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# **Dredging Project Update**







#### Phase 1 In-River Dredging

- Phase 1 dredging occurred between May 15-Oct 27, 2009
- Targeted 265,000 cubic yards (cy) of sediment from 88 acres in Thompson Island Pool
- Actual volume removed, 296,000 cy from 48 acres



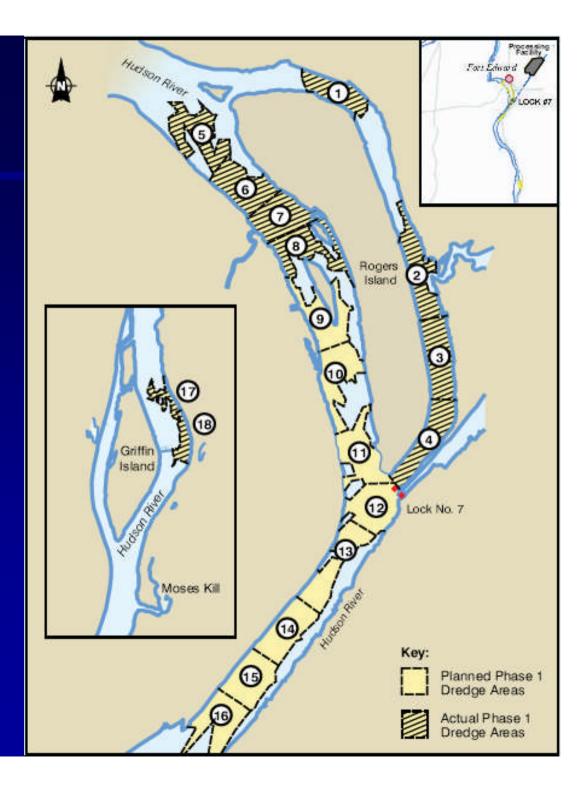




# Phase 1 Dredging

- CUs 1-8, 17 & 18
- CUs 9-16 were not dredged in 2009
- Phase 2 will begin with the CUs that could not be completed during Phase 1





### **Productivity**

- 150,000 cy planned in the 10 CUs
- Extra 145,000 cy dredged due to contamination that was deeper than expected in some areas







# **Backfilling/Capping**

- Backfilling/capping was conducted through late Nov
- Habitat replacement & reconstruction began with backfill placement; will continue with planting in 2010
- Approximately 36% of dredged area was capped









#### **Rail Transportation and Disposal**

- 13 trains (through Dec 9)
- Railcar loading to continue, weather permitting
- Update on disposal facility status







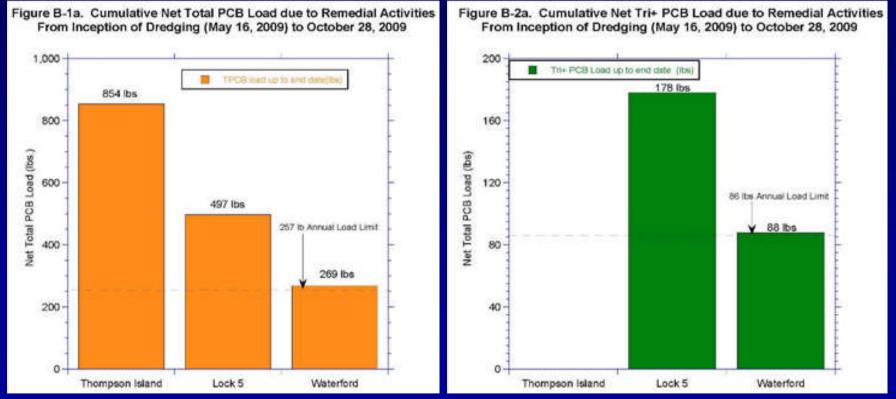


#### **Productivity** Approximately 296,000 cubic yards dredged as of October 27, 2009. Phase 1 Productivity cubic yards dredged 9/19/2009 6/6/2009 8/1/2009 0/12/2009 5/16/2009 6/13/2009 714/2009

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# Load (lbs) to October 28

 Waterford remained under the annual target (257 lbs) until the final weeks of dredging (269 lbs)







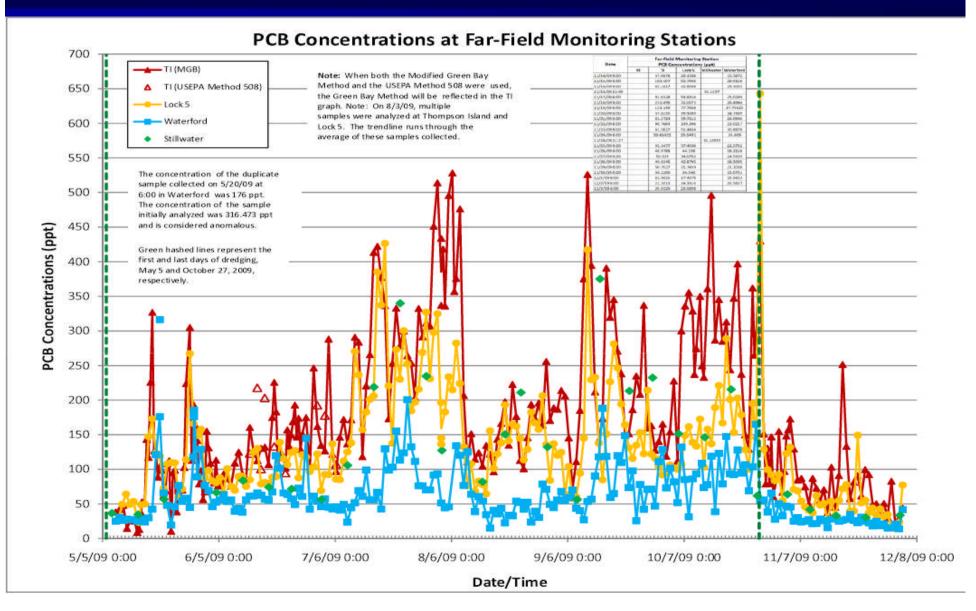
#### **Performance Standard Monitoring**

#### Water

- Daily water monitoring will continue for two weeks after river activities have been suspended
- Return to the baseline monitoring program



# PCB Concentrations: Far-Field Stations



# **Performance Standard Monitoring**

 Monitoring will continue while the facility is operating and until all dredged material leaves the









# Post Phase 1 Dredging - Next Steps (preliminary schedule)

- Peer review panel has been selected (7 members)
- EPA and GE prepare draft evaluation reports (Jan)
- Peer review introductory session (2 days, Feb)
- Final evaluation reports available for public review and comment (late Feb)
- Public comment (30-45 days)
- Peer review panel meeting (May, 3 days)





# Post Phase 1 Dredging - Next Steps (con't)

- Habitat replacement (May-June 2010)
- Peer review panel prepares and delivers report (June 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)





### **Comments/Questions**





