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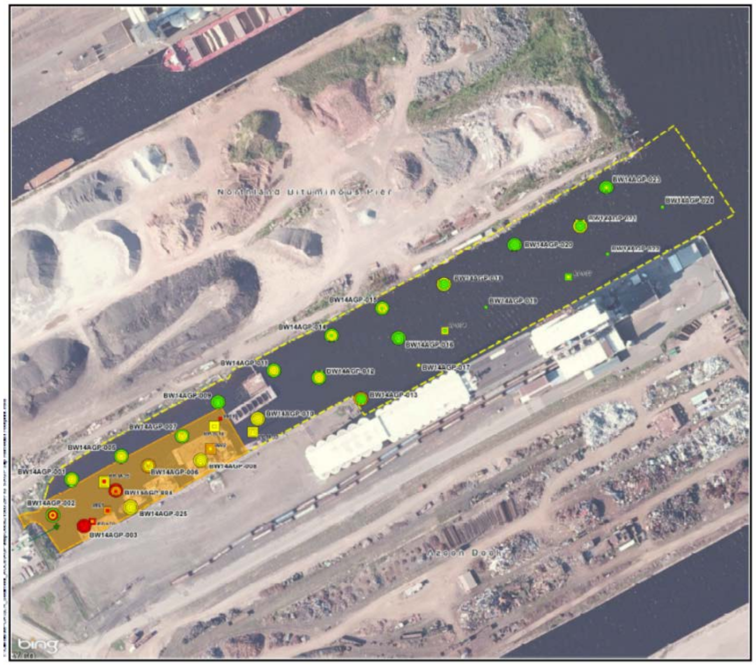

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# Executive Summary

This Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) for AGP/Northland Slip (Site) presents: a summary of current Site conditions; a discussion of remedial action objectives (RAOs); and the identification, screening, evaluation, and comparison of potential alternatives. This report was prepared by Bay West LLC (Bay West) in accordance with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Contract Work Order No. 3000014275.

The Site was studied as a part of the St. Louis River (SLR) Area of Concern (AOC; see **Section 1.2**). Funding to complete an FFS was obtained through the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Great Lakes Legacy Act (GLLA) and state funding through the Minnesota Legacy Fund and the Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund. Detailed investigations at the Site identified sediments contaminated with arsenic, cadmium, copper, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), lead, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and zinc. Bay West completed a Sediment Remedial Investigation (Sediment RI Report) in 2015 that evaluated these chemical compounds and their concentrations in sediment identifying driving contaminants of concern (COCs). The Sediment RI Report identified PAHs as the driving COC for the Site.

Contaminated sediment was generally identified in the southwestern portion of the Site and considered to present a high likelihood of significant effects to benthic invertebrates from exposure to surficial sediments at the Site.

As identified in the SLR Remedial Action Plans (RAPs): RAP Stage I, MPCA and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), 1992; and RAP Stage II, MPCA and WDNR, 1995; and later proven with testing, AGP/Northland Slip, SR #1013, Duluth Harbor, Duluth, Minnesota (**Figure 1**), is potentially contributing to the following impairments in the SLR AOC:

- Fish Consumption Advisories;
- Degradation of the Benthos; and
- Restrictions on Dredging.

Areas that are contributing to river sediment impairments should be addressed through remedial activities, as recommended by the RAP. In addition, addressing the contaminated sediments from the Site would also help in the reduction of the impaired water resulting from bioaccumulative toxins in the SLR.

**Remedial Action Objectives Developed by the MPCA for the Site**

RAOs for the Site were developed based on the requirements of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP; 40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] §300.430[e][2][i]), which defines RAOs as a listing of the COCs and media of concern, potential exposure pathways, and remediation goals. Specific RAOs were developed from a review of the results of site characterization activities, site-specific risk and fate and transport evaluations, and an initial review of Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs). The following RAOs for the Site include goals for the protection of human health and the environment:

1. Minimize or remove exposure to sediment contaminants that bioaccumulate in the food chain and contribute to fish consumption advisories.
2. Minimize or remove exposure of the benthic organisms to contaminated sediments above sediment cleanup goals.
3. Preserve water depth to enable the current and/or planned use of the slip.
4. Enhance aquatic habitat, if conditions allow, in a manner that contributes to the removal of beneficial use impairments (BUIs).

Alternatives were identified and screened to determine if they could meet these RAOs. The following alternatives were evaluated in this FFS:

**Alternative 1: No Action –** The NCP at Title 40 CFR provides that a No Action Alternative should be considered at every site. The No Action Alternative should reflect the site conditions described in the baseline risk assessment and remedial investigation. The No Action Alternative included within this FFS does not include any treatment or engineering controls, institutional controls (ICs), or monitoring. There are no costs associated with the No Action Alternative. A No Action Alternative applied to the Site would not meet criteria for protection of human health and the environment, but is included as an alternative for comparison purposes.

**Alternative 2: Monitoring and Institutional Controls –** This alternative does not provide any immediate improvement to protectiveness but is included as a possible placeholder to be used as an interim response. An interim response may be required should funding sources be unavailable until a later date or be distributed based on site prioritization. The monitoring and ICs alternative would consist of evaluating trends in sediment chemical concentrations, sediment toxicity, and COC bioaccumulation within aquatic organisms (i.e., benthic organisms) over time. ICs appropriate for maintaining protectiveness of human and environmental health would be implemented, if applicable, until sufficient contaminant degradation, transformation, isolation, or other natural recovery processes reduce Site-related risks to acceptable levels; however, natural recovery of contaminated sediments is not anticipated within a reasonable time frame at the Site, or should an alternative remedy be implemented. The approximate cost associated with Alternative 2 is $220,000.

**Alternative 3: Cap and Armor –** This alternative would consist of constructing a 0.95-meter-thick cap (sand plus armor; 3.1 feet) over approximately 1.50 acres (the remedial footprint area, **Figure 5**) of sediment concentrations exceeding the Midpoint Sediment Quality Target (SQT) for Site COCs (i.e., cleanup level [CUL]). The cap would prevent access to, and migration of, contaminated sediment. Prior to cap construction, a limited amount of sediment “grading” may be conducted to prevent excessive gradients and/or excessively shallow areas after cap construction. Armoring will be completed across the entire cap to prevent scouring due to ship propeller wash as the slip is actively used. Approximately 5,200 cubic yards of sand and 2,400 cubic yards of cobble will be used for the cap and armoring, respectively. Following cap construction, ICs would be implemented to protect the capped area. The approximate cost associated with Alternative 3 is $1,700,000.

**Alternative 4: 1-Meter Dredge, Cap, and Armor –** A dredging and capping alternative would consist of dredging 1 meter (3.3 feet) of sediments exceeding the CUL, in the remedial footprint area followed by; capping and armoring. Total cap thickness will be 0.95-meter, sand plus armor. Dredging and capping would maintain the current draft depth of the slip while preventing access to, and migration of, contaminated sediment. The dredged sediments would be transported by barge to a staging area, stabilized with amendment materials as needed, transported by roadway, and disposed of at an off-site landfill. The benefits of dredging 1 meter prior to cap placement would be offsetting draft loss due to capping. Armoring will be completed across the entire cap to prevent scouring due to prop wash as the slip is actively used. Total dredge sediment volume is anticipated to be 7,900 cubic yards. Approximately 5,200 cubic yards of sand and 2,400 cubic yards of cobble will be used for the cap and armoring, respectively. Following cap construction, ICs would be implemented to protect the capped area. The approximate cost associated with Alternative 4 is $3,800,000.

**Alternative 5: Dredge with Thin-Layer Cover –** A dredging alternative would consist of complete removal of all sediments with COC concentrations exceeding the CULs in the remedial footprint area. The dredged sediments would be transported by barge to a staging area, stabilized with amendment materials as needed, transported by roadway, and disposed of at an off-site landfill. Following sediment removal, a 0.15-meter (0.5-feet) thin-layer sand cover would be placed to reduce surface concentration of dredge residuals through mixing of the upper sediment layer. The total dredge volume is anticipated to be 24,000 cubic yards (including over dredge); however, this volume may increase based on pre-design vertical delineation results. Approximately 1,200 cubic yards of sand will be used for thin-layer cover. ICs and a long-term monitoring (LTM) program would not be implemented following completion of remedy construction if complete removal of contaminated sediments is achieved. The approximate cost associated with Alternative 5 is $4,800,000.

The objectives of Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 at the Site are to: limit exposure of human receptors to contaminated sediments; limit exposure of aquatic organisms to contaminated sediments and thereby limit transfer of chemical contaminants to higher trophic organisms; and enhance the aquatic habitat in a manner that contributes to the removal of BUIs if conditions allow.

**Comparative Analysis Summary**

The comparative analysis of the alternatives is presented in **Section 5.0**. Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 were all protective of human health and the environment. Alternative 1 was not protective and will not be considered. Alternative 2 does not provide any immediate improvement to protectiveness. Should funding sources be unavailable until a later date or be distributed based on site prioritization it may be useful to implement Alternative 2. Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 provide protection of human health and the environment. No significant difference in the balancing criteria score was found between Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 other than cost. More information is needed prior to selecting a preferred alternative between Alternatives 3, 4, and 5. The modifying criteria, state/support agency acceptance, and community acceptance are assessed formally after the public comment period. Stakeholder and community input will provide valuable insight as the MPCA considers information for the selection of a preferred alternative. The MPCA will conduct outreach activities to resource managers, current slip users, the public, and local units of government prior to the public comment period.

Potential COC sources from the upland former gas manufacturing site should be investigated and addressed prior to alternative implementation, should a source be identified.

Further studies are recommended during the design phase of the selected alternative. These recommended studies, depending on the alternative selected, may include:

- Hydrodynamic study to understand the depositional and scouring forces in the slip to inform design;
- Dock wall stability should be investigated to determine potential dredging/capping impacts, should one of these alternatives be selected;
- Stormwater sewer evaluation, including an evaluation of sediment input and potential sediment capture systems, to evaluate the need to limit sediments entering the Site;
- Additional surface sampling to understand if incoming stormwater deposition is contaminated, thus a continuing source of contamination;
- Modeling pore water transport and attenuation for engineered cap design;
- Investigate vertical extent of contaminated sediment if needed to support alternatives involving dredging and/or consolidation; and
- Evaluation of future and current use of the slip and required water depths.

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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

% ...................... percent
µg/kg ................ micrograms per kilogram
AC .................... activated carbon
amsl.................. above mean sea level
AOC.................. area of concern
ARAR ............... Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirement
Bay West.......... Bay West LLC
BUI ................... beneficial use impairment
CAD.................. confined aquatic disposal
CDF.................. confined disposal facility
CERCLA........... Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CFR.................. Code of Federal Regulations
ch. or chs. ........ chapter or chapters
COC ................. contaminant of concern
CSM ................. conceptual site model
CUL .................. cleanup level
DEDA ............... Duluth Economic Development Authority
dioxins .............. polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins/dibenzofurans
EMNR............... Enhanced Monitored Natural Recovery
FFS................... Focused Feasibility Study
GAC.................. granular activated carbon
GHG ................. Greenhouse Gas
GLI.................... Great Lakes Initiative
GLLA ................ Great Lakes Legacy Act
GSR.................. Green Sustainable Remediation
IC...................... institutional control
IDT.................... Interlake/Duluth Tar
ITRC ................. Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council
IZ ...................... isolation zone
LTM .................. long-term monitoring
MDH ................. Minnesota Department of Health
MDNR............... Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
MERLA............. Minnesota Environmental Response and Liability Act
mg/kg................ milligrams per kilogram
MNR ................. Monitored Natural Recovery
MPCA............... Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
NCP ................. National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan
NPDES............. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
O&M................. operation and maintenance
OIRW ............... Outstanding International Resource Water
OSWER ........... Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
PAH.................. polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
PBAZ................ potentially bioactive zone
PCB.................. polychlorinated biphenyl
PFC .................. perfluorochemical
RAO ................. Remedial Action Objective
RAP.................. Remedial Action Plan
RBSE ............... Risk Based Site Evaluation
RCRA............... Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RI ..................... remedial investigation
RME ................. reasonable maximal exposure
ROD ................. Record of Decision
ROM................. rough order of magnitude
SDS.................. State Disposal System
SLR .................. St. Louis River
SLRIDT ............ St. Louis River/Interlake/Duluth Tar
SQT.................. sediment quality target
SSV .................. Sediment Screening Value
TBC.................. to be considered
U.S. .................. United States
UECA ............... Uniform Environmental Covenants Act
USACE............. United States Army Corps of Engineers
USC ................. United States Code
USEPA............. United States Environmental Protection Agency
WCA................. Wetland Conservation Act
WDNR.............. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
WLSSD ............ Western Lake Superior Sanitary District

# 1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The St. Louis River (SLR), located on the border between Minnesota and Wisconsin, is the second-largest United States (U.S.) tributary to Lake Superior and has a special significance in the region. The lower estuary empties into the Duluth-Superior Harbor, the largest freshwater seaport in North America. It serves as a geographic boundary for Wisconsin and Minnesota, and provides regional shipping access to Lake Superior.

Development along the SLR over the past 130 years has contributed to contaminated sediments. In 1987, concerns over environmental quality conditions prompted the designation of 73 miles of the lower SLR, which includes the segment from Cloquet, Minnesota, to the Duluth/Superior Harbor, as 1 of 43 Great Lakes Areas of Concern (AOCs). The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) worked together to divide the SLR AOC into Sediment Assessment Areas for the purposes of evaluation and prioritization of remediation and restoration activities. Contaminated sediments have been identified and characterized through several studies that included the collection and analysis of sediments and biota samples throughout the AOC.

Historical sediment contamination in the SLR AOC has resulted in impaired uses, including degradation of bottom-feeding invertebrate communities, increased incidence of fish tumors and other abnormalities, fish consumption advisories, and restrictions on dredging, resulting in nine beneficial use impairments (BUIs; MPCA, 2008). BUIs are a change in the chemical, physical or biological integrity of the Great Lakes system sufficient to cause any 1 of the 14 established use impairments, or other related uses, such as the microbial objective for waters used for body contact recreational activities (joint commission). The MPCA and WDNR are currently working together to implement a comprehensive long-term plan to restore beneficial use and delist BUIs in the SLR AOC. Many of the BUIs in the AOC are linked to the presence of sediment contaminants. Some sediment-derived contaminants also appear suspended in the water column and carried by the SLR to Lake Superior.

As identified in the SLR Remedial Action Plans (RAPs): RAP Stage I, MPCA and WDNR, 1992; and RAP Stage II, MPCA and WDNR, 1995; and the Sediment Remedial Investigation Report, AGP, Duluth, Minnesota, Bay West LLC (Bay West) 2015 (Sediment Remedial Investigation [RI] Report), AGP is potentially contributing to the following impairments in the SLR AOC:

- Fish Consumption Advisories;
- Degradation of the Benthos; and
- Restrictions on Dredging

Areas that are contributing to river sediment impairments should be addressed through remedial activities, as recommended by the Sediment RI Report. According to the MPCA, it is recommended by many programs that biotoxins be reduced within the SLR estuary and harbor. Removing or isolating the contaminated sediments from the surface water/sediment interface will help in the reduction of the impaired water resulting from bioaccumulative toxins in the SLR AOC.

This Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) was prepared to evaluate remedial alternatives for contaminated sediment at the Site. The scope of this FFS does not consider alternatives for any other matrix such as soil, surface water, or groundwater that may be impacted at the Site.

This report was developed pursuant to the Bay West Master Contract No. 63186 and MPCA Contract Work Order No. 3000014275, dated July 21, 2015, and accompanying the Scope of Work/Cost Estimate for the Site. Funding to complete the FFS for the Site comes from the

United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Great Lakes Legacy Act (GLLA) and state funding through the Minnesota Legacy Fund and the Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund.

This FFS was written in general accordance with the MPCA Site Response Section Guidance Document Draft Guidelines on Remedy Selection (MPCA, 1998), the Minnesota Environmental Response and Liability Act (MERLA), the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 300, along with other Minnesota and Federal rules, statutes, and guidance.

## 1.1 Report Organization

**Section 1.0** presents general background information including the Site history and a summary of current Site conditions. **Section 2.0** discusses Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs) and summarizes Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs) to provide the framework for alternative evaluations for the Site. **Section 3.0** and **Section 4.0** present alternatives descriptions and the NCP remedy selection criteria used in this FFS. **Section 5.0** presents an evaluation of alternatives against standards and criteria. References are presented in **Section 6.0**.

## 1.2 Site Location and Current Use

The SLR estuary covers an area of approximately 12,000 acres and comprises numerous large bays, peninsulas, and islands (**Figure 1**). Upstream of the AOC, the river is characterized by shallow meanders and sandy gravel bars. The character of the river changes abruptly near Cloquet, Minnesota, as it starts its steep descent to Lake Superior. This portion of the watershed is characterized by deeply incised river channels and canyons. Five dams were constructed on this reach of the river, resulting in the creation of five reservoirs within the AOC that may significantly impact downstream flow and water levels. As the river approaches Lake Superior, the current dissipates and the SLR takes on the characteristics of a lake. Just prior to entering Lake Superior at the Duluth Ship Canal and the Superior Entry, the river forms a large embayment protected by two long sandbars (i.e., Minnesota and Wisconsin Points). These sandbars form the longest natural freshwater baymouth sandbars in the world. Two inner spits, Rice’s Point and Conner’s Point, divide the port into inner and outer harbors (Crane et al., 2000).

The Site is an active 8-acre shipping slip in a highly industrialized area of the Duluth Harbor basin. A shipping/storage/recycling pier for bituminous materials is located north of the Site and an active grain dock is located south (**Figure 2**). The Site is located on the eastern side of Rice’s Point (oriented southwest-northeast, with the head of the slip at the southwestern end). One storm sewer enters the Site in the head wall.

The Site measures approximately 1,750 feet in length and is approximately 240 feet in width on the eastern half and 185 feet in width on the western half. According to bathymetry collected in 2014, water depth in the slip ranges from 39 to 6 feet; however, the average depth is 20.1 feet. Water depth along the northwest wall of the slip is significantly less than depths observed along the southeast wall, possibly due to dredging along the southeast wall.

## 1.3 Site History

The Duluth/Superior region experienced a dramatic rise in population, during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as the region began to take advantage of local resources, including vast forests, iron ore, and the natural harbor (known today as the Duluth-Superior Harbor) located on

Lake Superior. Construction of the Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan in 1855 and dredging of the Duluth-Superior Harbor, beginning as early as the mid-1800s, contributed significantly to the port's growth and establishment as a primary shipping harbor. Thriving industries within the region included forest products, smelting, grain milling and transport, and the transport of iron ore, coal, and limestone. Many of these industries were concentrated in the Duluth/Superior Harbor at Rice's Point in Minnesota and Connor's Point and Howard's Bay in Wisconsin. Many of these industries are still present and operating within the harbor today. The Sediment RI Report details site-specific historic use, and generally the Site was used for industrial/commercial purposes as previously discussed.

## 1.4 Site Characterization

### 1.4.1 Site Geology

Regional geology in the Duluth area consists primarily of materials deposited during the last glaciation, and more recently as river sediment, overlying Precambrian igneous and sedimentary bedrock. These materials consist of silts, sands, and gravels that were deposited as the glaciers retreated northward. Fine grained sediment, primarily red silt and clay, was deposited in the ancestral glacial Lake Duluth. This red silt and clay occurs over much of the lower elevations in the Duluth area.

Bedrock units underlying the area consist of olivine gabbro and anorthositic gabbro members of the Duluth Complex, and the sedimentary units of the Fond du Lac Formation. The Duluth Complex is lower Precambrian, and the Fond du Lac Formation is upper Precambrian in age. The gabbroic members of the Duluth Complex form the hills to the west of the SLR and Lake Superior shore (MPCA, 1995).

Surficial geology identified at the Site consists of glacial deposits associated with the Superior Lobe (noncalcareous drift, igneous and metamorphic clasts), Nickerson Moraine Association ground moraine deposits (clayey till, locally calcareous). Additionally, subsurface studies and excavations on adjacent properties have shown extremely heterogeneous materials buried in the subsurface.

Typical sediment profiles encountered during the Sediment RI fieldwork at the Site consisted of a coarsening downward sequence, with soft sediments prevalent at the surface and sandy sediments at depth. Surface sediments were typically soft sediments (i.e., silts) between 0.0 to 1.35 meters in depth. In general soft sediment deposition increased at the western end of the slip. Soft sediment deposition decreased at the toe of the Site. Sediments below the silty layer consisted of brown to reddish brown fine-grained, well-sorted sand. Observations of glass, slag, coal, and wood debris appear frequently within the sediment boring logs. Lacustrine clay was not encountered during coring efforts. Encountering the Lacustrine clay may be indicative that pre-industrial sediment was encountered.

### 1.4.2 Site Hydrology

The regional groundwater flow system in the area generally flows from the Minnesota and Wisconsin uplands and discharges to Lake Superior and the St. Louis River estuary. Although a site-specific groundwater study has not been performed, groundwater is anticipated to flow radially out from the piers adjacent to the Site into the Duluth Harbor.

#### *1.4.2.1 Physical Influences*

There are many physical influences operating throughout the Site. Site sediments have been moved, mixed, and removed by a variety of forces at work on the waters in the bay. The piers adjacent to the Site were created through historic filling while the Site was maintained through periodic dredging.

Bathymetry obtained from June 2014, **Figure 3**, described in the Sediment RI Report depicts overall shallower depth to sediment at the head of the slip and deeper depth to sediment at the toe of the slip. Additionally, depth to sediment is significantly deeper along the southern half of the slip where the slip is actively utilized for shipping; it was most likely altered by dredging activity at the Site.

Other erosional forces that may be responsible for differences in bathymetry include:

- Wave action in the bay;
- River flow;
- Seiche-induced flow;
- Stormwater flow; and
- Propeller turbulence from boats moving in and out of the slip.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Great Lakes Dashboard Project, Lake Superior water level elevations have ranged from 599.5 feet to 603.4 feet above mean sea level (amsl) since measurements began in 1918 (NOAA, 2016). Seasonal water level fluctuations of Lake Superior affect water level elevations at the Site and may affect Site remedies; however, these effects have not been studied.

For a detailed discussion of each of these forces and their effects on the slips see Section 7.1 of the Detailed Investigation of the Minnesota Slip (Streitz and Johnson, 2005).

### <u>1.4.3 Nature and Extent of Contamination</u>

The nature and extent of contamination was delineated by several studies in the Duluth/Superior Harbor that included the collection and analysis of sediments and sediment depth measurements at the Site. Bay West completed the Sediment RI Report for the Site, which summarizes historic data and 2014 sediment data collected by Bay West. The findings of the Sediment RI Report are summarized in **Section 1.4.3.1**. Screening criteria used at the Site are discussed in **Section 1.4.3.2**. **Section 1.4.3.3** presents a discussion on the Contaminants of Concern (COCs) and **Section 1.4.3.4** presents the depth, thickness, and volume of contaminated sediments.

#### *1.4.3.1 Previous Studies*

Section 1.5, in the Sediment RI Report, identifies and summarizes historic sediment investigations completed at the Site. Section 5.5, in the Sediment RI Report, summarizes sediment investigation completed by Bay West in 2014. Overall the following chemicals were identified at the Site in Sediment RI Report: arsenic, cadmium, copper, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), lead, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and zinc. The Sediment RI Report identifies Total PAHs as the primary COC. For Total PAHs, in the Sediment RI Report, a significant exposure pathway was found to be incomplete for human receptors; therefore, a Preliminary Sediment Ecological Risk-Screening Evaluation was used to identify Total PAH as the primary contaminant for the Site.

#### *1.4.3.2 Screening Criteria*

Numerical sediment quality targets (SQTs), adopted for use in the SLR AOC to protect benthic invertebrates, can be used throughout Minnesota as benchmark values for making comparisons to surficial sediment chemistry measurements. Level I and Level II SQTs for the protection of sediment-dwelling organisms are available for 8 trace metals, 13 individual PAHs, total PAHs (all 13 priority PAHs), total PCBs, and 10 organochlorine pesticides. In addition, Level I and Level II SQTs for polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins/dibenzofurans (dioxins) were adopted for the protection of fish, as insufficient information is available for sediment-dwelling organisms. SQTs are highly useful when evaluating risk for a specific compound or a group of compounds (i.e., total PCBs and total PAHs).

Contaminant concentrations below the Level I SQTs are unlikely to have harmful effects on sediment-dwelling organisms (i.e., benthic invertebrates). Contaminant concentrations above the Level II SQTS are more likely to result in harmful effects to benthic invertebrates (MPCA, 2007). Based on conversations with the MPCA, a qualitative comparison value midway between the Level I SQTs and Level II SQTs (i.e., Midpoint SQT) were used as conservative criteria to identify, rank, and prioritize sediment-associated COCs within the Site.

Sediment Screening Values (SSVs) were developed to provide a human health-based toxicity value specifically related to sediment for the U.S. Steel Superfund site in the SLR (Minnesota Department of Health [MDH], 2013). The SSVs were developed using reasonable maximal exposures (RMEs) specific to the U.S. Steel site and the Lower SLR. The Updated Human Health Screening Values for St. Louis River Sediments: U.S. Steel site, dated April, 2013, describes the updated SSVs. Chemical concentrations in water-covered sediments at or below the SSVs are considered safe for the general public; however, chemical concentrations in sediments exceeding the SSVs should not be considered unsafe because the SSVs were developed using conservative measures of exposure, bioavailability, and toxicity. Based on ongoing ambient concentration studies, some SSVs likely approach, or are less, than ambient concentrations in sediment, including SSVs for mercury, benzo(a)pyrene equivalents, PCBs, and dioxins. Further, the SSVs do not include RMEs specific to the Site and are not intended to be used as sediment cleanup values; therefore, SSVs will not be used to identify, rank, and prioritize sediment-associated COCs within the Site. Following finalization of the ambient concentration studies, SSVs for COCs may need to be reviewed for applicability to the Site.

#### *1.4.3.3 Contaminants of Concern*

Sediment contaminants and primary Site COCs are identified in **Section 1.4.3.1**, listed in **Table 1**, and discussed in depth in the Sediment RI Report.

Through discussions with the MPCA and review of available sediment analytical data, it was determined that for the purposes of this FFS, any contaminant exceeding Midpoint SQT will be considered a COC. The following contaminants are identified as COCs at the Site: arsenic, cadmium, copper, PAHs, lead, PCBs, and zinc. Total PAHs will remain the primary COC based on exceedance frequency and spatial distribution, as described in the Sediment RI Report.

Spatially, Total PAH distribution encapsulates the majority of the remainder of the COCs; therefore, addressing Total PAHs as the driver will subsequently address other COCs at the Site. COC sample locations not captured within the Total PAH distribution area (the remedial footprint area) are considered outliers and will not be addressed in the remediation design.

The following presents a general discussion of risks associated with the primary COCs at the Site:

- **<u>Total PAHs</u>:** PAHs are a group of over 100 different chemicals, although only 13 priority PAHs are included in the calculation for comparison to the SQTs for total PAHs. The 13 priority PAHs include phenanthrene, pyrene, acenaphthene, acenaphthylene, anthracene, b fluoranthene, fluorene, naphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene benz[a]anthracene, benzo[a]pyrene, chrysene and dibenz[a,h]anthracene. PAHs are ubiquitous environmental contaminants that form as a result of incomplete combustion of organic materials such as wood or fossil fuels. Natural sources of PAHs include volcanoes, forest fires, crude oil, and shale oil. PAHs are also found in asphalt used in road construction, roofing tar, and creosote. Individual PAHs generally do not occur alone in the environment; they are found as part of complex mixtures of chemicals. PAHs are generally attached to sediments. The movement of PAHs in the environment depends on their chemical properties, such as water solubility and vapor pressure. Some PAHs dissolve more readily in water and evaporate more readily into air (e.g., anthracene, naphthalene). Increased incidences of tumors in fish are often associated with PAH-contaminated sediments.

PAH-impacted sediments exceeding the Midpoint SQTs and/or Level 2 SQTs at the Site generally occur in an approximately 1.50-acre area, the remedial footprint area, at the head of the slip. These contaminated sediments occur at varying depths throughout the sediment column in the remedial footprint area: Depth of contamination did not exceed 573 feet amsl (max draft depth) in any samples, except for sample locations BW14AGP-003, 004, 006, 013, which exhibited Midpoint and Level 2 SQT exceedances in the samples collected from an elevation of 573 feet amsl. These sample locations are discussed in detail in **Section 1.4.3.4**.

PAH concentrations exceeding the SQT at the surface suggest an ongoing source of PAH contamination. A former gas manufacturing site was identified directly upgradient of the Site and may be an ongoing source of contamination. An investigation should be completed to determine if the former gas manufacturing site is contributing to Site contamination prior to remediation design and implementation at the Site. Another possible source for ongoing contamination could be the storm sewer outlet at the head of the slip, which should be investigated prior to remediation design and implementation at the Site (Bay West, 2015). Prior to remedy implementation at the Site, ongoing sources of contamination should be investigated and remediated in order to prevent recontamination of the Site.

**Figure 4** presents Total PAH sampling locations and level of SQT exceedance when applicable. **Figure 5** identifies specific areas of concern within AGP/Northland Slip based on action level exceedances and/or depth to contamination, the remedial footprint area.

#### *1.4.3.4 Depth, Thickness, and Volume of Contaminated Sediment*

The depth and volume calculations and assumptions discussed below are based on a bathymetric survey of the Site completed in 2014 by Bay West and analytical data collected in the Sediment RI Report.

The 2014 bathymetric survey is the most up-to-date bathymetric survey available for AGP Slip. Bay West has assumed the 2014 bathymetric survey is accurate for the purposes of this report but recommends that should an alternative be implemented a bathymetric survey be completed and assumptions be updated. Additionally, Bay West used only the Sediment RI Report data to ensure that data reflects recent impacts to sediments from deposition.

The total area of AGP Slip is approximately 8 acres. Lake Superior low water datum is 601.1 feet amsl. The 2014 Bay West bathymetric survey depicts the depth to sediment ranging from approximately 6-16 feet along the northwest area of the slip to 23 to 39 feet along the southeast area of the slip. The average depth to sediment within AGP Slip in 2014 was approximately 20.1 feet. **Figure 3** presents the 2014 bathymetry survey.

Analytical data from the Sediment RI Report indicates that contaminated sediment is primarily present within the 0.0 to 1.0 meter (0.0 to 3.3 feet) interval at the head of the slip (**Figure 5**).

Contaminated sediment depth at the head of the slip ranged from 0.0 to 2.4 meters (0.0 to 7.9 feet) and has an average depth of 0.94 meters (3.09 feet).

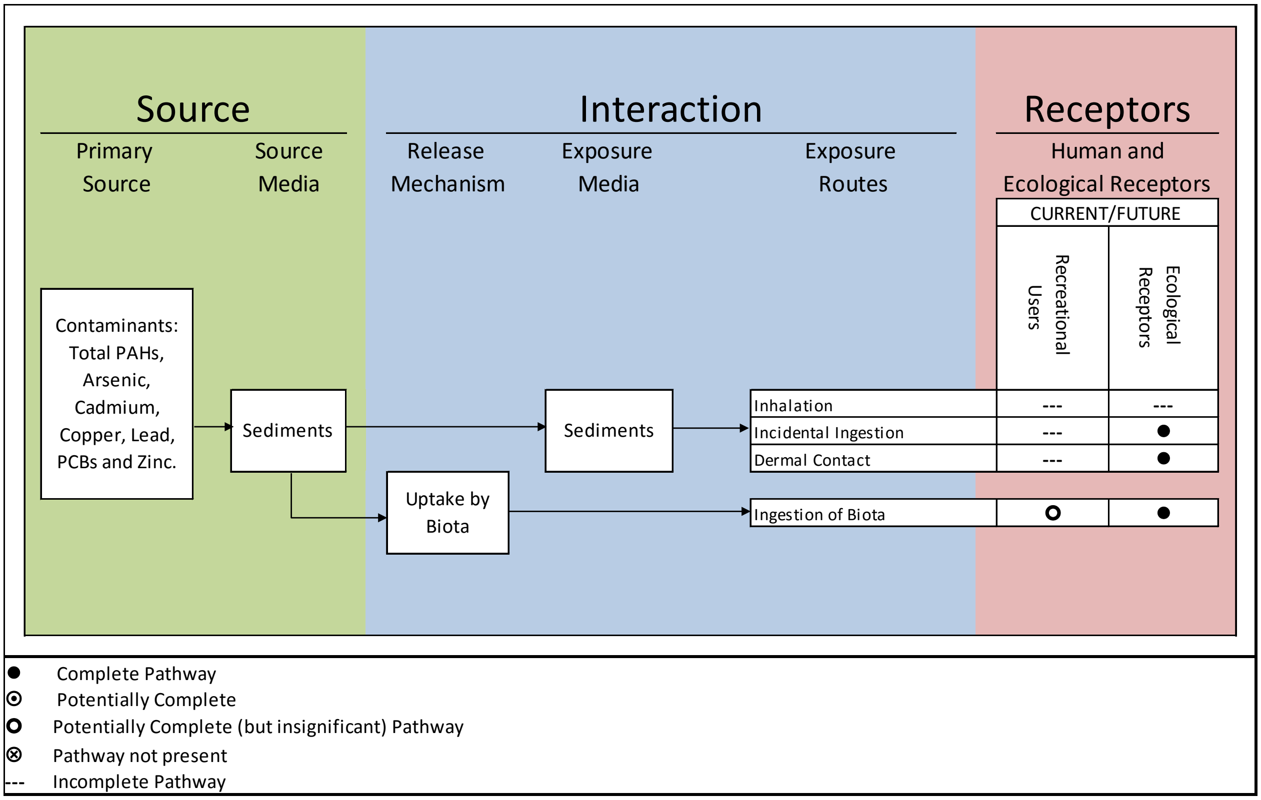
The vertical extent of contamination in four locations, BW14AGP-003, 004, 006, and 013, is unknown. Bay West sampling was not completed beyond an elevation of 573 feet amsl based on discussions with the MPCA regarding potential dredge depths at the slips. An elevation of 573 feet amsl is considered the limit of dredging within the slips by the MPCA as this is the maximum ship draft depth permissible in the St. Lawrence Seaway lock and dam system. Alternative 5, Dredge with Thin-Layer Cover, requires that all contaminated sediment exceeding Midpoint SQTs within the remedial footprint area be removed. To accomplish this, the vertical extent of contamination will need to be delineated for three of the locations (BW14AGP-003, 004, and 006) during the remediation pre-design phase. These areas will likely need to be excavated beyond an elevation of 573 feet amsl in the remedial footprint area to achieve removal of contaminated sediment exceeding Midpoint SQTs. The fourth location, BW14AGP-013, is located outside the remedial footprint area along the southeast dock wall in the middle of the Site. The sample depth is greater than 1.0 meter (3.3 feet); sediment overlying the sample does not exceed any SQTs. This exceedance is considered remediated through natural capping by clean sediment and will not be addressed in this FFS.

The potentially bioactive zone (PBAZ) is the area within the sediment where significant biological activity may be present. Should dredging occur, a minimum average dredge depth of 0.50 meters (1.6 feet) should be completed to remove contamination within the PBAZ. There is no definitive scientific consensus on the maximum depth to which flora and fauna penetrate sediment but based on a compilation of available studies Bay West developed the Draft Technical Memorandum, Remedial Action Objectives, Preliminary Remedial Goals, Potentially Bioactive Zone Thicknesses, SR #276, U.S. Steel Duluth Works Site, October 2015 (Draft Technical Memo, 2015). The Draft Technical Memo identifies potential thicknesses within the PBAZ and is further described in **Section 1.4.4.2**. From the Draft Technical Memo it can be concluded that the PBAZ for AGP is located within the first 0.5 meter due to water depth at the Site. Anticipated dredge depth to adequately protect the PBAZ should be 0.5 meter or more in areas of concern at the Site.

Approximately 3,900 cubic yards of contaminated sediment are estimated to be located in the PBAZ of AGP assuming a PBAZ depth of 0.5 meter at AGP in the remedial footprint area (1.50 acres).

### 1.4.4 Exposure Pathways

Exposure pathways represent the linkages among contaminant sources, release mechanisms, exposure pathways and routes, and receptors to summarize the current understanding of the risks to human health and the environment due to contamination. The following is an exposure pathway diagram for sediments at the Site. A "complete" exposure pathway means that evidence exists that a COC may be released from a source and may be transported into and through the environment to an exposure point where a receptor is assumed to be present.




The following sections provide greater detail on the human health and ecological exposure pathways.

### *1.4.4.1 Risk to Human Health*

Significant exposure pathways are incomplete for human receptors based on the Sediment RI Report. The current use of the Site is for ship and barge traffic related to land-based industrial operations surrounding the slip. Information to date indicates that the proposed future use of the Site will be consistent with the current use. The property surrounding the Site is private property, preventing access to recreational users; therefore, other exposure pathways (i.e., incidental ingestion of, and dermal contact with, contaminated sediments) are incomplete for recreational users; therefore, other exposure pathways (i.e., incidental ingestion of, and dermal contact with, contaminated sediments) are incomplete for recreational users.

The primary contaminant, PAH, and the remainder of the COCs are generally non-volatile and not emitted from the waters of the Site; since the risk of inhalation and dermal contact are mitigated, the only remaining pathway for human exposure to contamination from the Site is fish consumption. The Site is relatively small and currently does not provide high-quality habitat for spawning and foraging for feeder fish; however, fish consumption advisories are in effect for selected fish species in the SLR AOC due to elevated concentrations of PCBs and mercury found in fish tissue (MDH, 2014). No fish consumption advisory is currently in place for any of the COCs, except PCBs, and MDH does not currently provide meal advice based on COCs, except PCBs, in fish (MDH, 2014). PCB advisories are not considered a risk at the Site based on Site use as an industrial shipping slip; recreational fishing activities are prohibited on-site.

In summary, risk to human health from contaminated sediments in the Site is low. The potentially complete pathway for human exposure to contamination at the Site through ingestion of biota via fish consumption is considered insignificant.

#### *1.4.4.2 Ecological Risks*

Contaminated sediments within the Site are located within the PBAZ. The PBAZ is the area within the sediment where significant biological activity may be present. There is no definitive scientific consensus on the maximum depth to which flora and fauna penetrate sediment but the MPCA's selection of an appropriate PBAZ thickness is based on a weight-of-available-evidence approach and professional opinion. Due to the large uncertainty in this type of analysis, the PBAZ incorporates an element of conservatism (i.e., greater depth) to provide an additional safety factor. Three designated PBAZ thicknesses are applicable in the habitat, water depth, and substrate types, as described below from the DRAFT Technical Memorandum, Remedial Action Objectives, Preliminary Remedial Goals, Potentially Bioactive Zone Thicknesses, SR#276 – U.S. Steel Duluth Works Site. October 2015 (Bay West, 2015):

**Backshore/Foreshore Habitat Zone (Shoreline, Riparian and Wet Transition Areas)**

**(Minimum PBAZ thickness = 1.2 meters [3.9 feet])**

Applicable in:

- Shoreline/beach areas;
- Sediment flats that are exposed due to periodic low water levels or seiche;
- Open water/wet transition areas;
- Areas potentially available to deep burrowing mammals; and
- Areas potentially available for deep rooted herbaceous and/or woody plants.

**Emergent Aquatic Vegetation Habitat Zone (off the Shoreline)**

**(Minimum PBAZ thickness = 1.0 meter [3.3 feet])**

Applicable in:

- Emergent aquatic vegetation areas;
- Areas with potential for transitioning to emergent aquatic vegetation habitat (i.e., areas with substrates and water depths conducive to establishment of emergent vegetation now or in the future); and
- Areas potentially susceptible to deep burrowing amphibians, reptiles or crustaceans.

**Submerged Aquatic Vegetation and Deep Water Habitat Zone**

**(Minimum PBAZ thickness = 0.5 meter [1.6 feet])**

Applicable in:

- Areas that support submerged aquatic vegetation habitat with no potential to transition to emergent aquatic vegetation or wetland habitat;
- Areas with water depths too deep to support emergent vegetation but may support benthic organisms; and
- Areas with a substrate not conducive to deeply rooted aquatic vegetation, wetland herbaceous or woody vegetation, or deep burrowing mammals, amphibians, or crustaceans (i.e., areas armored for erosion control or areas with root barriers or other engineering controls).

The Submerged Aquatic Vegetation and Deep Water Habitat Zone, minimum PBAZ thickness of 0.5 meter, corresponds to the entirety of habitat observed at the Site (**Figure 6**). The habitat is relatively homogeneous due to the nature of the Site; it is designed to be deep water to accommodate the docking of large vessels. As previously discussed due to multiple physical forces, water depth to sediment is deeper at the toe versus the head of the slip. Minimum depth observed at the head remains significant enough to be considered Submerged Aquatic Vegetation and Deep Water Habitat Zone.

Complete ecological exposure pathways include the following:

- Exposure to ecological receptors through incidental ingestion and dermal contact with sediments; and
- Ingestion of biota that have consumed contaminated sediments.

Based on a comparison of the complete ecological exposure pathways and available analytical data summarized in **Section 1.4.3**, sediments with concentrations of COCs that exceed the Midpoint SQT value are considered a risk to the benthic community and the larger ecological environment, where they are found.

In summary, the analysis of the Sediment RI Report sediment data and available exposure pathways indicated that COCs are present at the Site and an ecological exposure pathway is complete; therefore, a potential risk to ecological health from contaminated sediments exists at the Site.

#### 1.4.5 Conceptual Site Model

The development of a conceptual site model (CSM) allows data obtained during ongoing investigations to be integrated in an iterative approach that increases the understanding of the physical and environmental setting of the Site and the fate and transport of COCs. This section incorporates the site history, regional hydrologic and geologic settings discussed in **Sections 1.3**, **1.4.1** and **1.4.2** with site-specific data and observations that were collected through Site investigations, site reconnaissance, and conversations with the MPCA and the Duluth Seaway Port Authority. The CSM provides a baseline for consideration of how remedy alternatives could be implemented to protect human and environmental health at the Site. The CSM is illustrated in **Figure 6**.

Industrial sources at the Site and in the SLR likely began contributing contaminants to the SLR as early as 1900s, as previously discussed in **Section 1.3**. These waste streams have since been removed or significantly minimized from the SLR.

Based on the previous SLR and Site investigations, the current site conceptual model is that the Site has retained significant levels of COCs from Site industrial activities and uses. Industrial sources contributing to COCs may still be present at the Site. As previously discussed, a former gas manufacturing site was identified directly upgradient of the Site and a storm sewer outlet is located at the head of the slip. Prior to remedy implementation at the Site, possible ongoing sources of contamination should be investigated and remediated in order to prevent recontamination of the Site. Additionally, physical influences impacting sediment distribution as described in **Section 1.4.2** include the following: wave action in the bay, river flow, seiche-induced flow, stormwater flow, and propeller turbulence from boats moving in and out of the Site.

Receptors that are potentially exposed to COCs include the following human and ecological receptors:

- Benthic and aquatic invertebrates;
- Mammals and birds consuming fish, benthic and aquatic invertebrates; and
- Undetermined receptors if future maintenance dredging is needed.

Reducing surface sediment concentrations or chemical bioavailability is the primary goal of sediment remediation processes. The deposition of cleaner sediment that buries and isolates COCs below the upper bioturbation layer reduces risk of chemical exposure to benthic receptors and to humans through ingestion of contaminated fish or shellfish or by direct contact. No models have been developed for AGP to predict sediment deposition rates. Based on assumptions made about the hydrodynamic environment at the Site, overall sedimentation is likely minimal (some erosion, mixing, and resuspension may occur during storms and from boat traffic, but these occurrences would be localized) and Monitored Natural Recovery (MNR) is not a viable component of the selected remedy.

# 2.0 APPLICABLE OR RELEVANT AND APPROPRIATE REQUIREMENTS AND REMEDIAL ACTION OBJECTIVES

Remedial actions for releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants must be selected and carried out in accordance with state and federal requirements. These requirements are referred to as ARARs. RAOs specify COCs, media of concern, potential exposure pathways, and remediation goals. Initially, Site remediation goals for the COCs are developed based on readily available information such as chemical-specific ARARs or other reliable information. The slip RAOs are modified, as necessary, as more information becomes available during the FFS process.

This section presents the preliminary ARARs, RAOs, and COCs to be used in the development of this FFS. The final ARARs, RAOs, and COCs will be developed in the Record of Decision (ROD) for the slip.

## 2.1 Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements

This preliminary ARAR section summarizes the MPCA, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), and MDH ARARs, and to be considered (TBC) criteria for aquatic sediment associated with the Site. Local and Federal ARARs have also been included; however, the list may not include all applicable local and Federal ARARs.

The NCP (40 CFR 300.5) defines "applicable" requirements as: "those cleanup standards, standards of control, and other substantive requirements, criteria, or limitations promulgated under federal environmental or state environmental or facility citing laws that specifically address a hazardous substance, pollutant, contaminant, remedial action, location, or other circumstance found at a CERCLA [Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act] site." Only those promulgated state standards identified by a state in a timely manner that are substantive and equally or more stringent than federal requirements may be applicable.

The NCP (40 CFR 300.5) further defines "relevant and appropriate" requirements as: "those cleanup standards, standards of control, and other substantive requirements, criteria, or limitations promulgated under federal environmental or state environmental or facility citing laws that, while not "applicable" to a hazardous substance, pollutant, contaminant, remedial action, location, or other circumstances at a CERCLA site, address problems or situations sufficiently similar to those encountered at the CERCLA site that their use is well suited to the particular site." Like "applicable" requirements, the NCP also provides that only those promulgated state requirements that are identified in a timely manner and are more stringent than corresponding federal requirements may be relevant and appropriate.

ARARs generally fall into one of the following three classifications:

- **Chemical-specific:** These ARARs are usually health- or risk-based numerical values or methodologies that, when applied to site-specific conditions, result in numerical values. These values establish an acceptable amount or concentration of a chemical that may be found in, or discharged to, the ambient environment. These requirements provide the basis for protective Site remediation levels for the COCs in the designated media.
- **Location-specific:** These ARARs generally restrict certain activities or limit concentrations of hazardous substances solely because of geographical or land use concerns. Requirements addressing wetlands, historic places, floodplains, or sensitive ecosystems and habitats are potential location-specific ARARs.

- **Action-specific:** These ARARs are restrictions on the conduct of certain activities or the operation of certain technologies at a particular site. Examples of action-specific ARARs would be regulations dictating the design, construction, and/or operating procedures for dredging, on-site landfilling, or capping. Action-specific requirements do not themselves determine the cleanup alternative, but define how the chosen cleanup alternative should be achieved.

In addition, criteria, advisories, guidance, and proposed standards developed by federal and state environmental and public health agencies that are not legally enforceable, but contain helpful information, are collectively referred to as TBCs. TBCs can be helpful in carrying out selected remedies or in determining the level of protectiveness of selected remedies. TBCs are meant to complement the use of ARARs, not compete with or replace them. TBCs are included, where appropriate, in the chemical-, location-, and action-specific discussions.

Several federal and state laws govern or provide the framework for remedial actions. Remedial actions must comply with substantive portions of these laws or acts, which were also reviewed during the ARAR development process. The following provides a summary of laws and acts that do not readily fall into one of the chemical-, location-, or action-specific classifications, but are applicable to the slip:

| ARAR/TBC | Citation | Description/Potential Application |
|---|---|---|
| CERCLA | 42 United States Code (USC) §§9601 et seq. | Federal Superfund Law. |
| NCP | 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 300 | Provides organizational structure and procedures for preparing for and responding to discharges of oil and releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants. |
| MERLA | Minn. Stat. §§115B.01 to 115B.20 | State Superfund Law. |
| Water Pollution Control Act | Minn. Stat. chapter (ch.) 115 | Administration and enforcement of all laws relating to the pollution of any waters of the state. |
| Duty to Notify and Avoid Water Pollution | Minn. Stat. §115.061 | Requires notification and recovery of discharge pollutants to minimize or abate pollution of the waters of the state. |
| Pollution Control Agency | Minn. Stat. ch. 116 | Provides organizational structure and procedures for responding to problems relating to water, air, and land pollution. |
| Water Law | Minn. Stat. chs. 103A, 103B, 103C, 103D, 103E; 103F, and 103G | Provides regulations pertaining to any waters of the state, including surface water, wetlands and groundwater. |
| Safe Drinking Water Act | 42 USC §§300f et seq. | Established to protect the quality of drinking water (above or underground). |
| Clean Water Act | 33 USC §§1251 et seq. | Establishes structure for regulating discharges of pollutants and regulating quality standards for surface waters. |
| Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) | 42 USC §§6901 et seq. | Establishes RCRA Program and Regulations. |
| Clean Air Act | 42 USC §§7401 et seq. | Regulates air remissions from stationary and mobile sources. |

### 2.1.1 Chemical-Specific ARARs and TBCs

The following are the chemical-specific ARARs and TBCs associated with the sediments and shall be used to develop site-specific cleanup levels (CULs):

| ARAR/TBC | Citation/Source | Description/Application |
|---|---|---|
| **Sediment** | | |
| SSVs | MDH, 2013. Public Health Consultation, Updated Human Health Screening Values for SLR Sediments: U.S. Steel Site, April. | To be used as benchmark values for making comparisons to surficial sediment chemistry measurements. |
| SQTs | Guidance for the Use and Application of SQTs for the Protection of Sediment-dwelling Organisms in Minnesota. | To be used as benchmark values for making comparisons to surficial sediment chemistry measurements. |
| **All Media** | | |
| Contaminated Sediments Remediation | Contaminated Sediments Remediation. http://www.itrcweb.org/contseds_remedy-selection/. | Guidance to assist in selecting remedial technology most appropriate for a specific site. |
| Contaminated Sediment Remediation | Contaminated Sediment Remediation Guidance for Hazardous Waste Sites, USEPA, December 2005. | Guidance to assist in selecting remedial technology most appropriate for a specific site. |
| Contaminated Sediment Remediation | Use of Amendments for In Situ Remediation at Superfund Sediment Sites, USEPA, April 2013. | Guidance to assist in situ remediation. |
| Site screening guidelines | Working Draft Site Screening Evaluation Guidelines. MPCA Risk-Based Site Evaluation (RBSE) Manual (09/98). | Guidelines and criteria for screening human health and ecological risks. |

**Sediment**

*SSVs (Human Health Risk)*

SSVs are tools for screening contaminated sediments for potential impacts to human health; however, as described in **Section 1.4.3.2**, SSVs will not be used to evaluate sediment contamination at the Site. Furthermore, the potentially complete human health exposure pathway is not considered significant.

*SQT (Ecological Risk)*

To achieve protection and restoration of habitat, minimize exposure of the benthic organisms to contaminated sediments and movement of contaminants up the food chain, Preliminary Sediment Remediation Goals were developed for use in this FFS. The MPCA does not have sediment quality standards. SQTs, adopted for use in the SLR AOC, can be used throughout the state as benchmark values for making comparisons to surficial sediment chemistry measurements as described in **Section 1.4.3.2**. The Midpoint SQT will be used to identify, evaluate, and prioritize sediment-associated risk to ecological health.

**All Media**

*Contaminated Sediments Remediation*

This guidance document assists in selecting remedial technology most appropriate for a specific site based on contaminated sediment and site-specific characteristics:

(http://www.itrcweb.org/contseds_remedy-selection/).

*Contaminated Sediments Remediation*

The USEPA document, Contaminated Sediment Remediation Guidance for Hazardous Waste Sites, presents remedial options available for contaminated sediments discussing advantages and limitations associated with the options.

*Contaminated Sediments Remediation*

The USEPA document, Use of Amendments for In Situ Remediation at Superfund Sediment Sites, presents remedial options using amendments available for contaminated sediments discussing advantages and limitations associated with the options.

*Site Screening Guidelines*

The MPCA Site Screening and Evaluation Document presents an overall process for conducting a Tier 1 evaluation of the various exposure pathways at a site. The screening criteria worksheet can be found at the MPCA website (https://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/risk-based-site-evaluation-guidance).

### 2.1.2 Location-Specific ARARs and TBCs

The Location-Specific ARARs and TBCs for the Site are as follows:

| ARAR/TBC | Citation/Source | Description/Application |
|---|---|---|
| Waters of the State and Groundwater Protection | Minn. Stat. 103G and 103H | Groundwater protection, nondegredation, and best management practices. |
| Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection | 40 CFR Part 6, Appendix A, Section 6.a.(1) | Requires agencies to evaluate potential effects of actions in a floodplain to avoid adverse impacts. |
| Shoreland and Floodplain Management | Minn. Rules ch. 6120 | Conserves economic and natural environmental values (MDNR). |
| St. Louis County Land Use Ordinances | St. Louis County Zoning Ordinances, ch. 1003 | Floodplain management, Manages on-site waste disposal and other site activities. |
| Shoreland Management | Duluth City Code §51-26 et seq. | The City of Duluth requires a permit for any excavation or grading above the Ordinary High Water Mark within 300 feet of a river. |
| Endangered Species Act | 16 USC §1531 et seq.<br>50 CFR §17.11-12 | Conservation of threatened and endangered plants and animals and their habitats. |
| Endangered, Threatened, Special Concern Species | Minn. Rules ch. 6134<br>Minn. Statute, Section 84.0895 | Protection of endangered, threatened, special concern species (MDNR). |
| Migratory Bird Treaty Act | 16 USC Chapter 7, Subchapter II §§703 and 712.2 | Protects migratory birds and their ecosystems. |
| MDH Advisory for St. Louis River | MDH | Provides fish consumption advisories. |

The Site is located within the Lake Superior Drainage Basin. Surface water quality standards and provisions for Class 2B and 3B waters apply. In addition, USEPA and the Great Lakes states agreed in 1995 to a comprehensive plan to restore the health of the Great Lakes. The Final Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System, also known as the Great Lakes

Initiative (GLI), includes criteria for states to use when setting water quality standards for 29 pollutants, including bioaccumulative chemicals of concern, and prohibits the use of mixing zones for these toxic chemicals. Because the surface water at the Site is within the drainage basin of Lake Superior, the ARARs specified in the GLI, Minn. Rules chapter (ch.) 7052 are applicable to the Site. Requirements of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 2012 apply to the Site. In addition, the surface waters adjacent to the Site are identified as an Outstanding International Resource Water (OIRW). The objective for OIRW is to maintain water quality at existing conditions when the quality is better than the water quality standards. Generally, OIRWs are considered surface water quality standards applicable to the SLR for Class 2B and OIRWs, as set forth in Minn. Rules, chs. 7050 and 7052, and to the additional surface water quality standards for the SLR, as set forth in Minn. Rules ch. 7065. The OIRW was established after the ROD was issued.

As stated in Minn. Rules ch. 7050.0210 Subp. 2:

> *Nuisance conditions prohibited. No sewage, industrial waste, or other wastes shall be discharged from either point or nonpoint sources into any waters of the state so as to cause any nuisance conditions, such as the presence of significant amounts of floating solids, scum, visible oil film, excessive suspended solids, material discoloration, obnoxious odors, gas ebullition, deleterious sludge deposits, undesirable slimes or fungus growths, aquatic habitat degradation, excessive growths of aquatic plants, or other offensive or harmful effects.*

Title 40 CFR Part 6, Appendix A, Section 6 Requirements: Requires federal agencies to evaluate the potential effects of actions taken within a floodplain to avoid adversely impacting floodplains wherever possible.

Title 40 CFR Part 6, Appendix A, Section 6.a.(1) Floodplain/Wetlands Determination: Before undertaking an Agency action, each program office must determine whether or not the action will be located in or affect a floodplain or wetlands. The Agency shall utilize maps prepared by the Federal Insurance Administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (Flood Insurance Rate Maps or Flood Hazard Boundary Maps), Fish and Wildlife Service (National Wetlands Inventory Maps), and other appropriate agencies to determine whether a proposed action is located in or will likely affect a floodplain or wetlands. If there is no floodplain/wetlands impact identified, the action may proceed without further consideration of the remaining procedures set in this section. If floodplain/wetlands impact is identified, this section presents procedures that must be taken.

Shoreland and Floodplain Management (Minn. Rules Ch. 6120): Provides standards and criteria intended to preserve and enhance the quality of surface waters, conserve the economic and natural environmental values of shorelands, and provide for the wise use of water and related land resources of the state. St. Louis County Zoning Ordinances, ch. 1003, establish additional floodplain management and manage site activities such as on-site waste disposal.

Shoreland Management Permit (Duluth City Code §51-26 et seq.), as defined by the City of Duluth: Requires a permit for any excavation or grading above the Ordinary High Water Mark within 300 feet of a river. Each alternative will involve some of these activities. The substantive requirements of this permit are found in the ordinance and may govern removal of natural vegetation, grading and filling, placement of roads, sewage and waste disposal, and setbacks.

The Endangered Species Act (16 USC §§1531 et seq.) and the Minnesota Endangered, Threatened, Special Concern Species Act (Minn. Rules ch. 6134): Protect threatened and endangered plants and animals and their habitats.

Title 16 United States Code (USC) Chapter 7, Subchapter II §§703 and 712.2. (The Migratory Bird Treaty Act): Protects migratory birds and their ecosystems by specifying the taking, killing, or possessing migratory birds unlawful. Public Law 95-616, an amendment to this act, provides measures to protect identified ecosystems of special importance to migratory birds such as bald eagles against pollution, detrimental alterations, and other environmental degradations.

The MDH has established various fish consumption advisories for the SLR due to the presence of perfluorochemicals (PFCs), PCBs, and mercury in water and sediments.

### 2.1.3 Action-Specific ARARs and TBCs

The following summarizes the action-Specific ARARs for the Site. In addition, Occupational Safety and Health Standards (Minn. Rules ch. 5205) for worker health, safety, and training are applicable to remedial actions performed at the Site.

| ARAR/TBC | Citation/Source | Description/Application |
|---|---|---|
| Waters of the State (both surface and underground) | Minn. Rules ch. 7050 and 7052 | Surface water quality during remedy construction. |
| Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) | Minn. Stat. §§103G.221-.2373 | Protection of wetlands. |
| Wetlands Conservation | Minn. Rules 8420 | Protection of wetlands, wetland functions for determining public values. |
| Floodplain Management Order | Executive Order 11988 and 40 CFR Part 6, Appendix A, | Regulates remedial action implementation in floodplains. |
| Section 404 Permit and Section 401 Certification (Clean Water Act) | 33 CFR pts 320 and 323; 33 USC §1341 | Applies to discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. |
| National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) permits | Clean Water Act 33 USC §1342 | Surface water quality requirements for discharges of pollutants to waters of the state. |
| Section 10 (Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899) | 33 USC 403 | Applies to activities that will obstruct or alter any navigable water of the U.S. |
| Work in Public Waters | Minn. Stat. §103G.245 | Permit requirements applicable to work in public waters that will change or diminish its course, current, or cross-section. |
| Public Water Resources | Minn. Rules ch. 6115 | Water appropriation permitting, standards and criteria for alterations to structure of public water (MDNR). |
| Minnesota Sediment Quality Targets | Guidance for the Use and Application of Sediment Quality Targets for the Protection of Sediment-dwelling Organisms in Minnesota, MPCA Document Number: tdr-gl-04 | Establishes procedures for PBAZ caps and covers. |
| Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) | WLSSD Industrial Pre-Treatment Ordinance | Requirements for any dredge water discharged into public sanitary sewers. |

| ARAR/TBC | Citation/Source | Description/Application |
|---|---|---|
| Construction and Use of Public Sewers | Minn. Rules ch. 4715 | Governs the use of sewers and public water systems if any dredge water is disposed of in public sewers. |
| MDNR Invasive Species Management | Minn. Statutes 84D.02 | Requirements for sediment transportation if invasive species are present |
| Solid Waste | Minn. Rules ch. 7035 | Requirements and standards for solid waste facilities. |
| Hazardous Waste | Minn. Rules ch. 7045 | Hazardous waste listing, and generator, transport, and facility standards. |
| Air Pollution Emissions and Abatement | Minn. Stat. §116.061 | Duty to notify and abate excessive or abnormal unpermitted air emissions. |
| Ambient Air Quality Standards | Minn. Rules ch. 7009 | Provides air quality standards. |
| Preventing Particulate Matter From Becoming Airborne and Emission Standards | Minn. Rule pts. 7011.0150 and 7011.8010 | Provides measures to control dust and emission standards for hazardous air pollutants. |
| Noise Pollution Control | Minn. Rules ch. 7030 | Noise standards applicable to remedy construction. |

**Water Quality**

If any activity associated with the remedial actions results in an unregulated release, in accordance with the Water Pollution Control Act and Minn. Stat. 115.061, Duty to Notify, a notification and recovery of any pollutants discharged to minimize or abate pollution of the waters of the state is required.

In accordance with Minn. Rules ch. 7050, surface water quality standards for the maintenance and preservation of surface water quality during remedy construction, including discharges from treatment/work and stormwater runoff zones, shall be based on surface water quality standards that currently apply to Class 2B and OIRWs, as set forth in Minn. Rules, chs. 7050 and 7052, and to the additional surface water quality standards for the SLR set forth in Minn. Rules ch. 7065. Therefore, if water is discharged directly to the waters on or adjacent to the Site, it shall be treated to a level that meets applicable surface water discharge standards. Groundwater non-degradation and standards for the protection of groundwater during remedy construction are presented in Minn. Rules 7060.

During remediation, the MPCA would consider the areas in which work is performed as “treatment/work zones,” to which the surface water quality standards normally applicable to the SLR would temporarily not apply. These treatment/work zones would be physically separated from adjacent waters through the use of engineering controls such as single or multiple silt curtains, inflatable dams, sheet piling, or other measures. During construction of the remedy, any discharges occurring within those controlled treatment/work zones, such as the discharge of capping material during capping operations, the release of contaminants during dredging operations, or runoff from activities on shore, would not be subject to water quality standards. Rather, water quality standards would apply outside of the treatment/work zone, beyond the outermost engineering control structure where the water from the treatment/work zone is discharged. Other discharges occurring during remedy construction that are not included in a treatment/work zone, including discharges of treated dredge water, and discharges of stormwater runoff from shoreland modifications outside of the treatment/work zones, would also be subject to regulation.

If water is discharged, it would be treated to a level that meets applicable surface water discharge standards. The MPCA water quality standards may apply to these discharges. Final standards would be determined by the MPCA prior to implementation of the remedial actions. In the event that a standard is exceeded, further management practices would likely be required during remedy construction to reduce the amount of suspended contaminants escaping the treatment/work zone.

**Wetlands, Shoreland and Floodplain Management**

In accordance with Minn. Rules ch. 7050, wetlands at the slip are classified as unlisted wetlands, Class 2B and 3B waters. In accordance with Minn. Rules ch. 8420, compliance with wetland ARARs will involve consultation with the MDNR to determine the category of wetlands present at the slip and any avoidance, mitigation, and replacement that may be necessary. Water quality standards for the maintenance and preservation of surface water quality during remedy construction including discharges from treatment/work and stormwater runoff zones shall be based on surface water quality standards that currently apply to Class 2B and 3B waters and shall comply with Minn. Stat. §§103G.221-.2373. Standards and specifications applicable to shoreland and floodplain management can be found in Executive Order 11988 and 40 CFR Part 6, Appendix A, Minn. Rules ch. 6120.

Minn. Stat. §103G.222 provides that a wetland replacement plan must be approved by the Local Governmental Unit before any Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) wetlands may be drained or filled, unless draining or filling falls within the "De Minimis" exemption or another exemption of Minn. Stat. §103G.2241. WCA wetlands are those wetlands that are not public water wetlands regulated by the MDNR and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). WCA wetlands would be located above the Ordinary High Water Mark. The South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District provides additional guidance regarding WCA requirements for the slip at the following website:
http://www.southstlouisswcd.org/wcact.html.

**Permits and Certifications**

Possible permits for cleanup activities include the following:

*Section 404 Permit (Clean Water Act):* Required for discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. The substantive requirements of this permit shall be met for alternatives that dredge or fill waters of the state. USACE evaluates applications for Section 404 permits. Substantive requirements that may be incorporated within a Section 404 permit for off-site activities can be found in 33 CFR Parts 320 and 323.

*Section 401 Certification:* The Clean Water Act, 33 USC §1341, requires that any application for a Federal permit that may result in a discharge to a navigable water must be accompanied by a certification from the affected state indicating that the discharge will comply with all applicable water quality standards and effluent limitations of the Act. Thus, a Section 401 certification or a 401 certification waiver for remedial action at the slip would be necessary before the USACE may issue a Section 404 permit, and a certification may be necessary before the USACE may issue a Section 10 permit if that permit authorizes a "discharge."

*National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES; Clean Water Act 33 USC §1342):* Discharges of pollutants to waters of the state associated with construction of the selected remedy would be subject to the requirements applicable to a NPDES permit. Discharges could include the discharge of capping material, the discharge of contaminants released and suspended by dredging operations, the discharge of treated dredge water during dredging operations, and the discharge of stormwater runoff from shoreland modifications. These types of discharges would be subject to the same regulatory standards and controls that would apply under an MPCA permit. In addition, NPDES General Permit number MNG990000 was required for managing dredged materials; however, this permit has expired and has not been renewed. According to Managing Dredged Materials in the State of Minnesota (MPCA, 2009), an individual NPDES/State Disposal System (SDS) Dredge Materials Management permit may be required. A NPDES Construction Permit and a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan are required by the MPCA if more than one acre of land is disturbed by excavation activities.

*Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403):* A Section 10 permit is required from the USACE for any construction in or over any navigable water, or the excavation or discharge of material into such water, or the accomplishment of any other work affecting the course, location, condition, or capacity of such waters. The substantive requirements that may be incorporated within a Section 10 permit can be found in 33 CFR Parts 320 and 322.

*Work in Public Waters (Minn. Stat. §103G.245):* A permit from the MDNR is necessary for any work in public waters that will change or diminish its course, current, or cross-section. If an alternative under consideration involves dredging or capping, a public waters permit from the MDNR may be required. The substantive requirements that the MDNR may incorporate within its public waters permit are codified in statute and at Minn. Rules, ch. 6115. These requirements include compensation or mitigation for the detrimental aspects of any major change in the resource. The MDNR permits may require restoration of bathymetry (water depth) and habitat substrate (bottom) as part of the public waters permit. The MDNR would set the specific cover depth and composition requirements.

Additionally, if capping of contaminated sediments is conducted, requirements would include specifications for cap construction. In situ caps constructed for the containment of contaminated sediment must contain an isolation zone (IZ) and a PBAZ. The IZ is the portion of the cap that is applied directly over the contaminated sediments and is designed to isolate and attenuate the slip contaminants that could potentially be transported upward into the PBAZ at concentrations above the CULs by diffusion or advection transport mechanisms. The PBAZ is the area within the cap above the IZ where significant biological activity may potentially be present. The thickness and material specifications for the IZ and PBAZ should be determined based on pore water transport and attenuation modeling.

*Air Emissions and Waste Management Permits:* In accordance with Minn. Stat. §116.081, a permit is required for the construction, installation or operation of an emission facility, air contaminant treatment facility, treatment facility, potential air contaminant storage facility, storage facility, or system or facility related to the collection, transportation, storage, processing, or disposal of waste, or any part thereof, unless otherwise exempted by any agency rule now in force or hereinafter adopted, until plans have been submitted to the agency, and a written permit granted by the agency.

*On-Site Disposal:* The placement of dredged sediment into an on-site confined aquatic disposal (CAD) area and any subsequent seepage from the CAD, if implemented, would be regulated by the MPCA under the requirements applicable to an SDS permit. The legal requirements for an SDS are found in Minn. Stat. §115.07, Minn. Rules, Parts 7065.0100 to 7065.0160 and in other MPCA water quality rules including Minn. Rules chs. 7050 and 7052.

*Discharge into Sewers:* A permit from the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) will be necessary if any dredge water is discharged into the public sewers. Pretreatment standards that would likely apply can be found at:

http://www.wlssd.duluth.mn.us/pdf/WLSSDPretreatmentOrdinance.pdf.

The permit will also include requirements to ensure that there will be no detrimental effects to their bio-solids program. A WLSSD permit would also represent compliance with Minn. Rule, Part 4715.1600 and the MPCA water rules governing indirect discharges.

*Invasive Species:* A prohibited/regulated invasive species permit will be required to transport sediment to a landfill, if invasive species are present near the proposed work area.

CERCLA provides for waiving of necessary permits for on-site work, provided the work is conducted in compliance with the substantial conditions of such permits. Although the permits themselves may not be required on CERLCA Sites, compliance with the substantial conditions of these identified permits shall be met.

**Construction and Use of Public Sewers**

Minn. Rules ch. 4715 governing the use of sewers and public water systems would apply if any water associated with remedial activities is disposed of in public sewers.

**Waste Management**

Solid and hazardous waste management requirements and standards can be found in Minn. Rules chs. 7035 and 7045, respectively. USEPA guidance has consistently stated that Superfund remedies involving movement of contaminated material within the area of a Site where such material is already located (sometimes referred to as an AOC) do not create a “waste” that is subject to RCRA (42 USC §§6901 et seq.) or other waste management requirements. Remedy alternatives that require contaminated materials to be moved to an off-site land disposal site are considered to generate waste that must be managed under applicable waste management requirements.

St. Louis County Zoning Ordinances, ch. 1003, establish additional floodplain management and manage site activities such as on-site waste disposal.

**Ambient Air Quality Standards**

Air quality standards applicable to releases into the air from cleanup activities include Min. Stat. 116.061, Air Pollution Emissions and Abatement. During remedy construction, activities such as transportation, storage and placement of capping material may result in particulate matter becoming airborne. Minn. Rules ch. 7009 establishes ambient air quality standards for criteria pollutants regulated under the Clean Air Act. Compliance points shall be selected in accordance with Minn. Rules ch. 7009. The ambient air quality standards for particulate matter that apply to remedial actions are found at: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=7009.0080.

Control of the generation of airborne particulate matter during remedy construction is regulated in Minn. Rule part 7011.0150, *Preventing Particulate Matter from Becoming Airborne*, which includes measures to control dust that may be generated during remedy construction activities such as transportation, storage, and placement of capping material, which shall be addressed in the remedial design plan. Minn. Rules part 7011.8010, Site Remediation, incorporates the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants applicable during Site remediation activities.

**Noise Pollution Control**

Minn. Rules ch. 7030 establishes noise standards for various land uses. Compliance points will be selected in accordance with Minn. Rules ch. 7030. The noise standards that apply to the selected remedial action can be found at: https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/rules/?id=7030.0040.

### 2.1.4 Other Considerations

Other considerations under MERLA set forth the regulatory requirements, RAOs and CULs that must be met by a remedy to meet the legal standard for a remedy under MERLA and the threshold criterion for protection of public health and welfare and the environment. A remedy, as defined under MERLA, must also include any monitoring, maintenance and institutional controls (ICs) and other measures that MPCA determines are reasonably necessary to assure the protectiveness of the selected remedy over the long term.

It is particularly important to consider the requirements for long-term assurance of protectiveness where the remedy alternatives involve the use of capping or containment to manage contaminated media within the slip. Some requirements may also be necessary to assure long-term protectiveness of alternatives that involve excavation or dredging and off-site disposal of contaminated soil or sediment.

In addition, MERLA requires the MPCA to consider the planned use of the property where the release of contaminants is located when determining the appropriate standards to be achieved by a remedy.

**Long-Term Assurance of Protectiveness**

MERLA requires that a remedy include measures that are reasonably required to assure the ongoing protectiveness of a remedy once the components of the remedy have been constructed and entered their operational phase. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, ICs and monitoring and maintenance requirements. This section discusses the measures that the MPCA determines are reasonably necessary to assure long-term protectiveness.

**Institutional Controls**

Institutional controls are restrictions, conditions or controls on the use of property, groundwater or surface water at a property that are reasonably required to assure the protectiveness of a remedy or other response actions taken at the Site. Areas of the Site where contaminated media remains in place after remedial construction will be subject to ICs (such as easements and restrictive covenants) that are legally binding on current and future owners of the property to assure ongoing protection from disturbance of or exposure to the contamination. Restrictions on use may also be required for areas of the Site where contaminated media are treated and/or removed and where some residual contamination may remain.

Minn. Stat. §115B.16, subd. 2, requires an Affidavit Concerning Real Property Contaminated with Hazardous Substances to be recorded with the St. Louis County recorder by the owner of the property. The Uniform Environmental Covenants Act (UECA) and the authority for requiring environmental covenants can be found in Minn. Stat. ch. 114E. This statute requires MPCA approval of environmental covenants (which include restrictive covenants and access) when there is an environmental response project (which includes superfund cleanups) is overseen by the MPCA. Because the Site is not platted, the UECA may not apply and other ICs such as a City Ordinance may be required to prevent anchoring, fishing, dredging, and other activities that may disturb a cap or contaminated sediments left in place.

**Long-Term Operation and Maintenance, Monitoring, and Contingency Action**

On-site containment facilities and capping of impacted media (sediment) or any other alternative that may leave impacted media on-site will require post-construction monitoring, operation and maintenance (O&M), and contingency action plan to assure that ARARs, RAOs and CULs that apply to the alternative are fully achieved and maintained over time.

General details of the post-construction monitoring, O&M, and contingency action plan requirements would be set forth in the FFS, along with an estimate of the cost to carry out each activity.

Sediment traps or other means of limiting incoming sediment to maintain appropriate water depth may be required; this need will be further evaluated in the design phase of this project. If sediment traps are implemented, long-term maintenance of these traps such as sediment removal will be required.

**Planned Use of Property**

In a provision entitled "Cleanup Standards" (Minn. Stat. §115B.17, subd. 2a), MERLA provides that when the MPCA determines the standards to be achieved by response actions to protect public health and welfare and the environment from a release of hazardous substances, the agency must consider the planned use of the property where the release is located. The purpose of this provision of MERLA is to allow the MPCA to select cleanup standards that provide a level of protection that is compatible with the uses of the Site property that can be reasonably foreseen.

The specific properties directly affected by the remedies are currently used as industrial land. The cleanup standards must provide protection of public health and welfare and the environment that is consistent with any planned or potential future uses of the Site, including natural resource and habitat restoration, navigation and recreational uses. These cleanup standards are also compatible with the use of the adjacent land for residential, recreational, habitat restoration, or commercial and industrial use.

Industrial land use adjacent to the Site includes barge and large vessel traffic at the Site. A water depth (draft) may be required as part of the remedy to maintain current Site use in the future. Draft requirements must be considered in all dredging and capping scenarios. As part of the modifying criteria, State/support agency and community acceptance, draft requirements should be determined. As previously discussed, sediment traps or other means of limiting incoming sediment to maintain appropriate water depth may be required.

## 2.2 Remedial Action Objectives

The RAOs developed by the MPCA for the Site are:

1. Minimize or remove exposure to sediment contaminants that bioaccumulate in the food chain and contribute to fish consumption advisories.
2. Minimize or remove exposure of the benthic organisms to contaminated sediments above sediment cleanup goals.
3. Preserve water depth to enable the current and/or planned use of the slip.
4. Enhance aquatic habitat, if conditions allow, in a manner that contributes to the removal of BUIs.

The following subsection presents preliminary sediment CULs developed to achieve these RAOs.

### 2.2.1 Preliminary Sediment Cleanup Levels

The remedy should meet the Preliminary Sediment CUL to achieve protection of human health (through fish consumption), to minimize exposure of benthic organisms to contaminated sediments, and to stop movement of contaminants up the food chain. The Midpoint SQT for the COCs will serve as the CUL for the COCs. The following table presents the CUL for the COCs identified in **Section 1.4.3.3**.

| AGP/Northland Slip Preliminary CULs | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Contaminant** | **Units** | **CUL** | **Maximum Concentration Detected** |
| Total PAH | µg/kg | 12,300 | 614,188 |
| Arsenic | mg/kg | 21 | 33 |
| Cadmium | mg/kg | 3 | 5 |
| Copper | mg/kg | 91 | 1,170 |
| Lead | mg/kg | 83 | 884 |
| Zinc | mg/kg | 0.64 | 834 |
| PCBs | µg/kg | 370 | 445 |

Notes:
µg/kg – micrograms per kilogram
mg/kg – milligrams per kilogram

# 3.0 DEVELOPMENT AND SCREENING OF ALTERNATIVES

## 3.1 Remedial Technology Identification and Screening Process

Potential technologies for addressing conditions at the Site were identified based upon professional experience of Bay West staff, discussions between Bay West and MPCA staff, and guidance developed for the remediation of contaminated sediment sites (USEPA, 2005; Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council [ITRC], 2014). Information collected during the Sediment RI Report was used to compile the CSM and identify feasible technologies for the Site.

A qualitative approach was used to screen technologies using a three-part ranking system where each technology was evaluated on effectiveness, implementability, and relative cost:

- Effectiveness was evaluated by the predicted ability of the technology under consideration to ensure long-term protection of human health and the environment while minimizing short-term impacts during implementation, as well as the technology's ability to meet RAOs.
- Implementability was evaluated by considering the technical and administrative feasibility of the technology. Technical feasibility includes the ability to achieve RAOs and the avoidance of creating additional risk during implementation, including the degree of disruption in the project area. Administrative feasibility includes the consideration of permits required for technology implementation, availability of disposal facilities and equipment necessary for the technology, and coordination with applicable agencies and stakeholders.
- Relative costs used for technology screening were based on engineering judgment, rather than detailed estimates. Detailed cost estimates were compiled for each individual alternative, which incorporate technologies meeting screening criteria, and are presented in **Section 3.3**.

**Table 2** presents a summary of the technology screening results. The following sections describe the technologies that were screened using the three-part ranking system.

### 3.1.1 Institutional Controls

ICs are restrictions, conditions, or controls on the use of property, ground water, or surface water at a contaminated site that are reasonably required to assure the protectiveness of a remedy or other response actions taken at the Site. If contaminated sediments remain in place after remedial actions are taken, the Site would be subject to ICs (such as easements and restrictive covenants) that are legally binding on current and future owners of the property to assure ongoing protection from disturbance of or exposure to the contamination. Most remedial alternatives include ICs until long-term monitoring (LTM) indicates that risk reduction was achieved and the RAOs have been met (ITRC, 2014). The following information obtained from USEPA sediment remediation guidance (USEPA, 2005) details ICs likely appropriate for use at the Site.

Fish consumption advisories are informational devices that are frequently already in place and incorporated into sediment site remedies. Commercial fishing bans are government controls that ban commercial fishing for specific species or sizes of fish or shellfish. Usually, state departments of health are the governmental entities that establish these advisories and bans. An advisory usually consists of informing the public that they should not consume fish from an area, or consume no more than a specified number of fish meals over a specific period of time from a particular area. Sensitive sub-populations or subsistence fishers may be subject to more stringent advisories. Advisories can be publicized through signs at popular fishing locations, pamphlets, or other educational outreach materials and programs. Consumption advisories are not enforceable controls and their effectiveness can be extremely variable (USEPA, 2005).

For any alternative where subsurface contamination remains in place (e.g., capping, MNR, or an in-water confined disposal site), waterway use restrictions may be necessary to ensure the integrity of the alternative. Examples include restricting boat traffic in an area to establish a no-wake zone, or prohibiting anchoring of vessels. In considering boating restrictions, it is important to determine who can enforce the restrictions, and under what authority and how effective such enforcement was in the past. In addition, a restriction on easements for installing utilities, such as fiber optic cables, can be an important mechanism to help ensure the overall protectiveness of a remedy (USEPA, 2005).

Where contamination remains in place, it may be necessary to work with private parties, state land management agencies, or local governments to implement use restrictions on nearshore areas and adjacent upland properties. For example, construction of boat ramps, retaining walls, or marina development can expose subsurface contamination and compromise the long-term effectiveness of a remedy. Where contaminated sediment exceeding CULs is identified in proximity to utility crossings or other infrastructure and temporary or permanent relocation of utilities in support of a dredging remedy may not be feasible or practical, capping may be desirable even though temporary cap disruption may be necessary periodically (USEPA, 2005).

ICs are incorporated into each of the remedial alternatives developed for this FFS.

### 3.1.2 Monitoring

Monitoring is the collection and analysis of data (chemical, physical, and/or biological) over a sufficient period of time and frequency to determine the status and/or trend in one or more environmental parameters or characteristics. Monitoring should not produce a “snapshot in time” measurement, but rather should involve repeated sampling over time in order to define the trends in the parameters of interest relative to clearly defined management objectives. Monitoring is recommended, and may be necessary, for all types of sediment remedies both during and after remedial action and can be classified as construction monitoring and performance monitoring (also referred to as LTM), respectively. Monitoring may be recommended for some of the alternatives for a variety of reasons, including: 1) to assess compliance with design and performance standards; 2) to assess short-term remedy performance and effectiveness in meeting sediment CULs; and/or 3) to evaluate long-term remedy effectiveness in achieving RAOs and in reducing human health and/or environmental risk. In addition, monitoring data are usually needed to complete the five-year review process where a review is conducted.

Monitoring activities applicable to the Site could include one or more of the following based on the selected remedy:

- Collection of sediment chemical data to ensure that CULs have been achieved (due to dredging, in situ treatments, or degradation);
- Measurements of cover/cap thicknesses to ensure continued isolation of contaminants;
- Visual or physical observation of cap integrity;
- Measurement of COC concentrations in cover/cap material to ensure that contaminants are not migrating into or through the cover/cap; and
- Measurement of toxicity to and bioaccumulation of COCs within aquatic organisms such as benthics and fish in order to evaluate reduction trends.

Construction monitoring may also be performed to ensure that contamination or nuisance materials are not released during construction activities. Construction monitoring activities applicable to the Site include one or more of the following:

- Turbidity monitoring to ensure that the off-site release of suspended sediments containing COCs is mitigated during dredging and/or cover/cap placement;
- Air monitoring to ensure that the off-site release of nuisance and/or contaminated dusts is mitigated during construction activities such as the mixing of sediments and amendment materials, hauling over dirt or gravel roadways, and excavation or other intrusive Site work;
- Periodic sampling of treated dredge contact water to mitigate contaminant inputs to water bodies or local sewage systems and to ensure that treated water meets permit or municipality requirements;
- Periodic sampling of dredged materials to ensure that landfill requirements for acceptance are achieved;
- Periodic sampling of imported materials (e.g., cover/cap materials, shoreline restoration materials, etc.) to mitigate impacts to water bodies or upland areas as a result of placement; and
- Pre- and post-construction soil sampling to access impacts of construction activities on lands used during the construction phase.

Both construction and performance monitoring (referred to as LTM) are incorporated into each of the remedial alternatives developed for this FFS.

### <u>3.1.3 Monitored Natural Recovery</u>

MNR is defined by the National Research Council as a remediation practice that relies on natural processes to protect the environment and receptors from unacceptable exposures to contaminants. This remedial approach depends on natural processes to decrease chemical contaminants in sediment to acceptable levels within a reasonable time frame. With MNR, contaminated sediments are left in place and monitored for ongoing physical, chemical, and biological processes that transform, immobilize, isolate, or remove contaminants until they no longer pose a risk to receptors. Natural processes that contribute to MNR may include sediment burial, sediment erosion or dispersion, and contaminant sequestration or degradation (for example, precipitation, adsorption, or transformation). These natural processes, discussed in detail below, can reduce exposure to receptors (and thus reduce risk) and contribute to the recovery of the aquatic habitat and the ecological resources that it supports. MNR can be used alone or in combination with active remediation technologies to meet RAOs (ITRC, 2014).

### <u>3.1.4 Enhanced Monitored Natural Recovery</u>

Enhanced Monitored Natural Recovery (EMNR) relies on the same natural processes as MNR to decrease chemical contaminants in sediment but includes the application of material or amendments to enhance these natural recovery processes. EMNR can use several technologies including, but not limited to, thin-layer capping and introduction of reactive amendments such as activated carbon (AC). Thin-layer caps (typically up to 1 foot) are often applied as part of an EMNR approach. These caps enhance ongoing natural recovery processes, while minimizing effects on the aquatic environment. Thin-layer caps are not intended to completely isolate the affected sediment, as in a conventional isolation capping remedy. This layer also accelerates the process of physical isolation, which continues over time by natural sediment deposition (ITRC, 2014).

### 3.1.5 In Situ Treatment

In situ sediment treatment involves applying or mixing of an amendment into sediments. Mixing may be achieved either passively, through natural biological processes such as bioturbation, or actively through mechanical means such as augers. In situ treatment technologies can achieve risk reduction in environmentally sensitive environments such as wetlands and submerged aquatic vegetation habitats, where sediment removal or containment by capping might be harmful. Treatment amendments typically reduce concentrations of freely dissolved chemicals that are available for exposure to organisms or that may be mobilized and transferred from sediment to the overlying water column (ITRC, 2014). The following in situ treatment technologies were screened in this evaluation:

- Immobilization – Immobilization treatments add chemicals or cements to reduce the leachability of contaminants. Mechanisms include solidification (encapsulation) or stabilization (chemical or absorptive reactions that convert contaminants to less toxic or mobile forms);
- Enhanced bioremediation – Microbial degradation by bacteria or fungi is enhanced by adding materials such as oxygen, nitrate, sulfate, hydrogen, nutrients, or microorganisms to the sediment;
- Oxidation/reduction – Chemicals are injected into sediment to act as an oxidant/electron acceptor to facilitate aerobic decomposition of organic matter;
- Chemical oxidation – The addition of chemical oxidizers to sediment can cause the rapid and complete chemical destruction of many toxic organic chemicals;
- Phytoremediation – Phytoremediation uses plant species to remove, transfer, stabilize, and destroy contaminants in sediment. Generally limited to sediments in shallow water zones and low concentrations; and
- Adsorption – Adsorbents can be used as sediment amendments for in situ treatment of contaminants. Sorption of metals and organics can take place simultaneously with a suitable combination of sorbents.

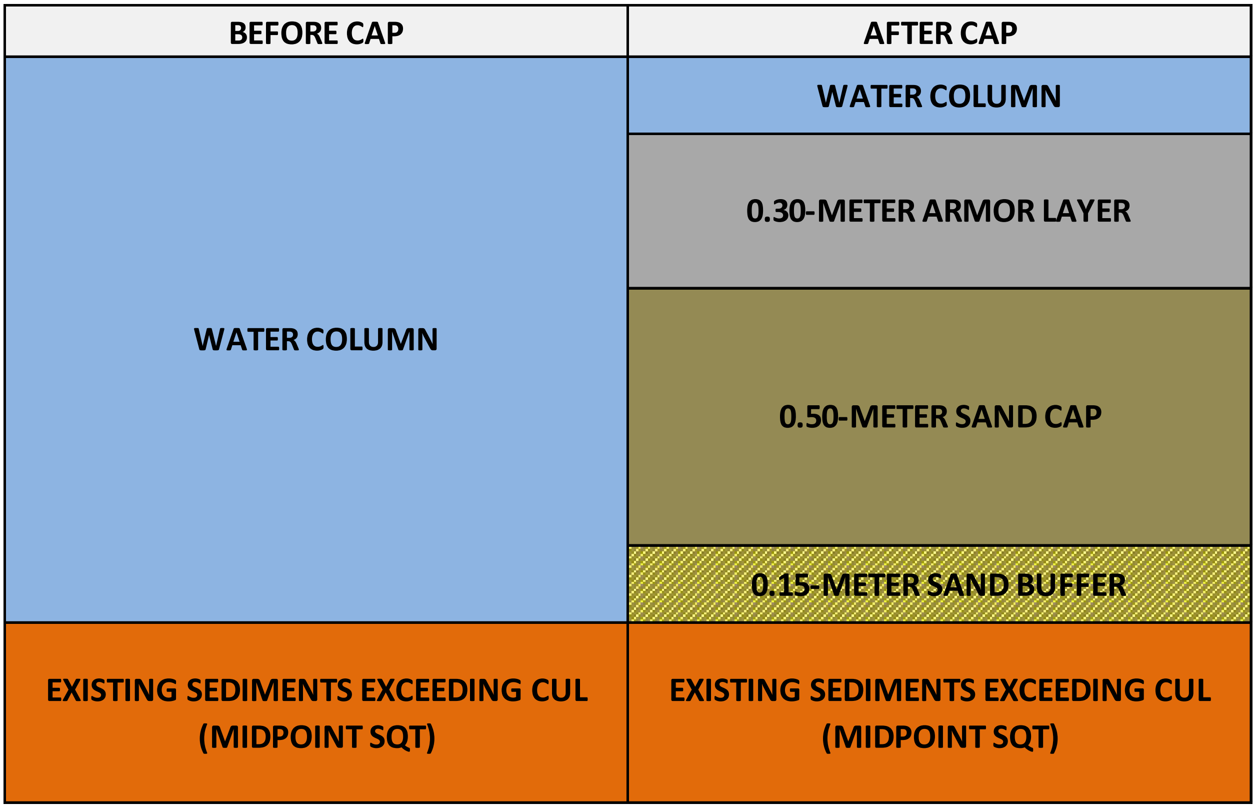
### 3.1.6 Capping

Capping is the process of placing a clean layer of sand, sediments, or other material over contaminated sediments in order to mitigate risk posed by those sediments by creating a physical barrier between the sediment and PBAZ. The cap may also include geotextiles to aid in layer separation or geotechnical stability, amendments to enhance protectiveness, or additional layers to armor and maintain its integrity or enhance its habitat characteristics.

When amendments are mixed directly into sediments, the resulting remedy is termed “in situ treatment.” When these amendments are added to cap material, the remedy is called an “amended cap,” and the amendments enhance the performance of the cap material. The same amendment used in the same proportions is generally more effective at isolating contaminants when used in a cap than when placed directly into sediments. The amended cap provides the benefits of capping in addition to the benefits of the treatment amendment (ITRC, 2014).

A cap designed for use at the Site should consist of at least two parts; an IZ and a PBAZ. The IZ is the portion of the cap that is applied directly over the contaminated sediments and is designed to isolate and attenuate contaminants that could potentially be transported upward into the PBAZ by diffusion or advection transport mechanisms. The PBAZ is the area within the cap above the IZ where biological activity may potentially be present. The PBAZ thickness can be estimated based on the potential organisms (both plant and animal) that may be present or take up residency once the cap is constructed. Contaminant levels should not exceed CULs for

COCs throughout the entire thickness of the PBAZ. The figure below shows a typical cap cross-section; for specific cap design see **Figures 8** through **10**.




Cap design considerations for the Site include the following, as also noted for the SLR Interlake/Duluth Tar Site (Service Engineering Group, 2003):

- Control of contaminant transport through the cap via cap amendments or IZs;
- Use of materials suitable for benthic habitat such as fine to medium-grained sand;
- Use of erosion controls where appropriate such as armoring to prevent scour from prop wash and other sources; and
- Maintenance or creation of water depths suitable for current and/or planned Site use.

Additional concerns regarding cap design, construction, and long-term effectiveness include ebullition of gases originating from below the cap, mixing of cap materials with contaminated sediments during cap construction, and strength of in situ sediments and their ability to support the cap during placement.

### 3.1.7 Dredging and Excavation

Dredging consists of the removal of contaminated sediment from water bodies in order to reduce risks to human health and the environment. Removal is particularly effective for source control (mass removal of hot spots) but potentially less effective for overall risk reduction because of resuspension and residual contamination. The three methods of contaminated sediment removal are mechanical dredging, hydraulic dredging, and excavation. As with any type of removal operation, additional technologies are required to appropriately handle the removed sediment. Dredged material handling technologies may involve transport, dewatering, treatment, and or disposal of sediment (ITRC, 2014). Mechanical dredging, hydraulic dredging, and excavation were screened independently in this evaluation.

After removal, the contaminated sediment can be treated or disposed of in a controlled setting, such as an off-site landfill or other treatment, storage, and disposal facility, an on-site aquatic or terrestrial confined disposal facility (CDF), or a facility that converts the sediment to a reusable product. Disposal methods were evaluated independently from dredging and excavation and are described further in **Section 3.1.9**.

### 3.1.8 Dewatering

Dewatering may be necessary to prepare dredged materials for disposal. Dewatering reduces the water content and hence the volume and weight of the disposed sediment. If the material is to be reused or further treated, dewatering also leads to reduced transportation cost and improves handling properties. The nature and extent of dewatering needed depends on the sediment characteristics and the type of dredging, transport, and disposal methods planned for the removed material (ITRC, 2014). Dewatering technologies may rely upon gravity draining and evaporation processes (e.g., spreading and geotextile bags), mechanical processes (e.g., filter presses), and chemical conditioning (e.g., polymer additions and stabilization additives). The type of dewatering technology selected for use may depend upon the amount of space available for dewatering, the distance of the dewatering space from dredging operations, discharge options for treated dredge contact water, project scope, and cost of implementing the technology.

### 3.1.9 Disposal

Disposal of dredged or excavated sediment is the placement of materials into a controlled site or facility to permanently contain contaminants within the sediment. Management is achieved through the placement of materials into facilities such as sanitary landfills, hazardous material landfills, CDFs, or confined aquatic disposal (CAD) facilities. Off-site landfills are generally used for dredged material disposal when on-site disposal is not feasible or when off-site disposal is more cost effective.

Landfills have been used for sediment volumes of over 1 million cubic yards. Typically, some type of on-site or near-site disposal facility is used at sites where dredged material volumes greater than 200,000 cubic yards are generated. Landfilling is also favored at smaller or moderately sized sites, where transportation is feasible. The associated hazards and cost of transporting and landfilling large volumes of sediment make this disposal method somewhat less desirable than other solutions. Other considerations, such as public and stakeholder acceptance, lack of access to suitable on-site land- or water-based disposal facilities, and proximity to an existing off-site landfill may support the landfilling option.

CDFs are constructed to isolate dredged sediment from the surrounding environment. CDFs can be located upland, near shore, or in the water (as an island). Material staging or a temporary CDF may be necessary for dewatering dredged sediment. CDFs represent a common disposal method and typically are built for larger volume sites (200,000 cubic yards or more of sediment).

The CAD method deposits dredged material within a nearby body of water. A pre-existing depression within the sediment surface is preferred, though one can be created if necessary. Dredged sediment is deposited in the depression and capped with clean material. This process carries with it the same risks associated with using capping as a remedy. The goal of moving the contaminated sediment to the aquatic disposal site is to reduce the risk of exposure to contaminated materials (ITRC, 2014).

Disposal at landfills, CDFs, and CADs were screened independently in this evaluation.

#### 3.1.10 Remedial Technology Screening Results

**Table 2** documents the technology screening process and results. The following remedial technologies were determined to be the most effective, implementable, and cost-effective and were retained for assembling the alternatives described in **Section 3.3**:

- ICs;
- Monitoring;
- Capping;
- Mechanical dredging;
- Gravity and chemical conditioning dewatering; and
- Landfill disposal.

## 3.2 Implementation Assumptions

This section describes important factors and assumptions for implementing one or more of the alternatives presented in **Section 3.3**.

#### 3.2.1 Potential Ongoing Sources

The Sediment RI Report for the Site identified COC concentrations exceeding the Midpoint SQT at the sediment surface. Surface level exceedances suggest that there is an ongoing source of COC contamination, particularly the primary COC (PAHs). A former gas manufacturing site was identified directly upgradient of the Site and a storm sewer outlet discharging at the head of the slip have been identified. Prior to remedy implementation at the Site, ongoing sources of contamination should be investigated and remediated in order to prevent recontamination of the Site.

#### 3.2.2 Staging Area Identification

Implementation of alternatives involving capping and/or dredging of sediments would require identification and construction of a staging area in which to stage and conduct all construction support activities. Based on conversations between Bay West and the Duluth Seaway Port Authority, City of Duluth, and MPCA, the most likely staging area location would be Hallett Dock #7. Hallett Dock #7 is located approximately 6 miles upriver of the Site and is located within part of the Interlake/Duluth Tar (IDT) Superfund site. It is currently being considered for purchase by the Duluth Seaway Port Authority and, therefore, could serve as a staging facility for future remediation projects throughout the Duluth/Superior Harbor. Although previous remedial activities have resulted in capping of sediments between Hallett Dock #7 and lands to the west, the end of the dock is nearly 500 feet in width and could potentially be used as a mooring location for sediment/cap material transport barges operating between Hallett Dock #7 and remediation sites (Sharrow, 2016).

Hallett Dock #7 is not currently used for barge mooring, berthing, or as a staging area, but has served similar purposes in the past. The facilities are currently in fair to poor condition and may require repairs before use. Inspection of the dock walls and their suitability for use should be conducted prior to the design phase. For the purposes of this FFS, the dock end wall was assumed to be in acceptable condition for mooring barges and the dock suitable for use as a staging area for all alternatives. Satellite imagery indicates the presence of a large paved area at the end of Hallett Dock #7, which is appropriately sized for stockpiling materials and stabilizing dredged sediments.

## 3.3 Development of Alternatives

This section describes the alternatives developed for the Site. The alternatives were developed using the selected remedial technologies discussed in **Section 3.1**, the 2014 sampling data summarized in the Sediment RI Report, and the CSM. Sediment sample data from the Sediment RI Report was used to estimate the depth and spatial extent of the remedial areas for the COCs as presented in **Figure 5**. A summary of the proposed alternatives is presented in **Table 3**. Calculations used to determine volumes, rates, and time frames related to remedy construction are presented in Table 2 in **Appendix B**. Assumptions made to compile cost estimates were incorporated into a Technical Analysis and are included in **Appendix B**.

The total present value costs for alternatives presented within this FFS should be considered to be rough order of magnitude (ROM) costs. Based on the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering ROM classification chart, estimates presented in this FFS are considered Class 4. Class 4 estimates are considered Schematic Designs; 15 to 20 percent (%) of the level of effort required to have a complete estimate was done. Actual cost of the project could be 50% greater or 30% less (+50/-30) than the estimates developed thus far. ROM cost estimates for the FSS were compiled using a variety of sources. These sources include construction cost data from RSMeans estimating software for open shop pricing in Duluth, Minnesota; current Bay West and state contract rates for labor, equipment, and sample analysis; personal communication with vendors; historic cost data from projects similar in size and scope; other FFS documents, presentations, or technical papers that provided estimated or real construction cost data; and available online vendor pricing of materials. Present value calculations are included in Table 5 in **Appendix B**.

### 3.3.1 Alternative 1: No Action

The NCP at 40 CFR provides that a No Action Alternative should be considered at every site. A No Action Alternative should reflect the site conditions described in the baseline risk assessment and remedial investigation. A No Action Alternative does not typically include any treatment, engineering controls, or ICs but may include monitoring (USEPA, 2005). A No Action Alternative applied to the Site would not meet criteria for protection of human health and the environment. The No Action Alternative included within this FFS does not include any treatment or engineering controls, ICs, or monitoring. There are no costs associated with the No Action Alternative.

### 3.3.2 Alternative 2: Monitoring and Institutional Controls

This alternative would consist of monitoring Site conditions over an extended period of time to evaluate trends in sediment chemical concentrations, sediment toxicity, and COC bioaccumulation within aquatic organisms (i.e., benthic organisms). A 30-year time frame was evaluated for the purposes of this FFS to remain consistent with the monitoring and evaluation time frames associated with other alternatives. ICs appropriate for maintaining protectiveness, when applicable, of human and environmental health would continue to be implemented for an indefinite period of time and until sufficient contaminant degradation, transformation, isolation, or other natural recovery processes reduce Site-related risks, or until an alternative remedy is implemented.

No construction activities to remove, cap, or treat contaminated sediments would be conducted as part of the Monitoring and Institutional Controls Alternative and no new ICs would be implemented, as none have been identified that would be protective of the identified ecological exposure pathway. This alternative does not provide any immediate improvement to protectiveness but is included as a possible placeholder to be used as an interim response. An interim response may be required should funding sources be unavailable until a later date or be distributed based on site prioritization. The major components of Alternative 2 are described in the following sections.

#### *3.3.2.1 Long-Term Monitoring*

LTM would include collection of Site data to determine trends in sediment chemical concentrations, sediment toxicity, and bioaccumulation of Site COCs in benthic organisms. Fish tissue would likely not be included in the LTM program due to wide habitat ranges and the infeasibility of attributing tissue concentrations of contaminants with a specific site. Monitoring activities would be conducted to track or estimate the time frame to when remedial goals would be met and to ensure that contamination is not increasing or migrating to an extent to increase risks to human health (through fish consumption) or the environment.

Data collection would be conducted periodically for an indefinite period of time or until remedial goals are achieved. For the purposes of this FFS, it was assumed that data collection would occur once every 5 years, starting at year zero, for a period of 30 years, totaling 7 events. If no remedial or developmental activity has taken place to reduce or isolate sediment contamination after 30 years then monitoring will likely continue.

Data collection will consist of the following:

- Collection of sediment chemical data for Site COCs;
- Collection of sediments and toxicity testing on benthic macroinvertebrates;
- Collection of sediments and bioaccumulation testing on benthic macroinvertebrates; and
- Bathymetric surveys.

Potential monitoring locations are presented in **Figure 7**.

#### *3.3.2.2 Institutional Controls*

No relevant or applicable ICs have been identified that would provide protection for the benthic community for this alternative.

#### *3.3.2.3 Cost*

Calculations used to determine unit rate costs for each of the alternatives are presented in Table 2 in **Appendix B**. Other project costs determined on a lump sum basis are presented in Table 3 in **Appendix B**. The monitoring and evaluation program and associated costs developed for each alternative are presented in Table 4 in **Appendix B**. The costs associated with each alternative are presented as Class 4 (+50/-30) estimates and are appropriate for remedial design alternative evaluations only.

The estimated total present value cost for Alternative 2 is $220,000. **Table 4** presents a detailed breakdown of the estimated costs associated with Alternative 2.

### <u>3.3.3 Alternative 3: Cap and Armor</u>

This alternative would consist of constructing a cap over areas of sediment with COC concentrations exceeding the CULs in the remedial footprint area (**Figure 5**), equal to approximately 1.50 acres. The PAH hot spot, sample BW14AGP-013, is assumed to be sufficiently capped through natural sedimentation and will not be addressed. The objective of capping sediments at the Site is to: limit exposure of aquatic organisms to contaminated sediments and thereby limit transfer of chemical contaminants to higher trophic organisms, and enhance the aquatic habitat in a manner that contributes to the removal of BUIs if conditions allow. The cap design should be congruent with current and/or planned use of the Site.

It should be noted that the cap would be constructed in areas of the Site currently suitable and/or used for mooring vessels (**Figure 8**); therefore, armoring will be completed across the entire cap. Current water depth within this area – the southwestern quarter of the Site – ranges from approximately 6 to 23 feet (deeper waters were observed along the actively used southwest dock wall); thus, construction of a 0.95-meter cap (sand plus armor; 3.1 feet) would reduce the available draft by approximately 0.95 meter and result in post-construction water depths ranging from approximately 3 to 20 feet. It is assumed that implementation of this alternative is congruent with current Site use regardless of the loss in available draft. Draft requirement and mooring vessel use at the Site should be determined during the alternative implementation design phase.

A consolidate and cap alternative was not considered for the Site because this alternative is used to consolidate contaminated sediment to deeper areas of the slip and prevent significant draft loss. Contaminated sediment at the Site is already located in deep water areas of the Site; moving sediment elsewhere within the slip will not substantially increase water depth to sediment.

Following cap construction, ICs would be implemented and LTM would commence. The major components of the Cap and Armor alternative are described in the following sections.

#### *3.3.3.1 Cap Design*

Cap material would consist of natural materials suitable for benthic and aquatic plant habitat yet resist migration due to physical forces occurring within the Site, such as wave action, prop wash, and ice scour. Typical capping materials include medium- to coarse-grained sands and armoring consisting of cobbles (placed over sand) in areas susceptible to erosive forces. Specific gradation requirements for cap materials would likely be incorporated into the final remedy design. See **Figure 8** for cap design.

The cap thickness should be sufficient to protect aquatic life from burrowing into contaminated sediments below and prevent against contaminated sediments mixing with cap materials due to plant or animal bioturbation. This “zone” of animal and plant activity is referred to as the PBAZ, as discussed in **Section 3.1.6**. In addition to the PBAZ thickness, additional sand should be placed to account for mixing of contaminated sediments and capping material during cap construction. For the purposes of this FFS, a PBAZ thickness of 0.5 meter (1.6 feet) – corresponding to a submerged aquatic vegetation “habitat zone” – was assumed, along with an additional 0.15 meter (0.5 feet) of cap to account for mixing of sediments and capping material during construction.

It was assumed for the purposes of the cost analysis that sand would be purchased from an upland borrow source. Previously dredged materials, such as those contained within the Erie Pier CDF, could also be investigated for use at the Site as capping material. Armoring would also be purchased from an upland borrow source and would be placed only in areas susceptible to prop wash. The area assumed to receive armoring is shown on **Figure 8**. A total of approximately 5,200 cubic yards of sand and 2,400 cubic yards of cobble (armoring material) would be required for cap construction.

#### *3.3.3.2 Long-Term Monitoring*

LTM would commence after remedy implementation and would include collection of Site data to: ensure that cap integrity is maintained as long as COCs remain in sediments above the CUL; ensure that ICs continue to be enforced as long as COCs remain in sediments above the CUL; and to ensure that sediment contaminants are not migrating into or through the cap.

LTM data collection would be conducted periodically for an indefinite period of time or until concentrations of COCs in sediments beneath the cap attenuate to levels below the CULs and are deemed protective of human health (through fish consumption) and the environment. For the purposes of this FFS, it was assumed that data collection would occur once every 5 years for a period of 30 years. The first monitoring event will take place 5 years from remedy completion. It is assumed that a pre-design investigation will take place prior to remedy design and will serve as baseline data for comparison to future monitoring and evaluation events. Pre-design costs were not included in the cost analysis. If attenuation of COC concentrations to levels below the CULs does not occur after 30 years, then monitoring will likely continue.

Data collection will consist of the following:

- Collection of sediment samples from below the cap to be analyzed for Site COCs;
- Collection of cap samples to be analyzed for Site COCs;
- Measurements/coring of cap thicknesses to ensure continued isolation of contaminants and physical observation of cap integrity;
- Bathymetric surveys; and
- Review of IC enforcement status.

Potential monitoring locations are presented in **Figure 8**.

##### *3.3.3.3 Institutional Controls*

ICs applicable to this alternative include those that would protect future cap integrity. These include prevention of anchoring within the footprint of capped areas, prevention of future construction of docks or piers or other invasive improvements to existing dock walls, and prevention of future dredging activities within the Site.

##### *3.3.3.4 Cost*

Calculations used to determine unit rate costs for each of the alternatives are presented in Table 2 in **Appendix B**. Other project costs determined on a lump sum basis are presented in Table 3 in **Appendix B**. The monitoring and evaluation program and associated costs developed for each alternative are presented in Table 4 in **Appendix B**. The costs associated with each alternative are presented as Class 4 (+50/-30) estimates and are appropriate for remedial design alternative evaluations only.

The estimated total present value cost for Alternative 3 is $1,700,000. **Table 5** presents a breakdown of the estimated costs associated with Alternative 3.

#### 3.3.4 Alternative 4: 1-Meter Dredge, Cap, and Armor

This alternative would consist of dredging 1 meter of sediment within the remedial footprint area of COC concentrations exceeding the CULs. The remedial footprint area is presented in **Figure 5** and equals approximately 1.50 acres. The Total PAH hot spot, sample BW14AGP-013, is assumed to be sufficiently capped through natural sedimentation and will not be addressed. The dredged sediments would be transported by barge to a staging area, stabilized with amendment materials as needed, transported by roadway, and disposed of at an off-site landfill. Once dredging is complete the area would be capped. The objective of capping sediments at the Site is to: limit exposure of aquatic organisms to contaminated sediments and thereby limit transfer of chemical contaminants to higher trophic organisms, and enhance the aquatic habitat in a manner that contributes to the removal of BUIs if conditions allow. The purpose of including dredging in the alternative is to provide an offset to draft losses as a result of cap placement. The cap design should be congruent with current and/or planned use of the Site.

It should be noted that the cap would be constructed in areas of the Site currently suitable and/or used for mooring vessels (**Figure 9**); therefore, armoring will be completed across the entire cap. Current water depth within the area – the southwestern quarter of the Site – ranges from approximately 6 to 23 feet; this depth will be maintained by dredging 1 meter prior to cap placement.

Following cap construction, ICs would be implemented and LTM would commence. The major components of the 1-Meter Dredge, Cap, and Armor Alternative are described in the following sections.

#### *3.3.4.1 Dredging Implementation*

Dredging will be included in Alternative 4 to offset loss in draft as a result of cap placement. Dredging would include removal of 1 meter of sediments with COC concentrations exceeding the CUL. The remedial footprint area is presented in **Figure 5** and equals approximately 1.50 acres. The total volume of in situ sediments requiring removal is estimated to be 7,900 cubic yards.

Sediments mechanically dredged from the Site are expected to have entrained and interstitial water (i.e., dredge contact water) making them unsuitable for direct and/or immediate transportation to an off-site landfill. Therefore, dredged sediments would require dewatering/stabilization in order for them to pass the paint filter test (i.e., essentially no free water) and make them suitable for transportation and disposal. One method of dewatering/stabilizing sediments would rely upon the addition of amendments (such as Portland Cement) to the dredged sediments and was incorporated into Alternative 4 cost analysis.

Dredge contact water would be generated during dredging activities from two sources: interstitial water contained within the dredged sediments and surface water enclosed within the bucket during dredging. Dredge contact water would require treatment prior to discharge. Discharge options for dredge contact water could include discharging to the WLSSD sanitary sewer or back into the SLR. The selected discharge location would determine the extent of treatment required to meet acceptance or permit requirements. Discharge location and treatment options should be investigated further during the design phase; however, for the purposes of this FFS, a system composed of solids settling/clarification, sand filtration, bag filtration, and granular activated carbon (GAC) was assumed for the cost analysis. The disposal option evaluated for Alternative 4 is off-site landfill disposal. Stabilized sediments would be periodically sampled to ensure that landfill requirements for disposal are continuously met It is assumed that sediments dredged from the Site will be classified as non-hazardous based on historic sample concentrations. Potential off-site landfills evaluated for this FFS include Vonco V Waste Management Campus located at 1100 West Gary Street in Duluth, Minnesota (approximately 12 miles west of the Site) and Shamrock Environmental Landfill located at 761 Highway 45 in Cloquet, Minnesota (approximately 20 miles west of the Site).

#### *3.3.4.2 Cap Design*

Cap material would consist of natural materials suitable for benthic and aquatic plant habitat yet resist migration due to physical forces occurring within the Site, such as wave action, prop wash, and ice scour. Typical capping materials include medium- to coarse-grained sands and armoring consisting of cobbles (placed over sand) in areas susceptible to erosive forces. Specific gradation requirements for cap materials would likely be incorporated into the final remedy design. See **Figure 9** for cap design.

The cap thickness should be sufficient to protect aquatic life from burrowing into contaminated sediments below and prevent against contaminated sediments mixing with cap materials due to plant or animal bioturbation. This "zone" of animal and plant activity is referred to as the potentially bioactive zone or PBAZ, as discussed in **Section 3.1.6**. In addition to the PBAZ thickness, additional sand should be placed to account for mixing of contaminated sediments and capping material during cap construction. For the purposes of this FFS, a PBAZ thickness of 0.5 meter (1.6 feet) – corresponding to a submerged aquatic vegetation "habitat zone" – was assumed, along with an additional 0.15 meter (0.5 feet) of cap to account for mixing of sediments and capping material during construction.

It was assumed for the purposes of the cost analysis that sand would be purchased from an upland borrow source. Previously dredged materials, such as those contained within the Erie Pier CDF, could also be investigated for use at the Site as capping material. Armoring would also be purchased from an upland borrow source and would be placed only in areas susceptible to prop wash. The area assumed to receive armoring is shown on **Figure 9**. A total of approximately 5,200 cubic yards of sand and 2,400 cubic yards of cobble (armoring material) would be required for cap construction.

#### *3.3.4.3 Long-Term Monitoring*

LTM would commence after remedy implementation and would include collection of Site data to: ensure that cap integrity is maintained as long as COCs remain in sediments above the CUL; ensure that ICs continue to be enforced as long as COCs remain in sediments above the CUL; and to ensure that sediment contaminants are not migrating into or through the cap.

LTM data collection would be conducted periodically for an indefinite period of time or until concentrations of COCs in sediments beneath the cap attenuate to levels below the CULs and are deemed protective of human health (through fish consumption) and the environment. For the purposes of this FFS, it was assumed that data collection would occur once every 5 years for a period of 30 years. The first monitoring event will take place 5 years from remedy completion. It is assumed that a pre-design investigation will take place prior to remedy design and will serve as baseline data for comparison to future monitoring and evaluation events. Pre-design costs were not included in the cost analysis. If attenuation of COC concentrations to levels below the CULs does not occur after 30 years then monitoring will likely continue.

Data collection will consist of the following:

- Collection of sediment samples from below the cap to be analyzed for Site COCs;
- Collection of cap samples to be analyzed for Site COCs;
- Measurements/coring of cap thicknesses to ensure continued isolation of contaminants and physical observation of cap integrity;
- Bathymetric surveys; and
- A review of IC enforcement status.

Potential monitoring locations are presented in **Figure 9**.

#### *3.3.4.4 Cost*

Calculations used to determine unit rate costs for each of the alternatives are presented in Table 2 in **Appendix B**. Other project costs determined on a lump sum basis are presented in Table 3 in **Appendix B**. The monitoring and evaluation program and associated costs developed for each alternative are presented in Table 4 in **Appendix B**. The costs associated with each alternative are presented as Class 4 (+50/-30) estimates and are appropriate for remedial design alternative evaluations only.

The estimated total present value cost for Alternative 4 is approximately $3,800,000. **Table 6** presents breakdowns of the estimated costs associated with Alternative 4. It should be noted that the condition of dock walls is unknown and stability concerns could occur due to dredging; therefore, stability of the dock walls should be investigated during the remedial design phase. Costs related to any potential reconstruction of the dock walls were not incorporated into the cost analyses for Alternative 4 as the condition and ownership of the dock walls is unknown at this time.

### 3.3.5 Alternative 5: Dredge with Thin-Layer Cover

A dredging alternative would consist of complete removal of all sediments with COC concentration exceeding the CULs in the remedial footprint area. The Total PAH hot spot, sample BW14AGP-013, is assumed to be sufficiently capped through natural sedimentation and will not be addressed. Pre-design investigation, as previously discussed, will determine the vertical extent of contamination at sample locations BW14AGP-003, 004, and 006 and additional dredging in these areas will be completed as necessary.

Removal of contaminated sediments would mitigate exposure of aquatic and human receptors (through fish consumption) to sediment contaminants and also increase draft in dredged areas of the Site, thus allowing for achievement of RAOs. The dredged sediments would be transported by barge to a staging area, stabilized with amendment materials as needed, transported by roadway, and disposed of at an off-site landfill. Following sediment removal, a 0.15-meter thin-layer sand cover would be placed to reduce surface concentration of dredge residuals through mixing of the upper sediment layer. ICs and a LTM program would not be implemented following completion of remedy construction if complete removal of contaminated sediments is achieved. Complete removal was assumed for the purposes of this FFS and, therefore, IC/LTM costs are not incorporated into the cost analysis.

The major components of this alternative are described in the following sections.

#### *3.3.5.1 Dredging Implementation*

A dredging alternative would include removal of all sediments with COC concentrations exceeding the CUL, as stated previously. The remedial footprint area is presented in **Figure 5** and equals approximately 1.50 acres. Dredging would be conducted down to the maximum depth of observed sediment contamination (**Figure 10**) exceeding the CULs. Total volume of contaminated sediment in the remedial footprint area is approximately 22,000 cubic yards. The approximate volume may increase based on pre-design vertical delineation results, but for the purposes of this FFS, 22,000 cubic yards will be the assumed volume of contamination.

Over-dredging of sediments may be conducted to ensure that contamination is removed in a time- and energy-efficient manner and to reduce the mass of dredge residuals remaining after dredging completion. A 1 foot (0.30 meter) over-dredge is assumed for the purposes of this FFS, which would increase the total dredge volume to 24,000 cubic yards.

It was assumed for the purposes of this FFS that a 0.15-meter thin-layer sand cover would be constructed over the entire remedial area following dredging completion. The cover would be constructed to reduce the concentration of dredge residuals on the sediment surface through mixing of residual sediments and clean sand and also to improve benthic habitat. Final cover specifications would be determined during the design phase.

Sediments mechanically dredged from the Site are expected to have entrained and interstitial water (i.e., dredge contact water) making them unsuitable for direct and/or immediate transportation to an off-site landfill. Therefore, dredged sediments would require dewatering/stabilization in order for them to pass the paint filter test (i.e., essentially no free water) and make them suitable for transportation and disposal. One method of dewatering/stabilizing sediments would rely upon the addition of amendments (such as Portland Cement) to the dredged sediments and was incorporated into the dredge alternative cost analysis. Dredge contact water would be generated during dredging activities from two sources: interstitial water contained within the dredged sediments and surface water enclosed within the bucket during dredging. Dredge contact water would require treatment prior to discharge. Discharge options for dredge contact water could include discharging to the WLSSD sanitary sewer or back into the SLR. The selected discharge location would determine the extent of treatment required to meet acceptance or permit requirements. Discharge location and treatment options should be investigated further during the design phase; however, for the purposes of this FFS, a system composed of solids settling/clarification, sand filtration, bag filtration, and GAC was assumed for the cost analysis. The disposal option evaluated for the dredge alternative is off-site landfill disposal. Stabilized sediments would be periodically sampled to ensure that landfill requirements for disposal are continuously met. It is assumed that sediments dredged from the Site will be classified as non-hazardous based on historic sample concentrations. Potential off-site landfills evaluated for this FFS include Vonco V Waste Management Campus located at 1100 West Gary Street in Duluth, Minnesota (approximately 12 miles west of the Site) and Shamrock Environmental Landfill located at 761 Highway 45 in Cloquet, Minnesota (approximately 20 miles west of the Site).

#### *3.3.5.2 Cost*

Calculations used to determine unit rate costs for each of the alternatives are presented in Table 2 in **Appendix B**. Other project costs determined on a lump sum basis are presented in Table 3 in **Appendix B**. The costs associated with each alternative are presented as Class 4 (+50/-30) estimates and are appropriate for remedial design alternative evaluations only.

The estimated total present value cost for Alternative 5 is $4,800,000. **Table 7** presents a breakdown of the estimated costs associated with Alternative 5. As stated previously, dredging may impact dock wall stability and reconstruction may be necessary. Costs related to any potential reconstruction of the dock walls were not incorporated into the cost analyses for Alternative 5 as the condition and ownership of the dock walls is unknown at this time.

# 4.0 REMEDY SELECTION CRITERIA

The alternatives were evaluated and compared using the NCP remedy selection criteria outlined below and in general accordance with USEPA guidelines for feasibility studies (USEPA, 1990). The NCP remedy selection criteria are divided into three groups based on the function of the criteria in remedy selection. The NCP definitions of each criterion are included below. Green Sustainable Remediation (GSR) criteria were also evaluated during this FFS and are included as a fourth group of criteria. Additional detail may be added from MPCA and/or USEPA guidance where appropriate.

## 4.1 Threshold Criteria

The Threshold Criteria relate to statutory requirements that each alternative must satisfy in order to be eligible for selection and include the following:

### 4.1.1 Overall Protection of Human Health and the Environment

Alternatives shall be assessed to determine whether they can adequately protect human health and the environment, in both the short- and long-term, from unacceptable risks posed by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants present at the Site by eliminating, reducing, or controlling exposures to levels established during development of remediation goals. Overall protection of human health and the environment draws on the assessment of other evaluation criteria, especially long-term effectiveness and permanence, short-term effectiveness, and compliance with ARARs.

### 4.1.2 Compliance with Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements

The alternatives shall be assessed to determine whether they attain applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements under federal environmental laws and state environmental or facility citing laws or provide grounds for invoking a waiver.

## 4.2 Primary Balancing Criteria

The Primary Balancing Criteria are the technical criteria upon which the detailed analysis is primarily based and include the following.

### 4.2.1 Long-Term Effectiveness and Permanence

Alternatives shall be assessed for the long-term effectiveness and permanence they afford, along with the degree of certainty that the alternative will prove successful. Factors that shall be considered, as appropriate, include the following:

1. Magnitude of residual risk remaining from untreated waste or treatment residuals remaining at the conclusion of the remedial activities. The characteristics of the residual should be considered to the degree that they remain hazardous, taking into account their volume, toxicity, mobility, and propensity to bioaccumulate.
2. Adequacy and reliability of controls, such as containment systems and ICs, that are necessary to manage treatment residuals and untreated waste. This factor addresses, in particular, the uncertainties associated with land disposal for providing long-term protection from residuals; the assessment of the potential need to replace technical components of the alternative, such as a cap, a slurry wall, or a treatment system; and the potential exposure pathways and risks posted should the remedial action need replacement.

#### 4.2.2 Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility, or Volume Through Treatment

The degree to which alternatives employ recycling or treatment that reduces toxicity, mobility, or volume shall be assessed, including how treatment is used to address the principal threats posed by the Site. Factors that shall be considered, as appropriate, include the following:

1. The treatment or recycling processes the alternatives employ and materials they will treat;
2. The amount of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants that will be destroyed, treated or recycled;
3. The degree of expected reduction in toxicity, mobility, or volume of the waste due to treatment or recycling and the specification of which reductions(s) are occurring;
4. The degree to which the treatment is irreversible;
5. The type and quantity of residuals that will remain following treatment, considering the persistence, toxicity, mobility, and propensity to bioaccumulate of such hazardous substances and their constituents; and
6. The degree to which treatment reduces the inherent hazards posed by principal threats at the slip.

#### 4.2.3 Short-Term Effectiveness

The short-term impacts of alternatives shall be assessed considering the following:

1. Short-term risks that might be posed to the community during implementation of an alternative;
2. Potential impacts on workers during remedial action and the effectiveness and reliability of protective measures;
3. Potential environmental impacts of the remedial action and the effectiveness and reliability of mitigating measures during implementation; and
4. Time until protection is achieved.

#### 4.2.4 Implementability

The ease or difficulty of implementing the alternatives shall be assessed by considering the following types of factors, as appropriate:

1. Technical feasibility, including technical difficulties and unknowns associated with the construction and operation of a technology, the reliability of the technology, ease of undertaking additional remedial actions, and the ability to monitor the effectiveness of the remedy;
2. Administrative feasibility, including activities needed to coordinate with other offices and agencies and the ability and time required to obtain any necessary approvals and permits from other agencies (for off-site actions); and
3. Availability of services and materials, including the availability of adequate off-site treatment, storage capacity, and disposal capacity and services; the availability of necessary equipment and specialists, and provisions to ensure any necessary additional resources; the availability of services and materials; and the availability of prospective technologies.

#### 4.2.5 Costs

The types of costs that shall be assessed include the following:

1. Capital costs, including both direct and indirect costs;
2. Annual O&M costs; and
3. Net present value of capital and O&M costs.

The USEPA guidance document "A Guide to Developing and Documenting Cost Estimates During the Feasibility Study" (USEPA, 2000) was used to develop cost estimates presented in this FFS. The cost estimates developed for this FFS are primarily for the purpose of comparing remedial alternatives during the remedy selection process, not for establishing project budgets.

### 4.3 Modifying Criteria

The third group is made up of the Modifying Criteria specified below. These last two criteria are assessed formally after the public comment period, although to the extent that they are known will be factored into the identification of the preferred alternative.

#### 4.3.1 State/Support Agency Acceptance

Assessment of state/agency concerns may not be completed until comments on this FFS are received, but may be discussed, to the extent possible, in the proposed plan issued for public comment. The state/agency concerns that shall be assessed include the following:

1. The state's/agency's position and key concerns related to the preferred alternative and other alternatives; and
2. State/agency comments on ARARs or the proposed use of waivers.

#### 4.3.2 Community Acceptance

This assessment includes determining which components of the alternatives interested persons in the community support, have reservations about, or oppose. This assessment may not be completed until comments on the proposed plan are received.

### 4.4 Green Sustainable Remediation

The last group is made up of the GSR criteria specified below. There are six criteria included with this analysis, which are then summarized to provide each alternative with an overall GSR rating. The six GSR criteria evaluated with this FFS include the following:

- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions;
- Toxic Chemical Usage and Disposal;
- Energy Consumption;
- Use of Alternative Fuels;
- Water Consumption; and
- Waste Generation.

# 5.0 COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES

The purpose of the comparative analysis is to identify and compare advantages and disadvantages of each evaluated alternative relative to one another with respect to remedy selection criteria presented in **Section 4.0** in order to determine which of the alternatives best meets those criteria. The comparative analysis is documented in this section and summarized in **Tables 8** and **9**. **Table 10** presents a numerical comparison of the evaluated alternatives.

## 5.1 Threshold Criteria

### 5.1.1 Overall Protection of Human Health and the Environment

Only those alternatives that would meet the threshold criteria of providing overall protection of human health and the environment were carried forward with the comparative analysis. Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 are not protective of human health or the environment, but were carried forward. Alternative 1 is required for analysis under the NCP. Should anticipated future Site use change, Alternative 2 may provide an interim alternative in which monitoring is completed while future use and a suitable alternative are determined. Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 would adequately protect human health and the environment from unacceptable risks posed by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants present at the Site. Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 would eliminate, reduce, or control exposure to contaminated sediment; however, contaminated sediment would remain in-place under Alternatives 3 and 4 requiring monitoring to ensure long-term effectiveness. Alternative 5 would provide the highest level of protection, since contaminated sediments would be removed from the aquatic environment.

### 5.1.2 Compliance with Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements

As previously described, Alternative 1 and 2 do not meet the threshold criteria, but were carried forward. Alternative 3 through Alternative 5 comply with the identified ARARs.

## 5.2 Balancing Criteria

### 5.2.1 Long-Term Effectiveness and Permanence

Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 are not effective in the long-term or permanent. Alternatives 3 and 4 are effective in the long-term. However, contaminated sediment would remain in place under Alternatives 3 and 4, requiring long-term O&M and ICs to ensure long-term effectiveness; therefore, they are not as permanent. Disposal of sediment at an off-site landfill would be equally effective in the long-term. Since all contaminated sediments would be removed, Alternative 5 would provide the most permanence, even though contaminants would not be permanently destroyed.

In summary, Alternative 5 will provide a high achievement of this criterion by removing all of the contaminated sediment in the aquatic environment above the CULs. Alternatives 3 and 4 will provide a moderate and moderate to high achievement of this criterion, respectively. Alternatives 3 and 4 isolate contaminated sediments through capping, more over Alternative 4 removes approximately 1 meter (3.3 feet) of contaminated sediment in the aquatic environment above the CUL. Alternatives 1 and 2 provide no achievement of these criteria. No physical barriers or contaminated sediment removal occur in these alternatives.

### 5.2.2 Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility, or Volume Through Treatment

Treatment of contaminants sediments to reduce toxicity, mobility, or volume is not a major component of any of the evaluated alternatives. However, with Alternatives 4 and 5, the addition of a solidification agent to dredged sediment is proposed as a means to bind excess free water.

Addition of the solidification agent would indirectly reduce the toxicity and mobility of sediment disposed of at an off-site landfill. The amount of dredged sediment to be removed from the environment and stabilized is included in **Table 3**. Therefore, removal of contaminants from the aquatic environment and treatment of the sediments would provide a reduction in toxicity and mobility of contaminants. Removal and treatment of the contaminants would be considered permanent.

Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 would not provide a reduction in the toxicity, mobility, or volume through treatment. Alternative 4 removes a portion (1 meter) of contaminated sediment. In addition, for Alternatives 3 and 4 the contaminated sediment would be capped in-place, reducing the mobility of the sediment.

In summary, Alternative 5 will provide the highest achievement of this criterion by removing all of the contaminated sediment in the aquatic environment above the CULs. Alternative 4 would be the next highest with partial removal of contaminated sediment. Some contaminated sediment would remain in place underneath a 0.95-meter cap (3.1 feet). Alternative 3 will provide a moderate achievement of this criterion, since contaminated sediment would remain in the aquatic environment underneath a 0.95-meter cap. Alternative 1 and 2 provide the lowest achievement of this criterion as no reduction in mobility is provided.

### 5.2.3 Short-Term Effectiveness

Short-term effectiveness associated with Alternative 1 and 2 are moderate. No adverse impacts due to remediation activities would occur but risks from contaminated sediments are not addressed in either Alternative. The rest of the alternatives would have some short-term risks during implementation of the remedy. Alternatives 3, 4 and 5 require varying amounts of dredging/capping that may impact short-term effectiveness. The potential short-term risks increase as the volume of contaminated sediment to be dredged increases due to additional coordination. The potential short-term risks to the community and workers with Alternatives 4 and 5 are associated with increase boat/barge traffic, safety, noise, and related impacts due to working in the Duluth Harbor and other publicly accessible locations. There are also potential short term risks to workers from dust created from stabilization agents that are stockpiled and mixed. Truck transportation of dredged sediments to an off-site landfill would also have an increase in the short-term risks to the community and workers.

Short-term adverse effects to aquatic habitat and biota would be similar among Alternatives 3, 4, and 5, and would include displacement of fish and smothering of benthic organisms; however, Alternative 3 would likely present less adverse effects since no dredging will take place only capping. Benthic organisms would be expected to be re-established for all alternatives within several growing seasons.

Short-term adverse effects to surface water may also occur during dredging and capping/habitat restoration activities. Surface water control structures have shown that they are reliable in minimizing these short-term adverse effects.

Short-term risks with dock wall stability during dredging operations for Alternatives 4 and 5 are also a concern and increase significantly with the total dredging option.

**Table 3** presents the estimated time for construction completion at the Site. The time frame estimates do not include additional construction time that would be required at the staging area including: construction of a gravel staging pad, stabilization, and off-site transportation to a landfill (Alternatives 4 and 5).

Overall, Alternative 3 will have the highest achievement of the short-term effectiveness criterion followed by Alternatives 1 and 2. Alternatives 4 and 5 will have low achievement of short-term effectiveness criterion due to an increase in short-term risks from dredging, stabilizing, and hauling contaminated sediment.

### 5.2.4 Implementability

There are no implementability concerns with Alternative 1 and Alternative 2. Dredging, capping, restoration, surface water control structures, as well as monitoring and O&M that would be required under Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 are all technically feasible and implementable from an engineering perspective. These technologies have been implemented successfully at other sediment sites and could be readily implemented at the slip. Services and materials are available for implementing each component of the remedy.

Dredging contaminated sediment with significant debris may pose additional but not insurmountable difficulties (Alternatives 4 and 5). Vertical extent of contamination is unknown at this time; extent of contamination may increase the difficulty to implement (Alternatives 4 and 5). Vertical extent of contamination should be defined prior to implementation of an alternative. In addition, there are concerns with the stability of the dock walls during dredging activities (Alternatives 4 and 5). Dock wall inspection should be conducted prior to implementing an alternative; this cost estimate is not included for Alternatives 4 and 5. There would be a higher risk to the stability of the dock walls under a total removal scenario (Alternative 5).

Weather could significantly impact productivity, particularly if done in the early spring or late fall. High winds in the late fall produce large waves that could impact productivity. Barge traffic would be postponed in the spring until ice breaking in the harbor is completed. Winter or freezing conditions in the fall could also impact productivity. Additionally, seasonal based restrictions related to fish spawning should be considered and could significantly impact productivity. Potential restrictions should be investigated through the MDNR. Alternative 5 has the longest estimated time to complete and, therefore, would be the most impacted by weather and potential seasonal based restrictions.

Monitoring can be completed to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy. Monitoring the effectiveness of the remedy could be more challenging, as dredging will be conducted under water; however, specialized equipment is available. Dock wall inspection, equipment staging and surface water controls would also be necessary to accommodate Alternatives 3, 4, and 5.

Implementability also includes administrative feasibility of the remedy. As with most sediment remediation activities, multiple State and Federal agencies and other stakeholders input is required, providing a lower achievement of administrative feasibility of implementing a remedy. Additional time will be required to obtain any necessary approvals and permits from other agencies. Both Alternatives 4 and 5 will require more coordination with other regulatory agencies than Alternative 3, as no off-site disposal will be required. Permits for capping, however, would be required for Alternatives 3 and 4.

In summary, Alternative 1 has no actions to be implemented, so will provide the greatest achievement of the implementability criterion. Alternative 2 has minimal actions implemented so will be the second most implementable. Alternative 3 is third easiest to implement since it requires no dredging. Alternative 5 will provide a low achievement of the implementability criterion. Alternative 4 includes implementability challenges associated with both Alternatives 3 and 5 as it is a combination of both technologies. Therefore, the partial removal scenario would likely provide the lowest achievement of the implementability criterion.

### 5.2.5 Cost

Cost estimates developed for each alternative are included in **Section 3.0** and summarized in **Table 3**. The cost estimates include: capital costs, including both direct and indirect costs;

annual O&M costs; and net present value of capital and O&M costs. **Table 4** through **Table 7** provides the detailed breakdown of cost estimates.

Several factors that could greatly affect cost could not be reasonably estimated during this FFS and are not included in the estimated costs. These factors, which should be evaluated during final design, include:

- Dock Wall Repair: The risks of damage to and stability of dock walls described within this report increases as dredging volume increases. The vertical area of dock wall to be exposed during dredging for Alternative 5 is larger compared to Alternative 4. The costs for repair of damage to larger areas of dock wall could be significant. Additional measures to ensure dock wall stability during construction should be considered during the design phase. These measures, however, could add both time and cost to the remedial actions.
- Sediment traps or other means of limiting incoming sediment to maintain appropriate water depth may be required; this need will be further evaluated in the design phase of this project. If sediment traps are implemented, long-term maintenance of these traps such as sediment removal will be required. Costs for installation and/or maintaining these sediment traps are not included.
- While this FFS assumes that Former Hallett Dock #7 will be used as a staging area for Alternatives 4 and 5, costs associated with preparing Former Hallett Dock #7 for staging use and renting it are not included in this estimate and could significantly impact the final cost.
- Additional costs for habitat enhancement materials are dependent on final design and are not included.

In summary, Alternative 1 provides the lowest cost option, followed by Alternatives 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively. Alternative 3 provides the most cost effective option that includes addressing contaminated sediments at the Site. Alternative 5 will provide the lowest achievement of the cost criterion. **Table 10** presents a numerical score that compares the cost for all alternatives.

## 5.3 Modifying Criteria

The modifying criteria, State/support agency acceptance and community acceptance are assessed formally after the public comment period, and to the extent that they are known will be factored into the identification of the preferred alternative.

### 5.3.1 State Support/Agency Acceptance

State/agency input will be assessed to assist in determining the appropriate alternative for the Site. Key factors that will influence alternative selection include but are not limited to knowledge of future Site use, maintaining draft at the Site, Site remediation prioritization, and funding source availability. Alternatives 1 through 5 will be formally assessed after public comment period.

### 5.3.2 Community Acceptance

The Site is currently utilized as an industrial slip. The area immediately surrounding the Site is highly industrialized, as it was for over a century (Bay West, 2015).

Any remediation work completed at the Site will need to be coordinated with slip tenants to minimize impacts to tenant activities during remediation. As shown in **Table 3**, the total estimated time needed for on-site construction is 7 weeks for Alternative 3, 10 weeks for Alternative 4, and 12 weeks for Alternative 5. Based on the estimated time needed for on-site construction, it is likely that Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 will impact Site industrial use. Coordination with slip tenants will be critical to ensure minimal disruption to tenants and to ensure that work is completed over one season during early spring to late fall prior to winter freeze.

Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 will be heavily influenced by slip tenant comment. As shown in **Table 10**, the numerical difference between the three alternatives is minimal, particularly between Alternatives 4 and 5. Tenant input will have the potential to strongly shift the numerical total for each of these alternative more clearly identifying a preferred alternative. Slip tenants may require specific draft at the Site to accommodate shipping barges and boating vessels as part of their Industrial activity. Alternative 3 decrease draft, Alternative 4 maintains current draft, and Alternative 5 will increase draft at the Site. Additionally, Alternatives 4 and 5 involve dredging, which as previously described, may impact dock wall stability and substantially impact costs.

## 5.4 Green Sustainable Remediation Criteria

GSR criteria discussed below and presented in **Table 9**, were not included in the numerical alternative comparisons presented in **Table 10**.

### 5.4.1 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Alternative 1 would not produce GHG emissions. GHG emissions production from Alternative 2 would be limited to equipment mobilized for periodic sampling. Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 would result in GHG emissions from the mobilization, operation, and demobilization of all fuel-powered construction equipment required to dredge and/or install the cap/cover. Alternatives 4 and 5 would also produce emissions during transport by water to the handling area and during transport by land to the disposal facility; however, Alternative 4 would produce less GHG emissions than Alternative 5 because the amount of dredging is less with Alternative 4. Reduction of emissions can be accomplished by using equipment that is compliant with the latest USEPA non-road engine standards and retrofitting older equipment with appropriate filters.

### 5.4.2 Toxic Chemical Usage and Disposal

Portland cement is the stabilization agent used for Alternatives 4 and 5. There are no other toxic chemical usage and disposal considerations associated with these alternatives.

### 5.4.3 Energy Consumption

Alternative 1 would not consume fossil fuels. Alternative 2 would consume minimal fossil fuels for periodic sampling events. Alternative 3 would result in the consumption of fossil fuels for the mobilization, operation, and demobilization of all diesel-powered construction equipment associated with the installation of the cap material, considerably less than Alternatives 4 and 5. Alternatives 4 and 5 would result in the consumption of fossil fuels for the mobilization, operation, and demobilization of all diesel-powered construction equipment associated with the dredging, hauling, and disposal of the contaminated sediment and the installation of the cap/cover material. Because the amount of sediment removed in Alternative 4 is considerably less than in Alternative 5, the energy consumption for sediment dredging and hauling would be less than Alternative 5.

### 5.4.4 Use of Alternative Fuels

Alternative 1 would not require the use of alternative fuels. Biodiesel blended fuels (B10 or B20) could be used as a supplemental fuel source for all diesel powered construction equipment associated with Alternatives 2 through 5.

### 5.4.5 Water Consumption

Alternative 1 would not require the consumption of water. There are few water consumption considerations associated with Alternatives 2 through 5. Alternative 2 would consume the least amount of water required to decontaminate personnel and sampling equipment. A minimal quantity of water would be required to decontaminate personnel and equipment during sediment dredging and/or capping activities with Alternatives 3, 4, and 5. Water treatment associated with dredging is not considered water consumption.

### 5.4.6 Waste Generation

Alternatives 1 and 3 would not generate waste. Alternatives 4 and 5 would generate waste that includes the dredged contaminated sediments. Alternative 5 would generate more waste than Alternative 4 because all the contaminated sediment would be removed from the Site and disposed of.

## 5.5 Comparative Analysis Summary

The comparative analysis of alternatives narrative discussion and quantitation table did not clearly indicate a preferred alternative to address the contamination at the Site. Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 were protective of human health and the environment. No significant difference in the balancing criteria score was found between Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 other than cost. Alternative 1 was not protective and will not be selected nor will it be considered further. Alternative 2 is not protective although provides an interim alternative with continued monitoring. Should future Site use change, Alternative 2 could be implemented until future Site use is determined and an appropriate Alternative can be implemented. At this time it is understood that future Site use will remain the same; therefore, Alternative 2 will not be considered further.

The modifying criteria, state/support agency acceptance, and community acceptance are assessed formally after the public comment period. Stakeholder and community input will provide valuable insight as the MPCA considers information for the selection of a preferred alternative. The MPCA will conduct outreach activities to resource managers, current slip users, the public and local units of government prior to the public comment period. Current slip user input could heavily sway which alternative is chosen if slip boat and large vessel traffic is determined to have specific draft requirements.

Prior to design phase implementation potential COC sources from the upland former gas manufacturing site should be investigated and addressed prior to alternative implementation should a source be identified.

Further studies are recommended during the design phase of the selected alternative. These recommended studies, depending on the alternative selected, may include the following:

- Hydrodynamic study to understand the depositional and scouring forces in the slip to inform design;
- Dock wall stability should be investigated to determine potential dredging/capping impacts, should one of these alternatives be selected;
- Stormwater sewer evaluation, including an evaluation of sediment input and potential sediment capture systems, to evaluate the need to limit sediments entering the Site;
- Additional surface sampling to understand if incoming stormwater deposition is contaminated, thus a continuing source of contamination;
- Modeling pore water transport and attenuation for engineered cap design;

- Investigate vertical extent of contaminated sediment if needed to support alternatives involving dredging and/or consolidation; and
- Evaluation of future and current use of the slip and required water depths.

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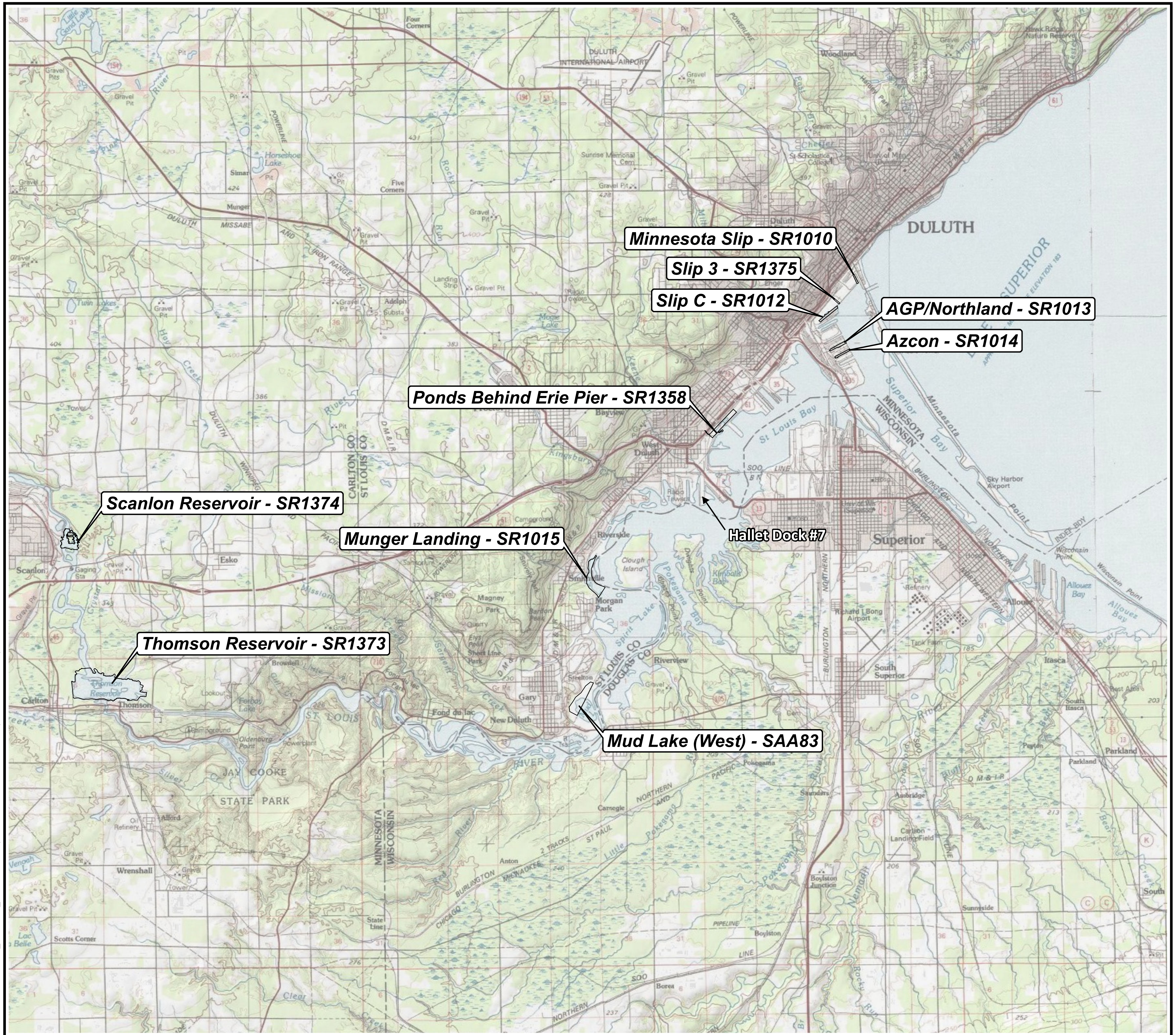
# Figures

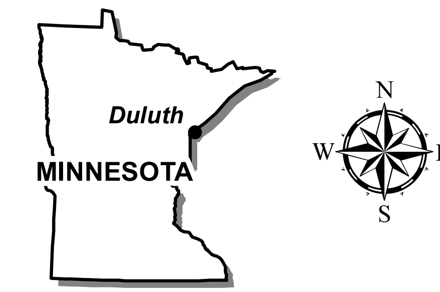
# Figure 1

## *Site Location Map*

## AGP/Northland Slip
## SLR Sediment AOCs

*Duluth, MN*

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Site Location (Labeled on map)

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# Figure 2

## *Site Map*

## AGP/Northland Slip
## SLR Sediment AOCs

*Duluth, MN*


N E S W

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0 150 300 Feet

0 50 100 Meters

*1 inch = 150 feet*

- Sediment Sample (Bay West 2014)
- Historical Sediment Sample (2010/2014)
- Sewer Outfall
- Bathymetry Elevation Contour Line
- SS Sanitary Sewer
- ST Storm Sewer
- AGP/Northland Slip Site Boundary
- Parcel Boundary

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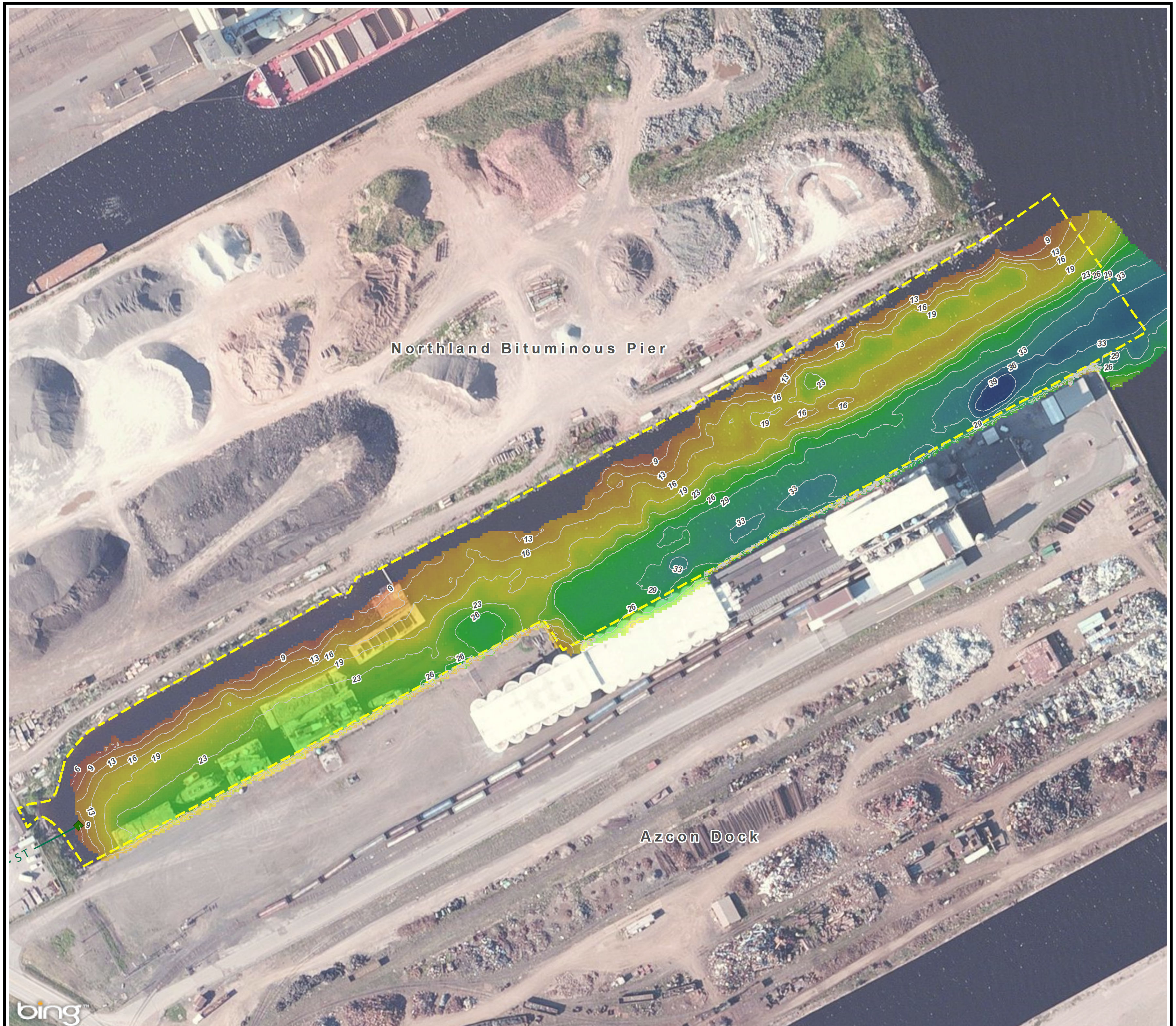


# Figure 3

## *Bathymetry*

## AGP/Northland Slip
## SLR Sediment AOCs

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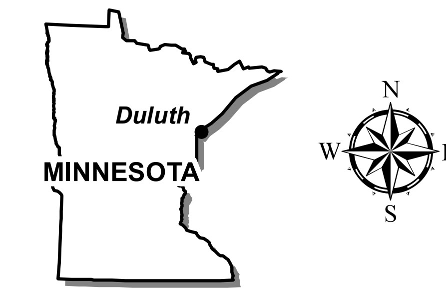


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Sewer Outfall

Bathymetry Elevation Contour Line

SS Sanitary Sewer

ST Storm Sewer

AGP/Northland Slip Site Boundary

**Water Depth**

| ELEVATION ABOVE MSL | DEPTH BELOW CHART DATUM |
| --- | --- |
| 595 ft | 6 ft |
| 577 ft | 24 ft |
| 559 ft | 42 ft |

(Based on June 2014 Bathymetric Survey)

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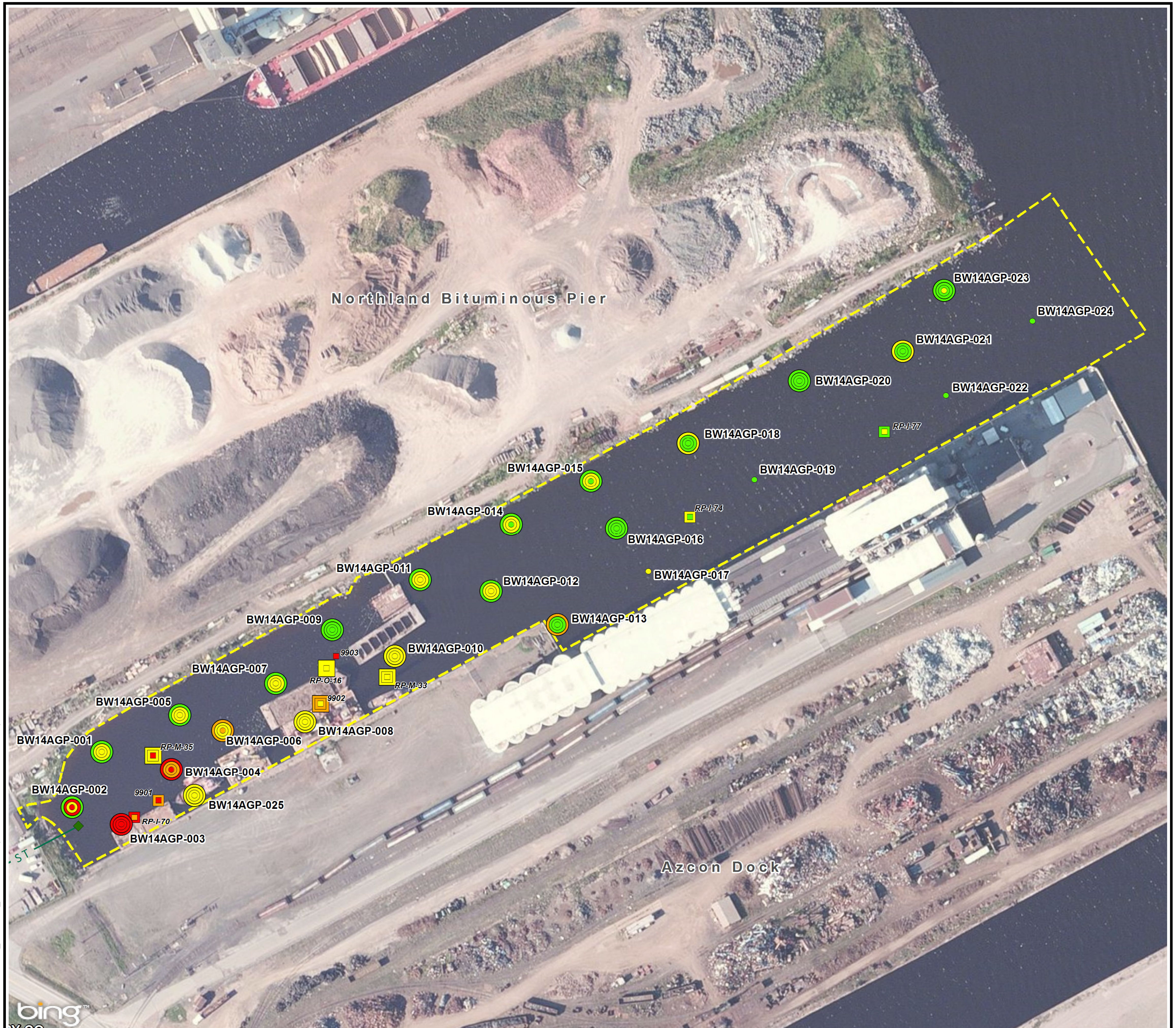
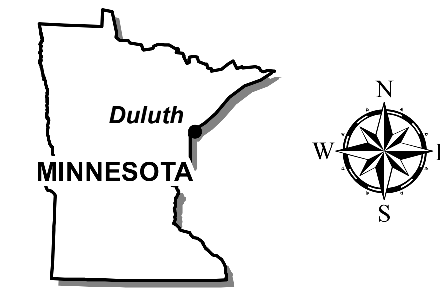



# Figure 4

## *Total PAH-13 SQT Results*

## AGP/Northland Slip
## SLR Sediment AOCs
*Duluth, MN*

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0 150 300 Feet

0 50 100 Meters

*1 inch = 150 feet*

Sewer Outfall
SS Sanitary Sewer
ST Storm Sewer
AGP/Northland Slip Site Boundary

**Sample Type**

Sediment Sample (Bay West 2014)
Sediment Sample (Historical)

**Sample Interval**

0-0.15 m
0.15-0.50 m
0.50-1.0 m
>1.0 m

**Total PAH-13 SQT Comparison**

Does not exceed Level 1 SQT (1600 µg/kg)
Exceeds Level 1 SQT (1600 µg/kg)
Exceeds Midpoint SQT (12300 µg/kg)
Exceeds Level 2 SQT (23000 µg/kg)

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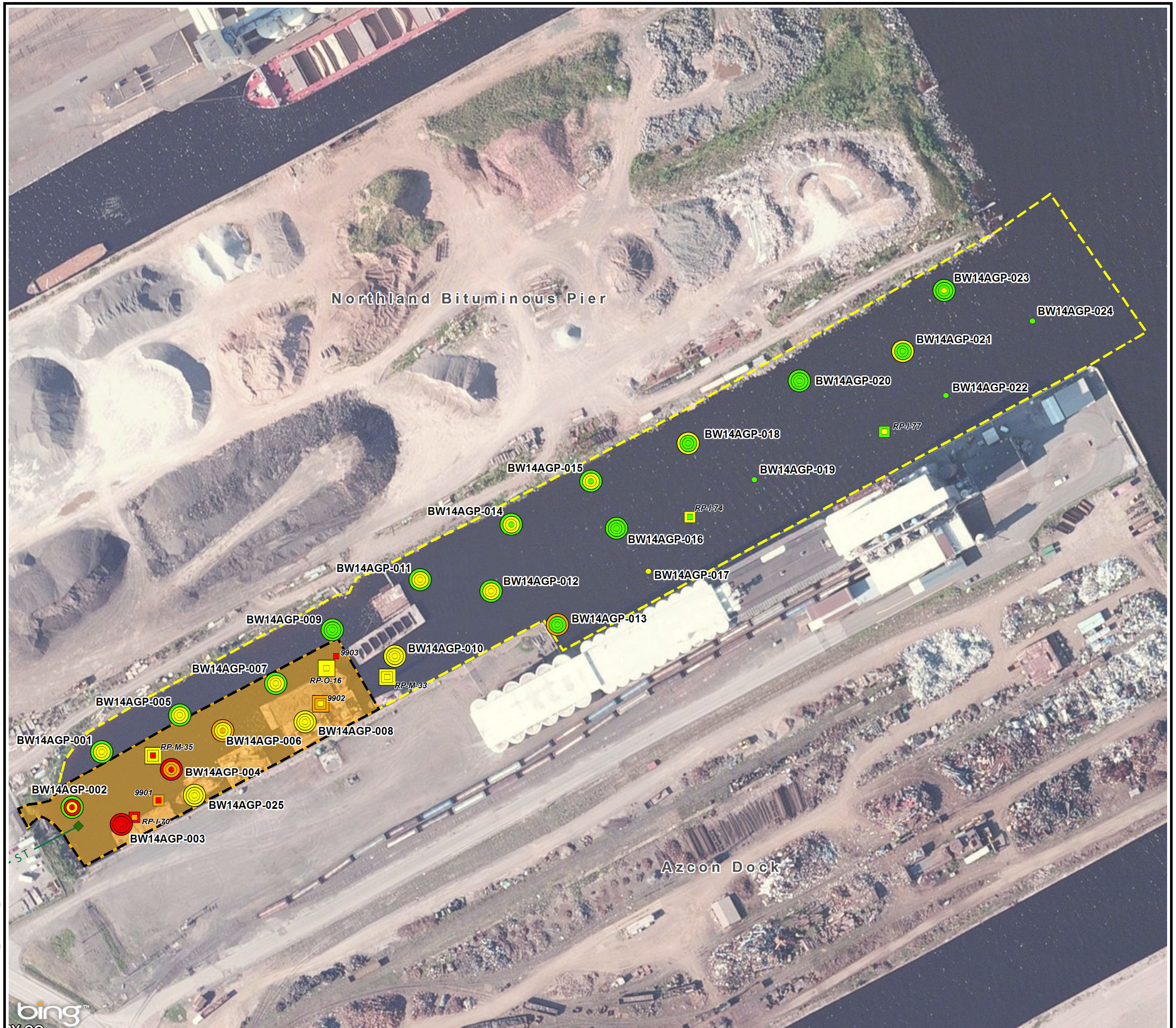
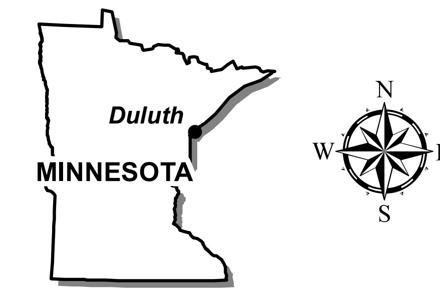



# Figure 5

## *Remedial Footprint*

## AGP/Northland Slip
## SLR Sediment AOCs

*Duluth, MN*

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0 150 300 Feet

0 50 100 Meters

*1 inch = 150 feet*

Sewer Outfall
SS Sanitary Sewer
ST Storm Sewer
AGP/Northland Slip Site Boundary
Remedial Footprint (1.52 Acres)

**Sample Type**

Sediment Sample (Bay West 2014)
Sediment Sample (Historical)

**Sample Interval**

0-0.15 m
0.15-0.50 m
0.50-1.0 m
>1.0 m

**Total PAH-13 SQT Comparison**

Does not exceed Level 1 SQT (1600 µg/kg)
Exceeds Level 1 SQT (1600 µg/kg)
Exceeds Midpoint SQT (12300 µg/kg)
Exceeds Level 2 SQT (23000 µg/kg)

**Total PAH-13 SQT Exceedance Areas**

Estimated Area Exceeding Midpoint SQT (1.52 Acres)

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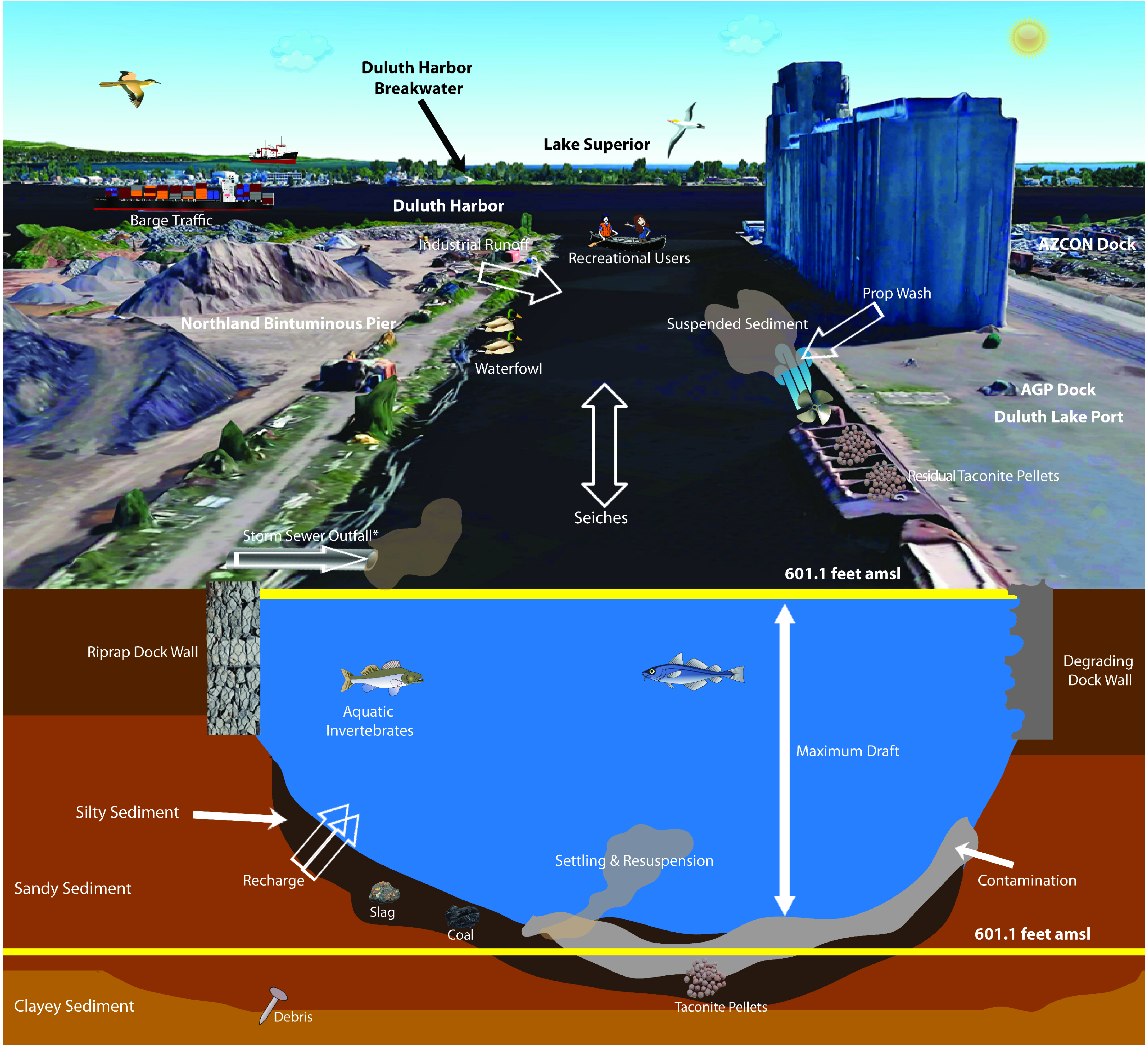
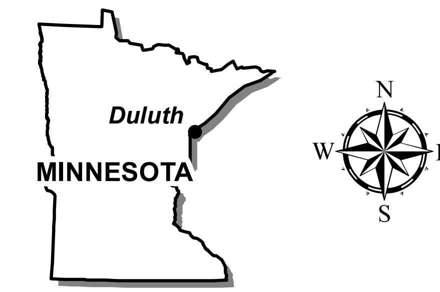



# Figure 6

## *Conceptual Site Model*

## AGP/Northland Slip SLR Sediment AOCs

*Duluth, MN*

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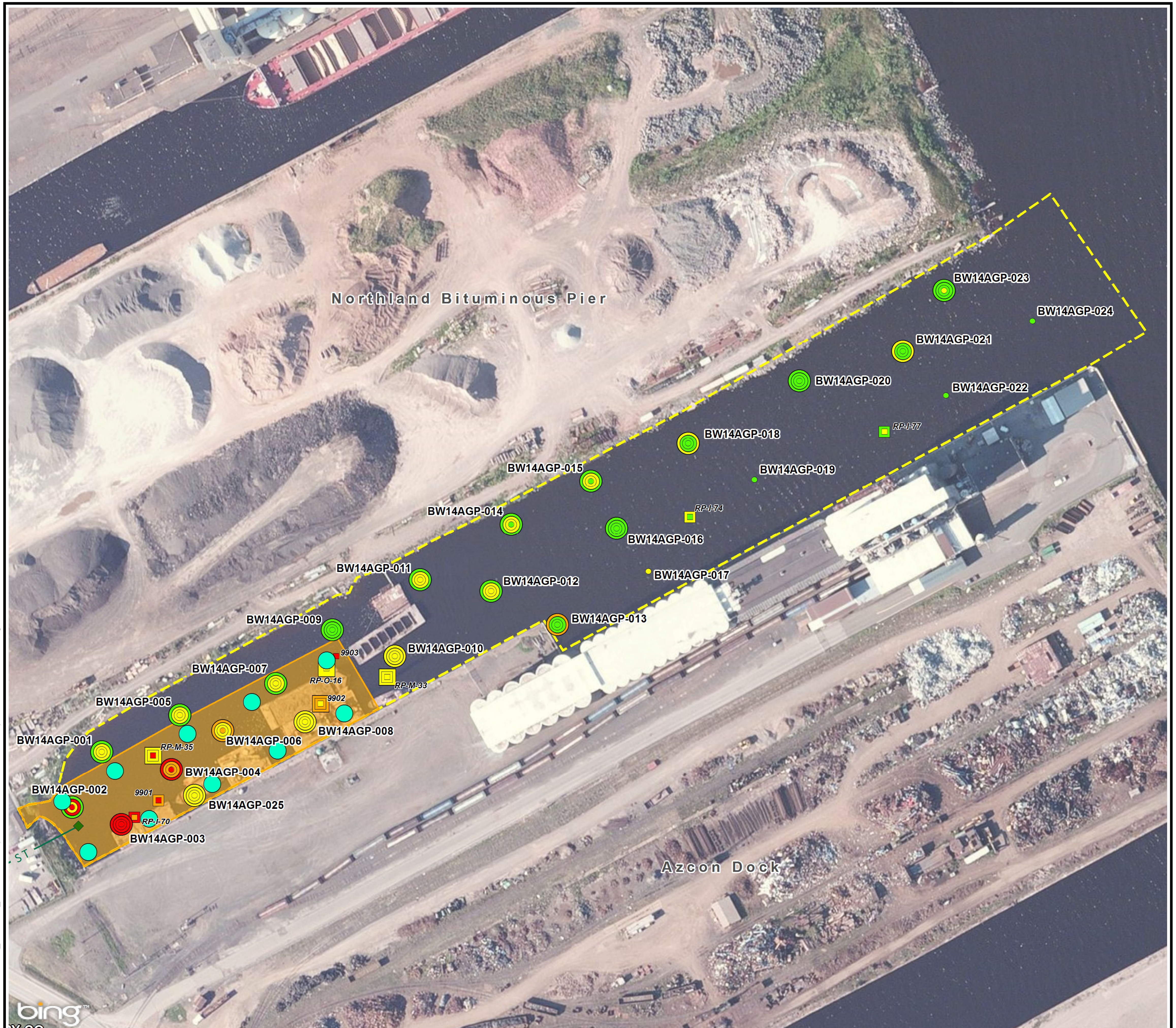


# Figure 7

## *Alternative 2 - Monitoring and Institutional Controls*

## AGP/Northland Slip SLR Sediment AOCs

*Duluth, MN*


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0 150 300 Feet

0 50 100 Meters

*1 inch = 150 feet*

- Proposed Monitoring Location
- Sewer Outfall
- SS Sanitary Sewer
- ST Storm Sewer
- AGP/Northland Slip Site Boundary

**Sample Type**

- Sediment Sample (Bay West 2014)
- Sediment Sample (Historical)

**Sample Interval**

- 0-0.15 m
- 0.15-0.50 m
- 0.50-1.0 m
- >1.0 m

**Total PAH-13 SQT Comparison**

- Does not exceed Level 1 SQT (1600 µg/kg)
- Exceeds Level 1 SQT (1600 µg/kg)
- Exceeds Midpoint SQT (12300 µg/kg)
- Exceeds Level 2 SQT (23000 µg/kg)

**Total PAH-13 SQT Exceedance Areas**

- Estimated Area Exceeding Midpoint SQT (1.52 Acres)

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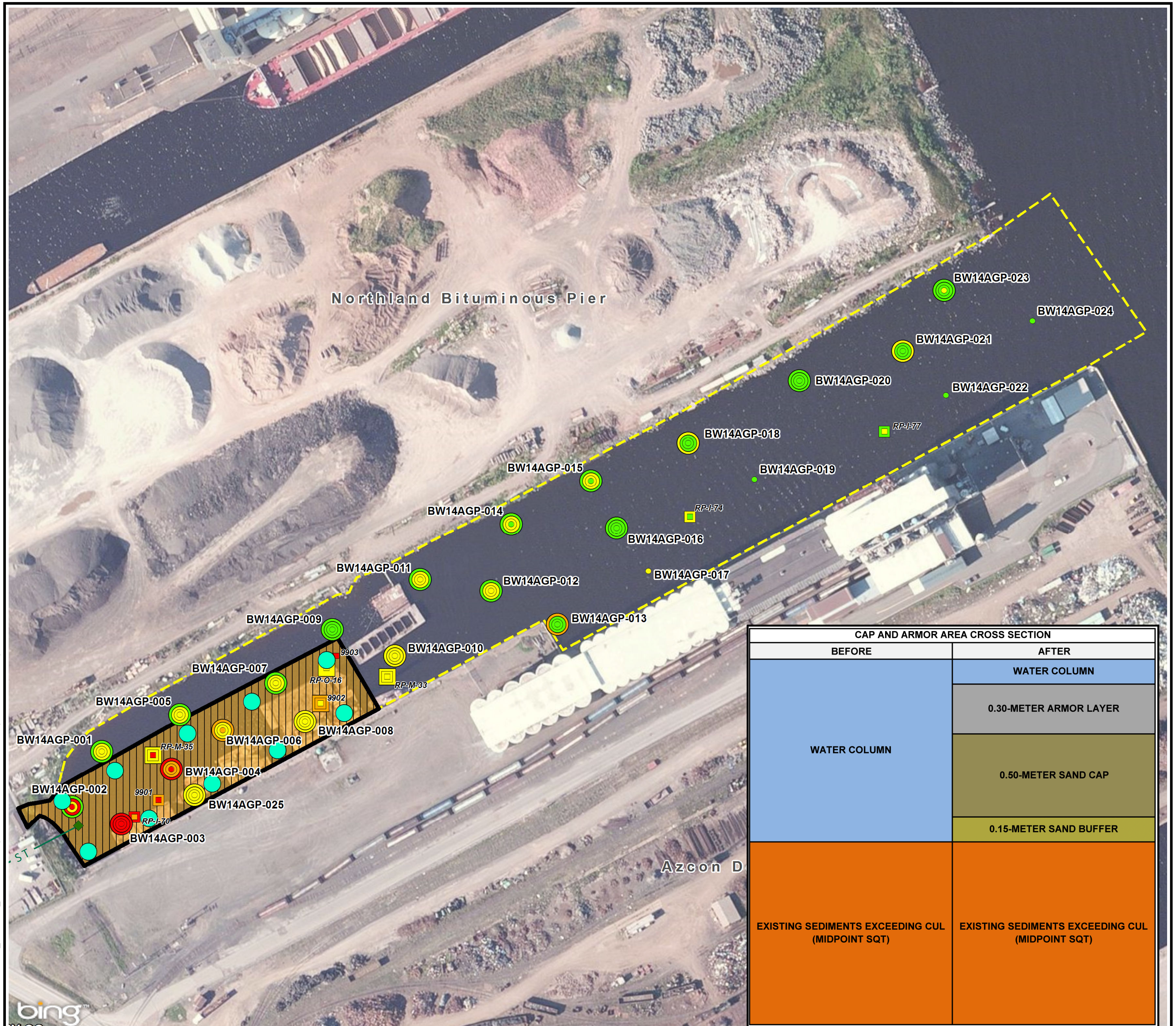


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# Figure 8

## *Alternative 3 - Cap and Armor*

## AGP/Northland Slip SLR Sediment AOCs

*Duluth, MN*

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*Map Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 15 N*
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0 150 300 Feet

0 50 100 Meters

*1 inch = 150 feet*

- Proposed Monitoring Location
- Sewer Outfall
- SS Sanitary Sewer
- ST Storm Sewer
- AGP/Northland Slip Site Boundary
- Armored Area
- Cap Area

**Sample Type**

- Sediment Sample (Bay West 2014)
- Sediment Sample (Historical)

**Sample Interval**

- 0-0.15 m
- 0.15-0.50 m
- 0.50-1.0 m
- >1.0 m

**Total PAH-13 SQT Comparison**

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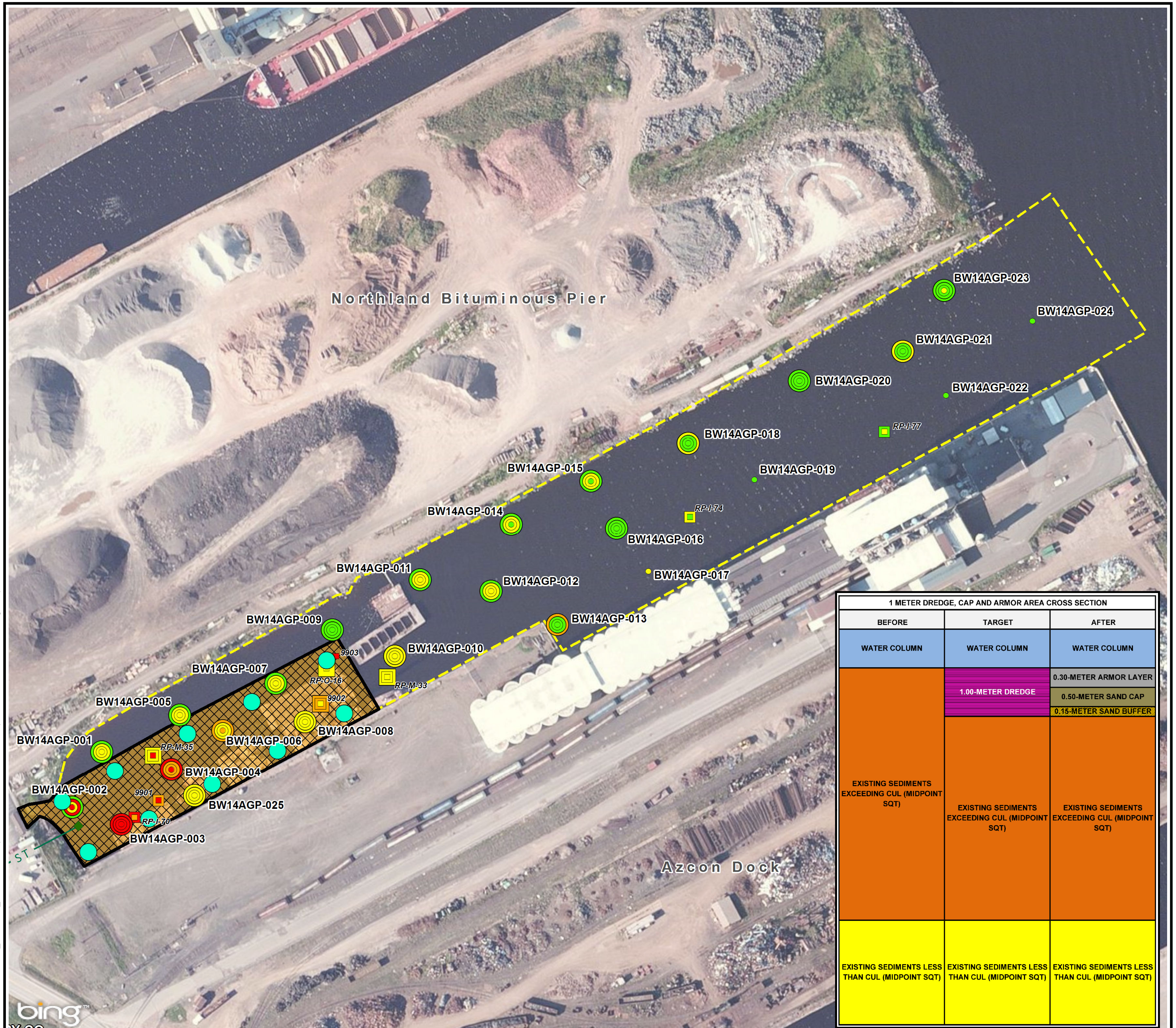


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# Figure 9

## *Alternative 4 - 1-Meter Dredge, Cap, and Armor*

## AGP/Northland Slip SLR Sediment AOCs

*Duluth, MN*


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0 150 300 Feet

0 50 100 Meters

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- Proposed Monitoring Location
- Sewer Outfall
- SS Sanitary Sewer
- ST Storm Sewer
- AGP/Northland Slip Site Boundary
- Armored Area
- 1-Meter Dredge and Cap

**Sample Type**

- Sediment Sample (Bay West 2014)
- Sediment Sample (Historical)

**Sample Interval**

- 0-0.15 m
- 0.15-0.50 m
- 0.50-1.0 m
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- Exceeds Level 2 SQT (23000 µg/kg)

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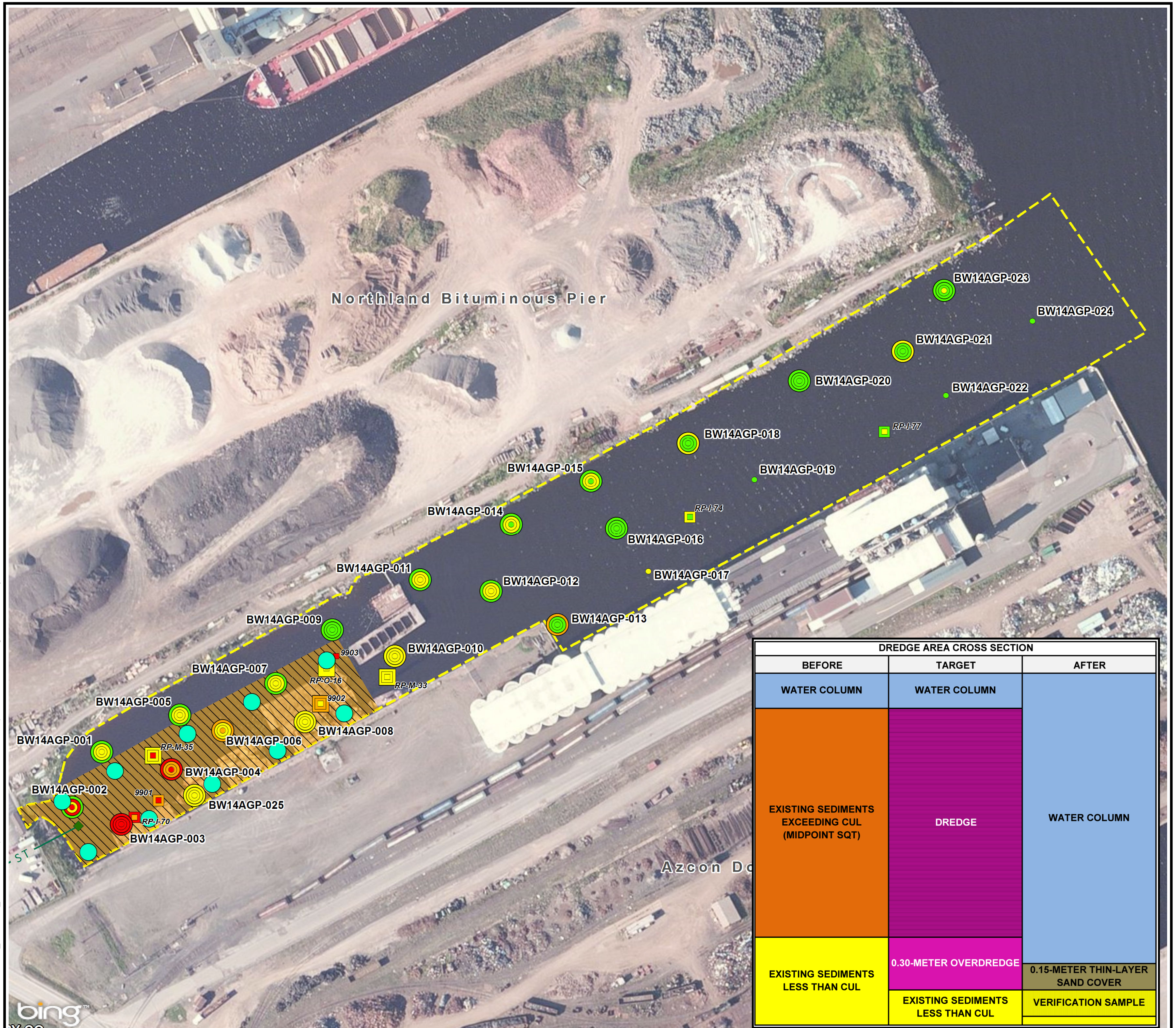


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# Figure 10

## *Alternative 5 - Dredge with Thin-Layer Cover*

## AGP/Northland Slip SLR Sediment AOCs

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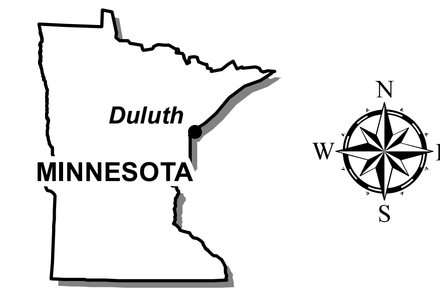


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- Proposed Monitoring Location
- Sewer Outfall
- SS Sanitary Sewer
- ST Storm Sewer
- AGP/Northland Slip Site Boundary
- Dredge and Cover

**Sample Type**
- Sediment Sample (Bay West 2014)
- Sediment Sample (Historical)

**Sample Interval**
- 0-0.15 m
- 0.15-0.50 m
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**Total PAH-13 SQT Exceedance Areas**
- Estimated Area Exceeding Midpoint SQT (1.52 Acres)

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# Tables

**Table 1**
**Contaminant of Concern Summary**
**Focused Feasibility Study**
**AGP/Northland Slip**
**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

| Contaminants of Concern | Units | Cleanup Level | Maximum Concentration Detected |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total PAH | µg/kg | 12,300 | 614,188 |
| Arsenic | mg/kg | 21 | 33 |
| Cadmium | mg/kg | 3 | 5 |
| Copper | mg/kg | 91 | 1,170 |
| Lead | mg/kg | 83 | 884 |
| Zinc | mg/kg | 0.64 | 834 |
| PCBs | µg/kg | 370 | 445 |

Notes:

µg/kg – micrograms per kilogram

mg/kg – milligrams per kilogram

Table 2
Technologies Screening Summary
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| Category | Technology | Description | Applicability | Ranking | | | | | | Retained for Consideration | Rationale |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Effectiveness | | Implementability | | Relative Cost | | | |
| Institutional Controls | Institutional Controls | Institutional controls in the form of an environmental restrictive covenant or conditions of future permits may be used to prevent exposure and contact with impacted soil or sediment by restricting land uses or disturbances to the material. | May consist of fish consumption advisories, commercial fishing bans, waterway use restrictions, or deed restrictions | | Effective in meeting RAOs when combined with other remedies. | | Easily implemented with little disruption to the Site. | $ | Minimal but there are long term costs associated with initiating and maintaining institutional controls. | Yes. | Some institutional controls already in place; however, additional controls are expected to be a required component of any remedy. |
| Monitoring and Evaluation | Monitoring | The collection and analysis chemical, physical, and/or biological data over a sufficient period of time and frequency to determine the status and/or trend in one or more environmental parameters or characteristics. | Monitoring should be conducted to asses compliance with design and performance standards; to assess short-term remedy performance and effectiveness in meeting sediment cleanup levels; and/or to evaluate long-term remedy effectiveness in achieving RAOs and in reducing human health and/or environmental risk. | | Effective in meeting RAOs when combined with other remedies. | | Highly implementable with no disturbance to the Site. | $ | The main cost is associated with laboratory analysis. | Yes. | Monitoring is expected to be a required component of any remedy. |
| Natural Recovery | Monitored Natural Recovery | MNR leaves impacted sediment in place and relies on ongoing, naturally occurring processes to isolate, destroy, or reduce exposure or toxicity of impacted sediment. | Burial of contaminated sediments does not appear to be occurring at the Site and deposition rates are not likely sufficient to isolate COCs in reasonable timeframe and concentrations do not appear to be reducing. | | Burial does not appear to be occurring and current data does not indicated the extent of MNR effectiveness in COC reduction. | | Highly implementable with no disturbance to the Site. | $ | The main cost of NR is associated with monitoring. | No. | Effectiveness at the Site has not been demonstrated and does not appear to be effective under current conditions. |
| | Enhanced Monitored Natural Recovery | EMNR adds amendments to the sediment to accelerate physical isolation process and facilitates re-establishment of benthic or plant habitat. May include a granular or carbon sorbent cover (over sediments) or biological stimulants (to soil). | EMNR is not effective because burial is not likely occurring at sufficient rates at the Site. | | Burial does not appear to be occurring and current data does not indicated the extent of EMNR effectiveness in COC reduction. | | Implementable; however, requires site access, staging area, and placement equipment. Impact to Site operation can be minimal with advanced planning. | $$ | Greater initial cost than NR due to thin cover or amendment placement however remedy will not achieve RAOs. | No. | Effectiveness at the Site has not been demonstrated and does not appear to be effective under current conditions. |
| Capping | Capping | Capping provides a physical barrier and chemical isolation from COCs. Caps may be constructed from clean sediment, sand, gravel, geotextiles, liners, reactive or absorptive material and may consist of multiple layers. Granular sediment caps can provide erosion protection and limit bioturbation. | Cap thickness depends on bioactive zone (BAZ) thickness requirements, which vary by habitat, substrate and water depth.<br>A cap may alter hydrologic conditions and Site use. | | Highly effective and prevent technology. COCs have low solubility and mobility. Short term movement of COCs in porewater is possible during consolidation. Armoring required to prevent scour due to propeller wash. | | Implementable. Consolidation of sediments may be required to minimize spatial placement of cap, maintenance may be required depending on hydrologic conditions. | $$$ | Capping costs are generally less than sediment removal, and depend on cap thickness, material, lateral extent and surface water engineering factors. Material costs for a synthetic cap are generally higher than a granular cap. | Yes. | Proven effective method to control exposure and erosion. |

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| Category | Technology | Description | Applicability | Ranking | | | | | | Retained for Consideration | Rationale |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Effectiveness | | Implementability | | Relative Cost | | | |
| Excavation and Removal | Mechanical Dredging | Sediment is lifted to the surface using a mechanical excavator or crane and placed on a barge for transport. Removed sediment has a similar moisture content as the in situ material, requiring dewatering prior to disposal. Residual cover is typically needed to manage remaining impacts. | Mechanical dredging is implementable within the Site and areas for staging equipment and dewatering are available.<br><br>Sediment resuspension controls expected to be needed. | ◉ | Highly effective and preventative technology; however, resuspension may limit effectiveness. | ◉ | Requires dredging equipment and up land staging infrastructure for sediment treatment and transportation. Less staging space required than hydraulic dredging. | $$$ | Main capital costs include equipment mobilization, staging area development, equipment operation, residual cover materials, and construction and operation of a containment area for dredged material. | Yes. | Suitable for dredging within slips. |
| | Hydraulic Dredging | Hydraulic dredging captures water with the sediment and removes it by pumping the sediment slurry typically through a pipeline to the dewatering location or final disposal site. High water content of slurry requires significant dewatering. Residual cover is typically needed to manage remaining impacts. | Hydraulic dredging unfavorable due to small scale of Site and distance from dewatering and disposal area. | ● | Highly effective and preventative technology with less resuspension than mechanical dredging. | ○ | Implementable; however, requires large staging area for dewatering equipment, requires more water treatment than mechanical dredging. | $$$$ | Additional treatment and disposal costs due to greater water content of the slurried sediment. | No | Not suitable for small volume removal areas and staging area for dewating prohibitively far from Site . |
| | Mechanical Removal in Dry Conditions | Water is diverted or drained from the excavation area using a containment barrier such as a cofferdam to allow for excavation of dry sediment with conventional equipment (e.g. backhoe). Typically limited to shallow areas. | Well suited for shallow areas and geometry that allows for construction of containment barrier and water diversion. | ● | Effective and proven technology. Allows for visual inspection during removal. Minimal resuspension/redeposition. High degree of accuracy. | ○ | Feasible in small-volume removal areas. Site preparation difficult due to water management. | $$$ | Costs are similar to mechanical dredging, with the added cost to construct diversion or containment structures. | No | Not suitable when compared to mechanical dredging. |
| Disposal | Off-Site | Removed sediment is transported to an offsite disposal location that will accept the waste. Dewatering of sediments is generally required before transport. | Transportation of large volumes of sediment would create significant truck traffic through the surrounding community for a long duration. | ● | Effective at meeting RAOs, low risk of spills during transportation. | ◉ | Disruption to neighbors during trucking, may result in limited work hours. Seasonal restrictions may also apply. | $$$$ | Costs for offsite disposal include dewatering, water treatment, loading and transportation costs and landfill disposal fees. Transportation costs depend on distance to the landfill. | Yes. | Suitable. Industrial area results in minimal disruption to community. Onsite storage facilities are not available. |
| | Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) | CDFs are engineered structures enclosed by dikes and specifically designed to contain sediment. CDFs may be located either upland (above the water table), near-shore (partially in the water), or completely in the water (island CDFs). | Land in the vicinity of the Site is not available for a CDF. | ● | Most widely used method for disposal and has been demonstrated effective. | ○ | Requires high level of design, detailed knowledge of dredge plans, requires large permanent area for construction, and treatment of discharge. | $$$ | Costs for a CDF include engineering and design costs, materials for dikes and suspended solids control, and construction equipment and labor. | No | Based on the surrounding land use consolidation areas are not developed or feasible. |
| | On-site Contained Aquatic Disposal (CAD) | Dredged or excavated sediment is disposed within a natural or excavated depression elsewhere in the water body. | A suitable location to accommodate entire sediment volume is not available. Areas of sufficient depth to hold some volume are currently used for ship docking. | ○ | May be effective at containing COCs due to low mobility/solubility. | ⊗ | A suitable location to accommodate entire sediment volume is not available. | $$$ | Specialized equipment for a CAD may be required, especially if the disposal site is in deep water. Dredging to create a CAD would add cost. | No | Based on the Site characteristics as well as its use for ship docking, a suitable location is not available at the Site to accommodate the required disposal volume. |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Effectiveness | Implementability | Relative Cost | | | |
| In Situ Treatment | Immobilization | Immobilization treatments add chemicals or cements to reduce the leachability of COCs. Mechanisms include solidification (encapsulation) or stabilization (chemical or absorptive reactions that convert COCs to less toxic or mobile forms). | Implementation at a sediment site is difficult due to submerged work requirement and restricting future Site use. | Is effective for COCs. Stabilization of sediments reduces erosion potential. May result in poor environment for benthic community. | Sediment mixing can be difficult. May require dewatering. Requires equipment for mixing. Solidified sediment would restrict future Site use. | $$$ | Costs for solidification or stabilization affected by the quantity and type of reagents added to the waste and the need for specialized equipment for mixing reagents with sediment. | No | Not proven to be effective for sediments. Costly and more difficult to implement than other technologies. |
| | Enhanced Bioremediation | Microbial degradation by bacteria or fungi is enhanced by adding materials such as oxygen, nitrate, sulfate, hydrogen, nutrients, or microorganisms to the sediment. | Can be effective for COCs. | Requires specific geochemical parameters to be successful (temperature, Ph, nutrient availability) | Easily implemented with little disruption to the Site. | $$$ | Costs of enhanced bioremediation are relatively low, but several treatments and monitoring similar to MNR may be required. | No | Difficult to implement sub aqueously. |
| | Oxidation/Reduction | Chemicals are injected into sediment to act as an oxidant/electron acceptor to facilitate aerobic decomposition of organic matter. | chemical addition may create toxic conditions. | Chemical addition may create toxic conditions. | Bench-scale testing and pilot-scale testing required to determine the type, concentration, and quantity of oxidant and amendments required. | $$$ | Costs include bench- or pilot-scale tests. Monitoring may be required. | No | Not proven safe for subaqueous conditions. |
| | Chemical Oxidation | The addition of chemical oxidizers to sediment can cause the rapid and complete chemical destruction of many toxic organic chemicals. | Limited effectiveness for Site COCs. | Addition of chemicals may form temporarily toxic conditions for benthic or aquatic organisms | Pilot studies would be required to determine the effectiveness of specific oxidants for COCs. | $$$ | Costs include bench- or pilot-scale tests to determine effectiveness, oxidants for injection, and a delivery system. Monitoring may also be required. | No | Limited effectiveness. Chemical addition may create toxic conditions. |
| | Phytoremediation | Phytoremediation uses plant species to remove, transfer, stabilize, and destroy COCs in soil and sediment. Generally limited to sediments in shallow water zones and low concentrations. | Habitat restoration not likely necessary, technology not effective in deep areas of reservoir. | Effective only in shallow contaminated areas, which are sparse at the Site. | Implementation involves planting and in some cases harvesting with little disruption to the Site. | $$ | Primary costs are purchasing and planting applicable species. Monitoring may also be required. | No | Habitat not available at the Site and not effective alone. |
| | Adsorption | Adsorbents can be used as sediment amendments for in situ treatment of COCs. Sorption organics can take place simultaneously with a suitable combination of sorbents. | May be useful as EMNR amendment. | Sorption organics can take place simultaneously with a suitable combination of sorbents. | Sorbent amendments can be delivered to the sediment in the form of pellets that are dense enough to sink through the water column and are resistant to re-suspension while being worked into the sediments | $$ | The main costs include the adsorbent material, and a method for depositing it on the surface sediment. Monitoring may also be required. | No | Not retained as sole remedy, but may be useful as capping or ENR amendment. |

| Category | Technology | Description | Applicability | Ranking | | | | | | Retained for Consideration | Rationale |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Effectiveness | | Implementability | | Relative Cost | | | |
| Dewatering | Passive Dewatering | Passive dewatering relies on natural evaporation and drainage to remove moisture from the sediment. Drainage may be driven by gravity or assisted with a vacuum pump. Passive dewatering may occur in CDFs, lagoons, tanks, or temporary holding/rehandling facilities. | Dewatering will occur during barge transport and Hallet dock 7 could be used to serve as a staging area for further passive dewatering. | ◯ | Passively dewatered sediments may not have low enough water content for landfill disposal, so supplemental technologies may be required. | ◉ | Implementable with small volume of removed sediments at Site. Time frames for passive dewatering likely longer than for mechanical dewatering. | $$ | Costs to consider include construction of a dewatering facility or adequately sized CDF. | Yes. | Appropriate for off-site disposal when used with hydruospoic amendment addition. |
| | Sediment Reworking | Reworking sediments to promote drainage, and mixing sediments with excavation equipment can enhance passive dewatering. | If a CDF is constructed, sediment reworking could be performed within the CDF. | ◉ | Sediment mixing and reworking would facilitate a timelier and more complete dewatering. | ◉ | Mixing and reworking sediments would decrease time needed to dewater with passive methods. Reworking and mixing could be done with standard excavation equipment already required for the project. | $$ | Cost savings are expected over passive dewatering alone due to time saved. | No | Not appropriate for offsite disposal. |
| | Hydrospoic Amendment Addition | Dredged sediments are mixed with amendments such as slags or cementitious materials to remove moisture and improve strength and stability. | Could be used to enhance dewatering in conjunction with passive dewatering | ◉ | Effectiveness of amendments depend on the moisture content of removed sediment. Pre-treatment dewatering likely required due to hydraulic dredging for maximum effectiveness and to achieve desired geotechnical properties. | ◉ | Would require staging, mixing, and curing areas. However, the process can be completed in a relatively short time frame. Amendment addition creates a greater volume and mass, which needs to be considered in disposal options. Likely requires pre-treatment dewatering. | $$ | Costs include amendment materials and mixing equipment. Costs increase with increased moisture content. Both the addition rate and the bulking factor of treated material should be considered when evaluating costs of amendment material. | Yes. | Appropriate for off-site disposal when used with passive dewatering. |
| | Geotextile Tube Dewatering | Sediment slurry from hydraulic dredging is pumped into the geotextile tube and filtered by the geotextile fabric. Sediment is retained within the geotextile tube, while free liquids pass through the exterior of the tube. | Not applicable to mechanical dredging, which is retained for alternatives for the Site. | ⊗ | Not applicable to mechanical dredging, which is retained for alternatives for the Site. | ⊗ | Not applicable to mechanical dredging, which is retained for alternatives for the Site. | $$$ | Costs include flocculent and coagulant materials, cost of geotextile tubes and construction of staging area. | No | Not appropriate for use with mechanical dredging. |
| | Mechanical Dewatering | Mechanical dewatering technologies include use of plate filters, presses, centrifuges or other equipment to squeeze, press, or draw water from dredged sediment. | Requires homogeneous waste stream provided by hydraulic dredging methods and site sediments. | ◉ | Generally works best with a homogeneous waste stream produced via hydraulic dredging. Selection of specific mechanical dewatering equipment depends on treatment or disposal methods that follow. | ◉ | Faster than passive dewatering and requires less space. Production rates depend on size and quality of the dewatering device and on the solids content of the input stream. | $$$$ | Costs of mechanical dewatering are generally higher than passive dewatering due to the energy and equipment requirement. | No | Not cost effective. |
| | Rapid Dewatering Systems | A system that continuously processes the slurry from a hydraulic dredge and separates solids into piles of debris; shells; and gravel, sand, and fines. Includes polymer addition and flocculation, which may remove some COCs. | Not applicable to mechanical dredging, which is retained for alternatives for the Site. | ⊗ | Not applicable to mechanical dredging, which is retained for alternatives for the Site. | ⊗ | Not applicable to mechanical dredging, which is retained for alternatives for the Site. | $$$ | Not applicable to mechanical dredging, which is retained for alternatives for the Site. | No | Not applicable to mechanical dredging, which is retained for alternatives for the Site. |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Effectiveness | | Implementability | | Relative Cost | | | |
| Water Treatment | Filtration | Filters remove solids and sediments from wastewater, also removing absorbed COCs from the waste stream. Flocculants may be added to the waste stream to facilitate solids removal. | Filtration is a standard method for water treatment and would be effective at removing site COCs sorbed to suspended sediments in the waste stream. | ○ | Filters can be selected based on the required particulate size. Treatability study to determine if filtration is effective at reducing the COC concentration. | ◉ | Filtration is a widely used method for water treatment. Selection of the filtration methods and type requires engineering design and site specific knowledge of the waste stream. | $$$ | Costs depend on change out frequency of filtration material. | Yes. | Effective for COC removal when used in combination with liquid adsorption. |
| | Liquid Adsorption | Involves pumping water through a vessel containing granular activated carbon (GAC), organoclay, or another adsorbent material; dissolved compounds to adsorb to its surface. | Multiple liquid adsoprtion technologies would be applicable for COC removal. | ◉ | Multiple liquid adsorption technologies are available for COC removal. Detailed identification of the most effective technology would need to be completed prior to treatment. | ◉ | Liquid adsorption systems are widely available, have a relatively small footprint, and require a relatively short timeframe for treatment. | $$$ | Costs include adsorbent and adsorbent vessels. The adsorbent must be recharged or replaced periodically. Power is required for pumping. | Yes. | Effective for COC removal. |
| | Advanced Oxidation | Advanced oxidation uses UV light and the addition of strong oxidizers to destroy organic constituents in water. | Advanced oxidation is applicable for treating most organics, including PAHs. | ◉ | Advanced oxidation is applicable for treating most organics. | ◉ | Advanced oxidation systems are widely available, have a relatively small footprint, and require a relatively short timeframe for treatment. Handling and storage of oxidizers would require special safety precautions. | $$$$ | Costs may be higher because of energy requirements to power UV lights. | No | Effective for PAH removal but cost too high. |

| | Effectiveness | Implementability | Relative Cost |
|---|---|---|---|
| ⊗ | Not effective at reaching RAOs | Not implementable at the Site | $$$$ - High |
| ○ | Partially effective for some COCs or Site areas | Difficult to implement | $$$ - Medium-high |
| ◉ | Effective under certain conditions | Implementable, requires technical knowledge | $$ - Moderate |
| ● | Demonstrated effective technology | Readily implemented | $ - Low |

**Table 3**
**Alternatives Summary**
**Focused Feasibility Study**
**AGP/Northland Slip**
**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

| Alternative | Alternative 1: No Action | Alternative 2: Monitoring and Institutional Controls | Alternative 3: Cap & Armor | Alternative 4: 1 Meter Dredge, Cap and Armor | Alternative 5: Dredge with Thin-Layer Cover |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Present Worth Cost** | $0 | $219,000 | $1,681,000 | $3,769,000 | $4,811,000 |
| **Cover/Cap Area** | 0 acres | 0 acres | 1.5 acres (Cap) | 1.5 acres (Cap) | 1.5 acres (Cover) |
| **Dredge Area** | 0 acres | 0 acres | 0 acres | 1.5 acres (1 Meter Depth) | 1.5 acres |
| **Cover Volume - Sand/Armor** | 0 CY/ 0 CY | 0 CY/ 0 CY | 5155 CY/ 2372 CY | 5155 CY/ 2372 CY | 1186 CY/ 0 CY |
| **Dredge Volume** | 0 CY/ 0 CY | 0 CY/ 0 CY | 0 CY/ 0 CY | 7938 CY | 23,515 CY |
| **Construction Timeframe** | 0 weeks | 0 weeks | 7 weeks | 10 weeks | 12 weeks |
| **Monitoring Program** | None | Chemical and physical sediment; benthic toxicity and bioaccumulation; bathymetric survey; institutional control review | Chemical sediment and cap; cap integrity; bathymetric survey; Institutional control review | Chemical sediment and cap; cap integrity; bathymetric survey; Institutional control review | None |

Note: Alternatives 4 through 5 cost estimates do not include costs associated with potential dock wall repair/re-enforcement

**Table 4**
**Cost Estimate - Alternative 2: Monitoring and Institutional Controls**
**Focused Feasibility Study**
**AGP/Northland Slip**
**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

| Description | Unit | Estimated Unit Cost | Estimated Quantity | Extended Value | Present Value | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Implementation** | | | | | | |
| Implementation Plan Report | Lump Sum | $11,000.00 | 1 | $11,000 | $11,000 | Work Plan, Field Sampling Plan, QAPP |
| | | | SUBTOTAL | $11,000 | $11,000 | |
| **Monitoring and Evaluation** | | | | | | |
| Monitoring and Evaluation Report | Each | $4,000.00 | 7 | $28,000 | $11,000 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| Field Sampling | Event | $34,000.00 | 7 | $238,000 | $98,000 | Labor and equipment; every 5 years for 30 years |
| Sample Analysis | Event | $23,052.00 | 7 | $161,364 | $66,000 | Chemical, physical, toxicity and bioaccumulation (benthics), every 5 years for 30 years |
| Bathymetric Survey | Each | $10,000.00 | 7 | $70,000 | $29,000 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| Institutional Control Review | Each | $1,500.00 | 7 | $10,500 | $4,000 | |
| | | | SUBTOTAL | $507,864 | $208,000 | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$519,000** | **$219,000** | |

*Notes:*

*All values are based on 2016 dollars with an assumed discount rate of 7 percent per year. See Table 5-Appendix B for present value calculations.*

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**Table 5**
**Cost Estimate - Alternative 3: Cap and Armor**
**Focused Feasibility Study**
**AGP/Northland Slip**
**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

| Description | Unit | Estimated Unit Cost | Estimated Quantity | Extended Value | Present Value | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Construction Costs** | | | | | | |
| Mobilization/Demobilization | Lump Sum | $ 195,000 | 1 | $ 195,000 | $ 195,000 | |
| Relocation of Dock Tenant During Construction | Month | $ 10,000 | 2 | $ 20,000 | $ 20,000 | |
| Purchase Sand and Import to Staging Area | CY | $ 20.80 | 5155 | $ 107,000 | $ 107,000 | |
| Purchase Armoring Materials and Import to Staging Area | CY | $ 44.28 | 2372 | $ 105,000 | $ 105,000 | |
| Level/Slope Sediment Prior to Capping | Lump Sum | $ 44,000.00 | 1 | $ 44,000 | $ 44,000 | |
| Barge Cover/Cap Materials to Slip | CY | $ 19.38 | 5155 | $ 100,000 | $ 100,000 | |
| Construct Cover/Cap | CY | $ 33.85 | 5155 | $ 174,000 | $ 174,000 | |
| Construct Armoring Layer | CY | $ 33.85 | 2372 | $ 80,000 | $ 80,000 | |
| Construction Monitoring/CQA and Oversight | Week | $ 15,000.00 | 7 | $ 105,000 | $ 105,000 | |
| Sample Analysis | Lump Sum | $ 5,400 | 1 | $ 5,000 | $ 5,000 | |
| Monthly Operating Expenses and Site Security | Month | $ 21,000.00 | 2 | $ 42,000 | $ 42,000 | |
| Implement Institutional Controls | Lump Sum | $ 25,000.00 | 1 | $ 25,000 | $ 25,000 | |
| | | | SUBTOTAL | $ 1,002,000 | $ 1,002,000 | |
| **Long-Term Monitoring** | | | | | | |
| Monitoring and Evaluation Report | Each | $ 4,000 | 6 | $ 24,000 | $ 8,631 | |
| Field Sampling | Event | $ 34,000 | 6 | $ 204,000 | $ 73,366 | |
| Sample Analysis | Event | $ 4,620 | 6 | $ 28,000 | $ 9,969 | |
| Bathymetric Survey | Each | $ 10,000 | 6 | $ 60,000 | $ 21,578 | |
| Institutional Control Review | Each | $ 1,500 | 6 | $ 9,000 | $ 3,237 | |
| | | | SUBTOTAL | $ 325,000 | $ 116,781 | |
| | | | TOTAL | $ 1,327,000 | $ 1,118,781 | |
| | | | 25% Contingency | $ 331,750 | $ 279,695 | |
| | | | CONSTRUCTION GRAND TOTAL | $ 1,658,750 | $ 1,398,476 | |
| **Professional and Technical Services** | | | | | | |
| Remedial Design (6%) | Lump Sum | $ 100,000 | 1 | $ 100,000 | $ 100,000 | |
| Project Management and Permitting (5%) | Lump Sum | $ 83,000 | 1 | $ 83,000 | $ 83,000 | |
| Construction Management (6%) | Lump Sum | $ 100,000 | 1 | $ 100,000 | $ 100,000 | |
| | | | SUBTOTAL | $ 283,000 | $ 283,000 | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$ 1,942,000** | **$ 1,681,000** | |

*Notes:*
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*Assumptions are based on professional judgment and experience of specialists at Bay West. Actual project costs will be highly dependent upon final design.*

**Table 6**
**Cost Estimate - Alternative 4: 1 Meter Dredge, Cap and Armor**
**Focused Feasibility Study**
**AGP/Northland Slip**
**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

| Description | Unit | Estimated Unit Cost | Estimated Quantity | Extended Value | Present Value | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Construction Costs** | | | | | | |
| Mobilization/Demobilization | Lump Sum | $ 351,734 | 1 | $ 352,000 | $ 352,000 | |
| Construct Staging Area | Lump Sum | $ 285,789 | 1 | $ 286,000 | $ 286,000 | |
| Relocation of Dock Tenant During Construction | Month | $ 10,000 | 2 | $ 20,000 | $ 20,000 | |
| Mechanically Dredge Sediments | CY | $ 20.12 | 7938 | $ 160,000 | $ 160,000 | |
| Turbidity Controls | Lump Sum | $ 86,000.00 | 1 | $ 86,000 | $ 86,000 | |
| Barge Dredged Sediments to Staging Area | CY | $ 12.92 | 7938 | $ 103,000 | $ 103,000 | |
| Sediment Offloading and Stabilization | CY | $ 18.48 | 7938 | $ 146,700 | $ 146,700 | |
| Sediment Transportation and Disposal | Ton | $ 22.66 | 13891 | $ 314,700 | $ 314,700 | |
| Water Treatment | Gallon | $ 0.09 | 1119161 | $ 98,700 | $ 98,700 | |
| Purchase Sand and Import to Staging Area | CY | $ 20.80 | 5155 | $ 107,000 | $ 107,000 | |
| Purchase Armoring Materials and Import to Staging Area | CY | $ 44.28 | 2372 | $ 105,000 | $ 105,000 | |
| Barge Cover/Cap Materials to Slip | CY | $ 19.38 | 7527 | $ 145,900 | $ 145,900 | |
| Construct Cover/Cap | CY | $ 33.85 | 5155 | $ 174,500 | $ 174,500 | |
| Construct Armoring Layer | CY | $ 33.85 | 2372 | $ 80,300 | $ 80,300 | |
| Construction Monitoring/CQA and Oversight | Week | $ 15,000 | 10 | $ 150,000 | $ 150,000 | |
| Sample Analysis | Lump Sum | $ 11,856 | 1 | $ 11,900 | $ 11,900 | |
| Monthly Operating Expenses and Site Security | Month | $ 21,000 | 3 | $ 63,000 | $ 63,000 | |
| Implement Institutional Controls | Lump Sum | $ 25,000.00 | 1 | $ 25,000 | $ 25,000 | |
| | | | SUBTOTAL | $ 2,429,700 | $ 2,429,700 | |
| **Long-Term Monitoring** | | | | | | |
| Monitoring and Evaluation Report | Each | $ 4,000 | 6 | $ 24,000 | $ 8,631 | |
| Field Sampling | Event | $ 34,000 | 6 | $ 204,000 | $ 73,366 | |
| Sample Analysis | Event | $ 4,620 | 6 | $ 27,720 | $ 9,969 | |
| Bathymetric Survey | Each | $ 10,000 | 6 | $ 60,000 | $ 21,578 | |
| Institutional Control Review | Each | $ 1,500 | 6 | $ 9,000 | $ 3,237 | |
| | | | SUBTOTAL | $ 324,720 | $ 116,781 | |
| | | | TOTAL | $ 2,754,420 | $ 2,546,481 | |
| | | | 25% Contingency | $ 688,605 | $ 636,620 | |
| | | | CONSTRUCTION GRAND TOTAL | $ 3,443,025 | $ 3,183,101 | |
| **Professional and Technical Services** | | | | | | |
| Remedial Design (6%) | Lump Sum | $ 207,000 | 1 | $ 207,000 | $ 207,000 | |
| Project Management and Permitting (5%) | Lump Sum | $ 172,000 | 1 | $ 172,000 | $ 172,000 | |
| Construction Management (6%) | Lump Sum | $ 207,000 | 1 | $ 207,000 | $ 207,000 | |
| | | | SUBTOTAL | $ 586,000 | $ 586,000 | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$ 4,029,000** | **$ 3,769,000** | |

*Notes:*

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*Assumptions are based on professional judgment and experience of specialists at Bay West. Actual project costs will be highly dependent upon final design.*

**Table 7**
**Cost Estimate - Alternative 5: Dredge with Thin-Layer Cover**
**Focused Feasibility Study**
**AGP/Northland Slip**
**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

| Description | Unit | Estimated Unit Cost | Estimated Quantity | Extended Value | Present Value | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Construction Costs** | | | | | | |
| Mobilization/Demobilization | Lump Sum | $ 194,000 | 1 | $ 194,000 | $ 194,000 | |
| Construct Staging Area | Lump Sum | $ 285,789 | 1 | $ 285,789 | $ 285,789 | |
| Relocation of Dock Tentant During Construction | Month | $ 10,000 | 2 | $ 20,000 | $ 20,000 | |
| Mechanically Dredge Sediments | CY | $ 20.12 | 23515 | $ 473,000 | $ 473,000 | |
| Turbidity Controls | Lump Sum | $ 89,000.00 | 1 | $ 89,000 | $ 89,000 | |
| Barge Dredged Sediments to Staging Area | CY | $ 12.92 | 23515 | $ 304,000 | $ 304,000 | |
| Sediment Offloading and Stabilization | CY | $ 18.48 | 23515 | $ 434,700 | $ 434,700 | |
| Sediment Transportation and Disposal | Ton | $ 22.66 | 41152 | $ 932,300 | $ 932,300 | |
| Water Treatment | Gallon | $ 0.09 | 2179418 | $ 192,200 | $ 192,200 | |
| Purchase Cover/Cap Materials and Import to Staging Area | CY | $ 20.80 | 1186 | $ 24,700 | $ 24,700 | |
| Barge Cover/Cap Materials to Slip | CY | $ 19.38 | 1186 | $ 23,000 | $ 23,000 | |
| Construct Cover/Cap | CY | $ 33.85 | 1186 | $ 40,100 | $ 40,100 | |
| Construction Quality Assurance and Oversight | Week | $ 15,000 | 12 | $ 180,000 | $ 180,000 | |
| Sample Analysis | Lump Sum | $ 24,898 | 1 | $ 24,898 | $ 24,898 | |
| Monthly Operating Expenses and Site Security | Month | $ 21,000 | 3 | $ 63,000 | $ 63,000 | |
| | | | SUBTOTAL | $ 3,280,687 | $ 3,280,687 | |
| | | | 25% Contingency | $ 820,172 | $ 820,172 | |
| | | CONSTRUCTION GRAND TOTAL | | $ 4,100,858 | $ 4,100,858 | |
| **Professional and Technical Services** | | | | | | |
| Remedial Design (6%) | Lump Sum | $ 250,000 | 1 | $ 250,000 | $ 250,000 | |
| Project Management and Permitting (5%) | Lump Sum | $ 210,000 | 1 | $ 210,000 | $ 210,000 | |
| Construction Management (6%) | Lump Sum | $ 250,000 | 1 | $ 250,000 | $ 250,000 | |
| | | | SUBTOTAL | $ 710,000 | $ 710,000 | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$ 4,811,000** | **$ 4,811,000** | |

*Notes:*

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*Assumptions are based on professional judgment and experience of specialists at Bay West. Actual project costs will be highly dependent upon final design.*

**Table 8**
**Comparative Analysis Summary**
**Focused Feasibility Study**
**AGP/Northland Slip**
**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

| Evaluation Criteria | Alternative 1: No Action | Alternative 2: Monitoring and Institutional Controls | Alternative 3: Cap and Armor | Alternative 4: 1 Meter Dredge, Cap and Armor | Alternative 5: Dredge with Thin-Layer Cover |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Threshold Criteria | | | | | |
| **Overall Protection of Human Health & Environment** | Provides **no achievement** of protection of Human Health and the Environment as contaminant concentrations remain with minimal controls to prevent exposure. | Provides a **no achievement** of protection of Human Health and the Environment as contaminant concentrations remain with minimal controls to prevent exposure. | Provides a **moderate to high achievement** of protection of Human Health and the Environment. Contaminated sediment would remain in place but contaminants would be completely isolated. | Provides a **moderate to high achievement** of protection of Human Health and the Environment. Majority of contaminated sediment would remain in place but contaminants would be completely isolated. | Provides a **high achievement** of protection of Human Health and the Environment. Only residual contaminated sediment would remain in place; however, it is anticipated that the residual contamination will not exceed the RAOs. |
| **ARARs** | Provides **no achievemen**t of ARARs since chemical-specific TBCs are not met for sediment. Location and action-specific ARAR s do not apply to this alternative. | Provides a **no achievemen**t of ARARs since chemical-specific TBCs are not met for sediment. Location and action-specific ARAR s do not apply to this alternative. | Provides a **moderate achievement** of ARARs if implemented properly; however, COCs may not be reduced to concentrations less than RAOs in a reasonable time frame. | Provides a **moderate achievement** of ARARs if implemented properly; however, COCs may not be reduced to concentrations less than RAOs in a reasonable time frame. | Provides a **high achievement** of ARARs if implemented properly. Contaminants above the RAOs would be removed. |
| **Primary Balancing Criteria** | | | | | |
| **Long-term Effectiveness and Permanence** | Provides **no achievement** of long-term effectiveness and remedy is not long-term effective or permanent. | Provides a **no achievement** of long-term effectiveness and remedy is not long-term effective or permanent. | Provides a **moderate achievement** of long-term effectiveness and permanence because it isolates contaminated sediments from receptors; however, monitoring, and possible reapplication of the cap material may be necessary as all contaminants would remain in place. | Provides a **moderate to high achievement** of long-term effectiveness and permanence because it isolates contaminated sediments from receptors; however, monitoring, and possible reapplication of the cap material may be necessary as the majority of the contaminants will remain in place. Additionally dredged contaminated sediments would be placed in a disposal facility requiring long-term O&M. | Provides a **high achievement** of long-term effectiveness. Contaminated sediments would be permanently removed from the Site; however, contaminated sediments would be placed in a disposal facility requiring long-term O&M. |
| **Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility or Volume through Treatment** | Provides a **no achievement** of this criterion as no reduction in toxicity, mobility, or volume is provided. | Provides a **no achievement** of this criterion as no reduction in toxicity, mobility, or volume is provided. | Provides a **moderate achievement** of this criterion as all contaminated sediment that exceed the RAOs would be left in place; however, mobility would be reduced at the time of cap placement. | Provides a **moderate to high achievement** of this criterion as the majority of contaminated sediment that exceed the RAOs would be left in place; however, mobility would be reduced at the time of cap placement. Some contaminated sediment would be removed and would be treated through stabilization. | Provides a **high achievement** of this criterion by removing all contaminated sediments that exceed the RAOs. The removed sediments would be treated through stabilization. |
| **Short-term effectiveness** | Provides a **moderate achievement** of this criterion as no actions are implemented, so no risks to the community would result from remedy implementation; however, receptors would continue to be exposed to contaminated sediment. | Provides a **moderate achievement** of this criterion as no actions are implemented, so no risks to the community would result from remedy implementation. Relevant ICs may be identified and implemented to address existing contaminated sediment. | Provides a **moderate to high achievement** of this criterion since installation of the cap which would displace the benthic community. Risks to workers is moderate. | Provides a **moderate achievement** of this criterion since it would take a longer amount of time than Alternatives 3 and would affect aquatic habitat longer. Installation of the cap would displace the benthic community. Risks to workers is moderate. Off-site disposal lowers the effectiveness due to a slight increase in short-term risks from truck traffic to an off-site landfill. | Provides a **low achievement** of this criterion since it would take longer to implement on-site dredging and would affect the aquatic habitat longer. Off-site disposal lowers the effectiveness due to a slight increase in short-term risks from truck traffic to an off-site landfill. |
| **Implementability** | Provides a **high achievement** of this criterion as no actions would be implemented. | Provides a **high achievement** of this criterion as no actions would be implemented. | Provides a **moderate to high achievement** of implementability since it only requires placement of cap material using proven methods with a moderate to high level of complexity. | Provides a **low achievement** of implementability since it requires dredging, staging and placement of cap material using proven methods with a moderate to high level of complexity. | Provides a **moderate to low achievement** of implementability since it requires a large amount of dredging and staging coordination. |
| **Cost (1)** | $ - | $219,000 | $1,681,000 | $3,769,000 | $4,811,000 |
| **Modifying Criteria** | | | | | |
| **State Support / Agency Acceptance** | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| **Community Acceptance** | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | |

*Notes*
*(1) Cost are presented as Present Value.*
*M = Million*
*TBD = To Be Determined*

**Table 9**
**GSR Comparative Analysis Summary**
**Focused Feasibility Study**
**AGP/Northland Slip**
**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

| Evaluation Criteria | Alternative 1: No Action | Alternative 2: Monitoring and Institutional Controls | Alternative 3: Cap and Armor | Alternative 4: 1 Meter Dredge, Cap and Armor | Alternative 5: Dredge with Thin-Layer Cover |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Green Sustainable Remediation (GSR) Criteria*** | | | | | |
| **Green House Gas (GHG) Emissions** | Total GHG emissions are limited to equipment mobilization/demobilization related to sampling activities. | Total GHG emissions are limited to equipment mobilization related to sampling activities. | Total GHG emissions produced during cap material delivery and placement and equipment mobilization related to sampling activities. | Total GHG emissions produced during dredging activities, hauling wastes by land to landfill, cap material delivery, and placement and equipment mobilization related to sampling activities. | Total GHG emissions are limited to dredging activities and hauling wastes by land to landfill.  More dredging and hauling generates more GHG emissions. |
| **Toxic Chemical Usage and Disposal** | No toxic chemicals are used or disposed. | No toxic chemicals are used or disposed. | No toxic chemicals are used or disposed. | Portland cement used to stabilize dredged material. | Portland cement used to stabilize dredged material. |
| **Energy Consumption** | Fossil fuels are limited to equipment mobilization/demobilization for sampling activities. | Fossil fuels are limited to equipment mobilization for sampling activities. | Fossil fuels are limited to the  equipment mobilization for sampling activities and thin cover placement operations. | Fossil fuels are limited to the  equipment mobilization for sampling activities, dredging activities, hauling wastes by land to landfill and cap material delivery and placement operations. | Fossil fuels are required for equipment mobilization for sampling activities, dredging activities, and hauling wastes by land to landfill. More dredging and hauling requires more fossil fuels. |
| **Use of Alternative Fuels** | Does not warrant the use of alternative fuels. | Does not warrant the use of alternative fuels. | Alternative fuels could be used to run heavy construction equipment. | Alternative fuels could be used to run heavy construction equipment. | Alternative fuels could be used to run heavy construction equipment. |
| **Water Consumption** | No water consumption is necessary. | No water consumption is necessary. | Little water consumption is necessary. | Little water consumption is necessary. | Little water consumption is necessary. |
| **Waste Generation** | No waste generation. | No waste generation. | No waste generation. | 30,427 $yd^3$ of sediment for disposal will be generated. | 83,304 $yd^3$ of sediment for disposal will be generated. |
| **GSR Criteria Summary** | Provides a **high achievement** of the GSR criterion. | Provides a **high achievement** of the GSR criterion. | Provides a **moderate to high achievement** of the GSR criterion. | Provides a **low achievement** of the GSR criterion. | Provides a **low achievement** of the GSR criterion. |

*Notes*
** Not included in numerical comparison on (Table 10).*
*TBD = To Be Determined*

**Table 10**
**Numerical Comparative Analysis Summary**
**Focused Feasibility Study**
**AGP/Northland Slip**
**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

| Evaluation Criteria | Alternative 1: No Action | Alternative 2: Monitoring and Institutional Controls | Alternative 3: Cap and Armor | Alternative 4: 1 Meter Dredge, Cap and Armor | Alternative 5: Total Dredge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Overall Protection of Human Health & Environment** | 0 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3 |
| **ARARs** | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| **Long-term Effectiveness and Permanence** | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2.5 | 3 |
| **Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility or Volume through Treatment** | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2.5 | 3 |
| **Short-term effectiveness** | 2 | 2 | 2.5 | 2 | 1 |
| **Implementability** | 3 | 3 | 2.5 | 1 | 1.5 |
| **Cost (1)** | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| **State Support / Agency Acceptance** | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| **Community Acceptance** | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| **Total Numerical Value** | **8** | **8.5** | **15.5** | **13.5** | **15.5** |

*Notes*

*(1) Cost are presented as Present Value.*

*Ratings are based on achievement of criterion: low achievement; moderate achievement; and high achievement.*

*Scores are based on 0= no achievement, 1 = low achievement; 2 = moderate achievement; and 3 = high achievement.*

*GSR criteria not included in this numerical comparison.*

# Appendix A

## Record of Communication

**Appendix A – Record of Communications**
**Feasibility Study**
**AGP**
**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

- Chris Musson of Bay West LLC (Bay West) corresponded with Omar's Sand and Gravel, Inc. (Omar's) of Carlton, Minnesota, via email and phone between February 10 and 18, 2016. The Thomson Reservoir alternative scopes were discussed with John, a long-term employee at Omar's, and it was stated that projects on the scale of Thomson Reservoir are conducted regularly by Omar's. Supply, loading, and transportation services are offered by Omar's, and large quantities of washed sand are always kept in stock (i.e., stockpiled and ready for load-out). Quotes for supply and delivery of crushed concrete and washed sand were supplied to Bay West, but it was requested that pricing information be kept confidential (this pricing was incorporated into cost estimates). Gradation reports for two types of washed sand were also supplied to Bay West.
- Chris Musson of Bay West corresponded with Kyle Backstrom of SKB Environmental Services/Shamrock Trucking (Shamrock Landfill) located in Cloquet, Minnesota, via phone and email on February 10, 2016. The Thomson Reservoir Dredging Alternative scope was discussed and Mr. Backstrom stated that Shamrock Landfill would have capacity to accept the dredge material and could also supply trucking services. No discount for use of sediment as daily cover would likely be given as large quantities of daily cover are already available. A rough estimate cost of $16 per ton for disposal and approximately $100 per hour per 23.5-ton end dump truck was supplied.
- Chris Musson, Jonna Bjelland, and Dirk Pohlmann with Bay West had a conference call with Jim Sharrow and Deborah DeLuca of the Duluth Seaway Port Authority. March 18, 2016:
    - <u>Hallett Dock #7/Potential staging areas</u>

      **Port Authority had a purchase agreement in place; was going through due diligence; not as positive as they thought; may not go through with closing of the deal;** still owned by XIK; could look at the dock on south side of slip C; wood products dock – contact Max Tolbert – Duluth Timber; could also look at other end of General Mills dock; General Mills elevator is for sale; somewhat undeveloped land; other half of property owned by Duluth Timber.

      Hallet Dock #7, owned by XIK; slip only 14 feet deep, outer end has about 18 feet of water; capped as part of superfund remedy; could likely use the channel dock wall, probably not the slip; was a large building there and concrete slab is still present.

      Rough cost to replace a dock wall is $3,000 – $4,000 per lineal foot, but will depend on dock construction; less for repair.
    - <u>AZCON Slip</u>

      **Port Authority has had discussions with MPCA about filling the AZCON slip**; Port has had discussions with AZCON about purchasing their side of the slip; not been successful to date; If Port Authority had ownership it could be filled – turned into a CAD; Port Authority would need about 7 acres for laydown; existing portion owned by Port Authority not available; being rebuilt for maritime use and all land is accounted for; MPCA objective is to have this completed by 2020 if they can (remedial activities – per Port Authority). No record of dredging since Port Authority came into being in 1989.

- Dredging

  Have to acquire permits; MPCA, USACE, and DNR work together to issue; DNR may impose fish windows, but these areas are likely not prime fish spawning areas; done on a case by case basis; would dictate what months out of the year dredging can be accomplished; Port Authority is currently dredging; dredge materials – legacy going to landfill – few hundred yards – remainder is coming ashore and going onto Port Authority dock; most of it clean sand and going into construction projects; dock repair cost is 17.7 million; Lunda subcontracted to Veit for dredging.

  Port Authority will give Bay West update on Hallett Dock #7 status.

# Appendix B

## Technical Analysis

# Appendix B – Technical Analysis
# Focused Feasibility Study
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Five remedial alternatives involving monitoring and/or construction activities at AGP (the Site) were developed and evaluated as part of the AGP Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) and include the following:

Alternative 1 – No Action;

Alternative 2 – Monitoring and Institutional Controls;

Alternative 3 – Sediment Capping and Armoring;

Alternative 4 – 1-Meter Dredge, Sediment Capping and Armoring; and

Alternative 5 – Dredge with Thin-Layer Cover.

Class 4 rough order of magnitude cost analyses (+50/-30) were developed for each of these alternatives and are summarized within Section 3 of the FFS document. This Technical Analysis serves to provide the calculations and outline the assumptions used to compile each of the alternative cost analyses.

Cost estimates were compiled using a variety of sources. These sources include construction cost data from RSMeans estimating software for open shop pricing in Duluth, Minnesota; current Bay West and state contract rates for labor, equipment, and sample analysis; personal communication with vendors; historic cost data from projects similar in size and scope; other FFS documents, presentations, or technical papers that provided estimated or real construction cost data; and available online vendor pricing of materials.

The selection of construction equipment, production rates, remedial volumes, remedial action areas, and other "design-type" elements used as a starting point to develop alternative costs are based on a current understanding of Site conditions at this early feasibility study-level stage.

This document is divided into the following sections:

**Section 1**: Remedial Areas and Volumes

**Section 2**: Construction Equipment and Production Rates

**Section 3**: Staging Area

**Section 4**: Construction Implementation Assumptions

**Section 5**: Environmental Controls and Construction Monitoring

**Section 6**: Material Transport between Site and Staging Area

**Section 7**: Sediment Stabilization

**Section 8**: Dredge Contact Water Treatment

**Section 9**: Transportation and Disposal

**Section 10**: Cover/Cap Materials

**Section 11**: References

The following tables were used to calculate values incorporated into each alternative cost analysis and are included within this Technical Analysis:

**Appendix B** Table 1: Volume, Rate, and Time Frame Calculations

**Appendix B** Table 2: Unit Rate Calculations

**Appendix B** Table 3: Lump Sum Costs

**Appendix B** Table 4: Monitoring and Evaluation Costs

**Appendix B** Table 5: Present Value Calculations

Many of the assumptions used to compile the cost analyses for the alternatives are included within the tables. Those aspects of alternative development not readily apparent within the tables and the AGP FFS text are described in the following sections.

# Appendix B – Technical Analysis
# Focused Feasibility Study
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**Section 1: Remedial Areas and Volumes**

Areas targeted for remedial action (remedial footprint areas) include areas identified as exceeding the Midpoint Sediment Quality Target, also referred to as the preliminary cleanup level. Total PAH is considered the "driving" contaminant of concern for the Site and remedial efforts to address Total PAH are also assumed to address the following contaminants: arsenic, cadmium, copper, PAHs, lead, PCBs, and zinc. The remedial footprint area is presented in **Figure 5** of the AGP FFS document. Remedial areas were developed based on sample results obtained in 2010 and 2014, bathymetric data, and professional judgement. Remedial areas total 1.52 acres in size.

Two important factors should be noted regarding the total volume of contaminated sediment calculation:

1. Overburden sediments (i.e., sediments with Total PAH concentrations less than the preliminary cleanup level but located above [vertically] sediments exceeding the preliminary cleanup level) were included within the calculation. Overburden sediments were included because overburden sediments would require consolidation/removal in order to reach contaminated sediments below.
2. The volume of contaminated sediments exceeding the Midpoint Sediment Quality Target was determined using available sample results and data and arc GIS spatial analyst tools.

Additionally, a 0.30-meter (1-foot) over-dredge was assumed over dredge areas for Alternative 5.

**Section 2: Construction Equipment and Production Rates**

Mechanical means of cap construction were evaluated for the purposes of this FFS as mechanical equipment was assumed to be more readily available and offer a more cost-effective approach for placing small volumes of cap material as compared to hydraulic methods. Additionally, the lack of available nearby upland space in which to stage hydraulic equipment makes hydraulic methods less feasible to implement. The cap construction method evaluated for this FFS includes a barge-mounted long-reach excavator or derrick crane with environmental clamshell bucket. The daily production rate for capping activities was conservatively estimated at 432 cubic yards per day. This rate is derived from the use of a 3-cubic-yard bucket filled 80 percent (%), an average cycle time of 3 minutes, and an active placement time frame of 9 hours per day. This rate was developed by modifying the estimated dredge production rate to be more conservative, which uses the same equipment but assumes a 2-minute cycle time. The conservative nature of the production rate was chosen to represent inefficiencies related to a short construction duration (several weeks) and the learning curve associated with equipment use, the increased difficulty of placing sand in multiple thin lifts (to maintain underlying sediment integrity during cap placement) with mechanical equipment, and the potential for debris to be located at the Site.

Mechanical methods for sediment removal were selected over hydraulic methods for the same reasons as outlined above for capping equipment. Additionally, the lack of a nearby confined disposal facility (CDF) or other dewatering facility negates the use of hydraulic dredging methods altogether. The dredging method evaluated for this FFS includes a barge-mounted long-reach excavator or derrick crane with environmental clamshell bucket. The dredging production rate was estimated partially based on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) sediment remediation guidance (USEPA, 2005), which provides production rates for various sizes of mechanical buckets based on an 80% fill and cycle time of 2 minutes. These rates range from 63 cubic yards per hour for smaller buckets to 252 cubic yards per hour for larger buckets. Another source used to determine the dredge production rate was the St. Louis River/Interlake/Duluth Tar (SLRIDT) Data Gap Report (Service, 2002), in which a review of previous projects and discussions with interested parties resulted in a recommended dredge production rate of50 cubic yards per hour.

Based on these two sources the dredge production rate for the Site was conservatively estimated at 72 cubic yards per hour. A conservative production rate was selected because the amount of debris at the Site is unknown and debris removal was not incorporated into this FFS. This rate assumes a 3-cubic yard bucket filled 80%, a 2-minute cycle time, and an active dredging time frame of 9 hours per day.

Dredging downtime is estimated at 3 hours per day to account for morning meetings/safety briefings, startup times, shutdown times, and periods of down time throughout the day. These factors equate to a daily production rate of 650 cubic yards per day.

**Section 3: Staging Area**

Satellite imagery indicates the presence of a large paved area at the end of Hallett Dock #7, which is appropriately sized for stockpiling materials and stabilizing dredged sediments; therefore, it was assumed for the purposes of the cost analyses that minimal work would be required in order to use Hallett Dock #7 as a staging area for capping and/or dredging operations. The dock end is nearly 500 feet in length and was assumed to be useable for barge mooring and material on-loading/off-loading in its current condition. Staging area upgrades for alternatives involving only capping would likely include installation of site fencing to protect construction equipment and prevent unauthorized personnel from entering the staging area while the remedy is being implemented. Construction of a lined, bermed, and paved dewatering pad was assumed for the dredging alternative. It is unknown whether access to power is available at Hallett Dock #7; however, due to the short remedial project duration (several weeks), the use of generators to power office trailers, lights, pumps, water treatment operations, etc. was assumed for the cost analysis.

**Section 4: Construction Implementation Assumptions**

***Alternatives with Cover/Cap Elements***

A general order of operations was assumed in order to facilitate costing of alternatives involving cover or cap elements. This order of operations was used to assist in selecting construction equipment, labor, production rates, time frames, etc. The general order of operations for cover/cap placement is described below.

- Clean washed sand meeting project specifications would be purchased from a local upland borrow source and imported to the staging area at Hallett Dock #7 via on-road dump trucks during normal daytime working hours. Sand would be dumped at the sand stockpile area at a volume equaling or exceeding the volume of sand placed into AGP on a daily basis.
- During late afternoon or early nighttime hours, the empty transport barge would arrive at the staging area at Hallett Dock #7. An end loader would be used to transfer sand from the sand stockpile area and onto a conveyor to load the transport barge. Once the barge was loaded, the nighttime shift would be complete and the barge would remain moored overnight.
- Early the following morning, the transport barge would travel down river to the Site in time for commencement of daily capping activities.
- A barge-mounted excavator or crane with clamshell bucket would remove capping material from the transport barge and place materials into AGP throughout the day. A skid loader located on the transport barge will consolidate capping materials as needed.
- Once the transport barge was emptied, cap construction would cease for the day. The transport barge will return to the staging area at Hallett Dock #7 where it would again be loaded during a nighttime shift.

***Alternatives with Dredge Elements***

A general order of operations was assumed in order to facilitate costing of dredging alternatives. This order of operations was used to assist in selecting construction equipment, labor, production rates, time frames, etc. The general order of operations for dredging alternatives is described as follows:

- Contaminated sediments would be removed using a barge-mounted mechanical dredge with environmental clamshell bucket. A Real Time Kinematic (RTK) Global Positioning System (GPS) system would be used to track the position/cut of the bucket and the dredge's progress.
- Dredged sediment would be immediately placed into an adjacent sediment transport barge. The sediment transport barge would be sufficiently sized to hold an entire days' worth of dredged

sediments. Both the dredge barge and sediment transport barge would be repositioned as needed by tug boat.

- After dredging has been completed for the day, the sediment transport barge would travel up-river to the staging area.
- Once moored at the staging area, multiple pumps would be used to rapidly dewater the overlying dredge contact water contained within the barge. A derrick crane would unload the sediments from the barge and place them onto a lined, paved, and bermed sediment dewatering/stabilization pad.
- An end loader would collect the unloaded sediments and mix in amendment material – such as Portland Cement – for dewatering/stabilization. The mixed sediments would be stockpiled for up to several days while stabilization occurs.
- During normal daytime operating hours, an end loader would be used to load on-road dump trucks with stabilized sediment. The trucks would transport the stabilized sediments to an off-site landfill for disposal.
- Water pumped from the transport barge, drained from stabilizing sediments, and precipitation accumulated on the dewatering/stabilization pad would be treated on a batch basis using an on-site treatment plant. Treated water would be discharged to the local publicly owned treatment works (POTW), Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) system.

Other methods of transporting sediments to the pad, such as a rail hopper and conveyor s system, and methods of mixing dredged sediments with amendments, such as on-barge mixing, could be used and would be specified during the project design or project bidding phase. The methods outlined above were incorporated into the cost analysis and are assumed appropriate for the volume of material to be handled.

**Section 5: Environmental Controls and Construction Monitoring**

Environmental controls and construction monitoring are important elements in mitigating environmental impacts occurring as a direct result from construction activities and also in ensuring remedial/construction goals are achieved. Environmental controls can include surface water control structures (e.g., silt curtains, sheet piling, and absorbent boom), lined sediment dewatering pads, tire washes, stormwater controls, and site fencing (for protection of human health). Construction monitoring can include turbidity monitoring during dredging activities, air monitoring during intrusive site activities, treated dredge contact water sampling, post-dredge verification sampling, cap thickness verification coring, bathymetric surveys, imported materials sampling, dewatered sediment sampling, and collection of pre- and post-construction upland soil samples within the staging area footprint. Alternatives involving capping as a remedy would likely require less controls and monitoring than alternatives incorporating dredging.

For the purposes of this FFS, it was assumed that alternatives consisting of capping or cover placement would incorporate the following control and monitoring elements:

- Fencing at the Hallett Dock #7 staging area;
- Chemical and physical sampling of imported cover/cap materials to ensure that they are suitable for use; and
- Cap thickness verification coring and bathymetric surveys to ensure that cap specifications are achieved.

Alternatives consisting of dredging sediments would require controls and monitoring as listed above for cover/cap placement and in addition:

- Hallett Dock #7 staging area fencing, stormwater controls (if applicable), and a lined and bermed dewatering pad;
- Surface water controls;
- Real-time turbidity monitoring;

- Post-dredge verification sampling;
- Dewatered sediment sampling; and
- Treated dredge contact water sampling;

Surface water controls and turbidity monitoring will be particularly important for preventing off-site migration of suspended and potentially contaminated sediments. Surface water control structures evaluated for this FFS include the use of two sets of non-structural barriers, with each set consisting of an oil absorbent boom and a "full height" turbidity/silt curtain anchored to the bed with a permeable fabric at the top 5 feet to accommodate the flow of water across the curtain while isolating suspended sediment. One of the turbidity barriers would be maintained within approximately 15 feet of the dredge. The second turbidity barrier would be placed near the "mouth" of AGP and would allow for movement of the transport barge in and out of the Site.

Turbidity monitoring would be conducted using real-time cellular monitoring buoys to ensure that potentially contaminated sediments are not being excessively suspended into the water column and transported downgradient during dredging. An allowable concentration of total suspended solids (TSS) above background would be determined during the design phase. A site-specific TSS: turbidity correlation would then be conducted so that a turbidity monitoring value could be established.

**Section 6: Material Transport Between Site and Staging Area**

In order to limit the frequency and travel time between the sites, the use of a large transport barge was assumed and would be sufficiently sized to hold an entire days' worth of cap materials or dredged sediments. Use of a large transport barge would limit movement of the barge and materials between the sites to two times per day. Costs to transport the barge between the sites were estimated on an hourly basis from values provided within The Great Lakes Towing Company schedule of rates (The Great Lakes Towing Company, 2013).

**Section 7: Sediment Stabilization**

Sediments mechanically dredged from the Site are expected to have entrained and interstitial water (i.e., dredge contact water) making them unsuitable for direct and/or immediate transportation to an off-site landfill. Therefore, dredged sediments would require dewatering/stabilization in order for them to pass the paint filter test (i.e., essentially no free water) and make them suitable for transportation and disposal. The dewatering/stabilization process would rely upon the addition of amendments to the dredged sediments, along with gravity draining of entrained and interstitial water onto the sediment stabilization pad ("pad").

The pad would be constructed prior to commencement of dredging activities. The pad would be a primary feature of the sediment staging area and must be large enough so that four operations could be conducted on the pad at once. These operations include: offloading dredged sediments from the transport barge and placing them on the pad; end loader or dozer transport of offloaded dredged sediments to a mixing area and subsequent mixing of sediments with an amendment such as Portland Cement; stockpiling of amended sediments for several days if necessary to attain adequate cohesiveness; and loadout of dewatered sediments into on-road dump trucks. The constructed pad would be lined, paved, and bermed to contain contaminated sediments and to facilitate gravity draining of interstitial water and precipitation falling onto the pad into a sump area. Dredge contact water collected in the sump would be pumped into frac tanks (i.e., equalization tanks) and treated. Construction of a 250-foot by 250-foot pad was incorporated into the cost analysis of the dredging alternative.

The dewatering/stabilization process would incorporate the use of binders (i.e., amendments) that generate a cementitious reaction with the available water and solid matrix of the dredged sediments. Common amendments for sediment dewatering/stabilization include Portland Cement, fly ash, lime cement, and lime kiln dusts. These amendments are powdered materials that require enclosed transport and storage systems to reduce dust migration and premature hydration. Some materials, such as fly ash, may be available locally at a substantially reduced cost relative to Portland Cement. For the purposes of this FFS it was assumed that solidification with 15% Portland Cement by volume would be conducted.

Pilot scale or treatability studies should be conducted during the design phase to identify desirable amendment materials and amendment rates.

**Section 8: Dredge Contact Water Treatment**

The construction scenario evaluated for the FFS includes mechanical dredging of sediments into a large transport barge and then barge transport of the dredged sediments to the staging area, 7 miles upstream of the Site. Some of the interstitial water within the dredged sediments will rise to the surface within the transport barge during the day and during transport to the staging area. This water would be pumped from the transport barge and into frac/equalization tanks upon the barge reaching the staging area, after which sediments would be offloaded and placed onto the stabilization pad.

Further gravity dewatering of sediments would occur once placed on the pad. Interstitial water drained from the sediments as well as precipitation accumulated on the pad would gravity drain into a sump. Dredge contact water collected in the sump would be pumped into the frac/equalization tanks and be combined with contact water pumped from the transport barge.

It is estimated that 218 gallons of water will be generated per bucket of sediment dredged assuming a 3-cubic-yard bucket, 80% fill, and 20% by volume entrained and interstitial water content. It is estimated that 270 buckets of sediment will be dredged on a daily basis assuming a 2-minute cycle time and an active dredging duration of 9 hours per day. This equates to a total daily dredge contact water generation of approximately 59,000 gallons.

Treatment of dredge contact water would likely occur on a batch basis. Treatment over a 10-hour duration would require a system capable of treating at a rate of approximately 100 gallons per minute.

The cost analysis for treatment of dredge contact water includes rental rates for equipment, costs for procuring media and filters, disposal costs of media and filters, and labor. A per-gallon-treated unit cost was calculated by summing total daily operating costs by the volume of water treated in a single day (59,000 gallons). Costs were obtained from a contractor quote provided for a different project but relevant to the scale of dredging activities evaluated for the Site.

**Section 9: Transportation and Disposal**

Transportation costs for sediment disposal were estimated on a per ton basis using truck rental and operator rate data obtained from RSMeans cost estimating software. It was assumed that each truck would carry 12 tons or 16 cubic yards (1.4 tons per cubic yard) and would complete 1 round trip per hour and 7 round trips per day. Correspondence with local landfill and sand and gravel companies indicate that transportation costs could be less than the $13.90 per cubic yard or $9.93 per ton estimated rate, but the estimated rate was retained within the cost estimates to provide a conservative scenario.

Disposal costs were obtained for the Vonco V Waste Management Campus (obtained during compilation of the Minnesota Slip Feasibility Study) located at 1100 West Gary Street in Duluth, Minnesota (approximately 12 miles west of the Site) and Shamrock Environmental Landfill located at 761 Highway 45 in Cloquet, Minnesota (approximately 20 miles west of the Site). Costs for these two disposal facilities were comparable for the purposes of this FFS, at $12 per ton and $16 per ton (not including environmental fees and taxes) respectively. The Vonco V landfill was used for the cost analysis due to its closer proximity to the Site.

The final volume of sediments requiring disposal will be a result of in situ volume, bulking of sediments as they are dredged and handled, and the addition of stabilizing agents during the dewatering process. For the purposes of this FFS, sediment bulking was assumed at 10% and amendment addition was assumed at 15% by volume. An average density of 1.4 tons per cubic yard was assumed for dredged and stabilized sediment.

## Section 10: Cover/Cap Materials

Potential sources of cover/cap materials include materials from an upland borrow location (e.g., sand and gravel pit), sediments previously dredged for navigational purposes, and common earth upland soil. Natural materials such as dredged sediments and common earth upland soils often contain fine-grained components which make placement more difficult (ITRC, 2014). It was assumed for the purposes of the cost analyses that upland borrow materials would be used as no apparent source of dredged materials is readily available near the Site. Upland borrow material consisting of clean, washed sand was assumed for alternatives incorporating sand cover or cap elements. The exact grain size specifications would be developed during the design phase but would likely consist of medium to coarse grain sands that would withstand mild erosive forces in the slip. Cobble obtained from an upland borrow location was also assumed for alternatives requiring cap armor.

For the sand cover and sand cap alternatives, it was assumed that sand will be purchased from an upland borrow location and loaded into trucks at a rate of $6.90 per CY based on pricing procured from a local supplier. Rip rap or cobbles used as armor over cap materials was estimated at $30.38 per cubic yard based on available online pricing. Assumptions used for importing materials to the site were the same as those for transportation and disposal of dewatered sediments, as described in **Section 9**.

## Section 11: References

USEPA, 2005. “Contaminated Sediment Remediation Guidance for Hazardous Waste Sites.”

Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) Contaminated Sediments Team, 2014. “Contaminated Sediments Remediation – Remedy Selection for Contaminated Sediments,” August.

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Volume, Rate, and Timeframe Calculations
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|---|---|---|
| **Volume of Sediment Exceeding Midpoint SQT** | | |
| Area exceeding Midpoint SQT (acres) | 1.5 | |
| Volume of contamination (cubic yards) | 22,203.00 | |
| **Cap/Cover Volumes** | | |
| Alternative 3: Cap and Armor | | |
| Remedial area (acres) | 1.5 | |
| BAZ thickness (feet) | 1.64 | 0.5 (meter) |
| IZ thickness or "mixing layer" (feet) | 0.49 | 0.15 (meter) |
| Total volume of sand (cubic yards) | 5155 | |
| | | |
| Armored area (acres) | 1.50 | (Entire area, high boat traffic) |
| Armored depth (feet) | 0.98 | 0.30 (meter) |
| Total armor volume (cubic yards) | 2372 | |
| | | |
| Alternative 4: 1-Meter Dredge, Cap, and Armor | | |
| Consolidation Area (acres) | 1.50 | (Entire area, high boat traffic) |
| BAZ thickness (feet) | 1.64 | 0.5 (meter) |
| IZ thickness or "mixing layer" (feet) | 0.49 | 0.15 (meter) |
| Total volume of sand (cubic yards) | 5155 | |
| | | |
| Armored area (acres) | 1.50 | (Entire area, high boat traffic) |
| Armored depth (feet) | 0.98 | 0.30 (meter) |
| Total armor volume (cubic yards) | 2372 | |
| | | |
| Alternative 5: Dredge | | |
| Remedial area (acres) | 1.50 | |
| Cover thickness (feet) | 0.49 | 0.15 (meter) |
| Total volume of sand (cubic yards) | 1186 | |
| **Dredge, Transport, and Disposal Volumes** | | |
| Alternative 4: 1-Meter Dredge, Cap, and Armor | | |
| Dredge volume (cubic yards) | 7938 | (1.5 acres, 1-Meter Dredge depth, no over dredge) |
| Over-dredge depth (feet) | 0.00 | 0 (meter) |
| Over-dredge volume (cubic yards) | 0 | |
| Total dredge volume (cubic yards) | 7938 | |
| 10% by volume bulking factor (cubic yards) | 794 | |
| 15% by volume solidification agent (cubic yards) | 1191 | |
| Transport/Disposal volume (cubic yards) | 9922 | |
| Transport/Disposal weight (tons) | 13891 | |
| | | |
| Alternative 5: Dredge | | |
| Dredge volume (cubic yards) | 22203 | |
| Over-dredge depth (feet) | 0.98 | 0.30 (meter) |
| Over-dredge volume (cubic yards) | 1312 | |
| Total dredge volume (cubic yards) | 23515 | |
| 10% by volume bulking factor (cubic yards) | 2352 | |
| 15% by volume solidification agent (cubic yards) | 3527 | |
| Transport/Disposal volume (cubic yards) | 29394 | |
| Transport/Disposal weight (tons) | 41152 | |
| **Dredge Production Rate** | | |
| Bucket size (cubic yards) | 3.0 | |
| Percent fill | 80 | |
| Sediment per bucket (cubic yards) | 2.4 | |
| Minutes per cycle | 2.0 | |
| Active dredging duration per day (hours) | 9.0 | |
| Daily production (cubic yards) | 648 | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Cover/Cap Production Rate** | | | |
| Bucket size (cubic yards) | 3.0 | | |
| Percent fill | 80 | | |
| Sediment per bucket (cubic yards) | 2.4 | | |
| Minutes per cycle | 3.0 | | |
| Active dredging duration per day (hours) | 9.0 | | |
| Daily production (cubic yards) | 432 | | |
| **Dredge Contact Water Generation** | | | |
| Conversion: 1 cubic yard equals 202 fluid gallons | | | |
| Bucket size (cubic yards) | 3.0 | | |
| Percent fill | 80 | | |
| Sediment per bucket (gallons) | 485 | | |
| Entrained and free water at 20% by volume (gallons) | 97 | | |
| Surface water in bucket (gallons) | 121 | | |
| Total water per bucket (gallons) | 218 | | |
| **Dredge Contact Water Treatment Volume** | | | |
| Alternative 4: 1-Meter Dredge, Cap, and Armor | | | |
| Water generated per bucket (gallons) | 218 | | |
| Buckets per day | 270 | | |
| Total volume of water generated per day (gallons) | 58,903 | | |
| Treatment timeframe per day (hours) | 10 | | |
| Treatment rate (gallons per minute) | 98 | | |
| Total volume of water generated per day (gallons) | 58903 | | |
| Dredging duration (days) | 19 | | |
| Total project duration volume (gallons) | 1,119,161 | | |
| Alternative 5: Dredge | | | |
| Water generated per bucket (gallons) | 218 | | |
| Buckets per day | 270 | | |
| Total volume of water generated per day (gallons) | 58903 | | |
| Treatment timeframe per day (hours) | 10 | | |
| Treatment rate (gallons per minute) | 98 | | |
| Total volume of water generated per day (gallons) | 58903 | | |
| Dredging duration (days) | 37 | | |
| Total project duration volume (gallons) | 2,179,418.40 | | |
| **Construction Timeframe** | | | |
| Alternative 3: Cap and Armor | | | |
| Construct staging area and mobilize/setup equipment (days) | 5 | | Fencing, signs, office trailers |
| Leveling (days) | 3 | | 3 days leveling |
| Cap construction (days) | 12 | | |
| Armor construction (days) | 6 | | |
| Breakdown equipment/demobilize and site restoration (days) | 5 | | |
| Total time on-site (days) | 31 | | |
| | 7 | weeks | Assume work 5 days a week |
| Alternative 4: 1-Meter Dredge, Cap, and Armor | | | |
| Construct staging area and mobilize/setup equipment (days) | 5 | | |
| Cap construction (days) | 12 | | |
| Armor construction (days) | 6 | | |
| Dredge Sediments | 19 | | |
| Breakdown equipment/demobilize and site restoration (days) | 5 | | |
| Total time on-site (days) | 47 | | |
| | 10 | Weeks | Assume work 5 days a week |
| Alternative 5: Dredge | | | |
| Construct staging area, mobilize and setup equipment | 10 | | |
| Dredge sediments (days) | 37 | | |
| Construct thin-layer cover (days) | 3 | | |
| Breakdown equipment/demobilize and site restoration (days) | 10 | | Assume dewatering pad left in place |
| Total time on-site (days) | 60 | | |
| | 12 | Weeks | Assume work 5 days a week |

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| Dredge Sediments | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Description | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | Comments |
| Equipment | | | | | |
| Derrick crane or large long-reach excavator | Day | $2,656.44 | 1 | $2,656 | |
| 3 - 5 cubic yard bucket | Day | $70.00 | 1 | $70 | |
| RTK DGPS for dredge | Day | $190.00 | 1 | $190 | |
| Dredge barge | Day | $355.00 | 1 | $355 | |
| Dredge barge tug | Day | $1,168.41 | 1 | $1,168 | |
| Survey vessel with GPS and survey | Day | $792.77 | 1 | $793 | |
| Labor | | | | | |
| On-site project management | Day | $1,200.00 | 1 | $1,200 | |
| Foreman | Day | $854.00 | 1 | $854 | |
| Surveyor | Day | $1,020.00 | 1 | $1,020 | |
| Mechanic | Day | $980.00 | 1 | $980 | |
| Derrick crane (dredge) operator | Day | $1,106.00 | 1 | $1,106 | |
| Dredgehand | Day | $812.00 | 1 | $812 | |
| Laborer | Day | $812.00 | 1 | $812 | |
| Lodging and Per-Diem | Day | $146.00 | 7 | $1,022 | |
| | | | TOTAL | $13,038 | |
| | | | DAILY PRODUCTION (CY) | 648 | |
| | | | UNIT RATE (CY) | $20.12 | |

| Barge Dredged Sediment to Staging Area | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Description | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | Comments |
| Transport barge | Day | $827.00 | 1 | $827 | |
| Transport services | Day | $7,545.00 | 1 | $7,545 | 14 miles round trip; 2 hours per trip; after hours tug charge |
| | | | TOTAL | $8,372 | |
| | | | DAILY PRODUCTION (CY) | 648 | |
| | | | UNIT RATE (CY) | $12.92 | |

| Sediment Offloading and Solidification | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Description | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | Comments |
| Equipment & Materials | | | | | |
| Offload crane | Day | $466.00 | 1 | $466 | |
| Clamshell bucket | Day | $70.00 | 1 | $70 | |
| Loader | Day | $985.00 | 1 | $985 | Used during two shifts |
| Lights | Unit | $99.16 | 8 | $793 | four on pad; four on barge |
| Storage silo | Day | $100.00 | 1 | $100 | |
| Portland cement | Tons | $120.00 | 54.4 | $6,532 | 6 percent by weight; sediment 1.4 tons per cubic |
| | | | SUBTOTAL | $8,946 | |
| Labor | | | | | |
| Crane operator (night shift) | Hour | $79.00 | 8 | $632 | |
| Loader operator (night shift) | Hour | $79.00 | 8 | $632 | |
| Loader operator (day shift) | Hour | $79.00 | 8 | $632 | Load trucks with stabilized sediment |
| Laborer (day shift) | Hour | $58.00 | 8 | $464 | Load trucks with stabilized sediment |
| Lodging, per-diem, mileage | Day | $168.00 | 4 | $672 | |
| | | | SUBTOTAL | $3,032 | |
| | | | TOTAL | $11,978 | |
| | | | DAILY PRODUCTION (CY) | 648 | |
| | | | UNIT RATE (CY) | $18.48 | |

| Sediment Hauling and Landfill Disposal | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Transport sediments to landfill | Ton | $9.93 | 1 | $9.93 | |
| Dispose of sediments at landfill | | | | | Vonco V Landfill in Duluth |
| Disposal | Ton | $12.00 | 1 | $12.00 | |
| Environmental Fee | Ton | $0.27 | 1 | $0.27 | |
| Industrial Solid Waste Tax | Ton | $0.46 | 1 | $0.46 | |
| | | | UNIT RATE (TON) | $22.66 | |

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| Water Treatment | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Description | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | Comments |
| Equipment | Day | $1,140.00 | 1 | $1,140.00 | |
| Materials | Day | $1,253.81 | 1 | $1,253.81 | |
| Disposal | Day | $612.38 | 1 | $612.38 | Cost distributed over 1 month (21 working days) of treatment |
| Plant operator | Day | $980.00 | 1 | $980.00 | |
| Plant laborer | Day | $812.00 | 1 | $812.00 | |
| Labor, per-diem, and mileage | Day | $168.00 | 2 | $336.00 | |
| | | | TOTAL | $5,134 | |
| | | | DAILY PRODUCTION (Gal.) | 58903.2 | |
| | | | UNIT RATE (Gal.) | $0.08716 | |
| | | | WLSSD FEE (Gal.) | $0.00103 | |
| | | | COMBINED UNIT RATE (Gal.) | $0.08819 | |

| Purchase and Import Cap Material | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Purchase sand from upland borrow source | CY | $6.90 | 1 | $6.90 | |
| Import sand to staging area | CY | $13.90 | 1 | $13.90 | 40 mile cycle; 15 minute wait |
| | | | UNIT RATE (CY) | $20.80 | |

| Purchase and Import Armor Material | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Purchase rip rap from upland borrow source | CY | $30.38 | 1 | $30.38 | |
| Import sand to staging area | CY | $13.90 | 1 | $13.90 | 40 mile cycle; 15 minute wait |
| | | | UNIT RATE (CY) | $44.28 | |

| Barge Sand to AGP | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Description | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | Comments |
| Transport barge | Day | $827.00 | 1 | $827 | |
| Transport services | Day | $7,545.00 | 1 | $7,545 | 14 miles round trip; 2 hours per trip; after hours charge |
| | | | TOTAL | $8,372 | |
| | | | DAILY PRODUCTION (CY) | 432 | |
| | | | UNIT RATE (CY) | $19.38 | |

| Place Cover/Cap | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Description | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | Comments |
| Equipment | | | | | |
| Derrick crane (place) | Day | $466.00 | 1 | $466 | |
| 3 - 5 cubic yard bucket (place) | Day | $70.00 | 1 | $70 | |
| RTK DGPS for Derrick crane | Day | $190.00 | 1 | $190 | |
| Derrick barge | Day | $684.00 | 1 | $684 | |
| Derrick barge tug | Day | $1,168.41 | 1 | $1,168 | |
| Skid loader (consolidate barge materials) | Day | $366.00 | 1 | $366 | |
| Survey vessel with GPS and survey | Day | $792.77 | 1 | $793 | |
| End loader (load) | Day | $1,265.00 | 1 | $1,265 | |
| Conveyor (load) | Day | $508.00 | 1 | $508 | |
| Labor | | | | | |
| On-site project management | Day | $1,200.00 | 1 | $1,200 | |
| Foreman | Day | $854.00 | 1 | $854 | |
| Surveyor | Day | $1,020.00 | 1 | $1,020 | |
| Mechanic | Day | $980.00 | 1 | $980 | |
| Derrick crane operator | Day | $1,106.00 | 1 | $1,106 | |
| Dredgehand | Day | $812.00 | 1 | $812 | |
| Laborer (trucks) | Day | $812.00 | 1 | $812 | |
| Laborer (conveyor) | Day | $1,106.00 | 1 | $1,106 | |
| End loader operator | Day | $1,106.00 | 1 | $1,106 | |
| Lodging and Per-Diem | Day | $13.10 | 9 | $118 | |
| | | | TOTAL | $14,624 | |
| | | | DAILY PRODUCTION (CY) | 432 | |
| | | | UNIT RATE (CY) | $33.85 | |

| Place Armor | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Same cost as place cover/cap | Day | $14,624 | 1 | $14,624.00 | |
| | | | DAILY PRODUCTION (CY) | 432 | |
| | | | UNIT RATE (CY) | $33.85 | |

| Construction Quality Assurance | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Description | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | Comments |
| QA/QC and federal oversight personnel | Week | $10,200.00 | 1 | $10,200 | Two staff |
| Lodging and per-diem | Week | $1,460.00 | 1 | $1,460 | Two staff |
| Truck and mileage | Week | $1,142.00 | 1 | $1,142 | Includes mileage |
| Boat and sampling/monitoring equipment | Week | $663.00 | 1 | $663 | 1 boat and equipment set |
| Turbidity monitoring buoys and software | Week | $500.00 | 1 | $500 | Two buoys |
| Air monitoring equipment | Week | $800.00 | 1 | $800 | 4 monitoring stations |
| | | | UNIT COST (WEEK) | $15,000 | Rounded |

| Monthly Operating Expenses and Site Security | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Description | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | Comments |
| Field Offices | | | | | |
| Office trailers and storage boxes (3) | Month | $942.00 | 3 | $3,888.00 | Includes utilities, equipment, and supplies for three units |
| Security Guard | Month | $17,280.00 | 1 | $17,280.00 | $40 per hour; 108 hours per week |
| | | | UNIT RATE (MONTH) | $21,000 | Rounded |

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| Description | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lump Sum Costs - Alternative 1: No Action** | | | | | |
| No lump sum costs associated with Alternative 1. | | | | | |
| **Lump Sum Costs - Alternative 2: Long-Term Monitoring and Institutional Controls** | | | | | |
| No lump sum costs associated with Alternative 2. | | | | | |
| **Lump Sum Costs - Alternative 3: Cap and Armor** | | | | | |
| Description | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | Comments |
| Mobilization/Demobilization | | | | | |
| Office trailers (3) and connex boxes to staging area | Mile | $12.26 | 240 | $2,942 | Within 20 miles of site |
| End loader to staging area | Each | $957.00 | 2 | $1,914 | Hauled on 40-ton trailer; within 20 miles of site |
| Hopper and conveyor to staging area | Each | $957.00 | 2 | $1,914 | Hauled on 40-ton trailer; within 20 miles of site |
| Capping material transport barge to slip (water mob) | Hour | $1,634.00 | 8 | $13,072 | Assume 4 hour mob and 4 hour demob |
| Transport barge skid loader to staging area | Each | $789.00 | 2 | $1,578 | Hauled on 20-ton trailer; within 20 miles of site |
| Capping barge and derrick crane (water mob) | Hour | $1,634.00 | 8 | $13,072 | Assume 4 hour mob and 4 hour demob |
| Survey vessel with GPS and survey to staging area | Each | $283.00 | 2 | $566 | |
| Dredge barge tug to staging area | Each | $957.00 | 2 | $1,914 | |
| Additional mileage for non-local equipment | Mile | $2.52 | 1000 | $2,520 | Assume 2 items (tug, survey vessel); 250 miles away |
| Work trucks to staging area | Mile | $0.56 | 1500 | $840 | 3 work trucks, 250 miles one way |
| Install staging area fencing | LF | $5.39 | 1500 | $8,085 | Install fencing around staging area perimeter |
| Staging area setup/breakdown | Day | $14,624.00 | 4 | $58,496 | Setup/breakdown staging area; 2 days each |
| Capping equipment setup and breakdown | Day | $14,624.00 | 6 | $87,744 | Setup/breakdown equipment; 3 days each |
| | | | | $195,000 | Rounded |
| Level/Slope sediment prior to capping | Day | $14,624.00 | 3 | $44,000.00 | Assume 3 days |
| Construction Monitoring/CQA Sample Analysis | | | | | |
| Imported materials sampling | Lump Sum | $0.00 | 1 | $0 | Labor included in Construction Quality Assurance |
| Grain Size (ASTM D422 w/ Hydrometer) | Sample | $375.00 | 6 | $2,250 | One sample every 1,000 CY or 3 samples minimum (5155 sand) |
| VOCs (EPA 8260B) | Sample | $65.00 | 6 | $390 | One sample every 1,000 CY or 3 samples minimum |
| SVOCs (8270D) | Sample | $165.00 | 6 | $990 | One sample every 1,000 CY or 3 samples minimum |
| RCRA Metals | Sample | $70.00 | 6 | $420 | One sample every 1,000 CY or 3 samples minimum |
| PCBs (EPA 8082A) | Sample | $60.00 | 6 | $360 | One sample every 1,000 CY or 3 samples minimum |
| MN Dept. of Ag List 2 Pesticides (EPA 8270D M) | Sample | $165.00 | 6 | $990 | One sample every 1,000 CY or 3 samples minimum |
| Sand Cover Thickness Verification | Lump Sum | $0.00 | 1 | $0 | Labor included in Construction Quality Assurance |
| | | | | $5,400 | |
| **Lump Sum Costs - Alternative 4: 1 Meter Dredge, Cap and Armor** | | | | | |
| Mobilization/Demobilization | | | | | |
| Costs from Alternative 3 above | Lump Sum | $195,000.00 | 1 | $195,000 | Alternative 3: Mob cap costs |
| Additional costs from Alternative 5 below | Lump Sum | $156,734.00 | 1 | $156,734 | Alternative 5: Mob dredge costs |
| | | | TOTAL | $351,734 | |
| Repair Dock Wall | LF | $901.00 | 125 | $112,625 | Repair up to 125' of dock wall (20% of wall in construction area) |
| Construct Staging Area | | | | | |
| Costs from Alternative 5 Below | Lump Sum | $285,788.55 | 1 | $285,789 | Alternative 5: Construct Staging Area costs |
| Construction Monitoring/CQA Sample Analysis | | | | | |
| Costs from Alternative 3 above | Lump Sum | $5,400 | 1 | $5,400 | Alternative 3: Construction Monitoring/CQA Sample Analysis |
| Dredge Contact Water Treatment | | | | | |
| TSS (SM 2540 D) | Sample | $14.00 | 8 | $112 | Sampled twice per week (4 weeks) |
| SVOC (EPA 8270D) | Sample | $165.00 | 8 | $1,320 | Sampled twice per week |
| Arsenic (EPA 6020A) | Sample | $15.00 | 8 | $120 | Sampled twice per week |
| Cadmium (EPA 6020A) | Sample | $15.00 | 8 | $120 | Sampled twice per week |
| Copper (EPA 6020A) | Sample | $16.00 | 8 | $128 | Sampled twice per week |
| Lead (EPA 6020A) | Sample | $15.00 | 8 | $120 | Sampled twice per week |
| Zinc (EPA 6020A) | Sample | $15.00 | 8 | $120 | Sampled twice per week |
| PCBs (EPA 8082A) | Sample | $60.00 | 8 | $480 | Sampled twice per week |
| Low-level Mercury | Sample | $85.00 | 8 | $680 | Sampled twice per week |
| Dewatered Sediment Samples | | | | | |
| TCLP metals* (EPA 6020A/7471B) | Sample | $110.00 | 8 | $880 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards (7938 dredge sed) |
| TCLP semivolatiles (EPA 8270D/1311) | Sample | $200.00 | 8 | $1,600 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards |
| Flash Point | Sample | $10.00 | 8 | $80 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards |
| pH (EPA 9045) | Sample | $10.00 | 8 | $80 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards |
| Paint Filter | Sample | $10.00 | 8 | $80 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards |
| DRO w/ Silica Gel Cleanup (WI DRO) | Sample | $45.00 | 8 | $360 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards |
| GRO (WI GRO) | Sample | $22.00 | 8 | $176 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards |
| | | | TOTAL | $11,856 | |
| **Lump Sum Costs - Alternative 5: Dredge with Thin Layer Cover** | | | | | |
| Description | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | Comments |
| Mobilization/Demobilization | | | | | |
| Office trailers (3) and connex boxes to staging area | Mile | $12.26 | 240 | $2,942 | Within 20 miles of site |
| Dredge barge and derrick crane (water mob) | Hour | $1,634.00 | 8 | $13,072 | Assume 4 hour mob and 4 hour demob of units within |
| Sediment transport barge to slip (water mob) | Hour | $1,634.00 | 8 | $13,072 | Assume 4 hour mob and 4 hour demob |
| Offload crane to staging area | Each | $2,796.00 | 2 | $5,592 | Hauled on 50-ton trailer; within 20 miles of site |
| Survey vessel with GPS and survey to staging area | Each | $283.00 | 2 | $566 | Towed behind work truck on 3 ton trailer |
| End Loader to staging area | Each | $957.00 | 2 | $1,914 | Hauled on 40-ton trailer; within 20 miles of site |
| Telehandler to staging area | Each | $957.00 | 2 | $1,914 | Hauled on 40-ton trailer; within 20 miles of site |
| Work trucks to staging area | Mile | $0.56 | 1500 | $840 | 3 work trucks, 250 miles one way |
| Hopper and conveyor to staging area | Each | $957.00 | 2 | $1,914 | Hauled on 40-ton trailer; within 20 miles of site |
| Additional mileage for non-local equipment | Mile | $2.52 | 1000 | $2,520 | Assume 2 items (tug, survey vessel); 250 miles away |
| Dredge equipment setup and breakdown | Day | $13,038 | 6 | $78,228 | Setup/breakdown equipment; 3 days each |
| Water treatment equipment | Lump Sum | $71,000 | 1 | $71,000 | |
| | | | TOTAL | $194,000 | Rounded |
| | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | |
| Repair Dock Wall | LF | $3,500.00 | 120 | $420,000 | Repair up to 120' of dock wall (20% of wall) |

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| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Construct Staging Area | | | | | |
| Construct sediment stabilization pad | | | | | 250 feet by 250 feet stabilization pad |
| Rough grade pad area | 100,000 ft^2 | $4,801.00 | 0 | $0 | |
| Haul aggregate base course | CY | $5.56 | 1157 | $6,430 | |
| Place 6-inch aggregate base course | SY | $5.17 | 6944 | $35,903 | |
| Fine grade aggregate base course for drainage | SY | $0.50 | 6944 | $3,472 | |
| Install geotextile below and above geomembrane | SY | $2.10 | 13889 | $29,167 | |
| Install geomembrane liner (HDPE, 40 - 120 mil) | SF | $0.60 | 62500 | $37,500 | |
| Haul binder and paving courses | CY | $8.33 | 675 | $5,626 | |
| Lay binder course | SY | $9.51 | 6944 | $66,042 | |
| Pave | SY | $8.03 | 6944 | $55,764 | |
| Install bunker blocks around perimeter | LF | $504.00 | 75 | $37,800 | |
| Construct site fencing | LF | $5.39 | 1500 | $8,085 | |
| | | | | $285,789 | |
| Imported materials sampling | Lump Sum | $0.00 | 1 | $0 | Labor included in Construction Quality Assurance |
| Grain Size (ASTM D422 w/ Hydrometer) | Sample | $375.00 | 2 | $750 | One sample every 1,000 CY or 3 samples minimum (1186 sand) |
| VOCs (EPA 8260B) | Sample | $65.00 | 2 | $130 | One sample every 1,000 CY or 3 samples minimum |
| SVOCs (8270D) | Sample | $165.00 | 2 | $330 | One sample every 1,000 CY or 3 samples minimum |
| RCRA Metals | Sample | $70.00 | 2 | $140 | One sample every 1,000 CY or 3 samples minimum |
| PCBs (EPA 8082A) | Sample | $60.00 | 2 | $120 | One sample every 1,000 CY or 3 samples minimum |
| MN Dept. of Ag List 2 Pesticides (EPA 8270D M) | Sample | $165.00 | 2 | $330 | One sample every 1,000 CY or 3 samples minimum |
| Turbidity Monitoring | Lump Sum | $0.00 | 1 | $0 | Labor included in Construction Quality Assurance |
| Post-Dredge Verification Sampling | Lump Sum | $0.00 | 1 | $0 | Labor included in Construction Quality Assurance |
| PAH 17 List (EPA 8270D SIM) | Sample | $70.00 | 33 | $2,310 | One sample every 2500 square feet; plus dups; plus 20% re-dredge |
| Arsenic (EPA 6020A/7471B) | Sample | $16.00 | 33 | $528 | Sampled twice per week |
| Cadmium (EPA 6020A/7471B) | Sample | $16.00 | 33 | $528 | Sampled twice per week |
| Copper (EPA 6020A/7471B) | Sample | $16.00 | 33 | $528 | Sampled twice per week |
| Lead (EPA 6020A/7471B) | Sample | $16.00 | 33 | $528 | Sampled twice per week |
| Zinc (EPA 6020A/7471B) | Sample | $16.00 | 33 | $528 | Sampled twice per week |
| PCBs (EPA 8082A) | Sample | $60.00 | 33 | $1,980 | Sampled twice per week |
| Sand Cover Thickness Verification | Lump Sum | $0.00 | 1 | $0 | Labor included in Construction Quality Assurance |
| Dredge Contact Water Treatment | | | | | |
| TSS (SM 2540 D) | Sample | $14.00 | 16 | $224 | Sampled twice per week (8 wks) |
| SVOC (EPA 8270D) | Sample | $165.00 | 16 | $2,640 | Sampled twice per week |
| Arsenic (EPA 6020A) | Sample | $15.00 | 16 | $240 | Sampled twice per week |
| Cadmium (EPA 6020A) | Sample | $15.00 | 16 | $240 | Sampled twice per week |
| Copper (EPA 6020A) | Sample | $16.00 | 16 | $256 | Sampled twice per week |
| Lead (EPA 6020A) | Sample | $15.00 | 16 | $240 | Sampled twice per week |
| Zinc (EPA 6020A) | Sample | $15.00 | 16 | $240 | Sampled twice per week |
| PCBs (EPA 8082A) | Sample | $60.00 | 16 | $960 | Sampled twice per week |
| Low-level Mercury | Sample | $85.00 | 16 | $1,360 | Sampled twice per week |
| Dewatered Sediment Samples | | | | | |
| TCLP metals* (EPA 6020A/7471B) | Sample | $110.00 | 24 | $2,640 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards |
| TCLP semivolatiles (EPA 8270D/1311) | Sample | $200.00 | 24 | $4,800 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards |
| Flash Point | Sample | $10.00 | 24 | $240 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards |
| pH (EPA 9045) | Sample | $10.00 | 24 | $240 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards |
| Paint Filter | Sample | $10.00 | 24 | $240 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards |
| DRO w/ Silica Gel Cleanup (WI DRO) | Sample | $45.00 | 24 | $1,080 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards |
| GRO (WI GRO) | Sample | $22.00 | 24 | $528 | One sample every 1,000 cubic yards |
| | | | TOTAL | $24,898 | |

Turbidity Controls - Consolidate and Dredge Alternatives

Alternative 4

| Description | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Turbidity curtain, 30' x 245' | SF | $4.97 | 14700 | $72,986 | Two curtains |
| Oil absorbent boom | LF | $3.13 | 1960 | $6,135 | Two booms, two change-outs per week (4 wks) |
| Oil absorbent boom disposal | LF | $2.50 | 1960 | $4,900 | |
| Anchors | Each | $150.00 | 8 | $1,200 | |
| Markers | Each | $100.00 | 6 | $600 | |
| | | | TOTAL | $86,000 | Rounded |

Alternative 5

| Description | Unit | Unit Cost | Quantity | Extended | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Turbidity curtain, 30' x 245' | SF | $4.97 | 14700 | $72,986 | Two curtains |
| Oil absorbent boom | LF | $3.13 | 2450 | $7,669 | Two booms, two change-outs per week (5 wks) |
| Oil absorbent boom disposal | LF | $2.50 | 2450 | $6,125 | |
| Anchors | Each | $150.00 | 8 | $1,200 | |
| Markers | Each | $100.00 | 6 | $600 | |
| | | | TOTAL | $89,000 | Rounded |

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**Monitoring and Evaluation Costs - Alternative 1: No Action**

No monitoring and evaluation costs associated with Alternative 1.

**Monitoring and Evaluation Costs - Alternative 2: Long-Term Monitoring and Institutional Controls**

| Monitoring Elements | Unit | Cost | Extended | Total | Comment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monitoring and Evaluation Report | Each | $4,000.00 | 7 | $28,000 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| Field Sampling | Event | $34,000.00 | 7 | $238,000 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| Sample Analysis | Event | $23,052.00 | 7 | $161,364 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| *PAH 17 List (EPA 8270D SIM)* | *Sample* | *$70.00* | *22* | *$1,540.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; includes 2 dups* |
| *Arsenic (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; includes 2 dups* |
| *Cadmium (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; includes 2 dups* |
| *Copper (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; includes 2 dups* |
| *Lead (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; includes 2 dups* |
| *Zinc (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; includes 2 dups* |
| *PCBs (EPA 8082A)* | *Sample* | *$60.00* | *22* | *$1,320.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; includes 2 dups* |
| *Grain Size (ASTM D422 w/ Hydrometer)* | *Sample* | *$375.00* | *3* | *$1,125.00* | *Needed for tox/bio* |
| *TOC Quad Burn (EPA 9060A)* | *Sample* | *$105.00* | *3* | *$315.00* | *Needed for tox/bio* |
| *10-d toxicity C. tenants* | *Sample* | *$1,638.00* | *3* | *$4,914.00* | *3 locations* |
| *28-d toxicity H. azteca* | *Sample* | *$2,013.00* | *3* | *$6,039.00* | *3 locations* |
| *28-d bioaccumulation* | *Sample* | *$2,013.00* | *3* | *$6,039.00* | *3 locations* |
| *Lipids content (Pace SOP)* | *Sample* | *$0.00* | *3* | *$0.00* | |
| | | | | *$23,052.00* | *Rounded* |
| Bathymetric Survey | Each | $10,000.00 | *7* | $70,000 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| Institutional Control Review | Each | $1,500.00 | *7* | $10,500 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| | | | | $508,000 | Rounded |

**Monitoring and Evaluation Costs - Alternative 3: Cap and Armor**

| Monitoring Elements | Unit | Cost | Extended | Total | Comment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monitoring and Evaluation Report | Each | $4,000.00 | 6 | $24,000 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| Field Sampling | Event | $34,000.00 | 6 | $204,000 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| Sample Analysis | Event | $4,620.00 | 6 | $27,720 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| *PAH 17 List (EPA 8270D SIM)* | *Sample* | *$70.00* | *22* | *$1,540.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *Arsenic (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *Cadmium (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *Copper (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *Lead (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *Zinc (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *PCBs (EPA 8082A)* | *Sample* | *$60.00* | *22* | *$1,320.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *Cap thickness checks* | *Lump Sum* | *$0.00* | *1* | *$0.00* | *Cost included in labor and equipment* |
| | | | | *$4,620.00* | *Rounded* |
| Bathymetric Survey | Each | $10,000.00 | 6 | $60,000 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| Institutional Control Review | Each | $1,500.00 | 6 | $9,000 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| | | | | $325,000 | Rounded |

**Monitoring and Evaluation Costs - Alternative 4: 1 Meter Dredge, Cap and Armor**

| Monitoring Elements | Unit | Cost | Extended | Total | Comment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monitoring and Evaluation Report | Each | $4,000.00 | 6 | $24,000 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| Field Sampling | Event | $34,000.00 | 6 | $204,000 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| Sample Analysis | Event | $4,620.00 | 6 | $27,720 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| *PAH 17 List (EPA 8270D SIM)* | *Sample* | *$70* | *22* | *$1,540.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *Arsenic (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *Cadmium (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *Copper (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *Lead (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *Zinc (EPA 6020A/7471B)* | *Sample* | *$16.00* | *22* | *$352.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *PCBs (EPA 8082A)* | *Sample* | *$60.00* | *22* | *$1,320.00* | *10 locations; 2 intervals; sediment and cap; includes 2 dups* |
| *Cap thickness checks* | *Lump Sum* | *0* | *1* | *$0.00* | Cost included in labor and equipment |
| | | | | *$4,620.00* | Rounded |
| Bathymetric Survey | Each | $10,000.00 | 6 | $60,000 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| Institutional Control Review | Each | $1,500.00 | 6 | $9,000 | Every 5 years for 30 years |
| | | | | $325,000 | Rounded |

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**Monitoring and Evaluation Costs - Alternative 5: Dredge with Thin Layer Cover**

No monitoring and evaluation costs associated with Alternative 5.

**Field Sampling Event**

| Description | Unit | Cost | Extended | Total | Comment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Project Management | Hour | $115.00 | 30 | $3,450.00 | Project coordination |
| Scientist II | Hour | $84.00 | 10 | $840.00 | Field event planning and coordination |
| QA/QC | Hour | $94.00 | 20 | $1,880.00 | Chemical, tox/bio, tissue results |
| Field Sampling | | | | | |
| Field Labor | Person | $4,452.00 | 4 | $17,808.00 | 5 hours meetings; 40 sampling; 8 mob/demob |
| Truck | Day | $75.00 | 10 | $750.00 | 2 trucks; boat and office trailer |
| Mileage | Mile | $0.57 | 750 | $423.75 | |
| Pontoon | Day | $200.00 | 5 | $1,000.00 | |
| Vibracore rental | Lump Sum | $2,500.00 | 1 | $2,500.00 | Includes freight |
| Disposables | Lump Sum | $1,500.00 | 1 | $1,500.00 | Vibracore tubing |
| Office trailer | Day | $75.00 | 5 | $375.00 | |
| GPS | Day | $75.00 | 5 | $375.00 | |
| Generator | Day | $45.00 | 5 | $225.00 | |
| Drum | Each | $105.00 | 2 | $210.00 | |
| Sediment bundle | Day | $65.00 | 5 | $325.00 | |
| Fuel | Lump Sum | $50.00 | 1 | $50.00 | |
| IDW Disposal | Lump Sum | $250.00 | 1 | $250.00 | |
| Lodging | Night | $100.00 | 16 | $1,600.00 | |
| Per-Diem | Day | $35.00 | 20 | $700.00 | |
| | | | TOTAL | $34,000.00 | Rounded |

**Bathymetric Survey Break-Down**

| Parameter | Unit | Cost | Extended | Total Cost | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Daily labor cost | | | | | |
| Scientist III | Hour | $109 | 16 | $1,744 | Prep equipment; mob/demob; perform survey |
| Field Tech II | Hour | $64 | 16 | $1,024 | Prep equipment; mob/demob; perform survey |
| Lodging | Night | $100 | 2 | $200 | 1 night each |
| Per-diem | Day | $36 | 4 | $144 | 2 days each |
| Daily equipment cost | | | | | |
| Boat | Day | $200 | 2 | $400 | |
| Fuel | Day | $25 | 1 | $25 | |
| Multi-beam survey equipment | Day | $1,500 | 2 | $3,000 | |
| GPS | Day | $75 | 2 | $150 | |
| Truck | Day | $75 | 2 | $150 | |
| Mileage | Mile | $0.56 | 350 | $196 | |
| Data reduction/mapping | Hour | $109 | 20 | $2,180 | |
| GIS | Hour | $64 | 10 | $640 | |
| | | | TOTAL | $10,000 | Rounded |

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| | |
|---|---|
| Discount rate used for present worth calculations: | 7.00% |
| Present worth calculation is: [(2016 Cost)/(1.07^Event Year 1)]+[(2016 Cost)/(1.07^Event Year 2)]+… | |
| Year 0 is 2016. | |

| **Alternative 1: No Action** | **2016 Costs** | | **Years** | | | | | | **Total Present Worth** | **Note** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No Costs Associated with this Alternative | | | | | | | | | | |

| **Alternative 2: Monitoring and Institutional Controls** | **2016 Costs** | | **Years** | | | | | | **Total Present Worth** | **Note** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Implementation** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Implementation Plan Report | $11,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $11,000 | |
| **Monitoring and Evaluation Costs** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Monitoring and Evaluation Report | $4,000 | $0 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $11,483 | |
| Field Sampling | $34,000 | $0 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $97,607 | |
| Sample Analysis | $23,052 | $0 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $66,178 | |
| Bathymetric Survey | $10,000 | $0 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $28,708 | |
| Institutional Controls Site Review | $1,500 | $0 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $4,306 | |

| **Alternative 3: Cap and Armor** | **2016 Costs** | | **Years** | | | | | | **Total Present Worth** | **Note** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Construction Costs** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mobilization/Demobilization | $195,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $195,000 | |
| Relocation of Dock Tenant During Construction | $20,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $20,000 | |
| Purchase Sand and Import to Staging Area | $107,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $107,000 | |
| Purchase Armoring Materials and Import to Staging Area | $105,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $105,000 | |
| Level/Slope Sediment Prior to Capping | $44,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $44,000 | |
| Barge Cover/Cap Materials to Slip | $100,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $100,000 | |
| Construct Cover/Cap | $174,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $174,000 | |
| Construct Armoring Layer | $80,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $80,000 | |
| Construction Monitoring/CQA and Oversight | $105,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $105,000 | |
| Sample Analysis | $5,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $5,000 | |
| Monthly Operating Expenses and Site Security | $42,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $42,000 | |
| Implement Institutional Controls | $25,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $25,000 | |
| **Long-Term Monitoring** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Monitoring and Evaluation Report | $4,000 | | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $8,631 | |
| Field Sampling | $34,000 | | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $73,366 | |
| Sample Analysis | $4,620 | | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $9,969 | |
| Bathymetric Survey | $10,000 | | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $21,578 | |
| Institutional Control Review | $1,500 | | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $3,237 | |
| **Professional and Technical Services** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Remedial Design (6%) | $ 100,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $100,000 | |
| Project Management and Permitting (5%) | $ 83,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $83,000 | |
| Construction Management (6%) | $ 100,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $100,000 | |

| **Alternative 4: 1-Meter Dredge, Cap and Armor** | **2016 Costs** | | **Years** | | | | | | **Total Present Worth** | **Note** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Construction Costs** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mobilization/Demobilization | $352,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $352,000 | |
| Construct Staging Area | $286,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $286,000 | |
| Relocation of Dock Tenant During Construction | $20,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $20,000 | |
| Mechanically Dredge Sediments | $160,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $160,000 | |
| Turbidity Controls | $86,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $86,000 | |
| Barge Dredged Sediments to Staging Area | $103,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $103,000 | |
| Sediment Offloading and Stabilization | $146,700 | | 0 | | | | | | $146,700 | |
| Sediment Transportation and Disposal | $314,700 | | 0 | | | | | | $314,700 | |
| Water Treatment | $98,700 | | 0 | | | | | | $98,700 | |
| Purchase Sand and Import to Staging Area | $107,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $107,000 | |
| Purchase Armoring Materials and Import to Staging Area | $105,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $105,000 | |
| Barge Cover/Cap Materials to Slip | $145,900 | | 0 | | | | | | $145,900 | |
| Construct Cover/Cap | $174,500 | | 0 | | | | | | $174,500 | |
| Construct Armoring Layer | $80,300 | | 0 | | | | | | $80,300 | |
| Construction Monitoring/CQA and Oversight | $150,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $150,000 | |
| Sample Analysis | $11,900 | | 0 | | | | | | $11,900 | |
| Monthly Operating Expenses and Site Security | $63,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $63,000 | |
| Implement Institutional Controls | $25,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $25,000 | |
| **Long-Term Monitoring** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Monitoring and Evaluation Report | $4,000 | | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $8,631 | |
| Field Sampling | $34,000 | | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $73,366 | |
| Sample Analysis | $4,620 | | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $9,969 | |
| Bathymetric Survey | $10,000 | | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $21,578 | |
| Institutional Control Review | $1,500 | | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | $3,237 | |
| **Professional and Technical Services** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Remedial Design (6%) | $207,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $207,000 | |
| Project Management and Permitting (5%) | $172,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $172,000 | |
| Construction Management (6%) | $207,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $207,000 | |

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| Alternative 5: Dredge With Thin-Layer Cover | 2016 Costs | | Years | | | | | | Total Present Worth | Note |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Construction Costs** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mobilization/Demobilization | $194,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $194,000 | |
| Construct Staging Area | $285,789 | | 0 | | | | | | $285,789 | |
| Relocation of Dock Tenant During Construction | $20,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $20,000 | |
| Mechanically Dredge Sediments | $473,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $473,000 | |
| Turbidity Controls | $89,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $89,000 | |
| Barge Dredged Sediments to Staging Area | $304,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $304,000 | |
| Sediment Offloading and Stabilization | $434,700 | | 0 | | | | | | $434,700 | |
| Sediment Transportation and Disposal | $932,300 | | 0 | | | | | | $932,300 | |
| Water Treatment | $192,200 | | 0 | | | | | | $192,200 | |
| Purchase Cover/Cap Materials and Import to Staging Area | $24,700 | | 0 | | | | | | $24,700 | |
| Barge Cover/Cap Materials to Slip | $23,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $23,000 | |
| Construct Cover/Cap | $40,100 | | 0 | | | | | | $40,100 | |
| Construction Quality Assurance and Oversight | $180,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $180,000 | |
| Sample Analysis | $24,898 | | 0 | | | | | | $24,898 | |
| Monthly Operating Expenses and Site Security | $63,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $63,000 | |
| **Professional and Technical Services** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Remedial Design (6%) | $ 250,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $250,000 | |
| Project Management and Permitting (5%) | $ 210,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $210,000 | |
| Construction Management (6%) | $ 250,000 | | 0 | | | | | | $250,000 | |