

A photograph of an industrial chemical plant under a clear blue sky. The facility features a complex network of pipes, metal walkways, and various pieces of equipment. In the foreground, there are several small, green, conical evergreen shrubs planted in a row. To the left, a portion of a large building with a corrugated metal facade is visible. In the background, a tall, thin distillation column and a large cylindrical storage tank with a platform on top are prominent. The overall scene is well-lit, suggesting a bright day.

# Occidental Chemical Tacoma Project

2015–2016

Early 2017

Fall 2017

2018–...

Remedial  
Investigation



Feasibility  
Study



Cleanup  
Action Plan



Cleanup  
Implemented



Continued  
Monitoring







Hylebos Waterway

Blair Waterway

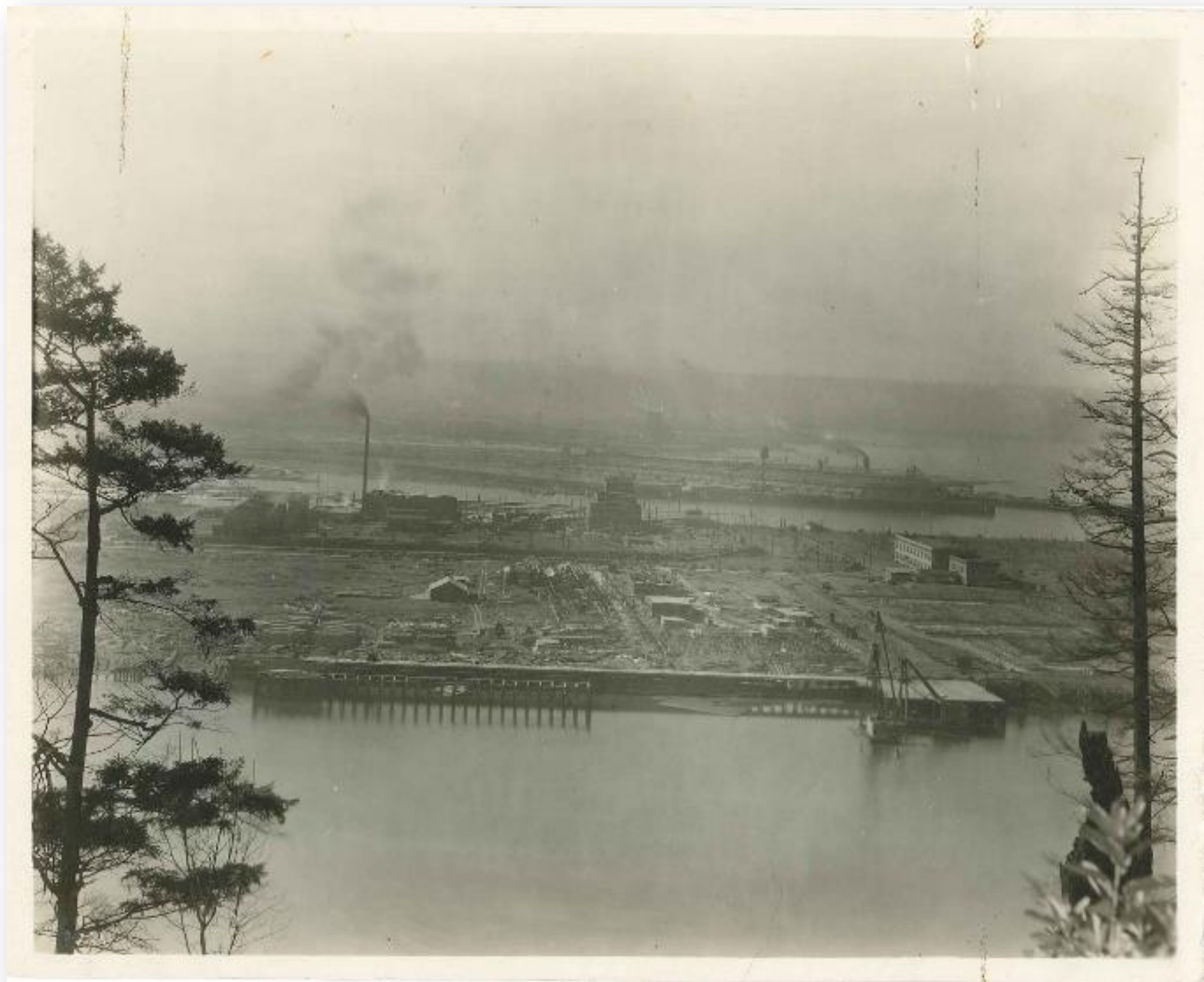
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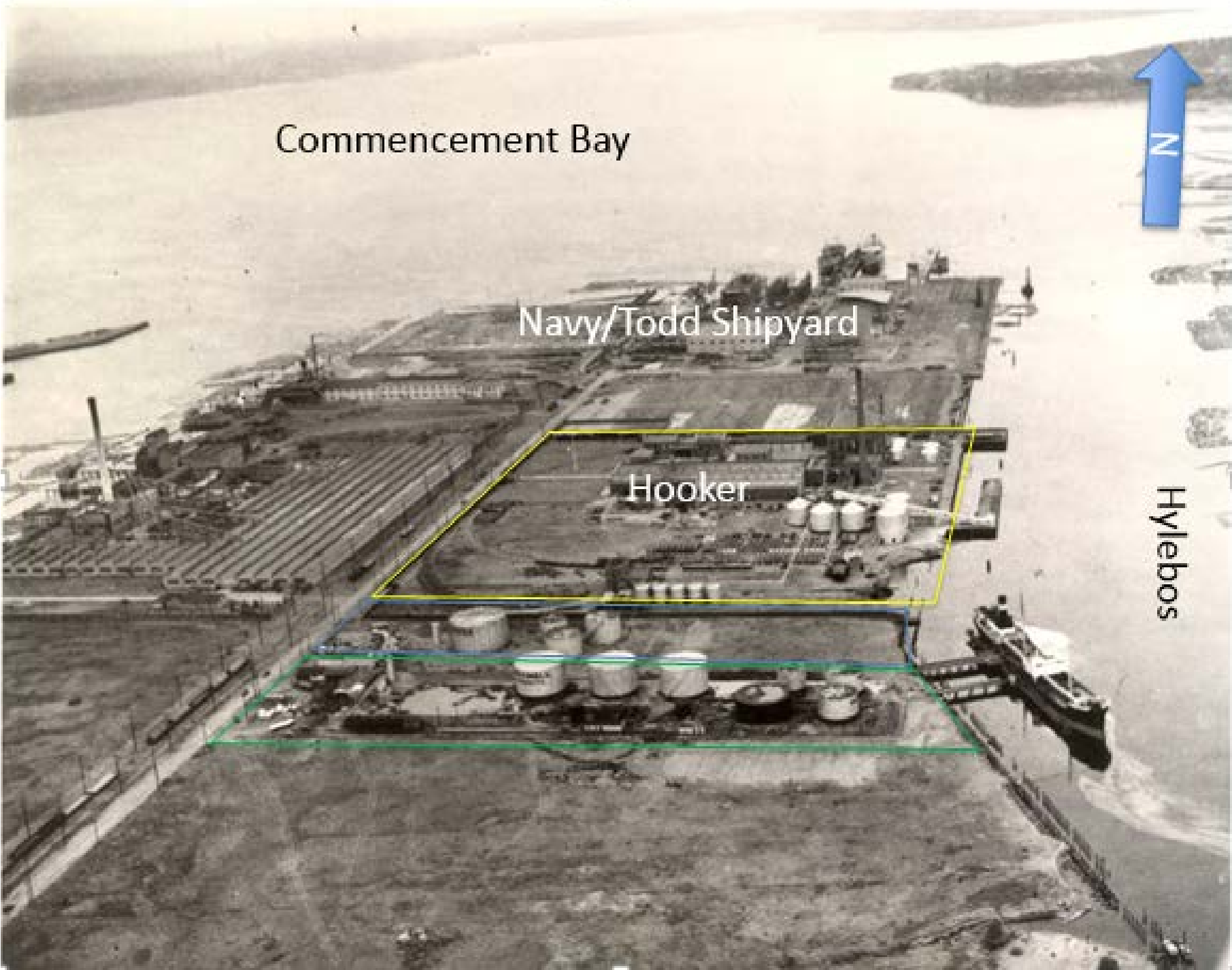






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Commencement Bay

Navy/Todd Shipyard

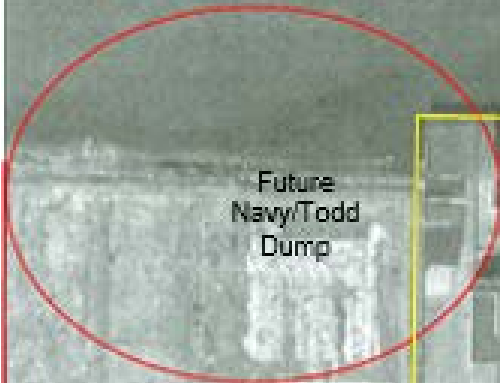
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Hylebos



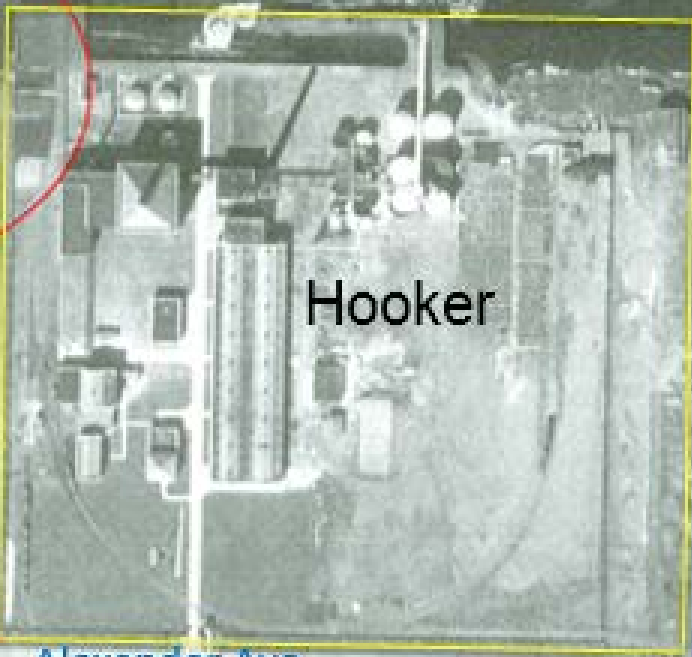


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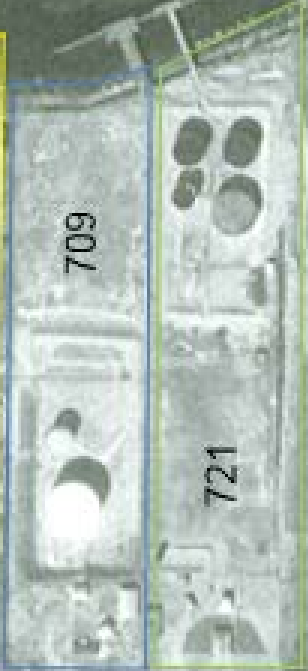


Future  
Navy/Todd  
Dump

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Alexander Ave

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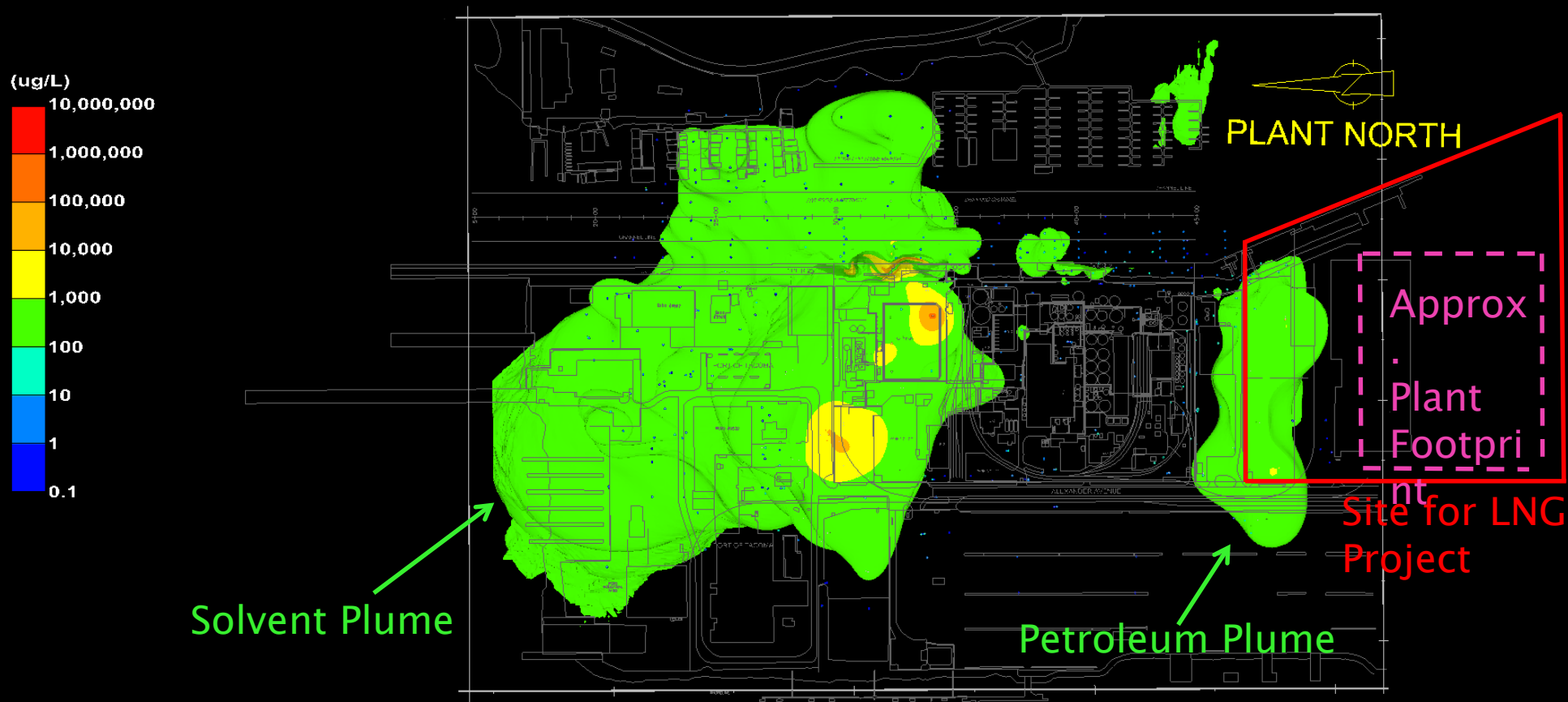
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COATS WASH

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# SITE CHARACTERIZATION

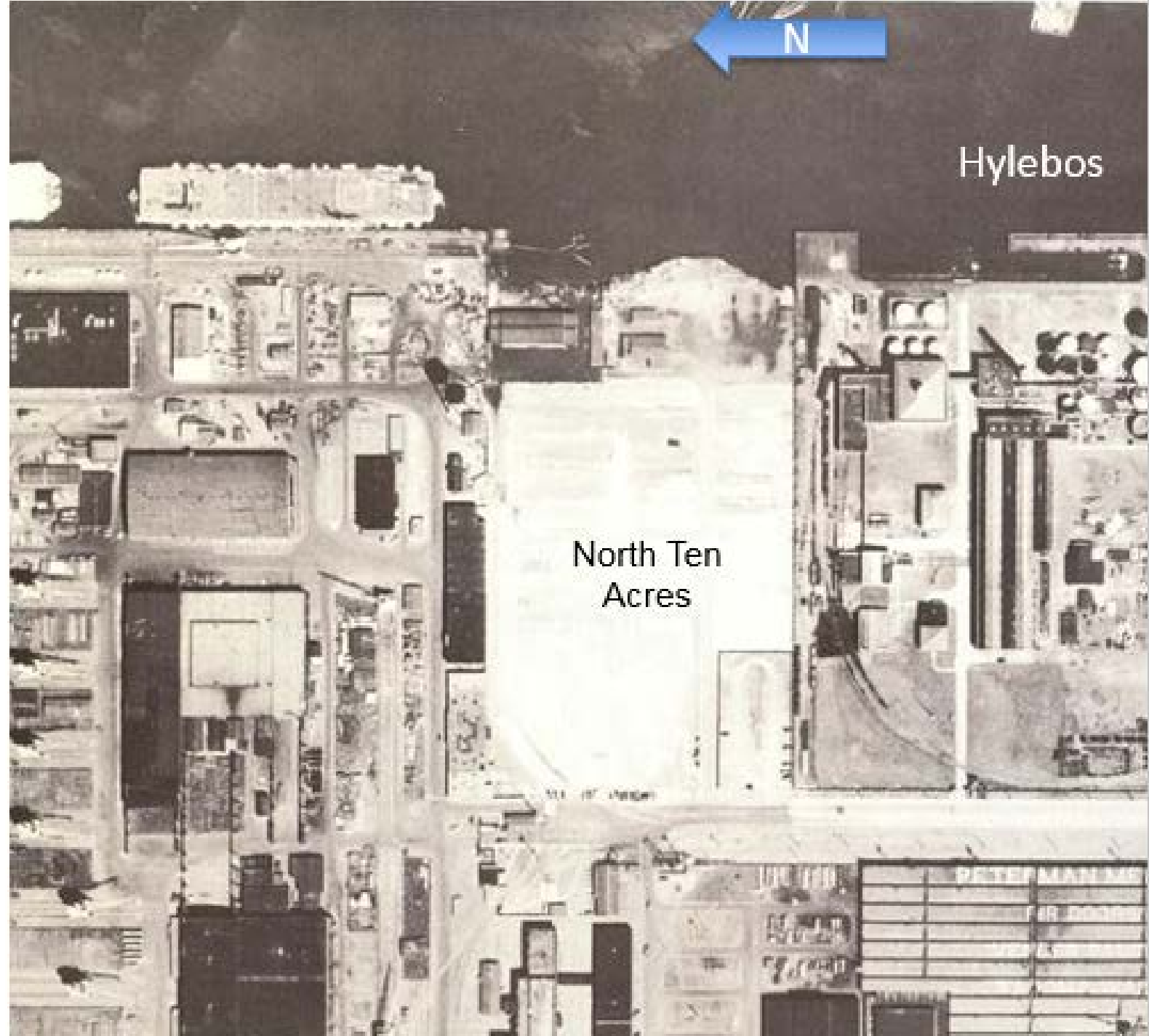
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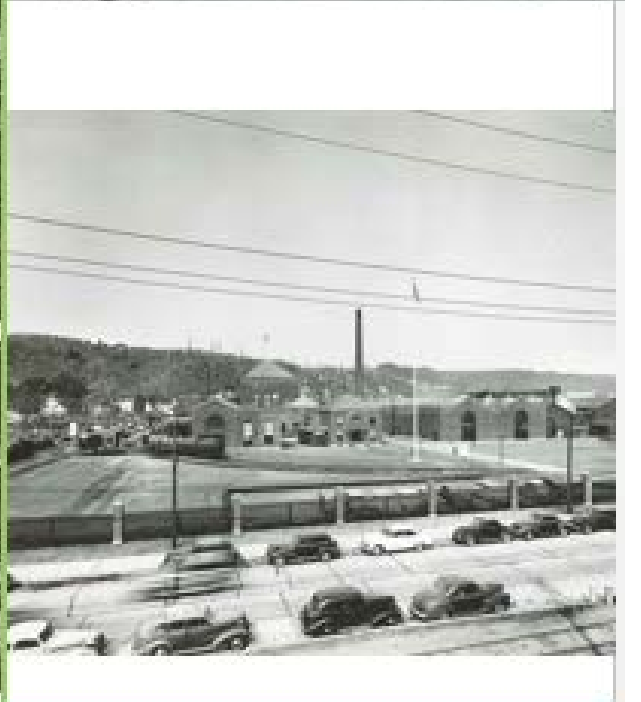
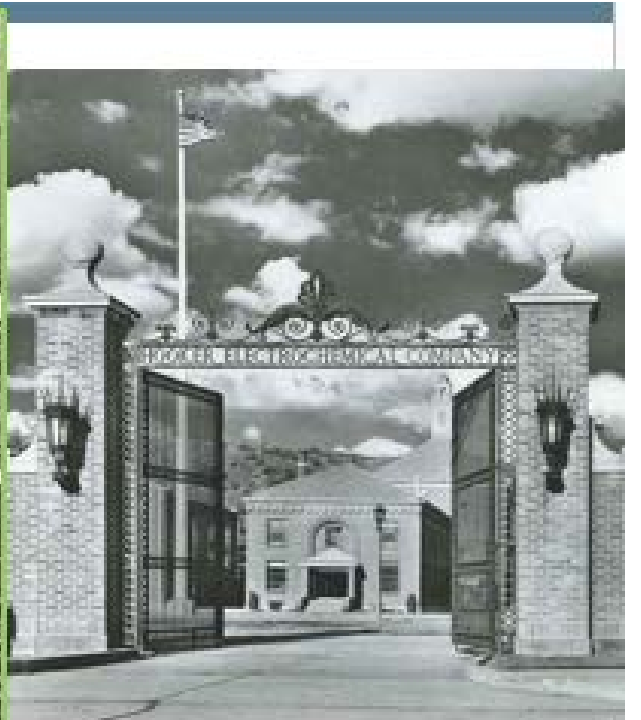
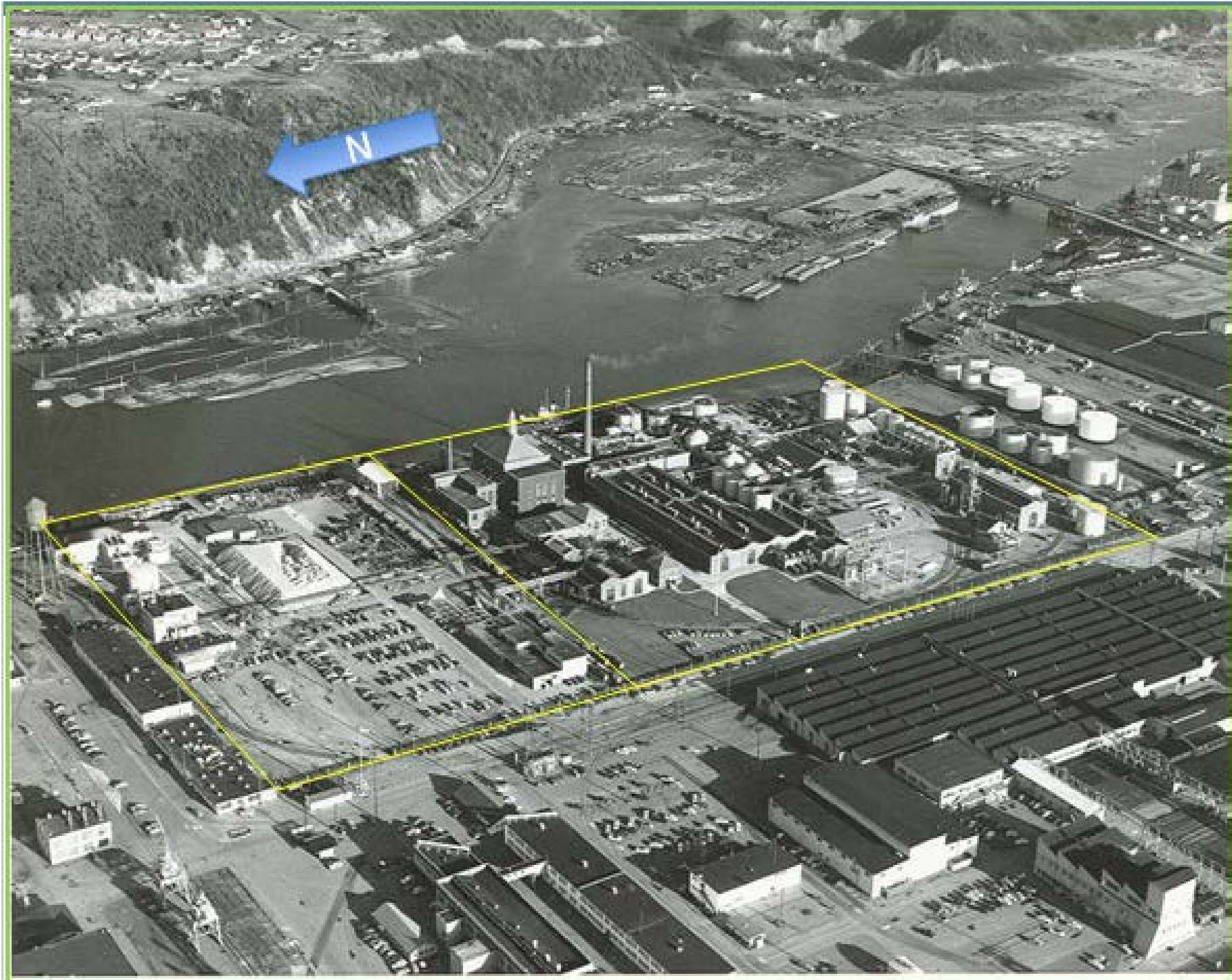
Occidental Chemical Corporation  
Tacoma, Washington  
2.5x Vertical Exaggeration



Plume Extent at 100.0 ug/L









# Historical Sources of Contamination

## Chlorine and Caustic Soda (1929–2002)

- Salt Pad (early 1960s–2002)
- Cell Houses
- Caustic Storage
- Elevated pH and elevated density

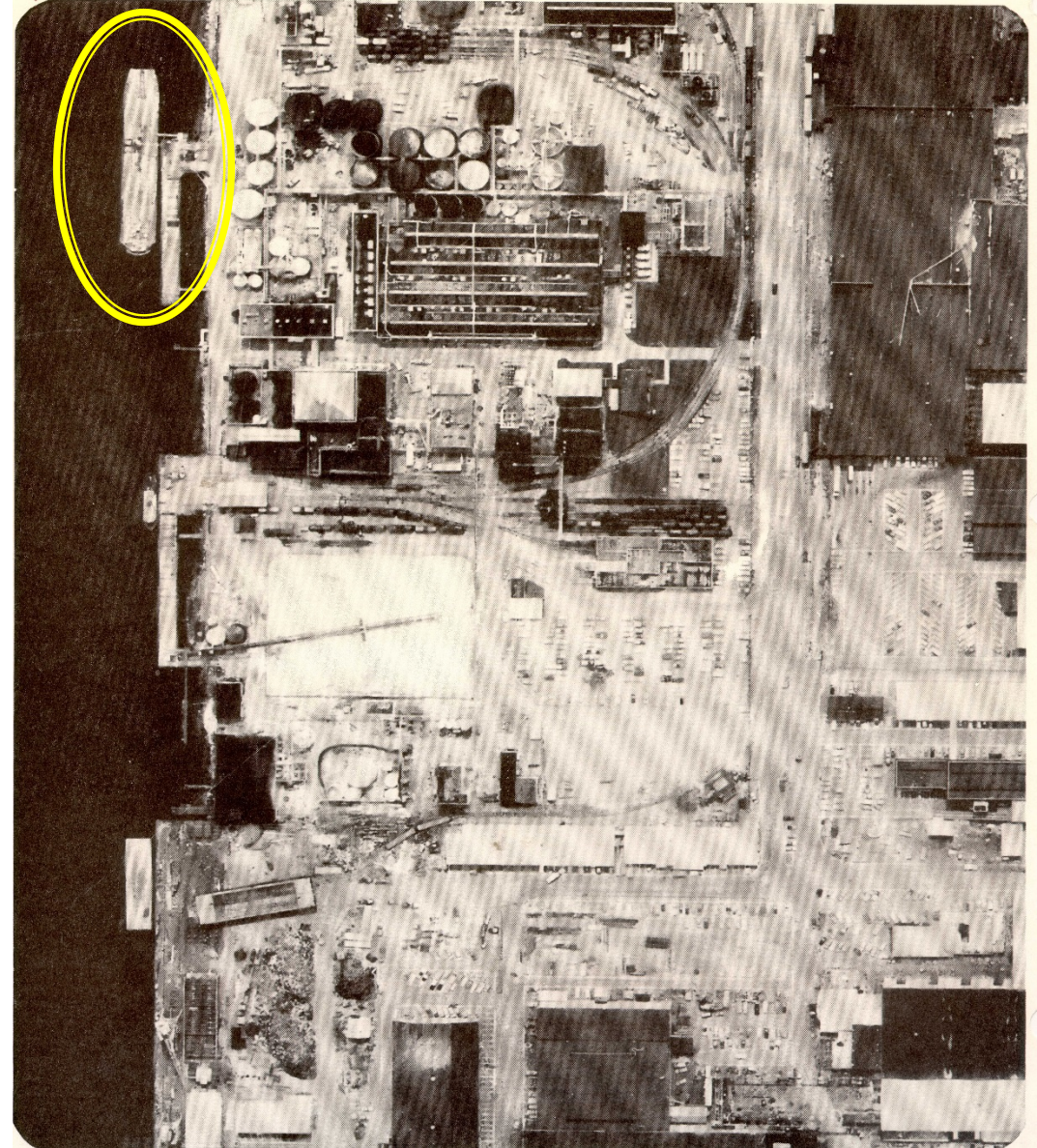




# Historical Sources of Contamination

## PCE / TCE Process (1947–1973)

- Process Plant
- Lime Sludge Settling Ponds
- Lime Sludge Barge
- Effluent to Hylebos (Area 5106)
- Impacted groundwater, sediments and saturated and unsaturated soils
- Primary VOCs
- Groundwater plume extends under Hylebos Waterway







Occidental Site Post Demolition from Treatment Plant

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# Historical operations as sources of contamination

- First year direct discharge
- Settling ponds
- Barges





# Early source control measures

- ▶ “Closure” of waste management units
  - Surface impoundments emptied and excavated.
  - Dredged discharge/barge area along shore.
- ▶ 1996 EPA and Occidental both concluded the groundwater plume needed to be contained
  - Shallow pumping/injection groundwater well system .
  - Removed approximately 150,000 pounds of solvent.
  - This system did not contain the plume.

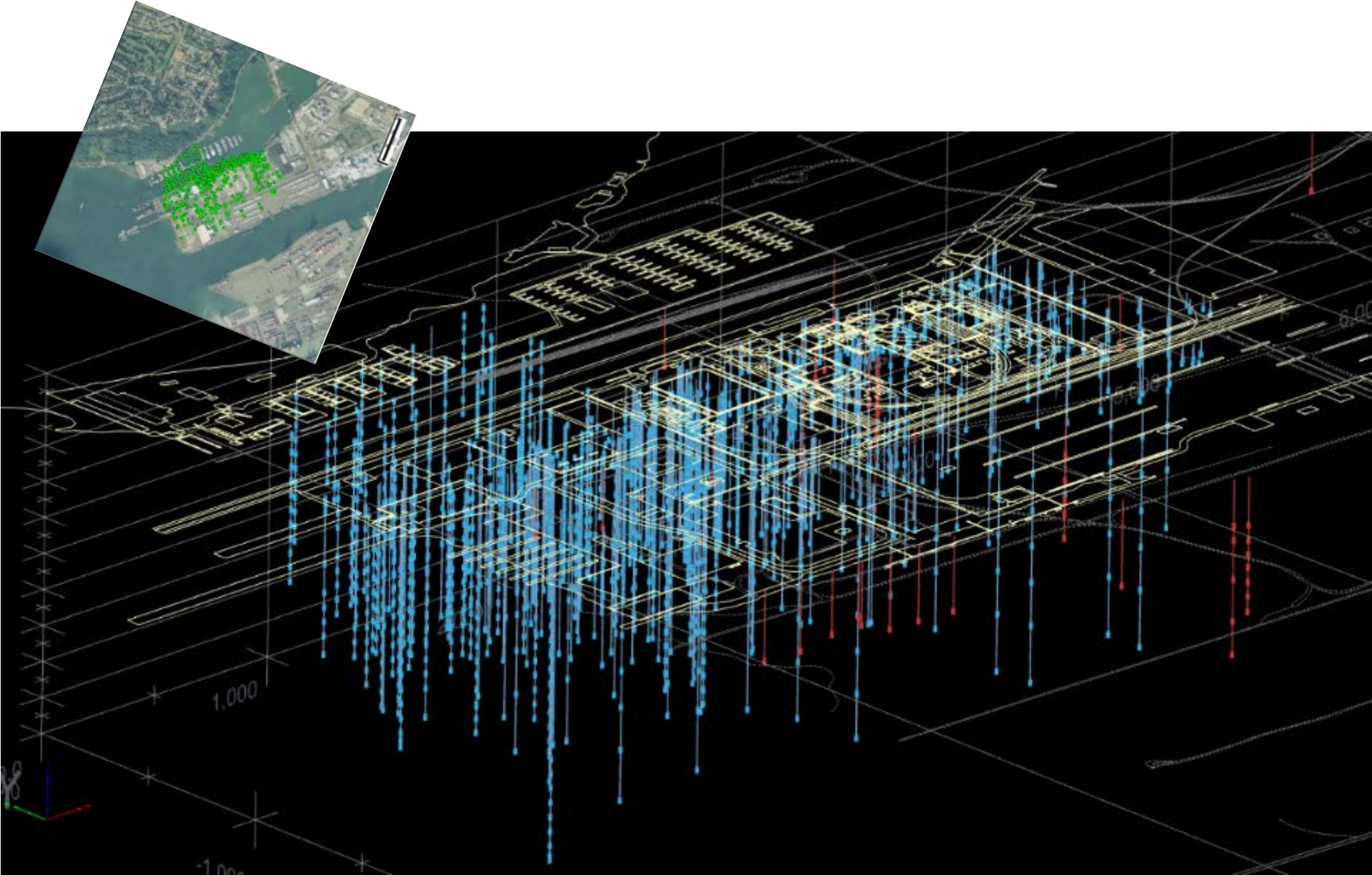
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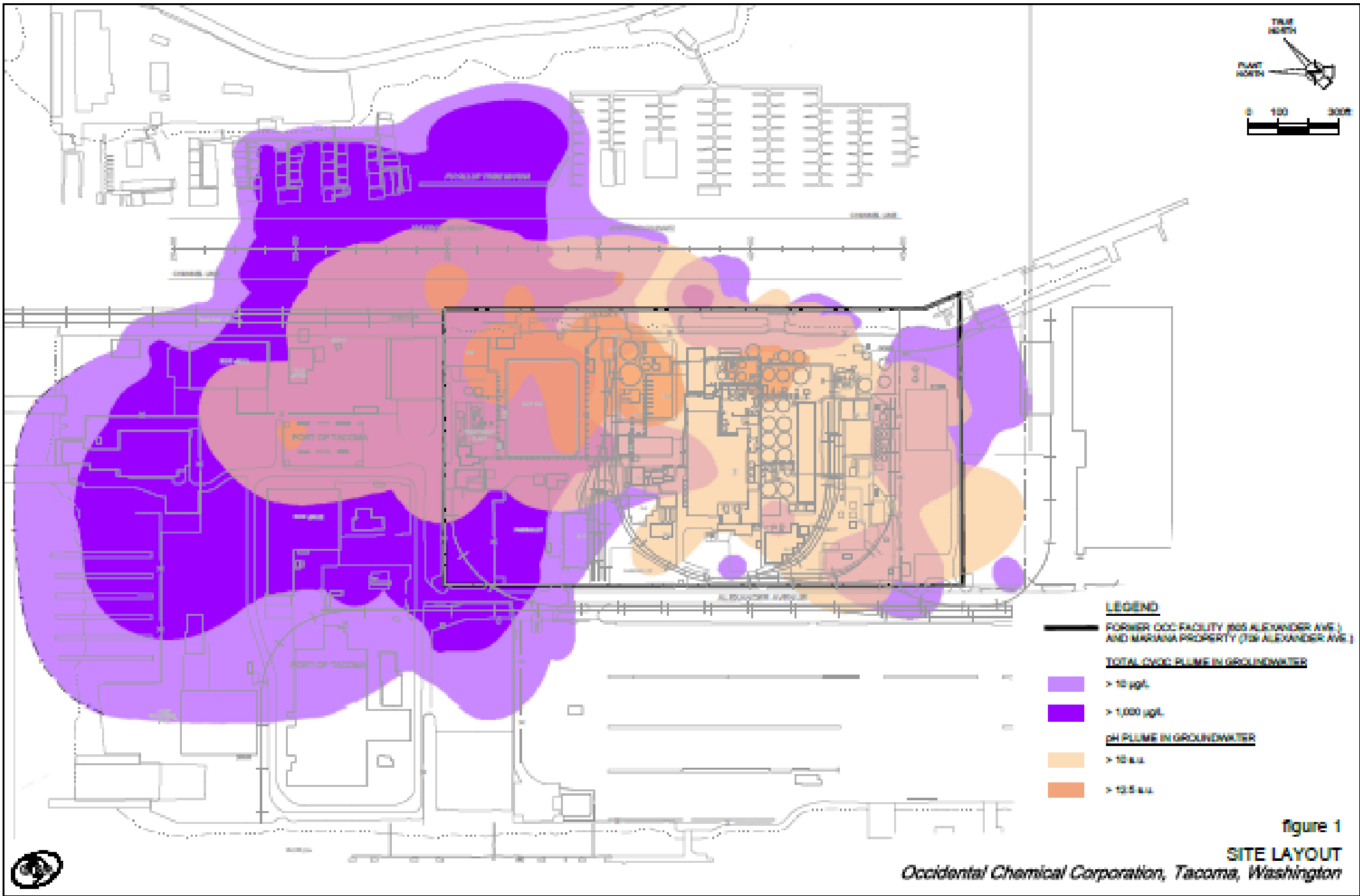


- ▶ 457 million pounds of solvent were produced.
- ▶ 1 million pounds lost to subsurface.



# Remedial Investigation Data Points



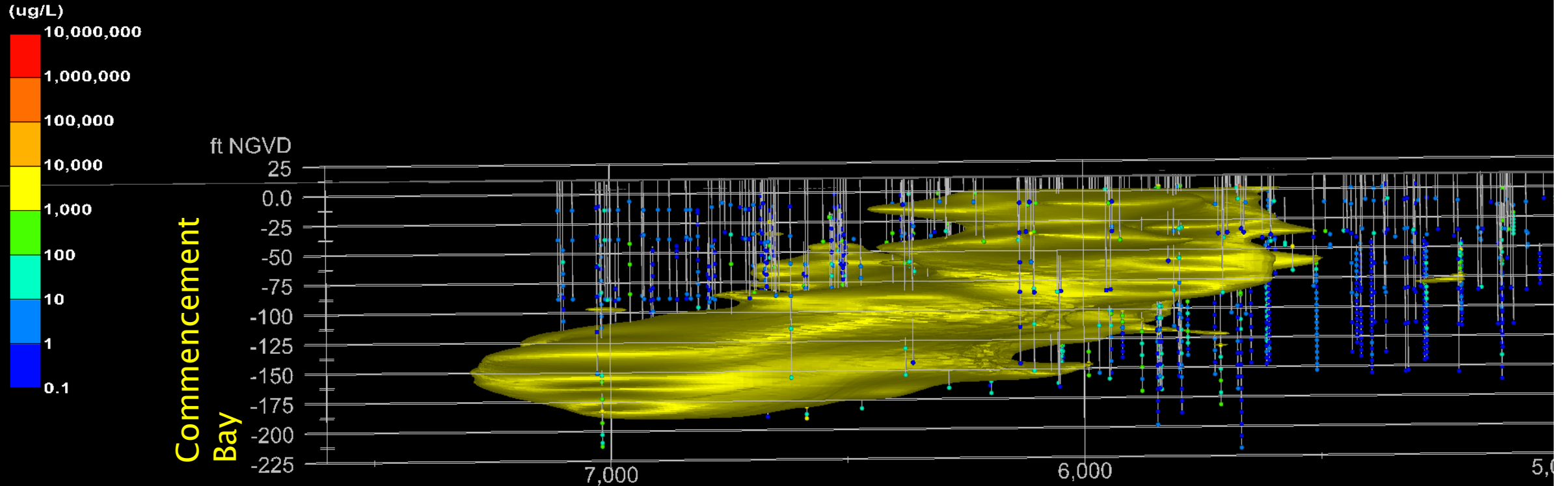




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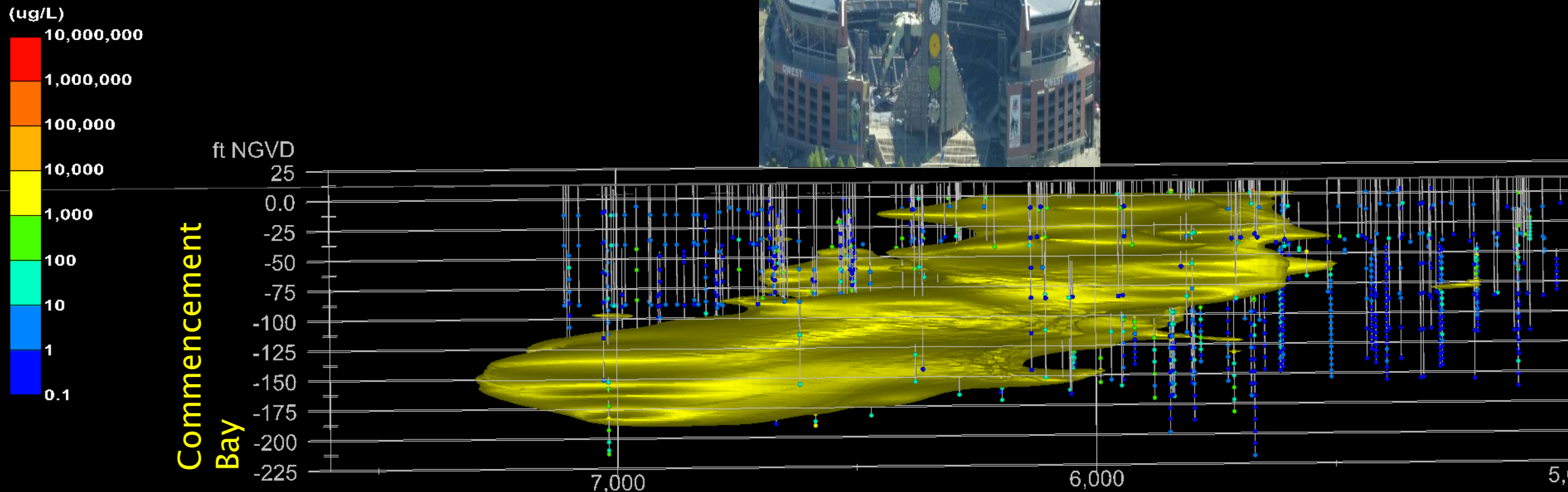
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**Plume Extent at 1,000.0 ug/L**

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This shows the TCVOC groundwater plume in cross-section view looking to the east. The plume is about 225 feet deep at its deepest point. By comparison, CenturyLink Field is about 250 feet tall.





**Plume Extent at 1,000.0 ug/L**



# Sediment/Porewater Sampling 2016



## LEGEND

-  Porewater Target Location
-  Sample Collection Successful
-  Unsuccessful Sample Attempt
-  All result intervals are non-detect for cVOCs with a MRL of 0.5 µg/L

## NOTES:

Sample boxes represent the depth intervals where a sample was attempted. The top box represents the 10cm depth, then next box down represents the 30cm depth and the final box the 90cm depth.



# Additional Draft Documents for Review

- ▶ Vapor Intrusion Investigation Reports
- ▶ Sediment/Porewater Report
- ▶ pH Study by the University of Washington
- ▶ Draft Agreed Order under the Model Toxics Control Act
- ▶ Draft permit

# Volatile Organic Compound Remedial Alternatives



**Mass Removal Using Other  
Technologies**

**Mass Removal/Reduction  
Using Groundwater Pumping**

**Containment**

**Common Elements**



# Feasibility Study Report

- ▶ Contains the required range of technologies for Ecology's consideration
- ▶ Includes seven alternatives with 4 enhanced scenarios
- ▶ Includes the required Disproportionate Cost Analysis
- ▶ Proposes Occidental's Preferred Alternative

