



# Performance Update for Three Stormwater Treatment Approaches for Three Linked Industrial Sites

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# Discussion Topics

- ▶ Sites & Operational Descriptions
- ▶ Stormwater Characteristics
- ▶ Treatment Evaluation and Selection
- ▶ Construction Costs
- ▶ Performance Summary
- ▶ Lessons Learned



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# Three Linked Industrial Sites

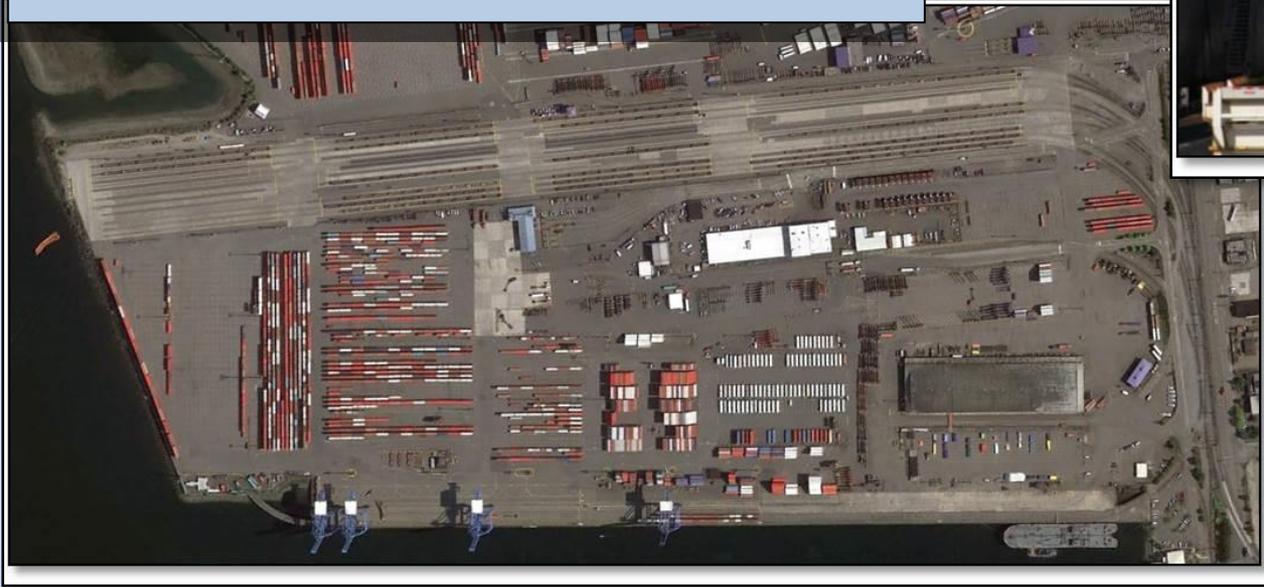


- ▶ General Peninsula Project
- ▶ Olympic Container Terminal (OCT)
- ▶ North Intermodal Yard (NIM)
- ▶ South Intermodal Yard (SIM)
- ▶ Heavy Industrial Maritime Property
- ▶ Containerized Cargo
- ▶ Difficult Meeting ISGP Benchmarks



# Olympic Container Terminal (OCT)

- ▶ 56 acres
- ▶ Ship to Rail or Truck and Back
- ▶ 5 Drainage Basins
- ▶ Outfalls Under Pier



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# North Intermodal Yard (NIM)

- ▶ 12 acres
- ▶ Containers moved between terminals
- ▶ Efficient means of ship to inland or inland to ship transport
- ▶ 24 hour operations
- ▶ Small strip of unpaved land available





# South Intermodal Yard (SIM)

- ▶ 22 acres
- ▶ Operating rail facility
- ▶ 2 drainage basins
- ▶ Long rectangular configuration
- ▶ Perforated storm drain piping underneath track ballast





# Stormwater Characteristics

- ▶ Zinc – Main pollutant of concern
- ▶ Occasional turbidity exceedances throughout
- ▶ Copper at SIM
- ▶ Larger particulate at SIM (perforated storm drains along tracks)



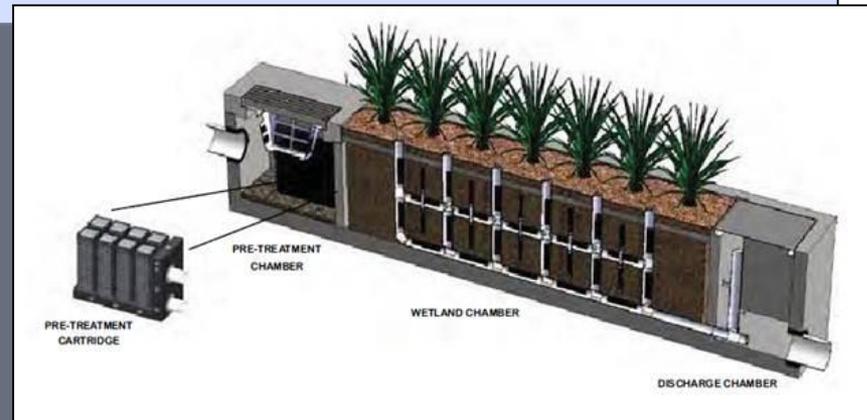
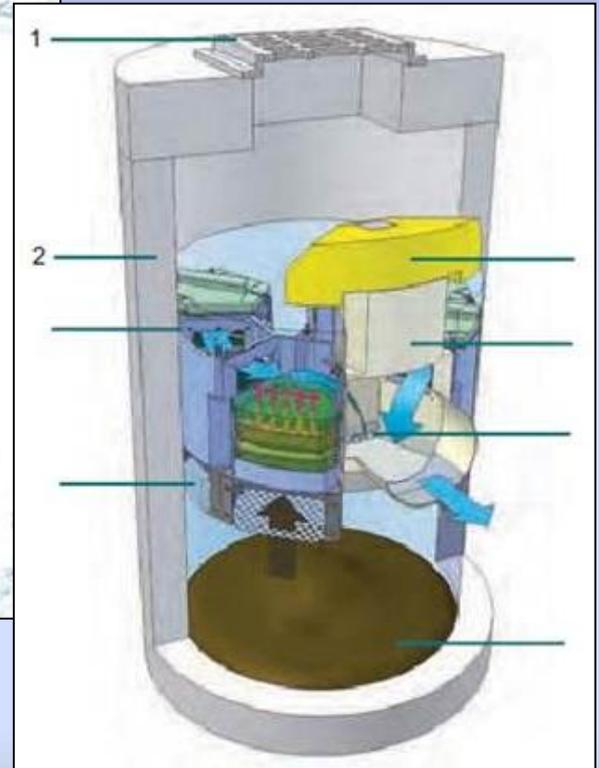
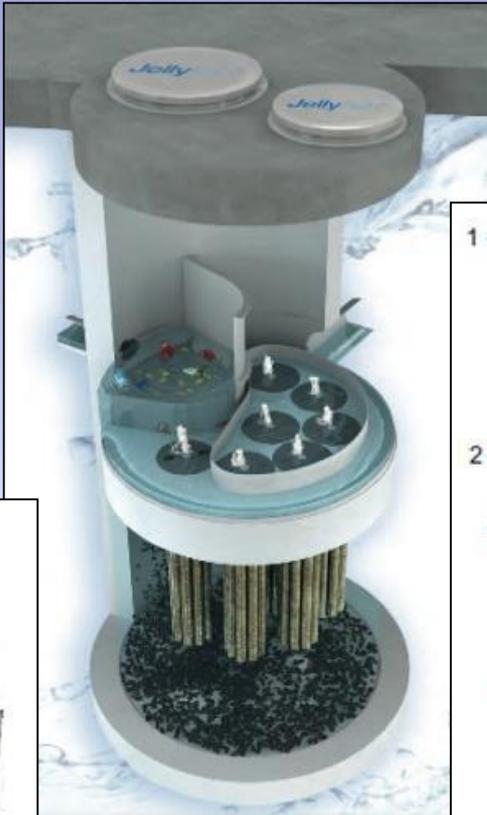
	Turbidity	pH	Zinc	Copper
OCT Average	23.0	7.0	<b>150.0</b>	5.0
OCT Maximum	<b>74.0</b>	7.9	<b>275.0</b>	8.8
NIM Average	16.0	7.0	115.0	5.0
NIM Maximum	22.0	7.8	<b>189.0</b>	12.3
SIM Average	21.0	7.0	<b>124</b>	9.0
SIM Maximum	<b>44.3</b>	7.8	<b>281.0</b>	<b>17.6</b>
<b>Benchmarks</b>	<b>Turbidity</b>	<b>pH</b>	<b>Zinc</b>	<b>Copper</b>
	25	5 to 9	117	14

**Note:**  
Bold red text indicates exceedance of the parameter benchmark.



# Treatment Alternatives Selected

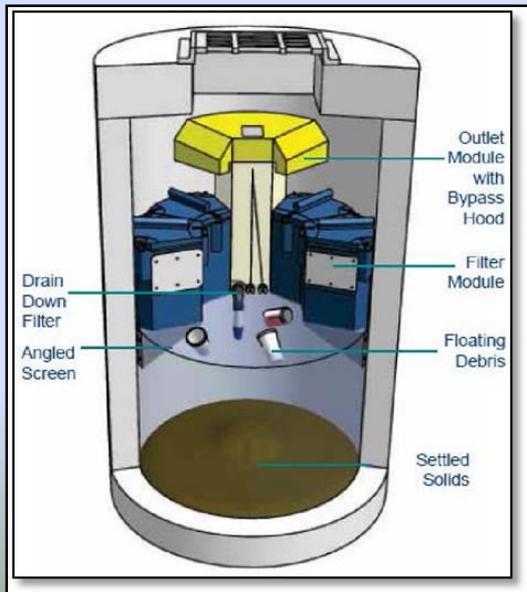
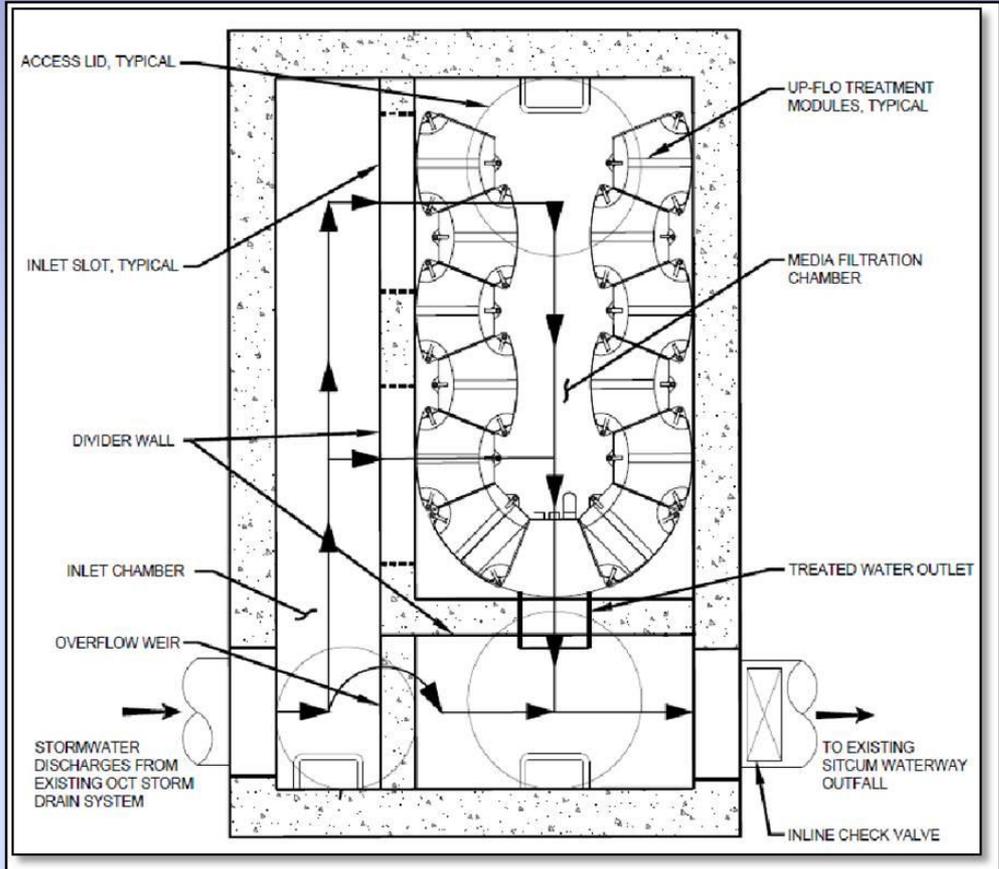
- ▶ 2 up-flow type
- ▶ 1 lateral flow





# OCT - Upward Flow Media Filtration

- ▶ **Subsurface vault**
- ▶ **Fluidized media filtration technology**
- ▶ **Bags of media Inside filter modules**

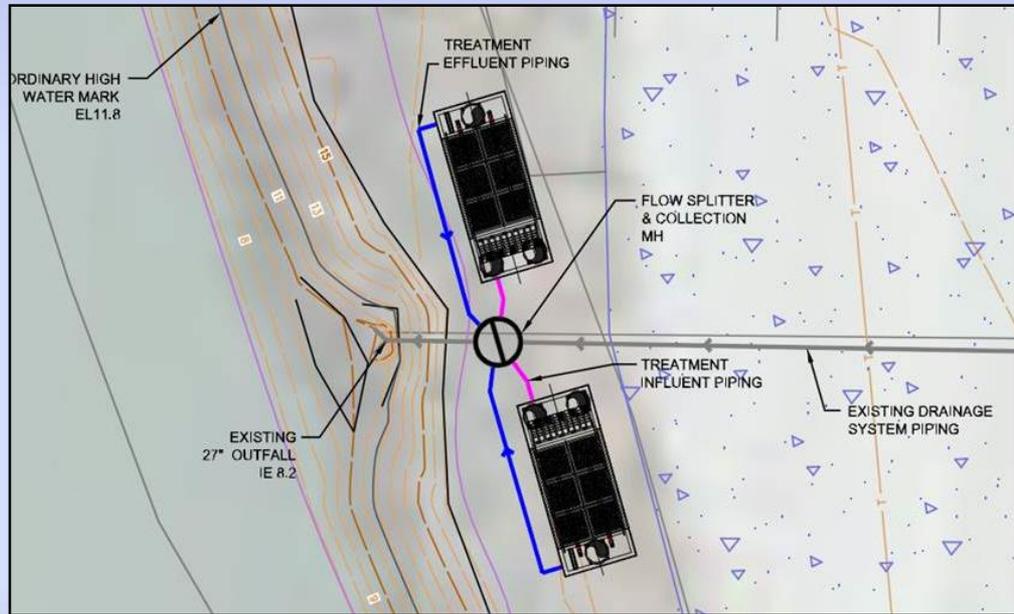
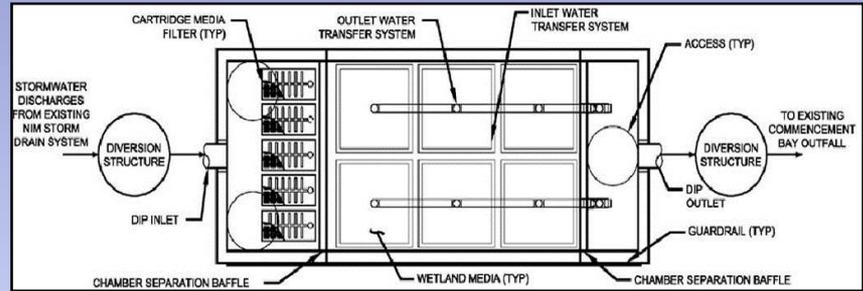


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# Lateral Flow Media Filtration

- ▶ At-grade system
- ▶ Front end settling
- ▶ Pre-filtration cartridges
- ▶ Media filtration
- ▶ Perforated collection piping

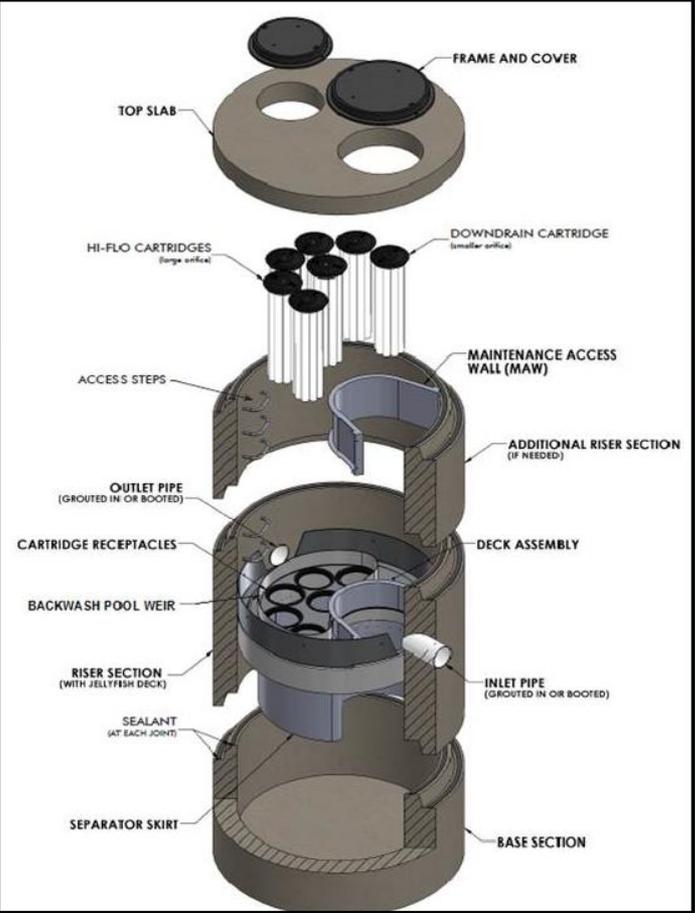
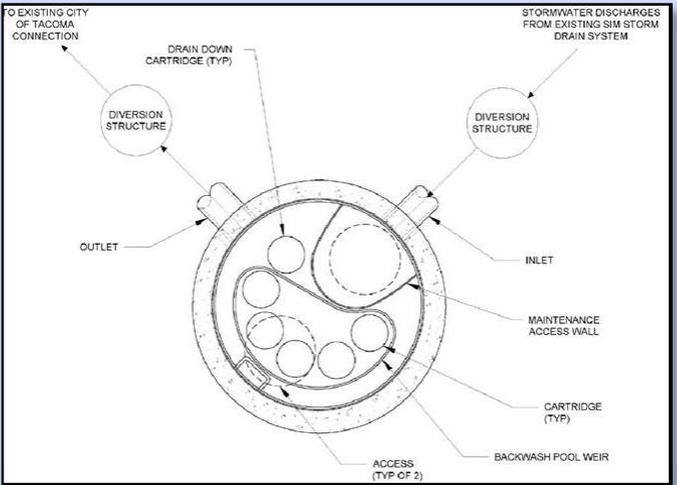


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# Upward Flow Cartridge Filtration

- ▶ Subsurface manhole
- ▶ Up-flow configuration
- ▶ Membrane filters
- ▶ Passive backwash



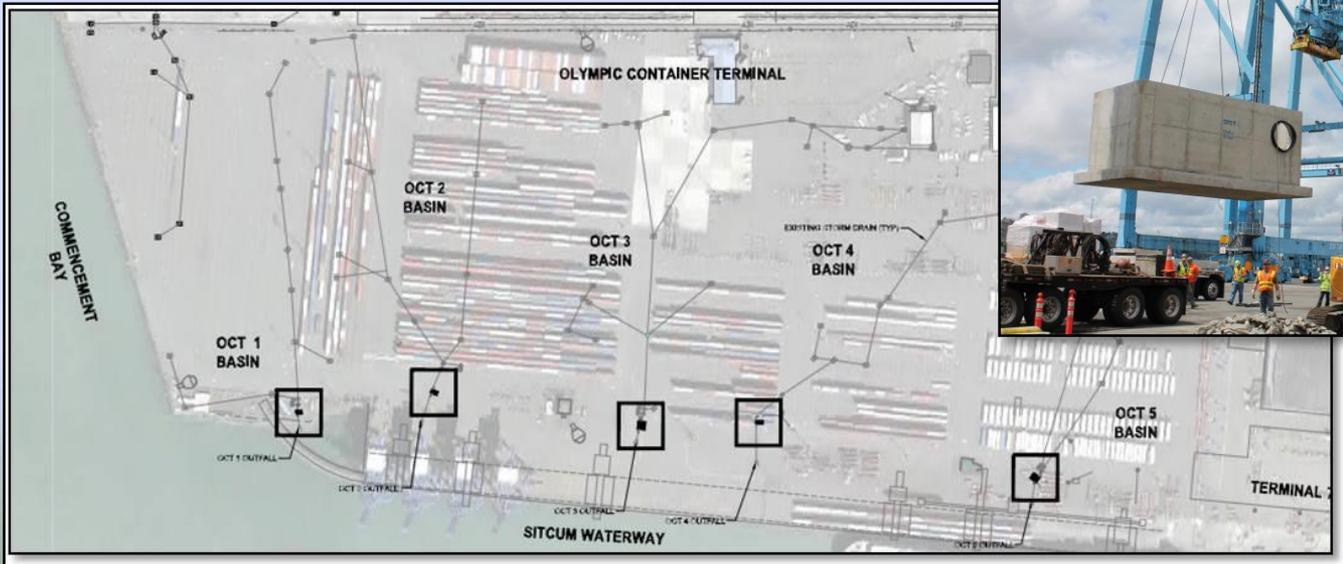
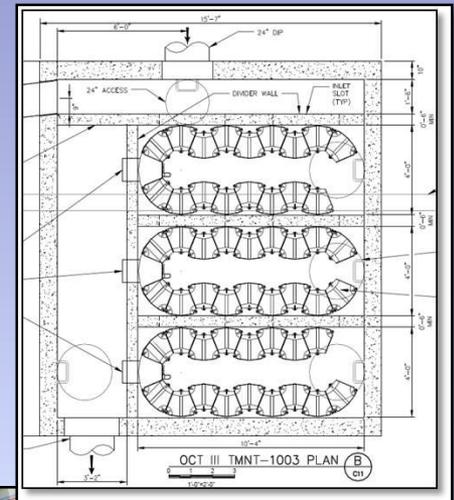
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# OCT Final Design/Cost

- ▶ 5 subsurface vaults
- ▶ From 8' x 12' to 16' x 17'
- ▶ 15 feet deep
- ▶ Accommodates 125 Kip wheel loads

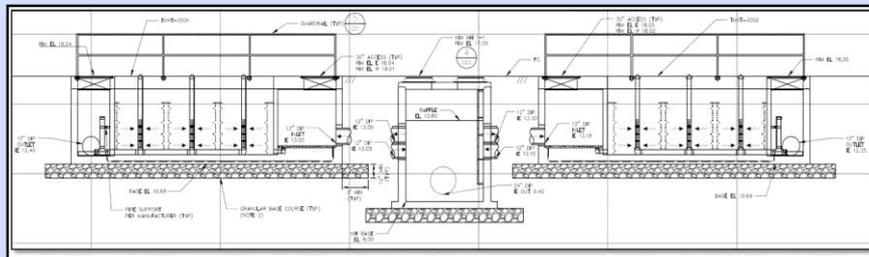
Project Costs:  
Final Construction Cost: \$1,033,614  
Cost per acre treated: \$18,457





# NIM Final Design/Cost

- ▶ 2 At-grade systems
- ▶ Each 10' x 20'
- ▶ 1 flow splitter and collection MH
- ▶ Located clear of container traffic, on strip of unpaved area



## Project Costs

Final Construction Cost: \$301,104

Cost per acre treated: \$25,092



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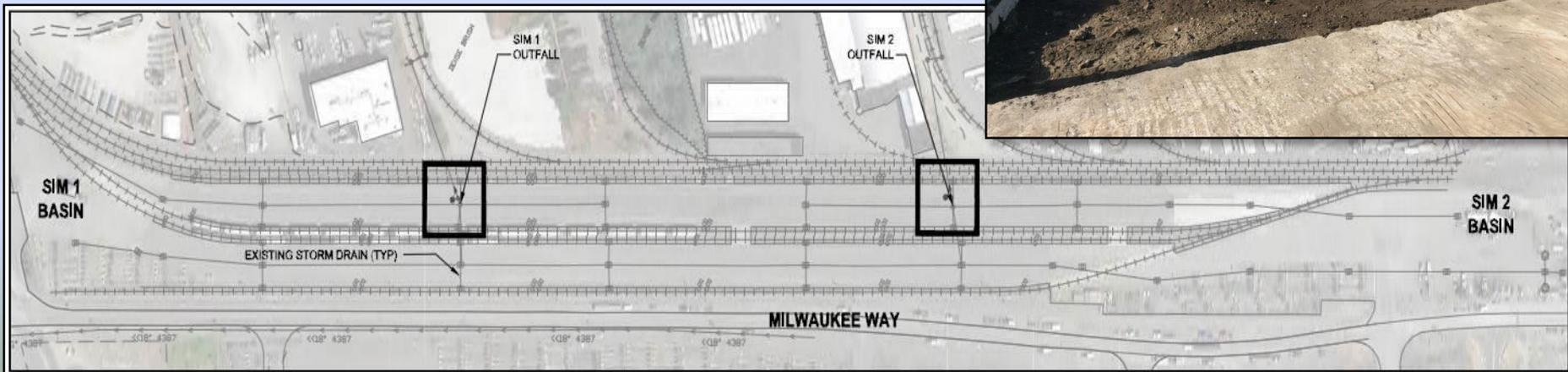
# SIM Final Design/Cost

- ▶ **2 Subsurface 6" ID Filter Systems.**
- ▶ **Upstream Flow Splitter MH and Downstream Collection MH for each**
- ▶ **Accommodates 125 Kip Wheel Loads**

Project Costs:

Final Construction Cost: \$418,603

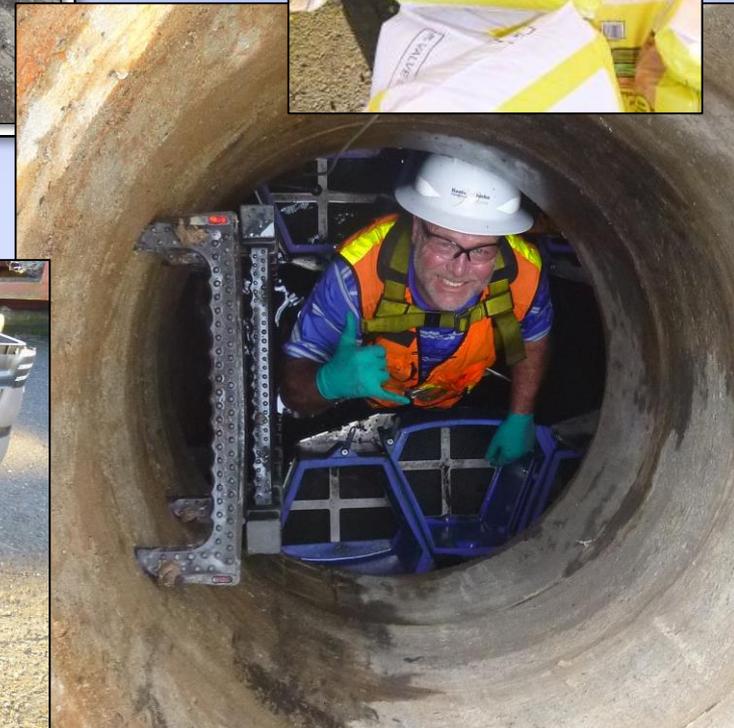
Cost per acre treated: \$11,674





# OCT Modifications

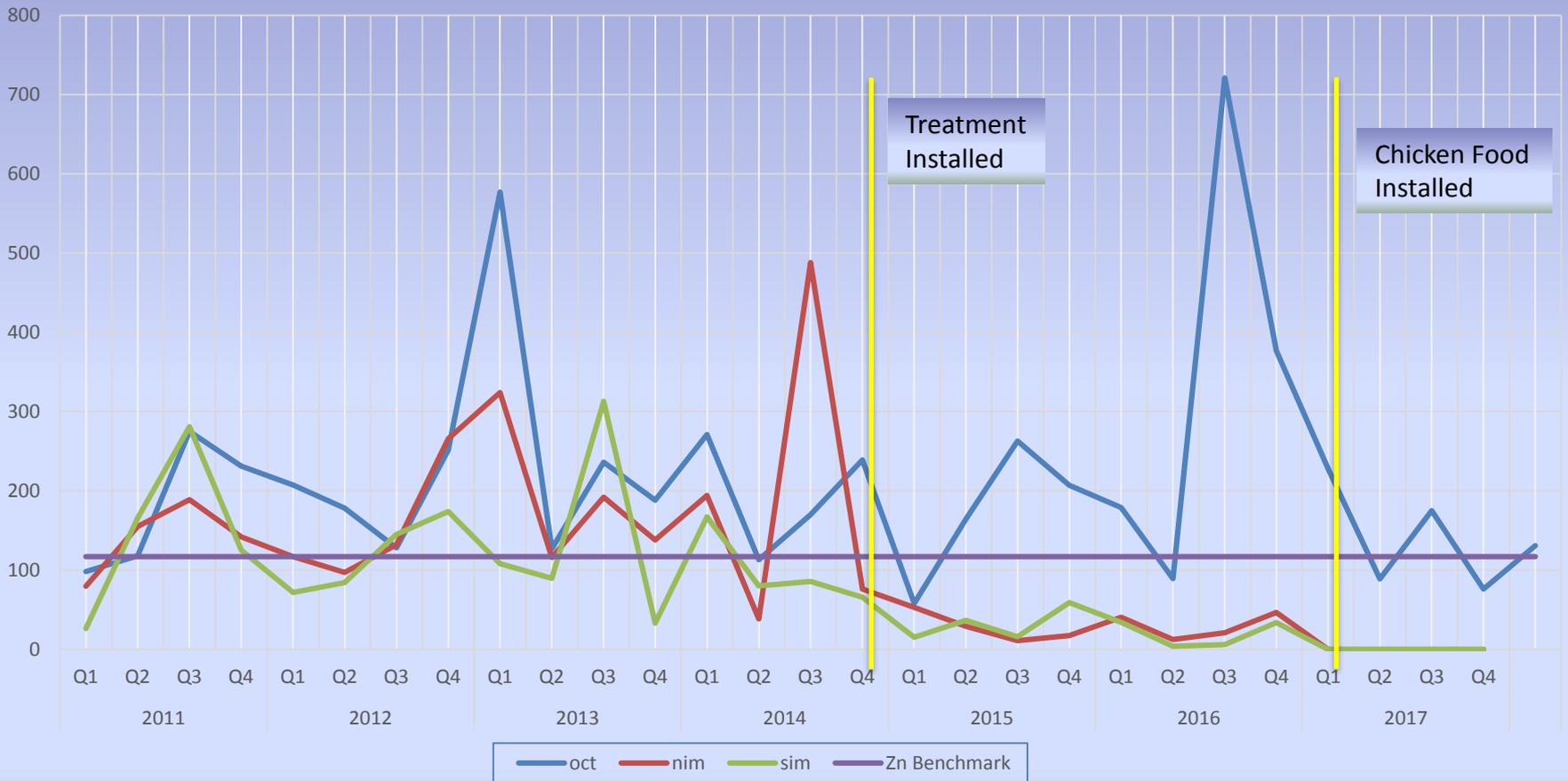
- ▶ Chopping check valves
- ▶ Sealing the modules
- ▶ Installing sampling Tee
- ▶ Varying media
- ▶ Losing the bags
- ▶ Resorting to milk crates, VPS, & chicken feed





# You Have No Idea How Long it Took to Make This Chart

OCT NIM SIM Zn Data



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# Conclusions/Questions?

- ▶ There is NO SILVER BULLET
- ▶ Know your pollutant characteristics
- ▶ Always, wait... Never, trust the vendor
- ▶ Don't be afraid to get in the hole
- ▶ Never give up, sometimes what you need is in your shed

