



**ALAMEDA POINT**  
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**Operable Unit 3**  
**Feasibility Studies**

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## Feasibility Study Process

- Identify Hazards
- Develop Remedial Action Objectives
- Develop Remedial Action Alternatives
- Screen Alternatives
- Perform Technical and Cost Analyses
- Perform Comparative Analyses
- Recommend Remedial Alternative(s)



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## NCP Criteria

- Threshold criteria
  1. Overall protection of human health and the environment
  2. Compliance with ARARs
- “Primary” analysis criteria
  3. Long-term effectiveness and permanence
  4. Reduction of toxicity, mobility, and volume through treatment
  5. Short-term effectiveness
  6. Implementability
  7. Cost
- Following comment on the FS
  8. State or support agency acceptance
  9. Community acceptance
- “Guidance for Conducting Remedial Investigations and Feasibility Studies under CERCLA” (EPA 1988)



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## Operable Unit 3 Feasibility Studies

- Geotechnical
  - Remedial Action Objective
  - “...prevent release of waste into San Francisco Bay...”
- Environmental
  - Remedial Action Objective
  - Prevent exposure to COCs in Soil and Groundwater



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## Geotechnical Feasibility Study

- Recommends Methods to Address Seismic and Geotechnical Hazards at Site 1
- Required Under California Code for Landfill Closure
- Required Under CERCLA to Prevent Release to Waters of the United States



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## Geotechnical Feasibility Study

- Initially Developed and Evaluated 20 Alternatives
- Screened to Nine Alternatives
- Three Not Technically Feasible, Two Cost Prohibitive
- One Alternative Recommended



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## Recommended Alternative

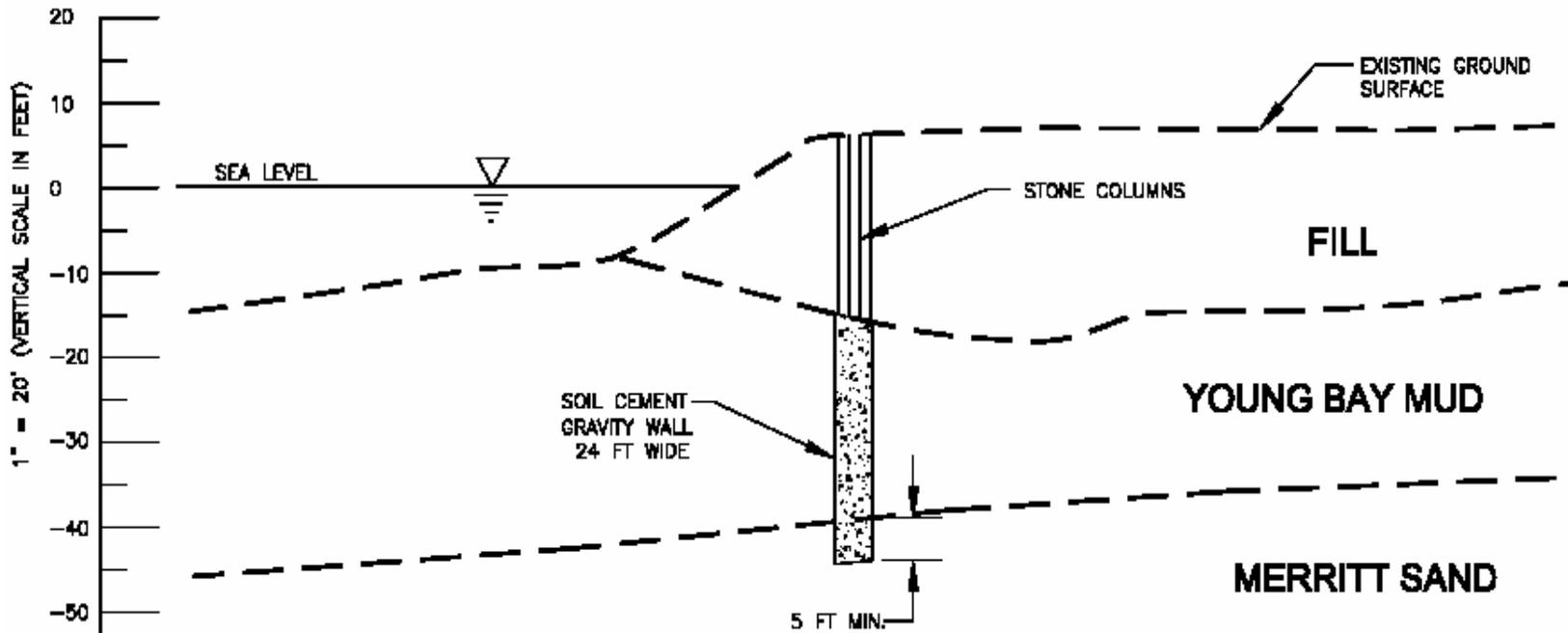
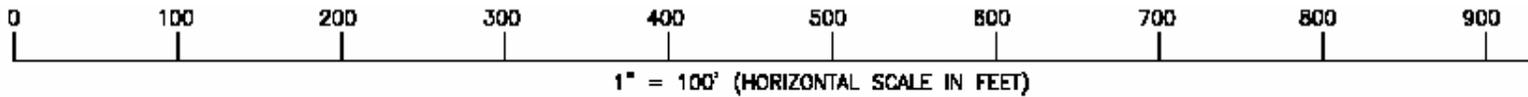
- Construction of a 24-foot wide soil cement gravity wall and stone columns in the Young Bay Bud layer along the shoreline perimeter
  - Increases the shear strength and reduces liquefaction potential
  - Long-term effectiveness and performance
  - Cost at lower end of range for compared alternatives



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## Recommended Geotechnical Alternative





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## Environmental Feasibility Study

- RI Report and Addenda Established Risk
  - Lead in Soil
  - Radium in Soil
  - PAHs in Soil
  - VOCs, SVOCs, PAHs in Groundwater



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## Environmental Alternatives

Alternative 1: No Action

Alternative 2: Lead, Radiological, Groundwater,  
Monolithic Cap (48- or 24-inch),  
LTM (LFG and GW), IC

Alternative 3: Lead, Radiological, Groundwater,  
Engineered Cap (RCRA "C"),  
LFG Control, LTM (GW), IC



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## Monolithic Cap

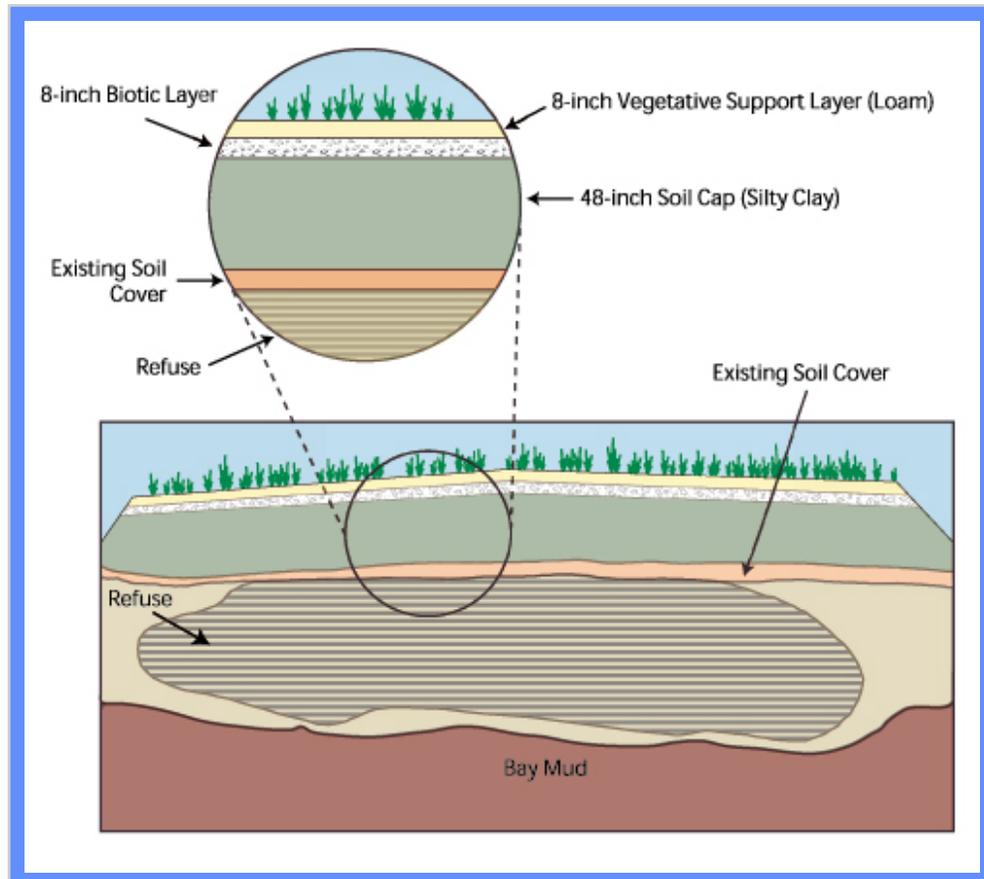
### Water Inflow

24-inch

11,753,000 gal/yr

48-inch

11,723,000 gal/yr





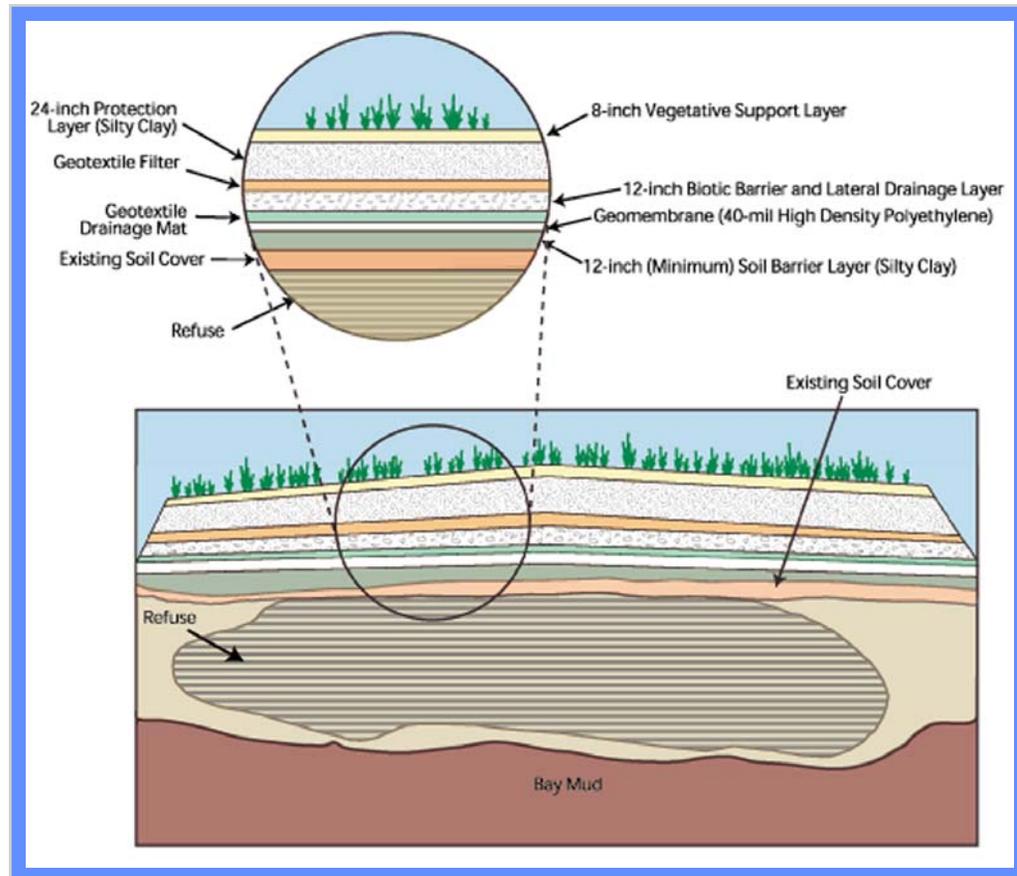
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## Engineered Cap

Water Inflow

508,000 gal/yr





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## Recommended Remedial Alternative

- 24-inch “Monolithic” Cap
- Funnel and Gate Groundwater Treatment
- Landfill Gas Monitoring



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## Strengths of Recommended Alternative

- Best satisfies 7 NCP criteria
  - Reduces risks to acceptable levels
  - Meets ARARs
  - Approximately equivalent effectiveness / significantly lower cost
    - 1 point (out of 30) difference in overall reduction of risk
    - 1 point (out of 10) difference in reduction of toxicity, mobility, volume
    - Equally technically and administratively feasible