical transformation/sequestration • Biological transformation/sequestration <p>Hybrid Approaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thin layer placement of sand or other material to enhance recovery via natural deposition <p>Institutional Controls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish consumption advisories • Commercial fishing bans • Waterway or land use restrictions (e.g., no anchor or no wake zones, limitations on navigational dredging) • Dam or other structure maintenance agreements <p>In-situ Treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reactive caps • Additives/enhanced biodegradation | <p>Dredging:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydraulic, mechanical, or combination/hybrid dredging and transport to shore • Treatment of dredged sediment and/or removed water • Disposal of dredged sediment or treatment residuals in upland landfill, confined disposal facility, or other placement • Backfill of dredged area, as needed or appropriate <p>Excavation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water diversion or dewatering • Excavation of sediment and transport to staging or processing • Treatment of excavated sediment • Disposal of excavated sediment or treatment residuals in upland landfill, confined disposal facility, or other placement • Backfill of excavated area, as needed or appropriate |



RI/FS, cont.

- Sediment Sampling & Analysis Plan:
 - Sediment media sampling plan.





<Discuss Figures 13-16,
Sediment SAP>


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LEGEND:

- SJGB001 (60')** ⊙ Boring location and depth below mudline - geotechnical sampling (Proposed)
- SJGB016 (20')** ⊕ Boring location and depth below mudline - geotechnical and chemistry sampling (Proposed)
- SJVS001** × Vane shear test (VST) location (Proposed)
- Approximate 1966 alignment of perimeter berms (EPA)
- Property Line
- Approximate limit of vegetated area

- NOTES:**
1. Boring and VST locations approximate and subject to change in the field depending on access constraints.
 2. Final depth of borings within the impoundments shown as (20') deep will be based on actual contact elevation with native soils so that the boring extends into native material at least 5 feet. The 20-foot depth shown on the plan view is for planning purposes only. Actual depth will vary from location to location based on the thickness of the waste deposit.





Scale in Feet

SOURCE: Drawing prepared from COE.
HORIZONTAL DATUM: Texas South Central, NAD83. US Survey Feet.
VERTICAL DATUM: NAVD 88.



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 Contours: NOS Survey H1016 (1995)

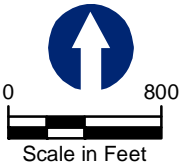
- Preliminary Site Perimeter
- 1-Meter 1995 Bathymetric Contour
- Field Triplicate

- Proposed Locations**
- Surface Sediment (Primary and Secondary COPCs)
 - Surface Sediment (Primary COPCs)
 - Surface Sediment (Primary and Secondary COPCs) and Core (Primary COPCs)
 - Additional Geotechnical Samples From Core

Figure 14
 Nature and Extent Sediment Sampling Locations Within the Preliminary Site Perimeter
 SJRW Sediment SAP
 SJRW Superfund/MIMC and IPC



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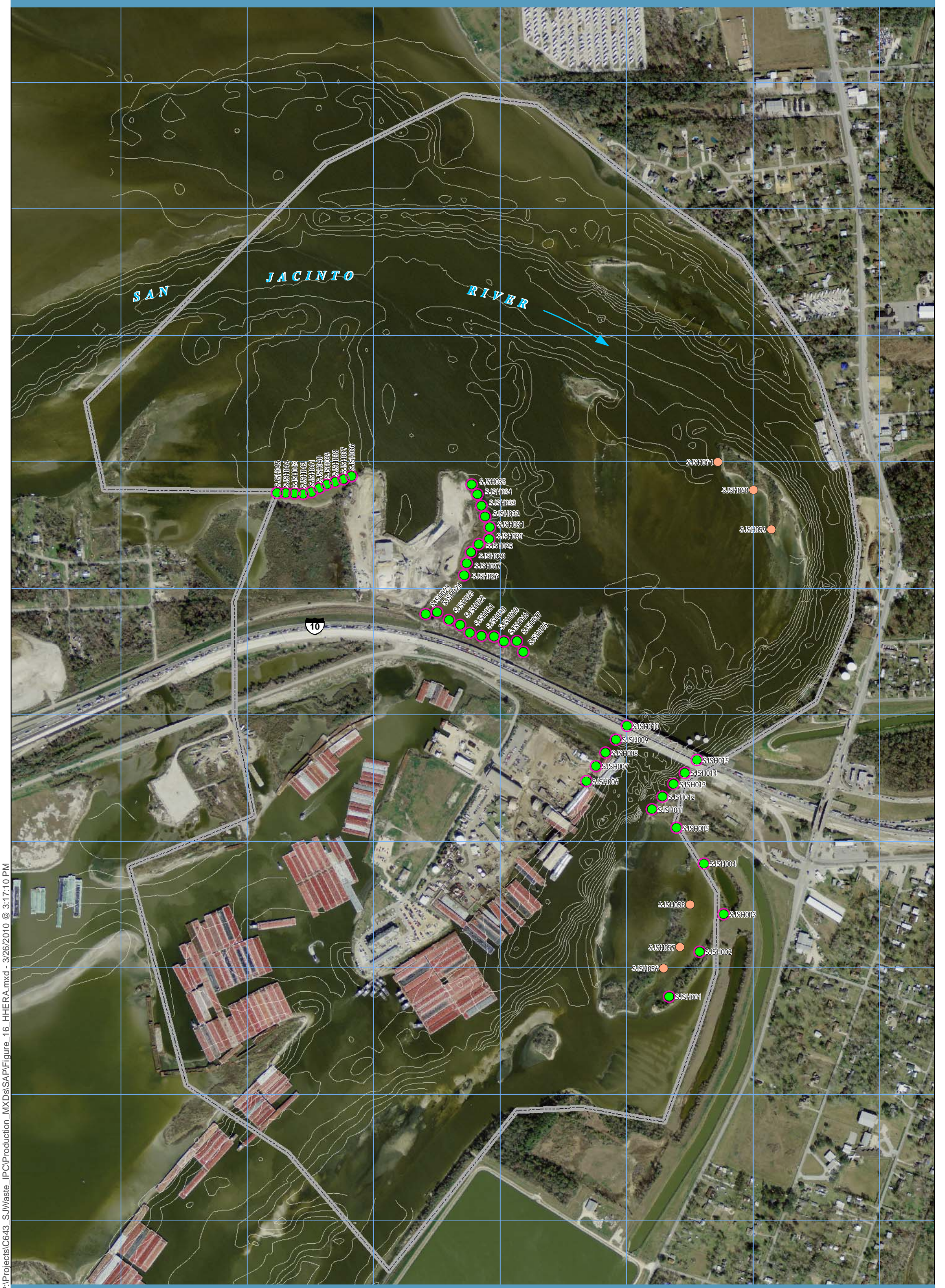


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- Preliminary Site Perimeter
- 1-Meter 1995 Bathymetric Contour
- Sampling Transect

- Proposed Locations**
- Human Health Surface Sediment (Primary COPCs)
 - Human Health Surface Sediment and Subsurface Sediment (Primary COPCs)
 - Upstream Background (Primary and Secondary COPCs)
 - ERA Surface Sediment (Primary COPCs)

Figure 15
 Upstream Sediment Sampling Locations
 SJRWP Sediment SAP
 SJRWP Superfund/MIMC and IPC



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- Preliminary Site Perimeter
- 1-Meter 1995 Bathymetric Contour

- Proposed Locations**
- Human Health Surface Sediment (Primary COPCs)
 - Human Health Surface Sediment and Subsurface Sediment (Primary COPCs)
 - ERA Surface Sediment (Primary COPCs)

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Figure 16
Human Health and Ecological Exposure Sediment Sampling Locations Within the Preliminary Site Perimeter
SJRW Sediment SAP
SJRW Superfund/MIMC and IPC



USACE PERMITS, cont.

- USACE responsible for issuance of CWA Section 404 and RHA Section 10 permits (**dredge and fill**), in the Houston Ship Channel.
- Permitted activities may impact RI/FS activities and future cleanup actions.
- Permitted activities that do impact the site may expose permittees to Superfund liability.



USACE PERMITS, cont.

- EPA/USACE/TCEQ coordination efforts:
 - Existing and new permits must adhere to CWA 404 and RHA 10 permitting process within the permits area of concern boundary.
 - In effect since **November 1, 2009**.



WATERSHED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

- **Dioxin TMDL Study.**
- Public notice and TCEQ & EPA approval process anticipated in **FY2010-2011.**
- Public participation with Houston-Galveston Area Council.





SOURCE STABILIZATION





SOURCE STABILIZATION, cont.

- **Additional sampling for containment**
 - Purpose
 - Sediment and surface water
 - Near original 1966 berm location
 - Results of sampling
- **TCRA Memorandum**
 - Purpose
 - Sources of contamination
 - Source Stabilization / Source Control
 - Draft Tech Memo 06.02 and Revision on 06.15



SOURCE STABILIZATION, cont.

| Sample Location | Result TCDD (ng/kg) | Sample Location | Result TCDD (ng/kg) | Sample Location | Result TCDD (ng/kg) | Sample Location | Result TCDD (ng/kg) | Sample Location | Result TCDD (ng/kg) |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| A1 | 7,040 | B1 | 15,400 | C1 | 9,720 | D1 | 552 | E1 | 1,020 |
| A2 | 2,710 | B2 | 269 | C2 | 5.43 | D2 | 13.9 | E2 | 360 |
| A3 | 35.3 | B3 | 65.3 | C3 | 6.58 | D3 | 31.8 | E3 | 16.4 |
| A4 | 61.7 | B4 | 31.3 | C4 | 12.1 | D4 | 12.6 | E4 | 2.37 |
| A5 | 36.5 | B5 | 14 | C5 | 9.3 | D5 | 13.9 | E5 | 0.817 |





SOURCE STABILIZATION, cont.

- **TCRA Memorandum**
 - Evaluation (Effectiveness, Implementability, Cost)
 - Technologies (Removal, Treatment, Containment)
- **Containment**
 - Alt. 1, Sheet Pile & Granular Cover
 - Alt. 2, Sheet Pile, Granular Cover, Dredge, & Revetment
 - Alt. 3, Granular cover and revetment
 - Alt. 4, Rock berm, granular cover, and revetment
 - Alt. 5, ACBM and dredge



SOURCE STABILIZATION, cont.

- **TCRA Memorandum – concerns raised**
 - Minimize public health / enviro. threat
 - Prevent spread and movement of contamination
 - Storm event design number
 - Prevent impacts from flooding upstream
 - Prevent impacts from scouring on I10 bridge downstream
 - Combination of technologies (i.e. removal w/ containment)



SOURCE STABILIZATION, cont.

- Finish review of TCRA memo
- Issue decision document
- Review draft TCRA work plan
- Review draft TCRA health and safety plan
- Begin construction of TCRA removal



NEXT STEPS

- Implement source stabilization activities.
- Define nature and extent of site.
- Evaluate long-term cleanup alternatives.
- Issue Record of Decision.
- Continue joint watershed management solutions with USACE and TCEQ.



REFERENCES

- USEPA 2005 Contaminated Sediment Remediation Guidance for Hazardous Waste Sites:
<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/health/conmedia/sediment/guidance.htm>
- Public announcement on CWA 404 and RHA 10 permitting process within the permits area of concern boundary:
<http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/pao/Docs/SanJacinto.pdf>