OPEN WATER SITE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROLS

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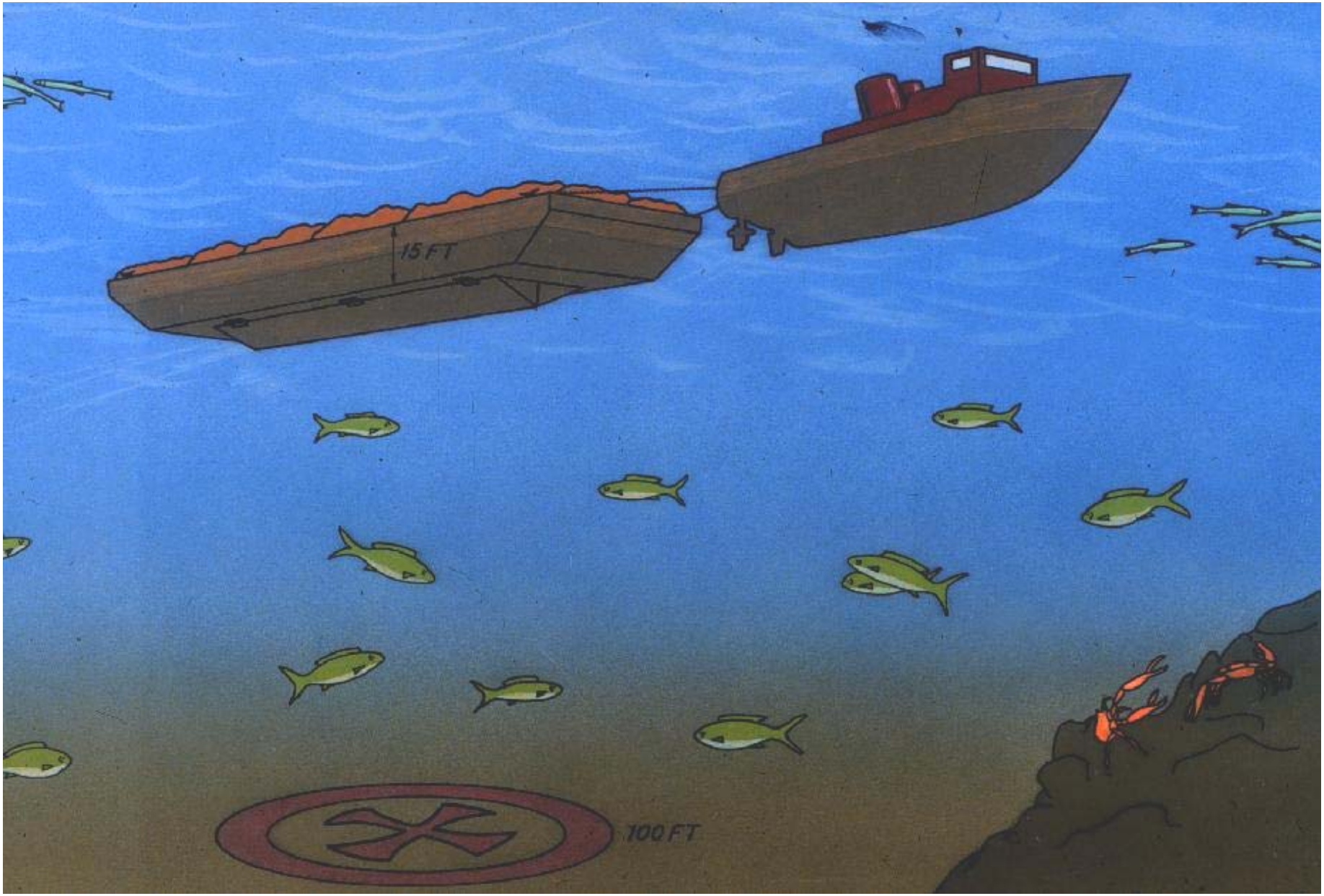
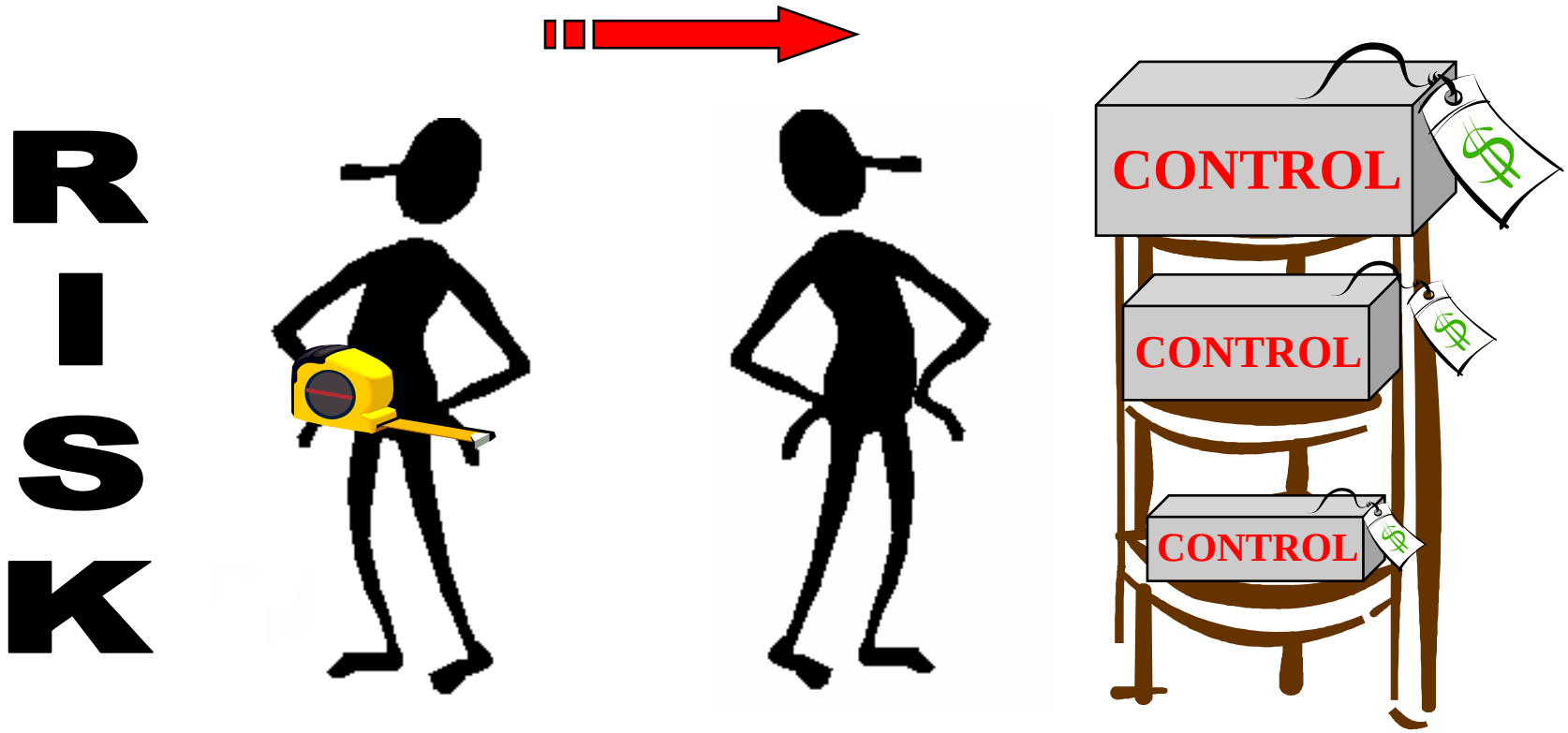

15 FT
100 FT

Risk Management

Risk Assessment

Risk Management



Implemented controls should be commensurate with potential risk…

Open Water Placement
Risk Management Considerations

- Material Suitability
- Site Characterization
- Site Designation/ Selection
- Operational Considerations
- Design Evaluations
- Control Measures/ Management Actions
- Site Management Plan
- Monitoring

Material Suitability

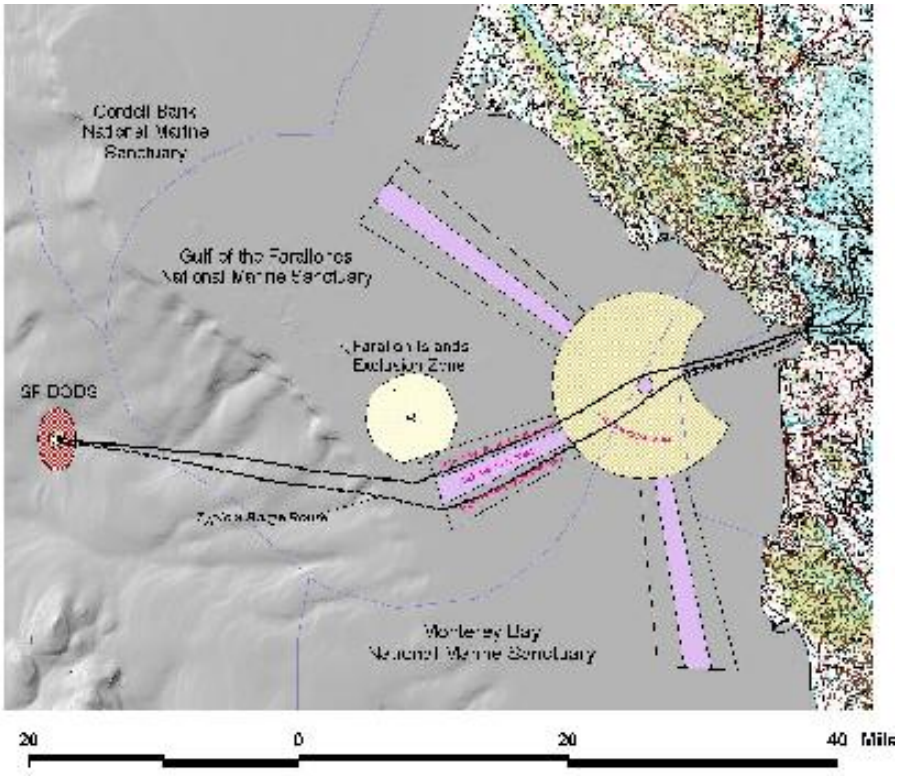
- **Is proposed dredged material suitable for open water placement at the site without special management or controls?**
  - Physical impacts
    - MPRSA sites via site designation
    - CWA sites project specific
  - Contaminant impacts
    - MPRSA via OTM procedures
    - CWA via ITM procedures

Site Characterization

- Bathymetry
- Water depth/ stratification
- Current/ wave conditions
- On-site biological resources
- Proximity to sensitive resources

Site Designation/ Selection

- **Ocean Site Designation (MPRSA)**
  - Formal Designation Process
  - EPA Designated General Use (Section 102)
  - USACE Designated Specific Projects (Section 103)
  - Final and Interim Designations
- **Site Selection in US Waters (CWA)**



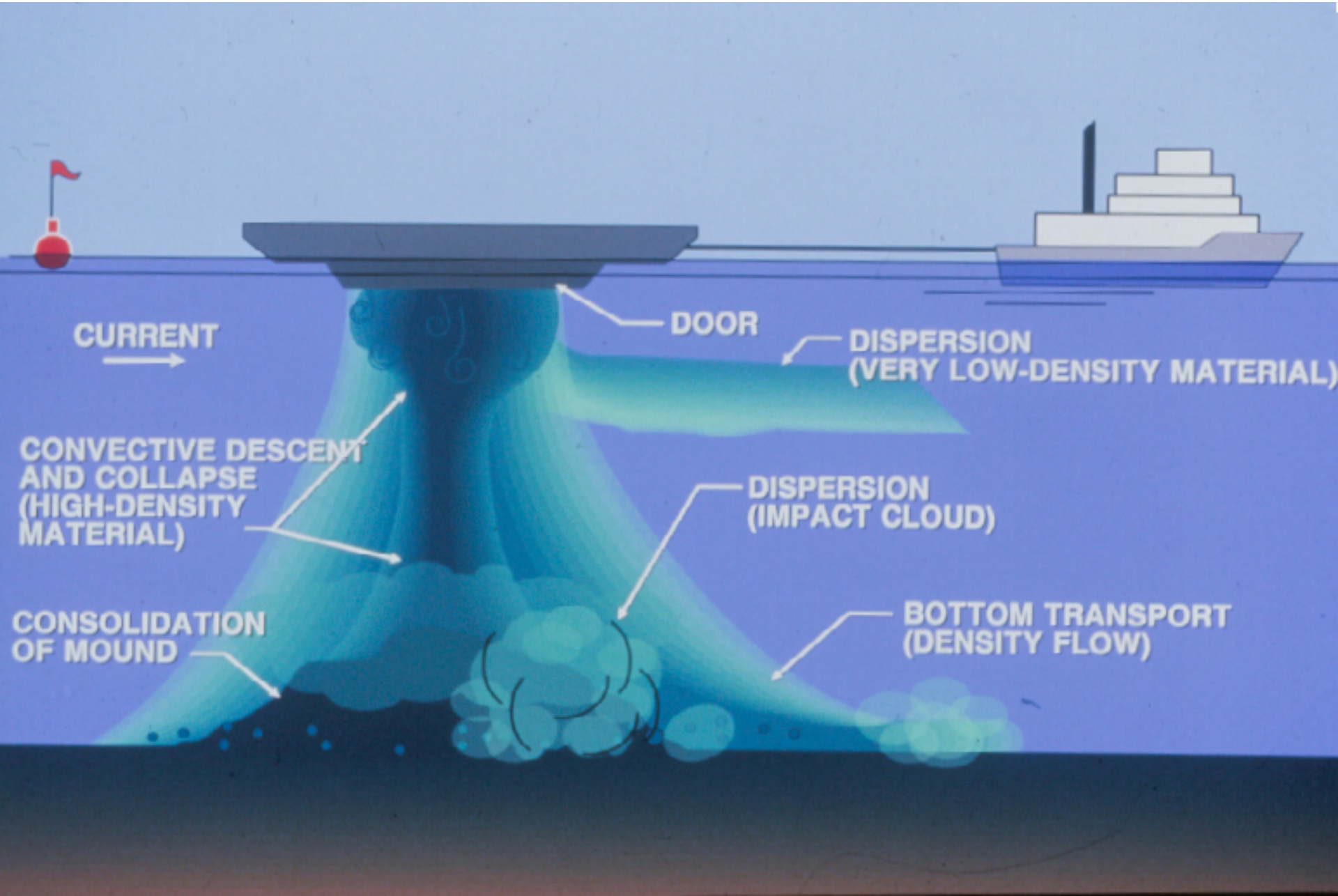
Operational Considerations

- Equipment and placement techniques
- Time, rate, location, and methods of placement
- Quantity and frequency of materials placed
- Navigation and positioning
- Site controls, e.g. Buoys
- Coordinating site use among permit holders
- Monitoring

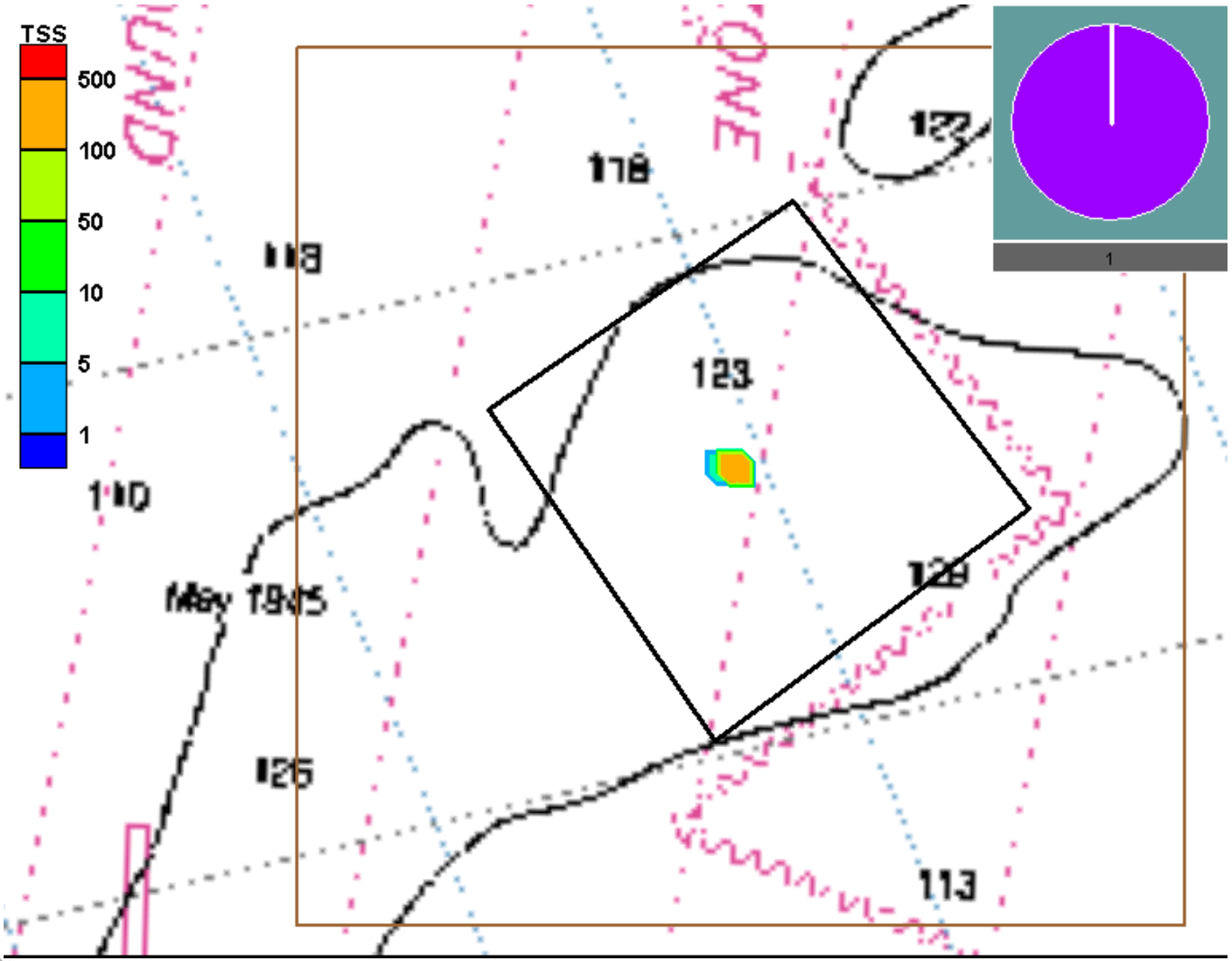
Tools to Evaluate Effectiveness

- **Water Column Dispersion**
  - STFATE or CDFATE or others
- **Placement technique, location, and rate**
  - Mound Development ~ MDFATE / MPFATE
- **Long-Term Stability and Site Capacity**
  - Consolidation ~ PSDDF
  - Erosion/ Consolidation ~ LTFATE
- **Far Field Transport ~ TABS, ICM, SSFATE**

STFATE


CURRENT
DOOR
DISPERSION
(VERY LOW-DENSITY MATERIAL)
CONVECTIVE DESCENT
AND COLLAPSE
(HIGH-DENSITY
MATERIAL)
DISPERSION
(IMPACT CLOUD)
CONSOLIDATION
OF MOUND
BOTTOM TRANSPORT
(DENSITY FLOW)

Site 69b, TSS



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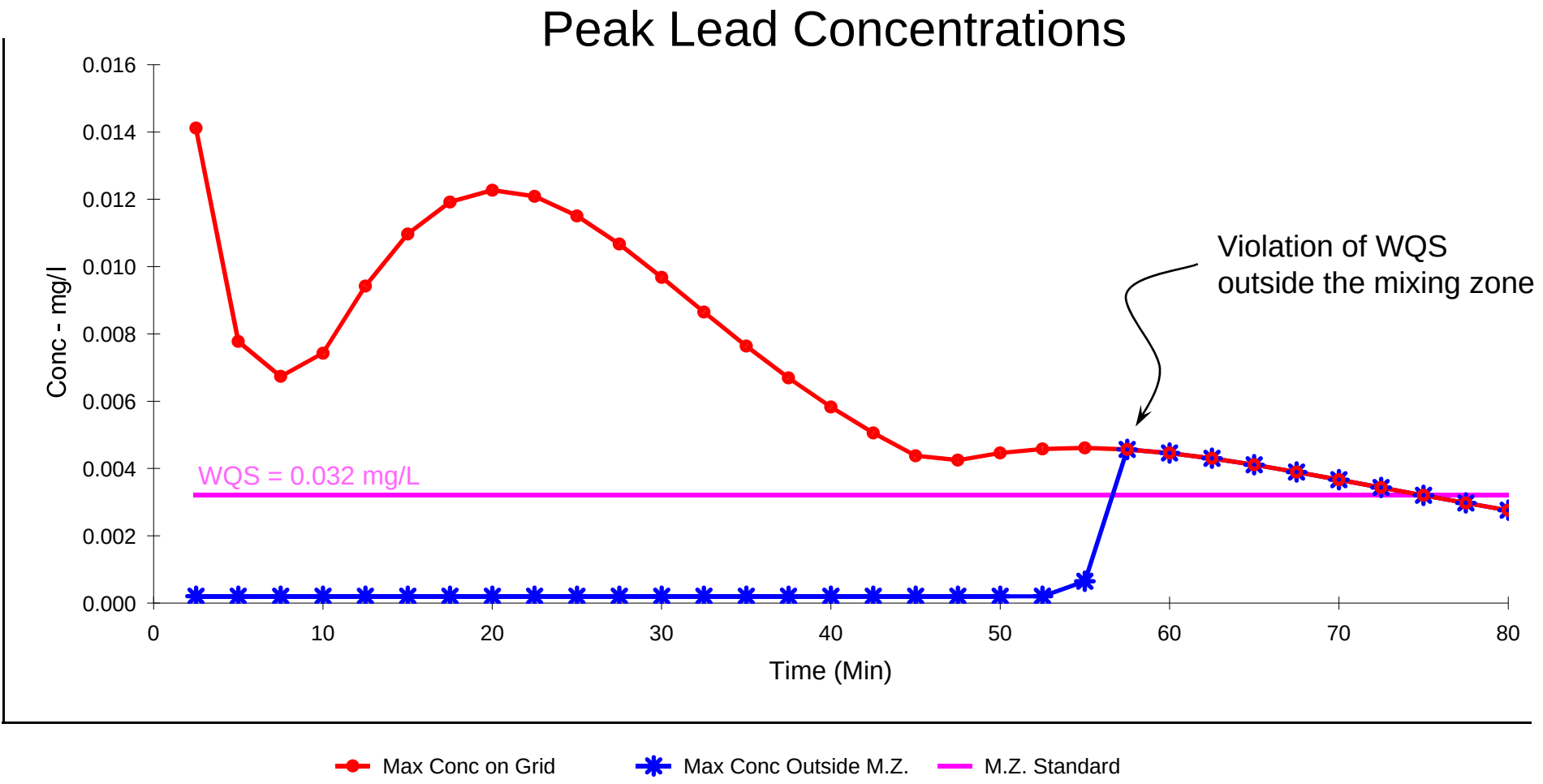

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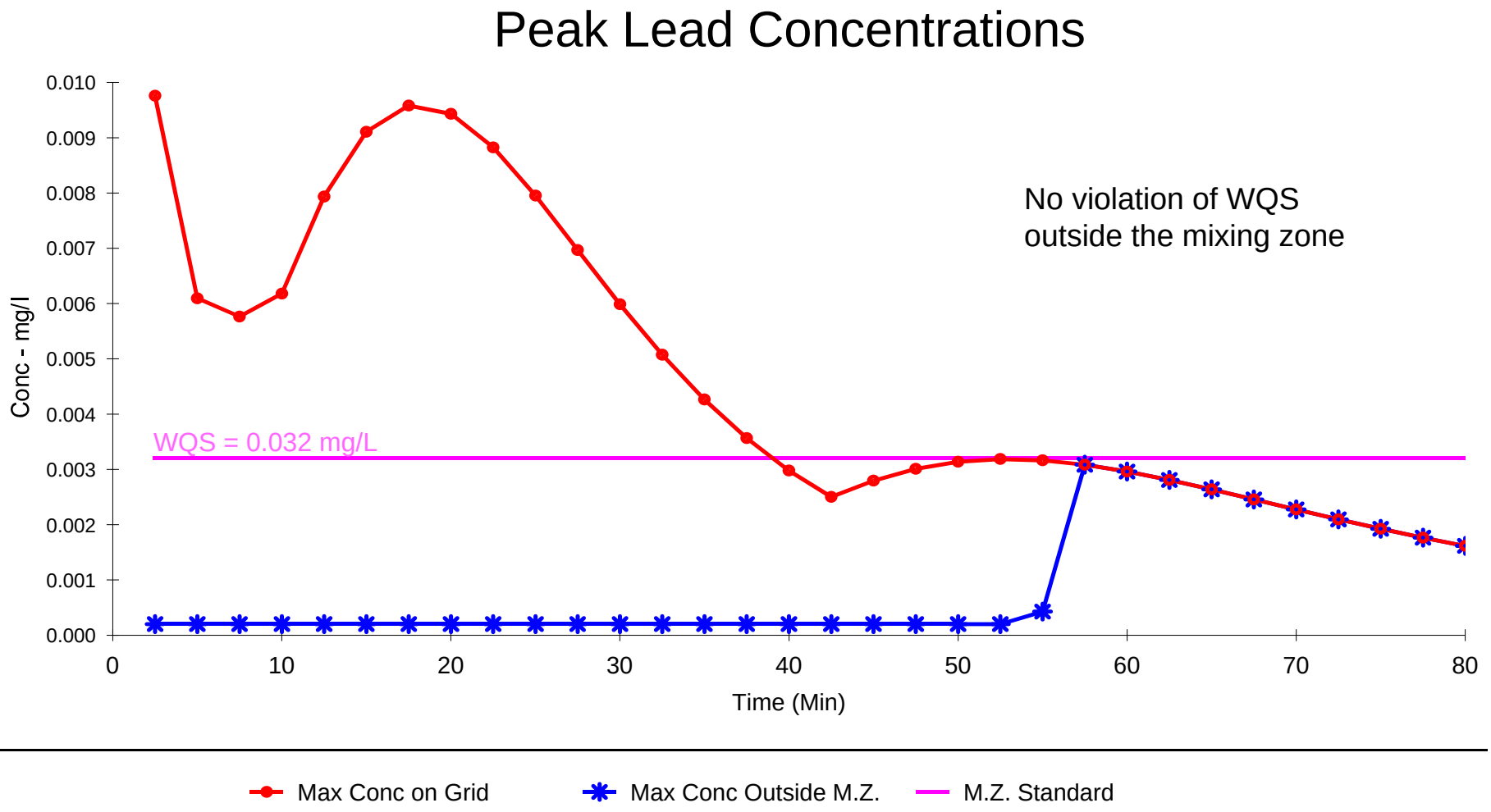
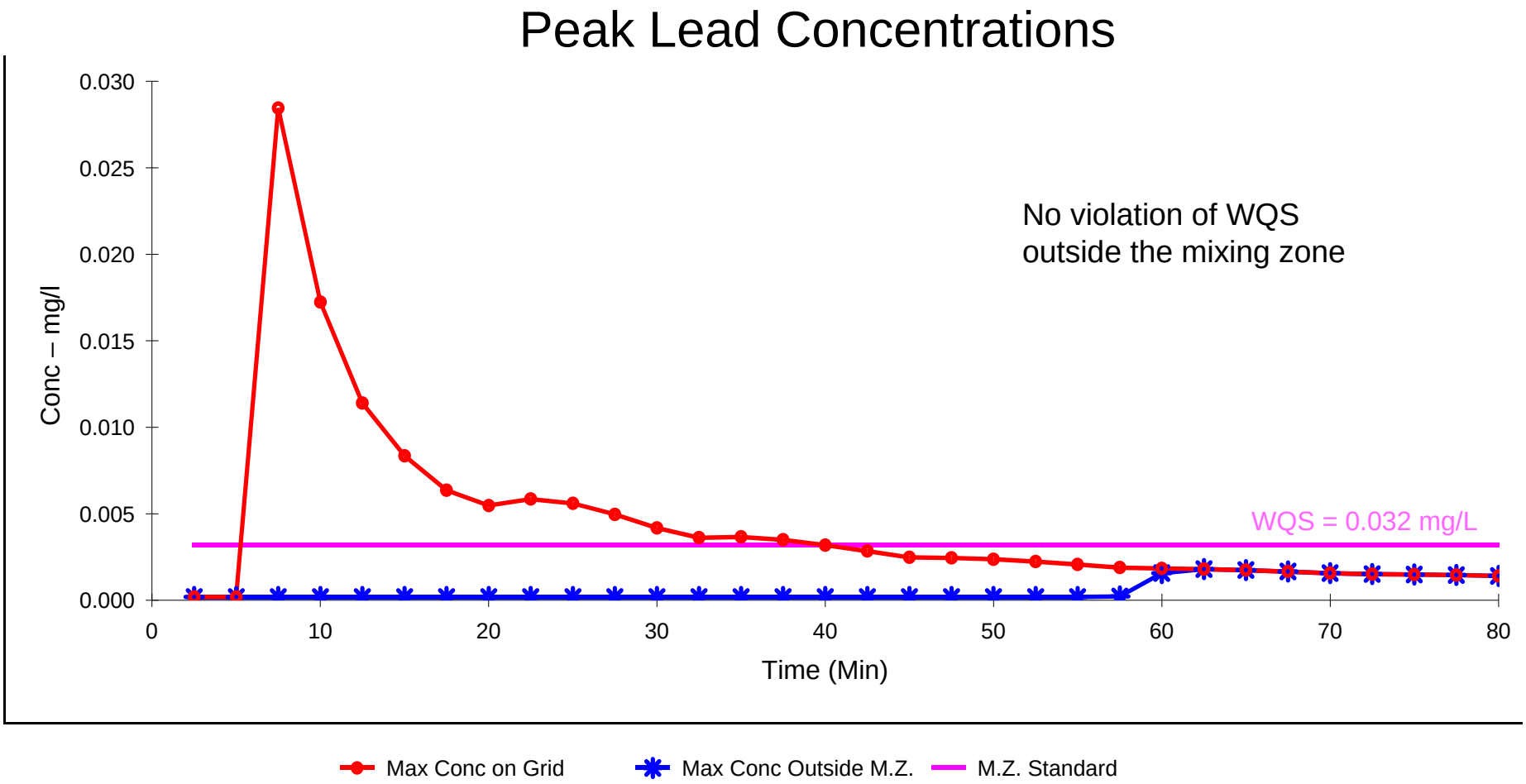


STFATE Evaluation of Alternatives 3000 CY Barge – Spreading

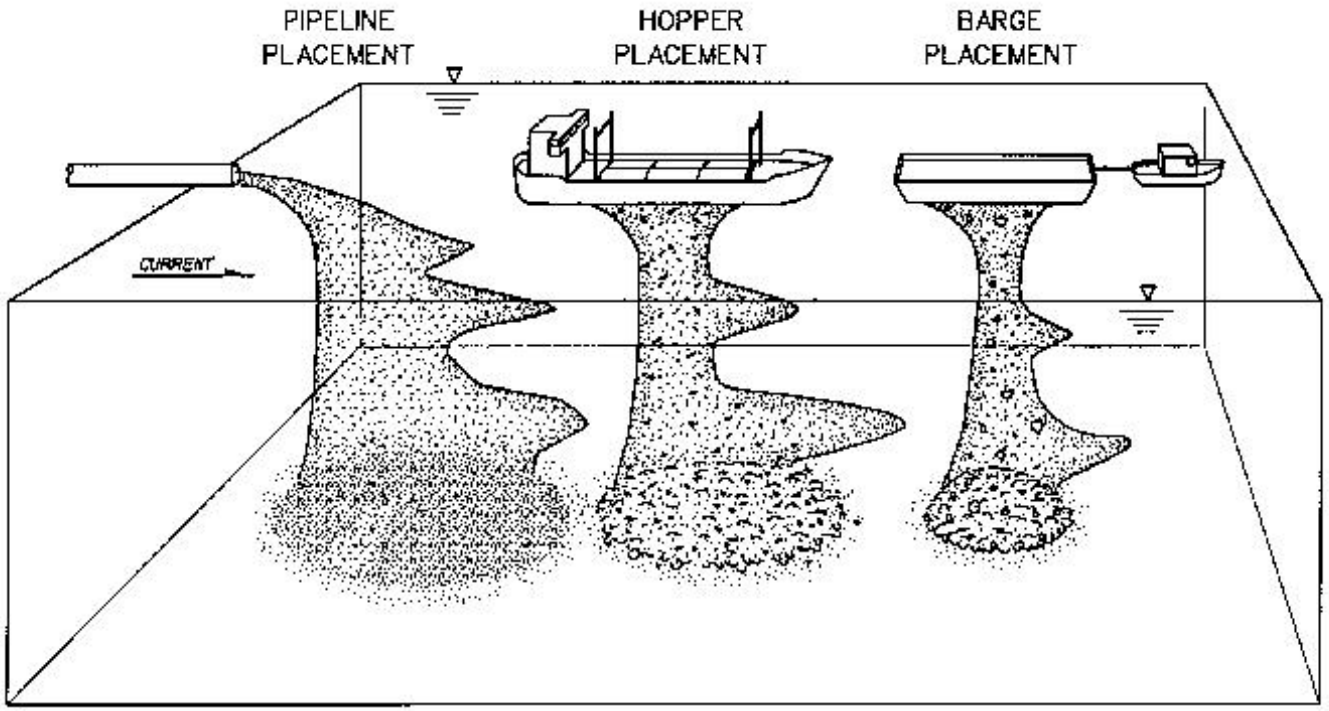


Open Water Control Measures

- **Water Column Management**
  - Submerged discharge
  - Geocontainers
  - Silt Curtains
  - Treatment (polymer addition)
  - Reduce discharge rate
  - Promote mixing (dump while under tow)
- **Benthic Management**
  - Treatment (not typically done)
  - Capping with cleaner dredged material or armor
  - Lateral confinement or CAD
  - Geocontainers

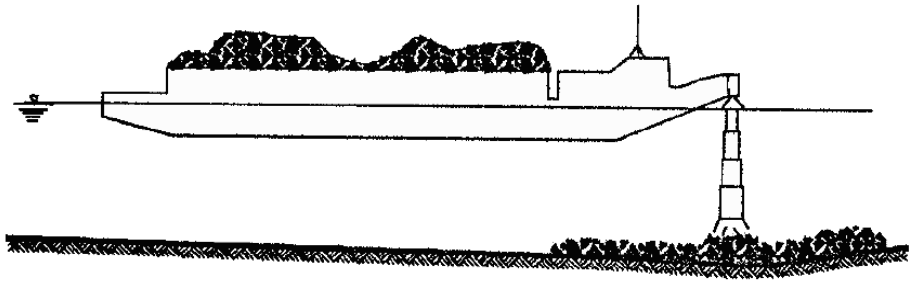
Operational Modifications

- **Select different equipment type**
- **Select different equipment size**
- **Control placement operation**
  - Location
  - Rate
  - Method



Submerged Discharge

- Can reduce water column dispersion
- Can improve accuracy of placement
- Pipeline configurations
- Diffuser design available
- Tremie technolog



Barge with Tremie

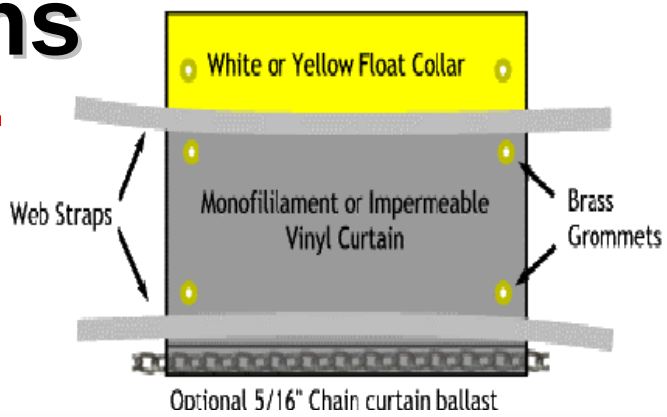
Submerged Diffuser

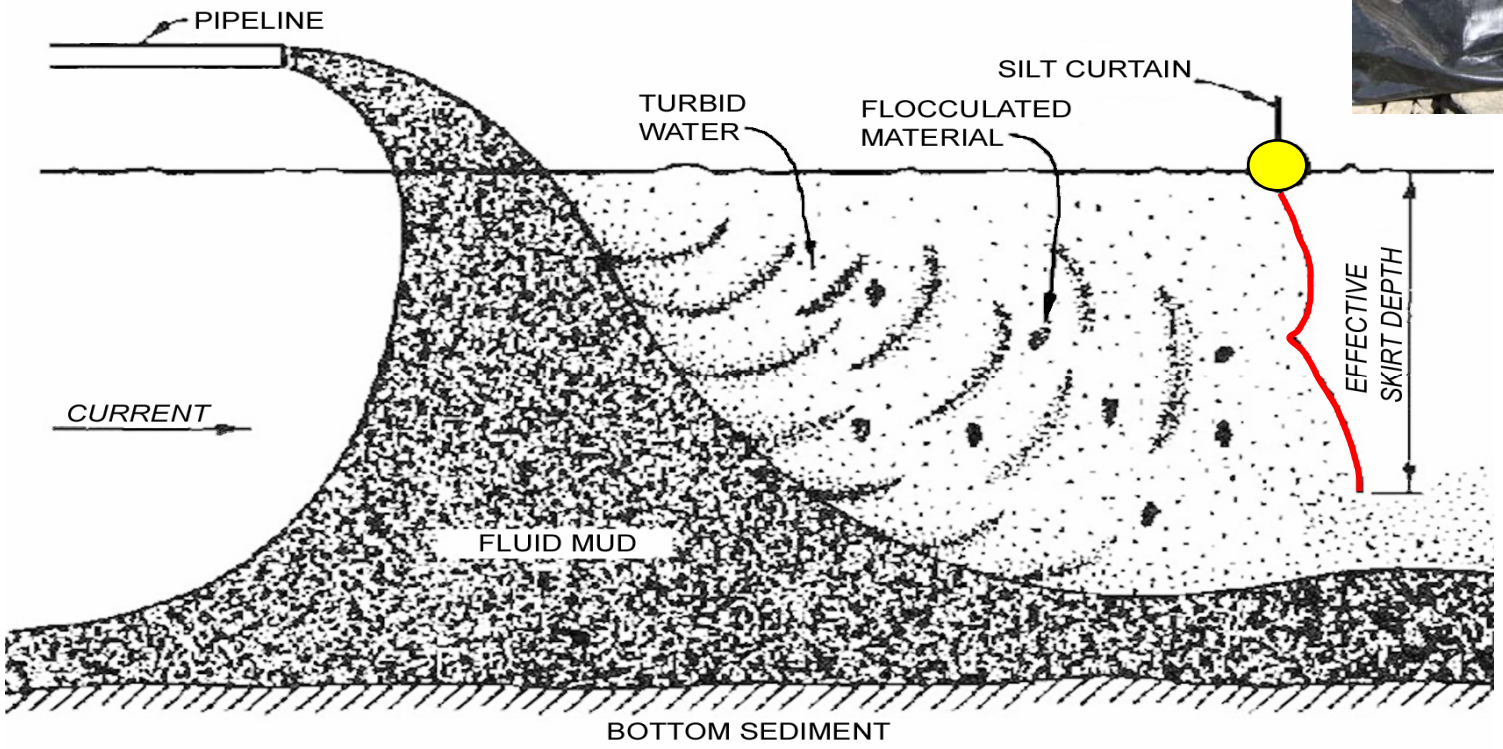
Silt Curtains

- **Purpose**
  - To control SS/turbidity in the water column (mainly at dredging site)
- **Advantages**
  - Can be used to protect sensitive environments
  - Can allow particles to settle out of the upper water column
  - Commercially available
- **Limitations**
  - Strong currents
    - (> 1 knot/1.5 fps)
  - High winds
  - Debris/Ice
  - Excessive wave heights
  - Fluctuating water levels
  - Must allow traffic in/out
    - Bubble curtains

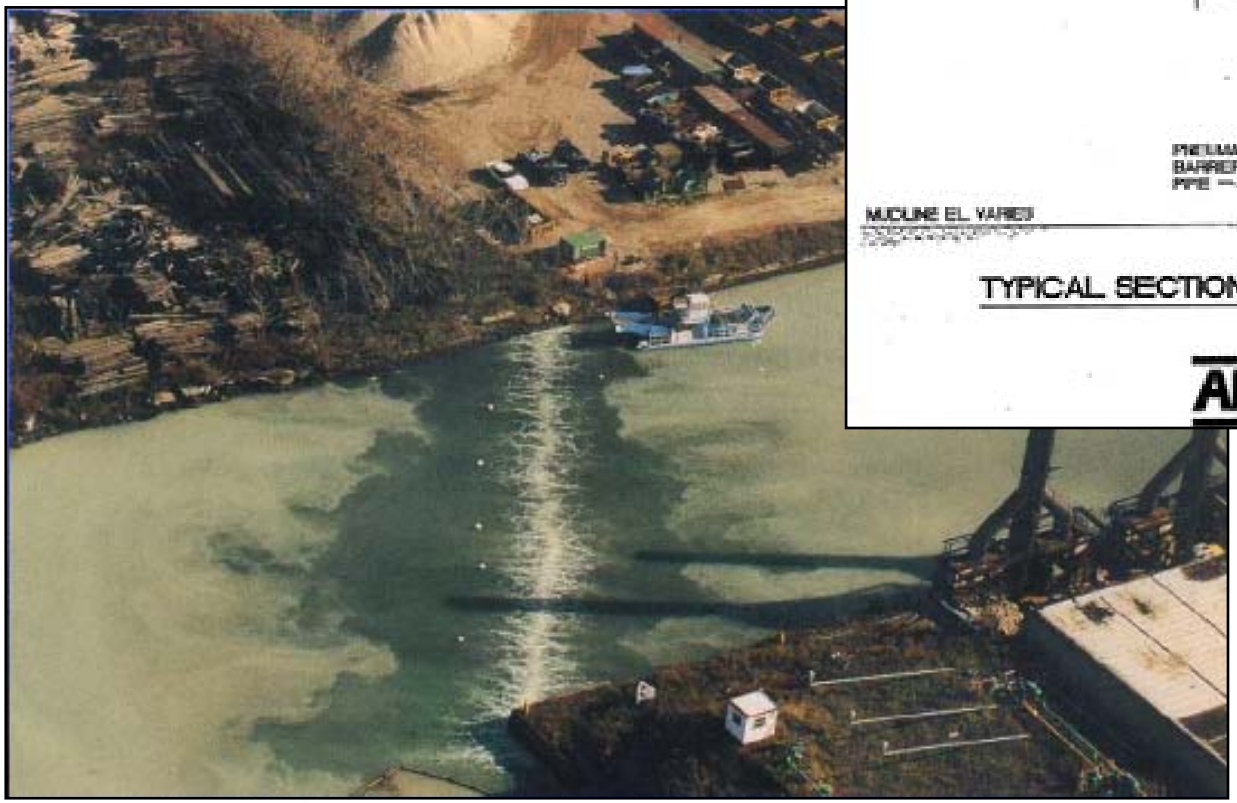
- **http://el.erdc.usace.army.mil/elpubs/pdf/doere21.pdf**

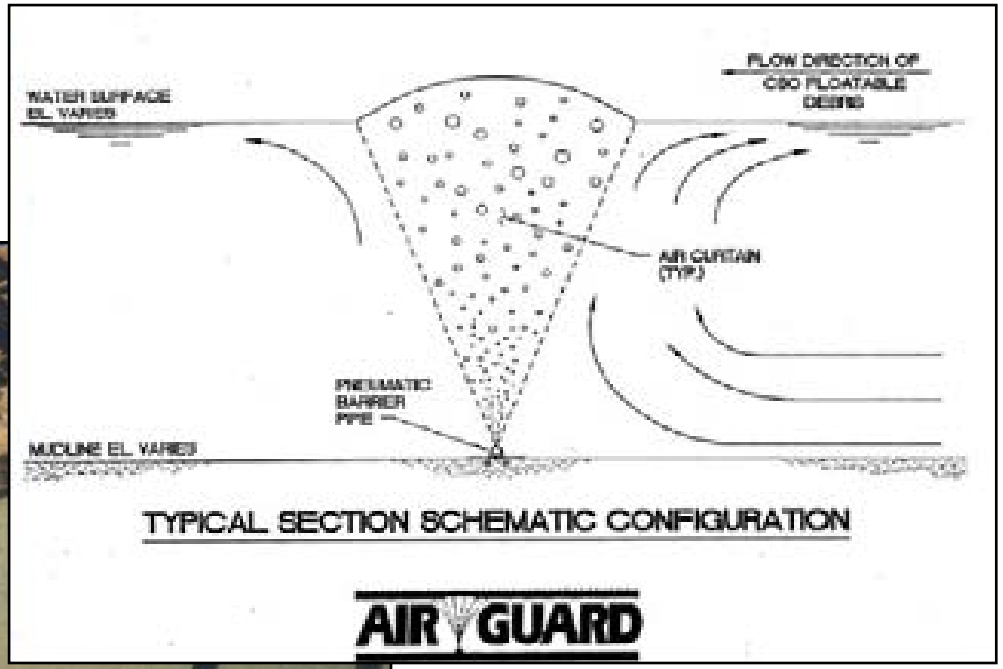
Silt Curtains





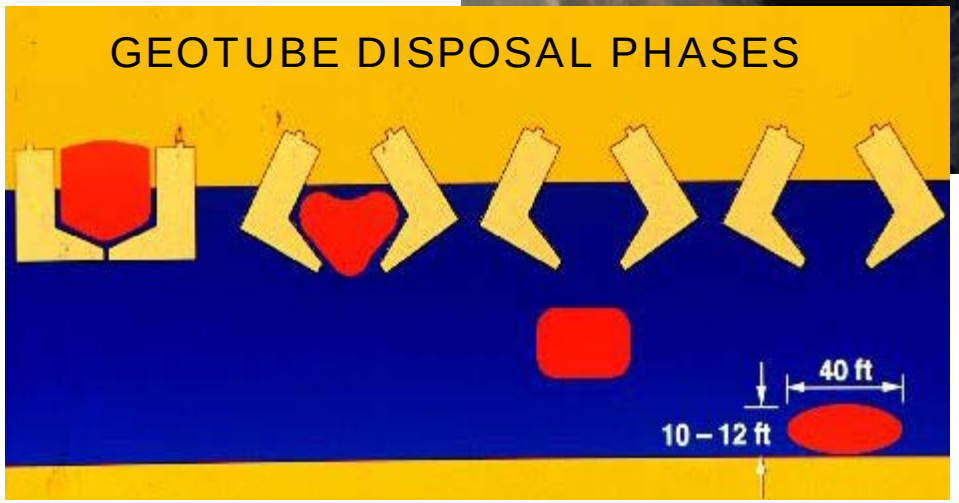
Pneumatic Barrier





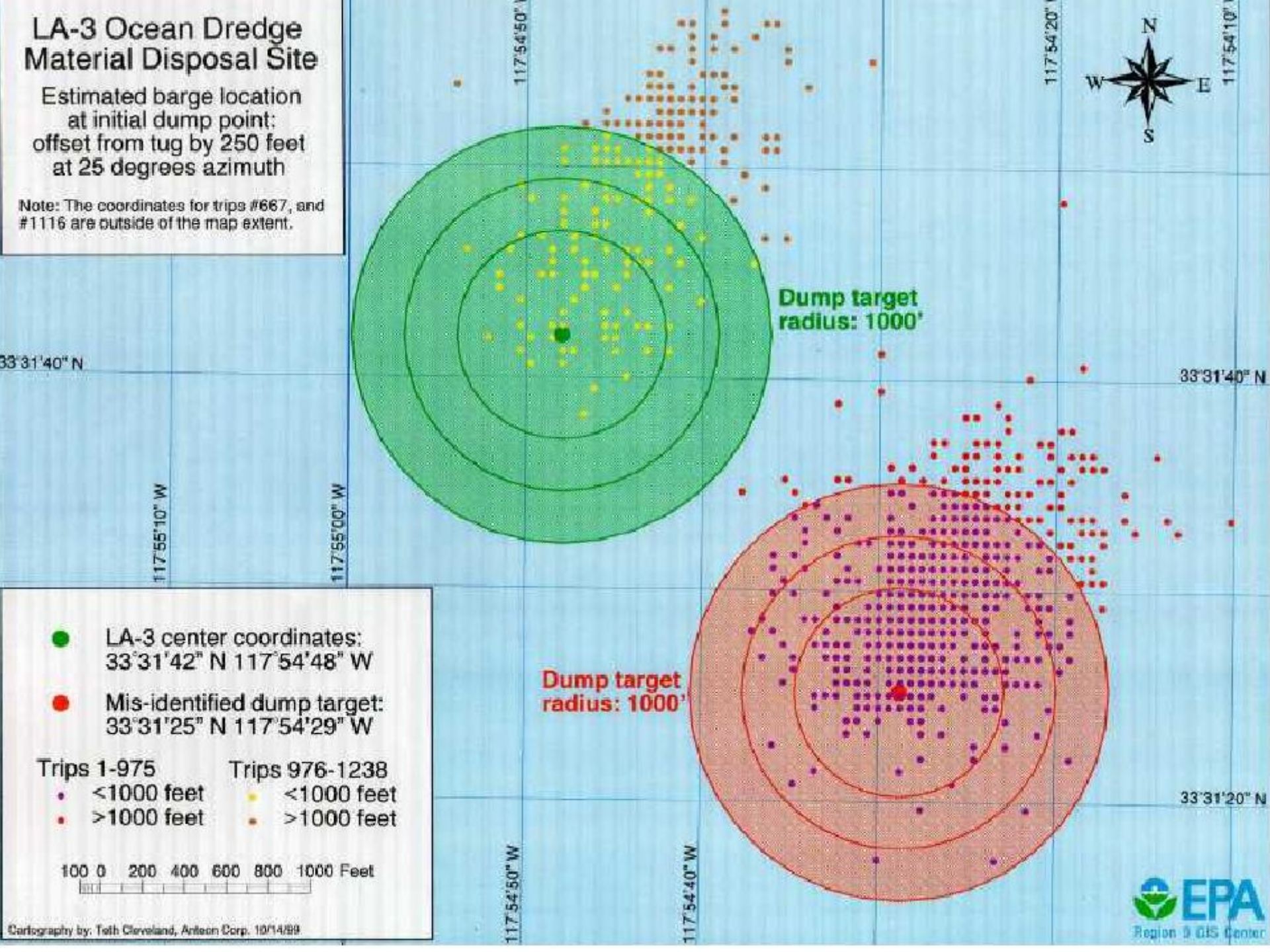
Geo-containers

- Geotextiles used for solids containment
- Can reduce water column dispersion
- Can reduce capping requirements
- Engineering design approaches available
- Operational aspects need refinement


GEOTUBE DISPOSAL PHASES
40 ft
10 – 12 ft

Site Management Plans

- Roles and responsibilities
- Management objectives
- Specifics on operations and management
- Inspection and enforcement
- Monitoring requirements


LA-3 Ocean Dredge Material Disposal Site
Estimated barge location at initial dump point: offset from tug by 250 feet at 25 degrees azimuth
Note: The coordinates for trips #667, and #1116 are outside of the map extent.
Dump target radius: 1000'
Dump target radius: 1000'
33°31'40" N
33°31'20" N
117°55'10" W
117°55'00" W
117°54'50" W
117°54'40" W
117°54'20" W
117°54'10" W
N
S
E
W
LA-3 center coordinates: 33°31'42" N 117°54'48" W
Mis-identified dump target: 33°31'25" N 117°54'29" W
Trips 1-975
<1000 feet
>1000 feet
Trips 976-1238
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>1000 feet
100 0 200 400 600 800 1000 Feet
Cartography by: Teth Cleveland, Antech Corp. 10/14/99
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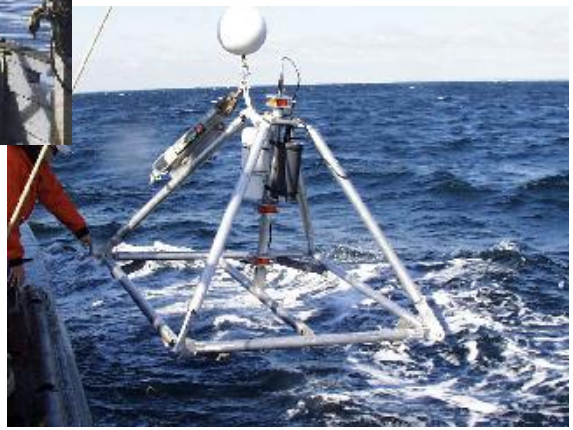
Open Water Site Monitoring

- **Need for Monitoring**
  - Evaluate effectiveness of management
  - Evaluate environmental impacts
  - Recommend modifications
- **Monitoring Plan**
  - Clear objectives
  - Testable hypotheses
  - Methods and equipment
- **Management Actions**
- **Silent Inspector**
  - Location
  - Volume

Open Water Monitoring Tools



Summary

- **Site selection / characterization**
- **Material suitability**
- **Planning the disposal operation**
  - Models available
- **Site controls**
- **Site management plan**
- **Monitoring**

Questions??