



# NEW BEDFORD FAIRHAVEN HARBOR



Three parts to tonight's presentation:

1. Navigational dredging update
2. Overview of CAD cells
3. EPA's evaluation of a Superfund CAD cell

hurricane barrier

Rt 195

Aerovox facility







Cornell-Dubilier

Second capacitor facility  
in outer harbor

Aerovox

Electronic  
capacitor facility  
released an estimated 275  
tons of PCBs from the  
1940s to the 1970s

Part 3 - evaluation of a Superfund CAD cell

the upper harbor, looking north

Aerovox



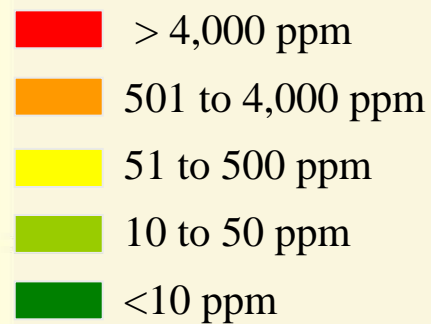
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Color coded sediment PCB levels  
(prior to dredging)

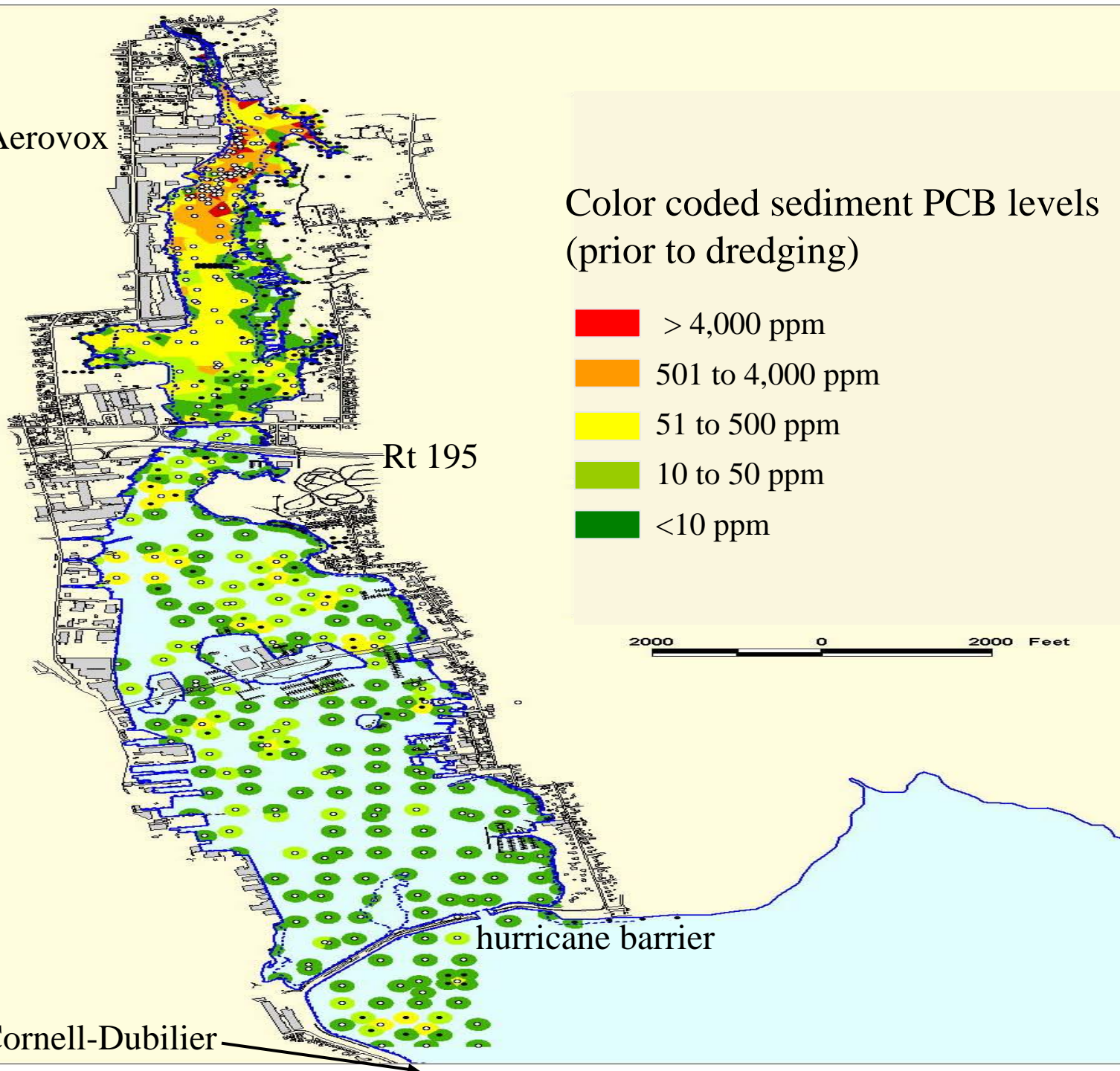


Rt 195

2000 0 2000 Feet

hurricane barrier

Cornell-Dubilier



The 1979 state  
fishing ban -  
due to PCBs  
(covers 18,000 acres)



**Do NOT eat any fish**

No coma pescado

Não coma peixe



**Do NOT eat any lobster**

No coma langosta

Não coma lagosta



**Do NOT eat bottom feeding fish**

No coma pescado de fundo:

Não coma peixe de fundo:

♦ flounder  
♦ linguado

♦ solha

♦ scup

♦ sargo

♦ sargo

♦ tautog

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♦ budião da ostra

♦ eel

♦ anguila

♦ anguila



**Do NOT eat any shellfish**

No coma mariscos

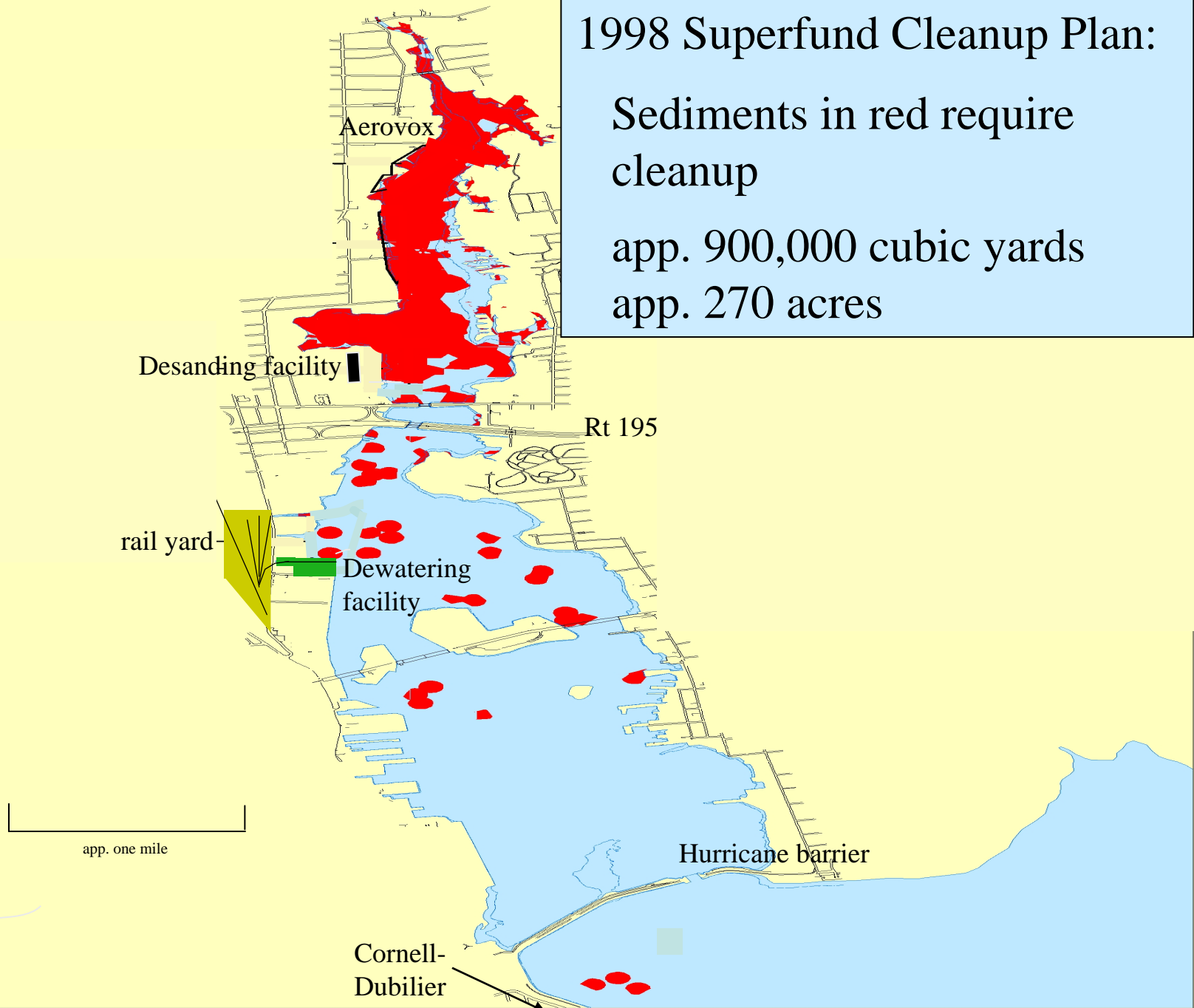
Não coma mariscos

# 1998 Superfund Cleanup Plan:

Sediments in red require  
cleanup

app. 900,000 cubic yards

app. 270 acres





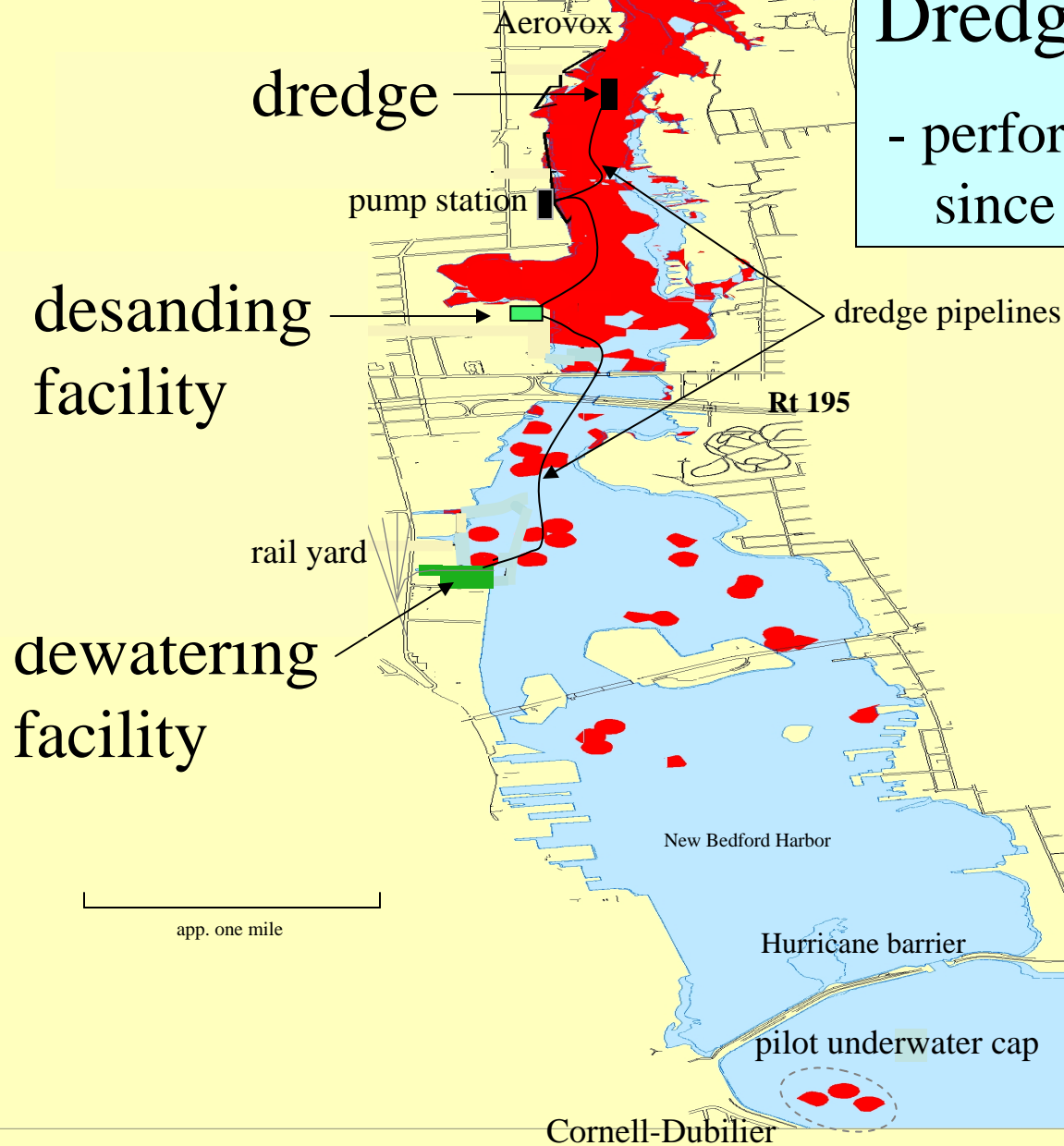
River banks also need cleanup and restoration in addition to sediments



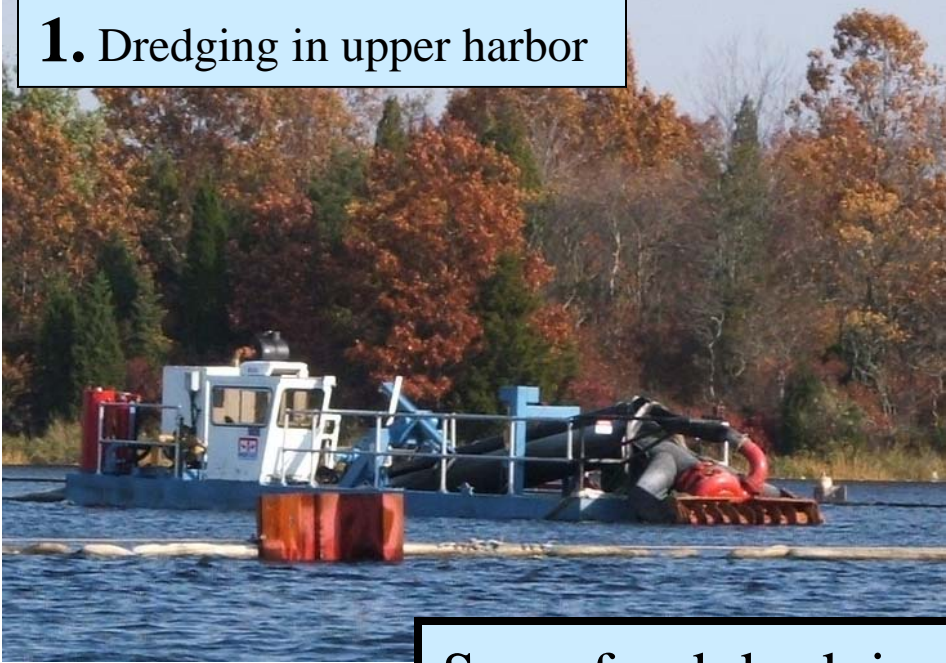


# Superfund Full Scale Dredging Process

- performed annually  
since 2004



**1. Dredging in upper harbor**



**2. Desanding**



**Superfund dredging and disposal operations**

**3. Dewatering**

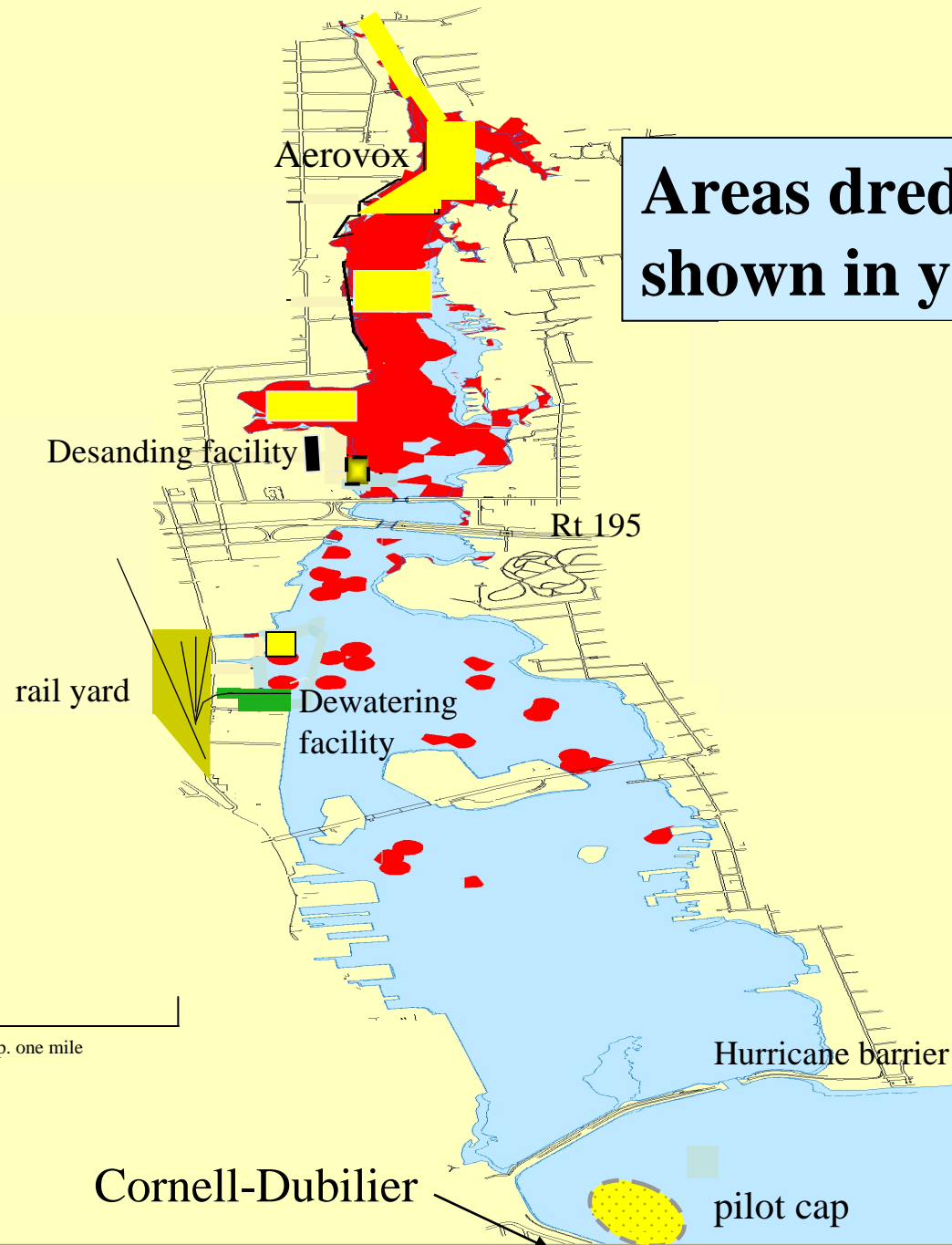


**4. Loading to rail for offsite disposal**





**Areas dredged to date  
shown in yellow**



# Latest DRAFT Estimates of Time and Cost to Complete\* (100% Offsite Disposal)

| <u>Annual funding level</u> | <u>Years to complete</u> | <u>Cost to complete</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| → \$15 million              | 42                       | \$1,389 million         |
| \$30 million                | 27                       | \$827 million           |
| \$80 million                | 6                        | \$417 million           |

\*3.5% annual inflation assumed

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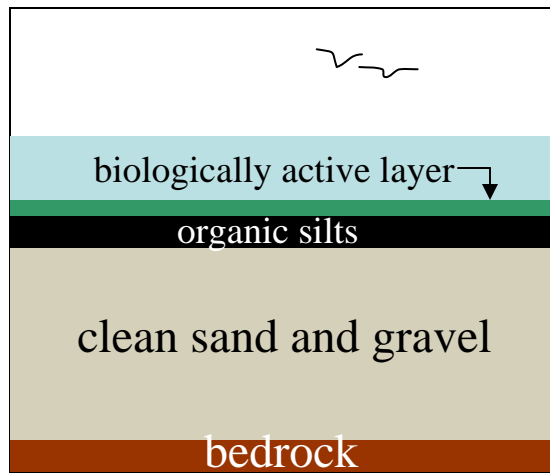
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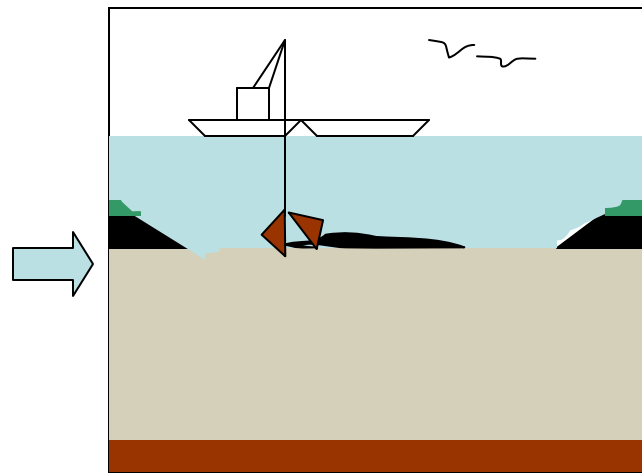


One alternative to speed the harbor cleanup:  
a lower harbor CAD cell for Superfund material

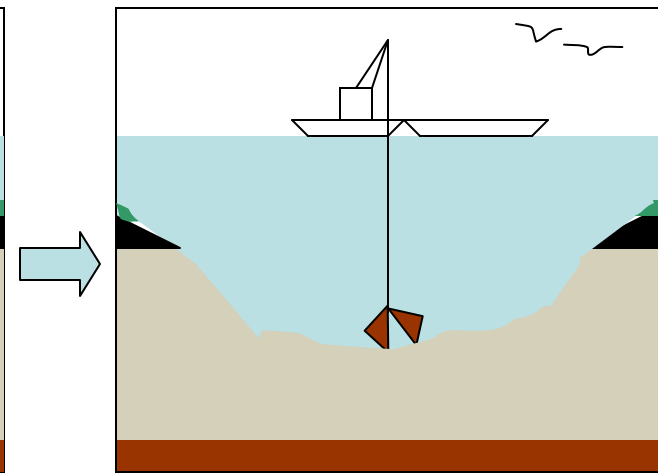




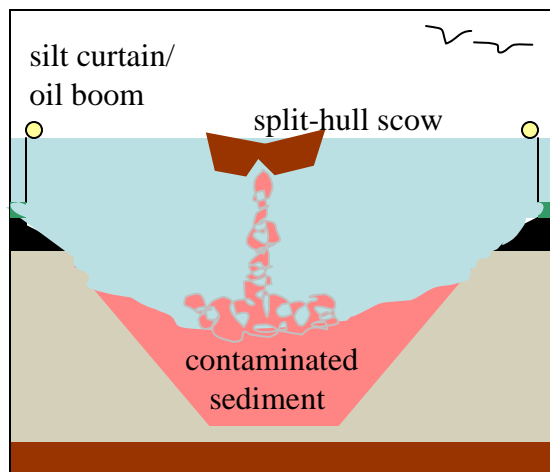
**1.** Harbor bottom as is



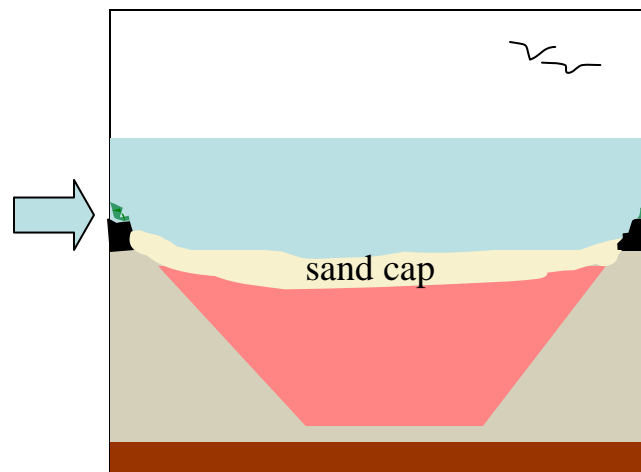
**2.** Excavation of top silts



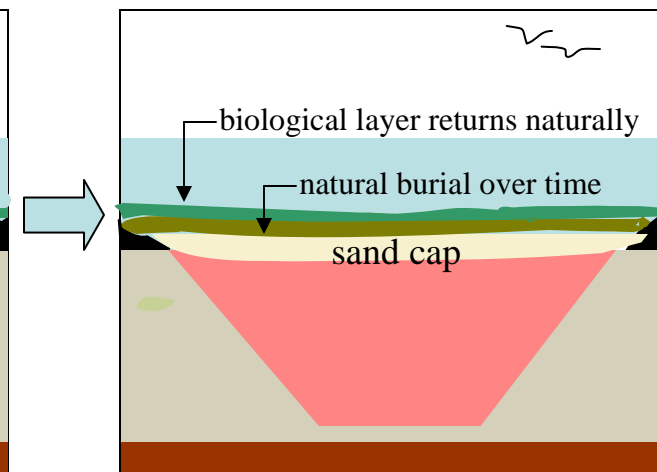
**3.** Excavation of clean sand



**4.** Placement of sediments



**5.** Placement of initial cap



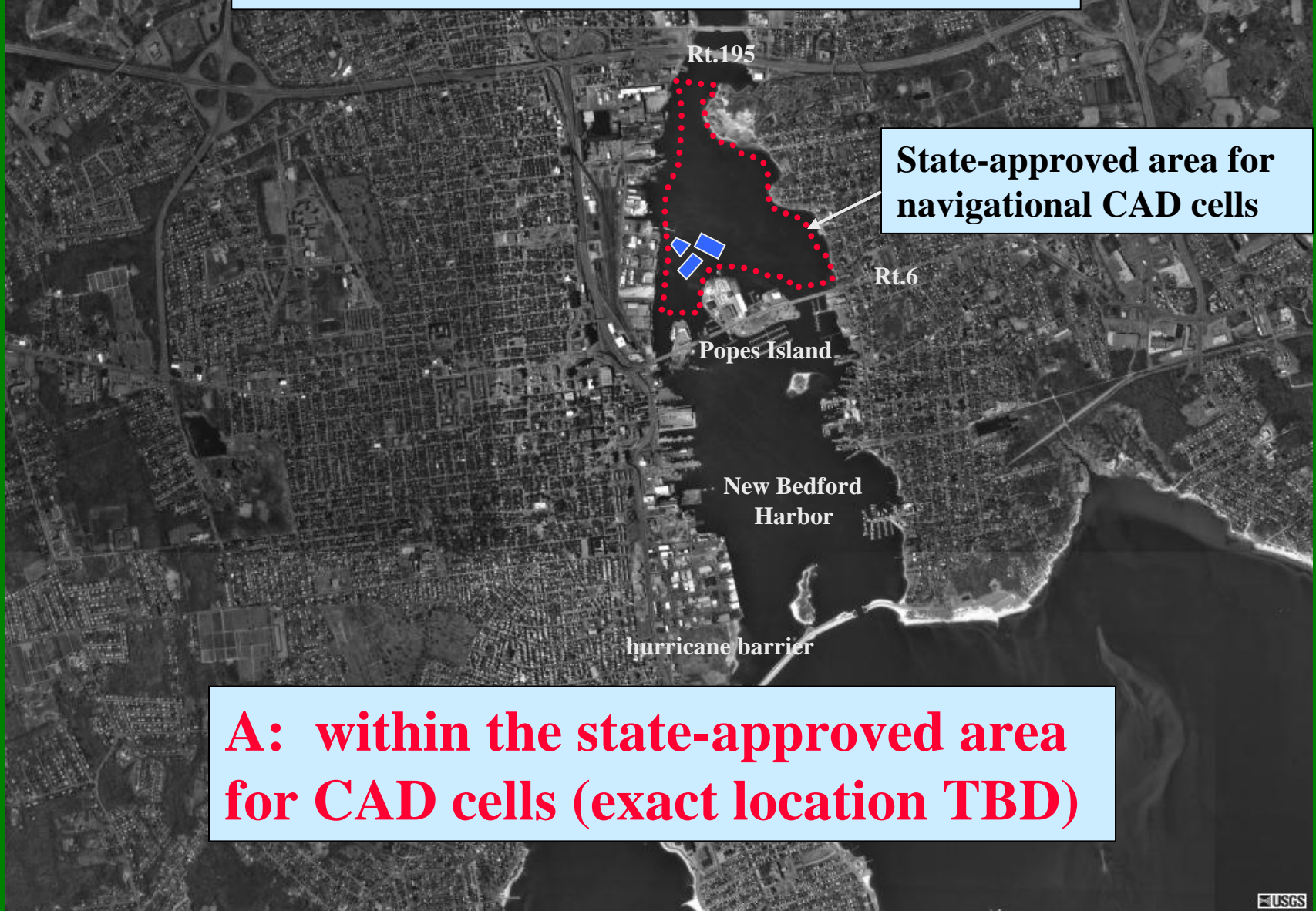
**6.** Surface fills in over time

# What is a confined aquatic disposal cell?

**For illustrative purposes only – NOT TO SCALE**



**Q: where would the proposed  
Superfund CAD cell be located ?**

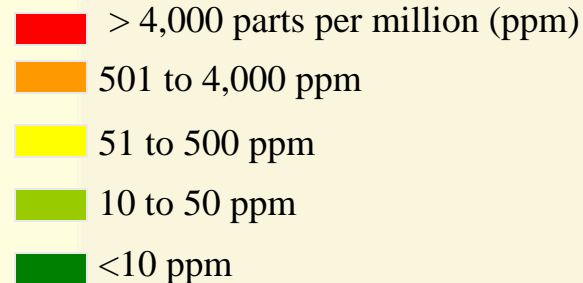


**A: within the state-approved area  
for CAD cells (exact location TBD)**



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Color coded sediment PCB levels:



Rt 195

Rt 6

New Bedford Harbor

hurricane barrier

Cornell-Dubilier

pilot underwater cap

**Only lower PCB level  
Superfund sediment  
would be placed in  
the proposed Super-  
fund CAD cell (app.  
300,000 cy).**



Q: why do we believe that a CAD cell will safely contain the sediment placed into it?

A1: Water quality monitoring of navigational CAD Cell #2 in 2009 found no plume outside of the CAD cell

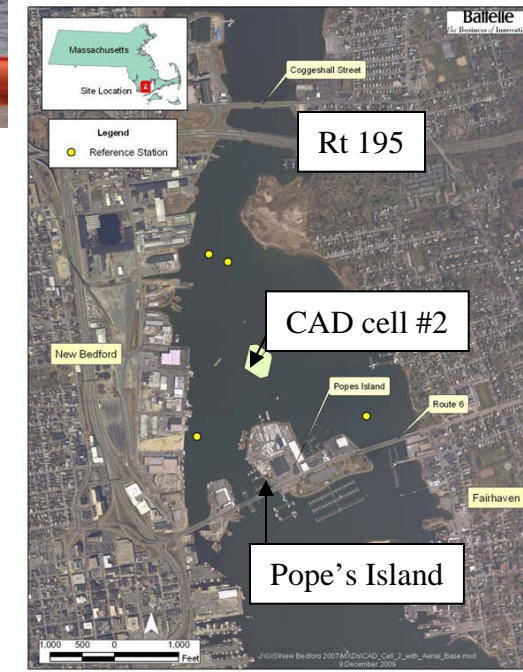
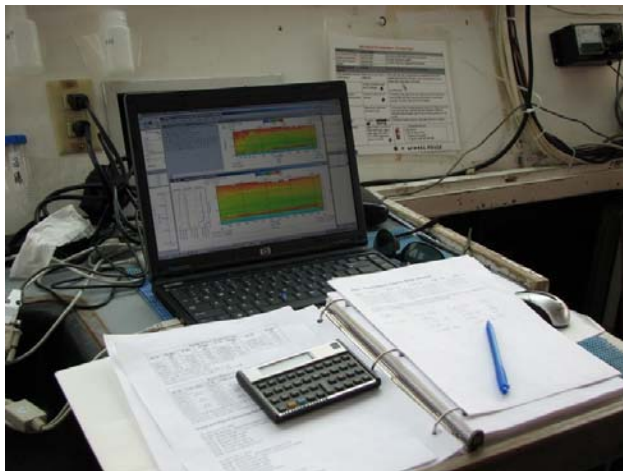
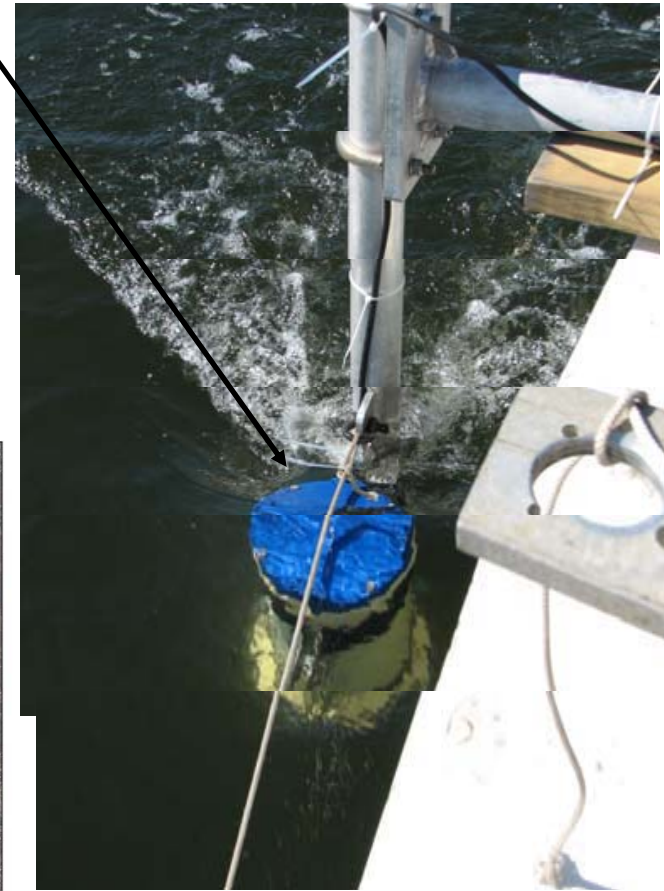
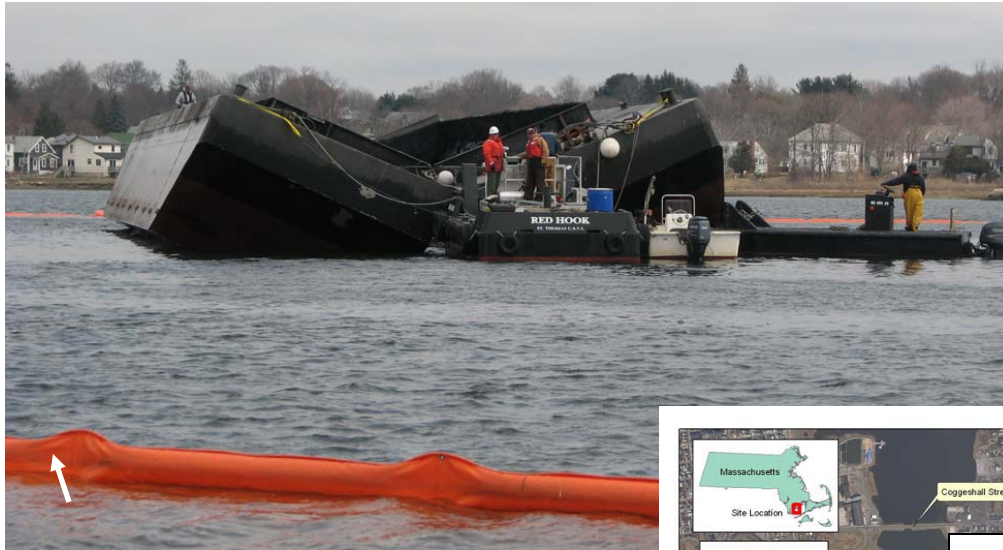
A2: the same monitoring found NO toxicity

A3: short and long term computer modeling

A4: performance standards would be used

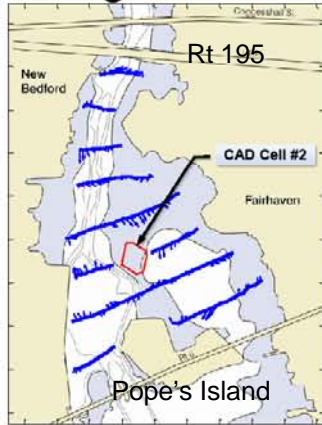
# Water Quality Monitoring of Navigational CAD Cell #2

Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler

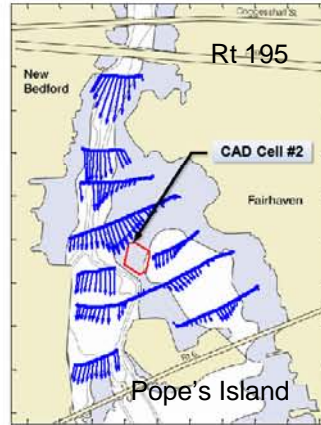




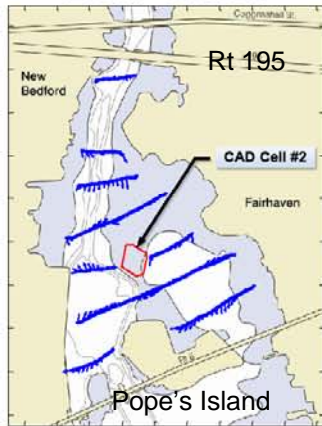
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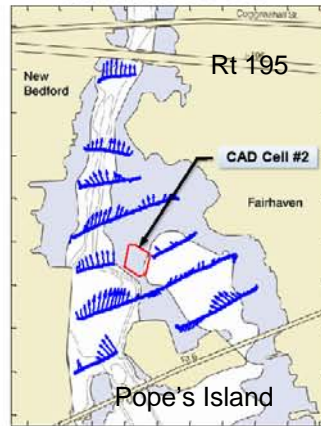
Max Ebb



Low Slack

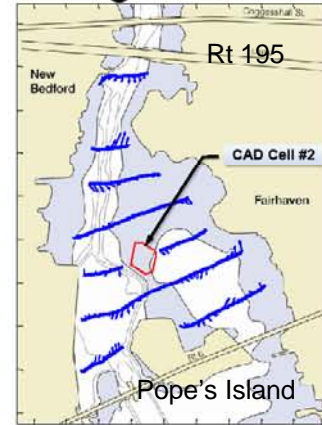


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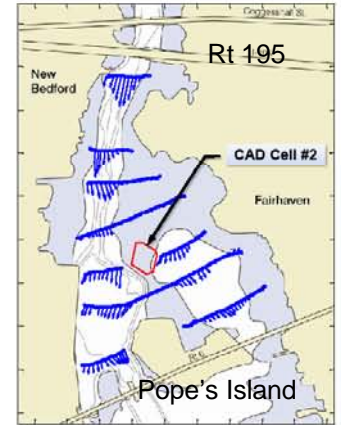


Surface Currents

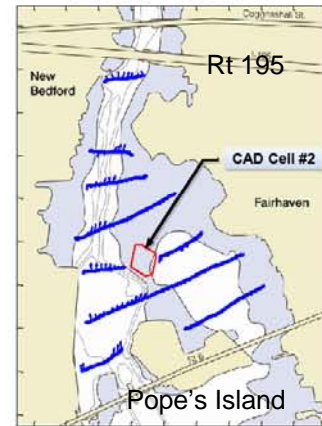
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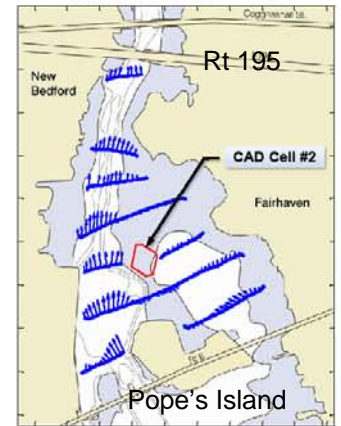
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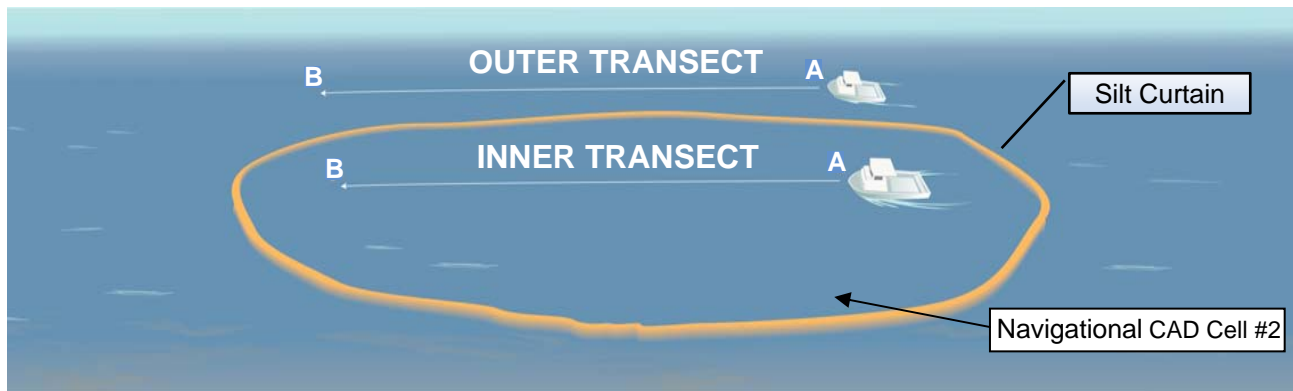
Max Flood



Bottom Currents

Note: Arrows show current directions with  
arrow length proportional to speed.

Tidal Currents Were Measured to Predict Location of any Turbidity Plume



INNER TRANSECT

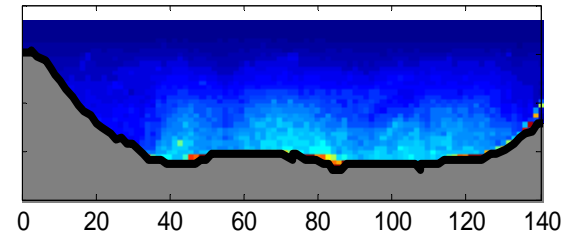
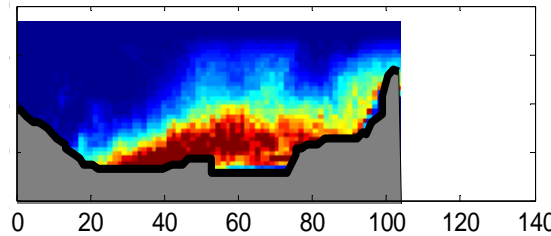
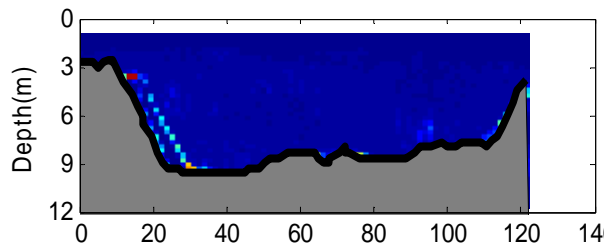
PRIOR TO RELEASE



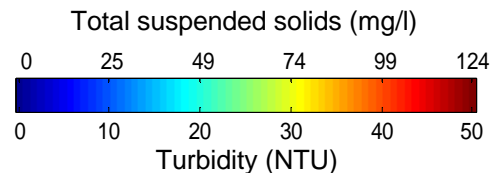
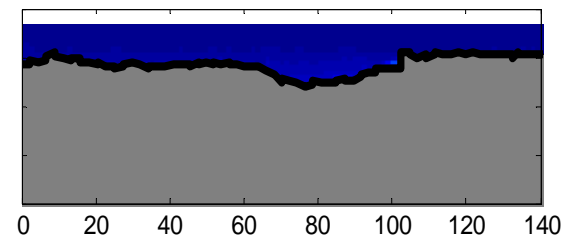
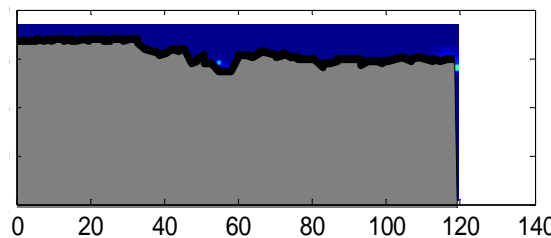
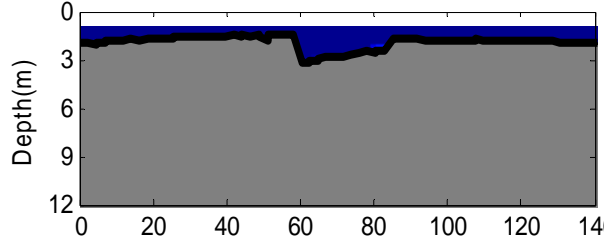
9 MINUTES AFTER RELEASE



30 MINUTES AFTER RELEASE



OUTER TRANSECT



Turbidity Measured Inside and Outside of CAD Cell #2 - 2009



# Laboratory Sampling Showed NO Aquatic Toxicity Inside or Outside of CAD Cell #2 - 2009

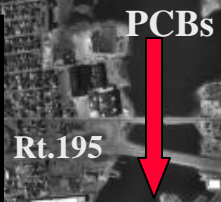
| Sample                                | Time After Release (min) | Turbidity from ADCP (NTU) | Toxicity Results                       |                                     |                         |                               |                                   |   |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                       |                          |                           | Sea Urchin<br>( <i>A. punctulata</i> ) | Mysid Shrimp<br>( <i>A. bahia</i> ) |                         |                               | Red alga<br>( <i>C. parvula</i> ) |   |
|                                       |                          |                           | mean fertilization (%)                 | 48-hr mean survival (%)             | 7-day mean survival (%) | 7-day mean biomass (mg/mysid) | 48-hr mean survival (%)           | 7-day mean reproduction (cystocarp/plant) |
| Lab Control                           | na                       | na                        | 97.1                                   | 100                                 | 84.4                    | 0.431                         | 100                               | 34.0                                      |
| Site Reference                        | na                       | < 2                       | 93.5 <sup>1</sup>                      | 100                                 | 82.5                    | 0.462                         | 100                               | 34.0                                      |
| Outside silt curtain                  | 49                       | ~12                       | 95.0 <sup>1</sup>                      | 100                                 | 97.5                    | 0.519                         | 100                               | 34.1                                      |
| Inside silt curtain                   | 20                       | ~70                       | 94.1 <sup>1</sup>                      | 97.5                                | 87.5                    | 0.435                         | 100                               | 34.7                                      |
| Acceptance Criteria (for Lab Control) |                          |                           | > 70                                   | ≥ 90                                | ≥ 80                    | >0.2                          | no necrosis                       | ≥ 10                                      |

The estimated total PCB loss from the sediments into the overlying CAD cell water is about 9 pounds over the first 3 years (prior to capping).

Controls such as silt fences and activated carbon can be used to limit migration of this 9 pounds beyond the CAD cell footprint.

This 9 pounds is about 0.06% of the 15,000 pounds of PCBs that would be disposed in the Superfund CAD cell.

Once in place, a 3 foot thick cap would prevent PCBs from migrating out of the CAD cell.



By comparison, current day-to-day migration of PCBs from the upper to the lower harbor is about **9 pounds every ten days**.

# Results of computer modeling of CAD cell

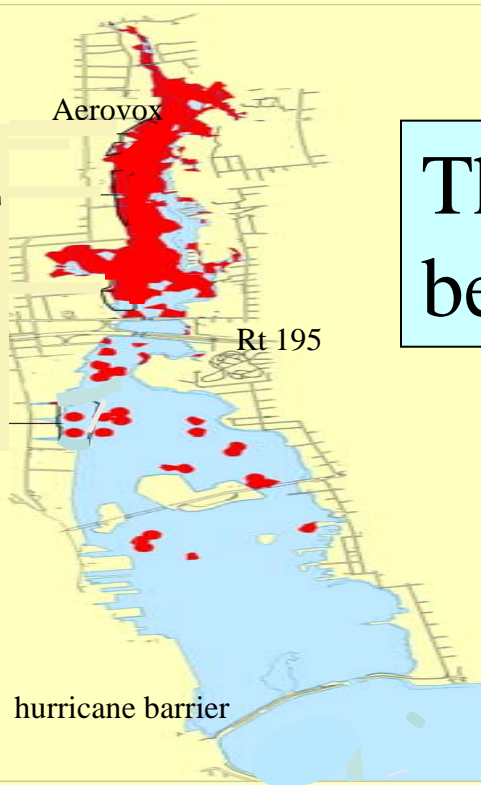


## **A CAD cell would be faster and less costly**

| Funding Level | Time to Complete |              | Cost to Complete* |              |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
|               | With CAD         | 100% Offsite | With CAD          | 100% Offsite |
| \$15 m/yr     | 35 yrs           | 42 yrs       | \$983m            | \$1,389m     |
| \$30 m/yr     | 20 yrs           | 27 yrs       | \$592m            | \$827m       |
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\*assuming 3.5% annual inflation

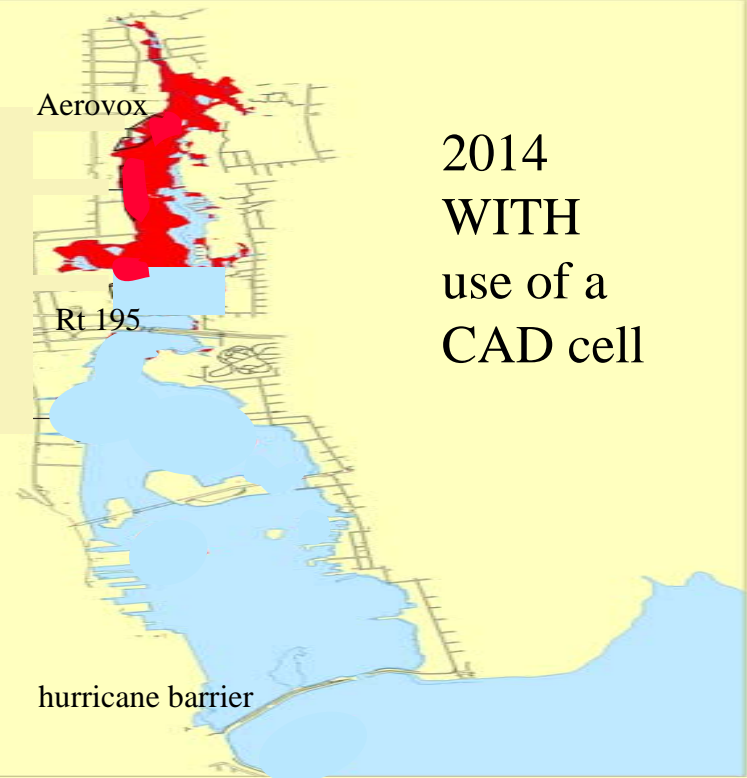
2014  
WITHOUT  
use of a  
CAD cell



The lower harbor cleanup would  
be accelerated with a CAD cell

Red areas are sediments  
requiring Superfund dredging.  
Assumes a typical \$15  
million annual funding rate.

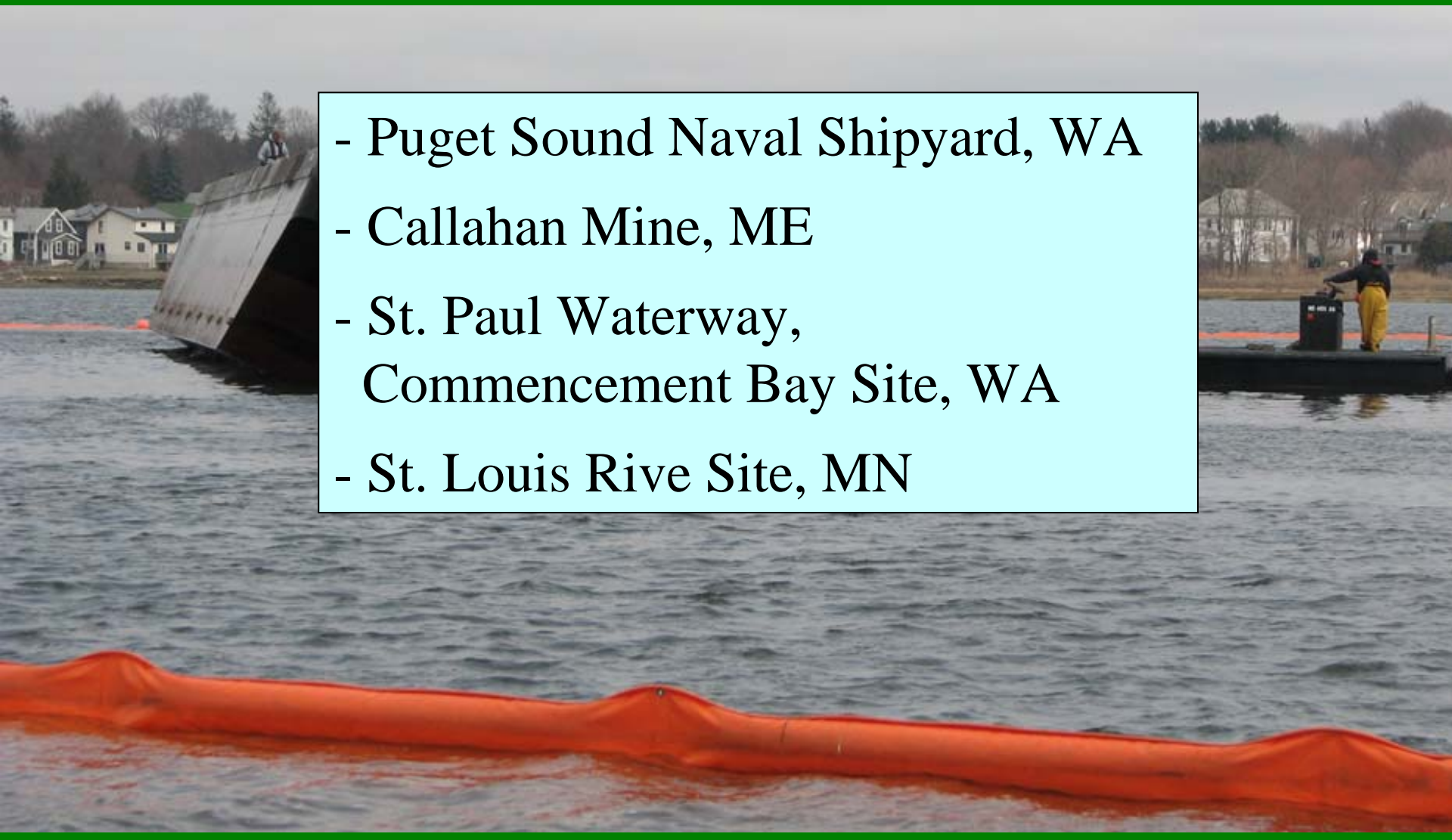
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## Other Superfund Sites that have selected CAD cells:

- Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, WA
- Callahan Mine, ME
- St. Paul Waterway,  
Commencement Bay Site, WA
- St. Louis Rive Site, MN



# Potential Synergy With Other Harbor Dredging

850,000 cy non-federal navigational dredging  
(wharf and pier areas, etc.)

450,000 cy federal navigational dredging  
("unsuitable" material from main channels)

300,000 cy proposed Superfund CAD material

**A few larger CAD cells would likely be  
less costly and have less environmental  
impact than many smaller CAD cells**

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Questions?

