



# Columbia River PCB Cleanup

Alcoa Evergreen Smelter Site  
Vancouver, WA

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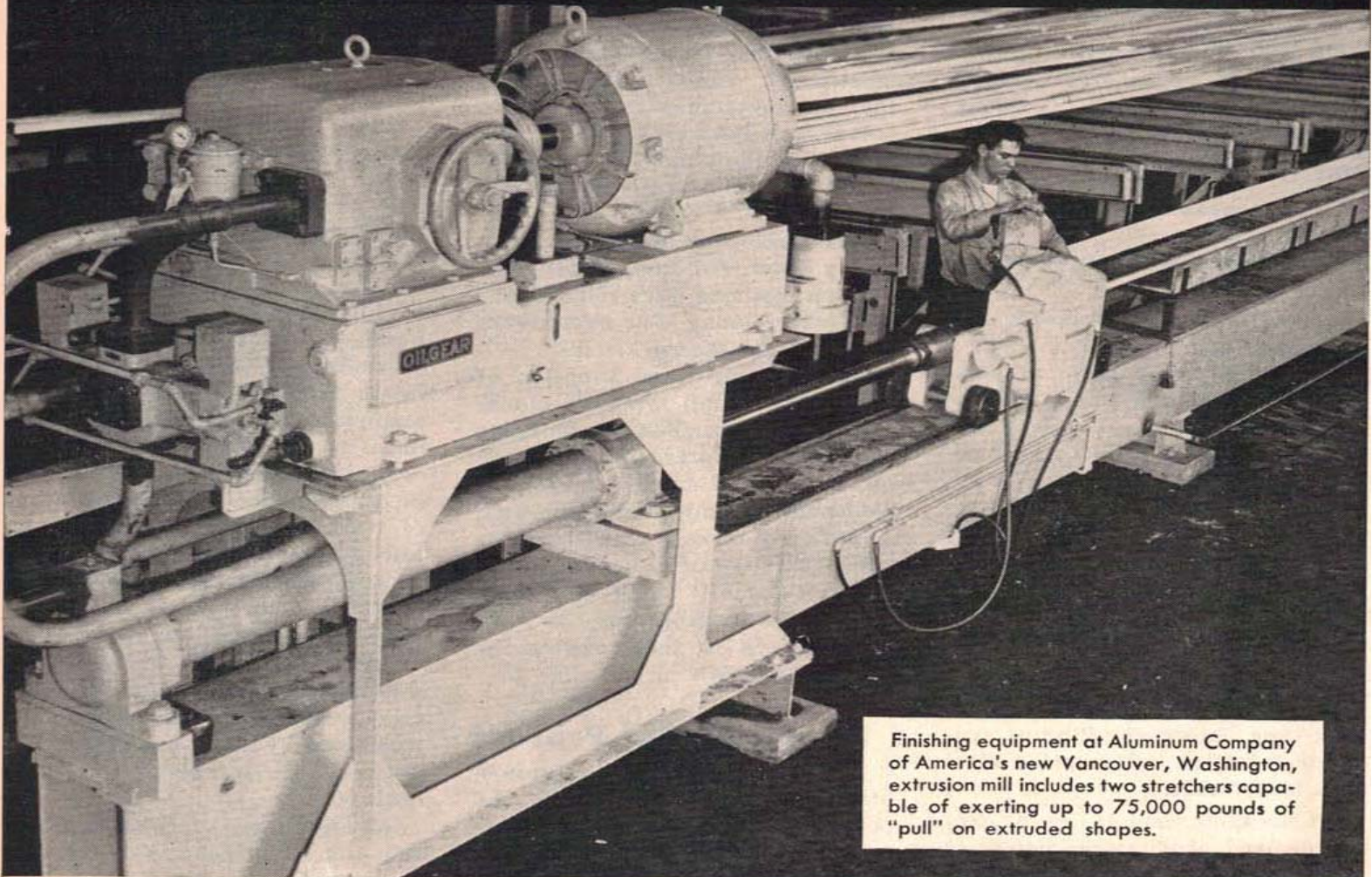


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LEADERS IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY:

ALCOA



Finishing equipment at Aluminum Company of America's new Vancouver, Washington, extrusion mill includes two stretchers capable of exerting up to 75,000 pounds of "pull" on extruded shapes.

One of the things that impresses visitors to Alcoa is the strong emphasis on safety. It isn't surprising, then, to find fire-resistant Pydraul used in Alcoa hydraulic equipment...eliminating a potential source of fire.

**FIRE-RESISTANT PYDRAUL F-9  
CHANGES FIRE ZONES TO SAFETY ZONES**

# **Site Presentation**

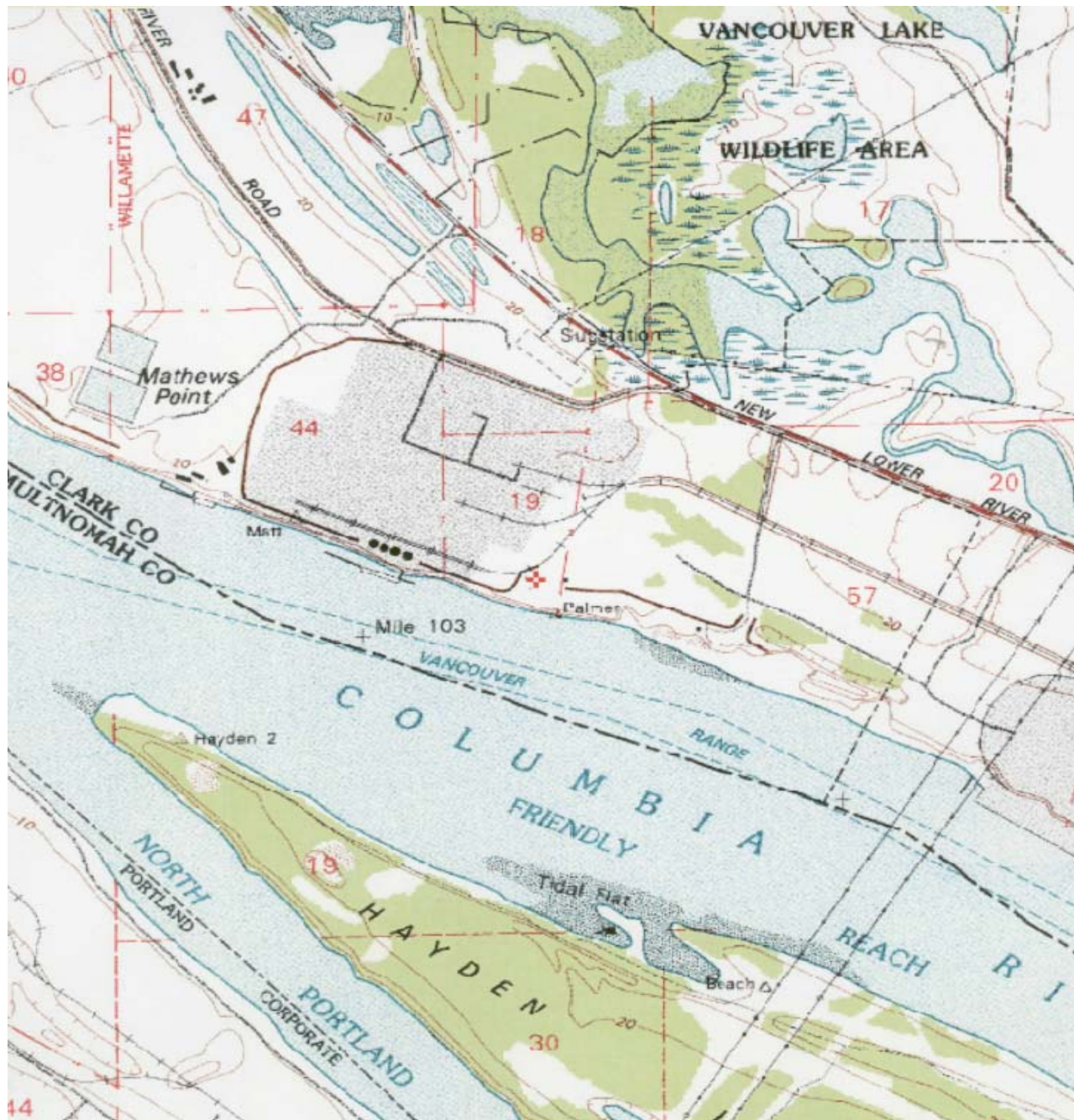
**Site Location**

**MTCA Process**

**Upland Contamination & Cleanup**

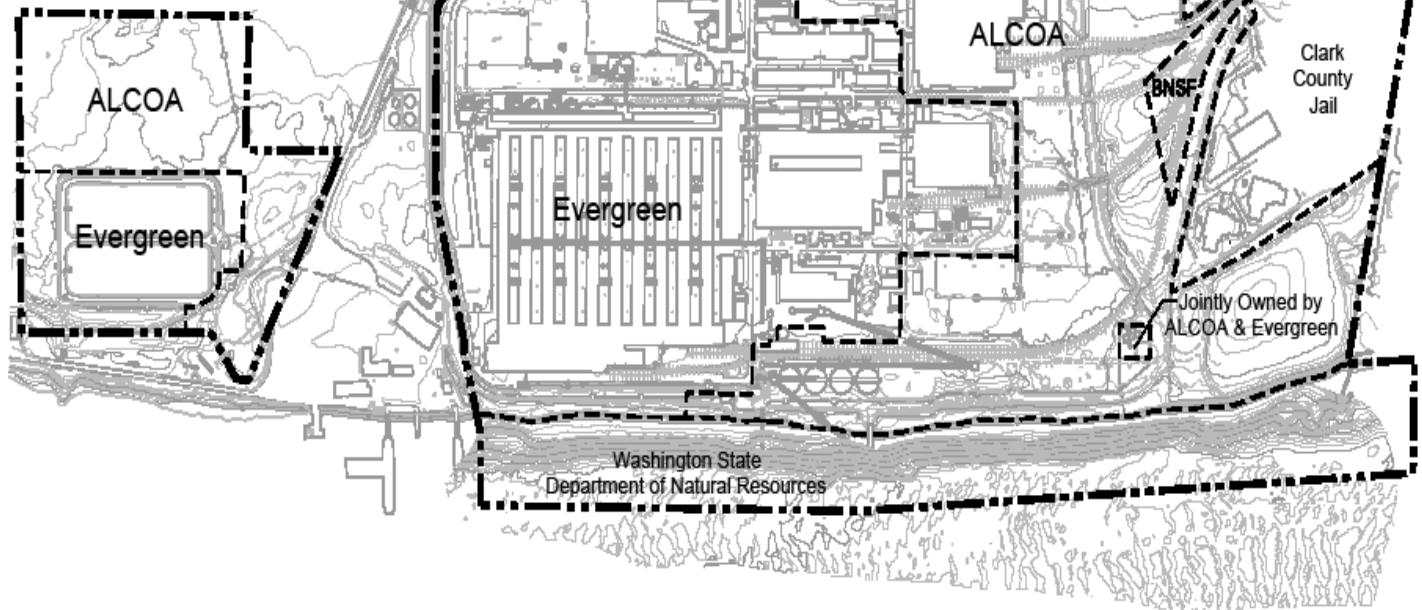
**River Contamination & Cleanup**



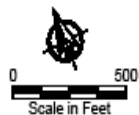








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- Site Boundary
- Property Boundary

Figure 2  
Site Boundaries and Property Ownership  
ALCOA/Evergreen Site CAP  
Vancouver, Washington



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|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 Sludge Pond                 | 7 Carbon Plant                         | 13 Carbon Storage              | 19 Soluble Oil Area                     |
| 2 Stormwater Lagoons          | 8 Carbon Plant Emission Control System | 14 Scrap Metal Recycling Area  | 20 North and North 2 Landfills          |
| 3 Crowley Site                | 9 Alumina and Raw Material Handling    | 15 SPL Storage Area            | 21 Northeast Parcel (Clark County Jail) |
| 4 Transformer/Rectifier Yards | 10 Dock                                | 16 Bonneville Power Station    | 22 East Landfill                        |
| 5 Potlines                    | 11 Vanexco/Rod Mill Facilities         | 17 Clark County Public Utility | 23 South Bank Area                      |
| 6 Dike UST                    | 12 ACPC Facilities                     | 18 Hydraulic Oil Lagoons       | 24 CPU Outfall                          |

Figure 2-1  
Historical Site Layout  
ALCOA/Evergreen Site  
Vancouver, Washington



# River Cleanup

- **RI sample collection 1999 – 2001**
  - **Source Control 1990 - 2008**
    - **Feasibility Study 2007**
- **Sediment Cleanup – Dredge And Cap 2008 - 2009**
  - **Clam Removal 2008**



# **Upland Areas**

## **Current Cleanup Work**

- **Crowley Lagoons – TPH**
- **Dike Storage Tanks – TPH**
- **Soluble Oil Area – TPH & PCBs**

## **Evergreen Enforcement Order Cleanup Work (2007 – 2008)**

- **Storm water Lagoons – F & PAHs**
- **Rectifier & Transformers Areas – PCBs & TPH**
  - **Carbon Plant – PAHs**
- **Carbon Plant Emission Control System Lagoons**

- **Carbon Storage Area - PAHs**
- **Casthouse & Lay down Areas – PCBs**
- **Scrap Metal Recycling Area – Metals, PCBs & TPH**

## **Alcoa Cleanups (1988 – 2008)**

- **Alumina and Raw Material Handling Areas – F**
- **Vanexco/Rod Mill Facilities – PCBs & TPH**
  - **Hydraulic Oil Lagoons – TPH & PCBs**
    - **ACPC Wire Mill – PCBs**
  - **Soluble Oil Area - PCBs & TPH**
  - **Spent Potliner Area – CN & F**



- **North & North 2 Landfills – TPH & TCE**
- **Northeast Parcel (County Jail) – Misc solid waste (PCBs)**
  - **South Bank Area – PCBs**
- **East Landfill – TPH, PCBs, TCE & PAHs**

# **Evergreen Rectifier & Transformer Areas (Potlines)**

- **Contaminated soil and concrete in Transformer Yard**
  - **PCBs contamination**
  - **Cleanup level 1 mg/kg**
  - **All contaminated materials removed.**
- **10,100 tons of material removed to landfills.**



# **Evergreen Cast House & Lay Down Area**

- **PCBs found in concrete and soil subfloors and structural fill.**
  - **Cleanup to Industrial standards**
    - **10 mg/kg PCBs**
  - **All material removed to off site landfills**
- **Area deed restricted and covered with concrete rubble cap.**

# **Vanexco & Alcoa Rod Mill Cleanup**

- **Site started as an independent cleanup and finally finished as a consent decree in 1995**
  - **PCBs found in concrete and soils**
- **Soils levels at 2,000 mg/kg and concrete at 16,000 mg/kg left at 35 ft**
  - **Deed restricted**
  - **Groundwater monitoring**
  - **Covered with impervious cap.**

# **ACPC (Alcoa) Wire Mill**

- **PCBs found in concrete and soil.**
- **Industrial cleanup level of 10 mg/kg**
  - **Deed restricted and covered**
  - **Removal is cleanup option.**



# Scrap Metal Recycling Area

- **Contaminants found in soil – metals, cyanide, fluoride, PCBs & TPH.**
  - **Cleanup to Industrial Standards.**
    - **PCBs 10 mg/kg**
    - **TPH – 2000 mg/kg diesel range**
      - **1400 tons removed**
- **Soils cleaned up to industrial levels and deed restricted**









# **Alcoa Wire Mill Hydraulic Oil Lagoons**

- **Hydraulic oil from wire mill – TPH & PCBs**
  - **Soils with TPH at 43,000 – 14,100 mg/kg**
- **Cleanup levels 500 mg/kg TPH and PCBs 1 mg/kg**
- **12,000 cubic yards oily soil removed to extrusion building and bio-remediated.**
- **Soils removed and filled excavations after meeting cleanup levels.**

# **Northeast Parcel Landfill (County Jail)**

- **Landfill with smelter solid waste and PAHs & PCBs in soils.**
  - **Method A residential cleanup levels.**
  - **All landfill debris removed from site.**
- **5,800 tons of PCB contaminated soils removed off site to landfills.**
- **17,000 tons of PAH contaminated soils moved to East landfill and covered with one foot of clean soil.**
- **County purchase site and constructed a jail**





# North & North 2 Landfills

- Soils with TCE, vinyl chloride, PAHs and metals.
  - Groundwater with TCE and PAHs.
- Cleanup standards Industrial levels PCBs 10 mg/kg, PAHs 20 mg/kg, TCE 30 ug/kg
  - Removal to East Landfill
  - 38,000 cubic yards removed
    - Six inch clean soil cap.

# East Landfill

- **150,000 cubic yards of waste with 57,000 yards of material above MTCA levels**
- **Contaminants – TPH, TCE, PCBs, PAHs and metals in soils and waste.**
- **Groundwater TCE above cleanup standard of 5 ug/L**
  - **Landfill has double lined cap.**
  - **River has armored shoreline.**







**East  
Landfill**

**Storm Water  
Pond**

**Vanalco  
Waste Water  
Treatment Plant**

**South Bank  
Area of  
Concern**

**East Landfill Revetment**

**Bio-  
Diffusion  
Area**

**Port of Vancouver  
(Glacier NW)**





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# **Columbia River Cleanup**

**Contaminant – PCBs one hot spot source**

**Where Located – Columbia River at  
aluminum smelter (2800 ft.)**

**Cleanup Level – 97 ug/kg**

**Remediation Level - 320 ug/kg**

**Cleanup Plan – dredge and cap**

**River protection – sediment monitoring**

# Source – South Bank

- **PCBs found in bank near East Landfill**
  - **PCB Sampling in East Landfill**
- **Groundwater and soil samplings on East Landfill bank**
- **Cleanup consists of removal of contaminated soils**
- **PCB Upland Cleanup standard – 10 mg/kg**



Bio-Diffusion Area

Port of Vancouver (Glacier NW)

East Landfill

Storm Water Pond

Vanalco Waste Water Treatment Plant

South Bank Area of Concern

East Landfill Revetment



# **South Bank PCB Discovery Timeline**

- **Winter 1997 Installation of power plant NPDES outfall line.**
- **NPDES chemical screening PCBs found at 3000 to 6000 ug/gm.**
- **Upland investigations of landfill areas 1998-1999.**
- **Sediment sampling 1999 – 2001**
- **USACE tissue sampling 2005**
- **Cleanup negotiations 2007 -2008**
- **Cleanup 2008 - 2009**











# USACE Tissue Data

- **Up stream PCB tissue data (23 – 47 ug/kg)  
River mile 104 - 108**
- **Smelter area tissue data (3,500 ug/kg) River  
mile 103**
- **Surface sediment at River mile 104 data (1.4  
ug/kg – 27 ug/kg)**
- **SWAC sediment at River mile 103 1,130  
ug/kg**

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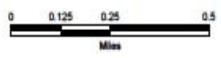


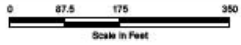
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USACE *Corbicula* Sampling Locations  
ALCOA/Evergreen Site  
Vancouver, Washington







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**Figure 2-5**  
Sediment Sampling Locations  
ALCOA/Evergreen Site  
Vancouver, Washington





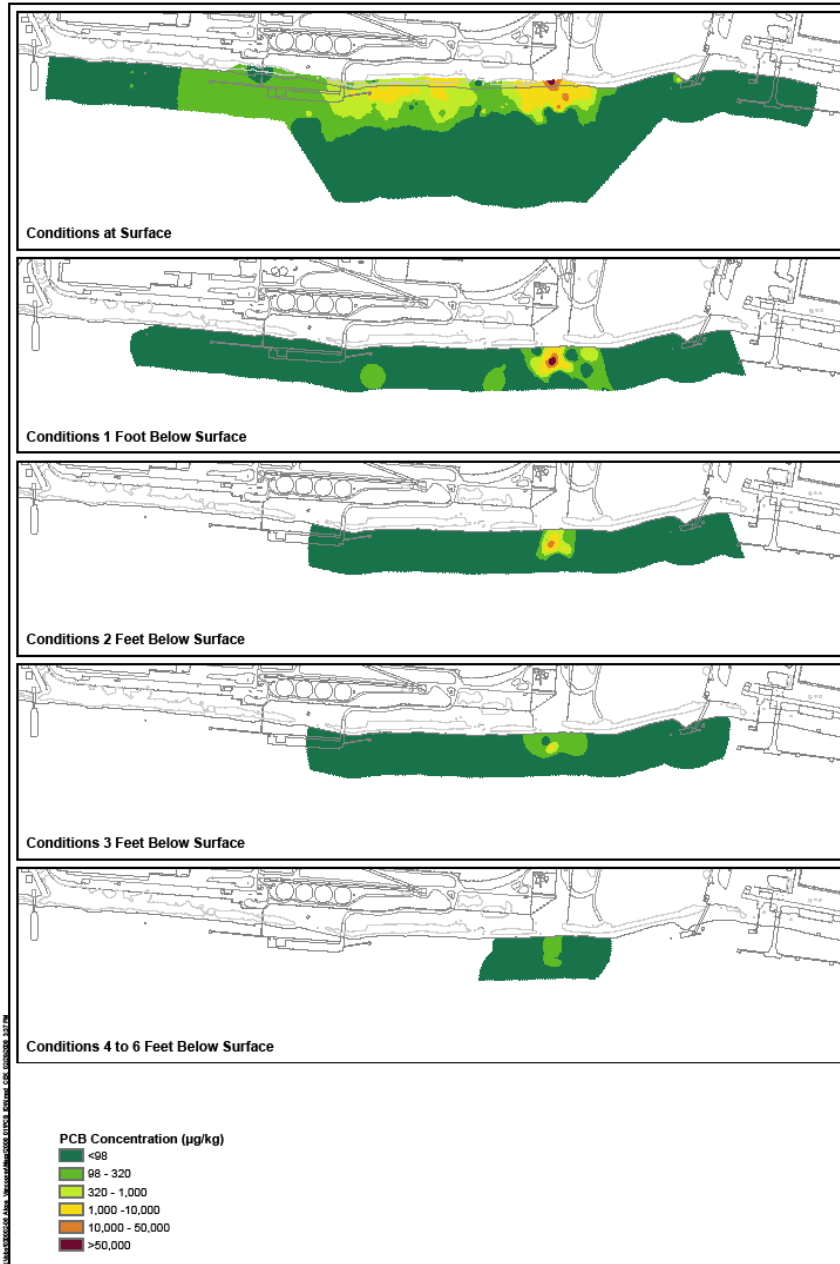
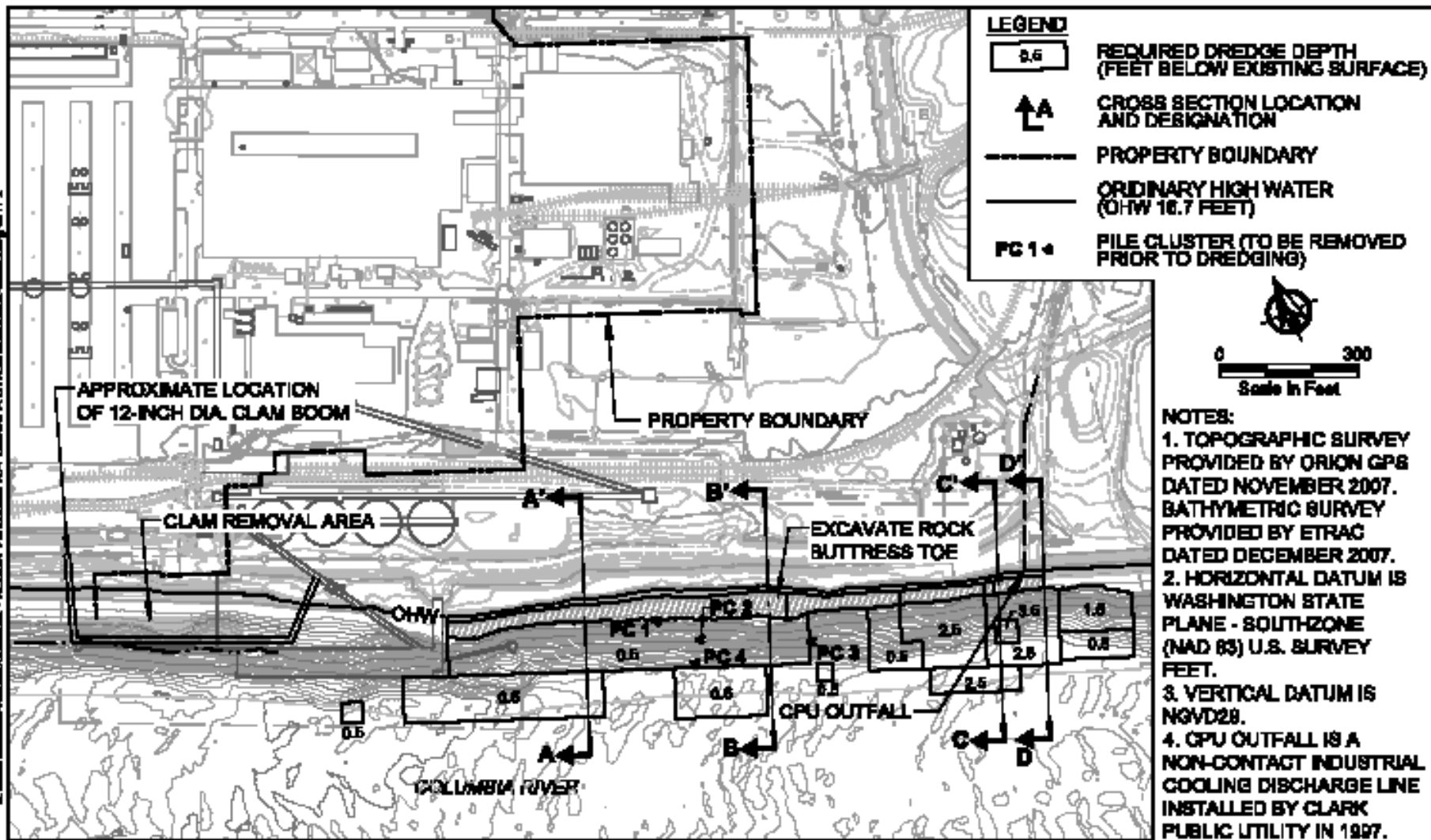


Figure 7-1  
IDW Interpolation of PCB Concentrations as a Function of Depth  
ALCOA/Evergreen Site  
Vancouver, Washington



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 LONG: 122°44'34.4" W  
 VERTICAL: NGVD29

**ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:**  
 CLARK COUNTY CORRECTIONS  
 PORT OF VANCOUVER, EVERGREEN

**NAME:** FORMER ALCOA VANCOUVER WORKS

**REFERENCE #:**

**SITE LOCATION ADDRESS:**  
 1808 NW LOWER RIVER ROAD  
 VANCOUVER, WA 98660-7031

**PROPOSED:** DREDGE AND DISPOSE OF CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS, PLACE CLEAN BACKFILL, AND ENHANCE SHORELINE

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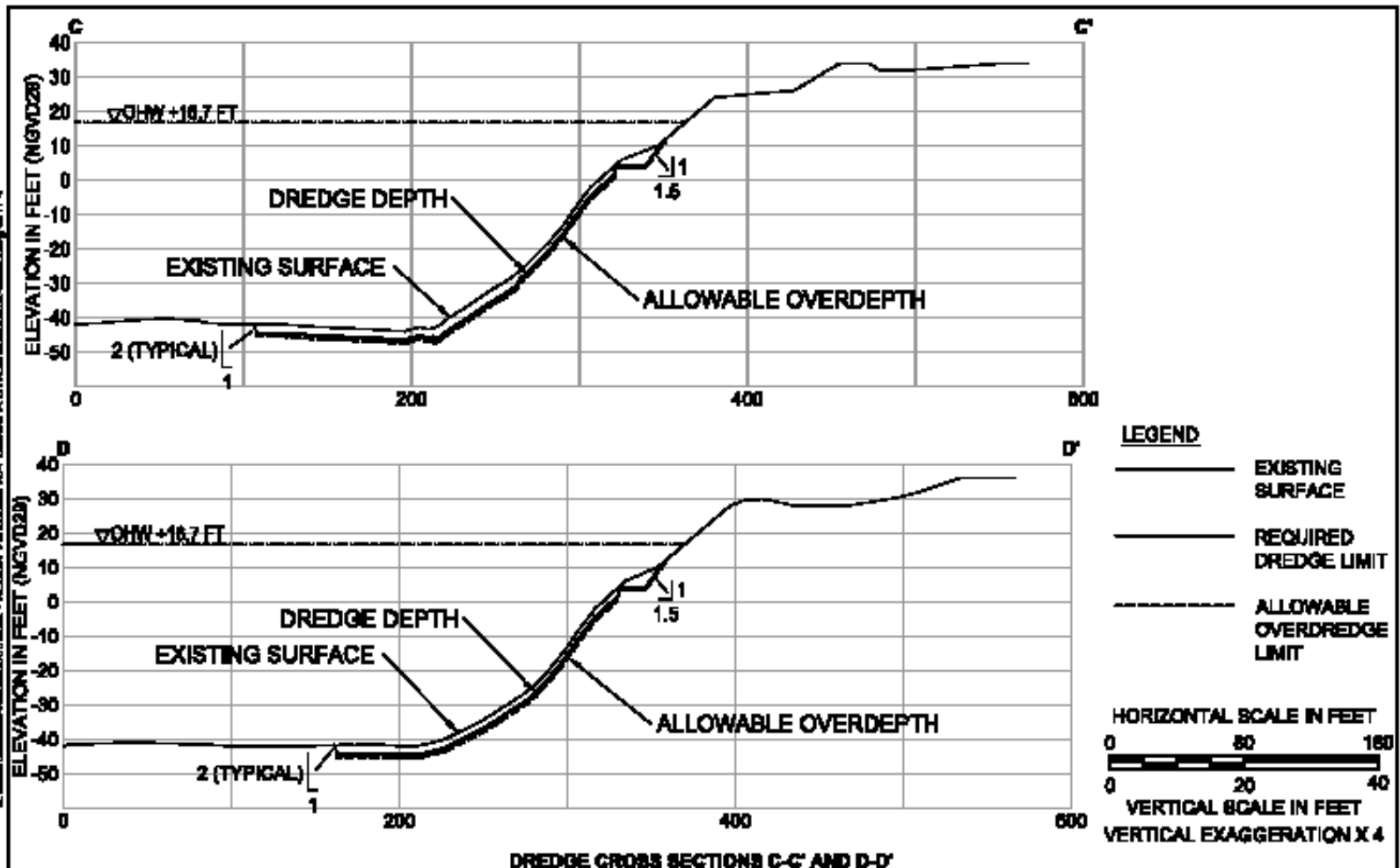








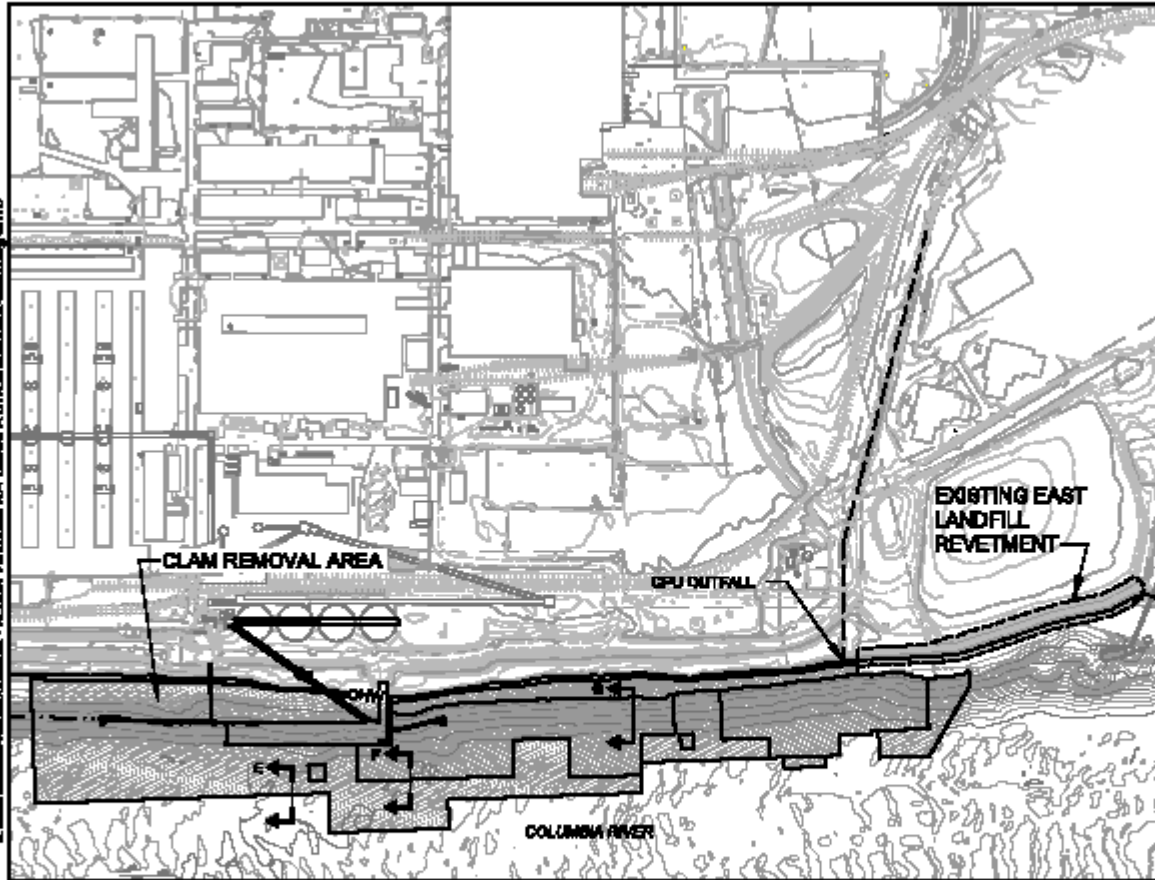
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**LEGEND**

-  CONSTRUCT ROCK BUTTRESS
-  RETURN TO GRADE WITH CLEAN SAND
-  PLACE 8" ENHANCED NATURAL RECOVERY LAYER OF CLEAN SAND



**NOTES:**

1. TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY PROVIDED BY ORION GPS DATED NOVEMBER 2007. BATHYMETRIC SURVEY PROVIDED BY ETRAC DATED DECEMBER 2007.
2. HORIZONTAL DATUM IS WASHINGTON STATE PLANE - SOUTHZONE (NAD 83) U.S. SURVEY FEET.
3. VERTICAL DATUM IS NGVD29.
4. CPU OUTFALL IS A NON-CONTACT INDUSTRIAL COOLING DISCHARGE LINE INSTALLED BY CLARK PUBLIC UTILITY IN 1997.

**MATERIAL PLACEMENT PLAN**

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# **Continuing Actions at Site**

- **Project finished in March 2009**
  - **Groundwater monitoring**
- **Deed restriction on residential land development**
  - **Development of Site by Port of Vancouver**
    - **Terminal Five rail yard development.**