Source Control at PSNS

Mercury and PCB data

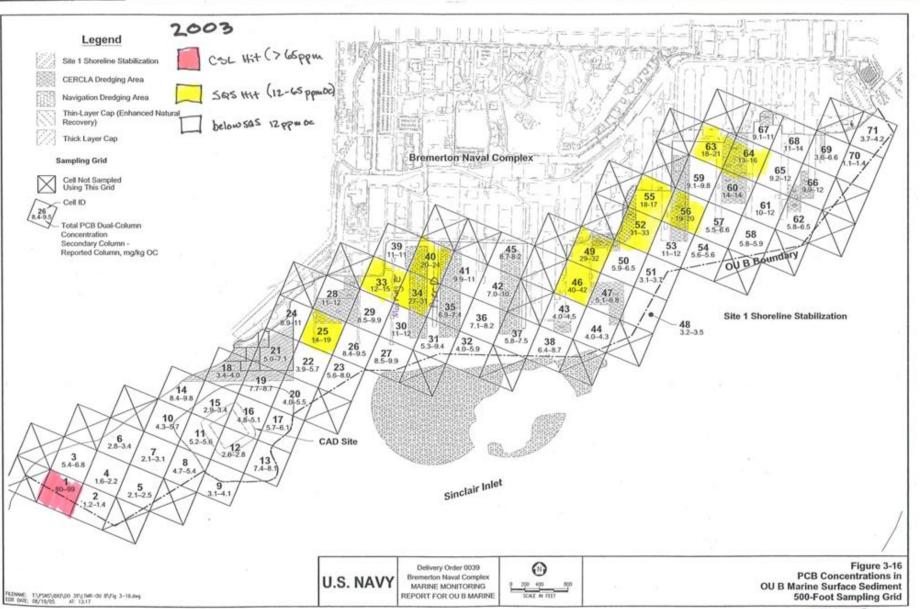
Purpose and Approach

- Purpose is to eliminate current activities and stormwater as potential sources and determine whether contamination is only from historical sources.
- Review PCB and mercury sediment monitoring data from 2003-2007 and prioritize areas with largest concentrations.
- List outfalls, piers and moorings that are near the areas of largest concentration.

Next steps

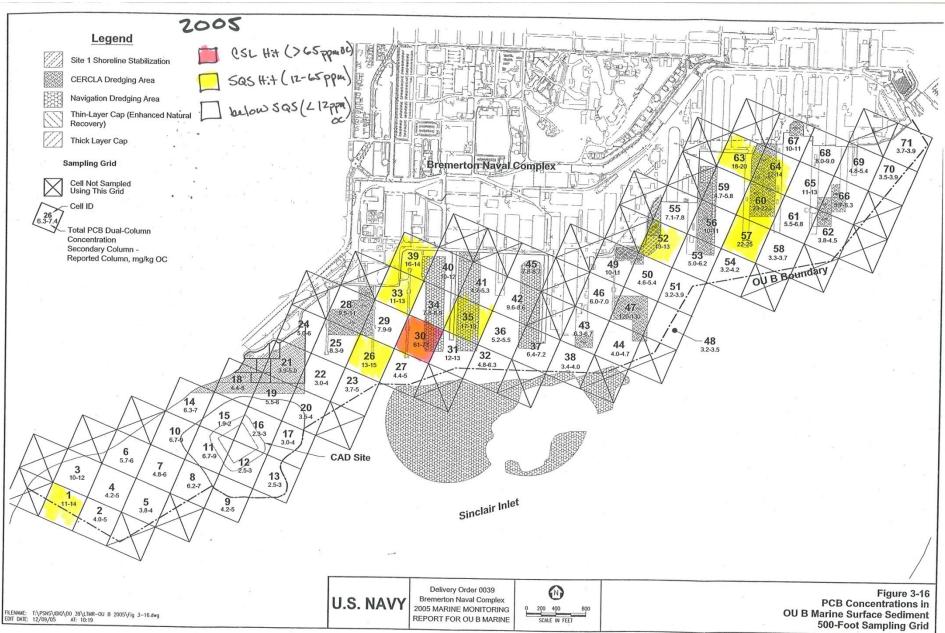
- In the areas of concern, review activities on piers and moorings, outfall drainages (size of drainage area, upstream activities, existing data) and prioritize which have greatest potential to contain mercury or PCB.
- Storm drain solids monitoring and/or effluent monitoring to evaluate potential sources PCB and mercury.
- Review and update BMPs as appropriate for pier and mooring activities.
- Additional sediment samples (not composited) may be needed to further evaluate spatial gradients and determine sources.

PCB 2003



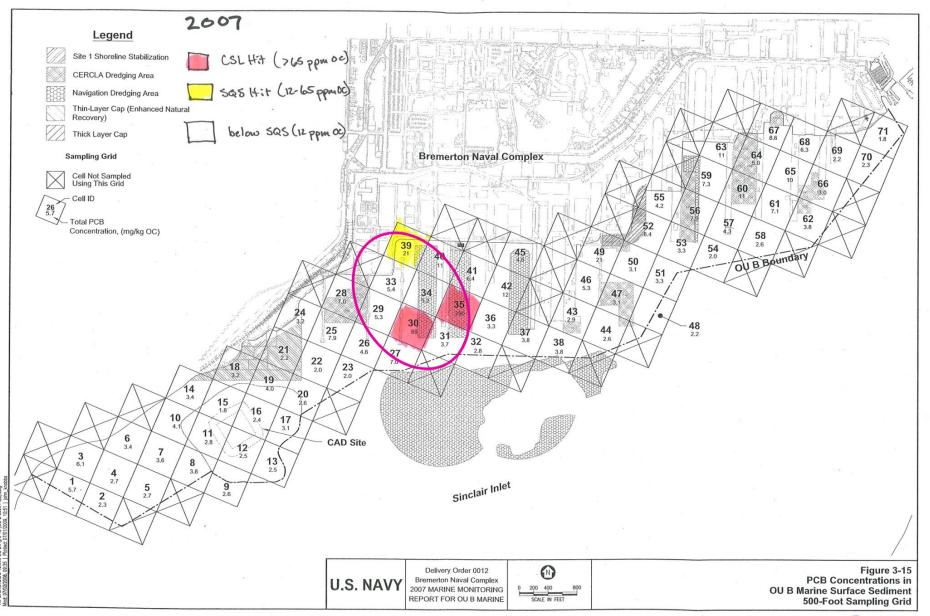
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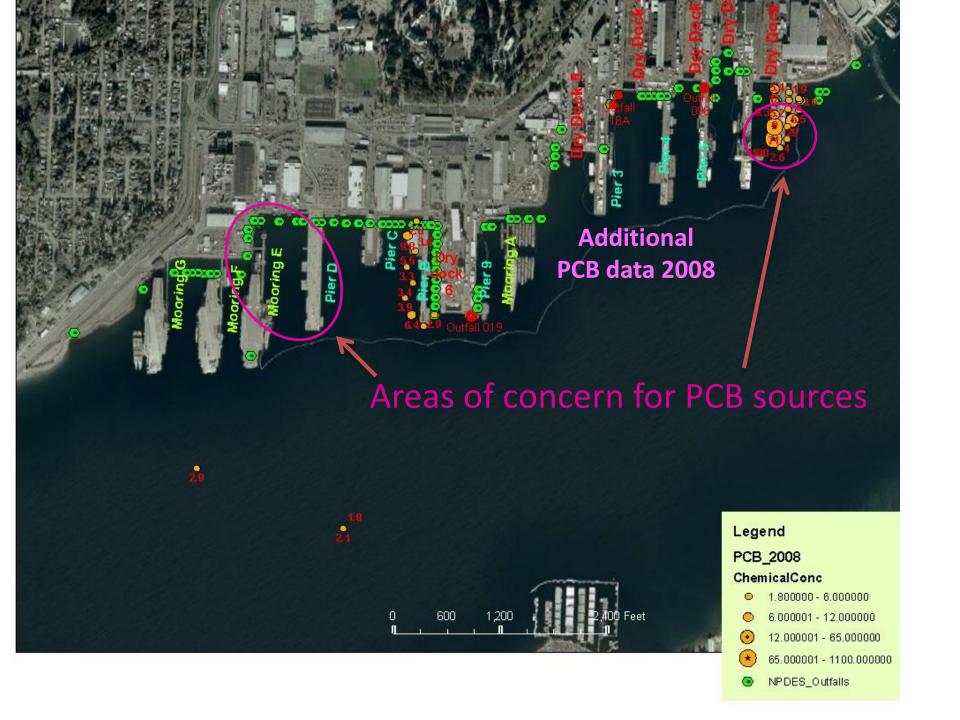
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PCB 2007



PCB Concentrations are increasing in Grids 30, 35, and 39.

Grid	2002	2005	2007
30	11-12	61-77	69
35	6.9-7.4	17-19	290
39	11-11	16-14	21



Area of Concern for PCB - 1



Area of Concern for PCB - 2



Areas to Investigate for PCB

Area 1

- Pier D
- Mooring E
- Outfalls 13, 14*, 15, 38, 39, 40, 41, 82, 83, 84, 85.

Bold italics identifies outfalls of concern identified by EPA in permit.

* Outfall 14 has a very large drainage area – more than 4 million sq ft.

Area 2

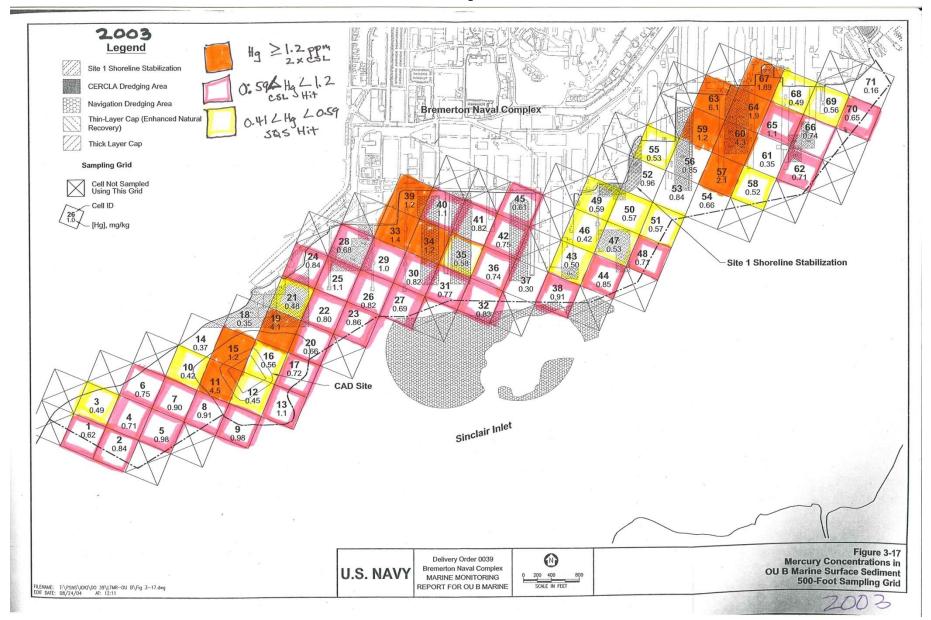
- Pier 7
- Outfalls **25, 95**.

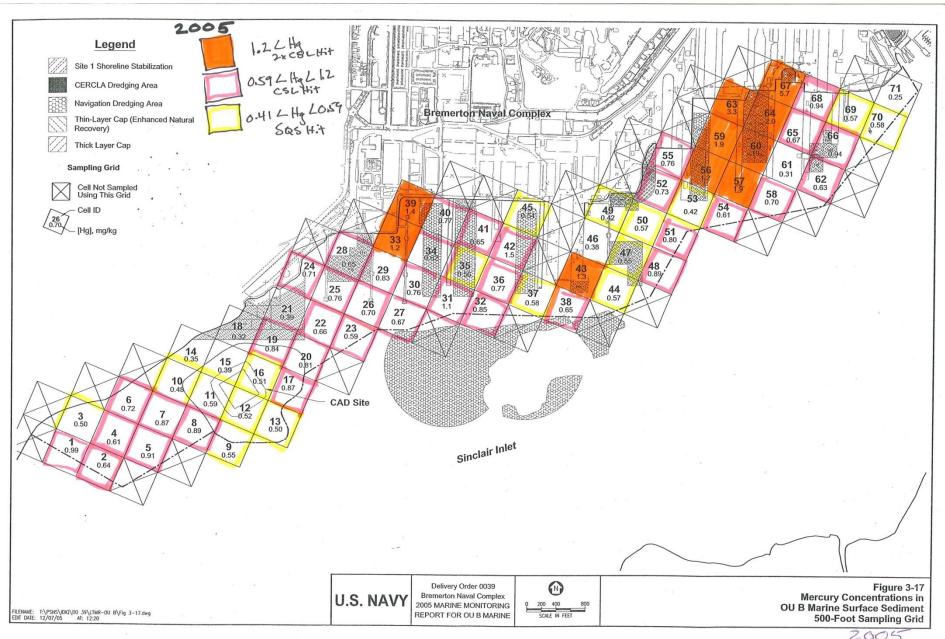
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Possible Sources of PCB

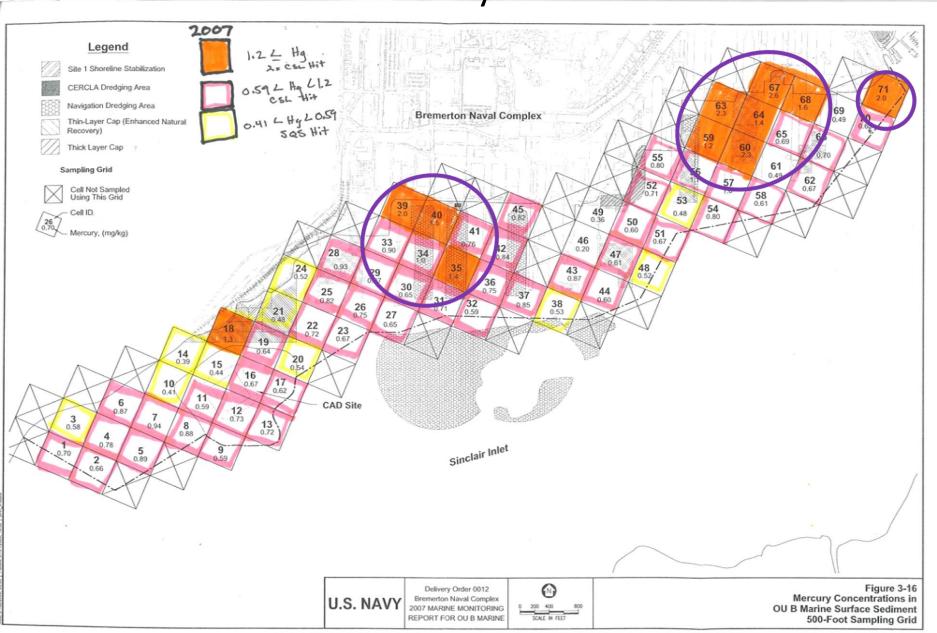
- In the past, marine paints have been up to 25% PCB by weight.
- PCBs were used in submarine felting material.
- PCBs have been frequently found in construction materials such as paint and caulk, especially in buildings constructed between 1950-1975.

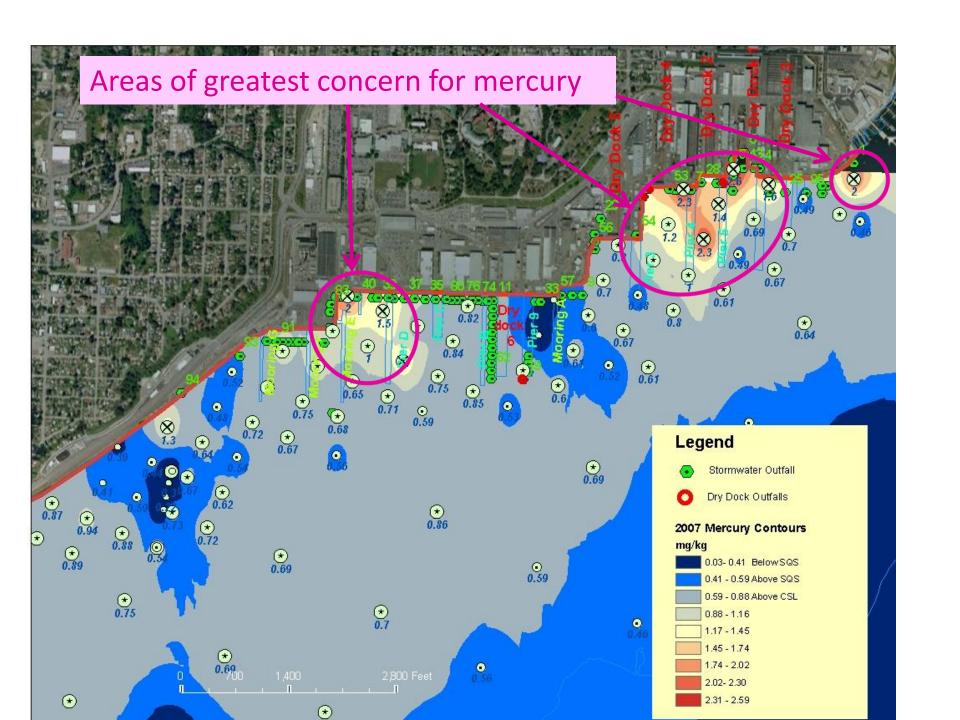
- Stormwater
- Pier activities
- Top side chipping and painting.
- Sediment from under piers.





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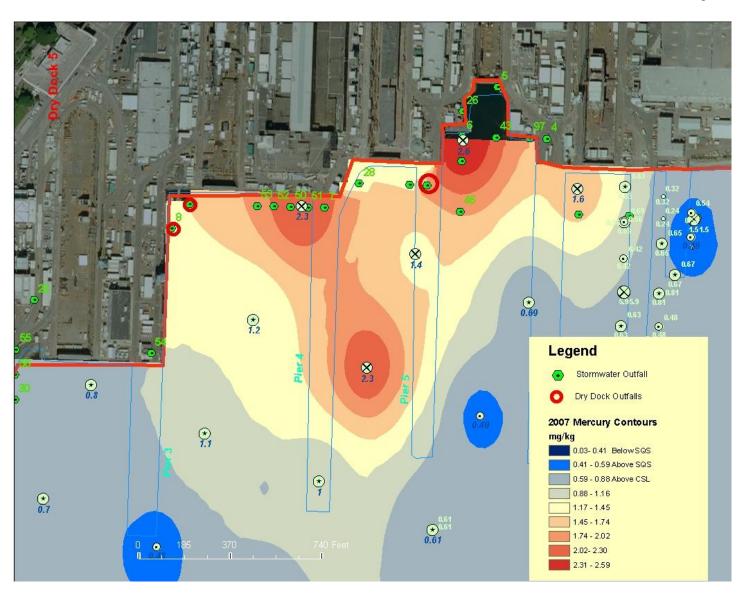




Area of Greatest Concern for Mercury - 1



Area of Greatest Concern for Mercury - 2



Priority areas to investigate for mercury

Area 1

- Mooring E
- Pier D
- Stormwater Outfalls 13, 14, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 82, 83, 84, 85

Area 3

Stormwater Outfall 1

Area 2

- Pier 4
- Pier 5
- Pier 6
- Stormwater Outfalls 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 25, 26, 27, 28, 42, 43, 44, 35, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 97
- Dry dock Outfall 096

Bold italics indicates outfall identified by EPA as special concern.

In the past, anti-fouling paints used on ship bottoms have contained up to ½ pound of mercuric oxide per gallon of paint.