

Bayou Chico Remediation – Conceptual Approach

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Bayou Chico Remediation – Sediment Management Area

Evaluate sediment dewatering/material handling processes for transportation and disposal

- 1. Evaluate Sediment Management Area (SMA) including size, orientation, duration of use, quality of life impacts, etc. (See Selection Matrix)
- 2. Use process flow and mass balance to define remediation effort and identify pinch-points.
- 3. Provide examples of different methods/processes being evaluated as part of the alternatives analysis process.





Bayou Chico Remediation – Project Area





Bayou Chico Remediation – Sediment Management Area (SMA) Locations



Criteria:

- Acreage
- Shoreline access
- Distance from dredge prism
- Surrounding residential, commercial, and/or recreational areas
- Community/Ecological Impacts
- Engineering/Operational
 Considerations

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Overall Process Flow



Bayou Chico Remediation – Example Process Flow



Hydraulic Dredging

- 50,000 (12,500 CY @ 25% solids; 25,000 CY @ 50% solids)
- 2,500 gpm discharge; 7.5% dry wt solids
- 20 MG over 11 days (12 h/d, 5 d/wk)







Chemical Conditioning Make-Down & Delivery
Dual polymer program (coagulant/flocculant)
250-ppm dose
4,040 pounds of polymer



Transportation & Disposal

- Pass a paint filter test (transportation)
- Meet criteria for onsite landfill disposal (waste characterization, strength, volume)
- ~50,000 CY (50% dry wt solids) Transported to landfill
- Beneficial reuse segregate impacted and unimpacted material (if applicable)
- Stabilization required?

Geotextile Tubes

- 60-ft circumference x 4,098-ft long
- 2 acres; .5-ft aggregate sump (1.1 MG capacity)
- 21 tubes, stacked two high
- 1.8 MG dredge slurry/day



Water Treatment

- 1.44 MG treated/day (24 h/d, 6 d/wk)
- Clarification, filtration, sorption and ultrafiltration
- Modular units in parallel
- Discharge criteria to Bayou Chico





Hydraulic Dredging



Bayou Chico Remediation – Hydraulic Dredging

Cutterhead Dredge



Crane with Hydraulic High-solids



Jet Suction Dredge



Hydraulic Dredge Barge



Bayou Chico Remediation – Conveyance from Dredge to SMA



Floating Dredge Discharge Pipe





HDPE Conveyance Pipe



Booster Pump



Chemical Conditioning



Bayou Chico Remediation – Chemical Conditioning Make-Down & Delivery







- Perform Treatability Tests
- Dual-polymer program (coagulant/flocculant)
- ~200-ppm dose (emulsion or dry)
- Dosage will change depending on treatability tests
- Polymer activated/aged prior to delivery with specialized equipment or batch tanks
- Polymer can be delivered to the dredge discharge line prior to the dewatering equipment
- Used with passive and mechanical dewatering alternatives





Sediment Dewatering Alternatives



Bayou Chico Remediation – Passive Dewatering (Time, Space, & Community Impact)



Geotextile Tubes

- 60' circumference geotextile tubes
- 0.5 1.0 ft. aggregate sump
- Capable of stacking tubes 3+ high



Confined Disposal Facility

- With or without polymer
- Hydraulic retention time (HRT) is several days depending on particle size distribution (PSD)
- Sediment can be left in place or excavated for disposal or reuse





Bayou Chico Remediation – Mechanical Dewatering



Clarification or Dissolved Air Floatation (DAF) Plant



Total Clean Sediment Screening System



Centrifuge



Plate & Frame Press



Bayou Chico Remediation – Barge Dewatering





- Hopper barges range in size but typically are 35' x 195' x 12' (L x W x H)
- Self-propelled or tug-assisted
- 1.8 MG/day; 404,000 gallons/barge; approx. 4.5 barges/day
- Assuming 7 days to dewater in the barges, will need about 35 barges
- Alternatively: The same volume of dredge materials requires a minimum of ~6 acres for barge transloading and sediment dewatering/staging





Transportation and Disposal



Bayou Chico Remediation – Transportation & Disposal

- Regulatory/permit approval
- Pass a paint filter test (transportation)
- Meet criteria for disposal (waste characterization, strength, % moisture)
- Beneficial reuse segregate impacted and unimpacted material (if applicable)
- Stabilization (if required for disposal or beneficial reuse) can be mixed while sediment is in barges or during loadout, or in trucks/rail cars prior to transport



Bayou Chico Remediation – Transportation & Disposal (Images)



Barge Unloading



Solidification/Stabilization Reagent Mixing



Geotextile Tube Excavation



Truck Loadout





Water Treatment



Bayou Chico Remediation – Water Treatment



- Clarification, filtration, sorption and/or ultrafiltration
- Modular units in parallel (Backwash and O&M)
- Water quality discharge criteria to Bayou Chico or Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Temporary discharge permit required
- Dredge discharge rate effects volume of water and treatment system size





Restoration



Bayou Chico Remediation – Restoration

- Recolonization is expected to occur quickly
- Can be expedited by replanting
- Unimpacted sediment can be used to benefit restoration in other areas where needed
- Potentially backfill dredge prism to encourage recolonization and improve habitat quality
- Add structures, etc., to improve habitat quality for sensitive and preferential species









Next Steps



Bayou Chico Remediation – Next Steps

- Phase 2 Sampling (May 2023)
- Data Analysis, Risk Assessment, Treatability Testing (Summer 2023)
- Basis of Design / Conceptual Design (Fall 2023)
- Completion of Design and Permit Submittal (Spring 2024)





Thank You

