

Community Advisory Group Meeting





Fort Edward, Sept. 24, 2009





Dredging Project Update







Update on Phase 1: River Operations

Current River operations:

- Dredging underway
 - East and west channel at Rogers Island and CU-18
- Backfilling underway
 - CU- 5 and 17

















Update on Phase 1 (cont)

- Continuing River Operations Activities:
 - Residual dredging
 - Certification unit review/approval
 - Backfilling/capping
- Dredging will continue until mid- October
- Backfilling to continue through fall season









Facility Operations



Update on Phase 1: Facility Operations & Transport

Facility Operations:

- Up to 5 barges can be staged
- 24-hour operation started in June
- 5 unit trains have gone to Texas (81 cars in a unit)







Water Monitoring

- One standard level exceedance in August
- Dredging halted, contingency monitoring began
- Dredging resumed once monitoring results over two consecutive days were below standard level
- One standard level exceedance in September (not a confirmed exceedance)



PCB Concentrations: Far-Field Stations



PCB Concentration: Thompson Island





Performance Standard Monitoring

Noise:

- One noise exceedance in September Air:
- Approx 2,000 (24hr) samples collected since start of dredging
 - 65 samples exceeded the standards along dredging corridor
 - 11 samples exceeded the standards at the dewatering facility
 - Approximately 4% of all samples exceeded the standards







Productivity

• Approximately 224,500 cubic yards dredged as of September 23, 2009.









Volumes To Date

Planned vs Actual Volumes of Sediment Removal



Dredged Volume By CU



United States Environmental Protection Agency



Cumulative Total PCB Load (kg)



Figure B-2b. Cumulative Net Tri+ PCB Load due to Remedial Activities From Inception of Dredging (May 16, 2009) to September 13, 2009







Load (Ibs)

Figure B-1a. Cumulative Net Total PCB Load due to Remedial Activities From Inception of Dredging (May 16, 2009) to September 17, 2009



Figure B-2a. Cumulative Net Tri+ PCB Load due to Remedial Activities From Inception of Dredging (May 16, 2009) to September 13, 2009







EPA's Monitoring Data Website

www.hudsondredgingdata.com









Archeological Investigation







Archeological Investigation

- Archeological work is underway at the site of historic Fort Edward.
- Archeologists have
 - completed underwater studies
 - removed the upper soil layers (recent material) to expose older strata dating from the time of the occupation of the Fort.















EXCLUSION ZONE DETAIL







Fort Edward Timbers:

Drawings and Photo-Mosaics of Timbers Removed from the Hudson River at the Site of Fort Edward

Timber 1

Timber 2



Documentation by the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum under contract to Ecology & Environment with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 and General Electric



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Archeology Next Steps

- Completion of exposure of timbers
- Analysis of configuration of timbers (above and below water)
- Results of PCB testing of timbers
- Preparation of detailed reports







Post Phase 1 – Next Steps





Post Phase 1 - Next Steps (preliminary schedule)

- Peer review panel has been selected (7 members)
- Initial charge questions will be provided to panel
- Panel site tour next week
- GE submits Phase 1 Data Compilation Report (approx Oct- Nov)
- EPA and GE exchange evaluation reports (approx Dec Jan)
- EPA and GE discuss reports
- Peer review introductory session (2 days) (approx Feb March)
- Public comment (30 days)
- Peer review panel deliberation process/report (Spring 2010 Summer 2010)
- EPA and GE discuss potential Phase 2 changes
- GE indicates intention for Phase 2 (Fall 2010)
- Final design/contracting/construction
- Start Phase 2 dredging (2011)







Floodplains Investigation







2009 GE Floodplain Sampling Progress

- Over 2200 samples on 290 properties taken during 2008
- 2009 GE Phase 1: Completed August 2009
 - 390 samples on 45 properties
- 2009 GE Phase 2: In progress
 - Approximately 267 samples on 39 properties







2009 Floodplain Sampling Progress

- 2009 EPA Round 1: Completed August 2009
 - 127 samples on 23 properties
 - Includes 45 samples in 15 agricultural fields
- 2009 EPA Round 2: To be conducted Fall 2009
 - Approximately 150 samples at approximately 50 locations on 20 properties
 - Includes approximately 30 samples at 10 locations in 5 agricultural fields





2008 and 2009 Sampling Locations







Next Steps

- 2009 IRMs: 8 properties being capped this fall, additional properties to receive signage
- Additional properties to be evaluated for IRMs next season
- EPA and GE discussing next steps in performance of Remedial Investigation
- At the end of this season we will have collected approximately 4500 floodplain soil samples on 365 properties.
- Other Continue private well sampling (DOH)





Comments/Questions





