

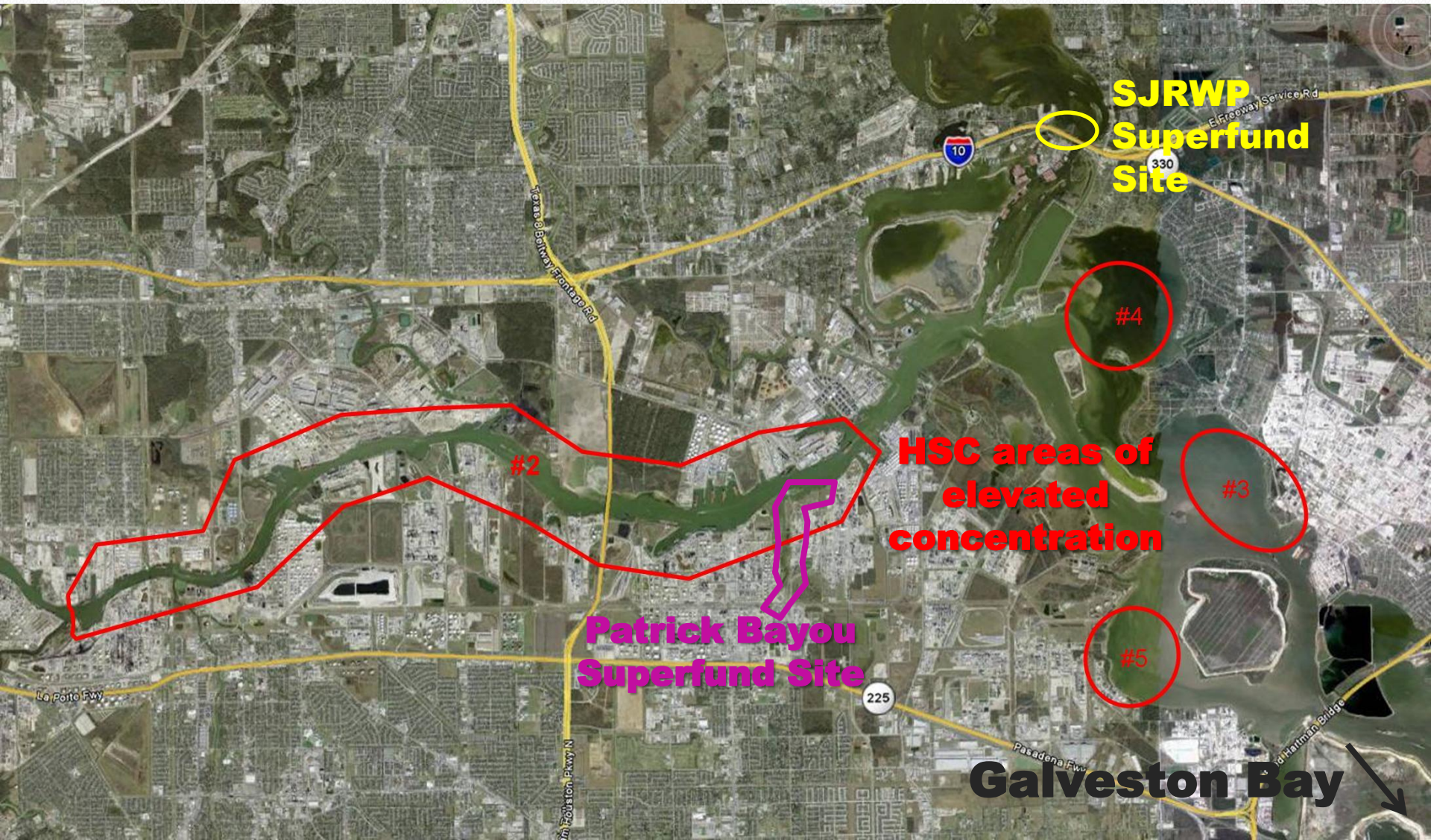
Dioxin Fingerprinting in the HSC

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Objectives

- Compare dioxin fingerprints from several areas of the HSC to the SJRWP superfund site:
 - Patrick Bayou superfund site
 - HSC from Sims Bayou to Tucker Bayou
 - Burnett Bay
 - Scott Bay
 - San Jacinto Bay
 - Galveston Bay along the HSC

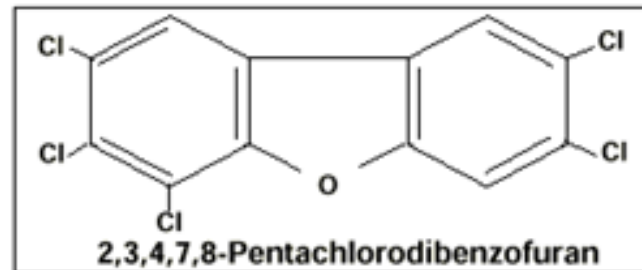
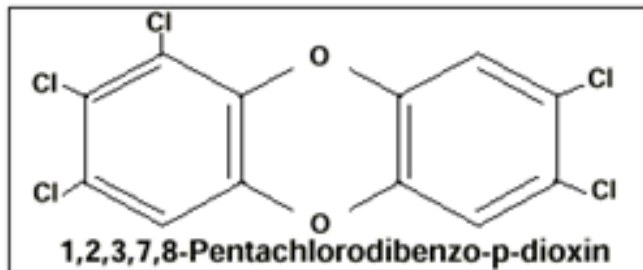
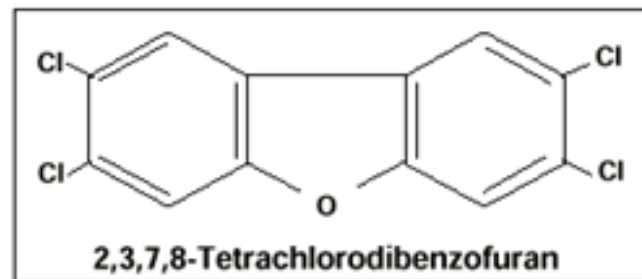
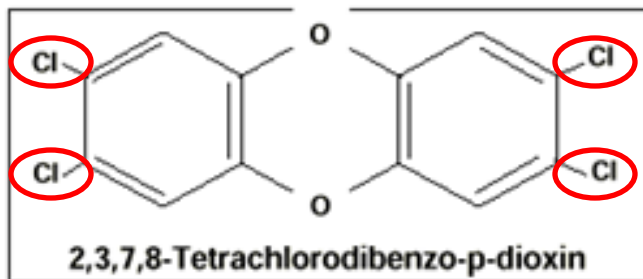
Areas of Interest for this project:



Sediment Data

- Used Surface Sediment data from
 - SJRWP site geodatabase (>300 sample locations), including:
 - Dioxin TMDL data
 - SJRWP Superfund Project data
 - Private dredging project data
 - Patrick Bayou site database (60 sample locations),
 - EPA Marine and Coastal Studies report (7 stations)
- All values given are station averages, if more than one sample was available for a site
- TEQs computed using WHO TEFs with ND=0

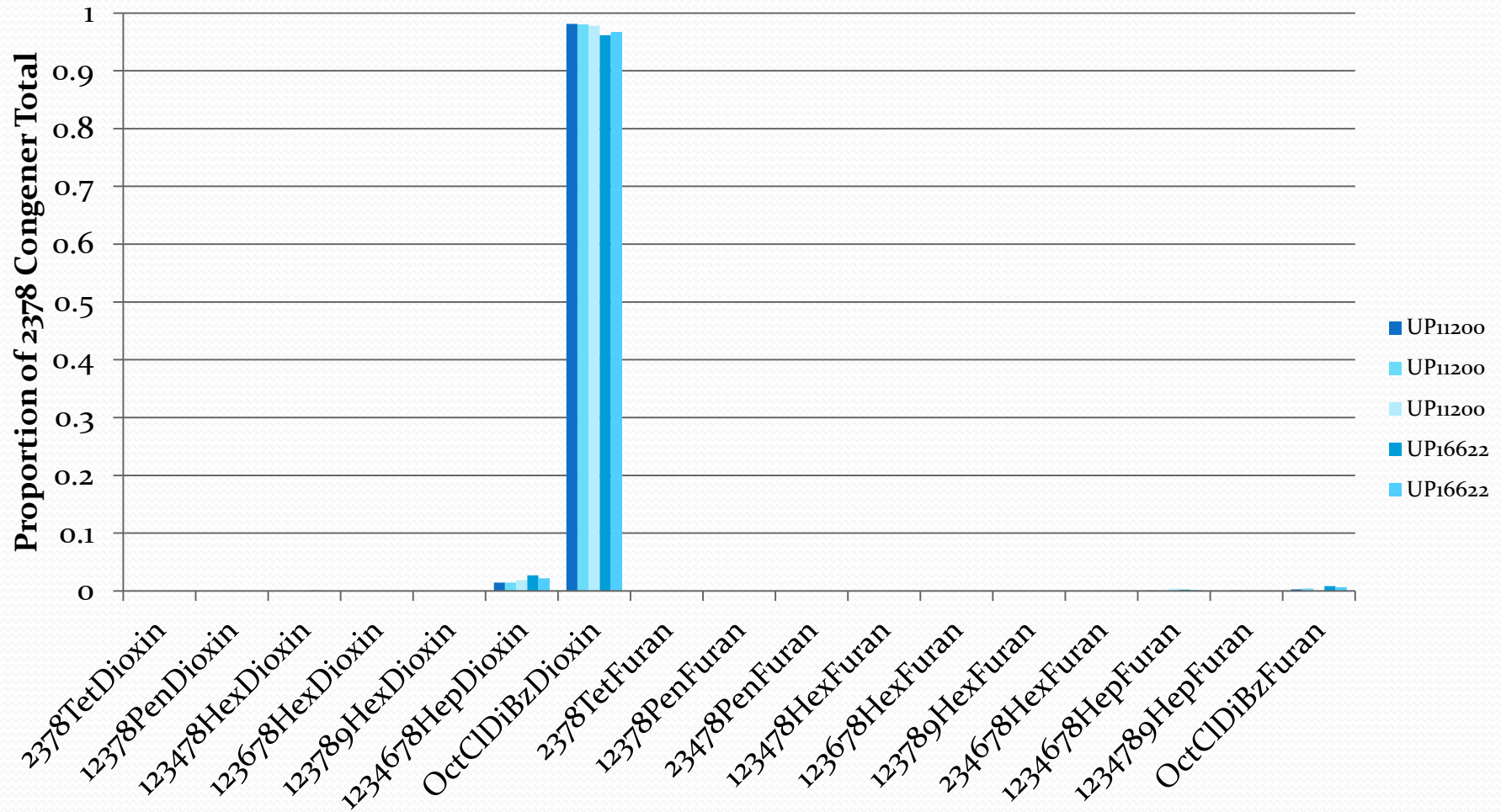
Dioxins and Furans . . .



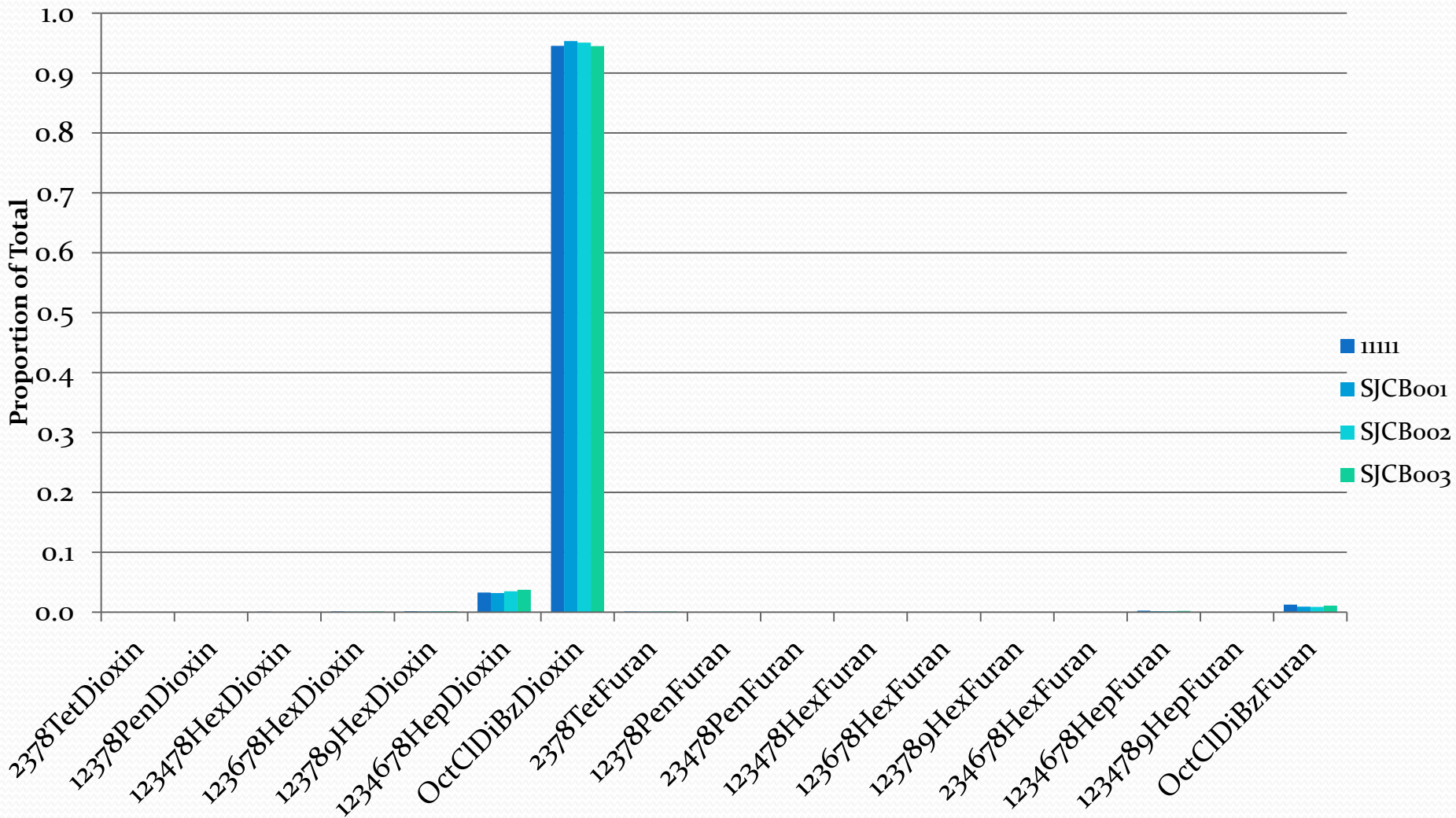
TOXIC EQUIVALENCY FACTORS (TEFs)

	TEF
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD)	1
1,2,3,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (PeCDD)	1
1,2,3,4,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (HxCDD)	0.1
1,2,3,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (HxCDD)	0.1
1,2,3,7,8,9-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (HxCDD)	0.1
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-Heptachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (HpCDD)	0.01
1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9-Octachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (OCDD)	0.0003
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzofuran (TCDF)	0.1
1,2,3,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzofuran (PeCDF)	0.03
2,3,4,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzofuran (PeCDF)	0.3
1,2,3,4,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran (HxCDF)	0.1
1,2,3,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran (HxCDF)	0.1
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1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9-Octachlorodibenzofuran (OCDF)	0.0003

UPSTREAM SAN JACINTO RIVER

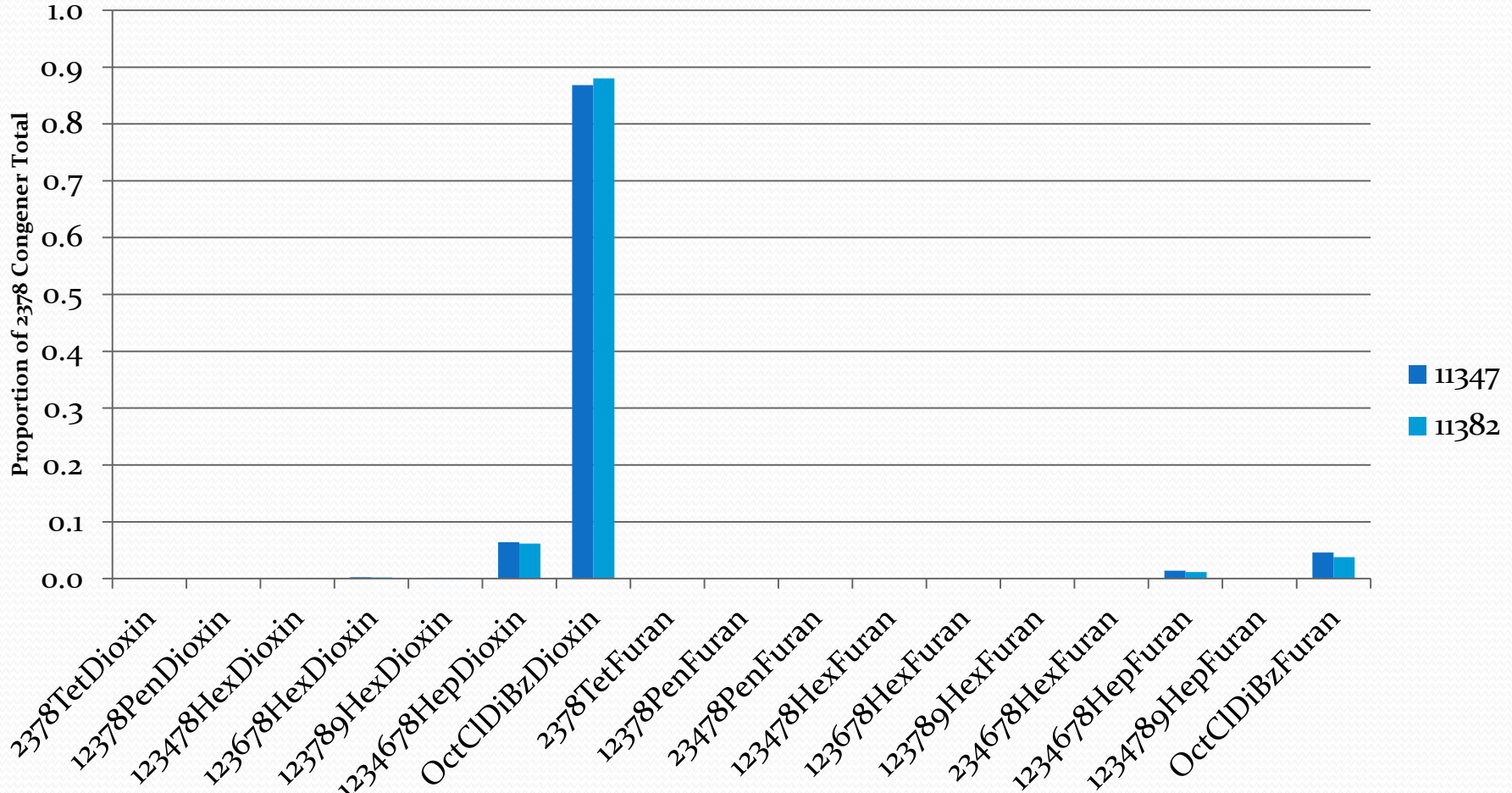


CEDAR BAYOU



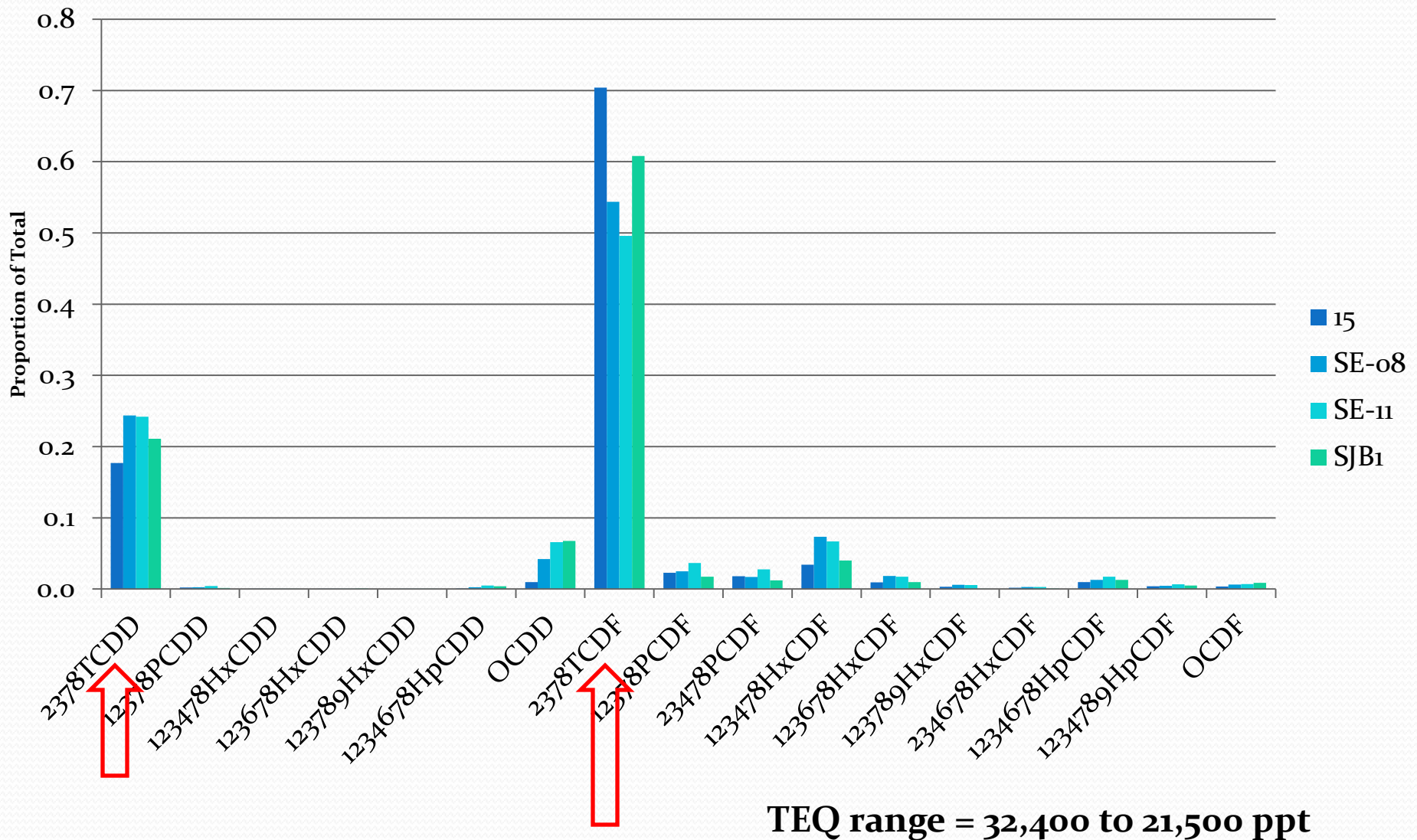
TEQ range = 0.8 to 8.1 ppt

BUFFALO BAYOU nr DOWNTOWN HOUSTON

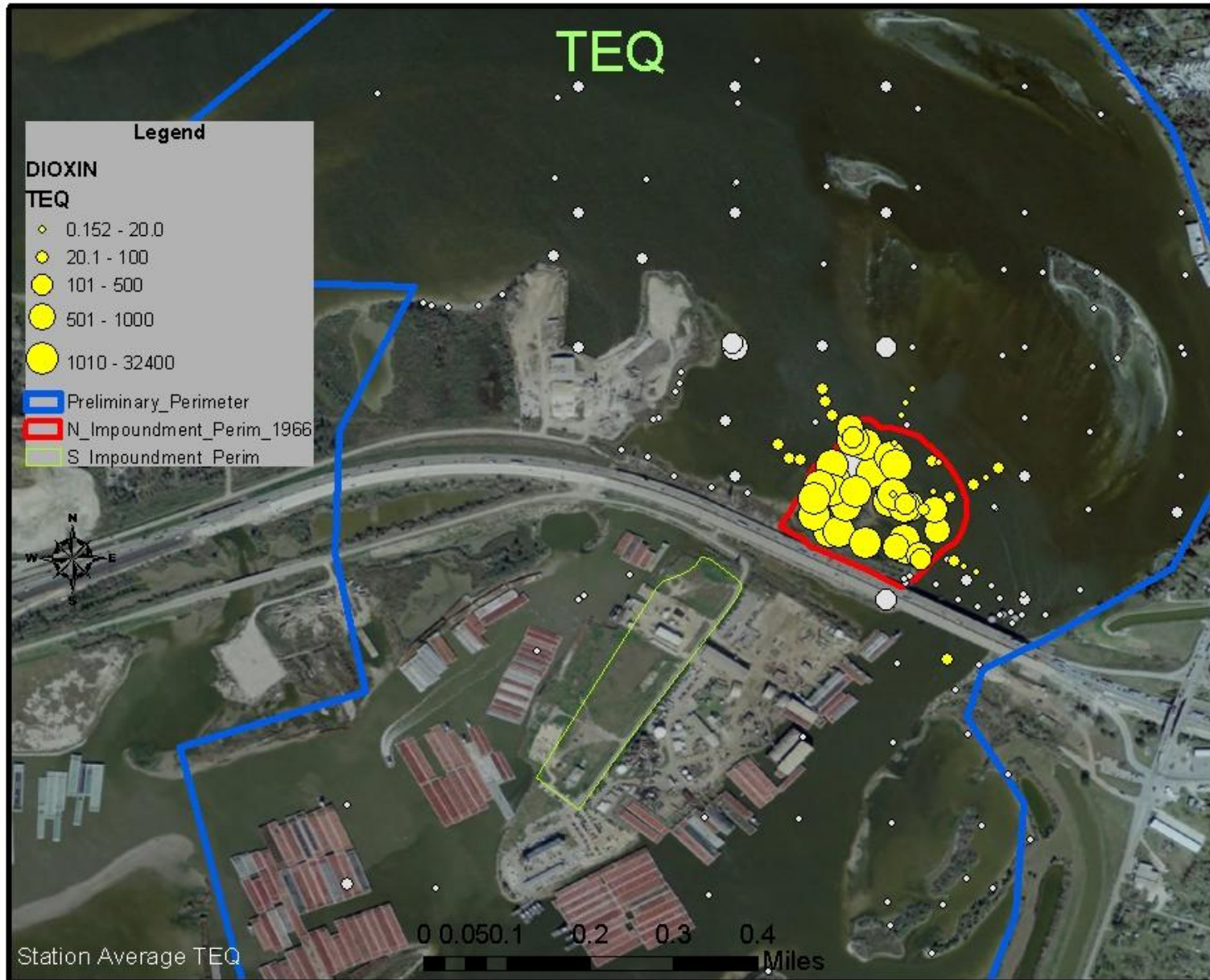


TEQ range = 1.7 to 4.8 ppt

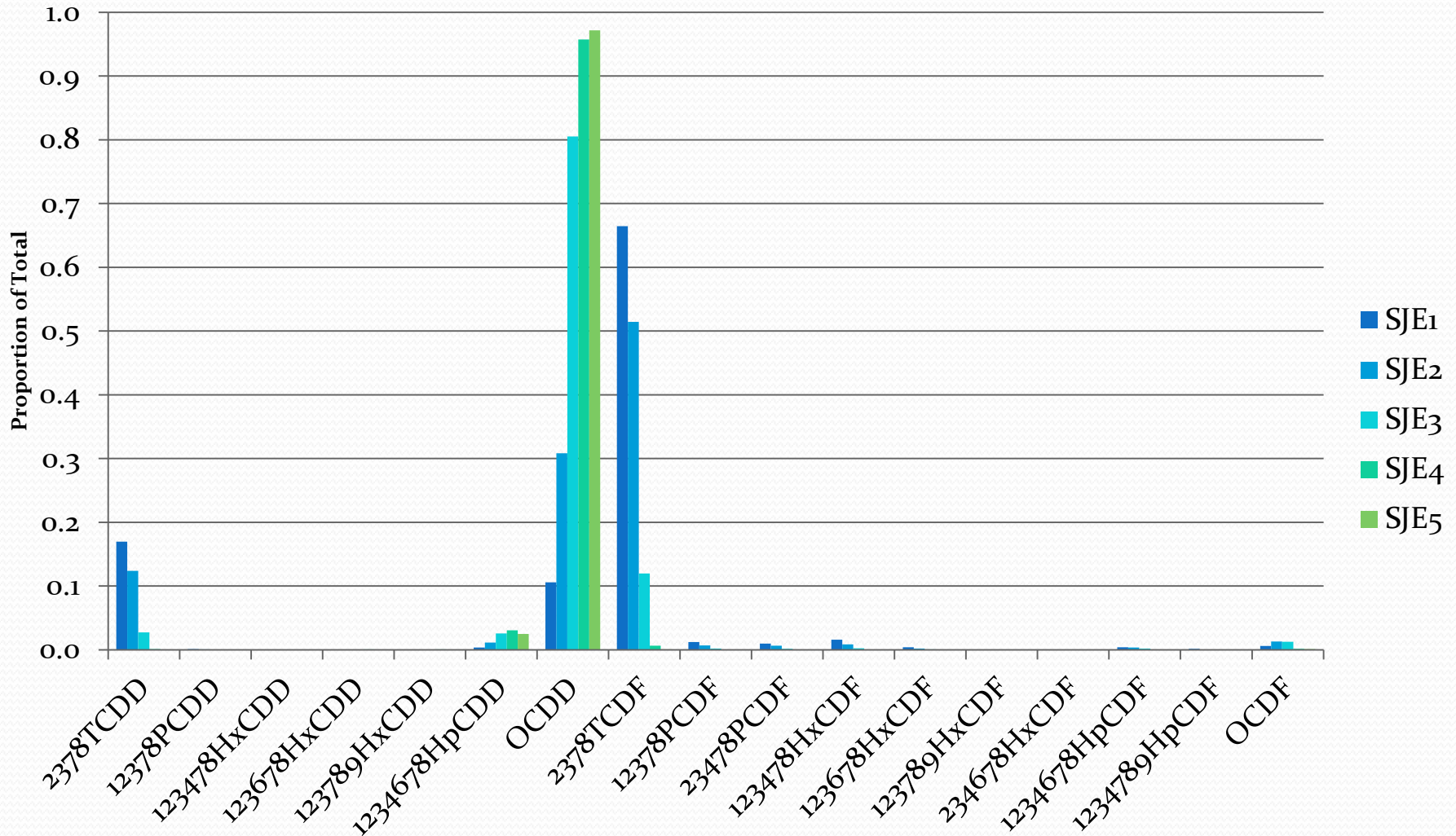
SJRWP – 4 highest TEQ samples



TEQ in SJRWP area



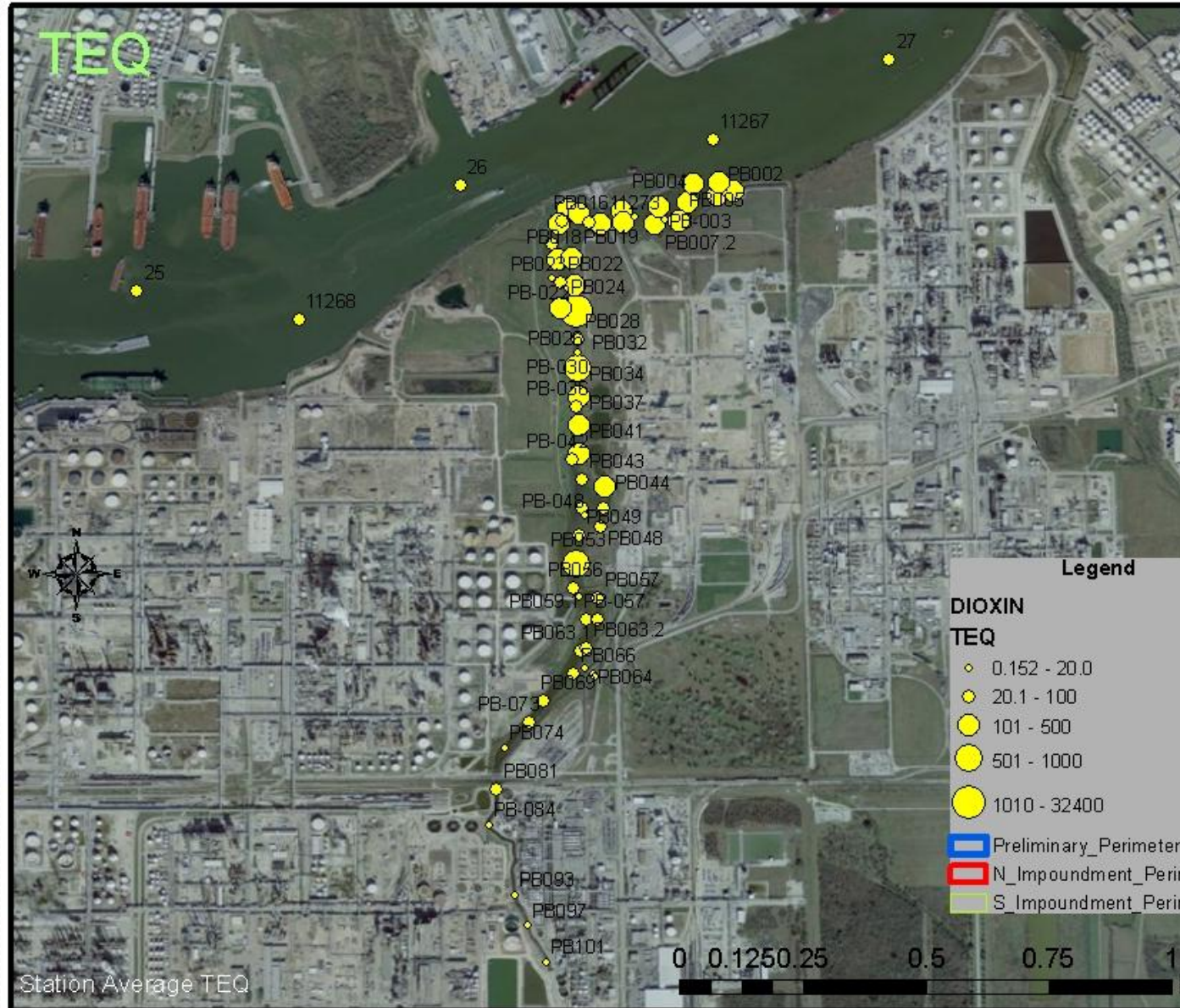
Transect E from TCRA



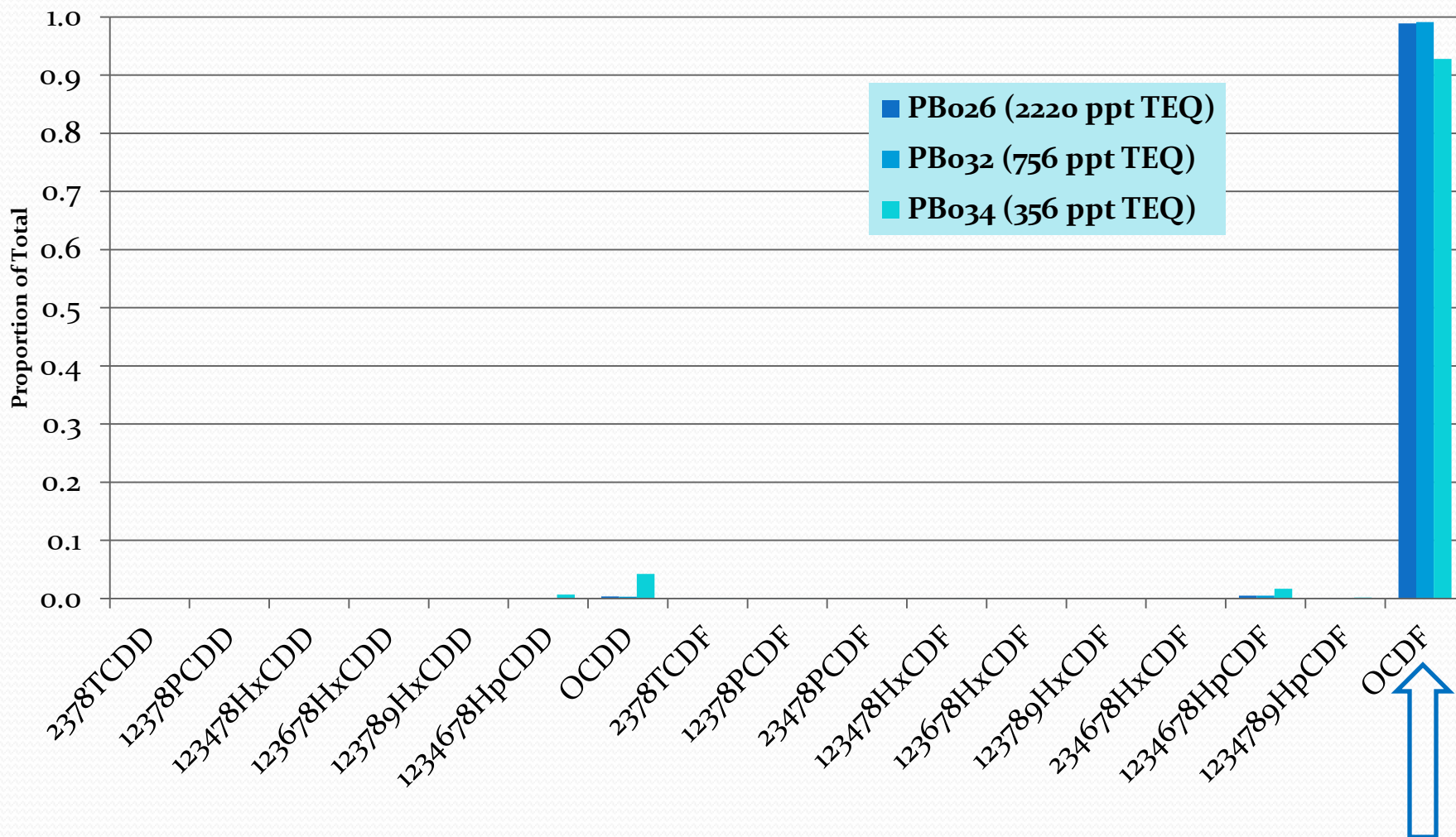
TEQ range = 1460 to 2.4 ppt

Patrick Bayou

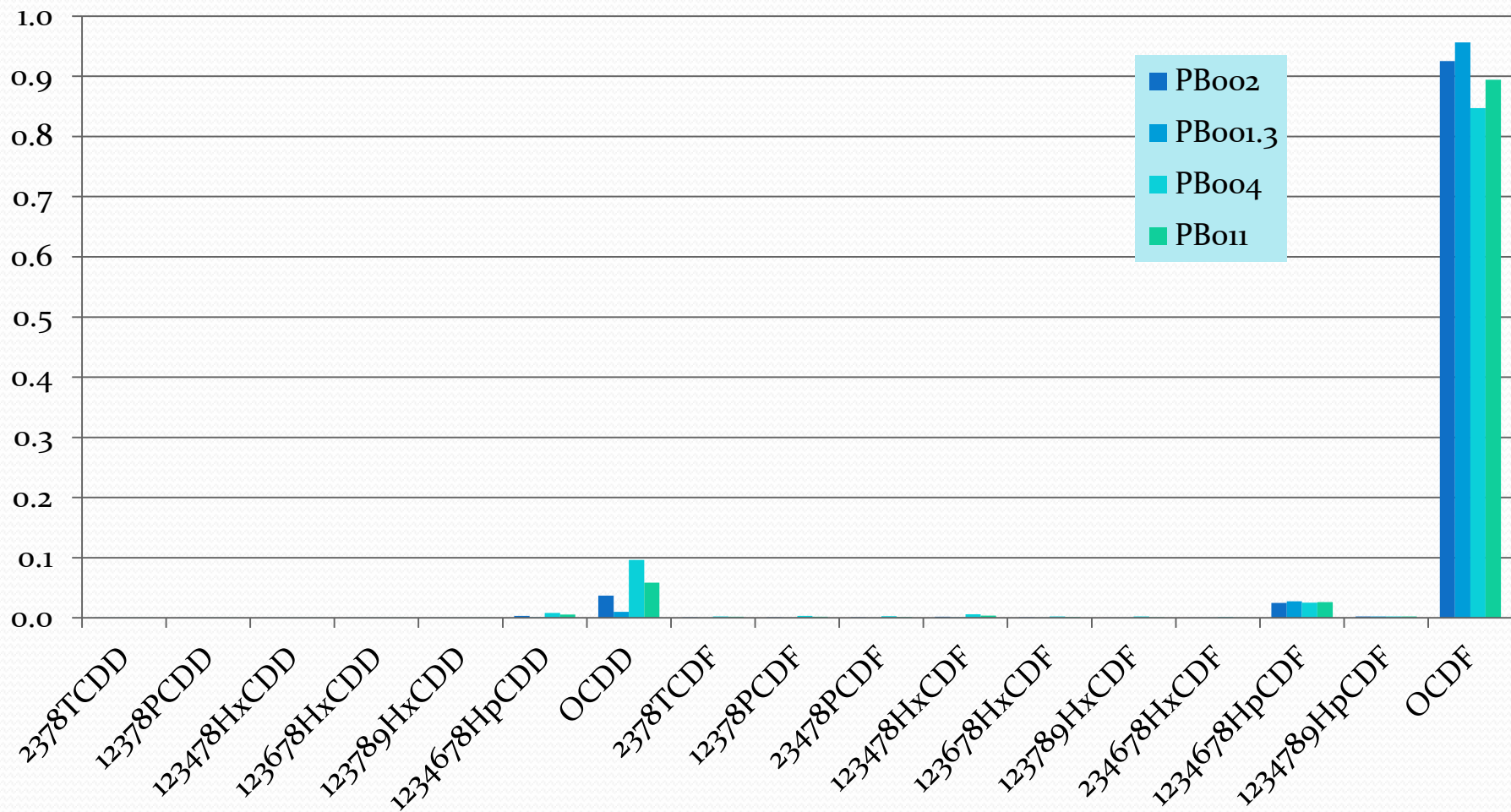
- 60 stations
- TEQ range: 0.2 to 2224 ppt
- Median = 73 ppt



Lower Patrick Bayou

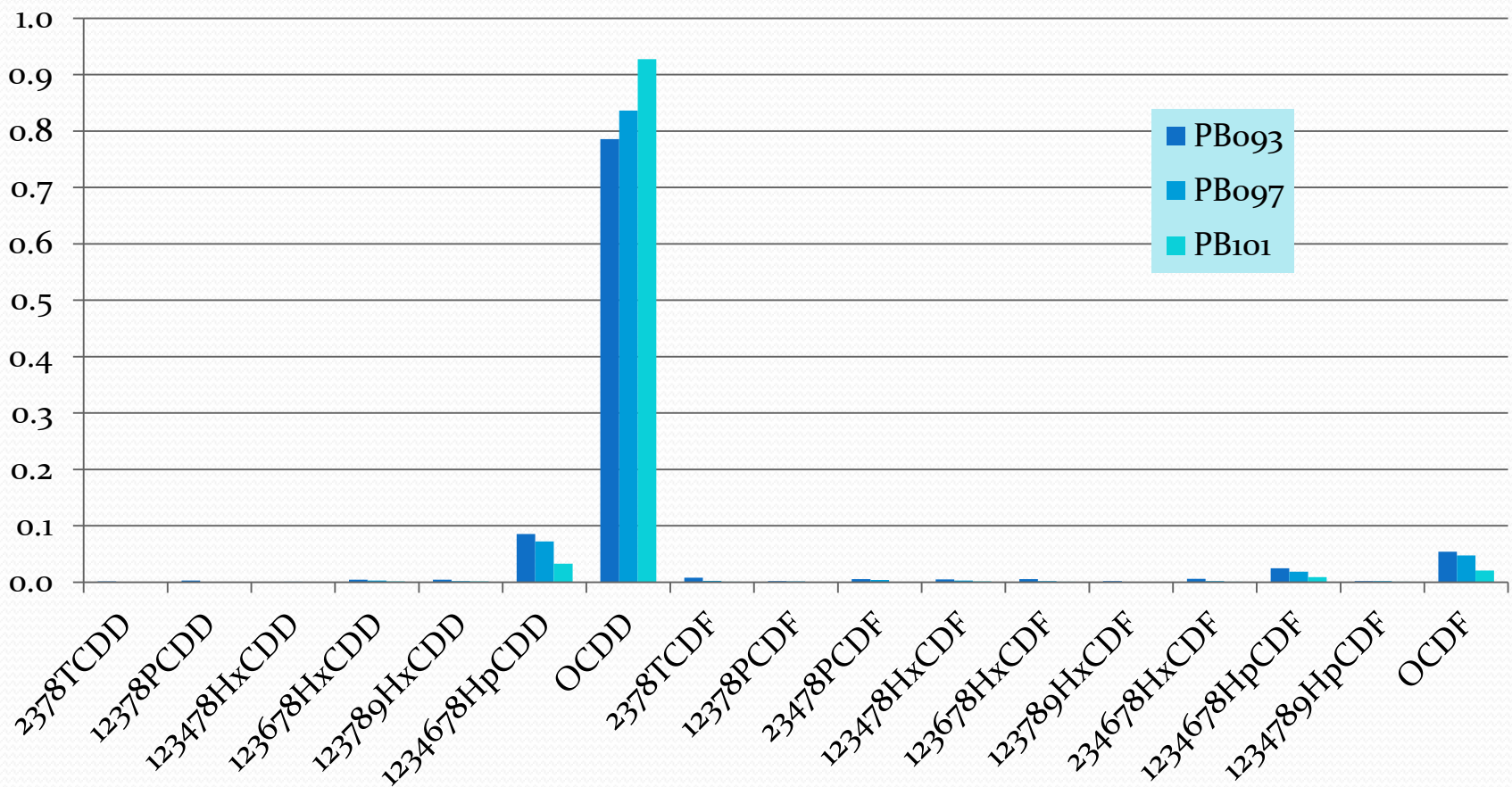


Patrick Bayou - mouth



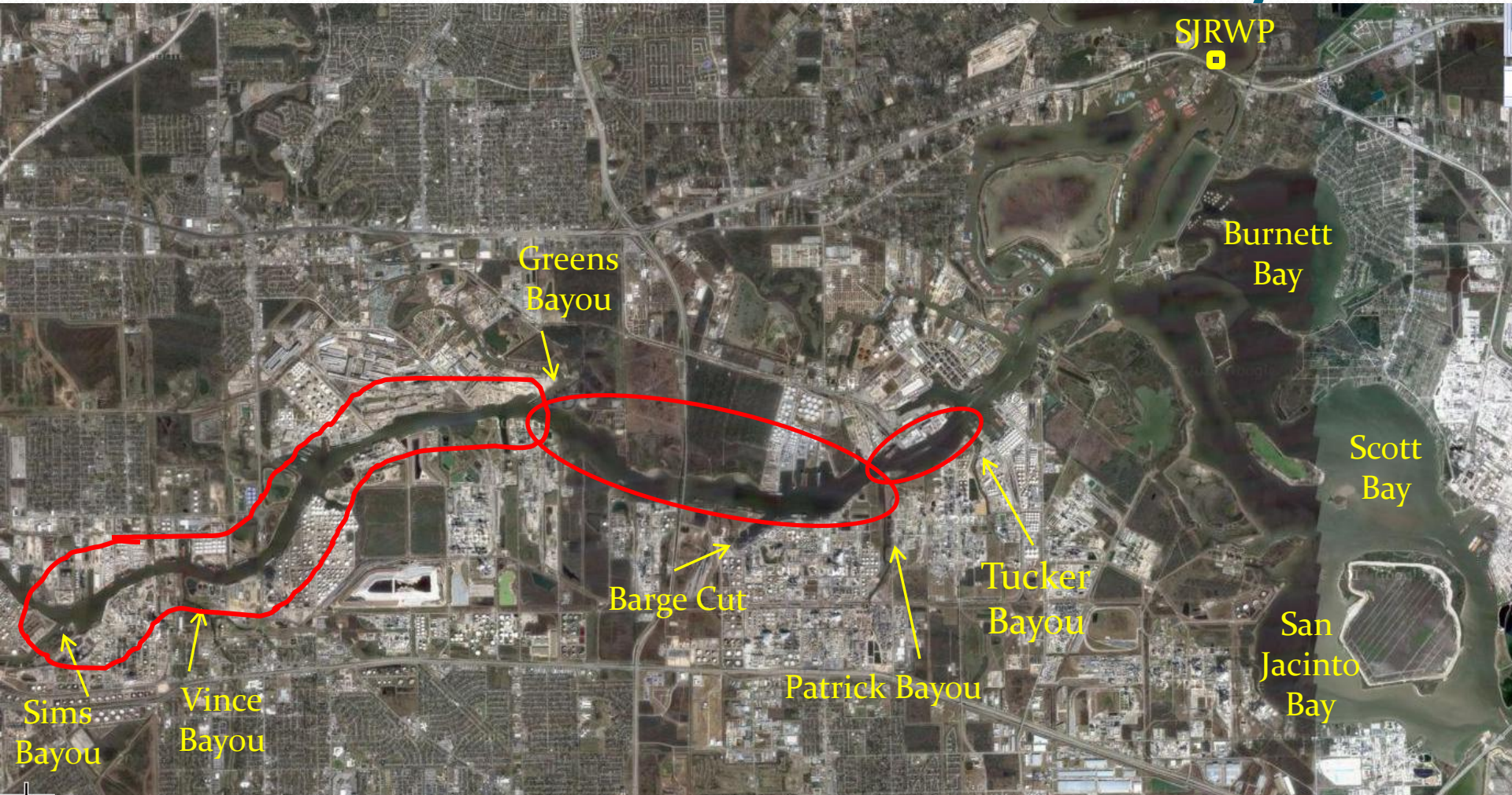
TEQ range = 272 to 181 ppt

Patrick Bayou – gunite portion

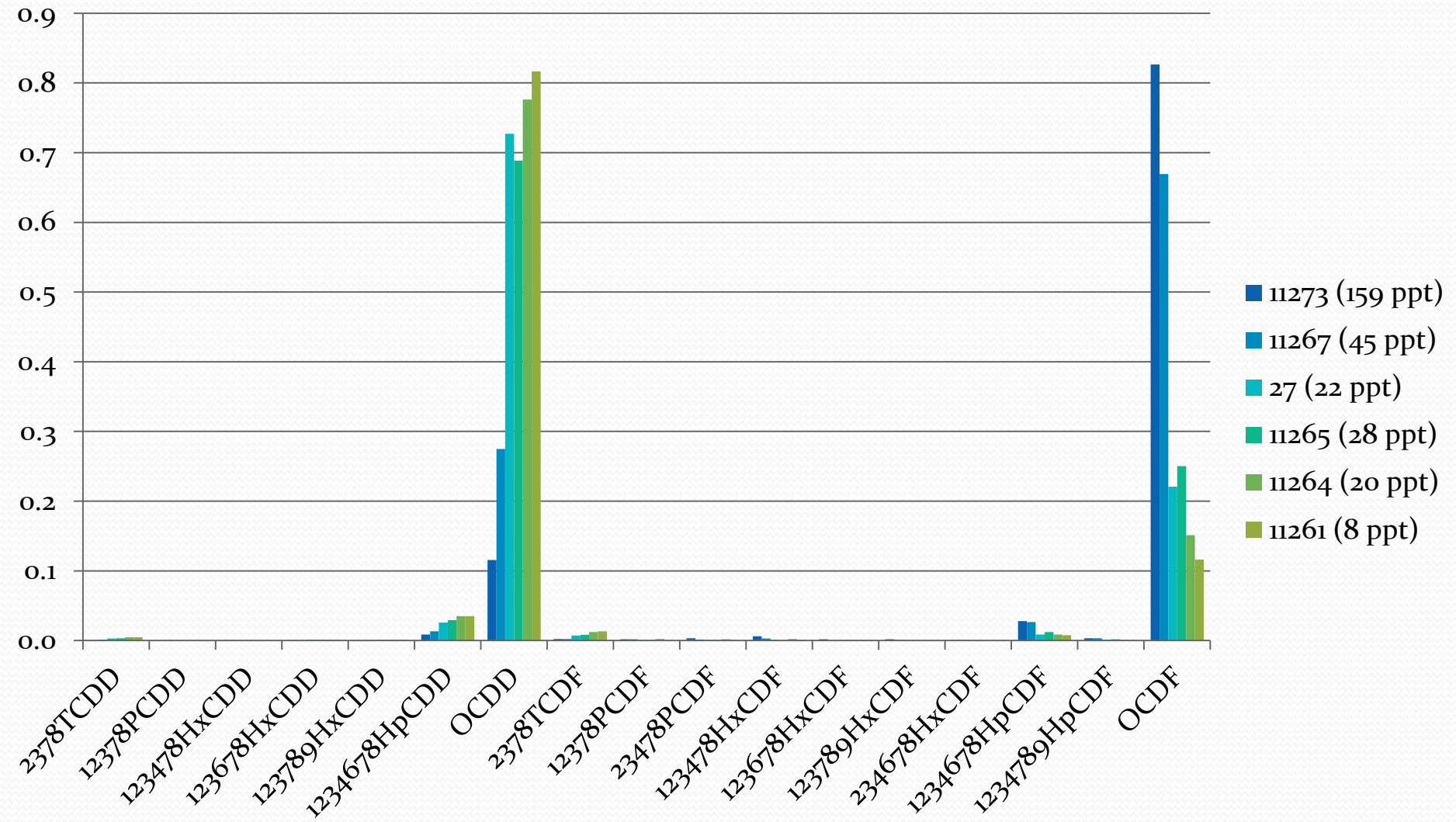


TEQ range = 0.6 to 2.3 ppt

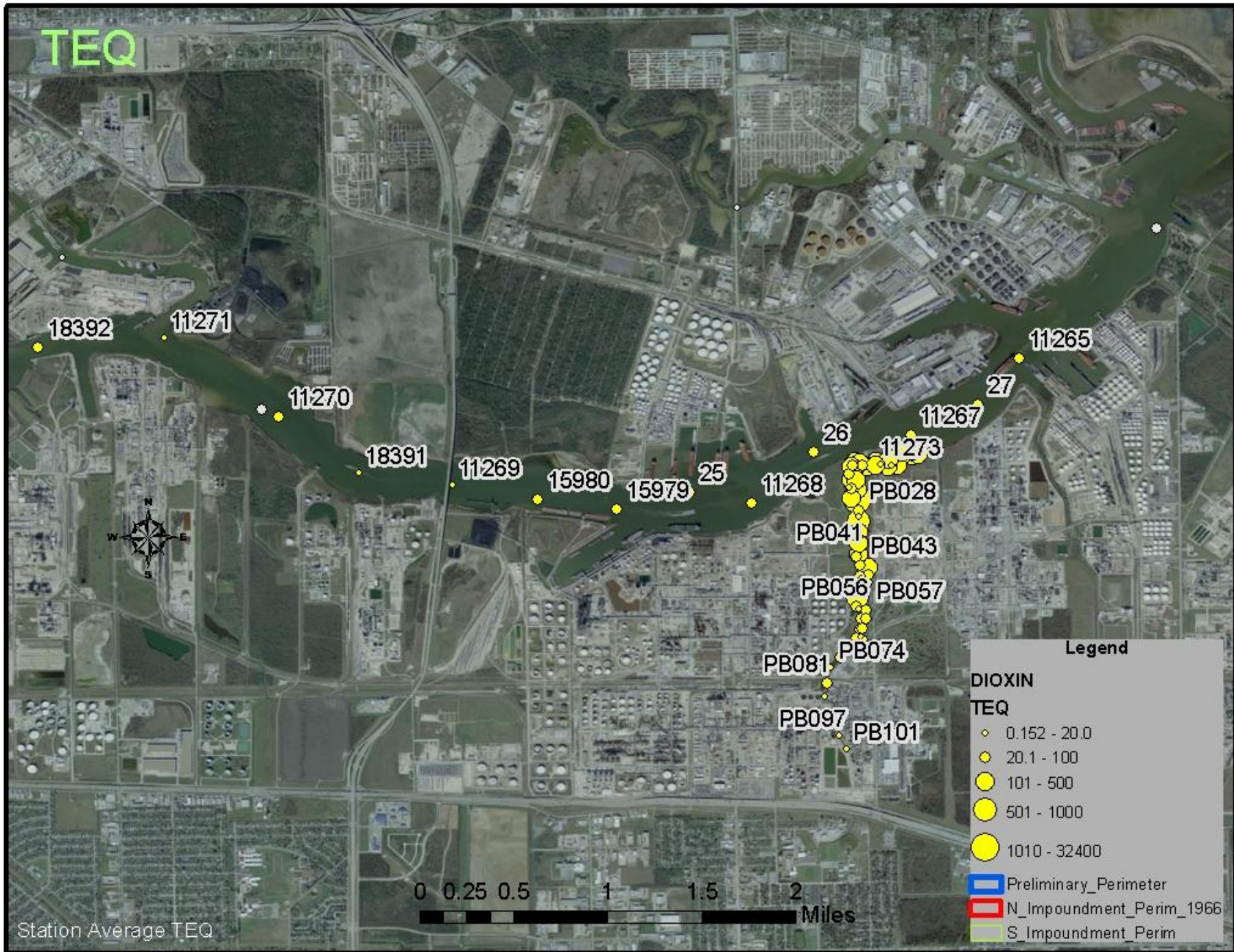
HSC Tributaries and Side Bays



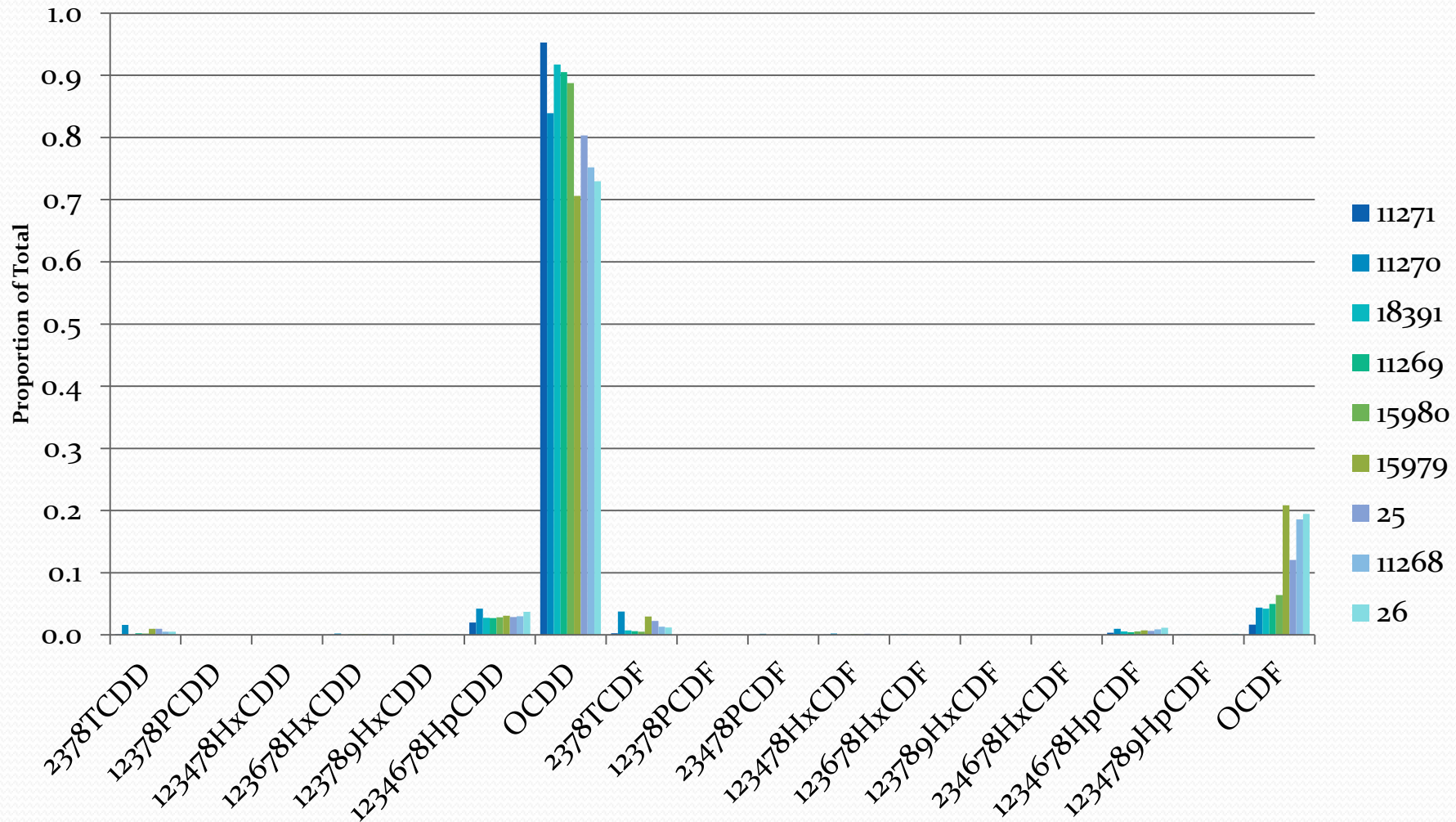
Patrick to SJR



TEQ

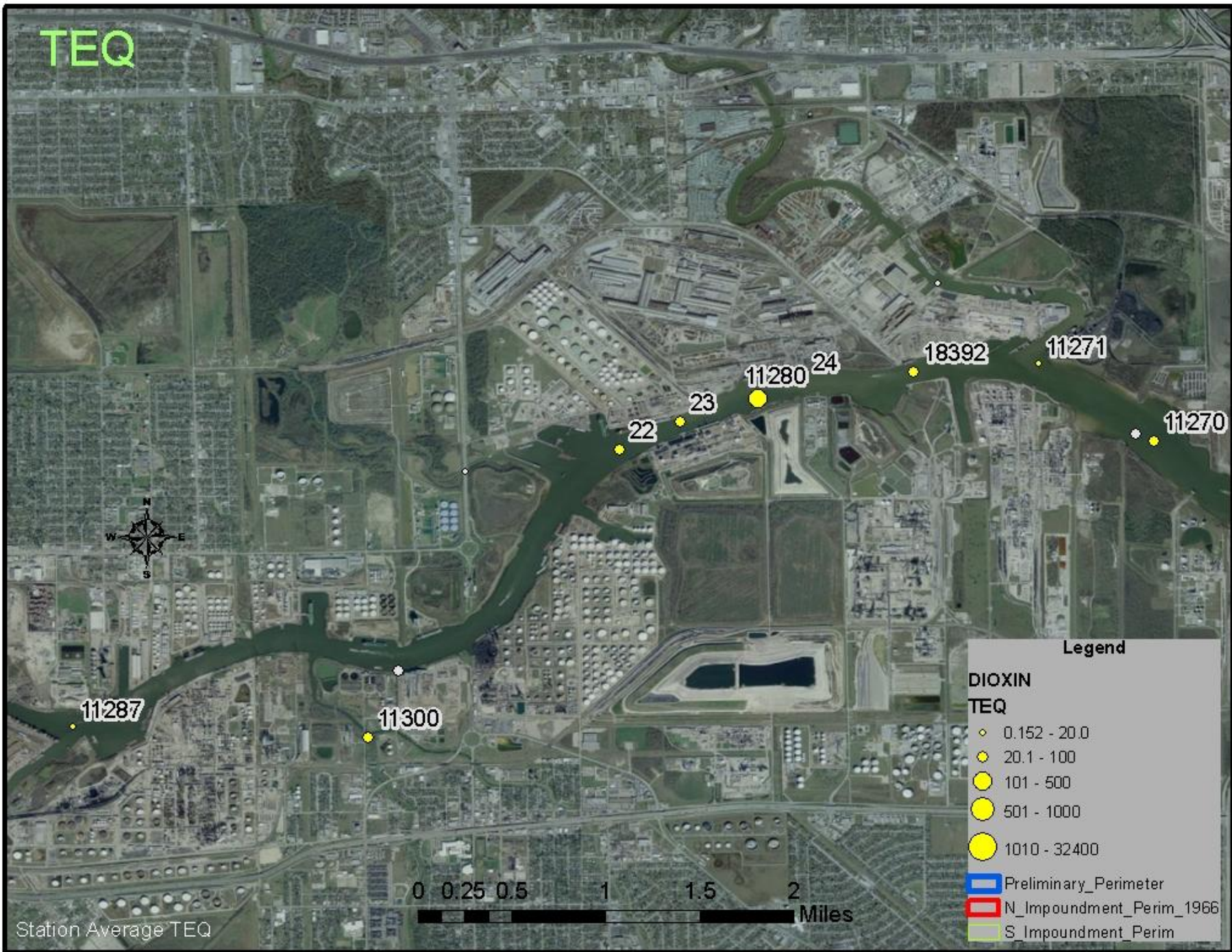


HSC – Greens to Patrick

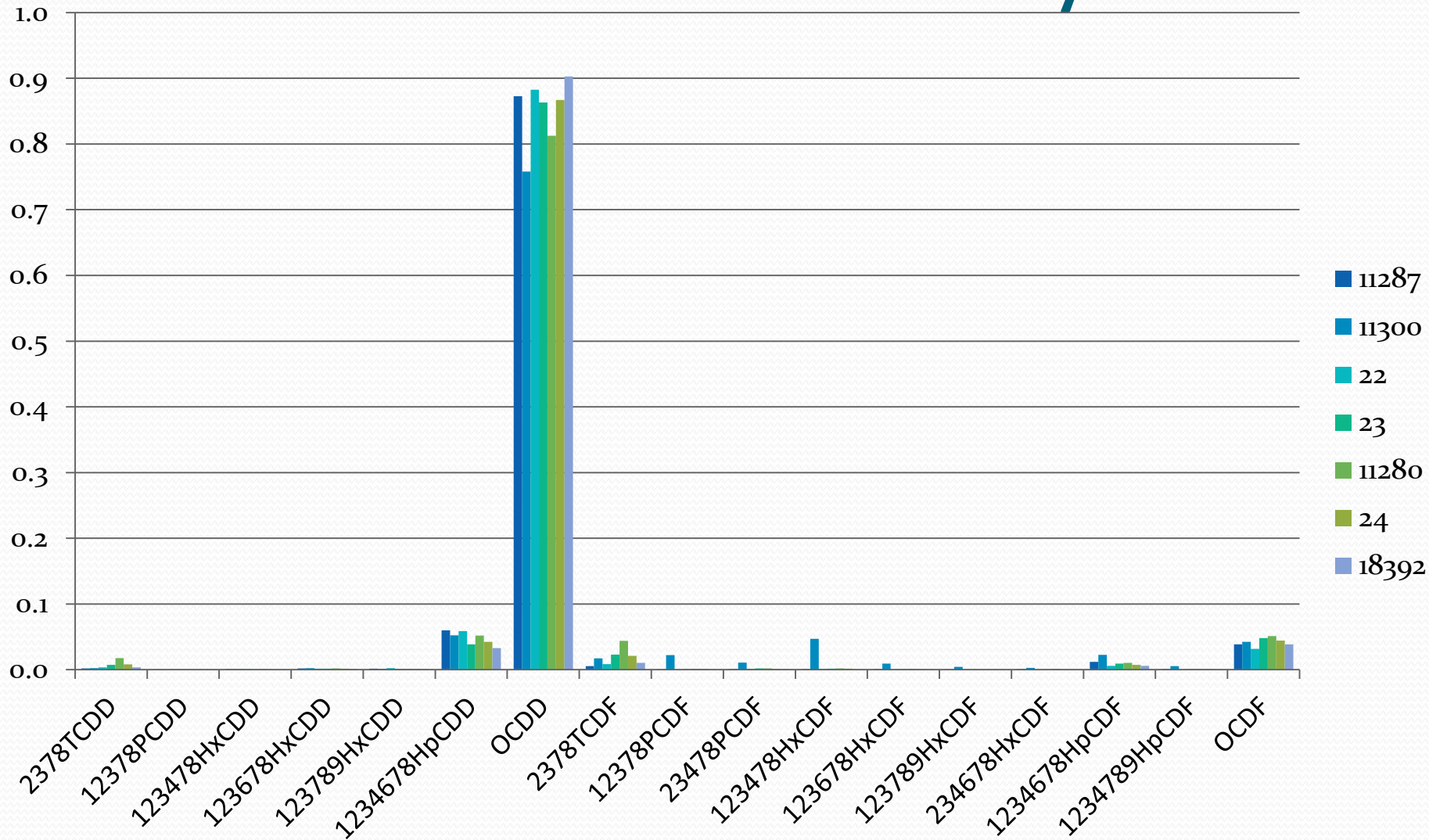


11270 TEQ = 74 ppt, 15979 TEQ = 71 ppt, Others < 44 ppt

TEQ



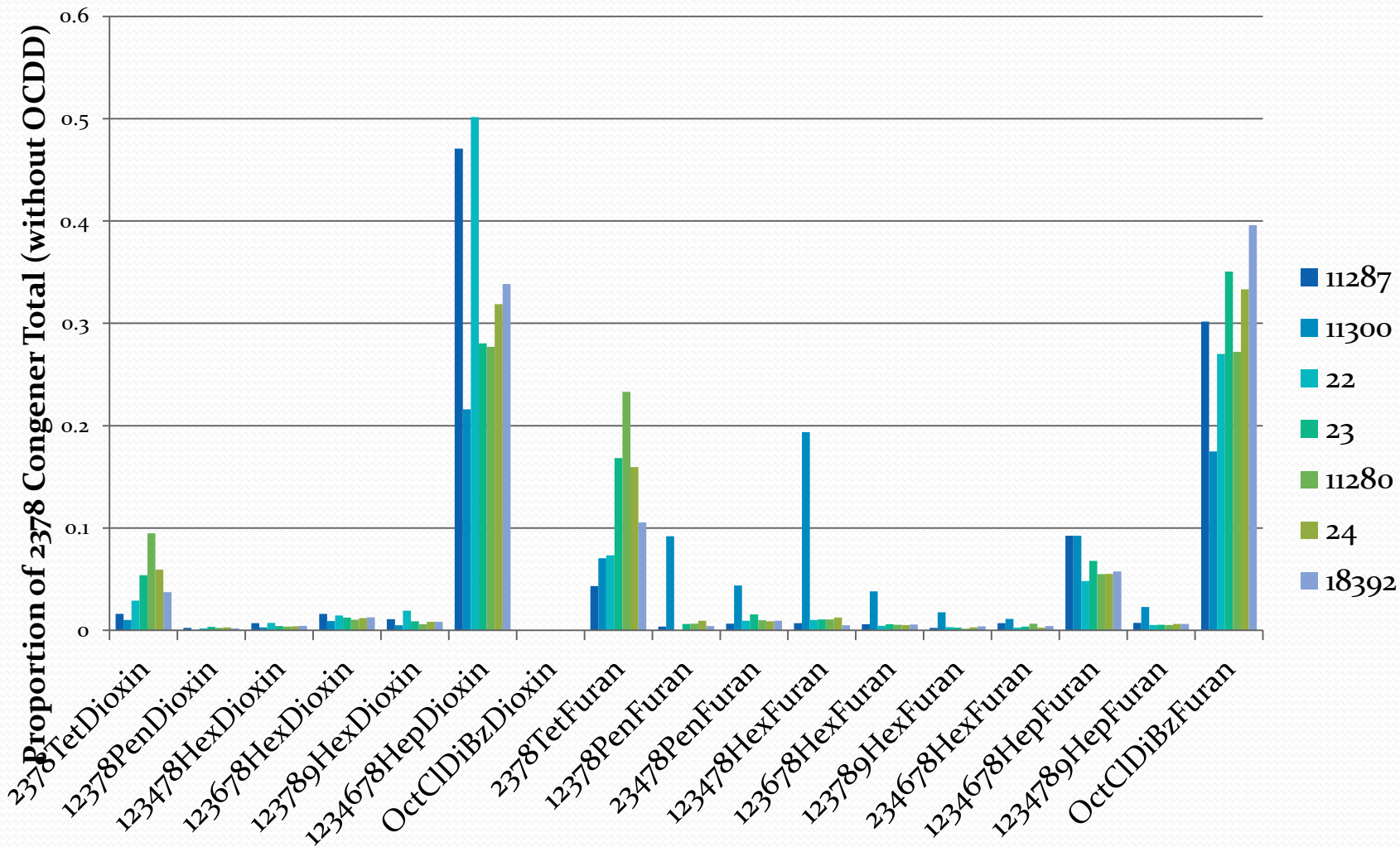
HSC – Sims to Greens Bayou



11287 TEQ = 14 ppt, 11300 TEQ = 84 ppt

11280 TEQ = 194 ppt, others < 63 ppt

HSC - Sims Bayou to Greens Bayou



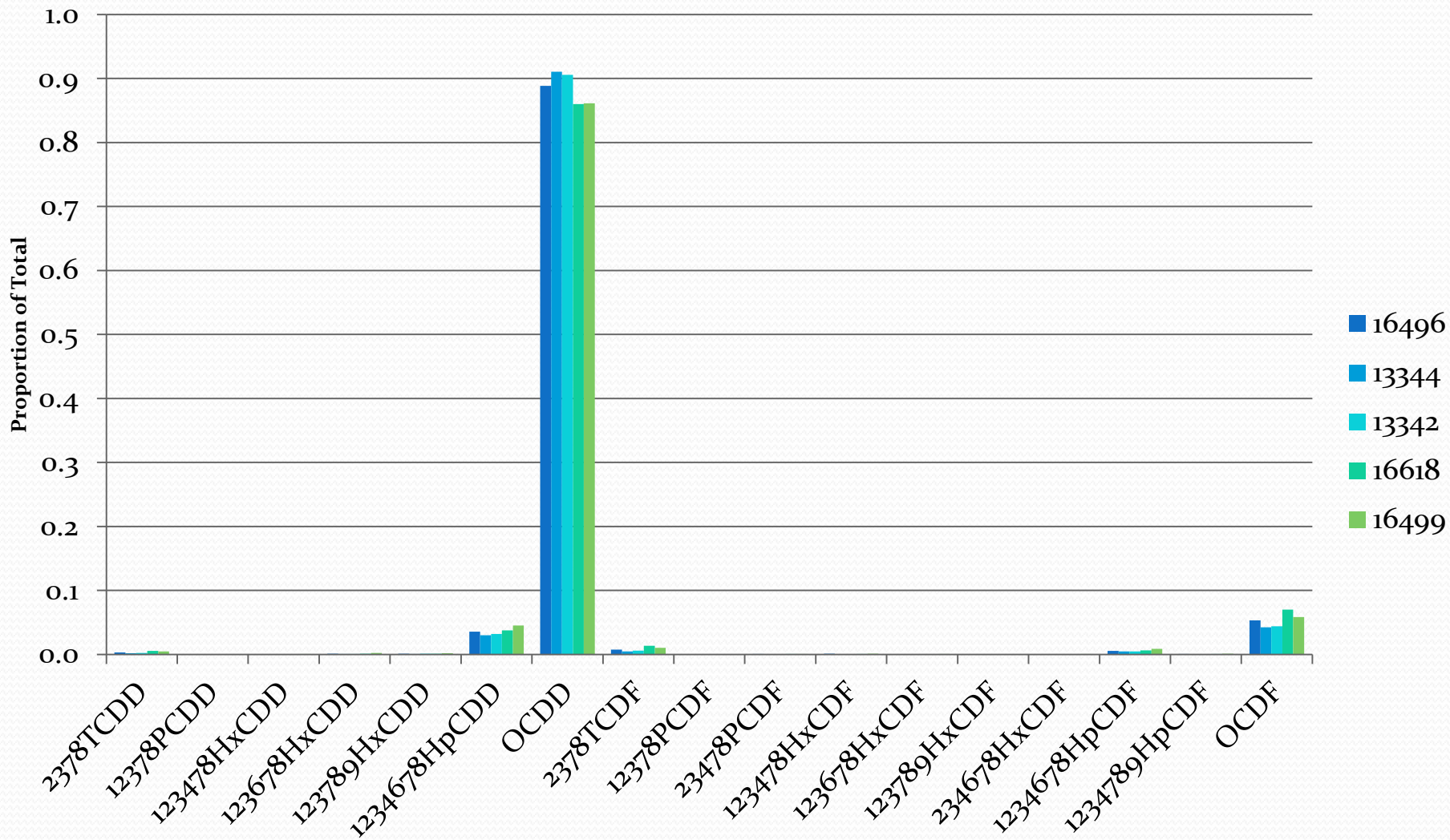
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HSC Side Bays

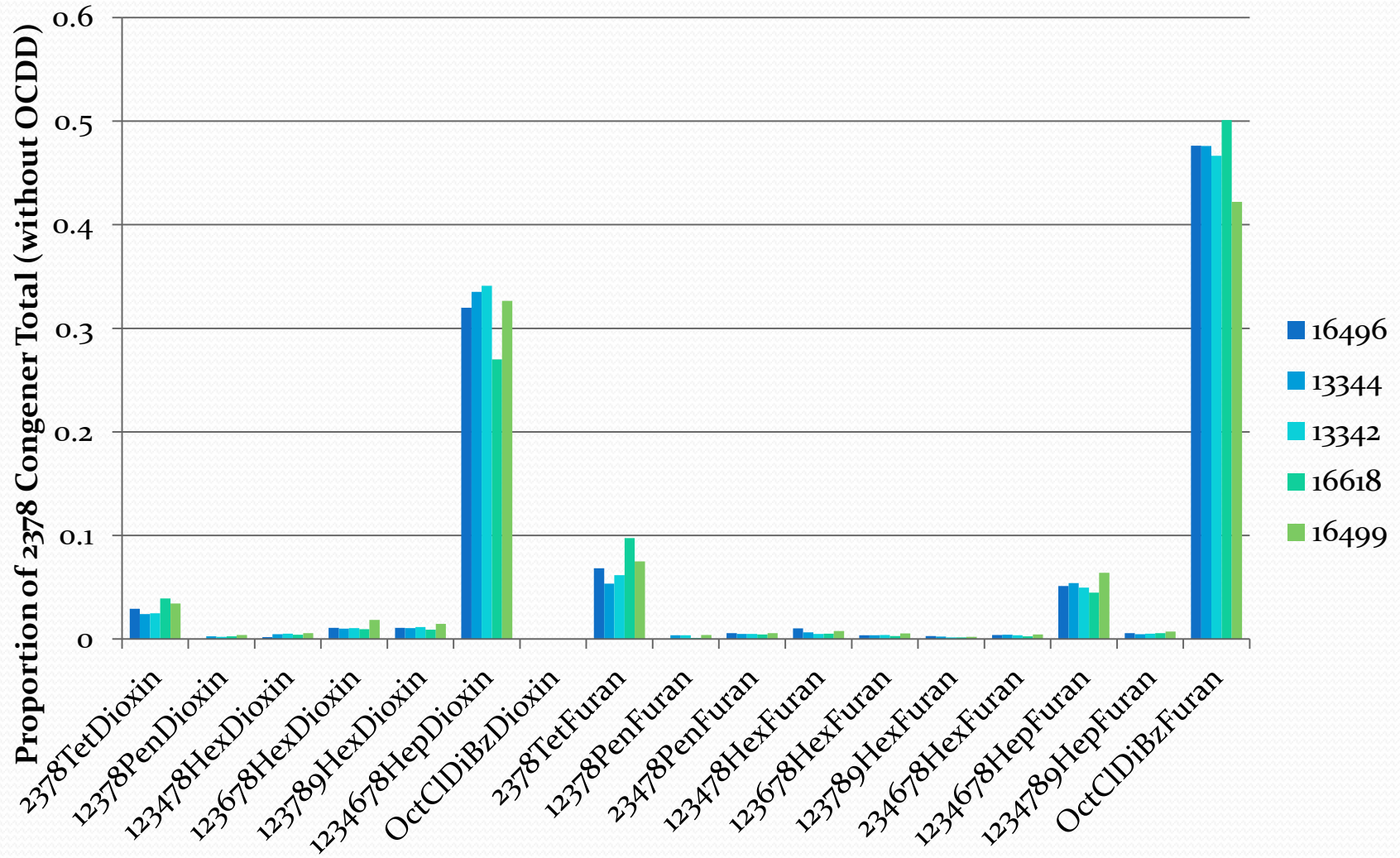
- All have similar fingerprints and TEQ levels
- Burnett Bay
 - 16496, TEQ = 34 ppt
 - 13344, TEQ = 29 ppt
- Scott Bay
 - 13342, TEQ = 29 ppt
 - 16618, TEQ = 24 ppt
- San Jacinto Bay
 - 16499, TEQ = 21.6 ppt



Side Bays



HSC Side Bay Congener Fingerprint

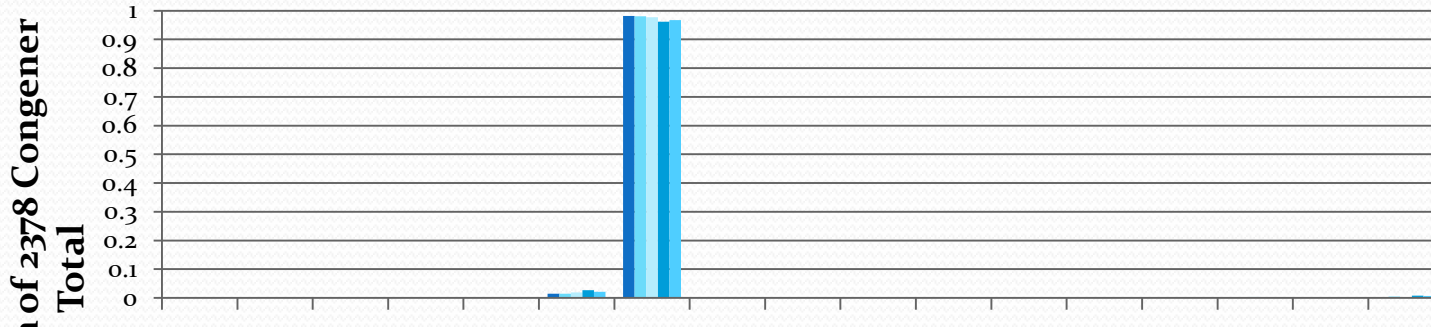


Galveston Bay Samples

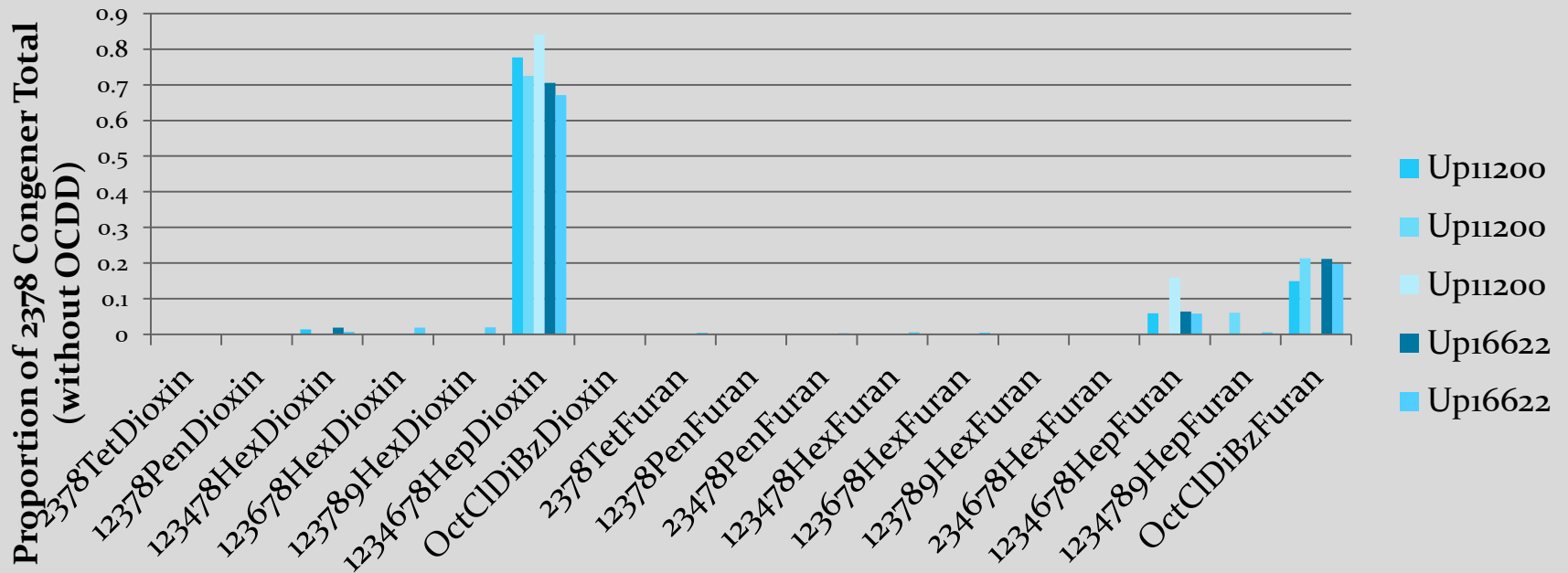
- TEQs range from 6.4 ppt to less than 1 ppt
- Fingerprint similar to Upstream SJR background fingerprint
- TEQs on the picture (right) were calculated using WHO 2005 TEFs



Upstream SJR samples with OCDD

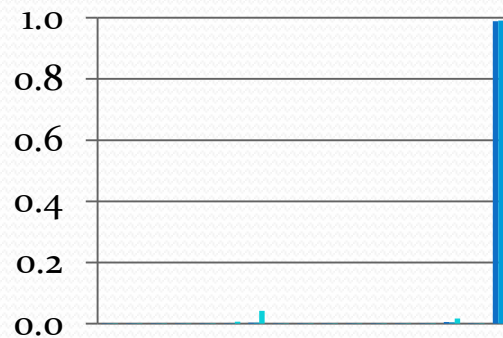
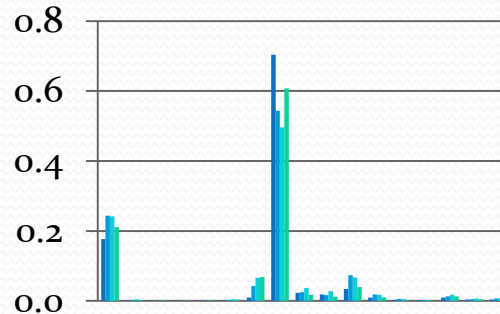
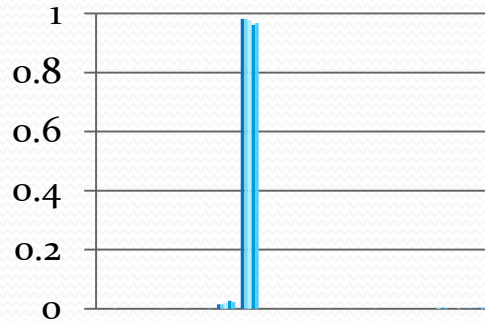


Upstream SJR samples without OCDD



Summary

- Several fingerprints in the HSC project area
 1. Primarily OCDD (background)
 2. Elevated TCDD & TCDF (SJRWP)
 3. High OCDF
 4. Mixtures of these
- OCDD associated with lower TEQs
- #2 & #3 associated with higher TEQs

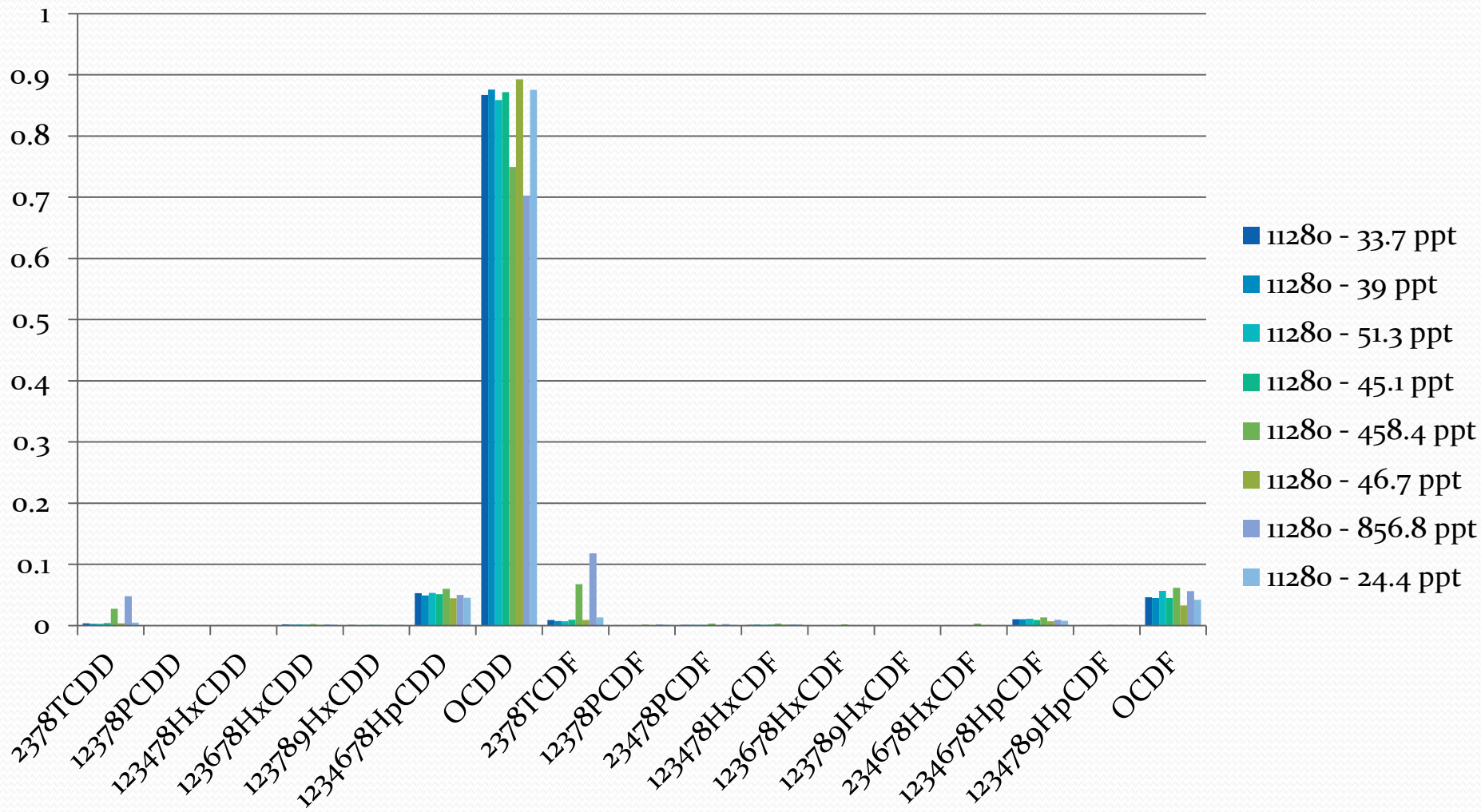


Questions?

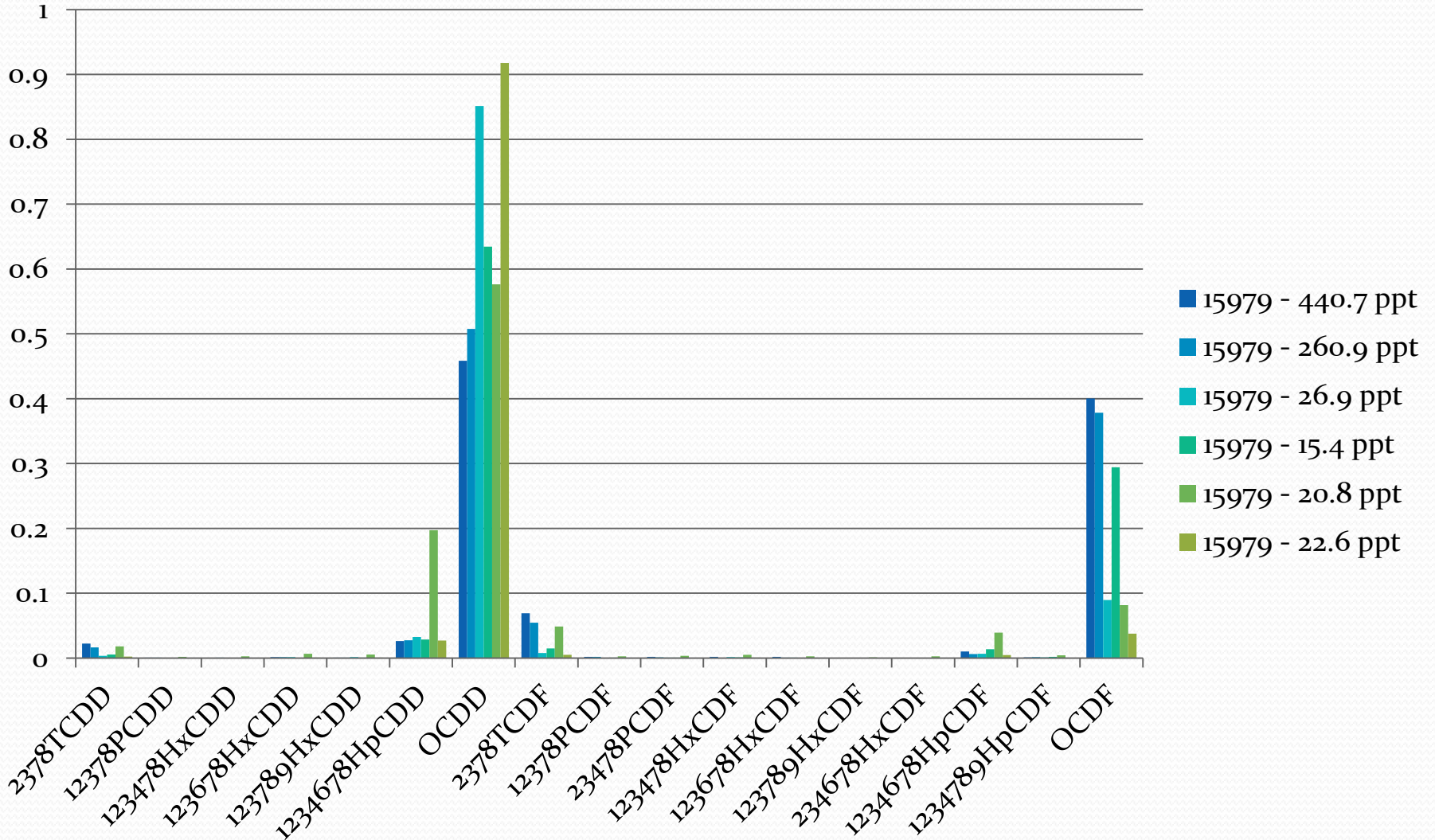




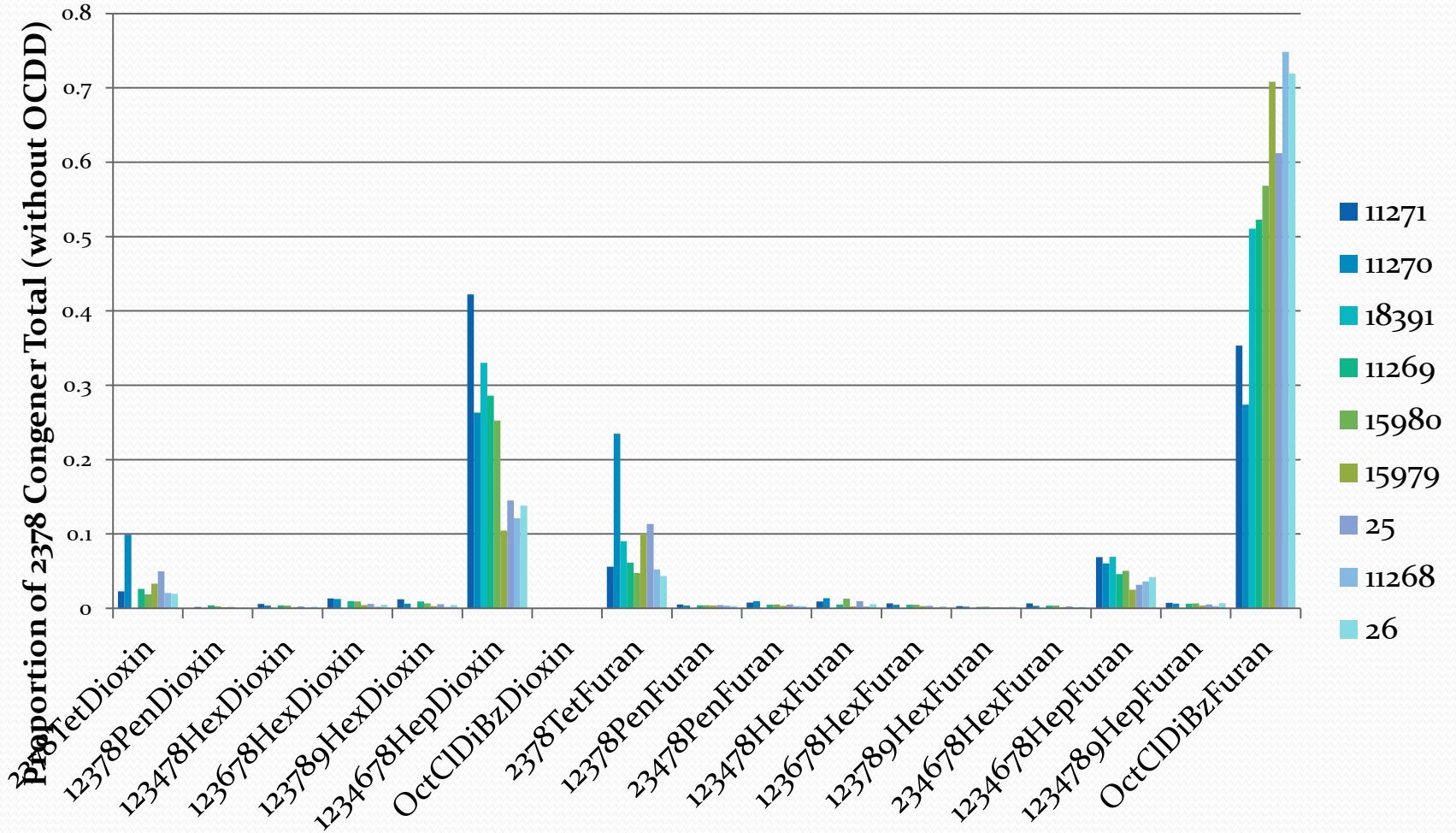
11280 – Aug 02 to Aug 05



15979 – Sept 02 to Nov 04

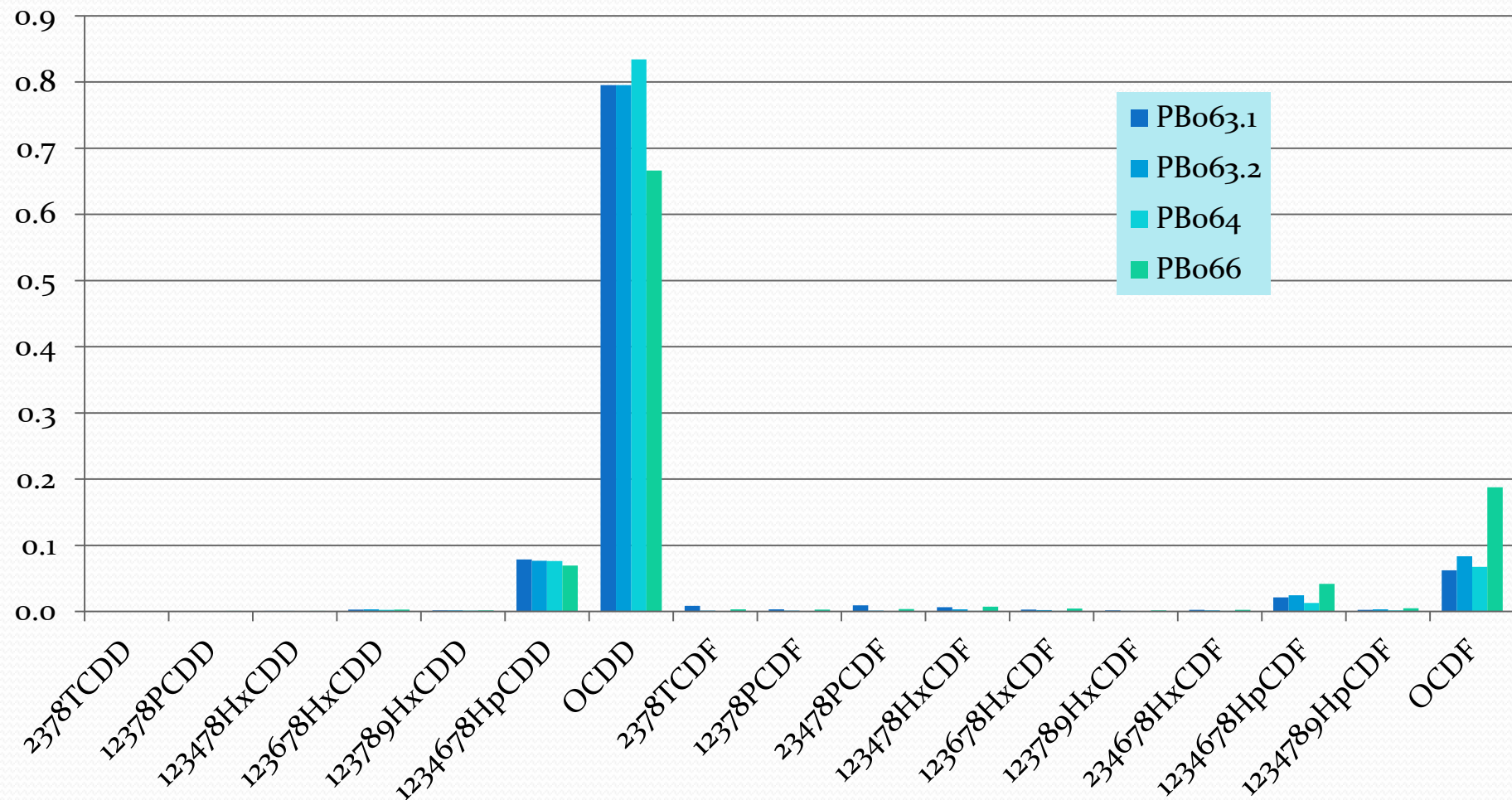


HSC - Greens Bayou to Patrick Bayou - No OCDD



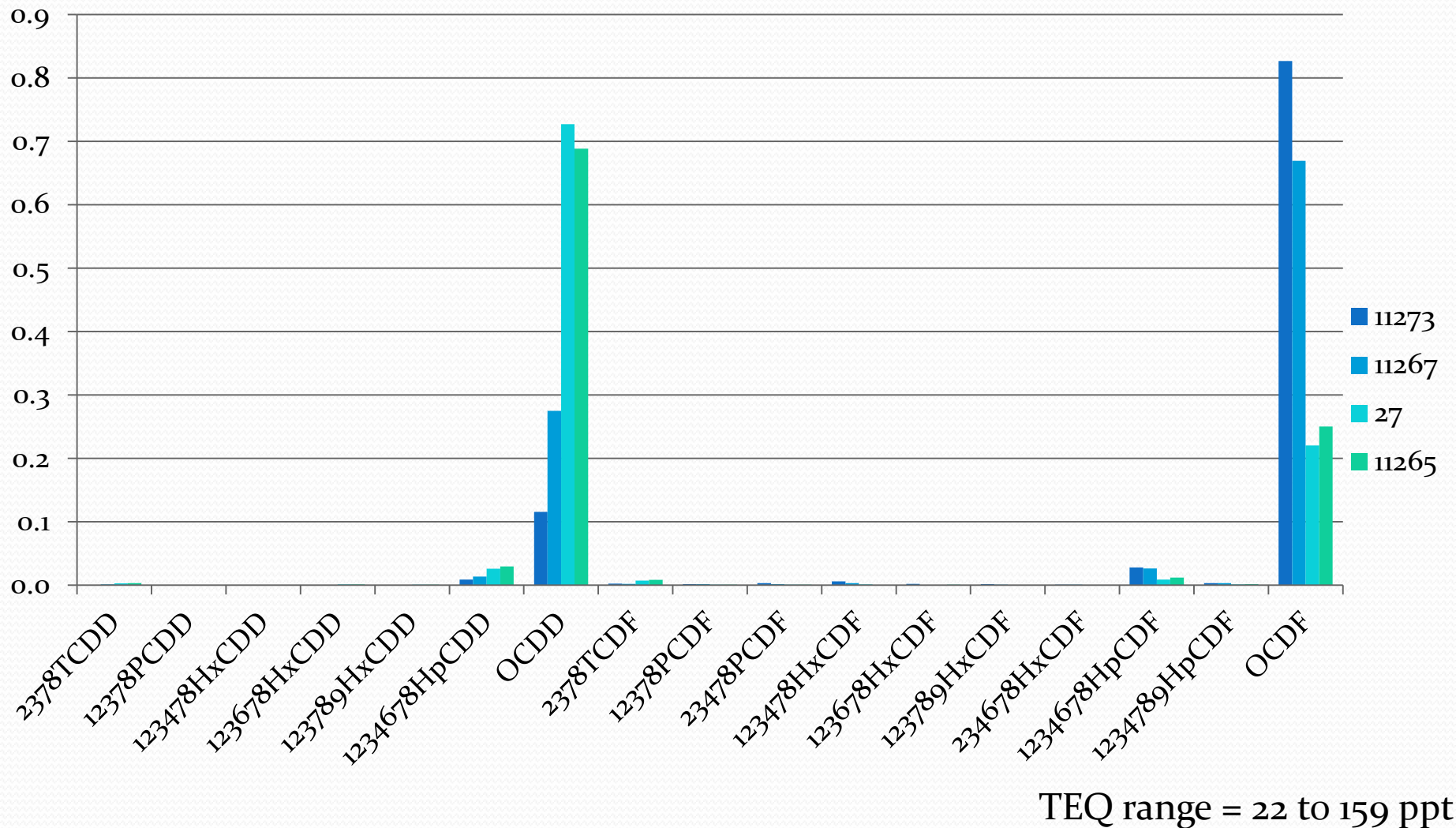
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Patrick Bayou - Middle



TEQ range = 11 to 39 ppt

HSC – Patrick to Tucker Bayou



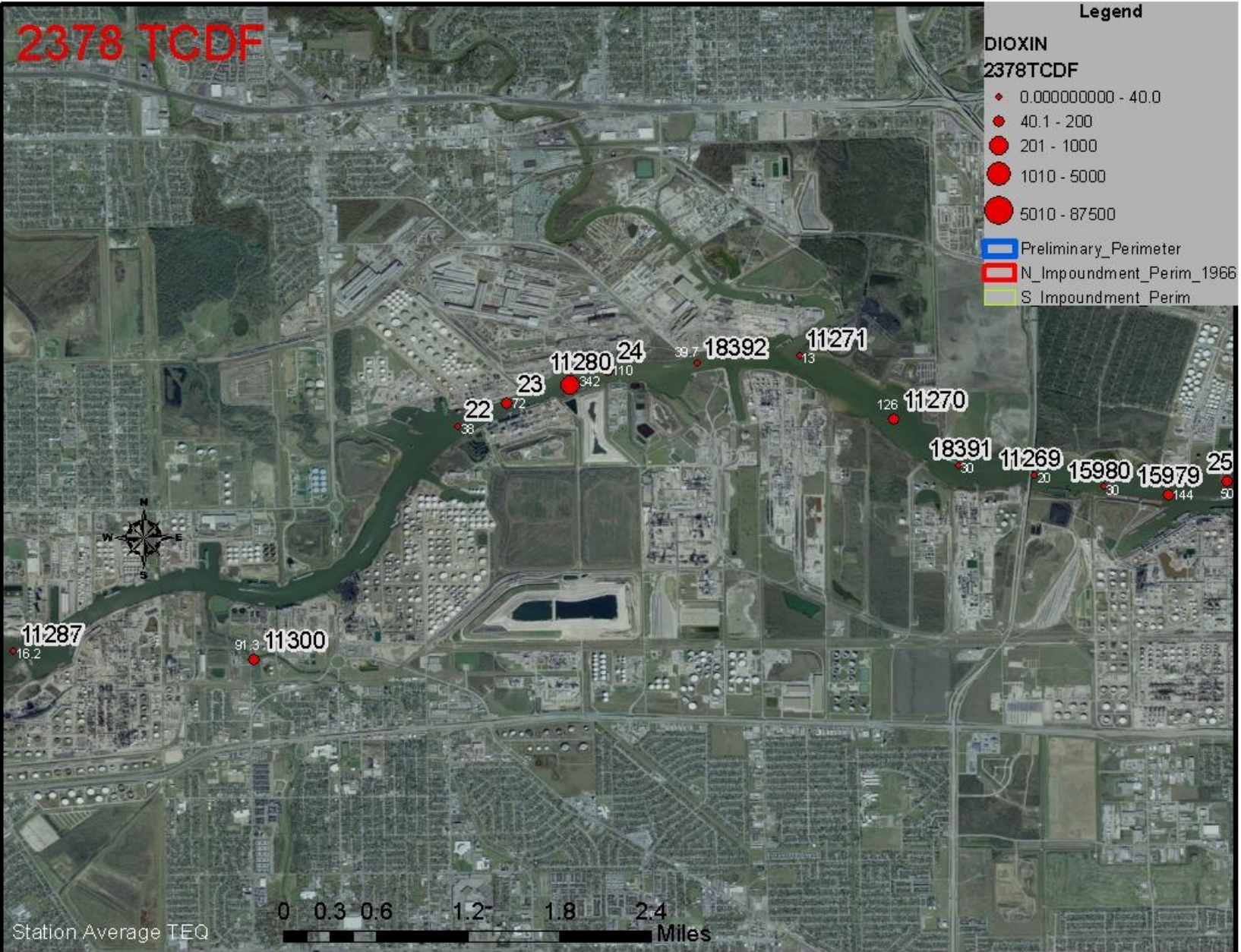
2378 TCDF

Legend

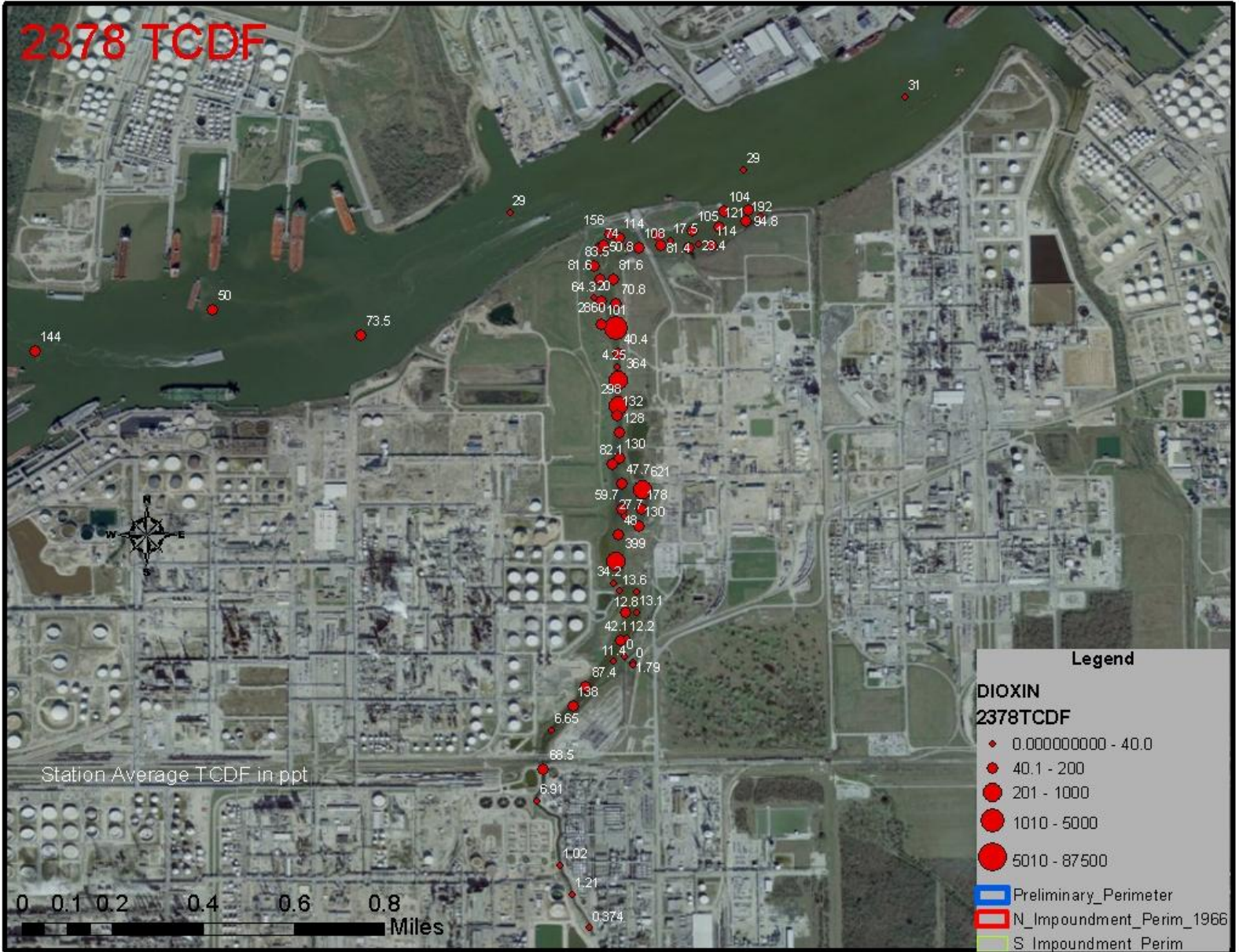
DIOXIN
2378TCDF

- 0.000000000 - 40.0
- 40.1 - 200
- 201 - 1000
- 1010 - 5000
- 5010 - 87500

■ Preliminary_Perimeter
■ N_Impoundment_Perim_1966
■ S_Impoundment_Perim



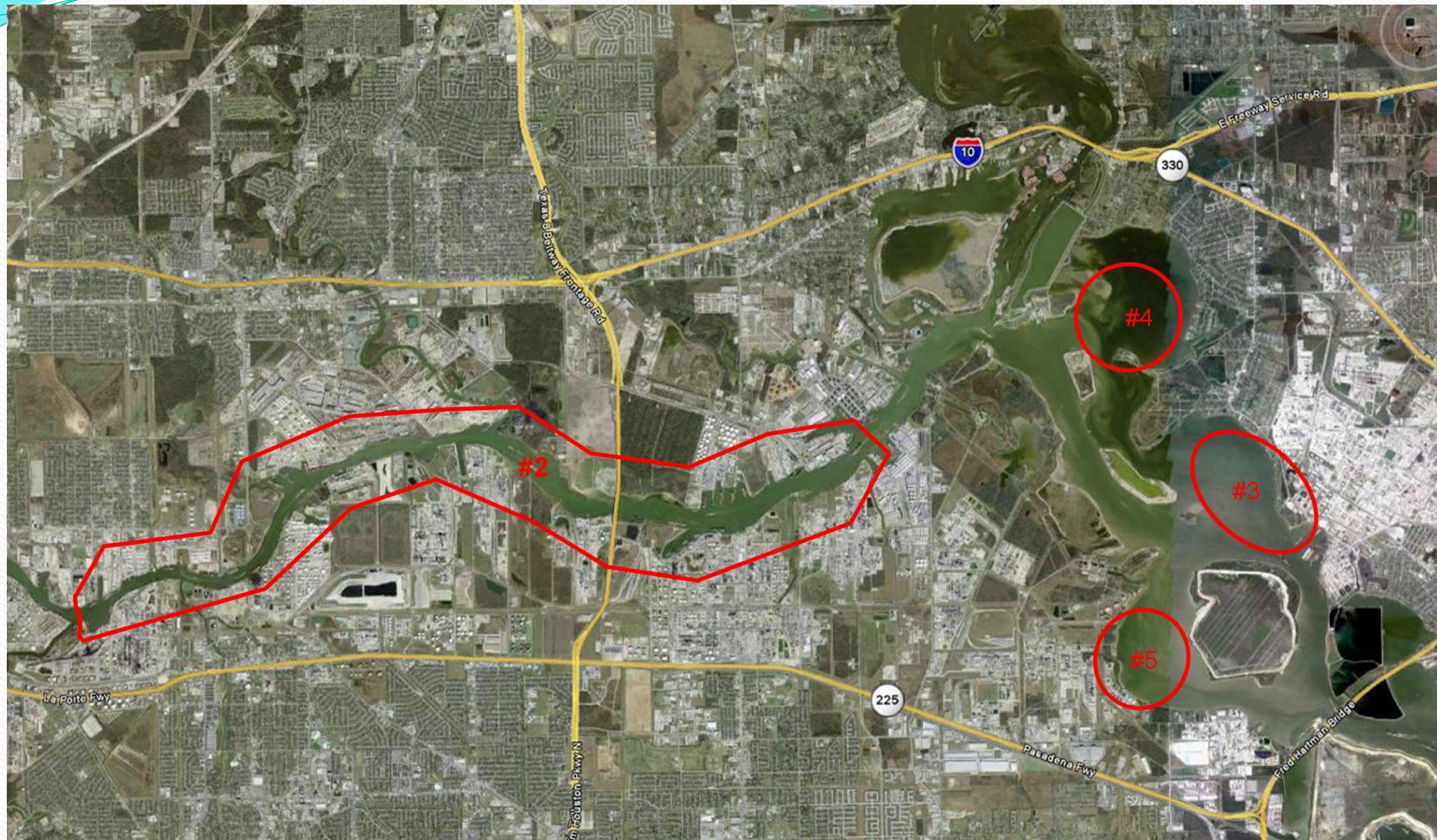
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OCDF

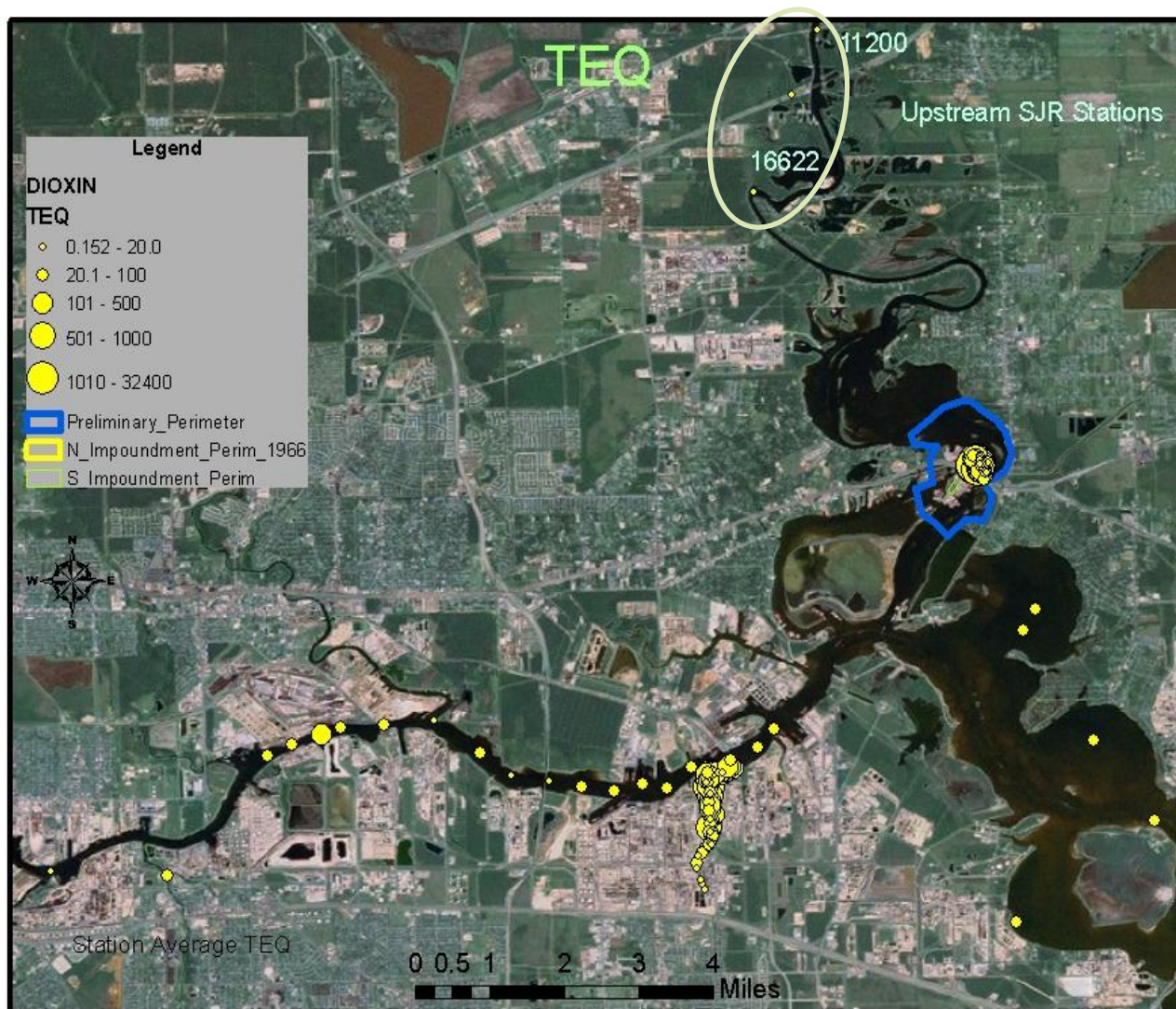


HSC – areas of noted elevated concentrations

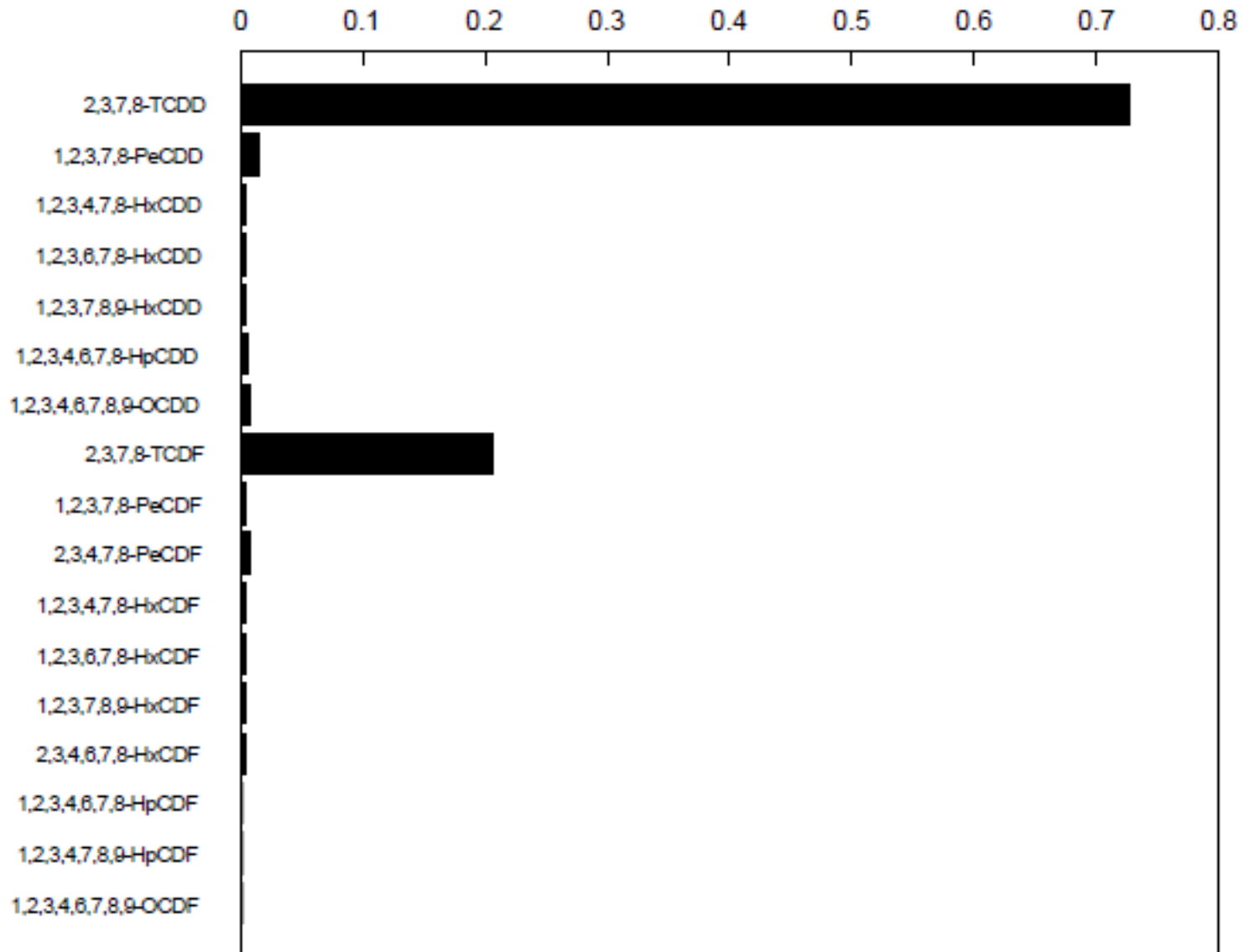


#2 = Buffalo Bayou of HSC; #3 = Scott Bay; #4 = Burnett Bay; #5 = San Jacinto Bay

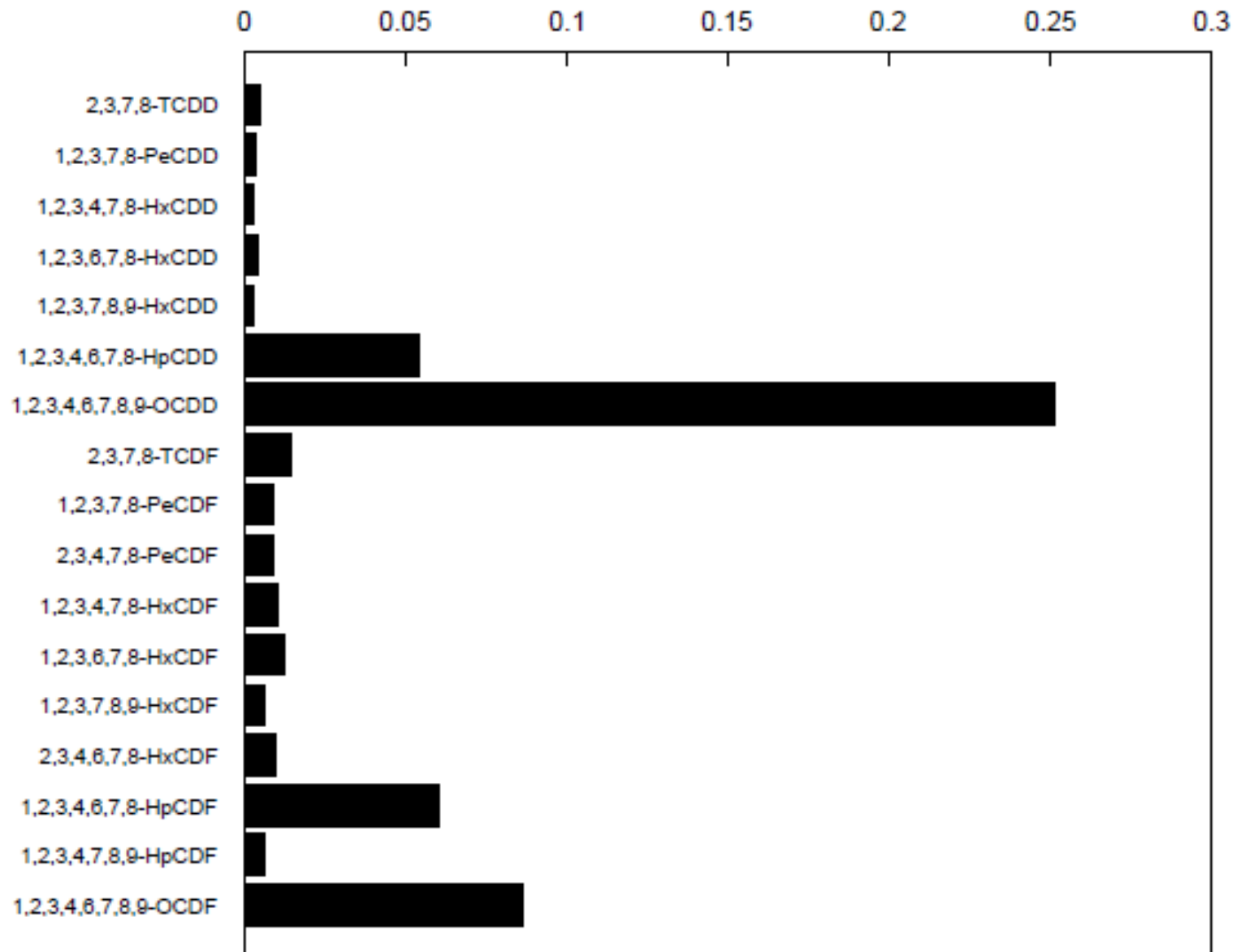
Upstream Station Locations



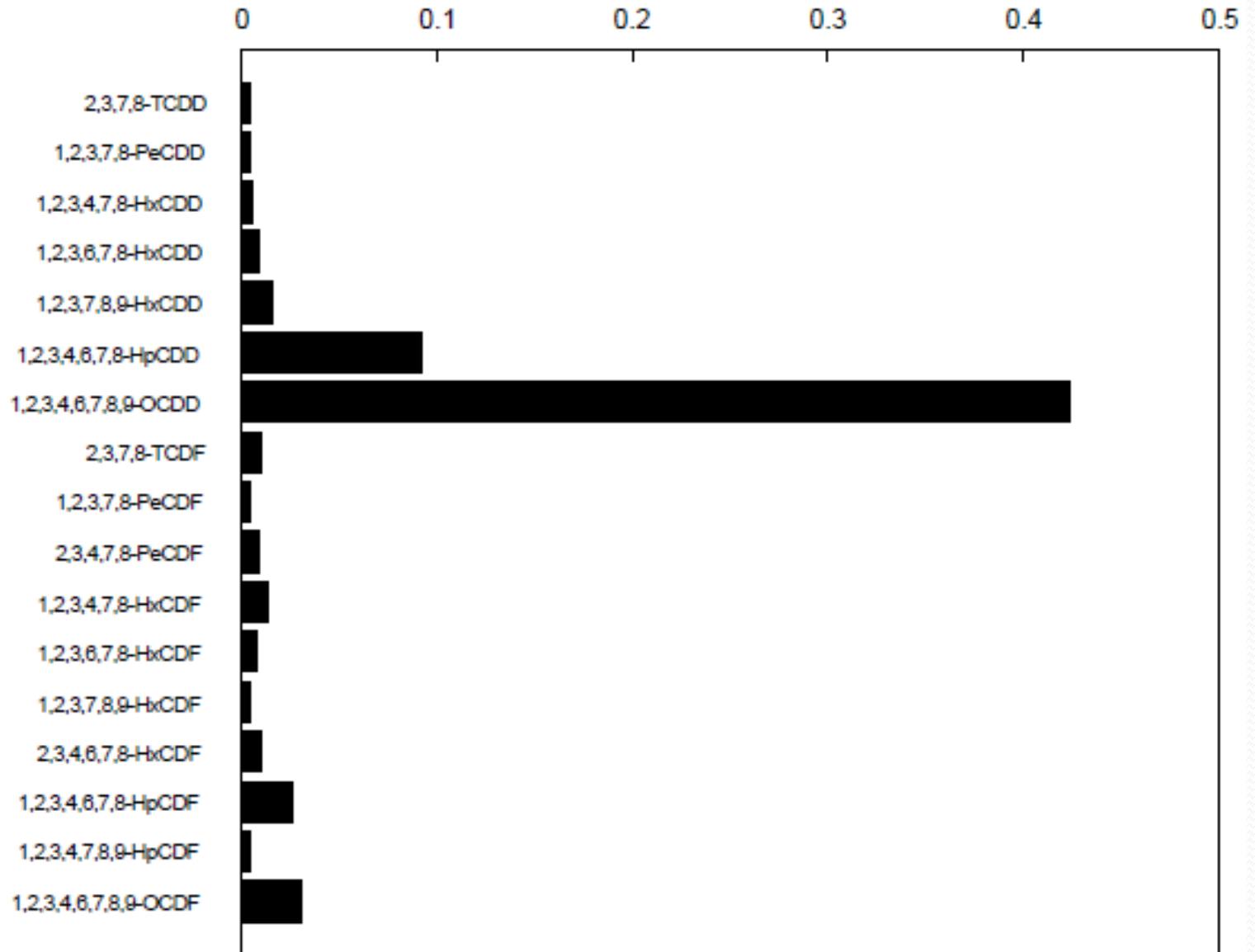
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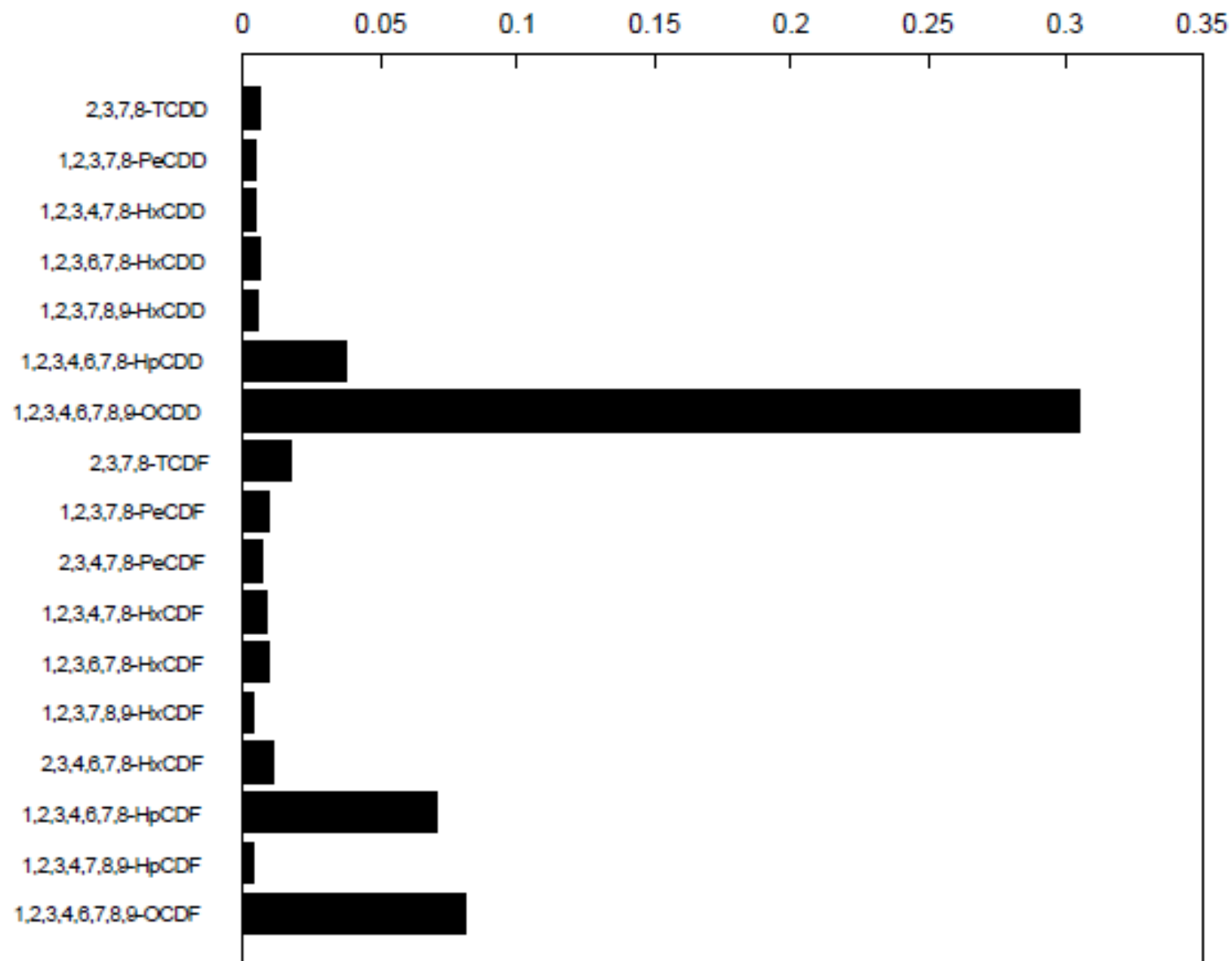
Diesel Trucks (tailpipe emissions)



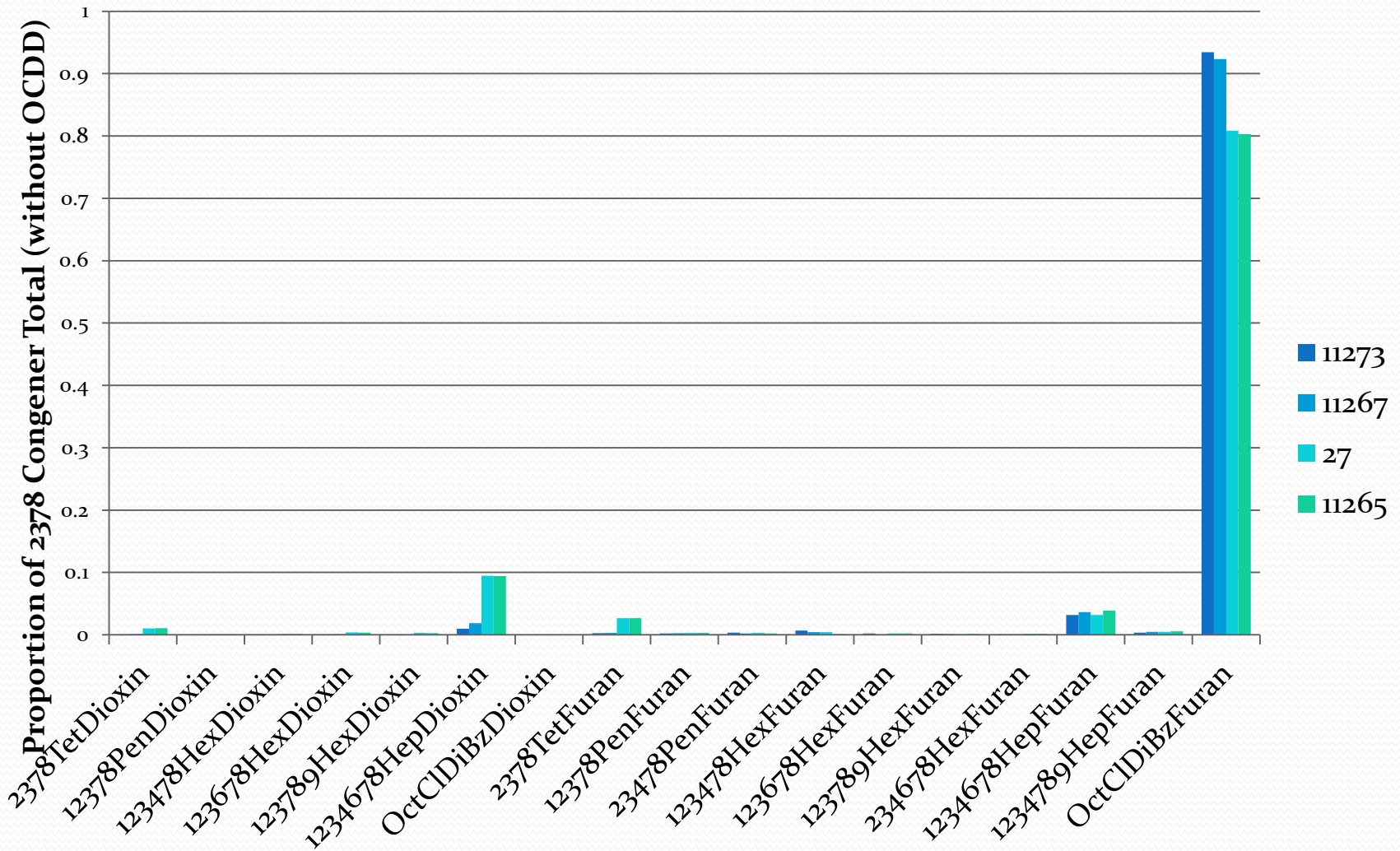
Diesel Trucks (Baltimore Tunnel)



Unleaded Gasoline Vehicles (w/ cat. conv.)



HSC - Patrick Bayou to Tucker Bayou



TEQ range = 22 to 159 ppt

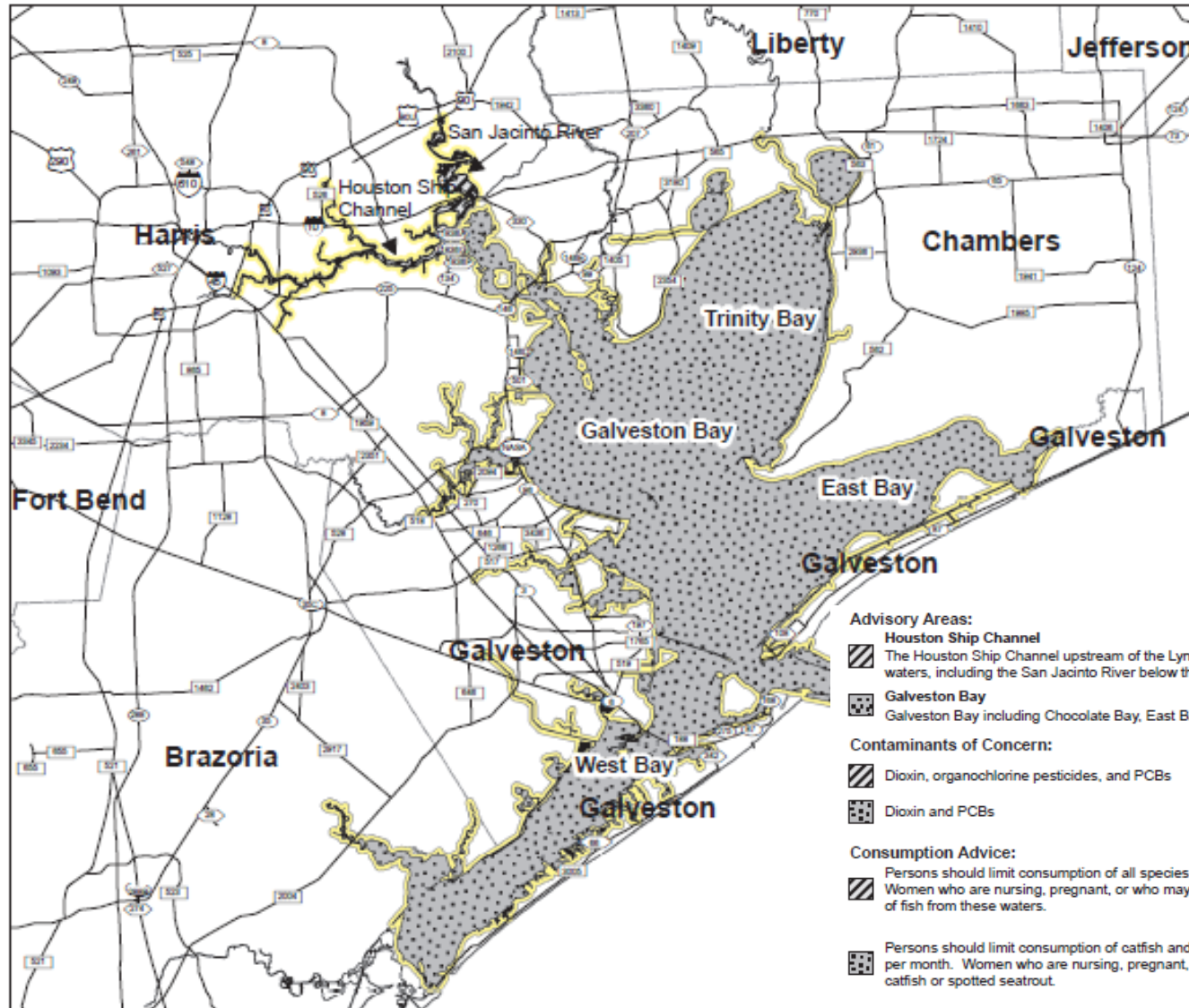
Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bay

Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, and Harris Counties

ADV-20 Issued October 9, 2001

ADV-35 Issued July 8, 2008

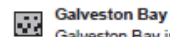
Fish Tissue Advisories for Dioxin



Advisory Areas:

Houston Ship Channel

The Houston Ship Channel upstream of the Lynchburg Ferry crossing and all contiguous waters, including the San Jacinto River below the U.S. Highway 90 bridge.



Galveston Bay

Galveston Bay including Chocolate Bay, East Bay, Trinity Bay, and West Bay and contiguous waters



Contaminants of Concern:

Dioxin, organochlorine pesticides, and PCBs



Dioxin and PCBs



Consumption Advice:

Persons should limit consumption of all species of fish from this area to no more than one eight-ounce meal per month. Women who are nursing, pregnant, or who may become pregnant and children under 12 should not consume any species of fish from these waters.

Persons should limit consumption of catfish and spotted seatrout from this area to no more than one eight-ounce meal per month. Women who are nursing, pregnant, or who may become pregnant and children under 12 should not consume catfish or spotted seatrout.

Species Affected:

All species of fish



All catfish species and spotted seatrout

