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# REMEDIAL DESIGN PROGRESS UPDATE

LOWER 8.3 MILES OF THE PASSAIC RIVER

Diamond Alkali Superfund Site Operable Unit 2 (OU2)

OXY GLENN SPRINGS HOLDINGS, INC.



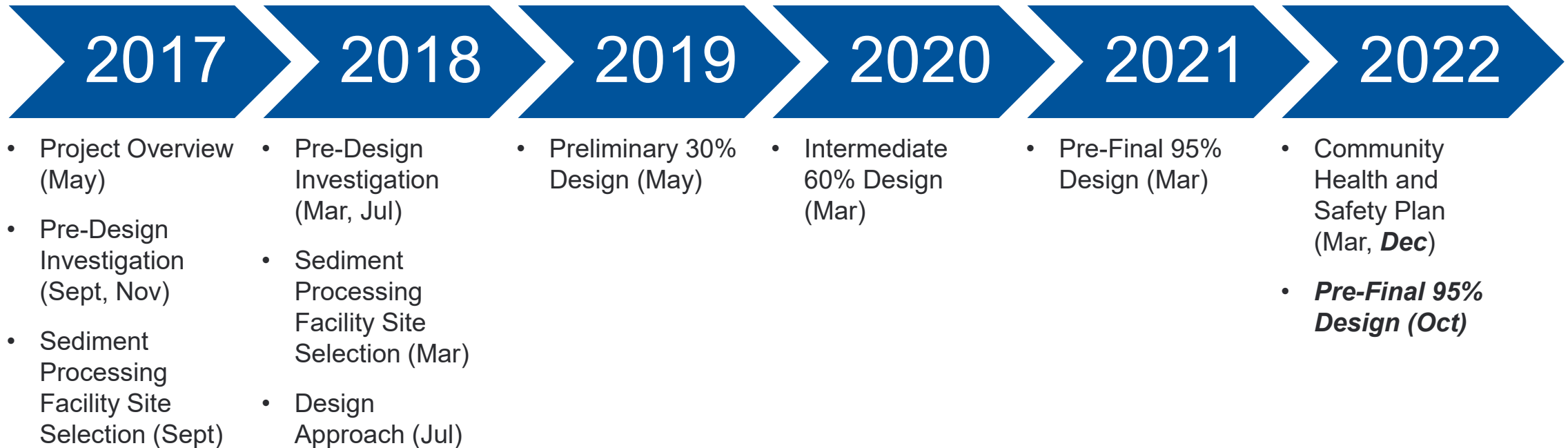
# AGENDA

- Remedial Design Progress — 95% Design
- Select Design Components
  - Dredging Resuspension Management
  - Cap Design
- Project Timeline

# REMEDIAL DESIGN PROGRESS — 95% DESIGN



# REMEDIAL DESIGN PROGRESS – CAG UPDATES

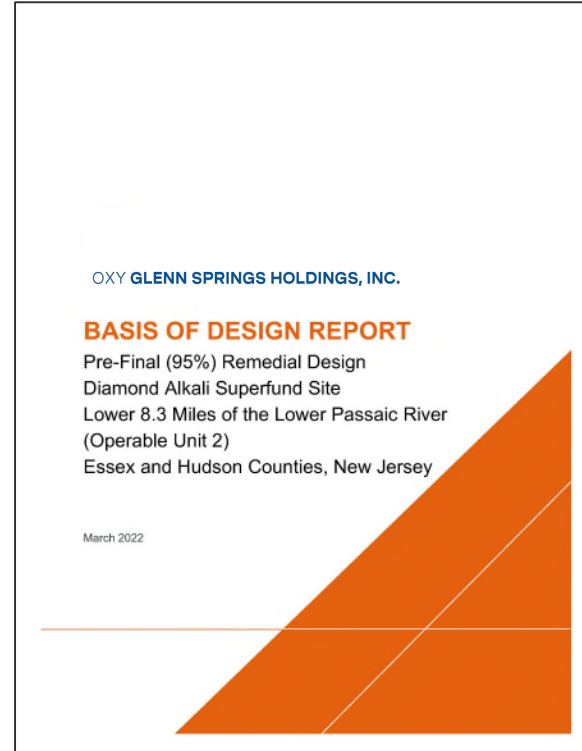


## DESIGN CRITERIA REPORT



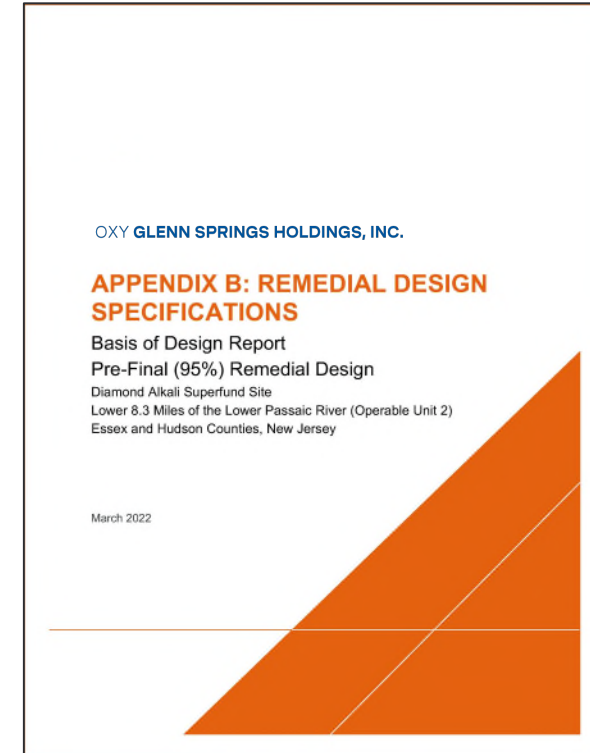
Compiles the criteria and requirements that the design will need to meet

## BASIS OF DESIGN REPORT



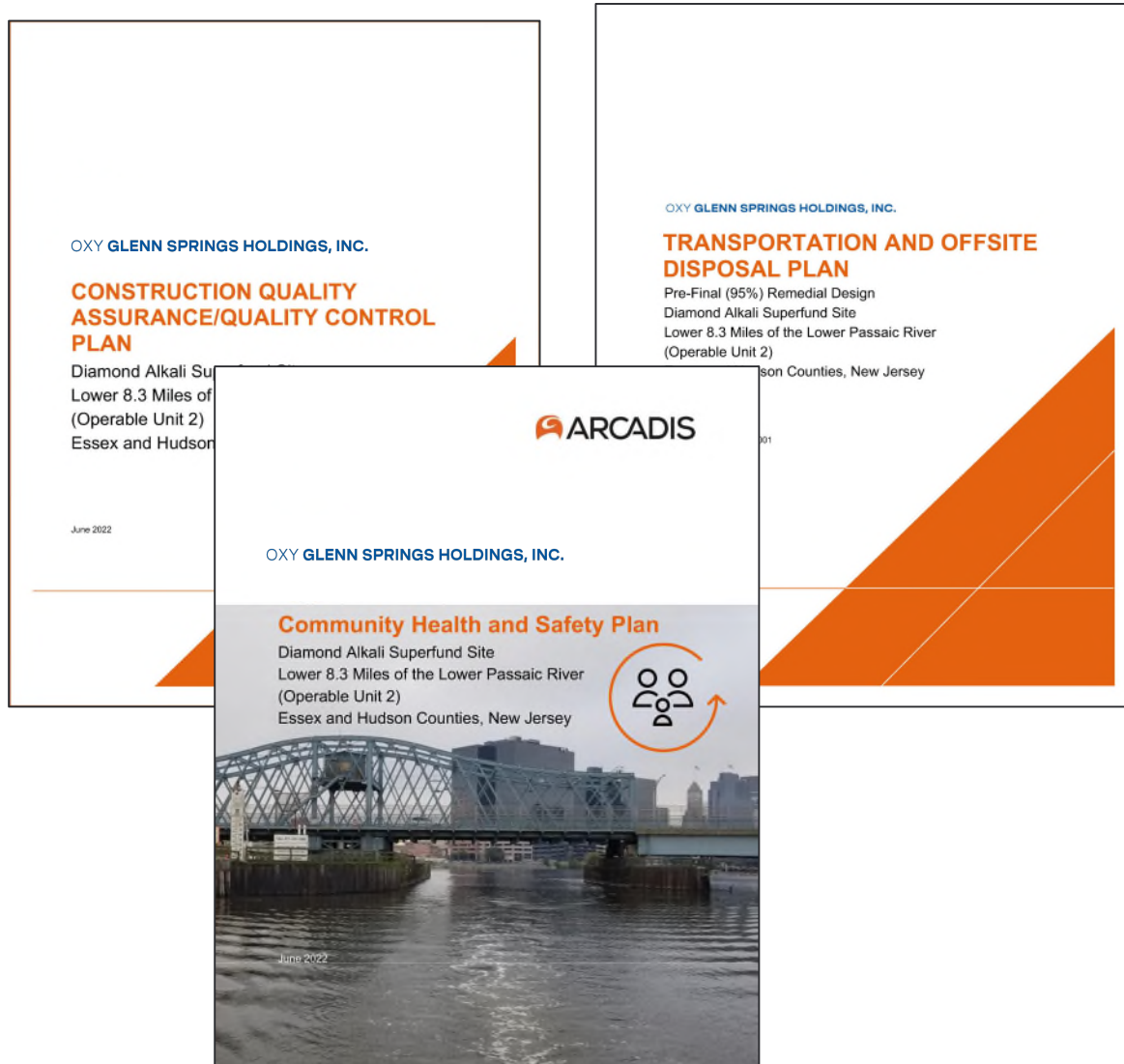
- Engineering evaluations and analyses on which the design components are to be based:
  - In-River Design: 19 Appendices
  - Upland Facilities Design: 4 Appendices

## DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS



- Drawings detail existing conditions, cap and dredge plans, cap profile designs
- Specifications to detail how remedy will be implemented by contractors, including performance standards

# SUPPORTING DELIVERABLES – REMEDIAL CONSTRUCTION

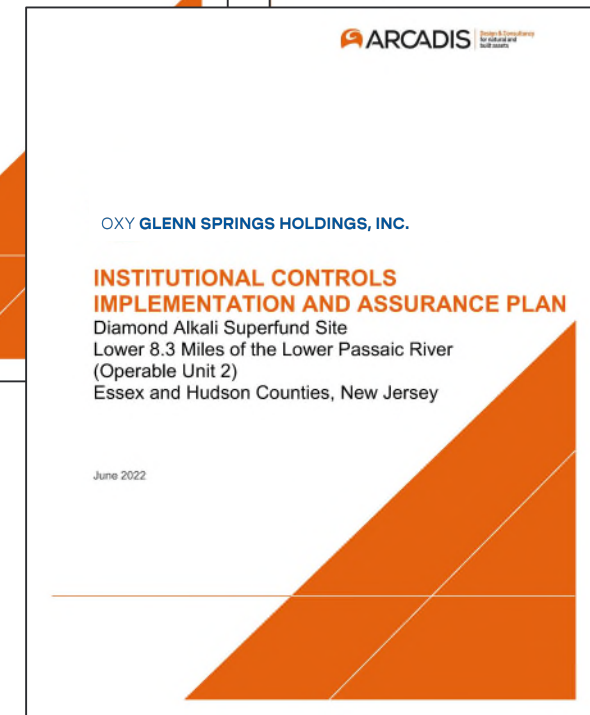
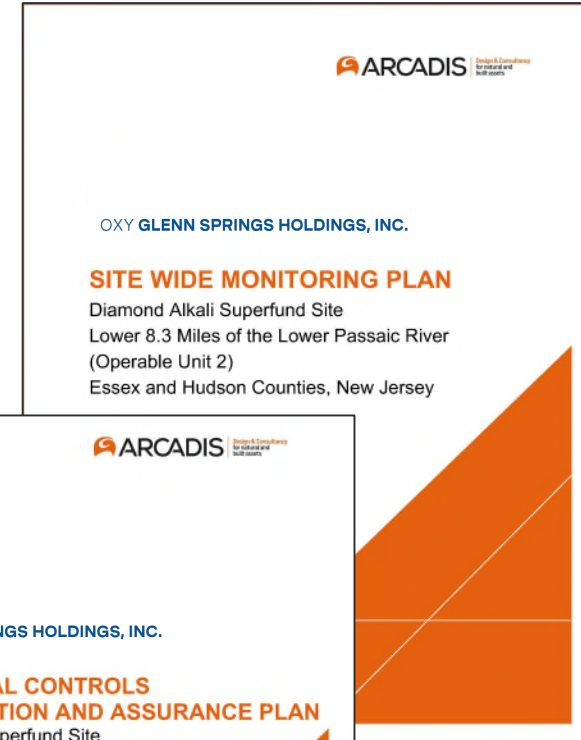


- **Construction QA/QC Plan:** Standards and processes to verify construction performed to specifications
- **Transportation and Offsite Disposal Plan:** Plan for managing transportation and disposal of debris and processed sediment waste
- **Community HASP:** Construction requirements and monitoring to protect the public during construction

- Community Health and Safety Plan to be reviewed again at 12/8/22 CAG meeting
- Further opportunity for review prior to finalizing as part of 100% design

# SUPPORTING DELIVERABLES – POST REMEDIAL CONSTRUCTION

- **Site Wide Monitoring Plan:** Monitoring activities to evaluate the performance of the remedy
- **Operation and Maintenance Plan:** Procedures for development and implementation of corrective measures if needed based on data collected under the SWMP
- **Institutional Controls Implementation and Assurance Plan:** Administrative controls to be implemented and maintained post-construction to protect the integrity of the cap and fish advisory enhancements



# **DREDGING RESUSPENSION MANAGEMENT**



# DREDGING RESUSPENSION MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

## Best Management Practices During Dredging

- Methods employed during dredging to minimize resuspension
  - Effectiveness will be evaluated through monitoring
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## Residual Stabilization Layer

- A sand layer placed after dredging to reduce contaminated sediment mobility during construction
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## Sediment Traps

- Dredging in the most northern and southern portions of the federal navigation channel will occur first increasing sediment deposition in the deeper channel before it reaches Newark Bay
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# RESUSPENSION MONITORING PROGRAM – TURBIDITY

- **Best management practices** to mitigate resuspension of sediment
- Real-time continuous **turbidity monitoring** during dredging and debris removal
- Project-specific **turbidity advisory values** developed based on data collected during pre-design investigation and dredge plume dispersion modeling
- Data evaluation and decision framework to be applied to evaluate **operational adjustments** that may be needed

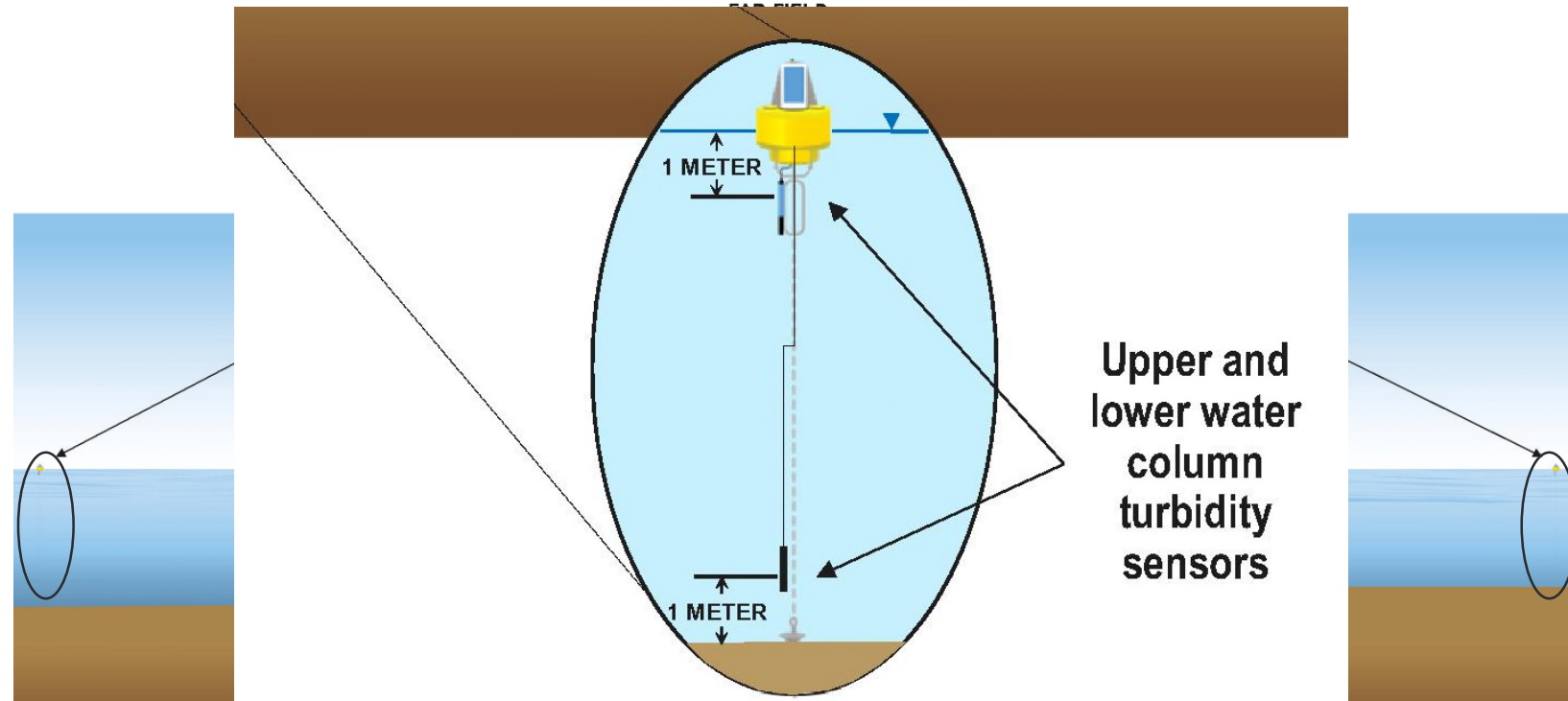


Turbidity measures water's cloudiness (the amount of particulates in the water column)



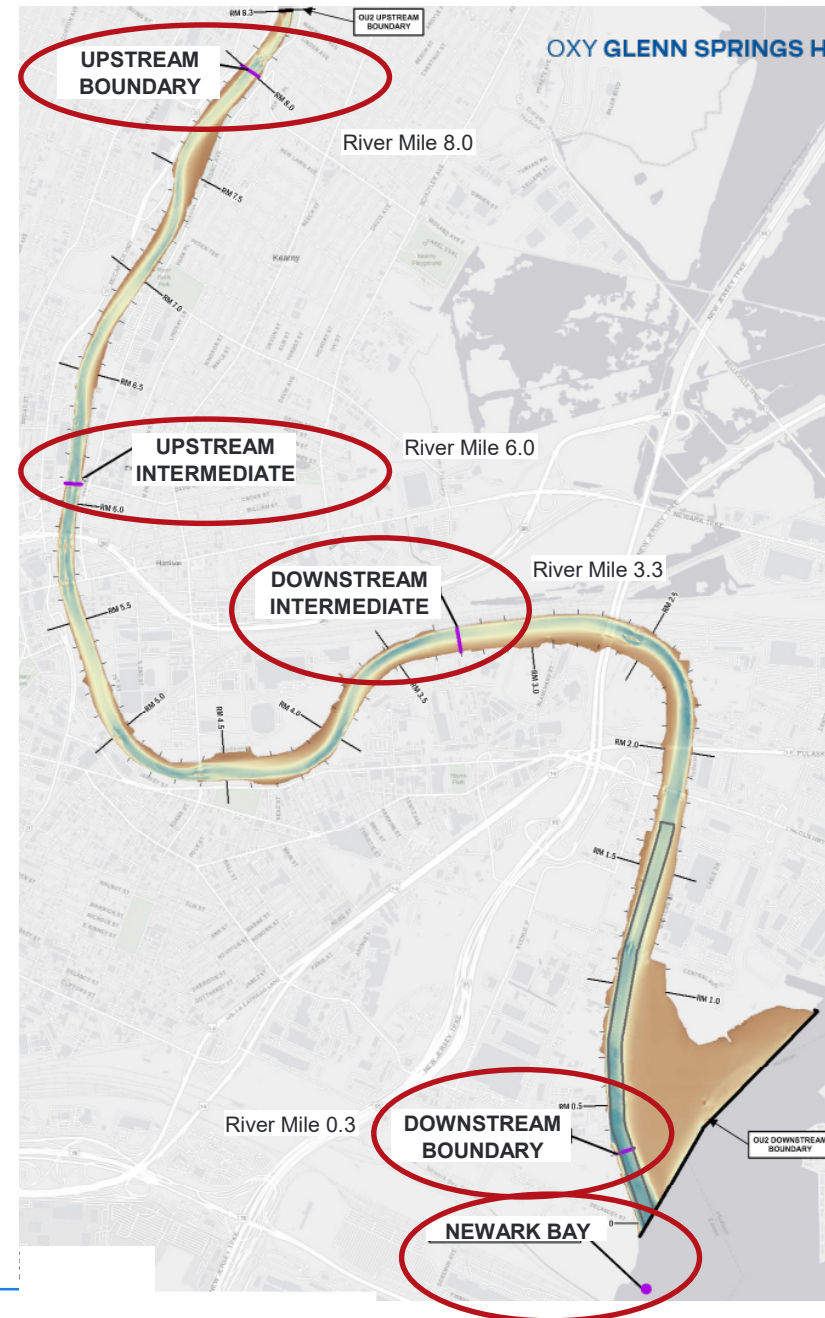
# TURBIDITY MONITORING LOCATIONS

- Two near-field locations (immediately upstream and downstream of dredge)
- Two far field locations (ambient conditions)
- Upper and lower water column sensors
- Readings collected continuously
- Transmitted via telemetry to the dredge operator (real-time)



# RESUSPENSION MONITORING PROGRAM – CHEMICAL

- **Chemical water column monitoring** to assess how chemical concentrations in the water column vary
- Two upstream locations
- Two downstream locations
- Additional location in Newark Bay



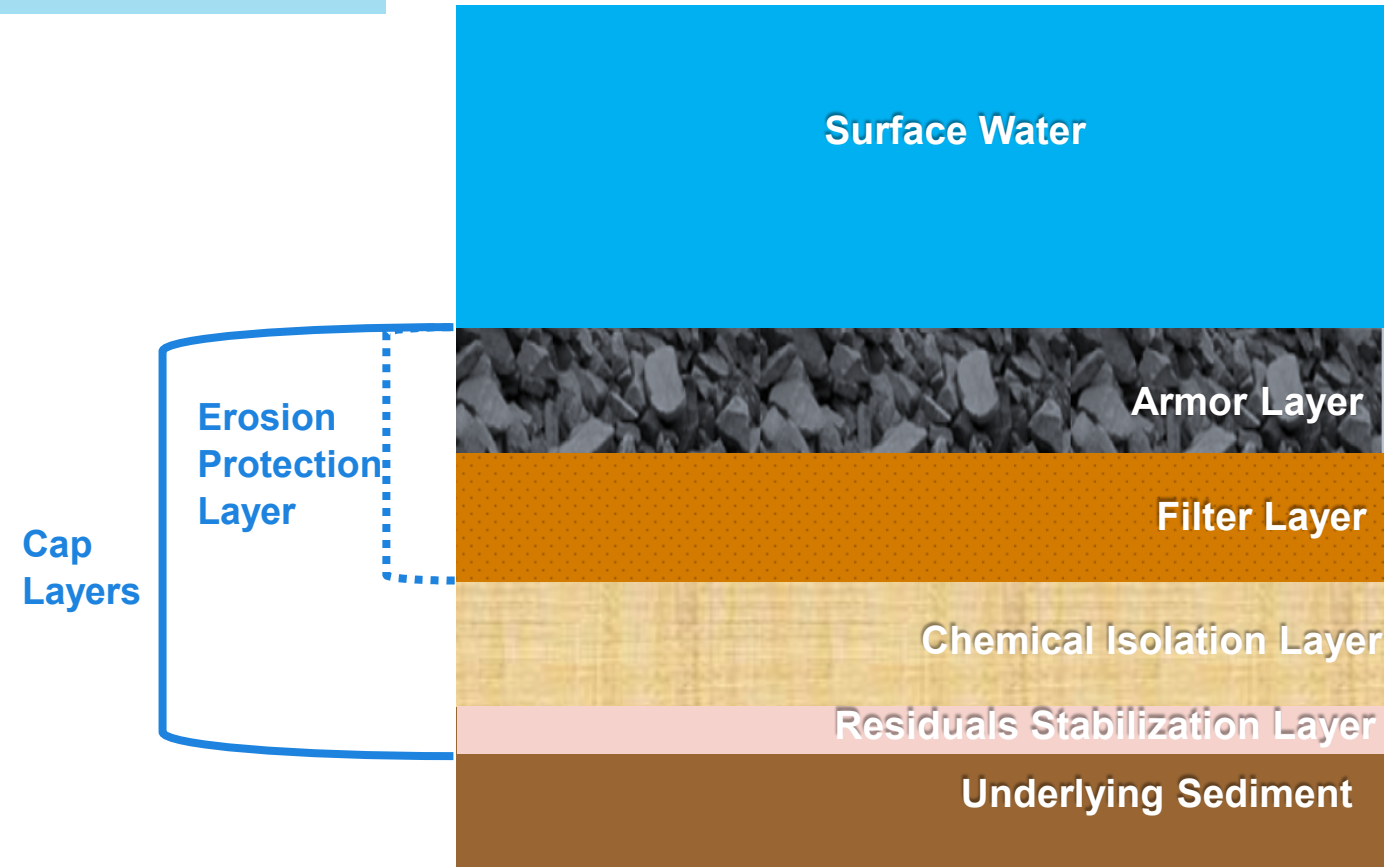
# CAP DESIGN



# TYPICAL CAP LAYERS

Cap layers function together to isolate underlying contaminated sediment

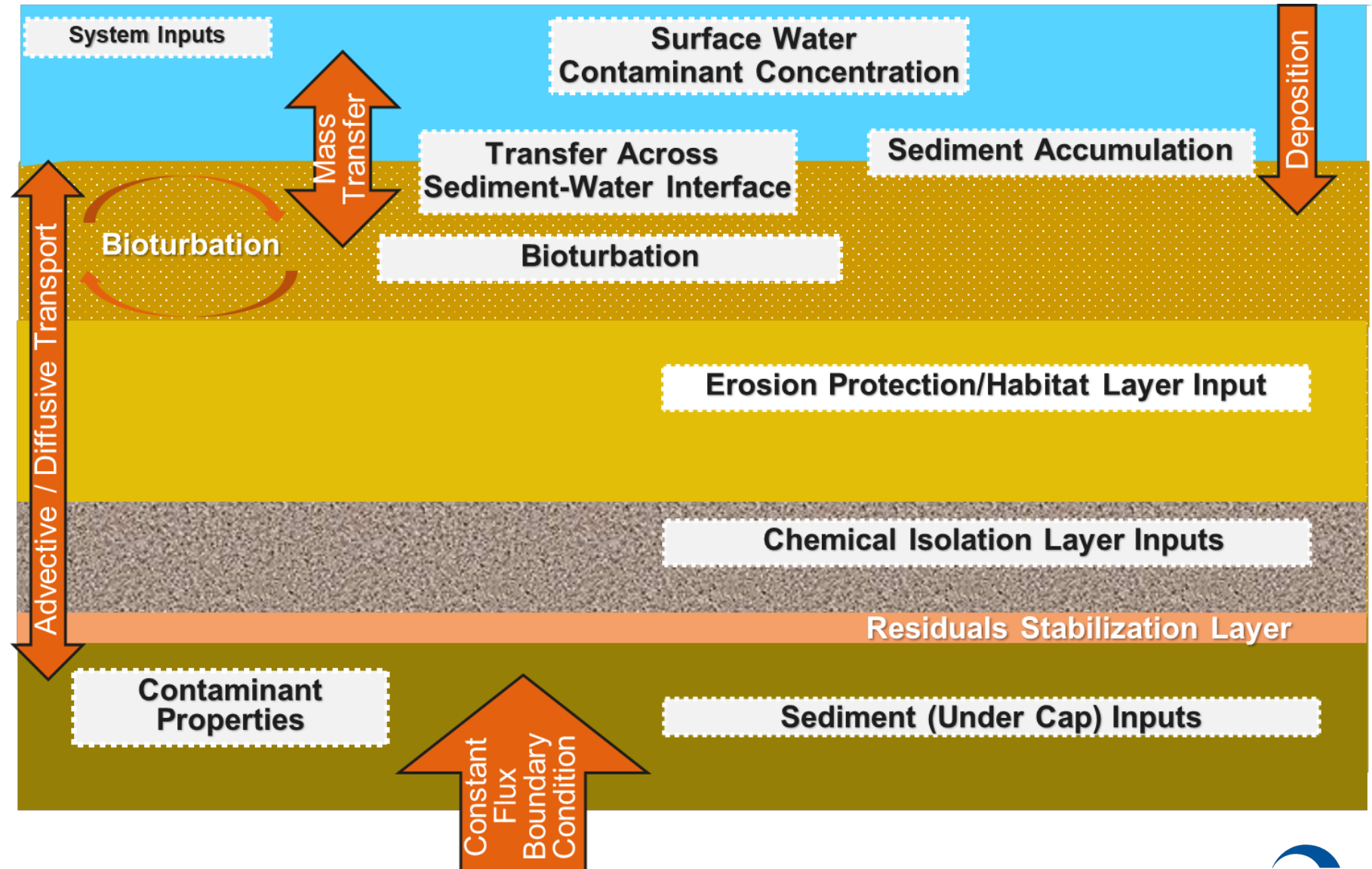
- Residual stabilization layer (sand) placed after dredging
- Chemical isolation layer:
  - Designed to prevent upward migration of contaminants from sediments below cap
- Erosion protection layer:
  - Armor stone or sand
  - Designed to maintain cap integrity
  - Protects against erosion from storms, propeller wash, and other forces
  - Also serves as habitat layer (with habitat substrate in mudflats/wetlands)



Typical Layers of an Armored Cap

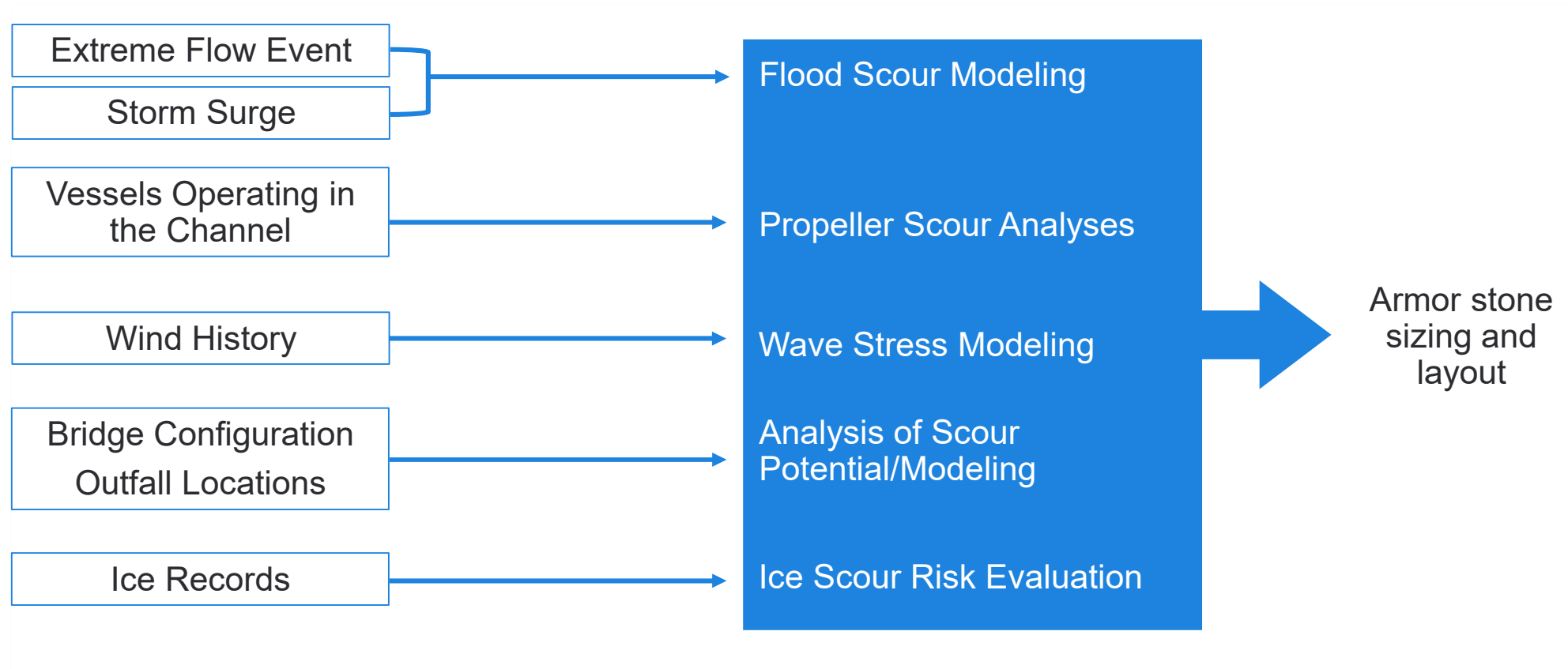
# CHEMICAL ISOLATION LAYER DESIGN PROCESS

- Complex computer modeling (CapSim) to determine composition (sand with carbon amendments)
- Computer model used at a variety of sediment sites (standard of practice)
- Many inputs to model from:
  - Pre-design investigation data
  - Treatability study data
  - Literature values
- Complexities of design developed in collaboration with USEPA



# CAP EROSION PROTECTION DESIGN PROCESS

- Multiple forces evaluated to ensure cap withstands erosion



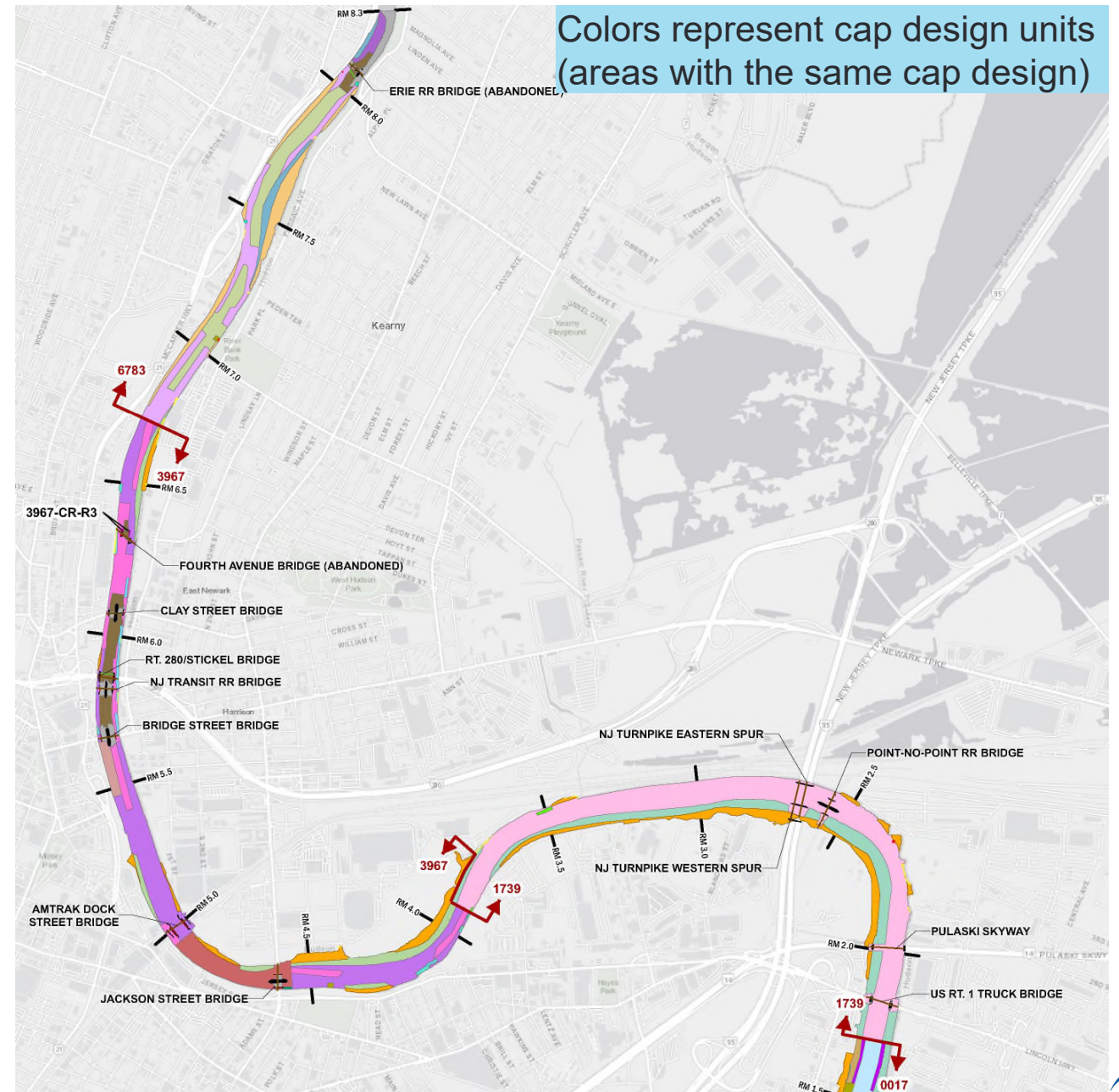
# OTHER DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Certain physical features require unique design:
  - Berth areas
  - Steep slopes
  - Utility and bridge corridors
  - Intertidal mudflats and wetlands
- Details being developed during current design process (95% to 100% design)



# CAP DESIGN UNITS

- OU2 divided into cap design units based on:
  - Variations in chemical isolation layer combined with each erosion protection/habitat layer design
  - Physical features
- 24 different cap types
  - Average size 18 acres (up to 124 acres)
  - Smaller units to accommodate unique physical features



# NAVIGATION CHANNEL CAP (RM 1.65)

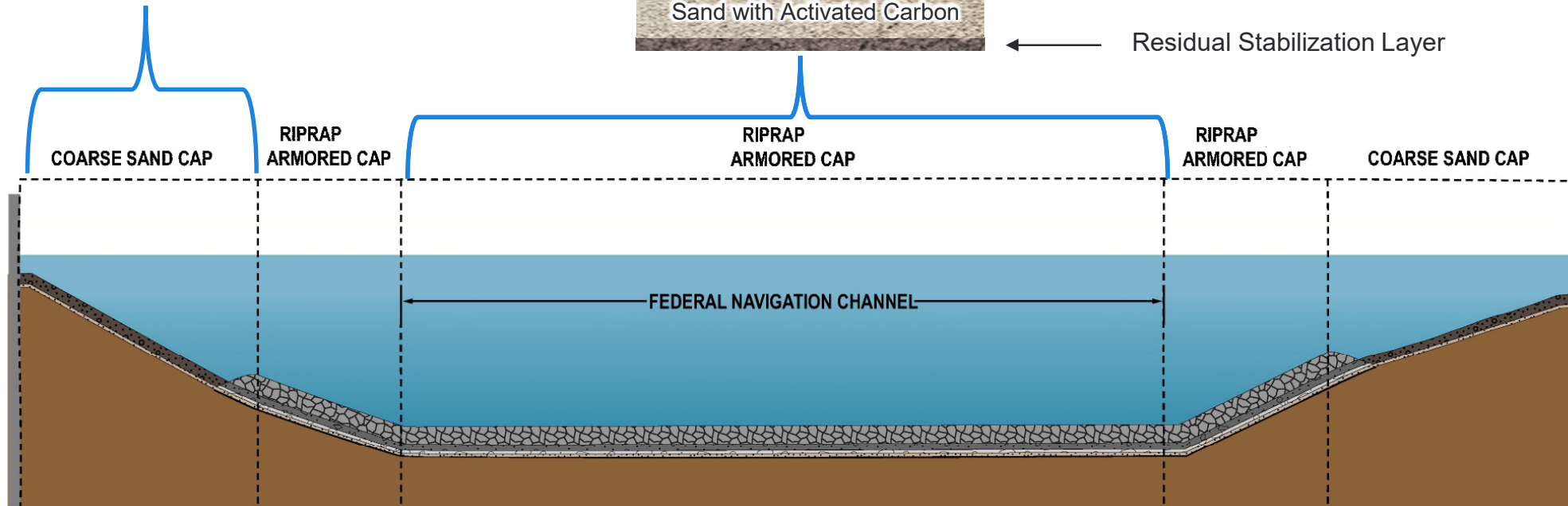


Average Constructed Thickness Greater than 1 ft



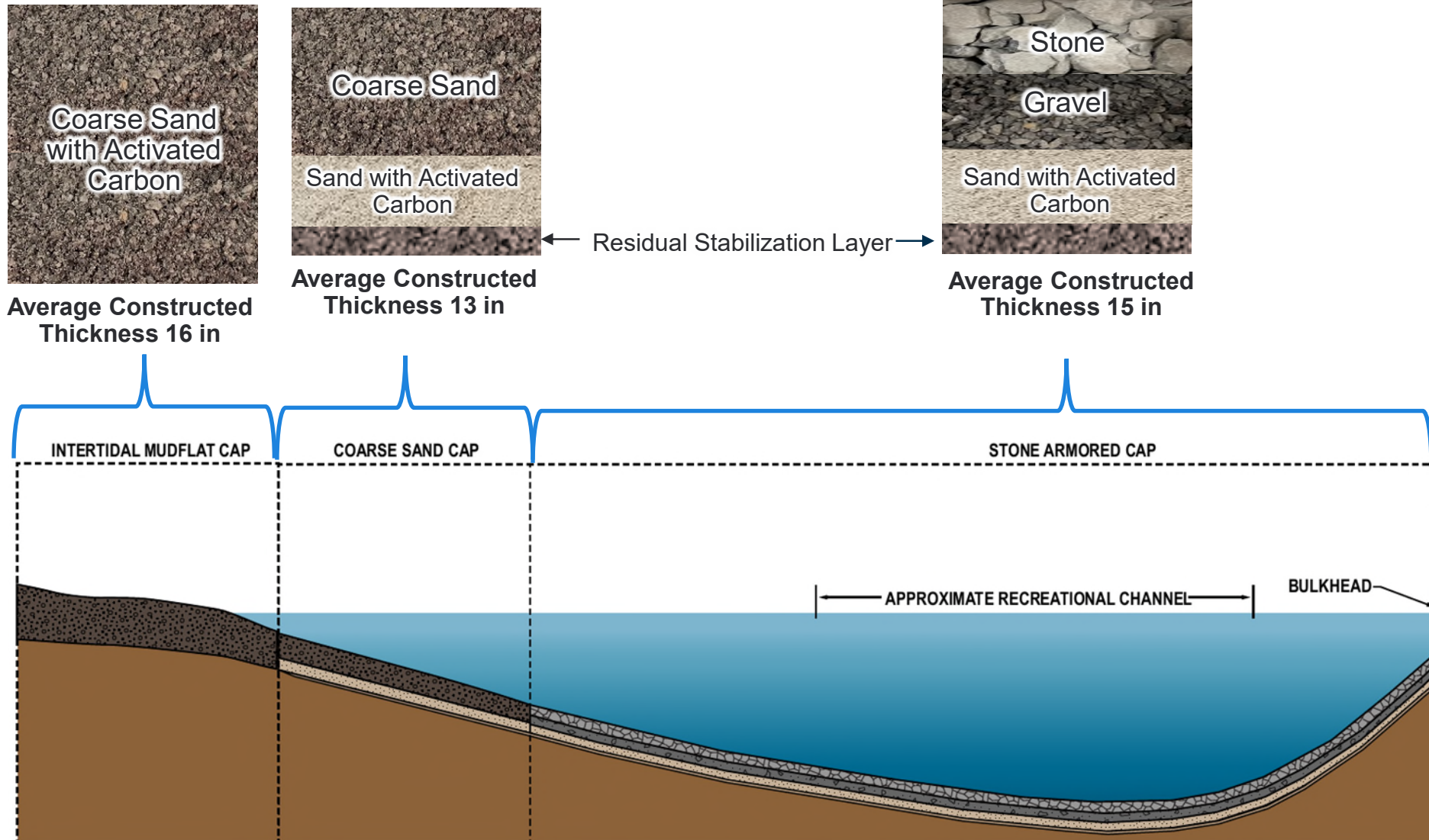
Average Constructed Thickness ~3.5 to 4.5 ft

← Residual Stabilization Layer



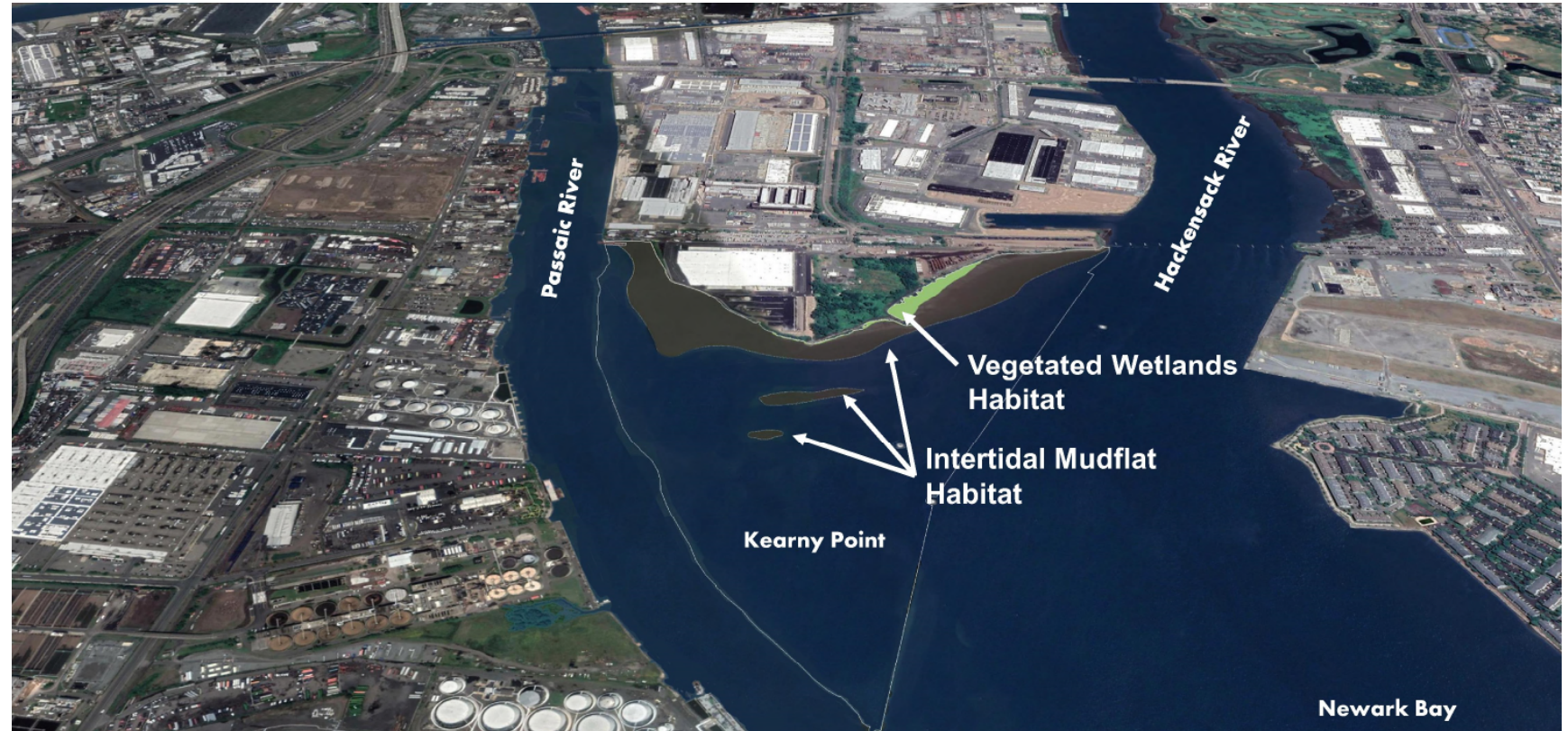
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# RECREATIONAL CHANNEL CAP (RM 3.0)



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# HABITAT RESTORATION



- Over 84 acres of intertidal mudflats and vegetated wetlands will be restored:
  - Over 60 acres at their current location
  - Creation of additional 24 acres at Kearny Point
- Expanded intertidal and vegetated wetlands areas will provide an ecologically valuable habitat in the ecosystem

# PROJECT TIMELINE



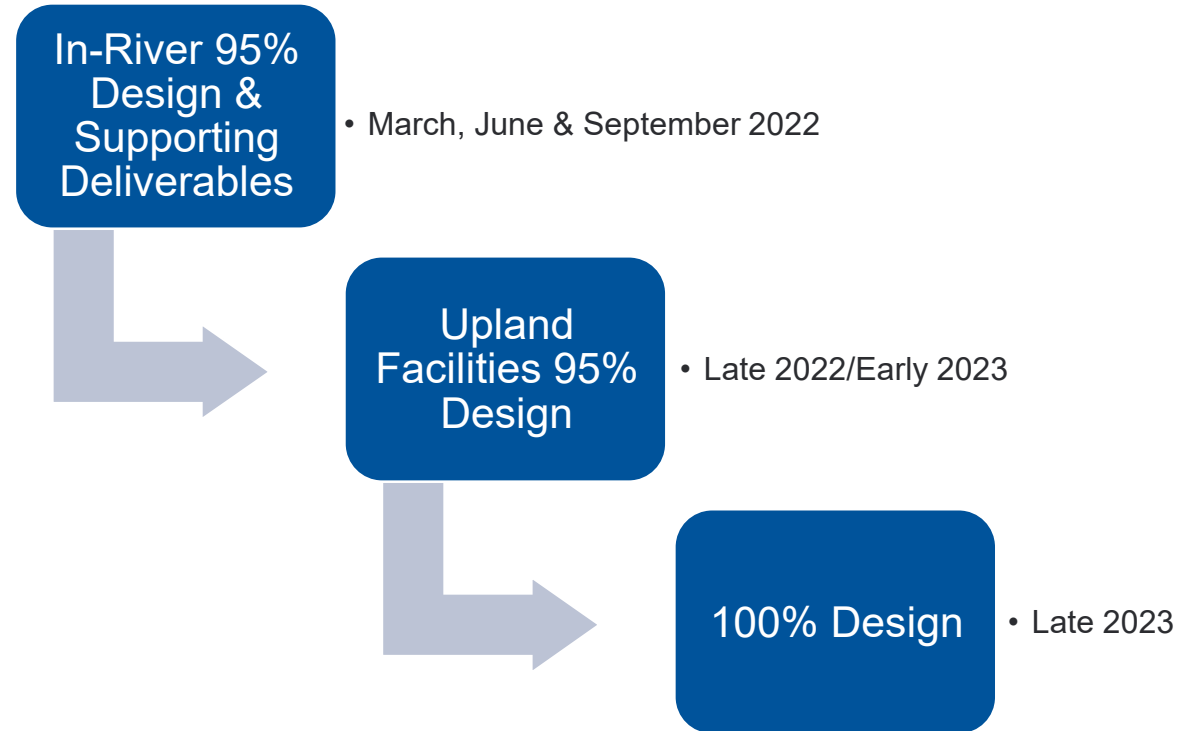
# REMEDIAL DESIGN STATUS

- Project Management Plan
- Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan
- Remedial Design Work Plan
- Site Selection and Evaluation Work Plan
- Site Selection and Evaluation Report
- Preliminary (30%) Remedial Design
- Intermediate (60%) Remedial Design
- Pre-Design Investigation Evaluation Report

## Pre-Final (95%) Remedial Design

- In-River 95% Design
- Upland Facilities 95% Design
- Supporting Deliverables

## Final (100%) Remedial Design



# QUESTIONS?

