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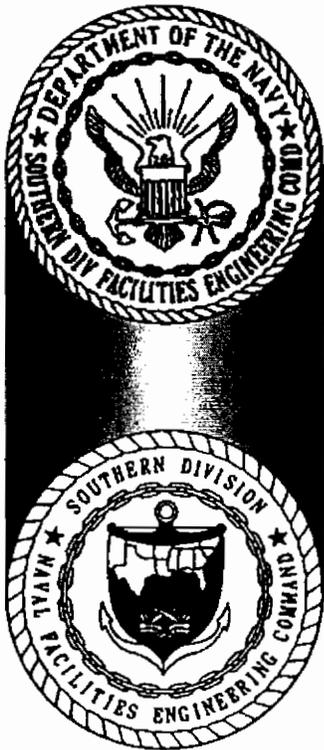
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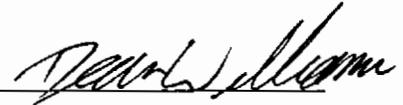
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# 1 **Acronyms and Abbreviations**

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2	AOC	Area of concern
3	BEQ	Benzo[a]pyrene equivalent
4	BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure Act
5	CA	Corrective action
6	CMS	Corrective measures study
7	CNC	Charleston Naval Complex
8	COC	Chemical of concern
9	CSI	Confirmatory Sampling Investigation
10	EnSafe	EnSafe, Inc.
11	EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
12	ft <sup>2</sup>	Square feet
13	ft bls	Feet below land surface
14	HI	Hazard index
15	ILCR	Incremental Lifetime Cancer Risk
16	µg/kg	Micrograms per kilogram
17	mg/kg	Milligrams per kilogram
18	LUC	Land use control
19	LUCIP	Land Use Control Implementation Plan
20	MCL	Maximum contaminant level
21	MCS	Media cleanup standard
22	NAVBASE	Naval Base
23	PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyl
24	PPE	Personal protective equipment
25	RAO	Remedial action objective
26	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
27	RDA	Redevelopment Authority
28	RFI	RCRA Facility Investigation
29	RGO	Remedial goal option
30	SCDHEC	South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

# 1 **Acronyms and Abbreviations, Continued**

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2	SWMU	Solid Waste Management Unit
3	SVOC	Semivolatile organic compound
4	VOC	Volatile organic compound
5	WWTS	Wastewater treatment system
6	yd <sup>3</sup>	Cubic yard

**Section 1.0**

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# 1.0 Introduction

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In 1993, Naval Base (NAVBASE) Charleston was added to the list of bases scheduled for closure as part of the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC), which regulates closure and transition of property to the community. The Charleston Naval Complex (CNC) was formed as a result of the dis-establishment of the Charleston Naval Shipyard and NAVBASE on April 1, 1996.

Corrective Action (CA) activities are being conducted under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) as the lead agency for CA activities at the CNC. All RCRA CA activities are performed in accordance with the Final Permit (Permit No. SC0 170 022 560). In April 2000, CH2M-Jones was awarded a contract to provide environmental investigation and remediation services at the CNC.

A RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Report Addendum and Corrective Measures Study (CMS) Work Plan (RFIRA/CMSWP) were prepared for Combined Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 23 in Zone E of the CNC (CH2M-Jones, 2002). The RFIRA/CMSWP presented the remedial action objectives (RAOs) and media cleanup standards (MCSs) proposed for Combined SWMU 23. This CMS report has been prepared by CH2M-Jones to complete the next stage of the CA process for Combined SWMU 23.

## 1.1 Corrective Measures Study Report Purpose and Scope

This CMS report evaluates corrective measure (remedial) alternatives for preventing unacceptable exposure to benzo[a]pyrene equivalents (BEQs) and lead contamination found in surface soil at Combined SWMU 23. BEQs and lead in surface soil were identified as chemicals of concern (COCs) for the unrestricted (i.e., residential) future land use scenario. BEQs in surface soil were identified as COCs for the industrial land use scenario. Figure 1-1 illustrates the original location of Combined SWMU 23 within Zone E. Figure 1-2 is an aerial photograph showing the layout of Combined SWMU 23.

This CMS report consists of: 1) the identification of a set of corrective measure alternatives that are considered to be technically appropriate for addressing BEQ- and lead-impacted soil; 2) an evaluation of the alternatives using standard criteria from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) RCRA guidance; and 3) the selection of a recommended (preferred) corrective measure alternative for the site.

1 This focused CMS evaluates the options for meeting the RAOs, which are described in  
2 Section 2.0 of this CMS report. The two remedies considered for achieving the RAOs are: 1)  
3 soil excavation and offsite disposal with land use controls (LUCs), and 2) LUCs. The  
4 remedial activities associated with soil removal include excavation, backfilling, pavement  
5 (including the replacement of), and offsite disposal. The remedial activities that are  
6 associated with LUCs include maintaining the existing site use (commercial/industrial) and  
7 site controls (pavement/building), an LUC Implementation Plan (LUCIP) agreement  
8 between the Navy and the State of South Carolina, and long-term monitoring and review.

## 9 **1.2 Background Information**

10 This section of the CMS report presents background information on the facility, site history,  
11 and a summary of the nature and extent of the COCs at the site. This information is  
12 important to the understanding of the remedial goal options (RGOs), MCSs, and ultimately  
13 the evaluation of corrective measure alternatives for Combined SWMU 23. Additional  
14 information on the site and hydrogeology in the Zone E area of the CNC is provided in the  
15 *Zone E RFI Report, Revision 0* (EnSafe Inc. [EnSafe], 1997).

### 16 **1.2.1 Facility Description**

17 The Combined SWMU 23 area is located in and around Building 226, as can be seen in  
18 Figure 1-1. Prior to the construction of Building 226 in 1976, this area of Zone E originally  
19 included Buildings 1026, 73, and 1387, which were all demolished prior to the construction  
20 of Building 226. Building 1026 was used as a field electric shop and a storehouse. Building  
21 73 was a battery charging area. No information is available regarding the historic operations  
22 at Building 1387.

23 This area of Zone E is zoned M-2 (for industrial land use). The CNC RCRA Permit identified  
24 SWMU 23 as requiring an RFI, and the other units within Combined SWMU 23 as requiring  
25 a Confirmatory Sampling Investigation (CSI).

### 26 **1.2.2 Site History**

#### 27 **SWMU 23**

28 SWMU 23 is located outside Building 226 on the northeast corner, and is the location of the  
29 former wastewater treatment system (WWTS) associated with Building 226. The WWTS  
30 building is a concrete structure built around 1983 to replace an older system. The newer  
31 WWTS was installed to handle chrome effluent, acid/alkali effluent from metal plating, and  
32 cadmium effluent. The WWTS consisted of rinse water pumps, holding tanks, transfer

1 pumps, a clarifier, a neutralization tank, and a plate and frame filter press. The WWTS is no  
2 longer in use.

### 3 **SWMU 63**

4 SWMU 63 is in the area occupied by former Building 73, a battery-charging station which  
5 operated from 1941 to approximately 1970. Currently the site is occupied by Building 226,  
6 and it is used as a valve repair shop and a storage building in support of the shipyard.

### 7 **AOC 540**

8 AOC 540 consists of Building 226 and includes the former location of Building 73 (SWMU  
9 63). Operations conducted at AOC 540 include a former pump and valve test area, a plating  
10 area, and a hydraulic repair area. A wet scrubber, plating dip tanks, a sludge pit, and a  
11 waste treatment facility were associated with this facility. Currently, the former pump and  
12 valve test areas and the hydraulic repair areas in Building 226 are being used as a valve  
13 repair shop and for storage in support of the shipyard. The plating tanks are not being used.

### 14 **AOC 541**

15 AOC 541 is the area of former Building 38, an oil storage house, which operated from 1909  
16 until 1939, and was demolished in 1970. No other information was found during the RFI  
17 regarding its historical operating practices. The site is currently an asphalt parking lot  
18 between Buildings 6 and 226, west of Building 226.

### 19 **AOC 542**

20 AOC 542 is located in the area of former Building 22, which was a paint shop and  
21 oxyacetylene plant. Operations of the oxyacetylene plant began in 1922, and in 1943 the  
22 building was converted into a paint shop and served that purpose until it was demolished  
23 in 1976. During this period, paint stripping using chemicals and abrasives was conducted.  
24 Currently this site is an open paved area between Buildings 3, 6, and 226.

### 25 **AOC 543**

26 AOC 543 is the site of former Building 1026, which was constructed in 1922 and used as a  
27 storehouse until 1943. From 1943 to 1955, the site was a field electric shop. From 1955 until  
28 approximately 1970, this site was used again as a storehouse. This area is now under the  
29 footprint of Building 226.

30 A review of historical engineering drawings for the Combined SWMU 23 site shows that  
31 railroad lines were installed between 1929 and 1935 adjacent to and across Combined  
32 SWMU 23. A copy of the site location from the Public Works Map of the Charleston Navy

1 Shipyard dated June 30, 1935, depicting the presence of railroad lines at the site is provided  
2 in Appendix A of this report.

3 The materials of concern, which were indicated in the *Final Zone E RFI Work Plan, Revision 1*  
4 (EnSafe Inc. [EnSafe]/Allen & Hoshall, 1995) for these sites are as follows:

- 5 • SWMU 23: Sulfuric acid, sodium metabisulfite, sodium hydroxide, potassium  
6 hydroxide, chromium, and cadmium.
- 7 • SWMU 63: Acids and metals.
- 8 • AOC 540: Acids, metals, hydraulic fluid, and petroleum hydrocarbons.
- 9 • AOCs 541 and 543: Petroleum hydrocarbons.
- 10 • AOC 542: Acids, metals, paints, solvents, acetylene gas, and abrasive grit.

11 Regulatory review was conducted on the *Zone E RFI Report, Revision 0* (EnSafe, 1997), and a  
12 draft response to the comments from SCDHEC were prepared by the Navy/EnSafe team.  
13 The RFIRA/CMSWP, prepared by CH2M-Jones, identified BEQs and lead as COCs in  
14 surface soil at Combined SWMU 23. Detailed information on the analytical results and the  
15 screening of those results for the determination of COCs can be found in the *Zone E RFI*  
16 *Report, Revision 0*, and the *RFI Report Addendum and CMS Work Plan for Combined SWMU 23,*  
17 *Zone E, Revision 0* (CH2M-Jones, 2002).

### 18 **1.2.3 Soil COC Summary**

19 Soil was sampled during two sampling events at Combined SWMU 23 during the RFI at the  
20 locations shown in Figure 1-3. RFI soil samples at Combined SWMU 23 were analyzed for  
21 volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs),  
22 pesticides/polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), cyanides, metals, organotins, and pH.

23 The COCs identified in the RFI Report and the RFI Report Addendum at Combined SWMU  
24 23 were the following:

- 25 • Unrestricted (i.e., Residential) Land Use Scenario – BEQs and lead in surface soil
- 26 • Commercial/Industrial Land Use Scenario– BEQs in surface soil

27 This CMS focuses on these COCs in surface soil. No COCs were identified for the subsurface  
28 soil or groundwater at this site.

1 Detailed information on the analytical results and the screening of those results for the  
2 determination of COCs can be found in the *Zone E RFI Report, Revision 0* and the *RFI Report*  
3 *Addendum and CMS Work Plan for Combined SWMU 23, Zone E, Revision 0*.

## 4 **1.3 Report Organization**

5 This CMS report consists of the following sections, including this introductory section:

6 **1.0 Introduction** — Presents the purpose of and background information relating to this  
7 CMS report.

8 **2.0 Remedial Goal Options and Proposed Media Cleanup Standards**— Defines the RGOs  
9 and proposed MCSs for Combined SWMU 23, in addition to the criteria used in evaluating  
10 the corrective measure alternatives for the site.

11 **3.0 Overall Approach for Evaluating Focused Alternatives for Combined SWMU 23 –**  
12 Describes the alternative development process and presents the detailed evaluation criteria.

13 **4.0 Description of Candidate Corrective Measure Alternatives** — Describes each of the  
14 candidate corrective measure alternatives for addressing BEQs and lead in soil.

15 **5.0 Evaluation and Comparison of Corrective Measure Alternatives** -- Evaluates each  
16 alternative relative to standard criteria, then compares the alternatives and the degree to  
17 which they meet or achieve the evaluation criteria.

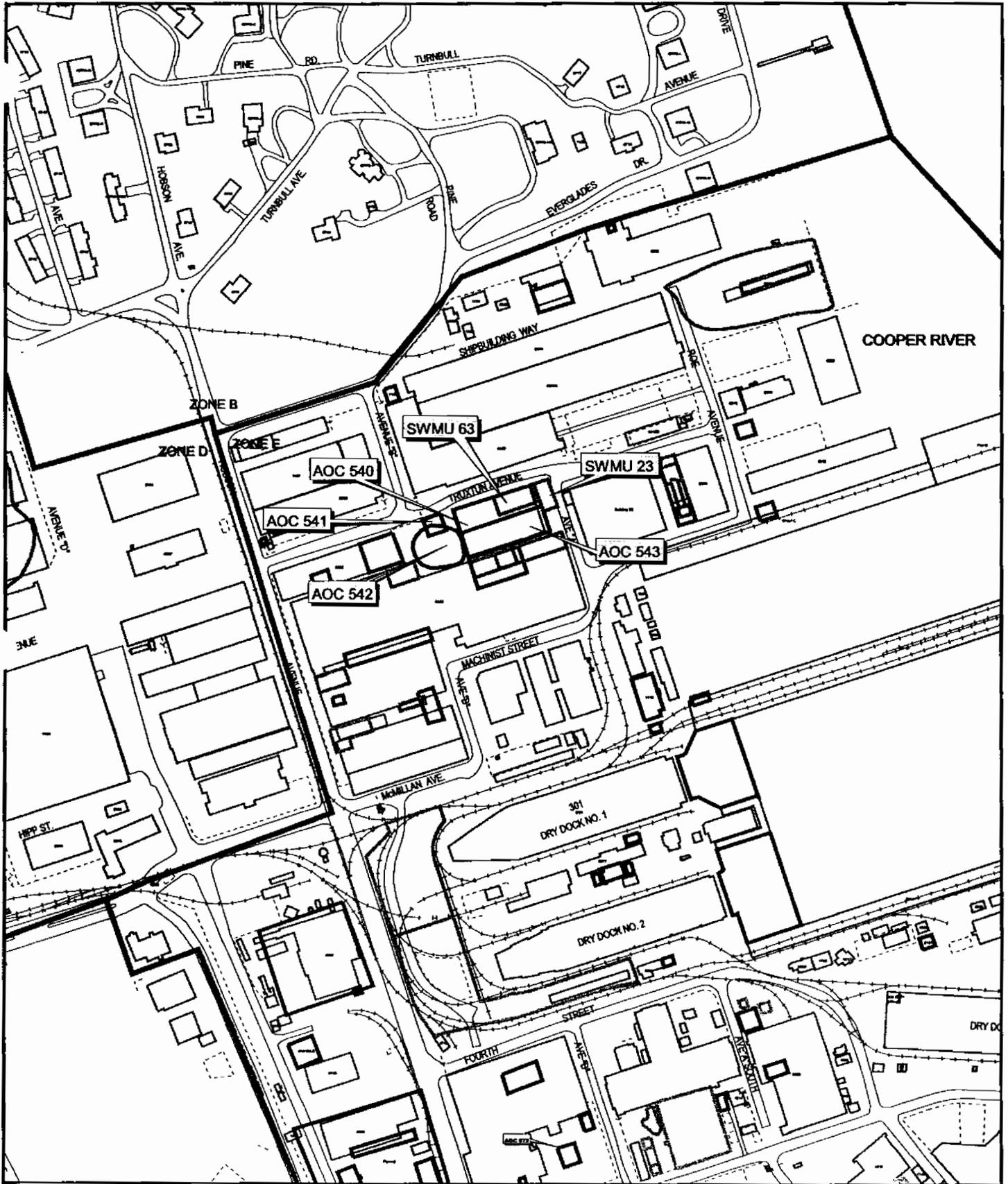
18 **6.0 Recommended Corrective Measure Alternative** — Describes the preferred corrective  
19 measure alternative to achieve the MCS and RGOs for BEQs and lead in soil based on a  
20 comparison of the alternatives.

21 **7.0 References**— Lists the references used in this document.

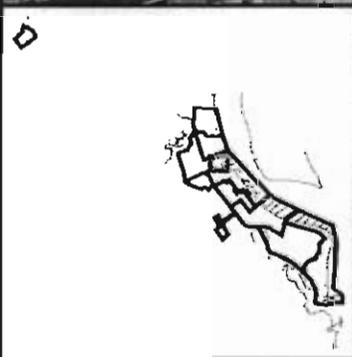
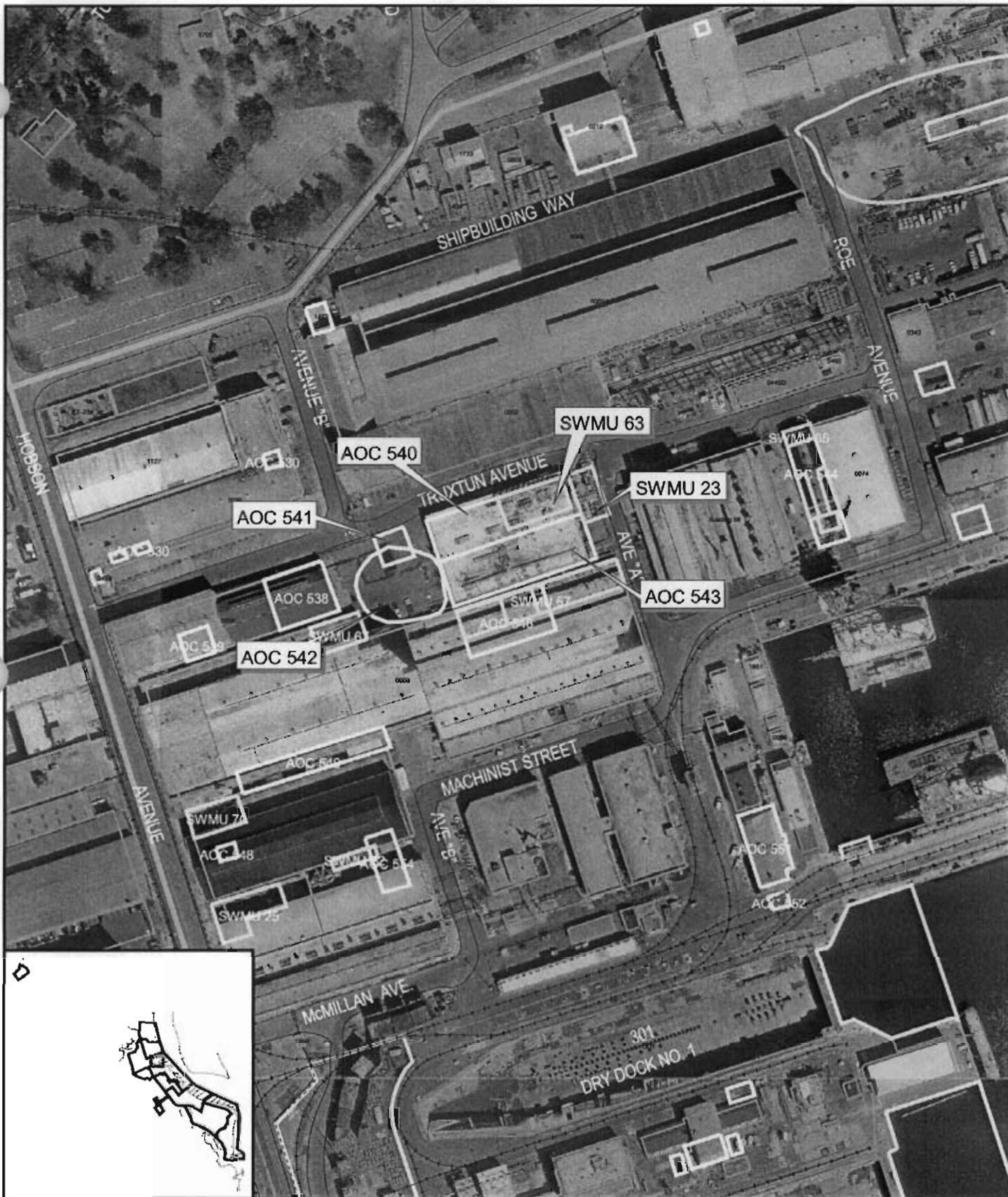
22 **Appendix A** contains a figure from the Public Works Map of the Charleston Navy Shipyard  
23 dated June 30, 1935, which depicts the historical presence of railroad lines at the Combined  
24 SWMU 23 site.

25 **Appendix B** contains cost estimates developed for the proposed corrective measure  
26 alternatives.

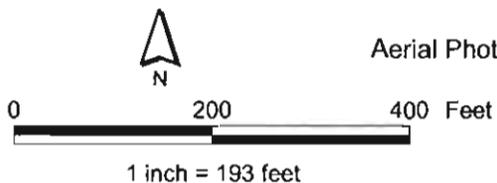
27 All tables and figures appear at the end of their respective sections.



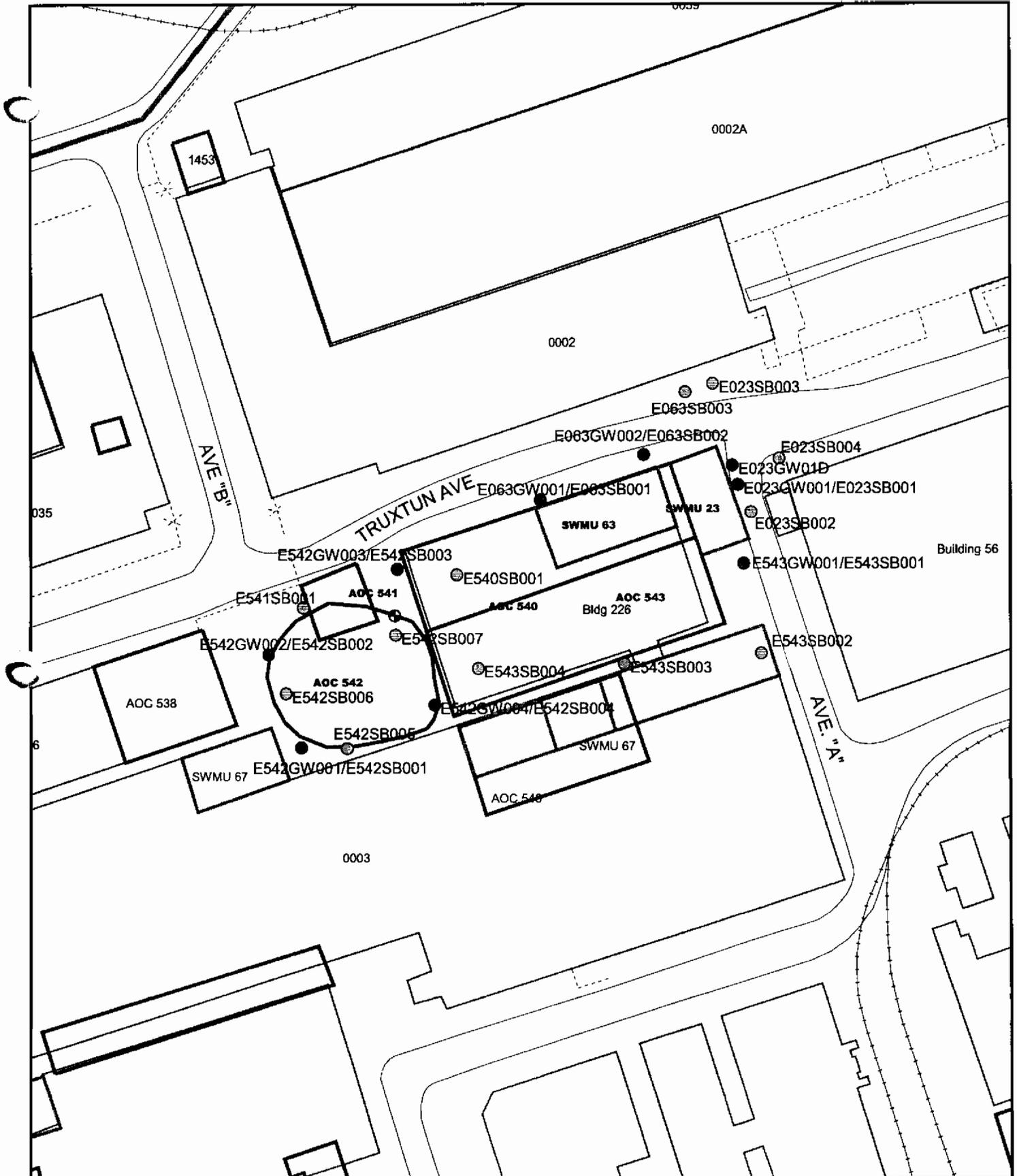
**Figure 1-1**  
 Location of Combined SWMU 23 in Zone E  
 Charleston Naval Complex



- Fence
- Roads
- AOC Boundary
- SWMU Boundary
- Buildings



**Figure 1-2**  
 Aerial Photograph of Combined SWMU 23  
 Zone E  
 Charleston Naval Complex



**Figure 1-3**  
RFI Sampling Locations  
Combined SWMU 23, Zone E  
Charleston Naval Complex

## 2.0 Remedial Goal Options and Proposed Media Cleanup Standards

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RGOs and MCSs are typically developed after the RFI during development of the CMSWP. RGOs can be based on a variety of criteria, such as drinking water maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), specific incremental lifetime cancer risk (ILCR) target levels (e.g., 1E-04, 1E-05, or 1E-06), target Hazard Index (HI) levels (e.g., 0.1, 1.0, 3.0), or site background concentrations. When area background concentrations are higher than the health protection-based concentrations, the background levels are the target MCSs. Achieving these goals should protect human health and the environment, while achieving compliance with applicable state and federal standards.

### 2.1 Remedial Action Objectives

RAOs are medium-specific goals that protect human health and the environment by preventing or reducing exposures under current and future land use conditions. In the *RFI Report Addendum and CMS Work Plan for Combined SWMU 23, Zone E, Revision 0* (CH2M-Jones, 2002), the RAO for surface soil is to prevent ingestion and direct/dermal contact with soil containing COCs at unacceptable levels.

### 2.2 Media Cleanup Standards

The MCSs for Combined SWMU 23 were presented in the RFIRA/CMSWP. The CNC BEQ sitewide reference concentration of 1,304 micrograms per kilogram ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ ) developed by the BCT was recommended in the CMSWP as the MCS for BEQs in surface soil. For lead, the target MCS for surface soil should be the Zone E maximum background concentration of lead in surface soil of 400 milligrams per kilogram ( $\text{mg}/\text{kg}$ ). This lead value is also the concentration generally accepted by EPA as adequately protective to allow for unrestricted land use.

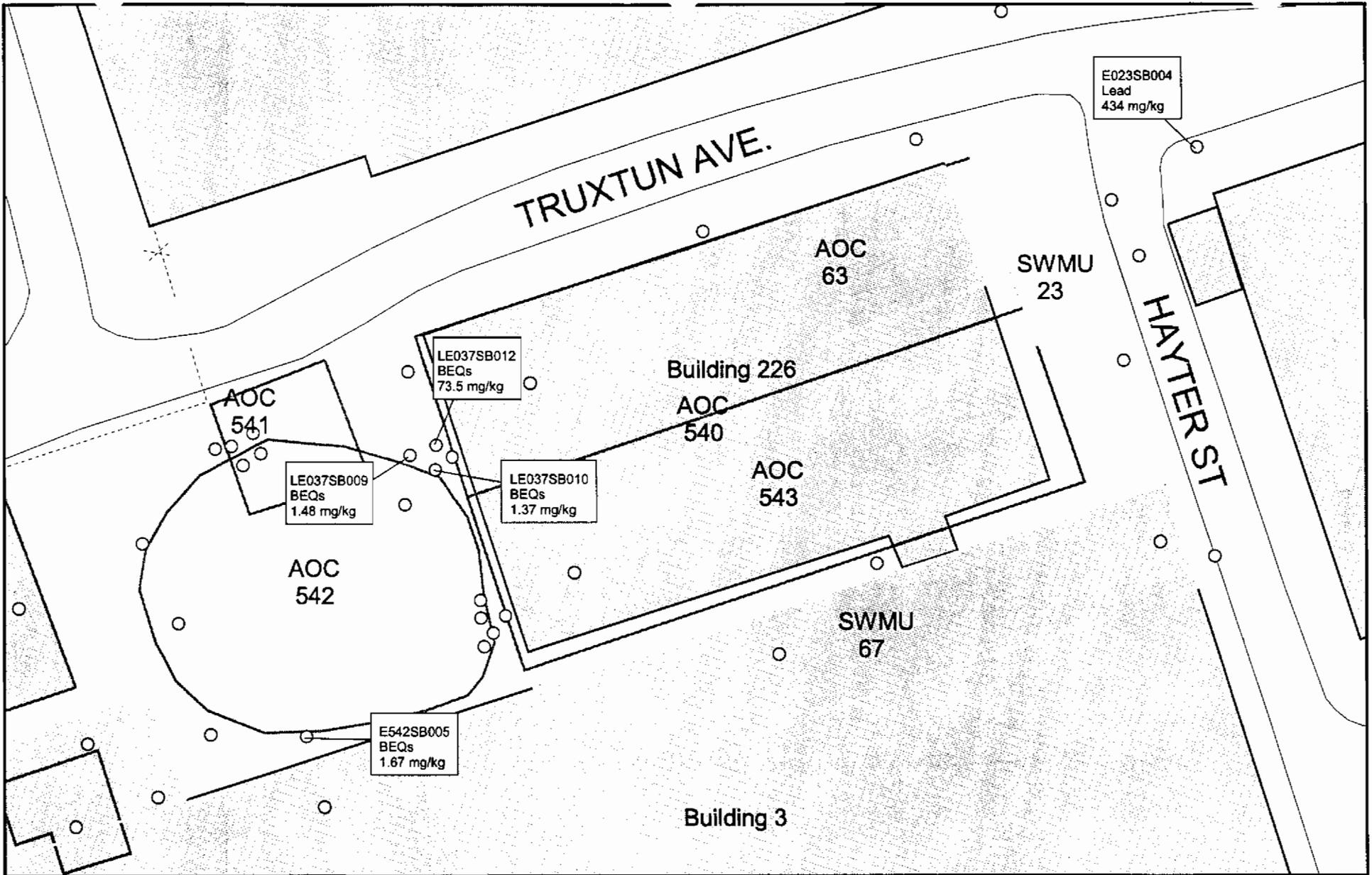
The pattern of distribution of BEQs in surface soil at this combined site indicates four areas of exceedances. Four surface soil samples (E542SB005, LE037SB009, LE037SB010, and LE037SB012) had BEQ concentrations above the CNC sitewide BEQ reference concentration of 1.304  $\text{mg}/\text{kg}$ , at 1.67  $\text{mg}/\text{kg}$ , 1.48  $\text{mg}/\text{kg}$ , 1.37  $\text{mg}/\text{kg}$ , and 73.5  $\text{mg}/\text{kg}$ , respectively.

1 The pattern of distribution of lead in surface soil indicates one area of exceedance. One  
2 surface soil detection at location E23SB004 had a lead concentration above the EPA Region  
3 III residential risk-based concentration (RBC) of 400 mg/kg, at 434 mg/kg. These locations  
4 are shown in Figure 2-1.

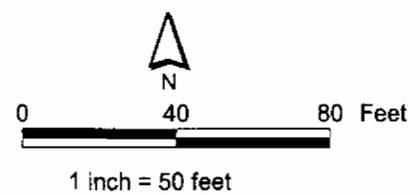
5 The focus of this CMS is to evaluate alternatives that will achieve the RAOs described  
6 above. The corrective measure alternatives evaluated include:

- 7 1) Soil removal and offsite disposal with LUCs, and
- 8 2) LUCs

9 These alternatives are discussed in Section 4.0 of this CMS report.



- Surface Soil Boring
- ▭ Buildings
- ∧ Roads
- ∧ Fence
- ∧ Railroads
- ▭ AOC Boundary
- ▭ SWMU Boundary



**Figure 2-1**  
 Surface Soil Exceedances  
 Combined SWMU 23, Zone E  
 Charleston Naval Complex

**Section 3.0**

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## 3.0 Overall Approach for Evaluating Focused Alternatives for Combined SWMU 23

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### 3.1 Preferred Remedies

A variety of corrective measure approaches are conceptually feasible for addressing BEQs and lead in soil at Combined SWMU 23. However, remedy selection at the CNC has focused on a few demonstrated technologies. For contaminants in soil that are limited in area, the preferred technologies that are expected to be effective at the CNC include: 1) soil excavation and offsite disposal with LUCs, and 2) LUCs. Generally, at sites with limited soil contamination, a preference exists for implementing one of these remedies to expedite the remedy selection and implementation processes, improve predictability of the remedy, and lower costs. These candidate alternatives are screened and evaluated using the conventional criteria presented below.

In this focused CMS, these two alternatives will be described (Section 4.0), evaluated in detail (Section 5.0), and one will be proposed as a recommended alternative (Section 6.0).

### 3.2 Evaluation Criteria

According to the EPA RCRA CA guidance, corrective measure alternatives should be evaluated using the following five criteria:

1. Protection of human health and the environment
2. Attainment of MCSs
3. The control of the source of releases to minimize future releases that may pose a threat to human health and the environment
4. Compliance with applicable standards for the management of wastes generated by remedial activities
5. Other factors, including (a) long-term reliability and effectiveness; (b) reduction in toxicity, mobility, or volume of wastes; (c) short-term effectiveness; (d) implementability; and (e) cost

Each of these criteria is defined in more detail below:

- 1 1. **Protection of human health and the environment.** The alternatives will be evaluated on  
2 the basis of their ability to protect human health and the environment. The ability of an  
3 alternative to achieve this criterion may or may not be independent of its ability to  
4 achieve the other criteria. For example, an alternative may be protective of human  
5 health, but may not be able to attain the MCSs if the MCSs were not developed based on  
6 human health protection factors.
- 7 2. **Attainment of MCSs.** The alternatives will be evaluated on the basis of their ability to  
8 achieve the MCS defined in this CMS. Another aspect of this criterion is the time frame  
9 required to achieve the MCS. Estimates of the time frame for the alternatives to achieve  
10 RGOs will be provided.
- 11 3. **The control of the source of releases.** This criterion deals with the control of releases of  
12 contamination from the source (the area in which the contamination originated) and the  
13 prevention of future migration to uncontaminated areas.
- 14 4. **Compliance with applicable standards for management of wastes.** This criterion deals  
15 with the management of wastes derived from implementing the alternatives (i.e.,  
16 treatment or disposal of contaminated soil removed from excavations). Corrective  
17 measure alternatives will be designed to comply with all standards for management of  
18 wastes. Consequently, this criterion will not be explicitly included in the detailed  
19 evaluation presented in the CMS, but such compliance would be incorporated into the  
20 cost estimates for which this criterion is relevant.
- 21 5. **Other factors.** Five other factors are to be considered if an alternative is found to meet  
22 the four criteria described above. These other factors are as follows:
  - 23 a. **Long-term reliability and effectiveness**  
24 Corrective measure alternatives will be evaluated on the basis of their reliability, and  
25 the potential impact should the alternative fail. In other words, a qualitative  
26 assessment will be made as to the chance of the alternative's failing and the  
27 consequences of that failure.
  - 28 b. **Reduction in the toxicity, mobility, or volume of wastes**  
29 Alternatives with technologies that reduce the toxicity, mobility, or volume of the  
30 contamination will be generally favored over those that do not. Consequently, a  
31 qualitative assessment of this factor will be performed for each alternative.
  - 32 c. **Short-term effectiveness**

1 Alternatives will be evaluated on the basis of the risk they create during the  
2 implementation of the remedy. Factors that may be considered include fire,  
3 explosion, and exposure of workers to hazardous substances.

4 d. Implementability

5 The alternatives will be evaluated for their implementability by considering any  
6 difficulties associated with conducting the alternatives (such as the construction  
7 disturbances they may create), operation of the alternatives, and the availability of  
8 equipment and resources to implement the technologies comprising the alternatives.

9 e. Cost

10 A net present value of each alternative will be developed. These cost estimates will  
11 be used for the relative evaluation of the alternatives, not to bid or budget the work.  
12 The estimates will be based on information available at the time of the CMS and on a  
13 conceptual design of the alternative. They will be "order-of-magnitude" estimates  
14 with a generally expected accuracy of -50 percent to +100 percent for the scope of  
15 action described for each alternative. The estimates will be categorized into capital  
16 costs and operations and maintenance costs for each alternative.



## 4.0 Description of Candidate Corrective Measure Alternatives

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### 4.1 General Description of Alternatives

Two candidate corrective measure alternatives were selected for this site:

- Alternative 1: Soil Excavation and Offsite Disposal with LUCs
- Alternative 2: LUCs

The implementation of Alternative 1 would involve the removal of soil at locations where BEQ and lead concentrations exceed the MCS. Five areas at the site will require surface soil removal in order for site soils to meet the MCS for BEQs and lead:

- Sample location E542SB005. This location is beneath concrete/asphalt pavement, and removal and replacement of the pavement would be required to complete the soil removal.
- Sample location LE037SB009. This location is beneath concrete/asphalt pavement, and removal and replacement of the pavement would be required as part of the excavation.
- Sample location LE037SB010. This location is beneath concrete/asphalt pavement, and removal and replacement of the pavement would be required as part of the excavation.
- Sample location LE037SB012. This location is beneath concrete/asphalt pavement, and removal and replacement of the pavement would be required as part of the excavation.
- Sample location E023SB004. This location is in an unpaved area, and no pavement removal or replacement is required as part of the excavation.

The approximate soil areas estimated to be necessary for removal to achieve the MCS for Alternative 1 is shown in Figure 4-1. A 20-percent scope contingency is also assumed and included in the cost for this alternative.

Additionally, because Combined SWMU 23 is located within Zone E of the CNC, LUCs will be applied to this site even after excavation and removal of the impacted soil. Thus, LUCs will also be an integral part of the remedy for this site even after the soil excavation.

- 1 For Alternative 2, it is assumed that the LUCs will include the following administrative  
2 controls:
- 3 • Restrictions limiting the property land use to non-residential uses.
  - 4 • Restrictions to maintain the extent of paved area, unless a demonstration is made that  
5 changing a currently paved area to unpaved status will not cause one of the RAOs to not  
6 be met.

7 The sections below describe each alternative in detail.

## 8 **4.2 Alternative 1: Soil Excavation and Offsite Disposal with** 9 **Land Use Controls**

### 10 **4.2.1 Description of Alternative**

11 This alternative will remove contaminated soil in areas that exceed the MCS established in  
12 Section 2.0. Exceedance locations will involve soil removal in the areas shown in Figure 4-1.  
13 It is assumed that the pavement would be removed to access surface soil exceeding the MCS  
14 and be replaced.

15 Excavated soil would be transported to a permitted landfill facility for long-term disposal,  
16 and the excavation would be filled with clean fill from an offsite borrow source. Once the  
17 soil is removed, the site would be acceptable for unrestricted land use, with no long-term  
18 monitoring required. However, because the site is located in Zone E, there will continue to  
19 be LUCs that apply to the entire zone. These LUCs are expected to include restrictions of the  
20 property to non-residential activities.

21 The proposed excavation areas involve three locations consisting of a total of five separate  
22 pavement areas. The five pavement areas are each approximately 10 feet by 10 feet, for a  
23 total excavated area of 500 square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>) (see Figure 4-1). The removal and replacement of  
24 this pavement will be required to access all of the soil proposed for removal. For an  
25 assumed average depth of soil excavation of 1 ft below land surface (bls), the total in-place  
26 volume of soil to be removed from the two areas is about 18.5 cubic yards (yd<sup>3</sup>), plus a 1-ft  
27 thick pavement structure with an approximate volume of 18.5yd<sup>3</sup>. Confirmation sampling  
28 would involve eight sidewall samples and three bottom samples in the three adjacent  
29 excavations at LE037SB009, LE037SB0010 and LE037SB0012, and four sidewall samples and  
30 one bottom sample in each of the isolated excavations at E542SB005 and E023SB004. There  
31 will be a total of 21 confirmatory samples. A quantity of clean backfill equal to the quantity

1 of excavated soil will be required to fill in the excavated areas, and enough concrete or  
2 bituminous asphalt to replace the excavated pavement.

### 3 **4.2.2 Other Considerations**

4 Coordination with the CNC Redevelopment Authority (RDA) would be required for site  
5 restrictions during excavation and traffic control for the haul trucks. The potential for  
6 expansion of scope during confirmation testing is moderate. Thus, a 20-percent scope  
7 contingency is assumed.

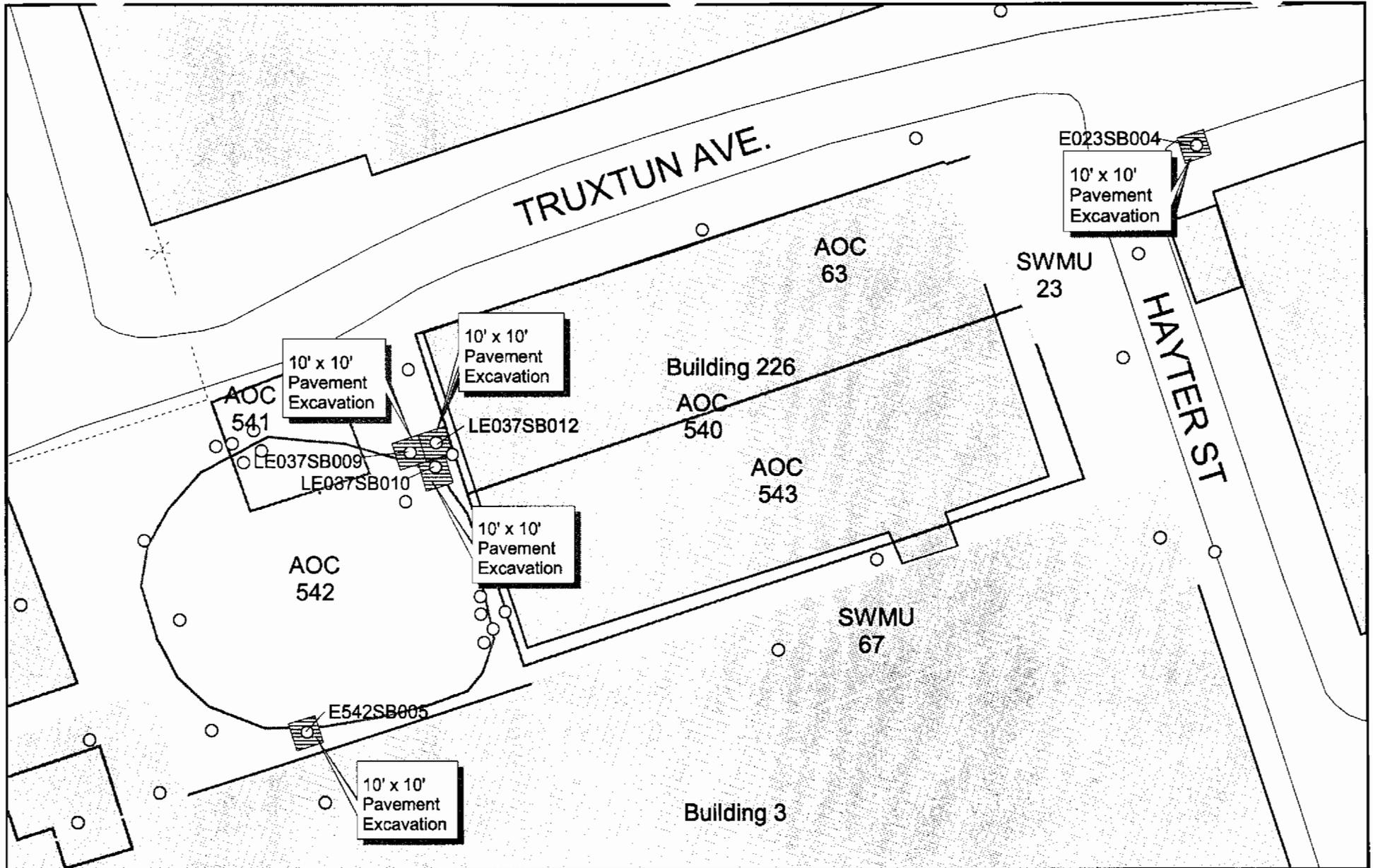
## 8 **4.3 Alternative 2: Land Use Controls**

### 9 **4.3.1 Description of Alternative**

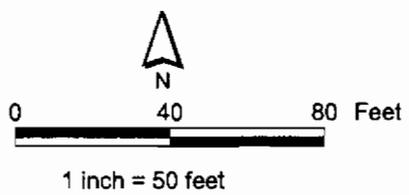
10 This alternative involves leaving the contaminated soil (and co-located overlying pavement)  
11 in place, and instituting administrative/legal controls to restrict future use of the land. The  
12 controls would limit land use to activities that present less frequent exposure by sensitive  
13 populations to surface soil and preclude uncontrolled disturbance to the contaminated soil,  
14 thus minimizing the potential for human exposure to the contamination. The addition of  
15 restrictions on soil disturbance and site occupancy would minimize potential for human  
16 exposure that could occur in a residential or industrial setting. The controls may be in the  
17 form of deed restrictions and/or easements (property interests retained by the Navy during  
18 property transfer to assure protectiveness of the remedy). Periodic monitoring would be  
19 required to assure controls are maintained; periodic site inspections would be required to  
20 assure the institutional controls are complied with. Controls may be layered (multiple  
21 controls at the same time) to enhance protectiveness. The Navy is negotiating a  
22 comprehensive LUCIP for the CNC.

### 23 **4.3.2 Other Considerations**

24 The Navy is currently the property owner, and land use in Zone E of the CNC is restricted  
25 to non-residential. Existing engineering controls include pavement and structures that  
26 prevent or limit access to contaminated soil. The location and proximity of the site to other  
27 industrial properties make residential use highly unlikely, and the substantial dock  
28 structures hinder access to the soil by commercial/industrial users. Periodic monitoring of  
29 the deed controls and the site would be required. For the purpose of developing a  
30 representative cost estimate for this process, an annual evaluation that would include a site  
31 inspection, is assumed.



- Surface Soil Boring
- ▨ Pavement Excavation
- - - Fence
- ≡ Railroads
- Roads
- AOC Boundary
- SWMU Boundary
- ▭ Buildings



**Figure 4-1**  
 CMS Alternative 1  
 Combined SWMU 23, Zone E  
 Charleston Naval Complex



## 5.0 Evaluation and Comparison of Corrective Measure Alternatives

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The corrective measure alternatives were evaluated relative to the criteria previously described in Section 2.0, and then subjected to a comparative evaluation. A cost estimate for each alternative was also developed; the assumptions and unit costs used for these estimates are included in Appendix B.

### 5.1 Alternative 1: Soil Excavation and Offsite Disposal with Land Use Controls

The following assumptions were made for Alternative 1:

- Three areas would be targeted for soil excavation, as shown in Figure 4-1.
- A total of 18.5 yd<sup>3</sup> of soil (in-place measurement) would be excavated for offsite disposal at a Subtitle D facility, and replaced with clean backfill.
- Approximately 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of pavement would be removed/replaced and approximately 18.5 yd<sup>3</sup> of asphalt/concrete (in-place measurement) would be removed/replaced.
- Excavations would include known exceedances plus extrapolated areas to account for uncertainty.
- Confirmation testing will validate the extent of contaminated soil is limited to that shown in Figure 4-1, plus a maximum contingency of 20 percent.
- LUCs that apply to all of Zone E will also be applied to this site after the soil removal.

#### 5.1.1 Protection of Human Health and the Environment

This alternative is effective at protecting human health and the environment because it removes soil with BEQ and lead concentrations that exceed the MCS from the site. The replacement soil will have concentrations of BEQs and lead below the MCS.

#### 5.1.2 Attain MCS

This alternative will permanently remove soil with BEQ and lead concentrations that exceed the MCS. The MCS will be achieved at the completion of soil removal actions.

1 **5.1.3 Control the Source of Releases**

2 There are no ongoing sources of releases at Combined SWMU 23, therefore this issue is not  
3 applicable.

4 **5.1.4 Compliance with Applicable Standards for the Management of Generated  
5 Wastes**

6 Excavated soil will be sampled and analyzed for waste characterization prior to disposal.  
7 Soil, decontamination waste, and personal protective equipment (PPE) will be disposed of  
8 in accordance with applicable regulations and permits. Offsite transportation and disposal  
9 will be performed by properly permitted and licensed subcontractors.

10 **5.1.5 Other Factors (a) Long-term Reliability and Effectiveness**

11 This alternative would have long-term reliability and be effective for the site as long as all  
12 exceedances are removed. The removal of contamination from the site would be permanent.  
13 Uncertainty in the distribution of BEQs and lead in soil is addressed by expanding the  
14 excavations beyond the RFI delineation, thus reducing the risk of failure of this alternative.  
15 Confirmation sampling would confirm that the excavations have removed soil exceedances.  
16 It is much less likely any significant amount of soil with BEQ and lead concentrations above  
17 the MCS will be left in place; sitewide average concentrations will be below the unrestricted  
18 land use MCS.

19 **5.1.6 Other Factors (b) Reduction in the Toxicity, Mobility, or Volume of Wastes**

20 Alternative 1 reduces the mobility of the contaminated soil by transporting it to a regulated  
21 containment facility (landfill). Treatment will not be required unless the soil exhibits toxicity  
22 characteristics per 40 CFR 261.24. If required, soil will be treated (stabilized/fixated) at the  
23 disposal facility to further reduce mobility of the BEQs and lead.

24 **5.1.7 Other Factors (c) Short-term Effectiveness**

25 The excavation and hauling of contaminated soil in this alternative has the potential to  
26 create dust containing contaminated soil particles. However, standard engineering controls  
27 such as dust suppression during excavation, tarp covers on trucks, and worker PPE to  
28 prevent dust inhalation will be implemented. Thus, with controls, the alternative provides  
29 short-term effectiveness in preventing ingestion of or contact with the contaminated soil,  
30 and minimizes the potential for migration of soil particles. The technologies for dust control  
31 and worker protection are well-established and robust. No unmanageable hazards would be  
32 created during implementation.

### 1 **5.1.8 Other Factors (d) Implementability**

2 This alternative will be moderately simple to implement. Most of the required activities  
3 have been routinely implemented at other nearby sites using standard equipment and  
4 procedures. Utility clearance, subcontracting, waste characterization, and base approval are  
5 customary activities. The field implementation of this remedy is estimated to require four to  
6 six weeks, and the benefits will be immediate. There is ample offsite capacity for disposal  
7 (and treatment, if required) of the contaminated soil.

### 8 **5.1.9 Other Factors (e) Cost**

9 Appendix B presents the overall cost estimate for implementing this remedy. These costs  
10 reflect soil removal based on available RFI sample results, plus removal and replacement of  
11 loading dock and pavement. A scope contingency (20-percent) is added to cover minor  
12 additional excavation that may be required per results of confirmation testing. In summary,  
13 the costs include the following:

- 14 • Remove soil in areas at each occurrence of MCS exceedance.
- 15 • Perform confirmation tests in each area to confirm compliance with MCS.
- 16 • Apply 20-percent contingency for additional scope that may be required based on  
17 compliance tests.
- 18 • Maintain LUCs applied as part of the Zone E LUCs for a 30-year period.

19 Using the assumptions listed above, the total present value of Alternative 1 is \$60,000.

## 20 **5.2 Alternative 2: Land Use Controls**

- 21 • The assumptions for Alternative 2 include the following: A basewide LUCIP will be  
22 developed for the CNC. The plan will allow for restrictions on the use of land at  
23 Combined SWMU 23 and other areas, and will be developed outside the scope of this  
24 CMS.
- 25 • Periodic monitoring will be performed for 30 years. The monitoring will consist of an  
26 annual site visit to confirm that site use(s) are consistent with the LUCIP.

### 27 **5.2.1 Protection of Human Health and the Environment**

28 This alternative is effective at protecting human health because it restricts future use of the  
29 site that would be inappropriate for the MCS exceedances at the site.

### 30 **5.2.2 Attain MCS**

31 This alternative would not achieve the MCS for BEQs and lead.

1 **5.2.3 Control the Source of Releases**

2 There are no ongoing sources of releases at Combined SWMU 23, therefore this issue is not  
3 applicable.

4 **5.2.4 Compliance with Applicable Standards for the Management of Generated**  
5 **Wastes**

6 Alternative 2 does not generate any wastes that would require special management.

7 **5.2.5 Other Factors (a) Long-term Reliability and Effectiveness**

8 This alternative provides some level of protection that has long-term reliability and  
9 effectiveness. The risk of failure is low, provided the LUCIP is enforced by the responsible  
10 entity. If LUCs were not enforced, unpermitted use of the site may result in human exposure  
11 to BEQs and lead above the MCS.

12 **5.2.6 Other Factors (b) Reduction in the Toxicity, Mobility, or Volume of Wastes**

13 This alternative involves no treatment and does not reduce the toxicity, mobility, or volume  
14 of contaminated soil at Combined SWMU 23.

15 **5.2.7 Other Factors (c) Short-term Effectiveness**

16 The Navy retains ownership and control of the site use until LUCs are implemented. This  
17 alternative does not involve any site activities, thus, no short-term risks are created.

18 **5.2.8 Other Factors (d) Implementability**

19 Alternative 2 is relatively easy to implement since it only requires the development of LUCs  
20 and an appropriate monitoring program.

21 **5.2.9 Other Factors (e) Cost**

22 Alternative 2 is not costly to implement since it requires no construction of treatment  
23 facilities or disposal of wastes. The cost for this alternative is for administrative/legal  
24 services and periodic monitoring/review for 30 years. Longer monitoring would likely be  
25 required, but its cost impact to present value of this alternative is minimal.

26 Using the assumptions described earlier, the total present value of Alternative 2 is \$20,000.

27 **5.3 Comparative Ranking of Corrective Measure Alternatives**

28 The overall ability of each corrective measure alternative to meet the evaluation criteria is  
29 described above. In Table 5-1 below, a comparative evaluation of the degree to which each  
30 alternative meets a particular criteria is presented. Alternative 2 (LUCs) is the preferred  
31 alternative. It provides a protective and reliable remedy at a lower cost.

**TABLE 5-1**  
 Qualitative Comparison of Corrective Measure Alternatives  
 Corrective Measures Study Report, Combined SWMU 23, Zone E, Charleston Naval Complex

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>1. Soil Excavation and Offsite Disposal</b>	<b>2. Land Use Controls</b>
Overall Protection of Human Health and the Environment	Protects human health and the environment	Protects human health and the environment
Attainment of MCS	Would achieve MCS	Would not achieve MCS
Control of the source of releases	N/A	N/A
Compliance with applicable standards for the management of wastes	Complies with applicable standards	Complies with applicable standards
Long-term Reliability and Effectiveness	Reliable and effective long term	Reliable and effective long term, provided periodic inspections are performed
Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility, or Volume through Treatment	Reduces mobility via placement of soil in landfill	Does not reduce toxicity, mobility, or volume
Short-term Effectiveness	Effective in short term	Effective in short term
Implementability	Moderately simple to implement due to need to remove/replace concrete and asphalt pavement and work in busy industrial area.	Easy to implement
Cost Ranking	Comparatively Expensive	Inexpensive
Estimated Cost	\$60,000	\$20,000



## 1 **6.0 Recommended Corrective Measure** 2 **Alternative**

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3 Two corrective measure alternatives were evaluated using the criteria described in Section  
4 2.0 of this CMS report. These alternatives included: Alternative 1: Soil Excavation and  
5 Offsite Disposal with LUCs; and Alternative 2: LUCs.

6 The preferred corrective measure alternative is Alternative 2: LUCs. The remedy would be  
7 protective at a moderate cost.

8 Alternative 2 would provide protection of human health and the environment by  
9 maintaining the current and planned future use of the site as industrial/commercial.

10 Limitations would prevent residential and other unrestricted land use that could expose  
11 sensitive populations.

12 Engineering controls to minimize future releases are already in place. Most of the area is  
13 paved or covered by a structure. Planning is already underway to develop and implement  
14 administrative controls that would limit future site activities to those that would not involve  
15 unrestricted exposures. The expected reliability of this alternative is good.

16 There are no community safety issues associated with implementation of this remedy, and  
17 the controls would be relatively easy to implement. This alternative provides long-term  
18 effectiveness for the planned industrial/commercial use, and relies on administrative  
19 controls to prevent future residential use.

## **Section 7.0**

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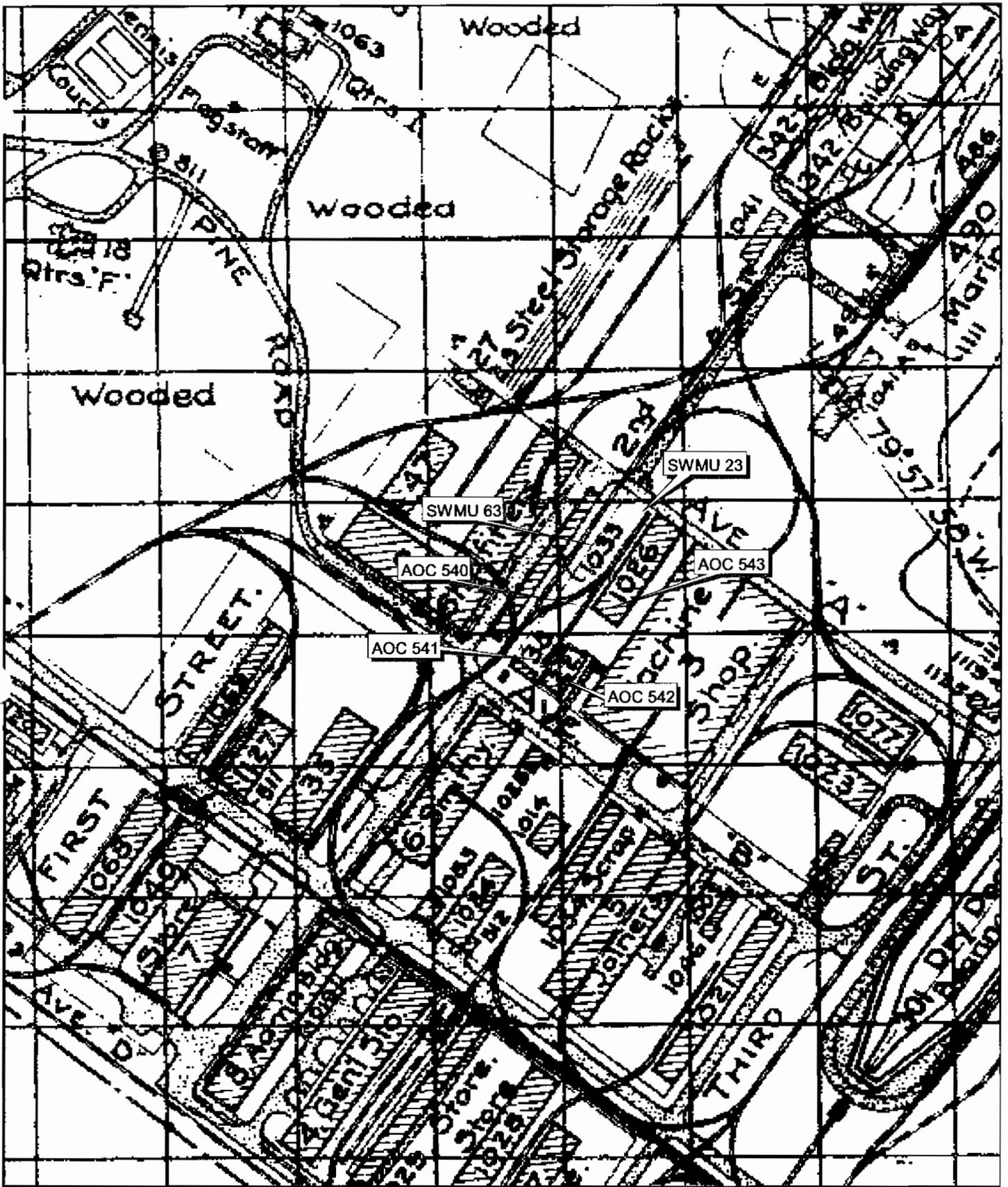
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## **Appendix A**

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**Figure A-1**  
 Historic Railroad Line Locations  
 June 30, 1935  
 SWMU 23/63, AOC 540 through 543, Zone E  
 Charleston Naval Complex



## COMPARISON OF TOTAL COST OF REMEDIAL SOLUTIONS

<b>Site:</b>	Charleston Naval Complex	<b>Base Year:</b>	2002
<b>Location:</b>	Combined SWMU 23	<b>Date:</b>	12/31/02
<b>Phase:</b>	Corrective Measures Study		

	Alternative Number 1	Alternative Number 2
<b>Total Project Duration (Years)</b>	<1	30
<b>Capital Cost</b>	\$40,000	\$6,000
<b>Annual O&amp;M Cost</b>	\$0	\$1,100
<b>Total Present Value of Solution</b>	\$60,000	\$20,000

**Disclaimer:** The information in this cost estimate is based on the best available information regarding the anticipated scope of the remedial alternatives. Changes in the cost elements are likely to occur as a result of new information and data collected during the engineering design of the remedial alternative. This is an order-of-magnitude cost estimate that is expected to be within -50 to +100 percent of the actual project costs.

Alternative: **Number 1** **COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY**  
 Elements: **Soil Excavation and Offsite Disposal**

Site: Charleston Naval Complex Description: Excavation of contaminated soil, disposal offsite at permitted landfill, backfill with clean soil. Extent includes RFI sample points plus 20% scope contingency.  
 Location: Combined SWMU 23  
 Phase: Corrective Measures Study  
 Base Year: 2002  
 Date: 12/31/02

CAPITAL COSTS						
DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL	NOTES	
Confirmation Sampling	1	EA	\$4,300	\$4,300	See Confirmation Worksheet	
Removal, Disposal and Backfill	1	EA	\$21,000	\$21,000	See Excavation 1 Worksheet	
				\$0		
SUBTOTAL				\$25,300		
Contingency	20%		\$25,300	\$5,060		
SUBTOTAL				\$30,360		
Project Management	8%		\$30,360	\$2,429	USEPA 2000, p. 5-13, \$100K-\$500K	
Remedial Design	15%		\$30,360	\$4,554	USEPA 2000, p. 5-13, \$100K-\$500K	
Construction Management	10%		\$30,360	\$3,036	USEPA 2000, p. 5-13, \$100K-\$500K	
SUBTOTAL				\$10,019		
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL COST</b>				<b>\$40,000</b>		

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COST						
DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL	NOTES	
SUBTOTAL				\$0		
Allowance for Misc. Items	20%		\$0	\$0		
SUBTOTAL				\$0		
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL O&amp;M COST</b>				<b>\$0</b>		

PRESENT VALUE ANALYSIS						
			Discount Rate =	7%		
End Year	COST TYPE	TOTAL COST	PER YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR (7%)	PRESENT VALUE	NOTES
0	CAPITAL COST	\$40,000	\$40,000	1.000	\$40,000	
	ANNUAL O&M COST	\$0	\$0	0.000	\$0	
		\$40,000			\$40,000	
	PRESENT VALUE OF LAND USE CONTROLS COST				\$20,000	
	<b>TOTAL PRESENT VALUE OF ALTERNATIVE</b>				<b>\$60,000</b>	

**SOURCE INFORMATION**

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**Alternative: Number 2** **COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY**  
**Elements: Land Use Controls**

**Site:** Charleston Naval Complex **Description:** Implementation of base-wide land use management plan to put institutional controls in place to restrict site use to commercial/industrial.  
**Location:** Combined SWMU 23  
**Phase:** Corrective Measures Study  
**Base Year:** 2002 Assumes this site is part of a multi-site implementation, and costs are shared among all the sites.  
**Date:** 12/31/02

**CAPITAL COSTS**

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL	NOTES
Deed Restrictions - Attorney	4	hour	\$200	\$800	
Record Deed	4	each	\$500	\$2,000	
LUC Implementation	24	hours	\$75	\$1,800	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$4,600</b>	
Contingency	20%		\$4,600	\$920	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$5,520</b>	
Project Management	10%		\$5,520	\$552	USEPA 2000, p. 5-13, <\$100K
Remedial Design	0%		\$5,520	\$0	Not applicable.
Construction Management	0%		\$5,520	\$0	Not applicable.
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$552</b>	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL COST</b>				<b>\$6,000</b>	

**OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COST**

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL	NOTES
Annual Evaluation	12	hour	\$75	\$900	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$900</b>	
Allowance for Misc. Items	20%		\$900	\$180	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,080</b>	
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL O&amp;M COST</b>				<b>\$1,100</b>	

**PRESENT VALUE ANALYSIS - 20 years**

Discount Rate = 7%

End Year	COST TYPE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST PER YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR (7%)	PRESENT VALUE	NOTES
0	CAPITAL COST	\$6,000	\$6,000	1.000	\$6,000	
30	ANNUAL O&M COST	\$33,000	\$1,100	12.409	\$13,650	
		\$39,000			\$19,650	
	<b>TOTAL PRESENT VALUE OF ALTERNATIVE</b>				<b>\$20,000</b>	

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