

# Stimson Cooling Pond PCB Cleanup Project

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# Bonner Dam and Cooling Pond 2001

## Legend

- Approximate Sediment Accumulation Area Boundary
- Sediment Pore Water Arsenic > 0.1 mg/l (Approximate source area for alluvial aquifer 0.02 mg/L arsenic plume)

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### Notes:

1. Information obtained from Final Draft Milltown Remedial Investigation Report prepared by Titen Environmental Corporation for ARCO, February 1998.
2. Accumulation Area acreage determined using tools in ArcView v. 3.2.
3. Accumulation Area volume information obtained from presentation materials at Clark Fork Basin Symposium 2000 (April 14-15) based on Harding Lakeport's total reservoir estimate of 8.6 million cubic yards (HLA, 1997). More recent cross section data suggests current sediment volumes may more than estimate by HLA (AERL, 1998c).
4. Extents of Source Characterization Sediment Accumulation Areas I-V shown in this figure were modified from Figure ES-3 of the Final Draft Remedial Investigation Report. Modifications include exclusion of areas outside the FEMA 100 yr floodplain. Upstream boundary based on approximate extent of area inundated by a maximum pool elevation of 3243.5 feet above MSL.

**Sediment Accumulation Areas**

Description	See Note	Area Designation				
		I	II	III	IV	V
Sediment Thickness (feet)	1	10-25	3-18	5-10.5	2-12	3-12
Area (acres)	2	86	44	51	207	166
Inplace Volume (million cubic yards)	3	2.6	0.76	0.48	1.2	1.52
Avg. Arsenic in Sediments (mg/kg)	1	320	71	34	200	125
Avg. Arsenic in Sediment Pore Water (mg/L)	1	2.43	0.006	0.063	0.014	0.010
Avg. Cu in Sediments (mg/kg)	1	2300	400	232	1303	940

Source Characterization  
Sediment Accumulation Areas I-V  
Milltown Reservoir Site

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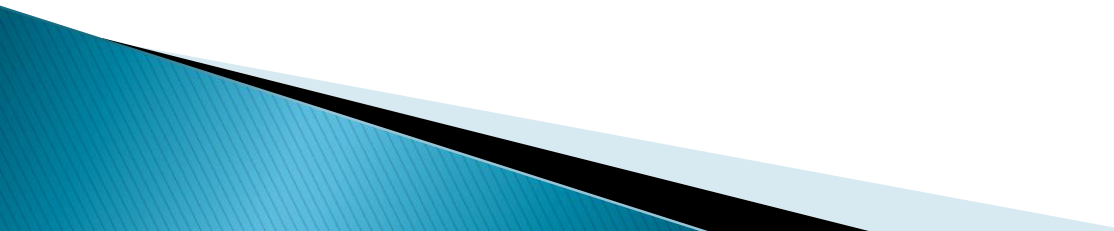
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**Figure 1-2**

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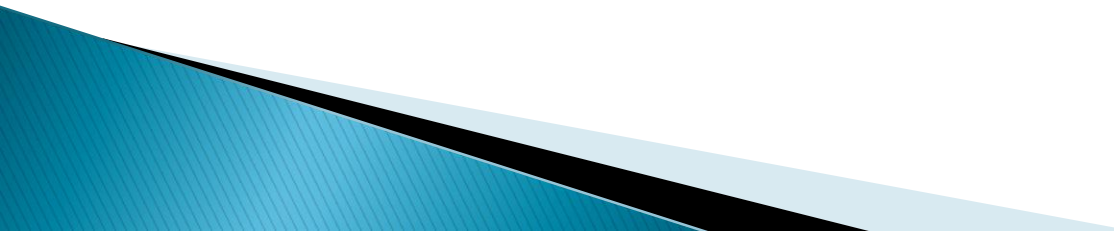
## Bonner Mill – Bonner, MT

- ▶ PCB project began in January 2006
  - ▶ PCBs are regulated by TSCA
  - ▶ DEQ used a combination of three different authorities to justify the response action
    - MT Water Quality Act
    - CECRA
    - CERCLA
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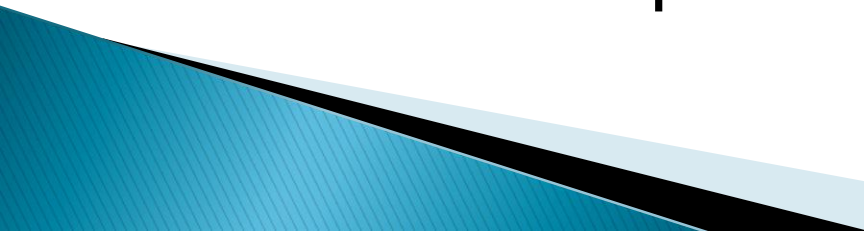
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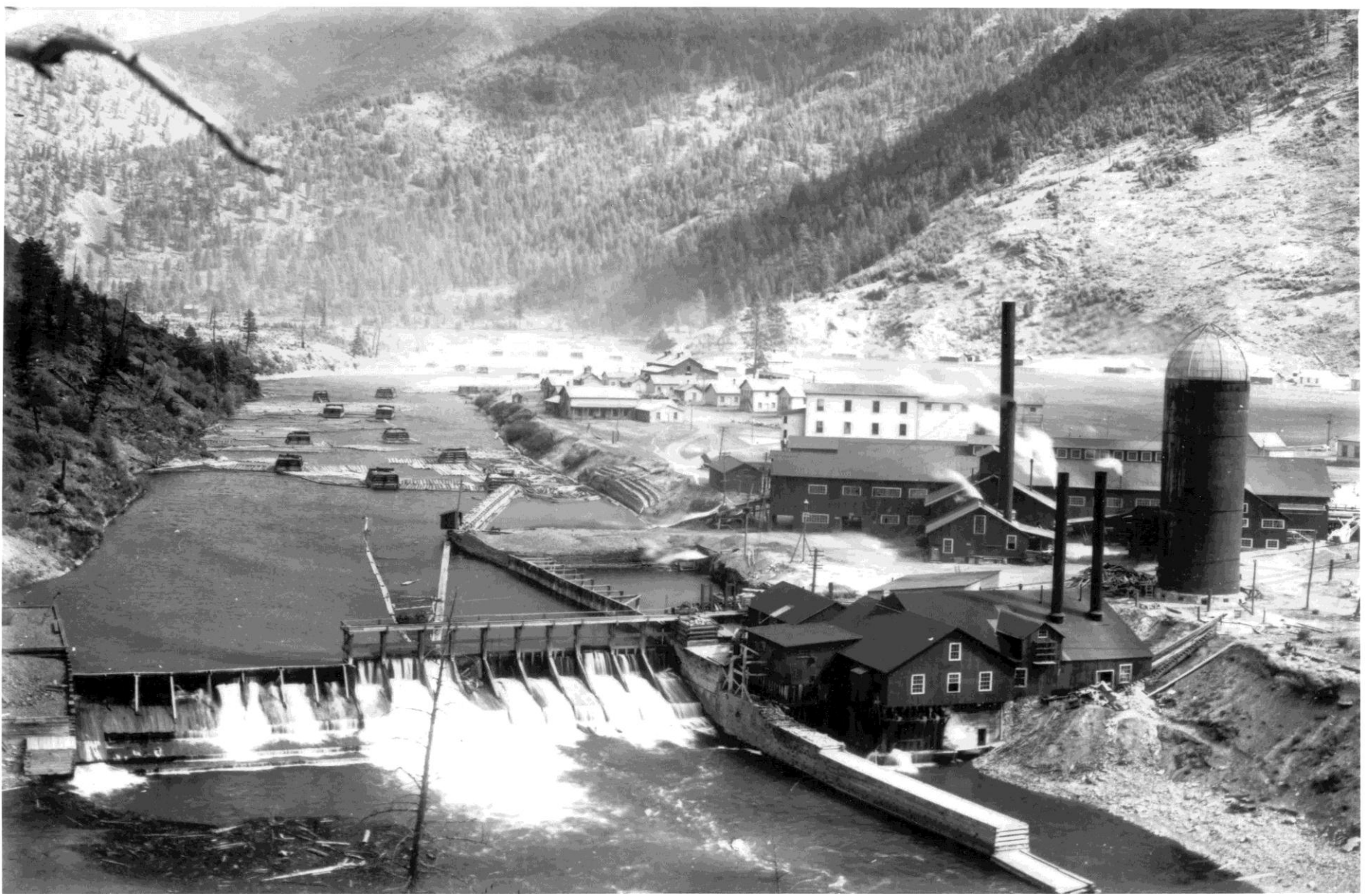
- ▶ 2006 – 2008 DEQ characterized the site and drafted an EE/CA
  - ▶ EE/CA public comment period Sept./Oct. 2008 (ended up being 60 days)
  - ▶ DEQ Action Memo signed in October 2009
  - ▶ AOC signed by DEQ and Stimson Lumber Co. in April 2010
  - ▶ Construction Work Plan and 404 Permit package approved in September 2010
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## Bonner Mill – Bonner, MT

- ▶ Construction also began in September 2010
  - ▶ To-date, about 100,000 cubic yards of PCB impacted soils have been removed and disposed of
  - ▶ Contaminated materials have been disposed of in a;
    - permitted off-site RCRA landfill
    - the local Missoula landfill
    - or the on-site repository
  - ▶ Three different construction Phases were done to complete the work to-date
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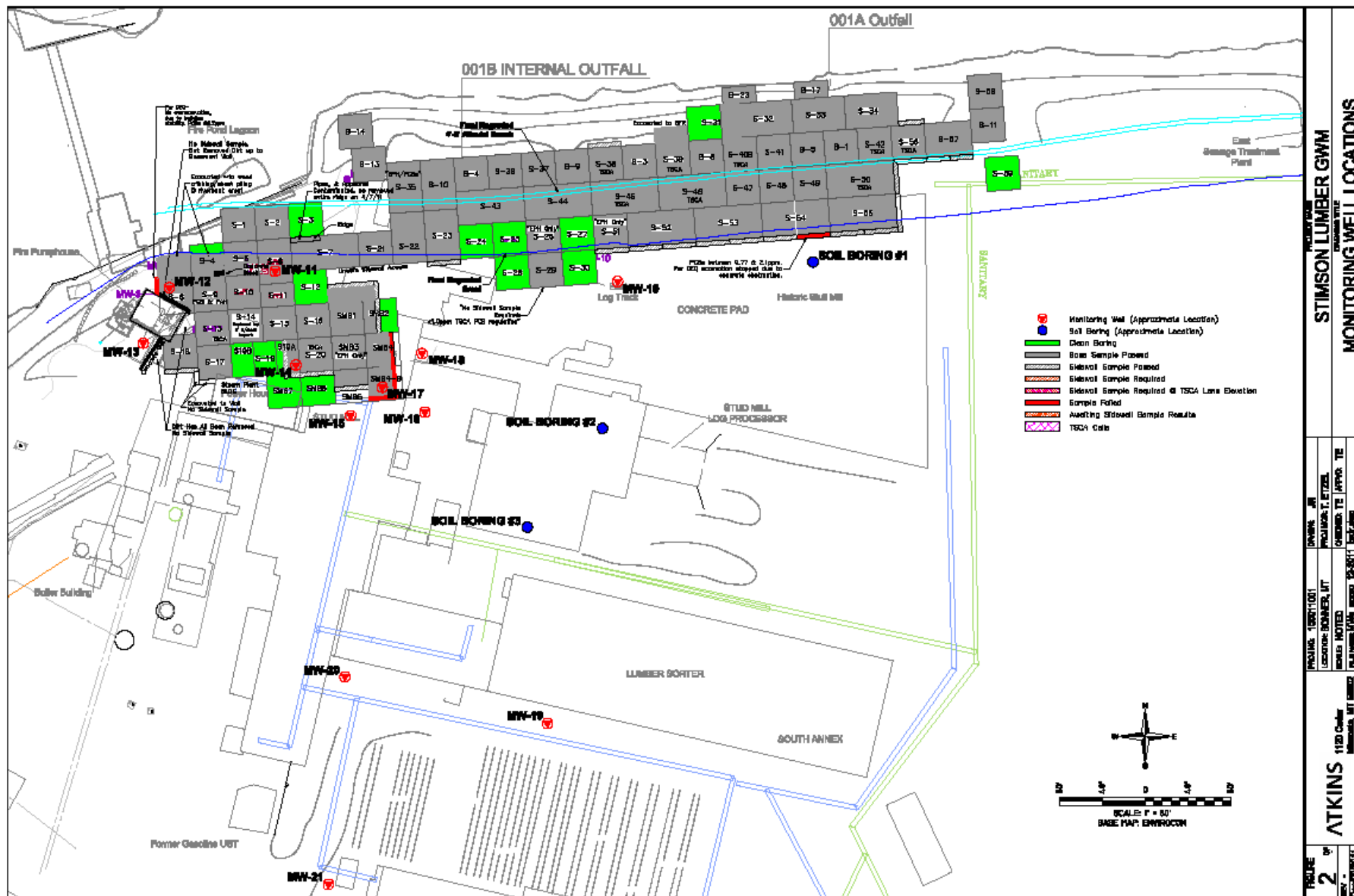
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AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH  
OF STIMSON POND


FIGURE  
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# Phase I Construction

- ▶ September 2010 to May 2011
  - ▶ Cooling Pond Removal Action
  - ▶ PCB Waste Disposal
  - ▶ PCBs contaminated materials ranging from 0.22 ppm to 0.74 ppm were placed in an on-site repository
  - ▶ Materials ranging from 0.75 ppm to 50 ppm went to the local landfill
  - ▶ Materials above 50 ppm PCBs went to a RCRA landfill in Idaho
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Summer 2010





Fall 2010





January 2011





February 2011





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## Bonner Mill – Bonner, MT

- ▶ The expanded on-site repository covers almost 3 acres
  - ▶ The repository contains about 40,000 cubic yards of material – all below 10 ppm PCBs
  - ▶ SPLP calculations indicate that the material won't leach if it is below 13.2 ppm PCBs
  - ▶ The bottom of it is an old concrete slab foundation with a 20 foot separation between the bottom of the repository and groundwater
  - ▶ The cap is a two foot thick vegetated cap made of 18" of clean material and 6" growth media
  - ▶ Repository is fenced and has three down-gradient GW monitoring wells
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# Phase II Construction

- ▶ November 2011 to February 2012
- ▶ Rock-in-River Removal Action
- ▶ Expanded Repository Construction





Spring 2011 High Flow





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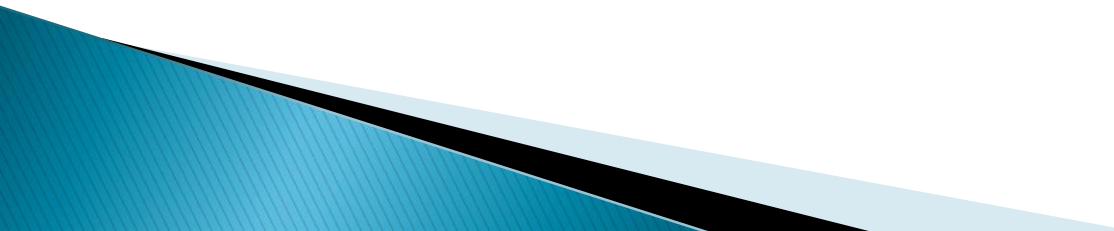
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# Phase III Construction

- ▶ November 2013 to May 2014
  - ▶ Final Bonner Dam Removal (NRD and FWP)
  - ▶ MW-15 Well Area Removal Action (PTCS)
  - ▶ MW-13 Well Area Removal Action
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