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MINUTES FROM RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING DATED 8 AUGUST 1995  
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**COMMANDER, NAVAL BASE, CHARLESTON  
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)  
Minutes of 8 August 1995**

**1. Call to Order and Administrative Remarks.** The meeting was called to order by Captain Jim Augustin, Co-Chairman of the RAB. He also announced that Mr. Don Harbert was elected as the new Community Co-Chair. He asked for suggestions on where to hold future RAB meetings after September.

**2. RAB Members Present:**

Captain Jim Augustin	Mr. Stephen Best
Mr. Wilburn Gilliard	Mr. Donald Harbert
Mr. Virgil Johnston	Mr. Ralph Laney
Mr. Lou Mintz	Mr. Arthur Pinckney
Ms. Ann Ragan	Mr. Oliver Addison
Mr. Doyle Brittain	Mr. James Conner
Mr. Bobby Dearhart	Mr. Daryle Fontenot
Ms. Wannetta Mallett-Pratt	Mr. Robert Mikell
Ms. Jane Settle	Mr. Bob Veronee

**3. Visitors Present.**

Mr. Tony Hunt	SOUTHNAVFAC
Mr. Brian Stockmaster	SOUTHNAVFAC
CAPT W. F. Nold	CHASNAVSHIPYD
Mr. N. F. Johnson	CHASNAVSHIPYD
Ms. Jeri Johnson	CNCRDA
Mr. Todd Haverkost	EnSafe/Allen & Hoshall
Ms. Diane Cutler	EnSafe/Allen & Hoshall
Ms. Cathy Miller	COMNAVBASE PAO
LT Donna Murphy	COMNAVBASE PAO
Mr. Joe Bowers	SCDHEC
Mr. Terry Joyce	Charleston Post and Courier

**4. Comments on Minutes.**

The meeting was preceded by a tour for RAB members and media of sampling sites. Captain Augustin thanked Mr. Tony Hunt for the tour. Captain Augustin asked for comments on the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were accepted and will be placed in the repositories.

**5. Update on Environmental Cleanup.**

Mr. Tony Hunt of Southern Division passed out the Monthly Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Investigation (RFI) Progress Report for

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**July 1995. (Attached to these minutes is a copy of the report with a map showing where the various Zones are.)**

**He reported that there is still no change in the funding status for the Investigative Stage. Zones A,B,C,H and I are fully funded. Zone E is funded through December 1995. Zones J and L are funded for RFI Work Plans only. Remaining to be funded through the Corrective Measures Study stage are Zone E (from January 1996 through completion), Zones J and L (for implementation of the Work Plans), and Zones D, F, G, and K (to begin work plan preparation).**

**Progress in July was that the comments on the Draft Final Work Plan for Zone E have been received, addressed and the documents resubmitted for final approval. The combined Draft Final Work Plan comments have been received, addressed and resubmitted for Zones A and B. Zone H Draft Final RFI report was submitted for review in July.**

**One additional site was discovered in July. The site is located in the vicinity of the laboratory and x-ray room in Building 58. The total number of sites to investigate is 234.**

**Work expected for August includes field work in Zone A, B, and E, receiving regulatory comments on Zones J and L work plans and generating response to comments and revisions, and continuing Zone C and I field work.**

**Mr. Hunt presented a slide (attached) which summarized funding status. The data was the same as brought back by the Cleanup Team from a Philadelphia conference. The figures appear in the BRAC Cleanup Plan Abstract, a document which outlines the status of all Base cleanups and includes funding levels based on the President's budget submission to Congress.**

**Funding for both the investigation process and clean-up continues to be a main concern. Mrs. Mallette-Pratt asked if the lack of funding would prolong the cleanup process. Mr. Hunt responded by saying that the cleanup would definitely be prolonged and now it appears that the investigation will also be prolonged. Mr. Arthur Pinckney asked how would this affect the leasing process. Mr. Virgil Johnston of the Charleston Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority explained that this should not slow down the leasing process. A short term lease can still be entered into with future tenants. RAB members also wanted to know if improvement could be made to the property under a short term lease. CAPT Augustin said that improvements can be made, but leasees often ask themselves whether they should because of environmental unknown.**

**At reduced funding levels, Fast Track Cleanup as envisioned and briefed to the Defense Environmental Response Task Force in January 1995 will not be possible. Up until May 1995, we were in a situation where we asked for funds as soon as we**

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had a zone ready to work on contract and we would get the money. Now there are far more requirements than money and we will be constrained by funding availability.

CDR Moore, Base Transition Coordinator, stated that he understood that if the Base had an Environmental Baseline Survey approved the Finding of Suitability to Lease (FOSL) process would go a lot faster. He wanted to know when the final draft of the survey will be available from the regulators. Mr. Bobby Dearhart (BRAC Clean-up Team) stated that they have all the drafts and comments incorporated and should have it done in the next few weeks.

CAPT Augustin explained the BRAC Cleanup Plan Abstract. Environmental funding for Charleston is not approved by Congress on a line item basis. It is approved in a lump sum for all the BRAC environmental money for the Navy. It is then parceled out to Southern Division and all other Navy activities across the country. Southern Division then looks at all the requirements at Charleston and decide how best to distribute the money. It is expected that Congress will take what was submitted by the President and reduce the numbers. Again, we don't know what those final numbers will be and how money will be allocated. The BRAC Cleanup Plan Abstract is trying to give an idea of what those numbers will be with what we know today.

Mr. Laney stated that if this community doesn't stand up and be counted, it may not get the money necessary for cleanup from Congress. CAPT Augustin suggested Mr. Don Harbert take on the community concerns and be the focal point on these matters whether it's in the form of a letter or a visit to elected officials.

Mr. Dearhart asked if we received the money estimated for FY 96 cost to complete, do we have enough work to spend it on. Mr. Hunt stated that they have a list of the projects that will be executed. It will take a lot of work between the Navy and local agencies to use approaches like interim measures. We can substantiate keeping up with the schedule that was originally set for cost to complete. Mr. Doyle Brittain, Environmental Protection Agencies, asked Mr. Hunt to explain cost to complete. Mr. Hunt stated that it essentially says this is what it is going to cost to complete cleanup and the investigation. It is the total requirements for the cleanup.

Mr. Jim Conner wanted to know if we are spending too much time and money on investigation instead of cleanup. He also wanted to know if any cleanup has been done so that leasing can take place. Mr. Hunt stated that we have not done any cleanup and we are still in the investigative stages. Mr. Dearhart and other RAB members indicated that buildings can still be leased without cleanup. We must know what is out there before cleanup can begin. Congress mandates that we must go through testing before cleanup can begin. Ms. Johnson, of the RDA staff, stated that environmental cleanup does not affect the leasing process and they are moving forward with leasing. Companies are not looking to own and they realize there may

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be some sampling and remediation on the property they are utilizing. Nonetheless Mr. Conner pointed out that specific early cleanups of certain sites may be needed to attract reusers. Mr. Johnston stated that the RDA is doing a good job at leasing. They are currently negotiating and trying to line up leases with about 15 businesses.

**6. Update on Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).**

Mr. Dearhart stated that the EIS has been submitted and is out of the local area. A Record of Decision from the Secretary of the Navy is expected soon.

**7. Update on the Redevelopment Authority Actions.**

Mr. Johnston provided an update on the RDA. They are currently negotiating with the Border Patrol to move into Zone H. The Border Patrol wants to renovate the old barracks area and be in by 19 October 1995. They are expected to bring in 500 to 800 people. They are willing to pay a regime fee and give 3 millions dollars to fix up facilities. He also stated that FMB61 does not have to be cleaned up before the Border Patrol moves in, but, they must be issued an approval saying the building is usable. They are still negotiating with Babcock and Wilcox for a lease.

**8. Questions.**

Mr. Pinckney noted the need for more tours for the RAB members. Mr. Hunt responded that the Navy would like to have the RAB members see the roto-sonic drill in action as well as view soil sampling in the field.

Mrs. Mallette-Pratt asked for the status of Technical Assistance and Training for the RAB. A response was taken for future action.

Mr. Pinckney also asked about the status of the Shipyard Cleanup Detachment noting that the available funding might be used up on sampling and leave nothing for cleanup. Mr. Ralph Laney said that meetings between NAVSEA and NAVFAC were scheduled for 9-10 August and that funding is a principle concern. Cleanup work has been identified.

**9. Adjournment.**

It was announced that the next meeting will be held 12 September 1995 at the North Woods Atrium on Ashley Phosphate Road. Informal discussion time starts at 6:00 p.m. with a public hearing by the State at 6:30 p.m., followed by the regular RAB meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

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**Minutes recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Annie Perkins**  
**Secretary**

**Minutes approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**J. H. AUGUSTIN**  
**Co-Chairman**

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**DON HARBERT**  
**Co-Chairman**

**Attachments to Minutes**

- (1) Progress Report for July**
- (2) Monthly RCRA Facility Investigation  
(RFI) Report, July 1995**

Naval Base Charleston  
RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI)  
PROGRESS REPORT FOR JULY 1995

INVESTIGATIVE ZONES

- A. Warehousing and scrap metal yard
- B. Golf course and residential
- C. Office space and warehouse (NH-45, Navbase HQ)
- D. Parking lot, warehouses
- E. Shipyard
- F. Recreational areas and public works shops
- G. Fuel farm and transfer facility
- H. Southern end of the base excluding waterfront
- I. Southern end of the base including waterfront and dredge material area
- J. Ecological study area (waterbodies and certain areas on land)
- K. Non-contiguous areas
- L. Sewer systems and railroad system

FUNDING

- ◆ Funding status (Investigation only, no change from previous)
  - Fully funded: Zones A, B, C, H, I
  - Funded through December of 1995: Zone E
  - Funded for RFI Work Plans only: Zones J, L
- ◆ Remaining to fund for investigation (through Corrective Measures Study)
  - Zone E from beginning of 2nd qtr FY 96 to completion
  - Zones J and L implementation
  - All portions of investigation for Zones D, F, G and K

PROGRESS FOR ~~JUNE~~ July

- ◆ Zone E Draft Final work plan comments have been received, addressed and the document has been resubmitted for final approval.
- ◆ Zone A and B (combined) Draft Final work plan comments have been received, addressed and the document has been resubmitted for final approval.
- ◆ Zone H Draft Final RFI report was submitted for review.

- ◆ One additional site was discovered in ~~June~~<sup>July</sup>. The site is located in the vicinity of the laboratory and x-ray room in building 58. The concern is whether spills of mercury or silver that was used in these processes could have migrated to the soil and groundwater around the building. The RCRA Facility Assessment has been accomplished and is under review by the Navy. The determination of whether the site will be included in the RCRA Facility Investigation will be made in discussion with the EPA and SCDHEC. The following table reflects the total number of sites.

Number of sites to date

Solid Waste Management Units	195
Areas Of Concern	205
Total -	400
No Further Investigation at this time	165
Total to investigate	234

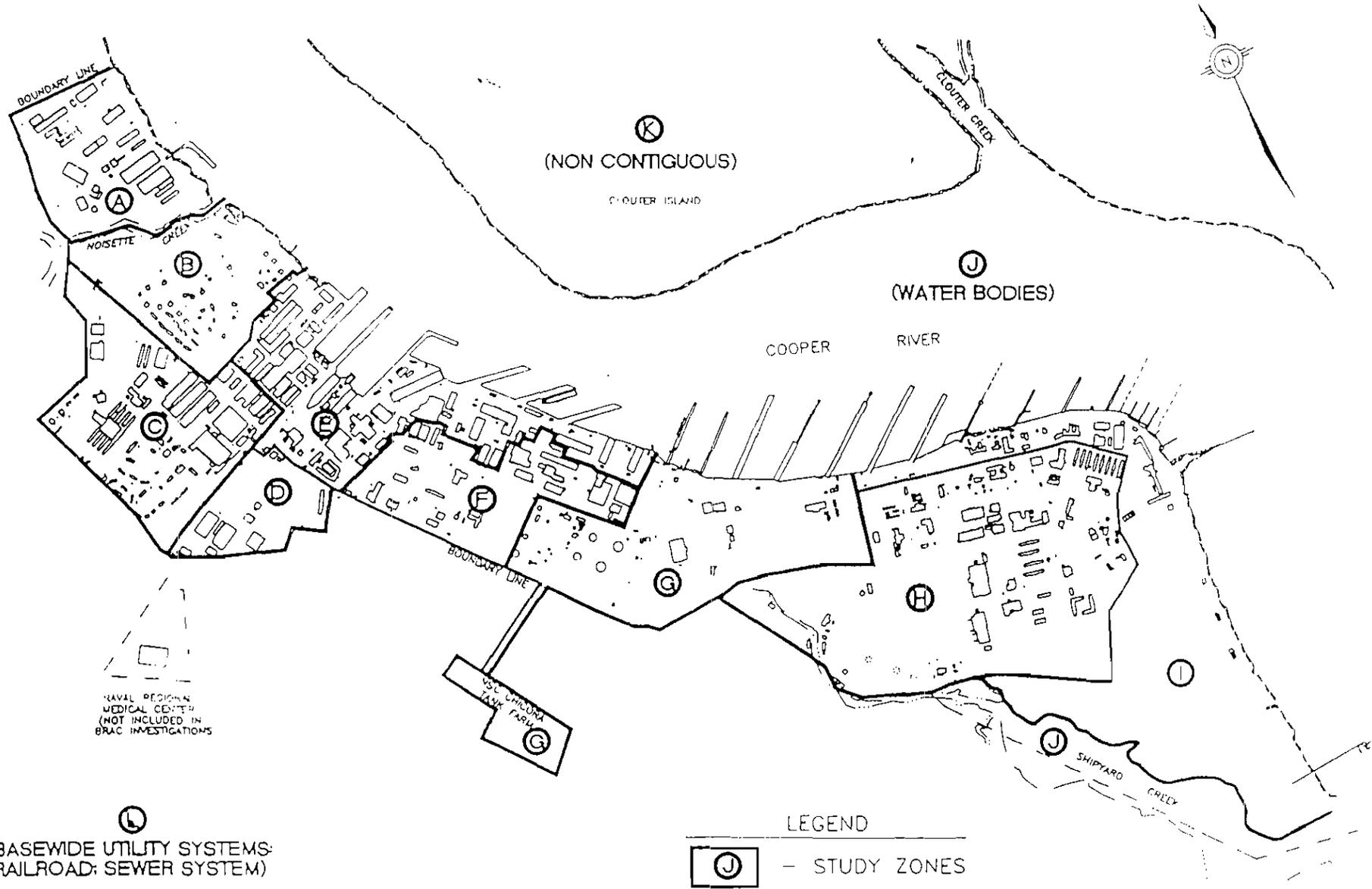
- ◆ Zone C and I field work continues, the following table provides a status.

Samples collected to date/Proposed samples

	Soil	Groundwater	Sediment	Surface Water	Wipe
Zone H	800/800	292/292	13/13	4/4	0
Zone I	184/204	55/55	22/22	5/5	18/18
Zone C	218/238	31/31	13/13	14/14	0

PROJECTED ACTIVITY FOR AUGUST

- ◆ Begin field work in Zone E.
- ◆ Begin field work in Zones A & B.
- ◆ Receive regulatory comments on Zones J and L work plans and generate response to comments and revisions if necessary.
- ◆ Continue Zone C and I field work.



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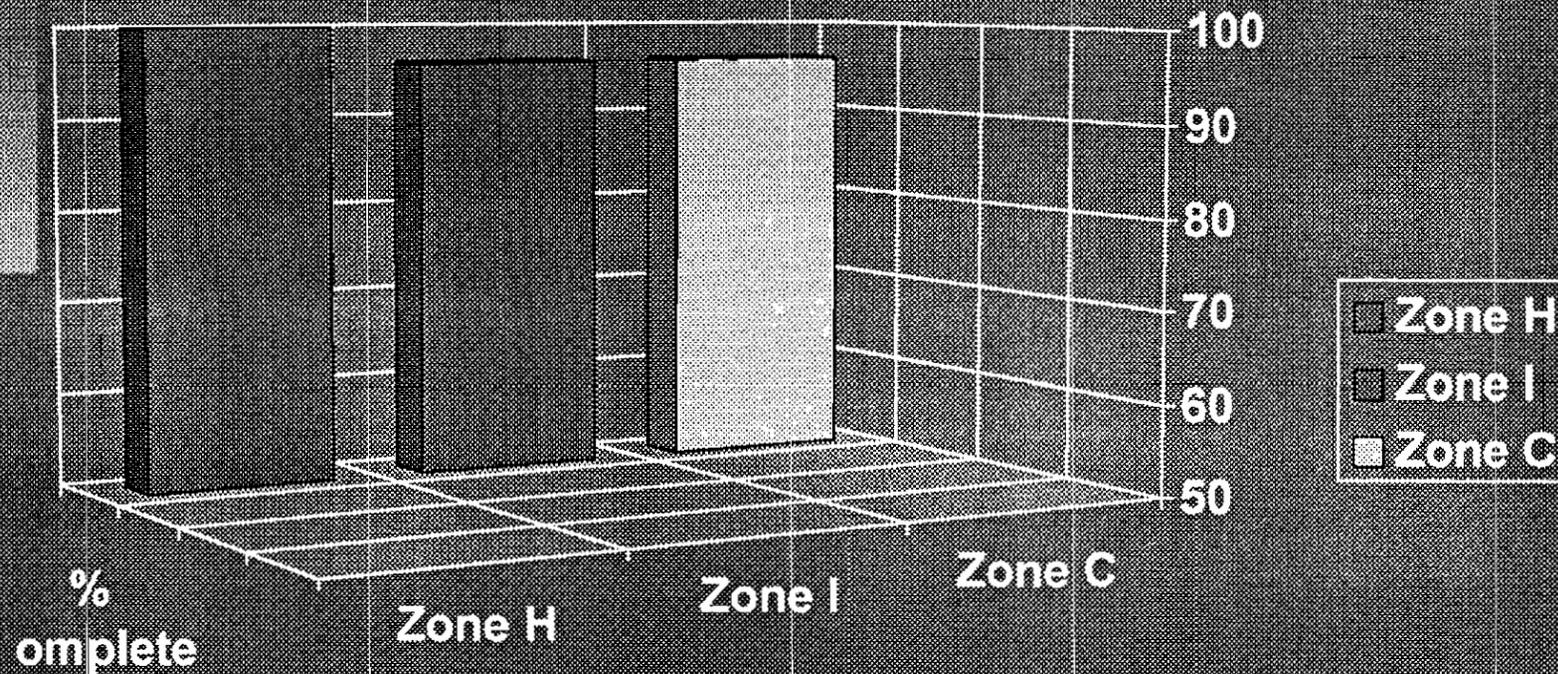
FIGURE 1-2  
BASE WIDE  
ZONE BOUNDARIES

DWG DATE: 01/13/95 DWG NAME: 29ZONE1

*Monthly RCRA Facility  
Investigation (RFI) Progress  
Report, JULY 1995*

TONY HUNT/  
BRIAN STOCKMASTER  
REMEDIAL PROJECT  
MANAGERS

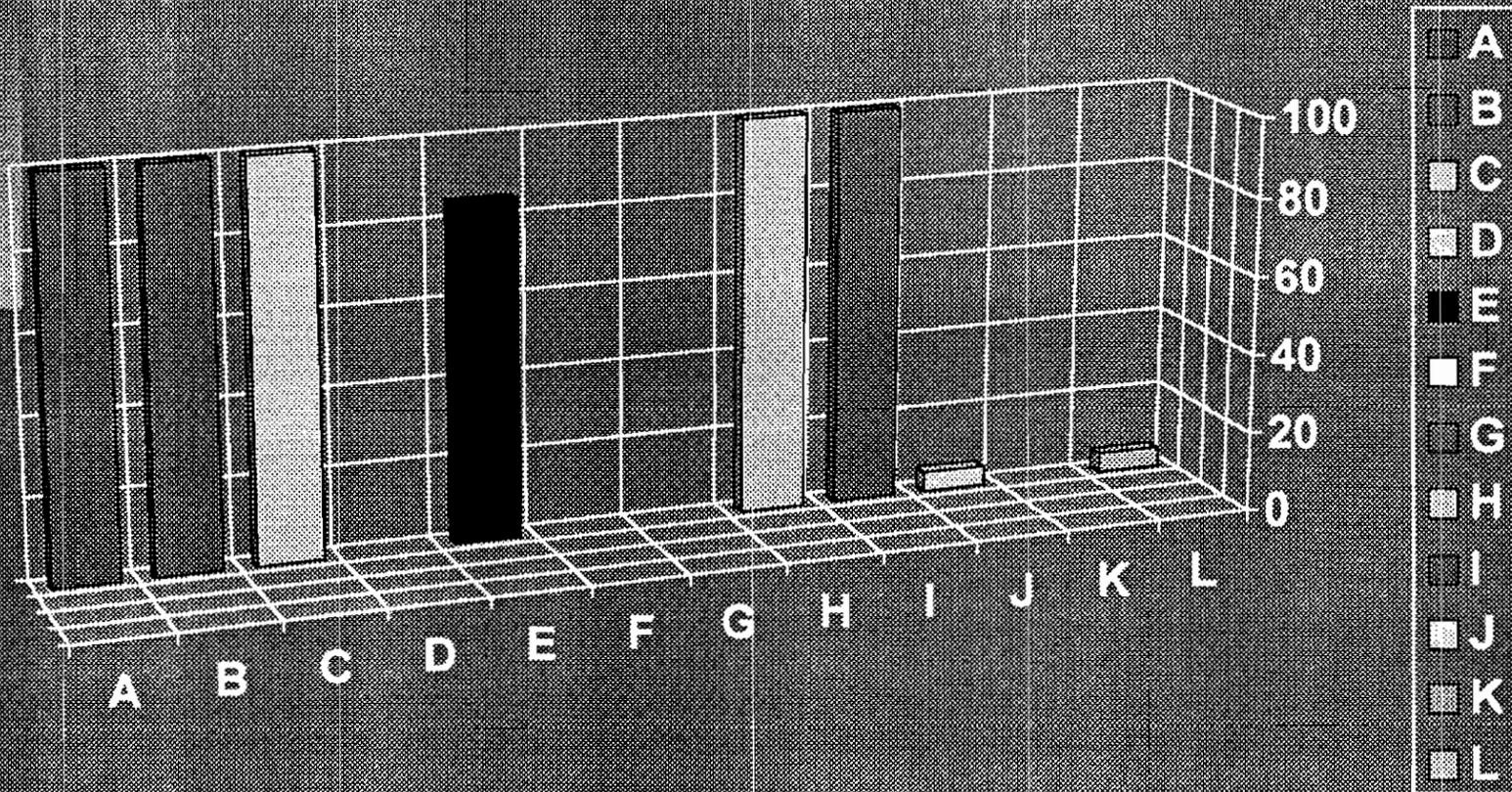
# Field Sampling Progress



# *JULY PROGRESS*

- *Zone E , A & B Draft Final Work Plan comments have been received, addressed and resubmitted*
- *Zones A and B Draft Final Work Plan comments have been received*
- *Zone H Draft Final RFI report has been submitted*

# Funding Status



# *Projected progress for August*

- *Receive regulatory comments on Zones J and L work plans*
- *Continue Zones C and I field work*
- *Begin field work in Zone E*
- *Begin filed work in Zones A & B*

# *Funding Picture*

■ <i>Fiscal Year</i>	95	96	97	98
■ <i>CTC</i>	-	\$31.9	\$78.3	\$34.1
■ <i>Abstracts</i>	\$16.5	\$9.9	\$10.4	\$1.9
■ <i>Actual</i>	\$12.7	?	?	?

# *Site Results*

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- *SWMU 9 Nature and Extent and Baseline Risk Assessment*