

## **Technical Memorandum**

RE:	UC Berkeley Stanley Hall Diesel Spill - Natural Resource Damage Assessment December 2011 Water and Sediment Sampling Summary
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#### 1.0 Executive Summary

On December 10, 2011an equipment failure on a diesel tank in the basement of Stanley Hall on the University of California, Berkeley campus resulted in spill of 1,650 gallons of diesel fuel. Clean-up crews recovered 799 gallons of diesel from the Stanley Hall basement. The spill released approximately 850 gallons of diesel to the environment through a culvert that discharges to the adjacent North Fork Strawberry Creek. Oil spill response teams recovered approximately 187 gallons of diesel from the creek and surrounding environment. Active clean-up efforts in Strawberry Creek were concluded successfully on January 13, 2012, with agency sign-off on the clean-up occurring on January 31, 2012.

As part of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), on December 22, 2011 Cardno ENTRIX conducted a one-day environmental survey to document water, sediment and soil hydrocarbon concentrations in the North Fork and the mainstem of Strawberry Creek on the UC Berkeley Campus and in Brickyard Cove where Strawberry Creek discharges into San Francisco Bay (Figures 1 & 2). The survey collected nine water samples, four creek-bed sediment samples, seven creek-bank and seven mudflat (soil/sediment) samples (Table 1). These included sediment and soil samples from a reference location 100-200 feet upstream of the culvert discharge (Source) location and a water sample from a reference location previously designated by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG).

Given the urban setting of the spill, measurable background levels may be present in Strawberry Creek and Brickyard Cove. Therefore, chemists inspected the laboratory results and FID-chromatograms from the analyses to determine the potential sources of any detected results. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were not detected in any water samples. Two water samples contained total petroleum hydrocarbons in the diesel range

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(TPH-DRO); one at the location adjacent to the Valley Life Sciences Building (VLSB; Figure 2) and one on campus immediately upstream of the Oxford Culvert (Figure 2). Review of the FID chromatograms indicated that the sample at the VLSB was not related to diesel hydrocarbons, whereas the sample at the Oxford Culvert appeared to have a possible weathered diesel contribution.

Only the soil sample, at the VLSB, contained a measurable concentration of VOCs. Diesel range and lubricating range TPHs were detected in all soil and sediment samples, although only the soil samples collected at the VLSB clearly exceeded background concentrations. This result is not surprising given the relatively lower gradient, higher sedimentation levels and high degree of overhanging grasses and vegetation at this location. Sediment/soil hydrocarbons in Brickyard Cove generally were consistent with urban background signals, with some locations showing a possible trace diesel contribution.

Strawberry Creek Park was not sampled during the December 22, 2011 survey, however, sheen and diesel odor continued to be observed into January 2012. As of January 23, 2012, following a significant storm event, no significant diesel odor or sheen were reported at any of the monitoring locations, including the UC Berkeley campus, Strawberry Creek Park, Allston Street, and at the Source area.

Recommendations include potential restoration projects for the UC Berkeley campus and in Strawberry Creek Park.

### 2.0 Methodology

In order to characterize environmental conditions downstream of the spilled diesel fuel, Cardno ENTRIX collected soil, sediment and water samples from areas on the UC Berkeley Campus between the source area, near Stanley Hall, and the Oxford Culvert. Additional samples were collected around the creek discharge at Brickyard Cove in San Francisco Bay. In addition to collecting sediment, soil, and water samples, at each sampling location Cardno ENTRIX recorded GPS coordinates and took photographs and extensive field notes. The following sections provide details on the sampling methods used during the field work. The field team performed sample collection according to the *UC Berkeley – Stanley Hall Diesel Spill; Natural Resources Damage Assessment Water and Sediment Sampling and Analysis Plan* (Sampling Plan; Cardno ENTRIX 2011). The Sampling Plan outlined preliminary sample locations, Spill Response Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), sampling and laboratory analysis methods and laboratory information. The Sampling Plan was shared with UC Berkeley, CDFG and the City of Berkeley and provided to the field staff prior to the sampling event.

#### 2.1 Sample Locations

Cardno ENTRIX collected samples from the locations described below. Sample locations are described first by sample name and then by geographic location. Figures 2 and 3 illustrate these locations in more detail.

1. Reference Samples- Upstream of the Source Area

- a. BK1-1 (New Reference location) Reference sample location approximately 90 to100 feet upstream of the point where the concrete culvert source discharges into Strawberry Creek;
- b. BK1-2- The location where the CDFG collected a reference sample immediately upstream of the spill site;
- 2. BK1-3 (outfall) The source location (Source) at the culvert from Stanley Hall to Strawberry Creek;
- 3. BK1-4 In the pool at the culvert entrance adjacent to the Valley Life Sciences Building (VLSB);
- 4. (BK1-5) At the upstream end of the Oxford Culvert;
- 5. Brickyard Cove where Strawberry Creek discharges to San Francisco Bay.
  - a. BK1-9, BK1-12, BK1-13 Behind the first boom;
  - b. BK1-14, BK1-15 Midway between first and second booms; and
  - c. BK1-11, BK1-16, BK1-17 Beyond the second boom. Previous CDFG reference sample was collected at BK1-17.

Table 1 summarizes in more detail, a description of the location, provides GPS coordinates, and a summary of observations.

#### 2.2 Health and Safety Plan

A site-specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP) was developed in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines set forth in *Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response* (29 CFR 1910.120). All Cardno ENTRIX personnel reviewed and signed the HASP prior to performing work on the site. A copy of the HASP was present on-site at all times and kept in an easily accessed location. A tailgate safety meeting, which included the completion of a Job Safety Analysis (JSA), was performed in the morning before the start of work, when changing locations and when new personnel arrived at the site.

#### 2.3 Sample Handling Procedures

The field team implemented sample handling according to Spill Response SOPs provided to the field staff and reviewed prior to the sampling event.

In accordance with sample handing procedures outlined in SOPs, immediately following the collection of a sample, the sample container was capped and labeled to avoid confusing the sample with other previously collected samples. Using a waterproof marker, the label was completed to include the sampler's initials, location, and time that the sample was collected. All samples were placed in individual zip top bags, sealed, and stored in coolers on ice to maintain samples at 4°C prior to and during shipment to the analytical laboratory. A chain-of-custody manifest was completed on-site and accompanied the



samples to Curtis and Tompkins Laboratories, a state-certified laboratory located in Berkeley, California. All samples were transferred to the laboratory at the end of the day on December 22, 2011.

#### 2.4 Decontamination

Decontamination procedures for field activities were outlined in the Spill Response SOPs and were also provided to the field staff and reviewed prior to the sampling event.

In compliance with the decontamination procedures outlined in the SOPs, tools used in soil sampling (slide hammer barrel shoe, head and barrel and trowel) were decontaminated between each sampling location. The tools were first cleaned with a non-phosphate detergent (Alconox) then rinsed with potable water and finally rinsed with laboratory supplied deionized water. Additionally the sampling tools were given a final rinse with laboratory supplied acetone and hexane to remove any residual petroleum hydrocarbons.

One "Equipment Blank" was collected as a Quality Assurance sample by pouring laboratory supplied deionized water over a cleaned slide hammer shoe, core barrel and head and collecting the effluent in laboratory supplied containers.

#### 2.5 Sediment Sampling

Sediment samples were collected from the middle of the creek channel using a 2-inch diameter slide hammer with a 12-inch long barrel, loaded with a lexan plastic sleeve. The core barrel was advanced to one (1) foot below the creek bed and then removed. Water was drained from the core barrel and the lexan sleeve was subsequently extracted and capped on both ends with Teflon sheets and plastic caps. The top and bottom of each sediment core was clearly labeled with a permanent marker. The slide hammer core barrel shoe and head were decontaminated between each sample location. The core barrel was decontaminated with a three stage wash between sample locations since it did not come in contact with sample materials. Two cores were collected at each sediment sampling location.

#### 2.6 Soil Sidewall Sampling

Soil samples were collected from the creek sidewall at the water line using a 2-inch diameter slide hammer with a 12-inch long barrel loaded with a lexan plastic sleeve. The core barrel was advanced one (1) foot horizontally into the creek sidewall then removed. The lexan plastic sleeve was extracted from the core barrel and capped on both ends with Teflon sheets and plastic caps. The top and bottom of each sediment core was clearly labeled with a permanent marker. The slide hammer core barrel shoe and head were decontaminated between each sample location. The core barrel was decontaminated with a three stage wash between sample locations because it did not come in contact with sample materials. Two cores were collected at each sediment sampling location.

Two duplicate samples were collected at sidewall locations as Quality Assurance samples.

#### 2.7 Water Sampling

Samples of water from the creek were collected from the middle of the water column at the midpoint of the channel at each location. Laboratory supplied containers were submerged below the water surface and

the cap was removed, allowing the bottle to fill. Once the bottle was filled, it was capped and removed from the stream. Due to the need for sample preservation, samples to be analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were collected by decanting creek water collected in a clean 1-liter amber bottle into 40 milliliter volatile organic analysis (VOA) containers which contained hydrochloric acid as a preservative.

One duplicate water sample was collected from Strawberry Creek as a Quality Assurance sample.

#### 2.8 Chemical Analyses

All samples were analyzed for the presence of diesel range total petroleum hydrocarbons TPH-D, C8-C40 n-alkanes and isoprenoids, and a standard list of aromatic volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that included benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX). Sediments were analyzed for total organic carbon (TOC). If a diesel signature was present in any of the samples, a second round of analysis related to diesel fingerprinting was proposed in the Sampling Plan to further determine if the product found in the samples is directly related to the subject spill

All water, soil, and sediment samples were analyzed for TPH –D by EPA method 8015B; VOC/ BTEX were analyzed by EPA method 8260B. Analysis of TOC was performed by SM 5310C.

### 3.0 Deviations from Sampling Plan

This section summarizes instances where the field sampling effort deviated from the Sampling Plan.

#### 3.1 Sample Location Deviations

In the Source location (BK1-3), the water sample was collected just downstream of the Stanley Hall concrete culvert discharging into Strawberry Creek as specified in the sampling plan, however the channel bottom and sidewalls in this area were lined with concrete and riprap. The field team collected the sediment and sidewall samples and the nearest possible downstream location, approximately 60 feet south of the source area, just past the bridge that crosses the creek.

At BK1-5, the water, soil sidewall and sediment samples were collected approximately 100 feet upstream of where the creek enters the Oxford Culvert because the channel was concrete lined, the sides were reinforced with concrete and riprap and the creek did not contain enough sediment to sample or a deep enough stream to collect a mid-column water sample. The field team instead sampled from the nearest area with a natural creek bottom, deep enough to collect the water, soil and sediment sample.

#### 3.2 Samples Not Collected

#### 3.2.1 Soil, Sediment, Water

The field team was not able to collect samples identified in the Sampling Plan from Strawberry Creek Park or any daylight sections of Strawberry Creek between the UC Berkeley campus and Brickyard Cove due to limited daylight hours. Due to the inaccessibility of the area caused by the muddy environment, the field team was not able to collect a water sample from the creek path between the booms in Brickyard Cove (sample location BK1-10 as identified in the Sampling Plan) nor sediment samples from the creek bed in Brickyard Cove. The team collected a water sample at the mouth of the Strawberry Creek where

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the creek discharges to Brickyard Cove (BK1-9) and sediment samples along the banks of Brickyard Cove as specified in the Study Plan (Figure 3).

#### 3.2.2 Sheen Sampling

Cardno ENTRIX was not able to collect any samples of sheen in Strawberry Creek as part of this investigation due to equipment limitations. Sheen was observed in Strawberry Creek in all locations on the UC Berkeley Campus downstream of the source area. The field team did not observe sheen at the reference locations upstream of the source area. In Brickyard Cove there was no observed sheen in the creek, or in any of the soil or sediments.

#### 3.3 Sample Volume Limitations

In order to obtain sufficient sample volume for the two-tiered analysis approach outlined in the Sampling Plan, Cardno ENTRIX collected two sediment and two soil cores from each sampling location listed in Table 1. The top one (1) centimeter (cm) of each core was composited for preliminary analysis and the remaining portion of the core archived for potential future analysis. Due to the rocky and porous nature of the substrate and the high degree of organic matter (e.g. root masses) the samples did not always contain sufficient material to perform the intended two-tiered analysis. A minimum of 50 grams (g) wet weight of sediment or soil was required to achieve target analytical detection limits for the Tier 1 hydrocarbon and TOC analysis. Analysis of TOC was conducted for 13 of the 19 sediment and soil samples collected (Table 2). TOC was not analyzed for 6 sediment samples (Table 2). In such instances, the portion of material allocated for TOC analysis was split proportionately and used for TPH and VOC analysis to ensure their adequate detection limits.

One objective of the analytical approach included in the Sampling Plan was to archive sediment/soil for Tier 2 analyses to provide a sample for diesel hydrocarbon fingerprinting, if necessary. Depending on the moisture level of the sediment/soil, approximately 35g wet weight is required to achieve typical detection limits in the Tier 2 analysis (acceptable detection limits can be achieved with less than 35g if the sediment contains a substantial diesel signature). Sediment sample availability for Tier 2 analyses were as follows: two (2) samples provided enough material for Tier 2 analysis (i.e. more than 35g); 11 samples provided less than 35g of sediment/soil, and six (6) samples did not provide any material for Tier 2 analysis (Table 2).

## 4.0 Results and Discussion

Curtis and Tompkins Laboratory (Berkeley, CA) analyzed water samples and 1 cm surface sections of sediment and soil cores for TPH and VOCs to evaluate the magnitude and diesel signature of the potential contamination. The remaining sediment and soil cores have been archived (i.e. stored at -20° C) for potential further analysis.

Diesel oil has a distinctive total petroleum hydrocarbon signature that spans "low-boiling" range hydrocarbons in the range of  $C_{10}$  thru  $C_{24}$  alkanes. The diesel spill occurred in an urban environment that may contribute hydrocarbons from multiple biogenic and/or anthropogenic sources. Therefore, to fully evaluate the diesel range organics from the spill relative to the urban background, two TPH parameters were measured to characterize the general boiling range of the total petroleum hydrocarbon signature.

TPH-DRO ( $C_{10}$ - $C_{24}$ ) captures the diesel range organics; while TPH-LOR ( $C_{24}$ - $C_{36}$ ) captures the heavier lubricating oil range of the total petroleum hydrocarbons. This report assesses the magnitude of VOCs, TPH-DRO, and TPH-LOR across the range of sampling locations (Tables 3 and 4, Figure 4). As a diagnostic indicator of potential diesel contamination, we calculated the ratio of TPH-DRO to TPH-LOR. A low ratio value suggests hydrocarbon contamination consistent with urban background conditions. A high ratio, on the other hand, suggests a potential contribution of diesel range organics to the TPH signal. We use this ratio as a first-level screening tool. We then confirmed the actual diesel range organic signature by visual inspection of the flame ionization detector (FID) chromatograms. It is important to note that TPH measurements are not chemical specific and provide a description of generalized hydrocarbon sources. Consequently, elevated diagnostic ratio values can be derived from non-diesel hydrocarbons that register in the same chromatographic TPH range. In this case, the chromatographic signature can provide evidence that the elevated diagnostic ratios are not due to a diesel source.

#### 4.1 <u>Reference Conditions</u>

Reference conditions were measured by the environmental samples collected in the reference areas upstream of the spill location (Stations BK1-1 and BK1-2). Located upstream of the outfall location, it was unlikely that the reference locations were impacted by the diesel spill. In addition, the reference locations were similar in nature and close enough to the spill path to receive comparable contributions from the urban background sources. Therefore, the chromatograms and diagnostic ratio information from these reference samples were used to qualitatively and quantitatively differentiate a diesel contribution from background sources.

#### 4.2 <u>Reference Samples</u>

Diesel sheen or odors were not noticed in the two reference areas (BK1-1 and BK1-2) sampled upstream of the spill location. VOCs were not detected in water, sediment or soil samples collected at these locations. TPHs also were not detected in the reference water samples collected at these locations (Table 3). For this reason, it is not possible to calculate diagnostic ratios for water samples to compare against a reference index value.

Sediment sample BK1-1-SD1 had a TPH-DRO concentration of 13  $\mu$ g/Kg, and a TPH-LOR concentration of 100  $\mu$ g/Kg. Soil sample BK1-1-SL1 had a TPH-DRO concentration of 22  $\mu$ g/Kg, and a TPH-LOR concentration of 120  $\mu$ g/Kg. The diagnostic ratio value was 0.13 for the sediment sample, and 0.18 for the soil sample. The TPH chromatograms were inspected, and indicated a hydrocarbon boiling range not related to diesel oil (Figures 5 and 6). The average diagnostic ratio value for these reference sediments served as the diagnostic ratio index to compare samples collected downstream of the Source in an effort to tease out urban background characteristics (Figure 4 - bottom). The urban background sources in these samples are characterized by a chromatographic TPH profile that peaks well beyond the boiling range of diesel range organics.

#### 4.3 <u>Source Location Samples</u>

Sediment, soil, and water samples were collected as close as feasible to the outfall pipe at the Source location. Sheen was visible at this location during sampling and the field team noted a strong diesel odor at this location. However, VOCs were not detected in water, sediment or soil samples (Tables 3 and 4). TPHs were also not detected in the outfall water sample BK1-3-WA (Table 3). This result suggests that

diesel related hydrocarbons were not at detectable concentrations in the water column below the diesel sheen film. In light of the visual confirmation of sheen at this location, sheen sample collection could have yielded chemical detections.

TPH-DRO and TPH-LOR were detected in all Source location/outfall sediment and soil samples (BK1-3-SD1, BK1-3-SL1, BK1-3-SL2; Figure 4 – top). The diagnostic ratio for the sediment sample was only slightly higher than the reference location (Table 4; Figure 4 - top). The diagnostic ratio for the soil samples collected in the left and right banks at the wetted perimeter were approximately three to four times higher than reference. Upon inspection of the diagnostic ratios (Figure 4 – bottom) and the FID chromatograms (Figures 7 and 8), it was evident that only the left bank sample BK1-3-SL1, and to a lesser extent the right bank sample BK1-3-SL2, displayed a diesel fingerprint. The FID chromatogram for the sediment sample was characteristic of the reference conditions (Figure 9).

#### 4.4 Samples Collected Adjacent to the VLSB

Sediment, soil and water samples were collected adjacent to the VLSB above the culvert (BK1-4). Although sheen was visible in the pooled water present at the location, along with a slight diesel odor, VOCs were not detected in water samples (Table 1). As noted above, this result suggests that diesel related hydrocarbons were at undetectable concentrations in the water column below the diesel sheen. In light of the visual confirmation of sheen at this location, sheen sample collection could have yielded chemical detections. TPH-DRO was measured in the water sample BK1-4-WA1 at a low level ( $68 \mu g/L$ ) however upon more detailed inspection of the FID chromatogram there was no evidence of any hydrocarbons measured for this sample (Figure 10). As noted above, TPH-DRO measurements do not necessarily indicate the contribution of diesel to the sample. In this case, the chromatographic signature provided evidence that the measured TPH-DRO concentration was not due to a diesel source.

VOCs were detected in one soil bank sample from BK1-4-SL1 (Table 4; Figure 4 – top). This is the only sediment/soil sample in the survey with detectable levels of VOCs. TPH-DRO and TPH-LOR also were detected in all sediment and soil samples from this location (BK1-4-SD1, BK1-4-SL1, BK1-4-SL2; Table 4; Figure 4 – top). The diagnostic ratio for all three samples was much higher than the reference ratio with the highest value measured in the left bank sample, BK1-4-SL1. Upon inspection of the FID chromatograms (Figures 11-13) and diagnostic ratios (Figure 4 – bottom), it was evident that all non-water samples from this location displayed a diesel fingerprint. We recommend analyzing the deeper sections of the cores for these soil and sediment samples to determine if the diesel concentrations penetrate deeper than 1 cm. These data would be useful to understand the potential impact to the subsurface zone in this area.

#### 4.5 <u>Samples Collected at the Channel Oxford Culvert</u>

Sediment, soil, and water samples were collected just upstream of the channel near Oxford Culvert. The field team observed a strong diesel odor at this location. VOCs were not detected in water, sediment or soil samples (Tables 3 and 4). TPH-DRO was detected in the water sample (BK1-5-WA; Table 3). The FID chromatogram of the water sample exhibited a slightly right skewed TPH signature possibly attributed to a lightly weathered diesel (Figure 14).

TPH-DRO and TPH-LOR were detected in all sediment and soil samples (BK1-5-SD1, BK1-5-SL1, BK1-5-SL2; Table 4; Figure 4 – top). The sediment concentration of TPH-DRO was approximately two times the average value of the reference locations. Soil concentrations of the TPH-DRO were six and seven times higher than the average of the reference concentrations, and approximately 30 times less than concentrations measured at the VLSB site (BK1-4-SL1 and BK1-4-SL2; Table 4; Figure 4). Upon inspection of the FID chromatograms for the soils (Figures 15 and 16) and diagnostic ratios (Figure 4 – bottom), it was evident that the elevated diagnostic ratio values were not likely diesel related due to the heavier than diesel boiling range of the TPH signature. As noted above, the TPH signature gives a general indication of hydrocarbon characteristics. In this case, the chromatographic signature provided evidence that the elevated diagnostic ratios for these samples were not due to a diesel source. No diesel contribution is evident in the sediment sample BK1-5-SD1 (Figure 17).

#### 4.6 <u>Samples Collected at the Brickyard Cove – Before the 1<sup>st</sup> Boom</u>

The field team did not observe any sheen or diesel odor in any of the Brickyard Cove sampling locations (BK1-9, BK1-12 and BK1-13). VOCs were not detected in water or sediment/soil samples (Tables 3 and 4). TPH-DRO was not detected in the water sample BK1-9-WA (Table 3).

TPH-DRO and TPH-LOR were detected in both sediment/ soil samples from this location (BK1-12-SL1, BK1-13-SL1; Table 4; Figure 4 – top). The diagnostic ratio for the left bank sample (BK1-12-SL1) was twice the level of the reference ratio. Upon inspection of the FID chromatogram for BK1-12-SL1, it was evident that there may be a trace level of diesel range organics in the sample. However, the potential diesel components are so low that they may not result in detectable signals in subsequent Tier 2 analyses (Figure 18). Upon inspection of the FID chromatogram for the right bank sample BK1-13-SL1, it was evident that the high TPH signature was not related to diesel range organics, but derived from the urban background (Figure 19). This is consistent with the diagnostic ratio for this sample which was nearly the same as the upstream reference location (Figure 4 – bottom).

#### 4.7 <u>Samples Collected at the Brickyard Cove – Between Booms</u>

Sediment samples were collected at the Brickyard Cove mudflat between the installed booms (Figure 3). As with all Brickyard Cove locations, the field team did not observe any sheen or diesel odor in this location. VOCs were not detected in the sediment samples (Table 4). TPH-DRO and TPH-LOR were detected in both samples from this location (BK1-14-SL1, BK1-15-SL1; Table 4; Figure 4 – top). The diagnostic ratio for the left bank sample (BK1-14-SL1) was approximately equal to the reference location, whereas the diagnostic ratio for the right bank sample (BK1-15-SL1) was twice the average value of the index ratio at the reference location. Upon inspection of the FID chromatogram for BK1-14-SL1, it was evident that, as seen with the reference locations, the TPH signature was high boiling, and not related to diesel range organics (Figure 20). Inspection of the FID chromatogram for BK1-15-SL1 showed that there may be a trace level of diesel range organics in the sample. However, the potential diesel components are so low in the sample that they may not result in detectable signals in Tier 2 analyses (Figure 21).

#### 4.8 <u>Samples Collected at the Brickyard Cove – Outside Boom 2</u>

Three (3) sediment and water samples were collected at the Brickyard Cove outside of the second boom (Figure 3). No sheen or diesel odor was evident in this location. VOCs were not detected in either water or sediment samples (Tables 3 and 4). TPH-DRO was not detected in the water sample (Table 3).

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TPH-DRO and TPH-LOR were measured in both sediment samples from this location (BK1-16-SL1, BK1-17-SL1; Table 4; Figure 4 – top). Upon inspection of the FID chromatograms and diagnostic ratio values for both solid samples, it was evident that the respective TPH signatures were not related to diesel range organics, but derived from the urban background (Figures 22 and 23).

### 5.0 Conclusions

Upon analysis of the collected samples by Tier 1 analysis, clear hydrocarbon source distinctions were made between samples that exhibited solely urban background signatures; samples that exhibited dominant urban background signatures, with trace contributions from diesel range organics or other unknown sources; samples that exhibited contributions from both the urban background and diesel range organics; and samples that exhibited dominant contributions from diesel range organics.

Conclusive diesel range organic signatures were evident in samples collected from three locations; the location adjacent to the VLSB (BK1-4), the soil samples from the Source location outfall (BK1-3), and the water sample collected upstream from the Oxford Culvert (BK1-5). Trace and inconclusive levels of diesel range organics were detected in samples from two locations; Brickyard Cove inside the first boom, and Brickyard Cove in-between the booms. Low levels of an unknown hydrocarbon source likely not related to diesel are present in the soil samples collected from the Channel Oxford Culvert.

The specific hydrocarbon source characterization results are listed below.

#### 5.1 <u>Water samples</u>

- VOCs not detected in any water sample
- TPH-DRO was detected in two samples, BK1-4 and BK1-5. Based on the inspection of the FID chromatograms:
  - o BK1-4 (Adjacent to the VLSB) No hydrocarbon signal in the chromatogram
  - o BK1-5 (Channel upstream of the Oxford Culvert) possible weathered diesel contribution

#### 5.2 <u>Sediment and soil samples</u>

- VOCs detected in the VLSB left bank soil sample-BK1-4-SL1
- TPH-DRO and TPH-LOR were detected in all samples. Based on the inspection of the FID chromatograms:
  - o BK1-1 SD1 (New Reference location) urban background reference
  - o BK1-1 SL1 (New Reference location) urban background reference
  - o BK1-3 SD1 (Source) urban background signal observed
  - o BK1-3 SL1 (Source) diesel contribution within range of urban background contribution
  - o BK1-3 SL2 (Source) diesel contribution within range of urban background contribution
  - BK1-4 SD1 (Adjacent to the VLSB) diesel contribution approximately equal to urban background contribution

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- BK1-4 SL1 (Adjacent to the VLSB) diesel contribution greater that urban background contribution
- BK1-4 SL2 (Adjacent to the VLSB) diesel contribution greater that urban background contribution
- BK1-5 SD1 (Channel Oxford Culvert) diagnostic ratio and signals consistent with urban background
- BK1-5 SL1 (Channel Oxford Culvert) urban background with other source contribution not likely to be diesel related.
- BK1-5 SL2 (Channel Oxford Culvert) urban background with other source contribution not likely to be diesel related.
- BK1-12 SL1 (Brickyard Cove before 1<sup>st</sup> boom) urban background with possible trace level diesel contribution
- o BK1-13 SL1 (Brickyard Cove before 1<sup>st</sup> boom) elevated urban background
- o BK1-14 SL1 (Brickyard Cove between booms) urban background
- BK1-15 SL1 (Brickyard Cove between booms) urban background with possible trace level diesel contribution
- o BK1-16 SL1 (Brickyard Cove outside boom 2) urban background signal
- o BK1-17 SL1 (Brickyard Cove outside boom 2) urban background signal

## 6.0 Recommendations

The Stanley Hall Diesel Spill was a relatively small spill and sampling twelve days after the spill confirmed the presence of diesel product at only a few locations. Sheen was not present in the reference locations, but was observed at all on-campus sampling locations downstream of the Source location during the December 22, 2011 survey. No sheen or diesel odor was observed in the Brickyard Cove sampling locations.

Strawberry Creek Park was not sampled during the December 22, 2011 survey; however, sheen and diesel odor continued to be observed into January 2012. As of January 23, 2012, recent storms contributed over three inches of rain and significant surface runoff to the creek system. Response Daily Update Reports beginning January 23, 2011 report that no significant odor or sheen have been observed at any of the observed locations, including the UC Berkeley campus, Strawberry Creek Park, Allston Street, and at the Source area. It is reasonable to assume that Strawberry Creek downstream of the UC Berkeley campus contained modest amounts of diesel, but the creek system is now largely flushed with the storms.

The Tier 1 analyses of the water, sediment and soil samples collected during the December 22, 2011 survey, as summarized in this report, provide sufficient chemical information to effectively screen the environmental samples for diesel range organic hydrocarbons. Results from Tier 1 analysis indicate that aside from the Source outfall location, the only diesel specific impact occurred at the sample location adjacent to the VLSB (BK1-4). This result is not surprising given the relatively lower gradient, higher sedimentation levels and high degree of overhanging grasses and vegetation at this location. We

recommend analyzing the deeper sections of the soil and sediment cores collected to determine if the diesel concentrations penetrate deeper than 1 cm.

Tier 2 analyses generate chemical specific results that can be used to confirm or reject a diesel related source of an unknown sample when compared to the fingerprint of a representative diesel oil. Given the rocky and porous nature of the substrate and the high degree of organic matter contained in the soil and sediment samples, generally there was not enough soil or sediment material available to promote any sample for Tier 2 analyses. Nonetheless, the Tier-1 evaluation proved adequate to screen the environmental samples for diesel range organics. We do not recommend further Tier 2 analyses at this time.

Given this result and the reasonable assumption that the creek system was largely flushed by the recent storms, we do not recommend any further water, sediment or soil sampling. We suggest that the UC Berkeley work with the CDFG, the City of Berkeley and other Trustees to identify appropriately scaled restoration projects. UC Berkeley might consider a pair of restoration projects; one on campus and one in the City of Berkeley (e.g. at Strawberry Creek Park). Appropriate projects that would address the impacts of the spill include:

- Removal of non-native vegetation (which was noted during the Response phase to trap diesel product);
- Restoration of instream habitat by the removal of concrete slabs and improved rocky/gravel substrate (rocks, gravel and concrete slabs potentially created pockets of diesel product); and
- Creek side restoration to improve the aesthetics and function of the riparian corridor.

UC Berkeley, City of Berkeley and Regional Park District may have already compiled a list of potential restoration projects that would be suitably scaled to address the impacts of this spill.

#### 7.0 References

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## Tables



Table 1 Site and Sample Descriptions

Sample		Sample	mple Sample Location (NAD 83)		Sample		Commente		
Number	Date	Time	Latitude	Longitude	Туре	Site Description	Comments		
BK1-1-WA1	12/22/2011	1310	37.87297	122.26177	Water	UC Berkeley Campus. New reference location established 90-100' upstream of source (60' direct line distance) in an instream area comparable to the spill location. "New Reference" location.	No sheen or diesel odor evident.		
BK1-1- WA1FD	12/22/2011	1310	37.87297	122.26177	Water	UC Berkeley Campus. 90-100' upstream of source (60' direct line distance). Field duplicate.			
BK1-1-SD1	12/22/2011	1425	37.87341	122.26151	Sediment	UC Berkeley Campus. Sampler met with refusal at BK11. The sediment sample was collected approximately 200' upstream.	200' upstream of BK11WA1, pool habitat. Coordinates extracted from Google Earth.		
BK1-1-SL1	12/22/2011	1427	37.87297	122.26177	Soil (Bank)	UC Berkeley Campus. Left bank sample (looking downstream).			
BK1-2-WA1	12/22/2011	1300	37.87278	122.26175	Water	UC Berkeley Campus, location of CDFG reference sample site immediately upstream of the spill site. Pool just upstream of BK13. No sediment or bank soil samples were collected at this location. This duplicates the effort by CDFG at this location.	This Sheen visible and strong diesel odor present.		
BK1-3-WA1	12/22/2011	1255	37.87278	122.26175	5       Water       UC Berkeley Campus. Source location. Outfall pipe by bridge. Vegetation at the site was recently trimmed (possibly before our arrival today).Water samples were collected moving upstream to BK1-1 to minimize disturbance of water samples.       A lot of strong disturbance		A lot of sheen visible at the location. Strong diesel odor present.		
BK1-3-SD1	12/22/2011	1405	37.87266	122.26184	Sediment	UC Berkeley Campus. Substrate at BK1-3 is extremely rocky, so the sediment sample was collected as close as feasible, 60' downstream of the outfall pipe.	Riffle habitat. Coordinates extracted from Google Earth.		
BK1-3-SL1	12/22/2011	1409	37.87266	122.26184	Soil (Bank)	UC Berkeley Campus. Left bank sample.	Same location as sediment samples.		
BK1-3-SL2	12/22/2011	1418	37.87266	122.26184	Soil (Bank)	UC Berkeley Campus. Right bank sample	Same location as sediment samples.		
BK1-4-WA1	12/22/2011	958	37.87219	122.26294	Water	UC Berkeley Campus. Adjacent to the VLSB above a culvert. The channel has a natural bottom and is shaded by riparian trees.	Lots of sheen is visible in the pooled water present at the location, and there is a slight diesel odor.		
BK1-4-SD1	12/22/2011	1030	37.87219	122.26294	Sediment	UC Berkeley Campus VLSB.			
BK1-4-SL1	12/22/2011	1043	37.87219	122.26294	Soil (Bank)	UC Berkeley Campus VLSB. Left Bank of Site 4.			
BK1-4-SL2	12/22/2011	1050	37.87219	122.26294	Soil (Bank)	UC Berkeley Campus VLSB. Right Bank of Site 4.			
BK1-5-WA1	12/22/2011	1145	37.87029	122.26532	Water	UC Berkeley Campus. The channel at Oxford culvert is cement lined and therefore no soil or bank samples can be collected at the site. Samples were collected upstream in a more natural bottom area. Water sample collected at the concrete/natural bottom transition.	Strong diesel odor present		
BK1-5-SD1	12/22/2011	1155	37.87052	122.26512	Sediment	UC Berkeley Campus. Samples were collected upstream in a more natural bottom area			



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Number	Date	Time	Latitude	Longitude	Туре	Site Description	Comments		
BK1-5-SL1	12/22/2011	1210	37.87052	122.26512	Soil (Bank)	UC Berkeley Campus. Samples were collected upstream in a more natural bottom area; left bank.			
BK1-5-SL2	12/22/2011	1205	37.87052	122.26512	Soil (Bank)	UC Berkeley Campus. Samples were collected upstream in a more natural bottom area; right bank.			
BK1-9-WA1	12/22/2011	1610	37.86581	122.30669	Water	Strawberry Creek discharge at Brickyard Cove. Mid-channel between sites 12 and 13.	No sheen or diesel odor evident.		
BK1-11-WA1	12/22/2011	1555	37.86506	122.3076	Water	Brickyard Cove outside the last boom.	No sheen or diesel odor evident. Coordinates extracted from Google Earth.		
BK1-12-SL1	12/22/2011	1600	37.86581	122.30669	Soil (Bank)	No sheen or diesel odor evident. All Brickyard Cove sediment/bank sites were within an area wetted by tidal influence. The area behind the first boom, we would consider mudflat/sediment. Where possible, horizontal cores were collected for the "Bank" of the tidal sites.			
BK1-13-SL1	12/22/2011	1619	37.86581	122.30669	Soil (Bank)	Brickyard Cove, inside boom. Immediately across from BK1-12, right bank of mudflat.	No sheen or diesel odor evident.		
BK1-14-SL1	12/22/2011	1712	37.86512	122.30646	Soil (Bank)	Brickyard Cove, southeast side (left bank) of the mudflat, between the creek discharge and the furthest boom.	No sheen or diesel odor evident.		
BK11EB	12/22/2011	1733	37.86512	122.30646	Water	Equipment Blank following sample collection at BK1-14.			
BK1-15-SL1	12/22/2011	1635	37.86554	122.30778	Soil (Bank)	Right bank of the mudflat between creek discharge and furthest boom.	No sheen or diesel odor evident.		
BK1-15- SL1FD	12/22/2011	1635	37.86554	122.30778	Soil (Bank)	Field Duplicate Sample			
BK1-16-SL1	12/22/2011	1655	37.8648	122.30737	Soil (Bank)	Brickyard Cove, southeast side. Left bank of the mudflat downstream of creek discharge, outside the boom.	No sheen or diesel odor evident.		
BK1-16- SL1FD	12/22/2011	1655	37.8648	122.30737	Soil (Bank)	Field Duplicate Sample			
BK1-17-SL1	12/22/2011	1640	37.86536	122.30778	Soil (Bank)	Right bank of mudflat downstream of creek discharge, outside boom. Previous CDFG reference sample was collected at this location.	No sheen or diesel odor evident.		

\*Note: Except as noted, GPS coordinates were recorded on a Garmin Oregon 450 Unit. All samples were grab samples. Lefl/right bank are based looking downstream.



#### Table 2 Analyses Completed and Remaining Sample for Tier 2 Analyses

Sample Number	Sample	Tier 1 Analyses Completed	Tier 2 Analyses						
	туре	(red text = no TOC)	(35g needed for analyses)						
BK1-1-EB	Water	TPH-d, VOC	N/A						
BK1-1-WA1	Water	TPH-d, VOC	N/A						
BK1-1-WA1-FD	Water	TPH-d, VOC	N/A						
BK1-1-SD1	Sediment	TPH-d, VOC, TOC	Enough for Tier 2						
BK1-1-SL1	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC	None Available						
BK1-2-WA1	Water	TPH-d, VOC	N/A						
BK1-3-WA1	Water	TPH-d, VOC	N/A						
BK1-3-SD1	Sediment	TPH-d, VOC, TOC	Enough for Tier 2						
BK1-3-SL1	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC	None Available						
BK1-3-SL2	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC, TOC	Not enough to remaining to achieve ideal detection limits- 14.84g remaining						
BK1-4-WA1	Water	TPH-d, VOC	N/A						
BK1-4-SD1	Sediment	TPH-d, VOC, TOC	Not enough to remaining to achieve ideal detection limits- 17.18g remaining						
BK1-4-SL1	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC, TOC	Not enough to remaining to achieve ideal detection limits- 6.61g remaining						
BK1-4-SL2	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC	None Available						
BK1-5-WA1	Water	TPH-d, VOC	N/A						
BK1-5-SD1	Sediment	TPH-d, VOC, TOC	Not enough to remaining to achieve ideal detection limits- 24.46 g remaining						
BK1-5-SL1	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC	None Available						
BK1-5-SL2	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC	None Available						
BK1-9-WA1	Water	TPH-d, VOC	N/A						
BK1-11-WA1	Water	TPH-d, VOC	N/A						
BK1-12-SL1	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC	None Available						
BK1-13-SL1	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC, TOC	Not enough to remaining to achieve ideal detection limits- 8.12 g remaining						
BK1-14-SL1	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC, TOC	Not enough to remaining to achieve ideal detection limits- 11.97g remaining						
BK1-15-SL1	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC, TOC	Not enough to remaining to achieve ideal detection limits- 3.57g remaining						
BK1-15-SL1-FD	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC, TOC	Not enough to remaining to achieve ideal detection limits- 20.03g remaining						
BK1-16-SL1	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC, TOC	Not enough to remaining to achieve ideal detection limits- 18.83g remaining						

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Sample Number	Sample Type	Tier 1 Analyses Completed	Tier 2 Analyses
		(red text = no TUC)	(35g needed for analyses)
BK1-16-SL1-FD	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC, TOC	Not enough to remaining to achieve ideal detection limits- 14.84g remaining
BK1-17-SL1	Soil (Bank)	TPH-d, VOC, TOC	Not enough to remaining to achieve ideal detection limits- 9.18g remaining

#### Table 2 Analyses Completed and Remaining Sample for Tier 2 Analyses

#### Table 3Water Chemistry Results

Sample ID	BK1-1-WA1	BK1-2-WA1	BK1-2-WA1-FD	BK1-3-WA1	BK1-4-WA1	BK1-5-WA1	BK1-9-WA1	BK1-11-WA1	BK1-1-EB	TRIP
Matrix	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water
TPH-DRO C10-C24	ND	ND	ND	ND	68.0	1100.0	ND	ND	ND	ND
TPH-LOR C24-C36	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Benzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Naphthalene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Ethylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Isopropylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
m,p-Xylenes	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
n-Butylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
o-Xylene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Para-Isopropyl Toluene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Propylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Sec-Butylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Styrene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Tert-Butylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Toluene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND

Note: results reported in µg/L; ND=not detected



Table 4

Soil and Sediment Chemistry Results

Sample ID	BK1-1-SD1	BK1-1-SL1	BK1-3-SD1	BK1-3-SL1	BK1-3-SL2	BK1-4-SD1	BK1-4-SL1	BK1-4-SL2	BK1-5-SD1	BK1-12-SL1	BK1-13-SL1	BK1-14-SL1	BK1-15-SL1	BK1-15-SL1-FD	BK1-16-SL1	BK1-16-SL1-FD	BK1-17-SL1
Matrix	Sed.	Soil	Sed.	Soil	Soil	Sed.	Soil	Soil	Sed.	Soil	Soil	Soil	Soil	Soil	Soil	Soil	Soil
TOC (%)	0.18	N/A	0.3	N/A	1.6	0.35	2.6	N/A	0.2	N/A	9.4	0.31	1.8	1.6	0.51	0.58	1.4
TPH-DRO C10-C24	13	22	44	310	210	320	6200	840	14	430	1900	24	220	150	41	60	75
TPH-LOR C24-C36	100	120	230	520	500	270	1200	520	120	1500	11000	130	710	490	270	270	390
Diagnostic Ratio	0.13	0.18	0.19	0.60	0.42	1.18	5.1	1.6	0.12	0.29	0.17	0.18	0.31	0.31	0.15	0.22	0.19
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND									
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	12.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	20.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Benzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND									
Naphthalene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND									
Ethylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND									
Isopropylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND									
m,p-Xylenes	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND									
n-Butylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	21.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
o-Xylene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND									
para-Isopropyl Toluene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	9.4	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Propylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND									
sec-Butylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND									
Styrene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND									
tert-Butylbenzene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND									
Toluene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND									

Note: results reported in mg/Kg, Sed: sediment; ND=not detected; N/A= insufficient sample to complete the analysis.

# Figures



Figure 1 Map of Study Site



#### Figure 2 Sampling Locations along Strawberry Creek on the UC Berkeley Campus







Sediment and Soil Samples



Figure 5 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-1, "New Reference" Station, Left Bank Soil Sample

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Figure 6 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-1, "New Reference" Station, Sediment Sample



Figure 7 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-3, Source/outfall Station, Left Bank Soil Sample





Figure 8 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-3, Source/outfall Station, Right Bank Soil Sample



Figure 9 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-3, Source/outfall Station, Sediment Sample



Figure 10 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-4, VLSB, Water Column Sample





Figure 11 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-4, VLSB, Left Bank Soil Sample



Figure 12 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-4, VLSB, Sediment Sample





Figure 13 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-4, VLSB, Right Bank Soil Sample



Figure 14 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-5, Oxford Culvert, Water Sample



Figure 15 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-5, Oxford Culvert, Left Bank Soil Sample



Figure 16 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-5, Oxford Culvert, Right Bank Soil Sample



Figure 17 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-5, Oxford Culvert, Sediment Sample





Figure 18 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-12, Brickyard Cove inside First Boom, Left Bank Sediment/Soil Sample





Figure 19 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-13, Brickyard Cove inside First Boom, Right Bank Sediment/Soil Sample



Figure 20 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-14, Brickyard Cove outside Boom 2, Left Bank Sediment/Soil Sample





Figure 21 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-15, Brickyard Cove in between Booms, Right Bank Sediment/Soil Sample



Figure 22 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-16 outside Last Boom, Brickyard Cove, Left Bank Sediment/Soil Sample



Figure 23 FID Chromatogram for Station BK1-17 outside Last Boom, Brickyard Cove, Right Bank Sediment/Soil Sample (same location as CDFG sediment sample)

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## Photos



BK1-1 Sediment Sample Site



BK1-3 Water Sample Location at Outfall near Stanley Hall. BK 1-2 is Located Immediately Upstream.



BK1-4 Water Sample Location near the Valley Life Sciences Building



BK1-5 Water Sample Location upstream of Oxford Culvert



Looking from Left Bank of Brickyard Cove Toward Strawberry Creek Outflow (BK1-9)



BK 1-9 (Strawberry Creek Outlflow), BK1-10 (Sediment Sample Location in the Center of Channel), BK1-11 Right Bank Sediment Sample Location Across Channel, and BK1-12 Left Bank Sediment Sample Location.



BK1-14 Bank Sediment Sample Location



Looking at BK1-15 from BK1-14, Inside the Boom.



BK1-16 (Outside the Boom) Viewed from BK1-14 (Inside the Boom).



BK 1-17 Viewed from across Brickyard Cove at BK1-16