

DATA EVALUATION SUMMARY MEMORANDUM

– PHASE 1

LOWER NEPONSET RIVER SUPERFUND SITE

MARCH 2025

AGENDA

- Introduction and Example of TASC Support
- Status Update for the Lower Neponset River Superfund Site
- Overview of the Memorandum
- Sample Collection Activities
- Sample Analysis
- Data Interpretation
- Conclusions
- Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis
- Discussion

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INTRODUCTION AND EXAMPLE OF TASC SUPPORT

- Officials in East Palestine, Ohio, asked TASC to review and consolidate information as it becomes available
- TASC is here tonight to summarize the “Data Evaluation Summary Memorandum – Phase 1” for the Lower Neponset River Superfund site
- TASC provides a ‘third-party review’ and can help people understand the information in the memorandum

East Palestine Train Derailment and Controlled Burn: Environmental Data Review Update (August 2023 - April 2024)

Introduction and Purpose

On February 3, 2023, a Norfolk Southern freight train derailed in East Palestine, Ohio. Twenty rail cars contained hazardous materials. These materials included vinyl chloride, ethylene glycol, ethylhexyl acrylate, butyl acrylate and isobutylene. Vinyl chloride in the derailed rail cars was considered unstable and potentially explosive. Rather than let an explosion happen, Norfolk Southern decided to do a controlled burn release of the vinyl chloride.

The derailed train caused a cascade of activities. Federal and state agencies began extensive environmental monitoring, including sampling and monitoring of air, drinking water, surface water, sediment, groundwater and soil. Other studies monitored and assessed potential chemical exposures for residents and responders.

U.S. EPA made its Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) program available to support the village of East Palestine. In coordination with East Palestine officials, TASC prepared the East Palestine Train Derailment and Controlled Burn: Environmental Data Review Report. The report came out in October 2023. It describes the types of environmental data gathered to understand contamination related during the train derailment and subsequent controlled burn accomplished as of August 1, 2023. It also summarizes assessment of chemical exposure (ACE) studies focused on public health. TASC complied as much data as possible from publicly available resources for the report.

Sampling and monitoring continued beyond August 1, 2023 – the cut-off date for environmental data reviewed in TASC's October 2023 report. This fact sheet summarizes monitoring and sampling results from August 1, 2023, through April 19, 2024.¹

Summary of Completed Environmental Sampling and Results Since August 1, 2023

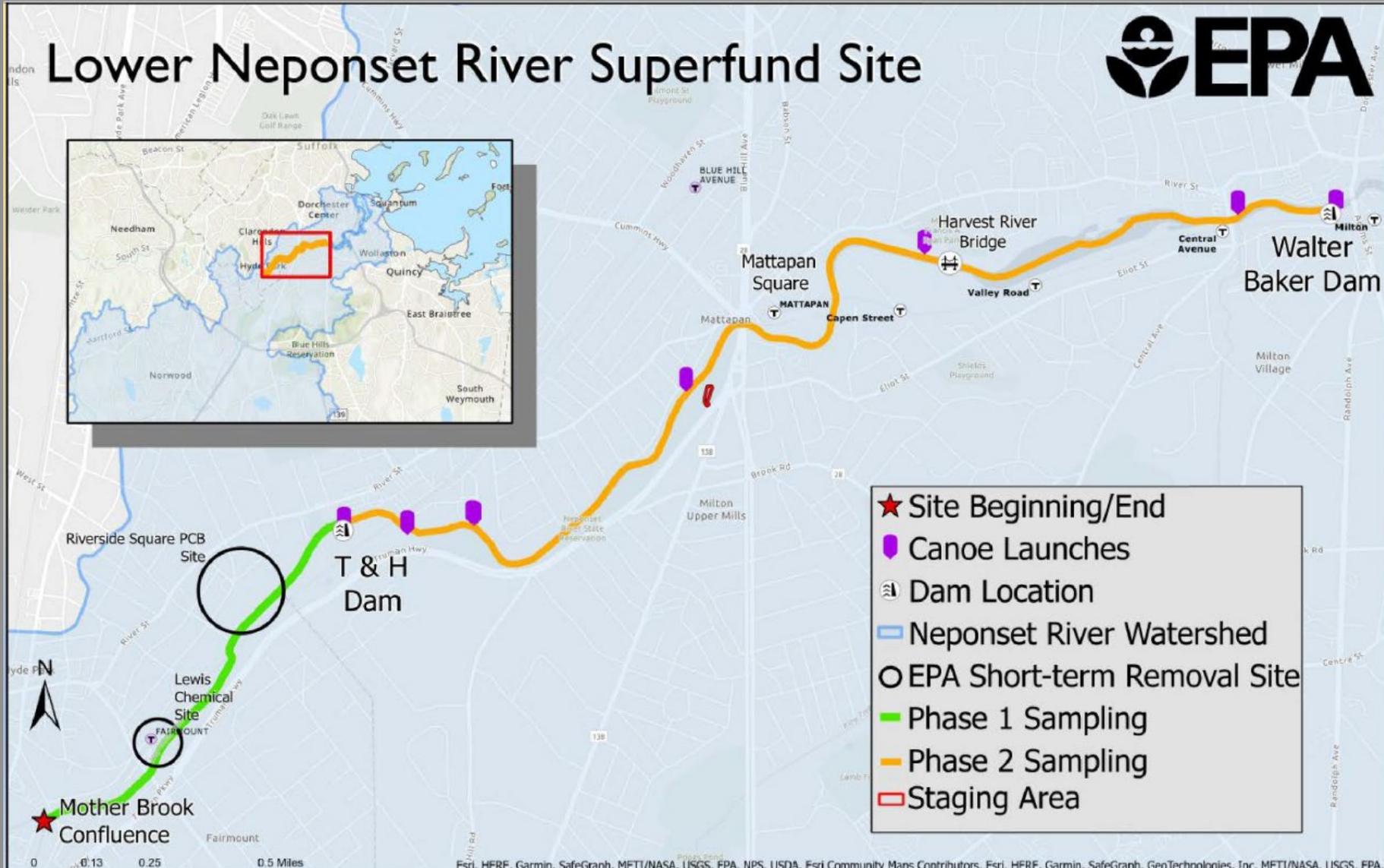
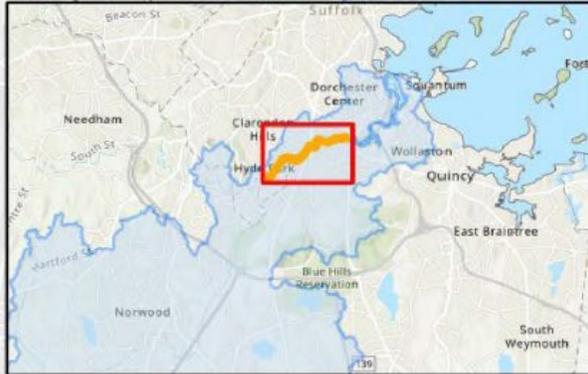
The purpose of environmental monitoring in and around East Palestine is to determine the type, amount and location of spilled materials and fallout from contamination, as well as possible human health impacts related to the release of the spilled materials (air, soil, surface water and sediment). U.S. EPA took the lead, monitoring media of concern to the community (air, soil, surface water and sediment). Since the impacts of the derailment and controlled burn extended across state boundaries, representatives from the states of Ohio and Pennsylvania also provided support. Since contaminants could move downstream and affect neighboring communities, Allegheny County in Pennsylvania and two cities (Cincinnati, Ohio, and Louisville, Kentucky) also participated.

Table 1 lists the entities and the types of samples that TASC summarized in its October 2023 report. Since that time, U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, Norfolk Southern and their contractors have collected data from more air, soil, surface water, sediment, drinking water (groundwater) and biological samples. Table 1 highlights the datasets updated since TASC's October 2023 report and summarized in this fact sheet.²

¹ The report, the report summary and the report presentation are available on the village of East Palestine's [Derailment Information Hub](#).

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Lower Neponset River Superfund Site



WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF SUPERFUND?

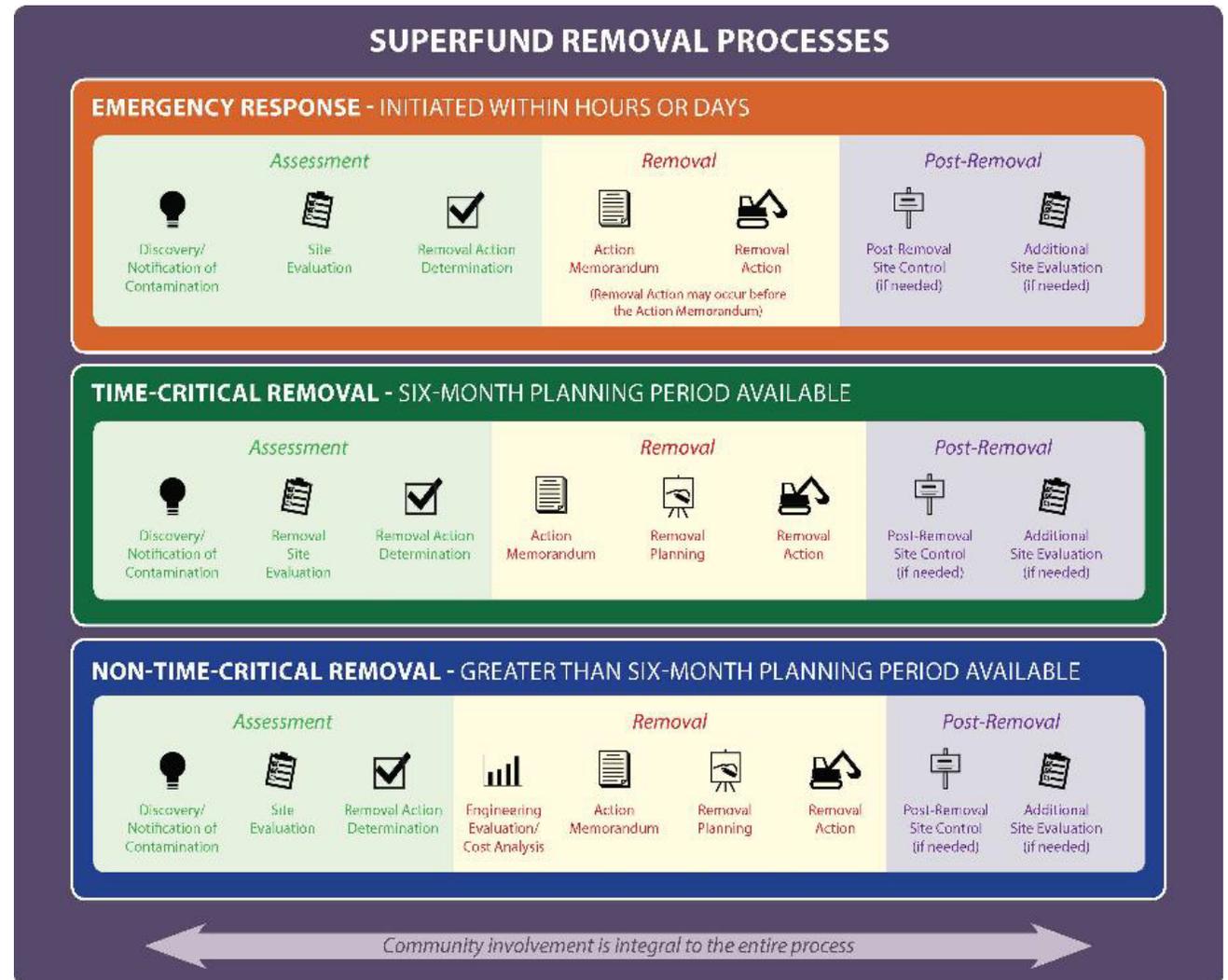


SUPERFUND REMOVAL AND REMEDIAL ACTIONS



SUPERFUND REMOVAL PROCESSES

- Emergency Responses:
 - Start within hours or days
- Time-Critical Removals:
 - Six-month planning period available
- Non-Time-Critical Removals
 - Greater-than-six-month planning period available

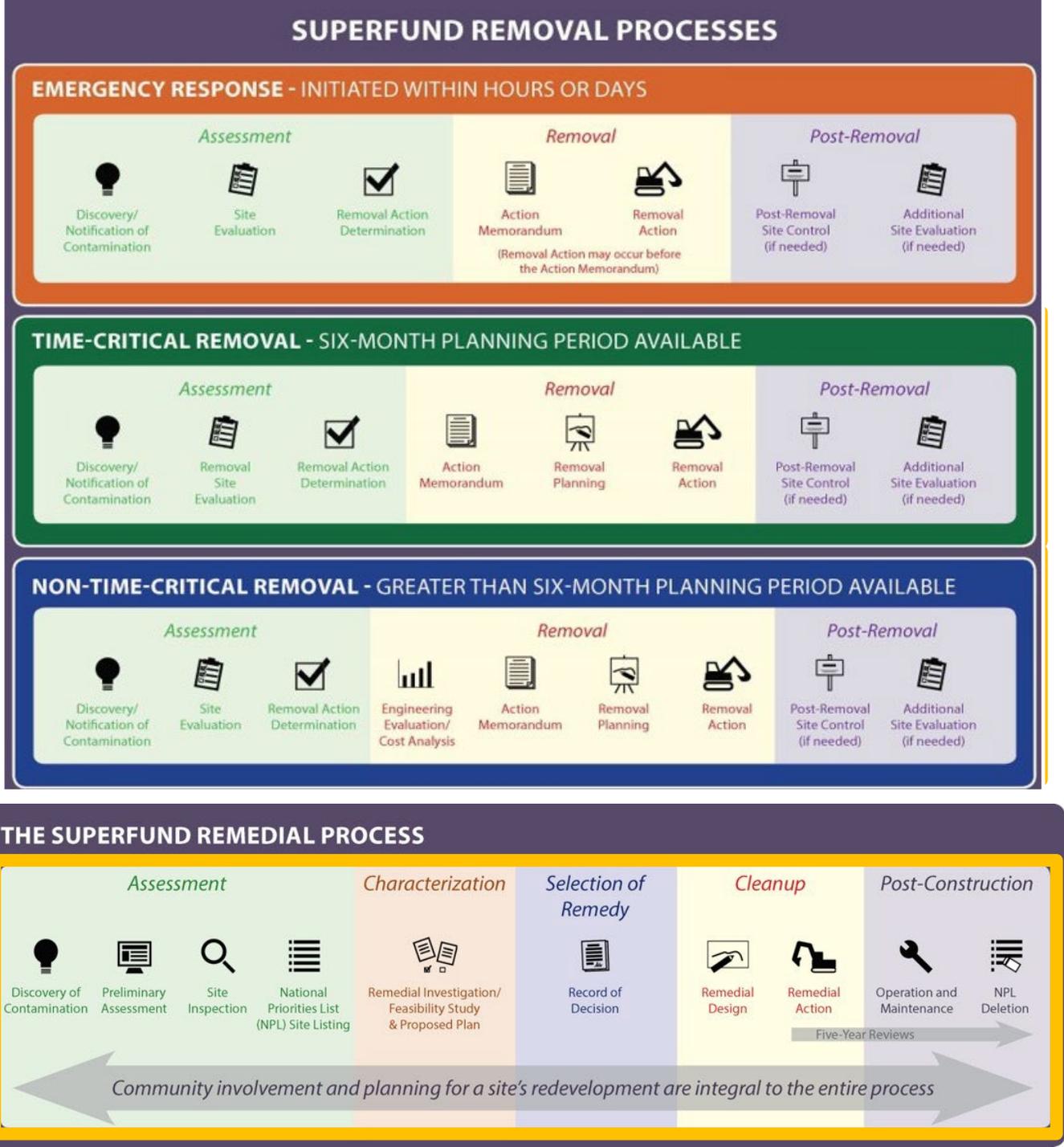


Superfund Processes Vary, Based on the Type of Action

Riverside Square and Lewis Chemical

Lower Neponset River Phase I Area

Lower Neponset River (full 3.7 miles)



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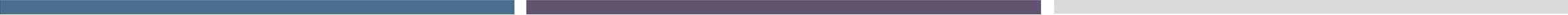
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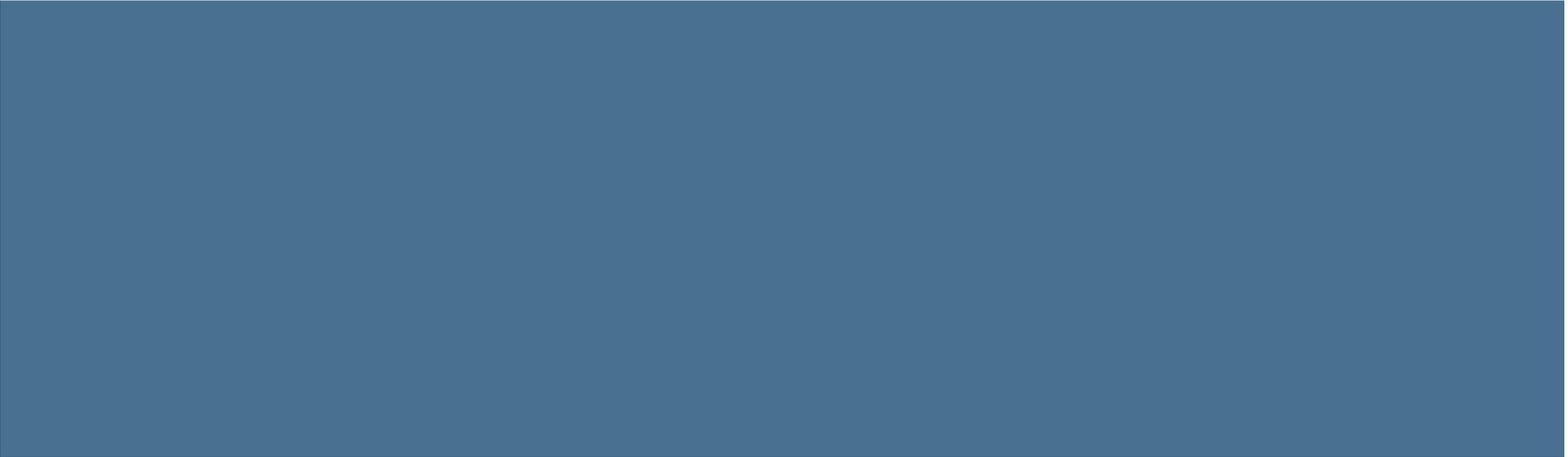
The memorandum and its attachments, data and GIS files are all available to the public on the EPA's webpage for the site

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MEMORANDUM OVERVIEW



THE PURPOSE OF PHASE I DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

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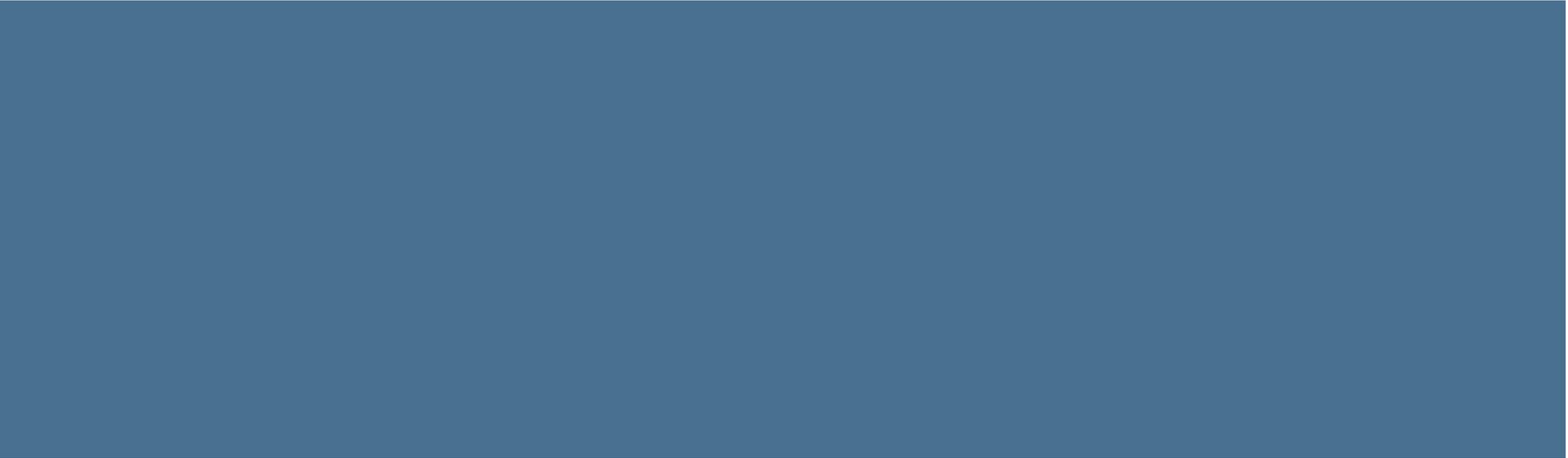
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- 576 pages of tables:
 - Example: Table 11, Sediment Analytical Results, is 180 pages long
- Figures and attachments

Table 11
Sediment Analytical Results
Phase 1 Data Evaluation Summary Memorandum
Lower Neponset River
Boston, Massachusetts

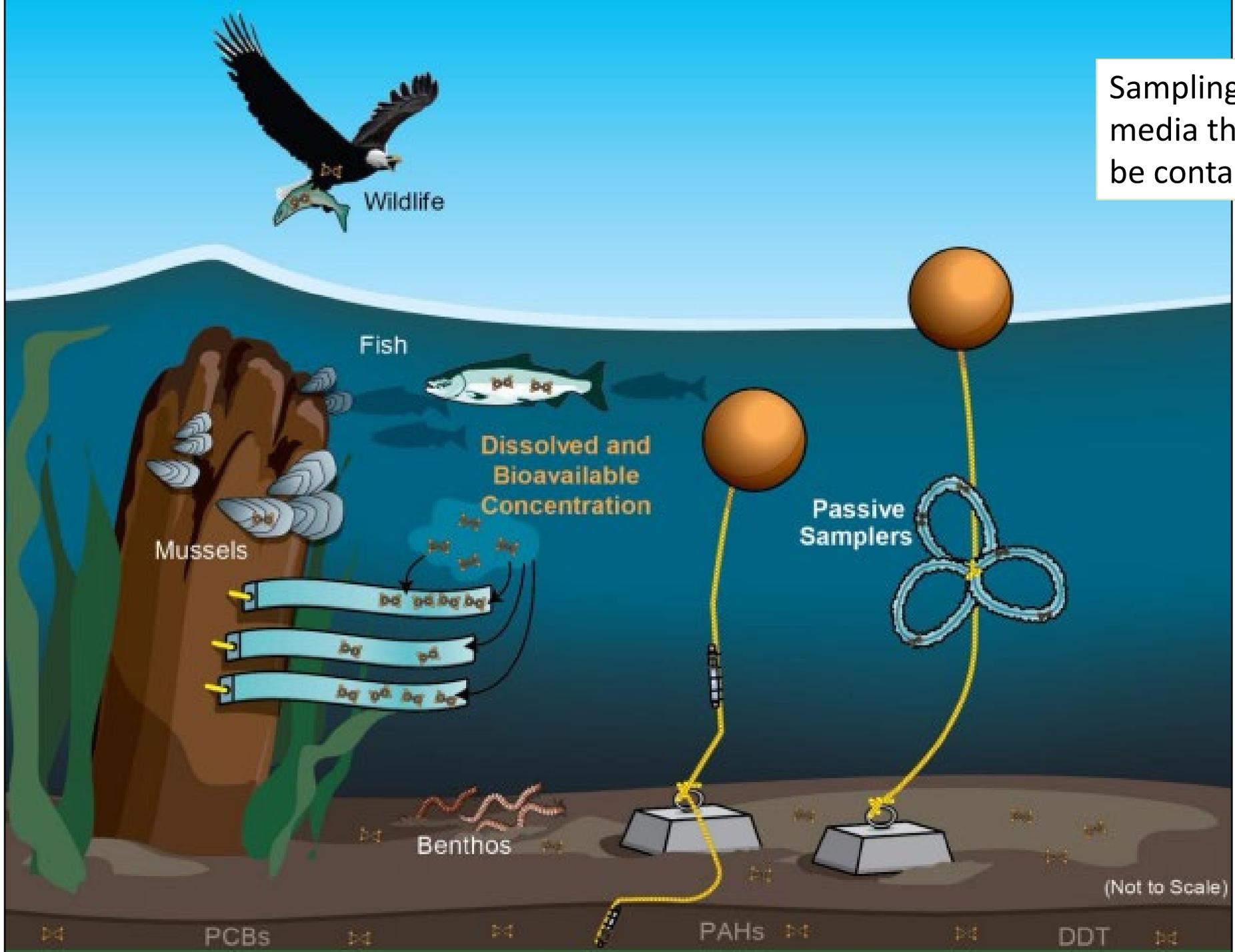
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					Sample Name	23A-0001-PLC1-AS
					Sample Date	6/29/2023
					Sample Type	N
					Depth Interval	0 - 0.5 ft
Analyte	CAS Number	Units	Human Health PAL	Ecological PAL		
TCL Pesticides						
ALDRIN	309-00-2	ug/kg	39	29	< 2.0 UJ	
ALPHA BHC (ALPHA HEXACHLOROCYCLOHEXANE)	319-84-6	ug/kg	86	0.3	< 2.0 UJ	
ALPHA ENDOSULFAN (ENDOSULFAN I)	959-98-8	ug/kg	47000		< 2.0 UJ	
BETA BHC (BETA HEXACHLOROCYCLOHEXANE)	319-85-7	ug/kg	300	5	< 2.0 UJ	
BETA ENDOSULFAN (ENDOSULFAN II)	33213-65-9	ug/kg	47000	0.9	< 3.9 UJ	
cis-Chlordane (alpha-Chlordane)	5103-71-9	ug/kg	3600		< 2.0 UJ	
DELTA BHC (DELTA HEXACHLOROCYCLOHEXANE)	319-86-8	ug/kg	86		7.5 J	
DIELDRIN	60-57-1	ug/kg	34	1.9	< 3.9 UJ	
ENDOSULFAN SULFATE	1031-07-8	ug/kg	38000	0.7	< 3.9 UJ	
ENDRIN	72-20-8	ug/kg	1900	2.22	< 3.9 UJ	
ENDRIN ALDEHYDE	7421-93-4	ug/kg	1900		< 3.9 UJ	
ENDRIN KETONE	53494-70-5	ug/kg	1900		< 3.9 UJ	
GAMMA BHC (LINDANE)	58-89-9	ug/kg	570	2.4	2.7 J	
HEPTACHLOR	76-44-8	ug/kg	130	0.6	< 2.0 UJ	
HEPTACHLOR EPOXIDE	1024-57-3	ug/kg	70	2.47	< 2.0 UJ	
METHOXYCHLOR	72-43-5	ug/kg	32000	30	< 20 UJ	
P,P'-DDD (4,4'-DDD)	72-54-8	ug/kg	2300	3.5	< 3.9 UJ	
P,P'-DDE (4,4'-DDE)	72-55-9	ug/kg	2000	1.4	< 3.9 UJ	
P,P'-DDT (4,4'-DDT)	50-29-3	ug/kg	1900	1	3.7 J	
TOXAPHENE	8001-35-2	ug/kg	490	0.1	< 200 UJ	
Trans-Chlordane (Gamma-Chlordane)	5103-74-2	ug/kg	3600		< 2.0 UJ	
Grain Size						
%CLAY	%CLAY	%				-
%COARSE SAND >.5-1MM (USDA classification)	%COARSE SAND	%				-
%FINE SAND >.125-.25 mm (USDA classification)	%FINE SAND	%				-
%MEDIUM SAND >.25-5 mm (USDA classification)	%MEDIUM SAND	%				-
Gravel	GRAVEL	%				-
Hydrometer, Reading 1, Percent Passing	HYD01	%				-



SAMPLE COLLECTION ACTIVITIES



Sampling targets media that may be contaminated



What did EPA sample for During Phase I?

Media	Analytical Group
Sediment	Surface samples: Volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds, pesticides, PCB congeners, polychlorinated dioxins and furans, metals, cyanide, total organic carbon, grain size, and acid volatile sulfide/simultaneous extracted metals. Subsurface samples: Volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds, pesticides, PCB congeners, polychlorinated dioxins and furans, metals, cyanide, total organic carbon, and Grain Size.
Surface Water	Samples from all depth intervals: Volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds, Pesticides, PCB congeners, polychlorinated dioxins and furans, hexavalent chromium, total and dissolved metals, and cyanide.
Pore Water	Samples from target depth intervals: PCB congeners, polychlorinated dioxins and furans, metals, Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, total and dissolved metals, and dissolved organic carbon.
Soil	Surface and subsurface samples: PCB congeners, polychlorinated dioxins and furans, volatile organic compounds, Semi-volatile organic compounds, metals, and asbestos.

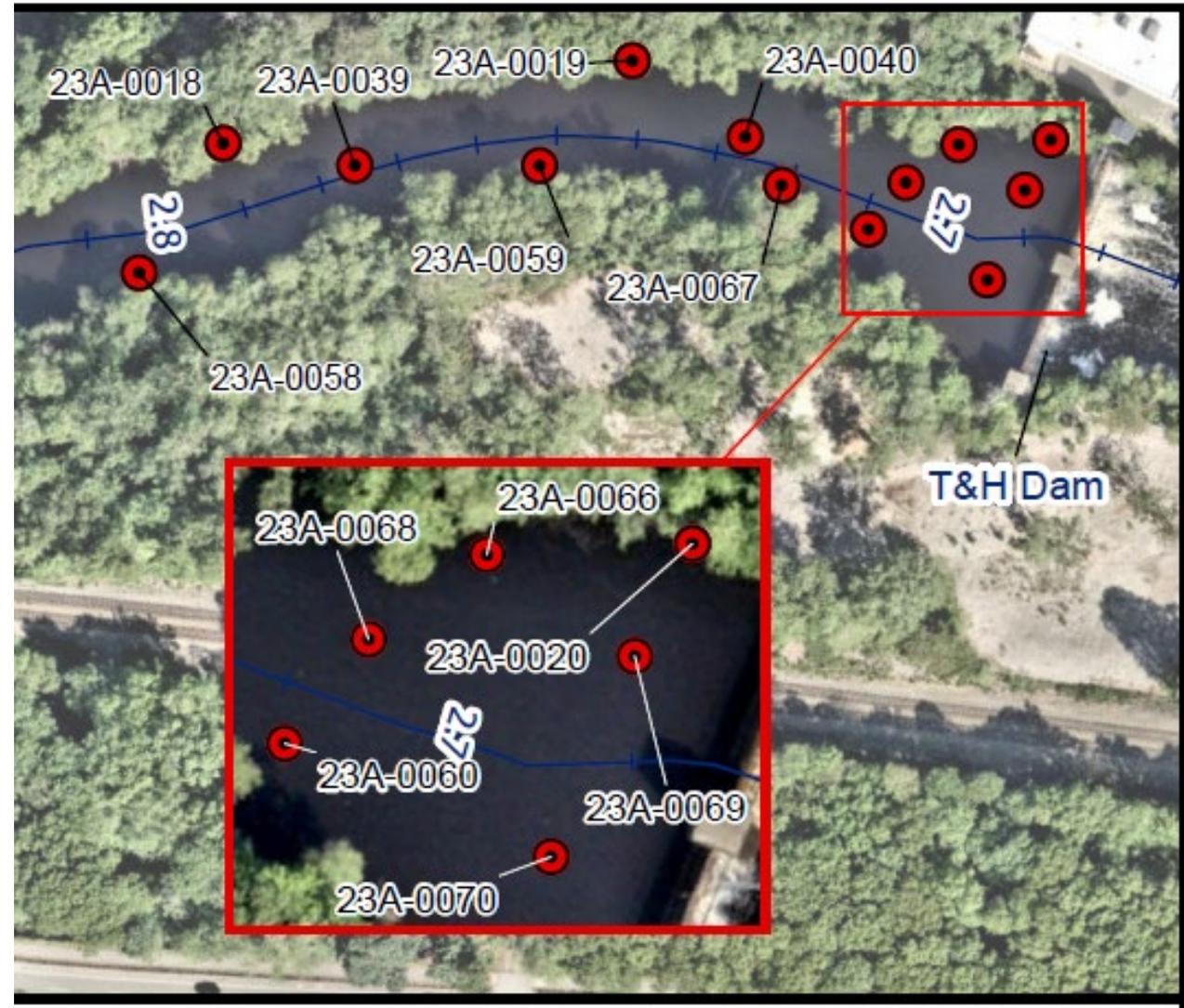
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DATA QUALITY OBJECTIVES

- Collect sediment samples for analysis of PCBs and physical properties in areas of known hot spots and to identify more hot spots to complete the EE/CA for a potential non-time-critical removal action of sediments contaminated with PCBs
- Use newly collected PCB sediment data as well as historical data, when appropriate, to perform a streamlined risk evaluation; the streamlined risk evaluation will focus on PCBs only and identify current or potential exposures that could be prevented by a non-time-critical removal action of PCB hot spots in sediment
- Collect floodplain soil samples throughout the area of investigation to evaluate the presence or absence of target constituents, evaluate potential data gaps and support the evaluation of receptor pathways
- Collect sediment, surface water, pore water and floodplain soil samples throughout the area of investigation and sediment and surface water in reference areas to develop a dataset that can be used to support the comprehensive remedial investigation and feasibility study, including a risk assessment, that will be completed in the future

EXAMPLE DATA QUALITY OBJECTIVE

- Collect sediment samples for analysis of PCBs and physical properties in areas of known hot spots to complete the EE/CA for a potential non-time-critical removal action of sediments contaminated with PCBs that are impounded behind the T&H Dam and in other sediment hot spots in the Phase 1 Reach



EXAMPLE: SUMMARY OF RIVERBANK SOILS SAMPLING

- Sampling included 60 unbiased boring locations in the floodplain along the northern bank and 60 unbiased locations along the southern bank of the Phase 1 Reach
- Of the 120 floodplain soil sampling locations proposed, soil samples were collected from 109 of 120 locations and 11 locations were abandoned
- Borings depths range from 0.15 feet to 4 feet
- A field geologist visually logged borings for lithologic characteristics, screening them with a photoionization detector and photographing them
- From each boring, samples were collected from surface soil (0 feet to 1 feet) and subsurface soil from the deepest 1 foot of the boring, when possible
- Samples were submitted for analysis of PCB congeners, polychlorinated dibenzodioxins and polychlorinated dibenzofurans, metals and mercury, semi-volatile organic compounds, volatile organic compounds and asbestos

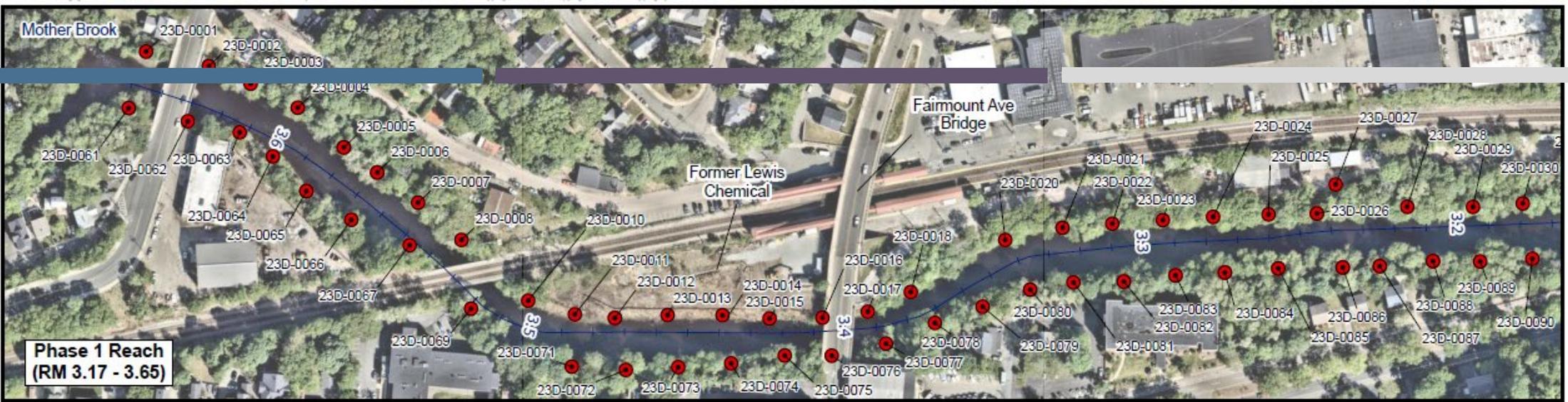
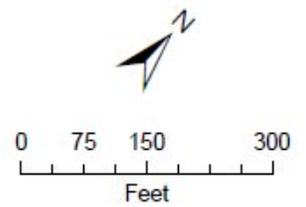


Figure 5
Phase 1 Floodplain Soil Sampling Locations
Lower Neponset River Project



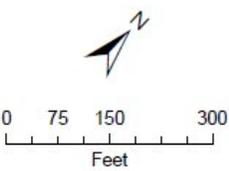
- Legend**
- Soil Sample Location
 - LNR River Miles

EXAMPLE: SUMMARY OF RIVERBANK SURFACE WATER SAMPLING

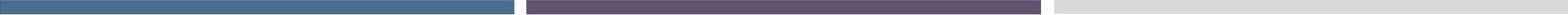
- Sampling included 94 surface water sampling locations that were co-located with the 94 sediment sampling locations
- Surface water samples were collected using a peristaltic pump; water depth was measured to determine the sampling depths:
 - If the depth was less than 6 feet, a single sample was collected from the midpoint of the water column (this applied to 56 locations)
 - If the water depth was greater than or equal to 6 feet, then samples were collected from a depth of 1 foot and from a depth of 2 feet above the sediment-water interface (this applied to 14 locations)
- During purging, field parameters (dissolved oxygen, pH, oxidation reduction potential, conductivity, temperature) were measured
- Quality assurance/quality control samples consisting of sample duplicates, matrix spike/matrix spike duplicates, equipment blanks, trip blanks and ambient blanks were collected



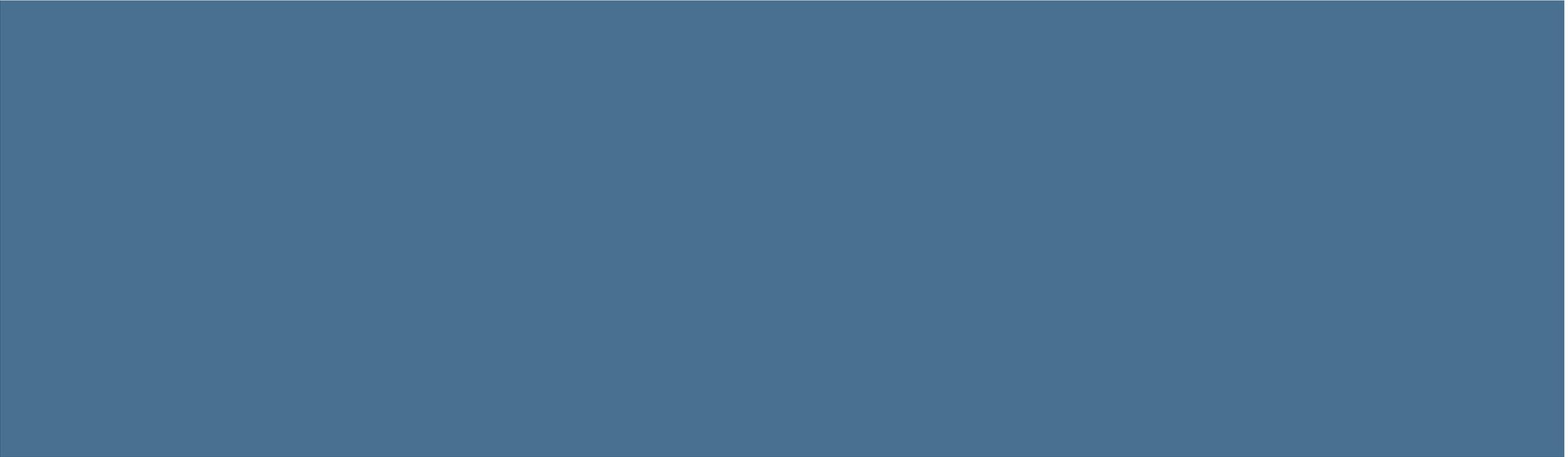
Figure 6
Phase 1 Surface Water Sampling Locations
Lower Neponset River Project



- Legend**
- LNR River Miles
 - Surface Water Sample Location



SAMPLE ANALYSIS



LABORATORY ANALYSIS COMPLETED

Table 4
Analytical Program Summary
Phase 1 Data Evaluation Summary Memorandum
Lower Neponset River
Boston, Massachusetts

Analyte Group	Method
Sediment	
TCL VOCs	SFAM01.1
TCL SVOCs	SFAM01.1
TCL Pesticides	SFAM01.1
PCB Congeners	USEPA 1628
PCDD/F	USEPA 1613B
Total Cyanide	SFAM01.1
TOC	Lloyd Kahn
TAL Metals (ICP-MS) Mercury (CVAA)	SFAM01.1
AVS/SEM (applies to surface sediment from the Phase 1 reach only)	AVS/SEM
Grain Size	ASTM D422 Modified

AVS/SEM – simultaneously extracted metals/acid-volatile sulfide
 CVAA – cold vapor atomic absorption
 DOC – dissolved organic carbon
 ICP-MS – inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry
 PAH – polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
 PCB – polychlorinated biphenyl
 PCDD/F – dibenzodioxins/furans
 PFAS – per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances
 SVOCs – semi-volatile organic compounds
 TCL – target compound list
 TOC – total organic carbon
 VOCs – volatile organic compounds
 USEPA – United States Environmental Protection Agency

EXAMPLE SUITES OF ANALYSIS (SURFACE SAMPLES OF SEDIMENT)

- Volatile organic compounds
- Semi-volatile organic compounds
- Pesticides
- **PCB congeners**
- Polychlorinated dioxins and furans
- Metals
- Cyanide
- Total organic carbon
- Grain size
- Acid volatile sulfide/simultaneous extracted metals

PCB-001 through PCB-209 (and totals) were analyzed

PCB Congeners	
PCB-001	2051-60-7
PCB-002	2051-61-8
PCB-003	2051-62-9
PCB-004/010	PCB-4/10
PCB-005/008	PCB-5/8
PCB-006	25569-80-6
PCB-007/009	PCB-7/9
PCB-011	2050-67-1
PCB-012/013	PCB-12/13
PCB-014	34883-41-5
PCB-015	2050-68-2
PCB-016/032	PCB-16/32
PCB-017	37680-66-3
PCB-018	37680-65-2
PCB-019	38444-73-4
PCB-020/021/033	PCB-20/21/33
PCB-022	38444-85-8
PCB-023/034	PCB-23/34
PCB-024/027	PCB-24/27
PCB-025	55712-37-3
PCB-026	38444-81-4
PCB-028	7012-37-5
PCB-029	15862-07-4

EXAMPLE SUITES OF ANALYSIS (SURFACE SAMPLES OF SEDIMENT) (CONT.)

- Volatile organic compounds
- Semi-volatile organic compounds
- Pesticides
- PCB congeners
- Polychlorinated dioxins and furans
- **Metals (23 different metals)**
- Cyanide
- Total organic carbon
- Grain size
- Acid volatile sulfide/simultaneous extracted metals

TAL Metals and Mercury	
Aluminum	7429-90-5
Calcium	7440-70-2
Iron	7439-89-6
Magnesium	7439-95-4
Potassium	7440-09-7
Sodium	7440-23-5
Antimony	7440-36-0
Arsenic	7440-38-2
Barium	7440-39-3
Beryllium	7440-41-7
Cadmium	7440-43-9
Chromium, Total	7440-47-3
Cobalt	7440-48-4
Copper	7440-50-8
Lead	7439-92-1
Manganese	7439-96-5
Nickel	7440-02-0
Selenium	7782-49-2
Silver	7440-22-4
Thallium	7440-28-0
Vanadium	7440-62-2
Zinc	7440-66-6
Mercury	7439-97-6

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AVS/SEM		
Acid Volatile Sulfide	AVS	umol/g
Cadmium	7440-43-9	umol/g
Copper	7440-50-8	umol/g
Lead	7439-92-1	umol/g
Nickel	7440-02-0	umol/g
Silver	7440-22-4	umol/g
Zinc	7440-66-6	umol/g
Mercury	7439-97-6	umol/g

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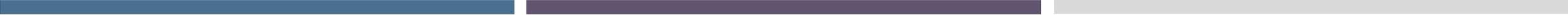
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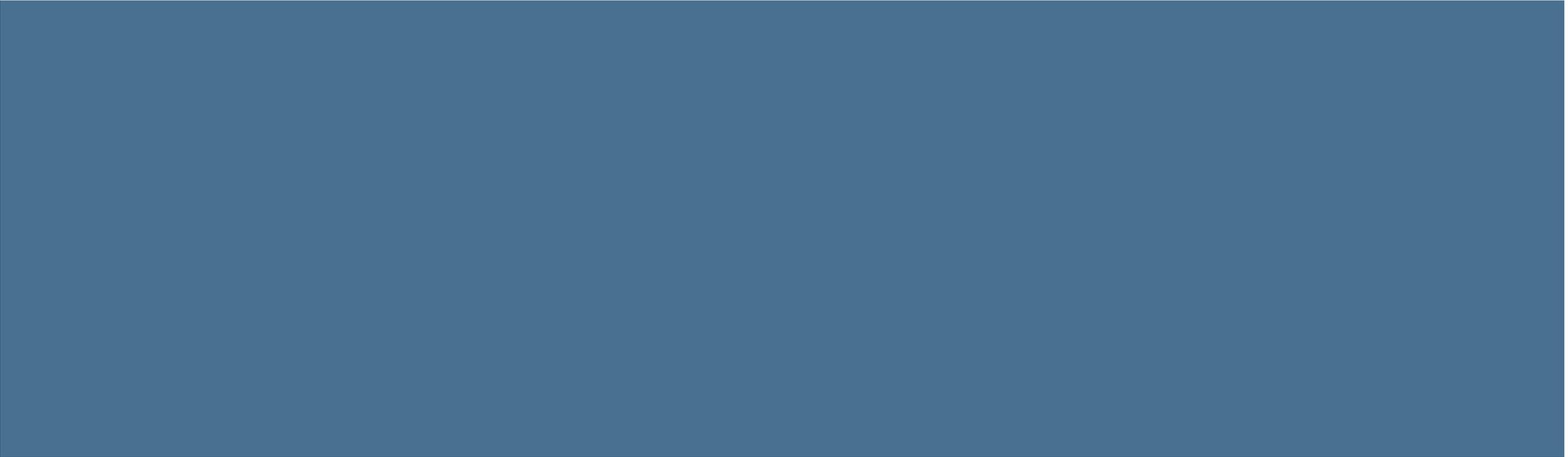
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- AECOM validated the data
- Tables in the document show the results of sediment, floodplain soil, surface water and pore water
- Summary statistics, including number of samples, number of detections and minimum, maximum and average detected values, are provided

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11/01/2024	LOWER NEPONSET SITE PHASE 1 DATA TABLES (32 pp, 101.71 MB)	100032188
11/01/2024	DATA EVALUATION SUMMARY MEMORANDUM - PHASE 1, GIS FILES (7610 pp, 15.43 MB)	100032189



DATA INTERPRETATION



COMPARISON OF ANALYTICAL RESULTS TO PROJECT ACTION LIMITS

- PALs represent the lowest of relevant human health and ecological screening levels that may be used during this stage or later stages of the remedial investigation and feasibility study process
- Analytical results were compared to the PALs for information purposes; the comparison is not an indication of risk

Media	Human Health	Ecological
Sediment	EPA regional screening levels for residential soil based on a hazard quotient of 0.1 and a target risk level of 1E-06	EPA Region 4 ecological screening values for freshwater sediment
Soil	EPA regional screening levels for residential soil	The lower of the ecological soil screening levels for soil invertebrates, plants, birds and mammals and the EPA Region 4 soil screening values for invertebrates, plants, birds and mammals
Surface Water	The lower of Massachusetts surface water quality standards, human health criteria for drinking water plus fish and shellfish consumption, Massachusetts maximum contaminant levels, national recommended water quality criteria for human health for consumption of water and organisms, EPA maximum contaminant levels and EPA regional screening levels for tap water	The lower of the Massachusetts surface water quality standards, aquatic life criterion continuous concentration values for freshwater, national recommended water quality criteria aquatic life criterion continuous concentration values for freshwater, and EPA Region 4 freshwater chronic screening values

EXAMPLE ANALYTICAL RESULTS INTERPRETATION – SEDIMENT / METALS

- Of the 23 metals analyzed for, 13 metals were detected above their respective human health PALs and 13 metals were detected above their respective ecological PALs
- The metals responsible for the most exceedances of their human health PALs were total chromium (170 samples exceeded the PAL out of 170 samples collected (170/170), arsenic (170/170), iron (167/170) and cobalt (166/170).
- The metal responsible for the most exceedances of its ecological PAL was barium; 140 out of 170 samples exceeded the ecological PAL

Table 11
Sediment Analytical Results
Phase 1 Data Evaluation Summary Memorandum
Lower Neponset River
Boston, Massachusetts

Analyte	CAS Number	Units	Human Health PAL	Ecological PAL	Location	23A-0001-PLC1	23A-0001-PLC1
					Sample Name	23A-0001-PLC1-AS	23A-0001-PLC1-B5
					Sample Date	6/29/2023	6/29/2023
					Sample Type	N	N
					Depth Interval	0 - 0.5 ft	0.5 - 1.7 ft
TAL Metals and Mercury							
Aluminum	7429-90-5	mg/kg	7700	25000		3200	4100
Calcium	7440-70-2	mg/kg				1100	1600
Iron	7439-89-6	mg/kg	5500	20000		15000	18000
Magnesium	7439-95-4	mg/kg				1400	1800
Potassium	7440-09-7	mg/kg				170 J	170 J
Sodium	7440-23-5	mg/kg				69 J	140 J
Antimony	7440-36-0	mg/kg	3.1	2		0.89	< 0.94 U
Arsenic	7440-38-2	mg/kg	0.68	9.8		2.8 J	7.7 J+
Barium	7440-39-3	mg/kg	1500	20		56	210
Beryllium	7440-41-7	mg/kg	16			0.27 J	3.0
Cadmium	7440-43-9	mg/kg	0.71	1		0.30 J	0.57
Chromium, Total	7440-47-3	mg/kg	0.3	43.4		18 JEB	20 EB
Cobalt	7440-48-4	mg/kg	2.3	50		6.0	4.9
Copper	7440-50-8	mg/kg	310	31.6		52 J	51 J
Lead	7439-92-1	mg/kg	200	35.8		74	310
Manganese	7439-96-5	mg/kg	180	460		240 EB	950 EB
Nickel	7440-02-0	mg/kg	140	22.7		14 J	12
Selenium	7782-49-2	mg/kg	39	11		< 2.1 U	1.6 J
Silver	7440-22-4	mg/kg	39	1		0.071 J	0.21 J
Thallium	7440-28-0	mg/kg	0.078			< 0.42 U	< 0.47 U
Vanadium	7440-62-2	mg/kg	39			25	31 J
Zinc	7440-66-6	mg/kg	2300	121		220 JEB	340 EB
Mercury	7439-97-6	mg/kg	2.3	0.18		0.075 J	0.094 J
Total Cyanide							
CYANIDE	57-12-5	mg/kg	2.3			< 0.58 R	< 0.57 R
TCL VOCs							
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	71-55-6	ug/kg	810000	70		-	< 6.9 U
1,1,2,2-TETRACHLOROETHANE	79-34-5	ug/kg	600	250		-	< 6.9 U
1,1,2-TRICHLORO-1,2,2-TRIFLUOROETHANE	76-13-1	ug/kg	670000			-	< 6.9 U
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	79-00-5	ug/kg	150	538		-	< 6.9 U
1,1-Dichloroethane	75-34-3	ug/kg	3600	20		-	< 6.9 U
1,1-Dichloroethene	75-35-4	ug/kg	23000	100		-	< 6.9 U
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	87-61-6	ug/kg	6300	113		-	< 6.9 U
1,2,3-TRICHLOROPROPANE	96-18-4	ug/kg	5.1			-	< 6.9 U
1,2,4-TRICHLOROBENZENE	120-82-1	ug/kg	5800	11		-	< 6.9 U
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	95-63-6	ug/kg	30000	97		-	< 6.9 U
1,2-Dibromo-3-Chloropropane	96-12-8	ug/kg	5.3			-	< 6.9 U
1,2-Dibromoethane (Ethylene Dibromide)	106-93-4	ug/kg	36			-	< 6.9 U
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	95-50-1	ug/kg	180000	96		-	< 6.9 U
1,2-Dichloroethene	107-06-2	ug/kg	460	986		-	< 6.9 U
1,2-DICHLOROPROPANE	78-87-5	ug/kg	1600	428		-	< 6.9 U
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene (Mesitylene)	108-67-8	ug/kg	27000	164		-	< 6.9 U
1,3-DICHLOROBENZENE	541-73-1	ug/kg	2600	89		-	< 6.9 U
1,4-DICHLOROBENZENE	106-46-7	ug/kg	2600	30		-	< 6.9 U
2-HEXANONE	591-78-6	ug/kg	20000	45		-	< 14 U
ACETONE	67-64-1	ug/kg	7000000	65		-	71
Benzene	71-43-2	ug/kg	1200	10		-	< 6.9 U
BROMOCHLOROMETHANE	74-97-5	ug/kg	15000			-	< 6.9 U
BROMODICHLOROMETHANE	75-27-4	ug/kg	290	210		-	< 6.9 U



CONCLUSIONS



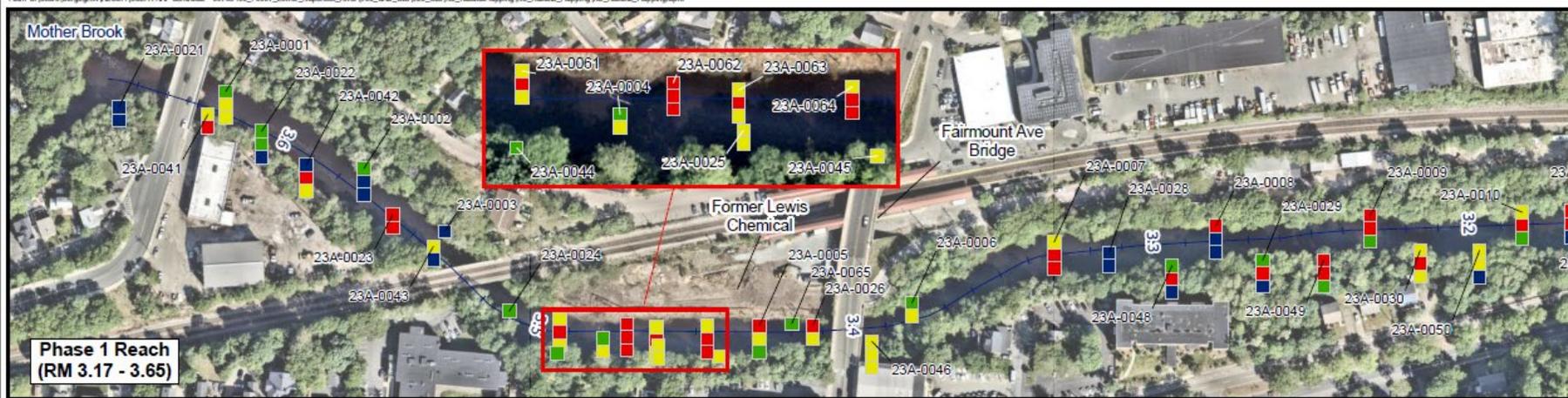


Figure 10
Total PCBs in Phase 1 Sediment
Lower Neponset River Project

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Legend
— LNR River Miles

Note:
Values presented in the legend represent the 25th, 50th, and 75th percentiles of results from Phase 1 locations.

Total PCB Concentration (mg/kg)

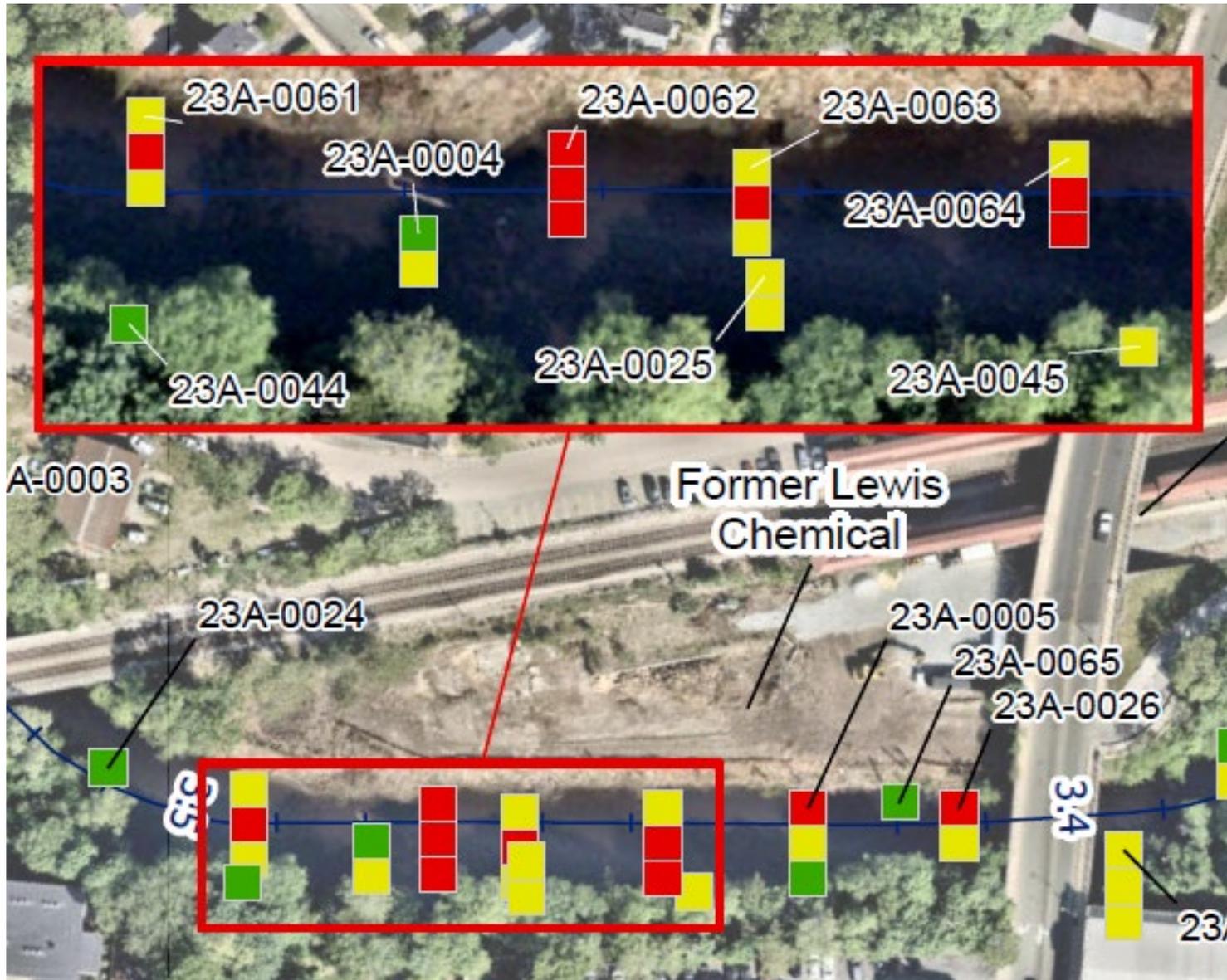
- Below 1.22 mg/kg
- 1.22 mg/kg - 7.08 mg/kg
- 7.08 mg/kg - 39.2 mg/kg
- Above 39.2 mg/kg

Nominal Depth Interval*

- 0 ft - 0.5 ft below surface
- 0.5 ft - 3.0 ft. below surface
- 3.0 ft - 6.0 ft below surface

*Actual sample depth intervals vary at each sample location. If fewer than 3 depths are shown, deeper samples were not obtained.

0 75 150 300
Feet



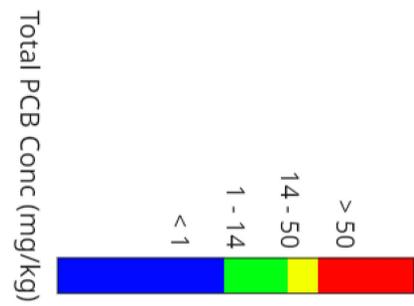
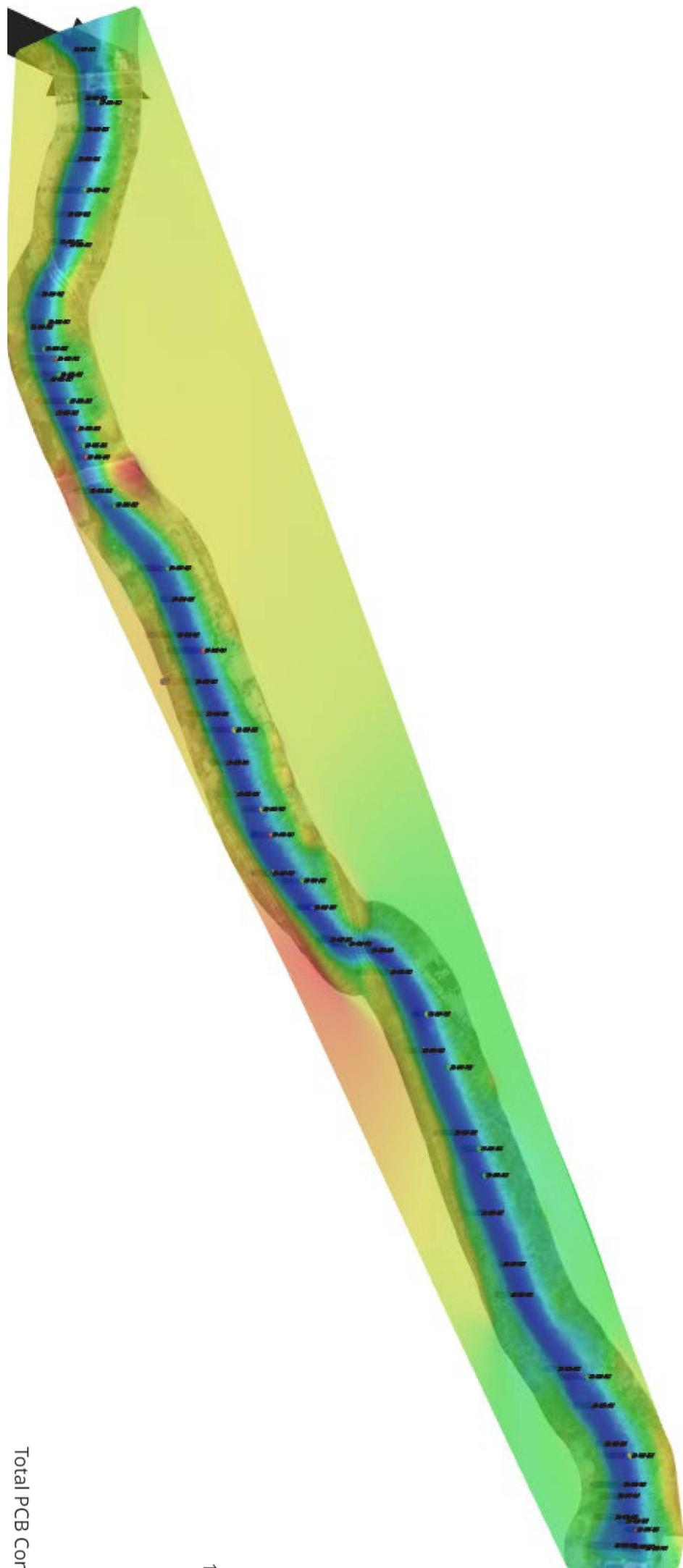
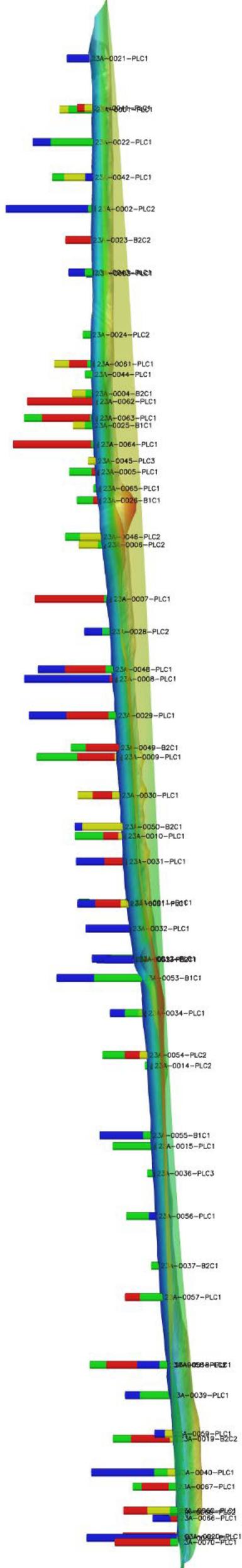
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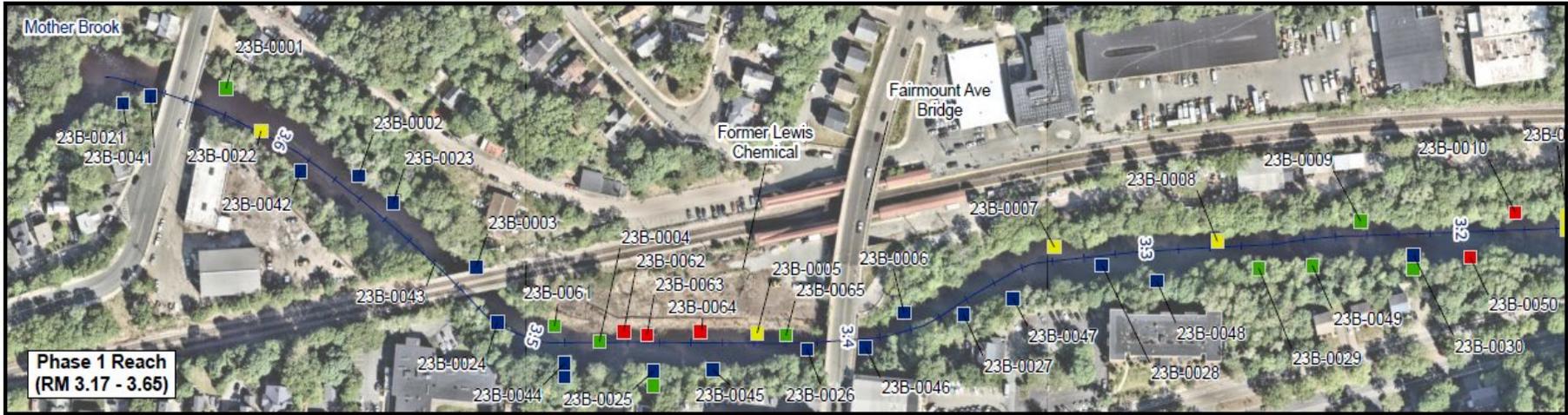


Figure 14
Total PCBs in Phase 1 Surface Water
Lower Neponset River Project



Legend

— LNR River Miles

Total PCB Concentration (ng/L)

- Below 6.71 ng/L
- 6.71 ng/L - 8.56 ng/L
- 8.56 ng/L - 10.65 ng/L
- Above 10.65 ng/L

Note:
At each location the water depth was measured in order to determine the sampling depth(s). For locations in the Phase 1 reach, if the water depth was less than 6 feet then a single sample was collected from the mid-point of the water column. If the water depth was greater than or equal to 6 feet then samples were collected from a depth of one foot and also from a depth 2 feet above the sediment water interface. Samples drawn with two result values on the figure above indicate areas where two samples were taken.

Values presented in the legend represent the 25th, 50th, and 75th percentiles of results from Phase 1 locations.

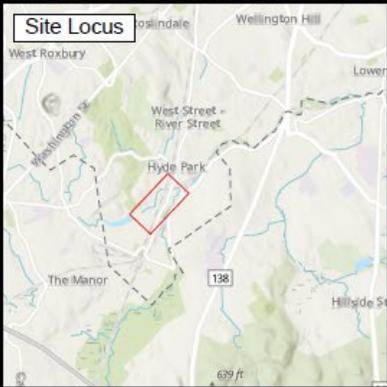
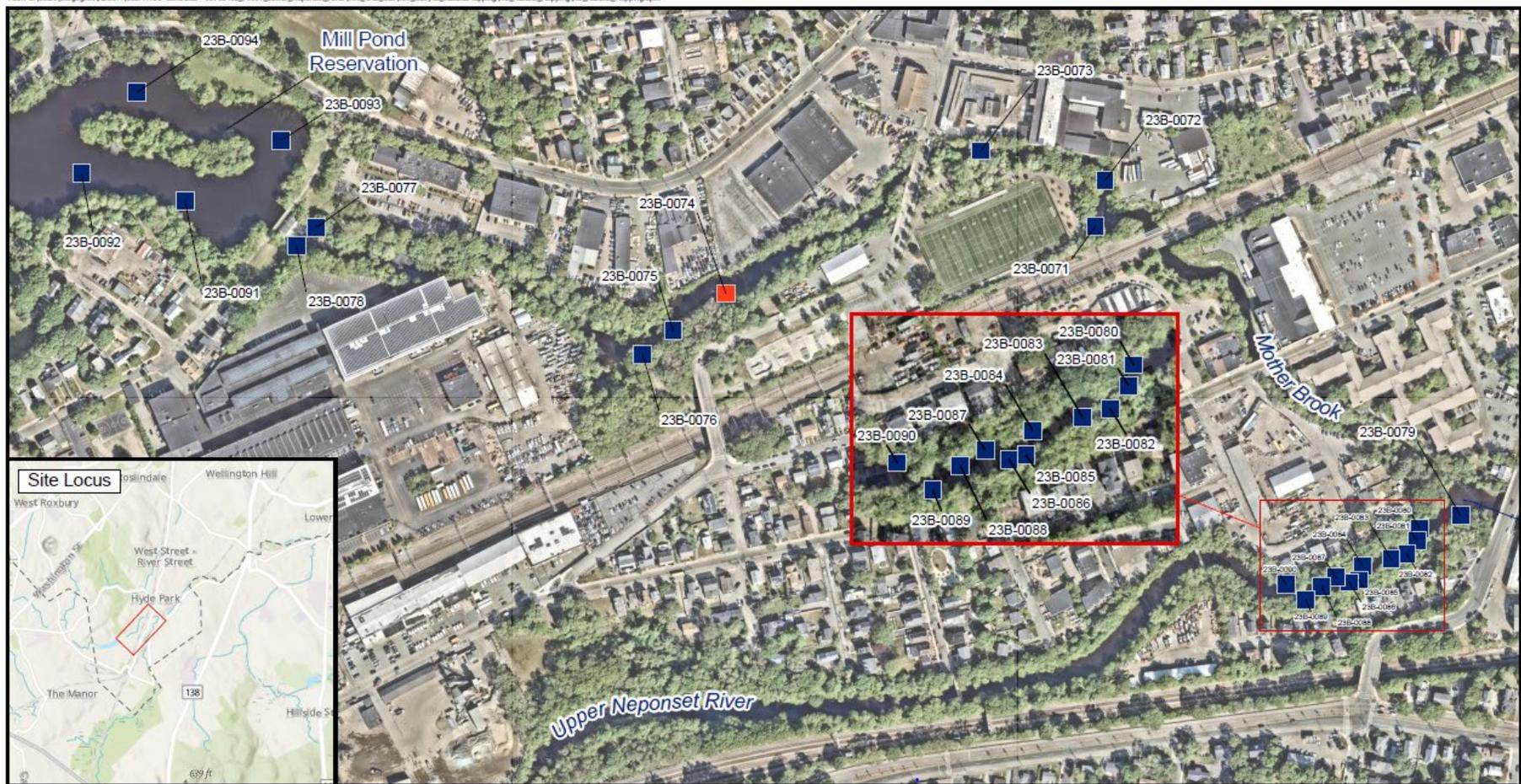
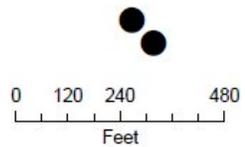


Figure 15
Total PCBs in Surface Water Reference Locations
Lower Neponset River Project



Legend

- Total PCB Concentration (ng/L)** — LNR River Miles
- Below 6.71 ng/L
 - 6.71 ng/L - 8.56 ng/L
 - 8.56 ng/L - 10.65 ng/L
 - Above 10.65 ng/L

Note:
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Each sample shown was collected from the mid-point of the water column.



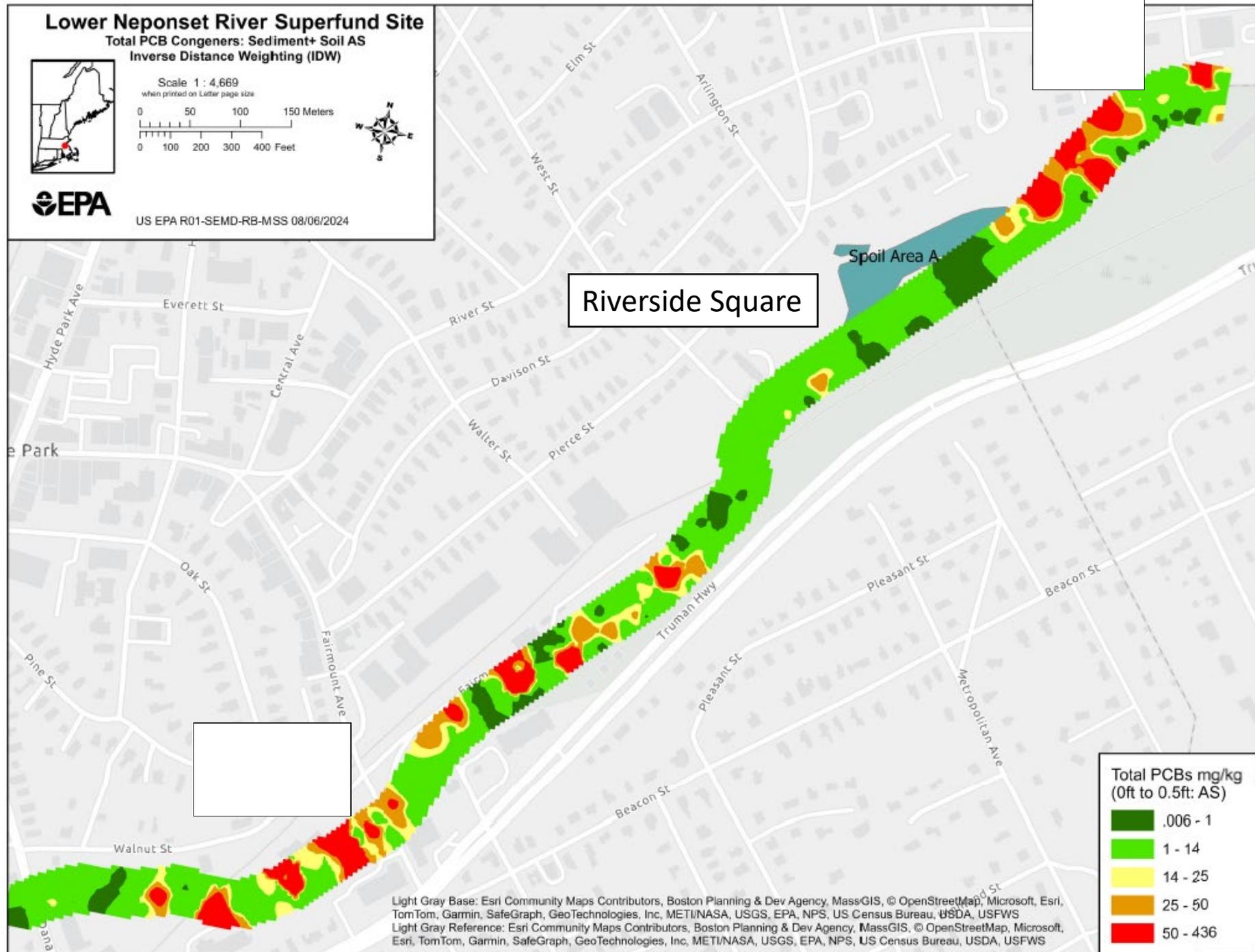
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Surface Sediment PCBs (0 feet to 0.5 feet)

Total concentration range:
<1 parts per million to 436 ppm

Maximum concentrations are
near Lewis Chemical and slightly
downstream,
Riverside Square,
Doyle Park
and the T&H Dam

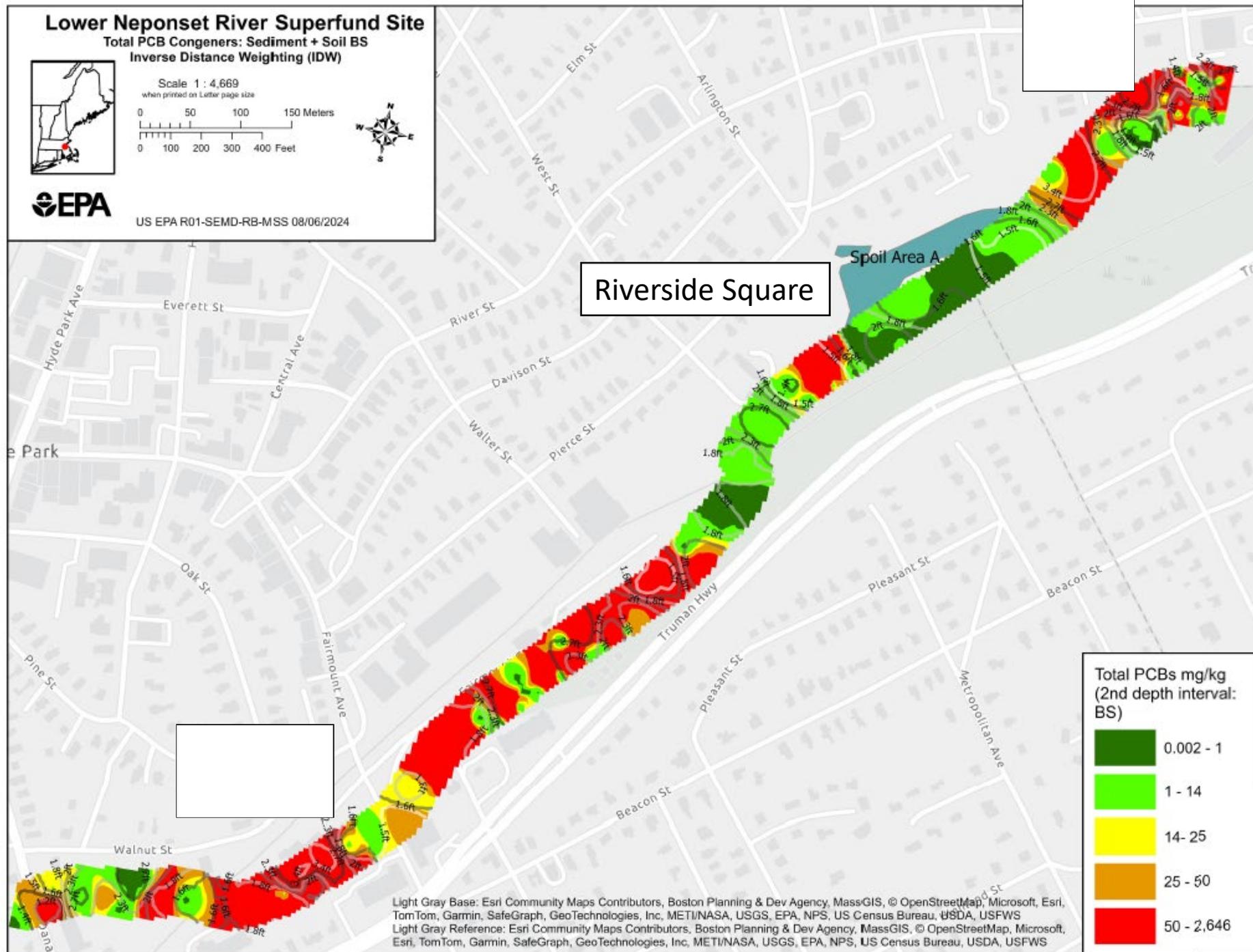
The average concentration
is 37.9 ppm



Second Depth Interval of PCBs (0.5 feet to 3 feet)

Total concentration range:
<1 ppm to 2,646 ppm

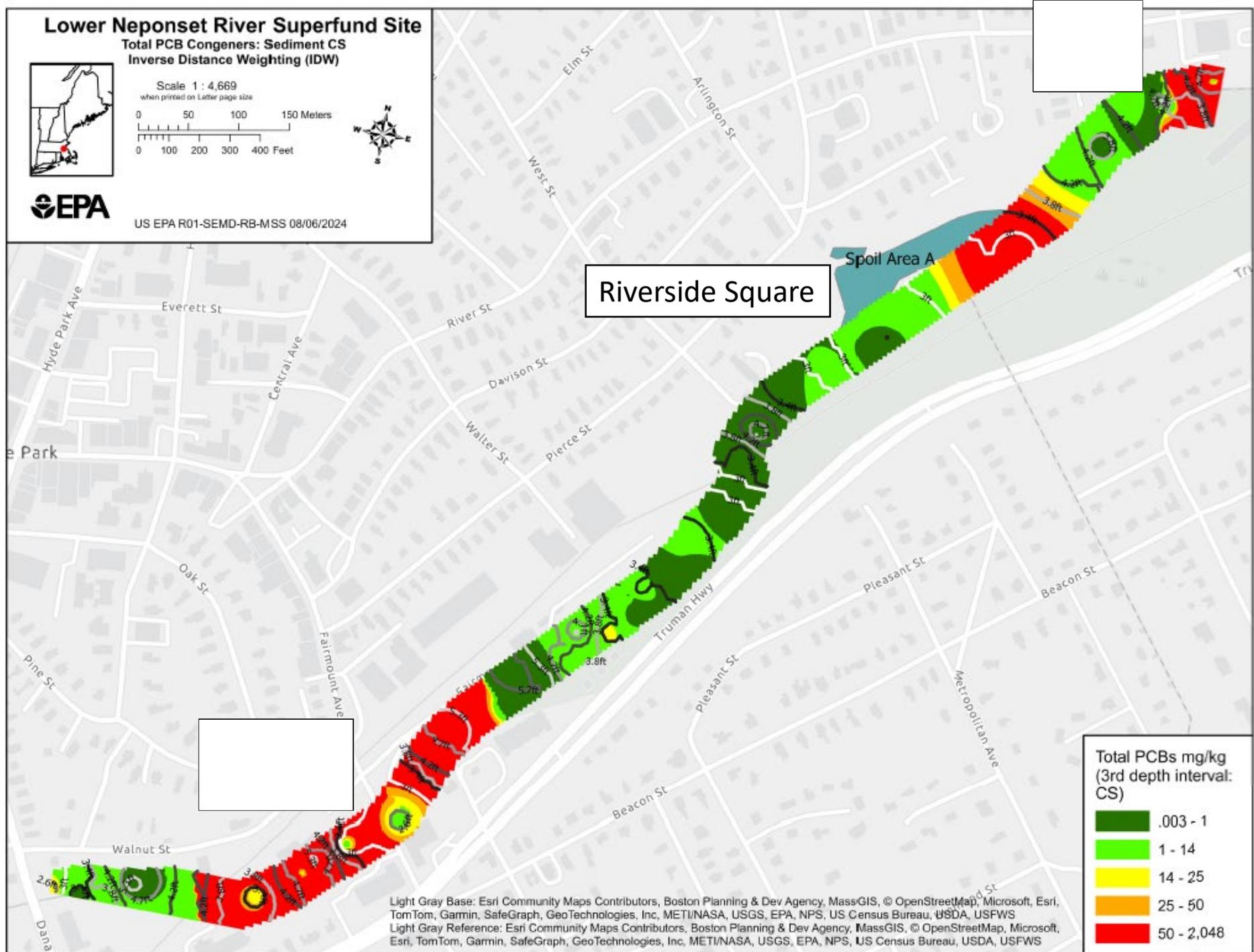
Maximum concentrations are near Mother Brook, Lewis Chemical and slightly downstream, Riverside Square, Doyle Park, and the T&H Dam



Third Depth Interval of PCBs (3 feet to 6.3 feet)

Total concentration range:
<1 ppm to 2,048 ppm

Maximum concentrations are
near Lewis Chemical
and slightly downstream,
Riverside Square
and the T&H Dam





QUESTIONS?

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on the TASC program:

www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-services-communities-tasc-program

TASC brochure with more information:

semspub.epa.gov/work/HQ/100002924.pdf

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- Get involved
- Ask your resources:
 - The EPA – Zanetta Purnell, Tristan Pluta and Natalie Burgo
 - TASC – Joe Cronin and Karmen King
- Access available resources:
 - The EPA’s site profile page
 - www.epa.gov/neponsetriver
 - Site background and history
 - Documents



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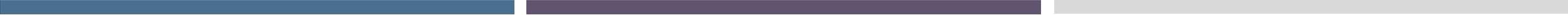
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