

# **Tritium Update**

**Three Mile Island  
Londonderry Township, Pennsylvania**

**August 14, 2007**



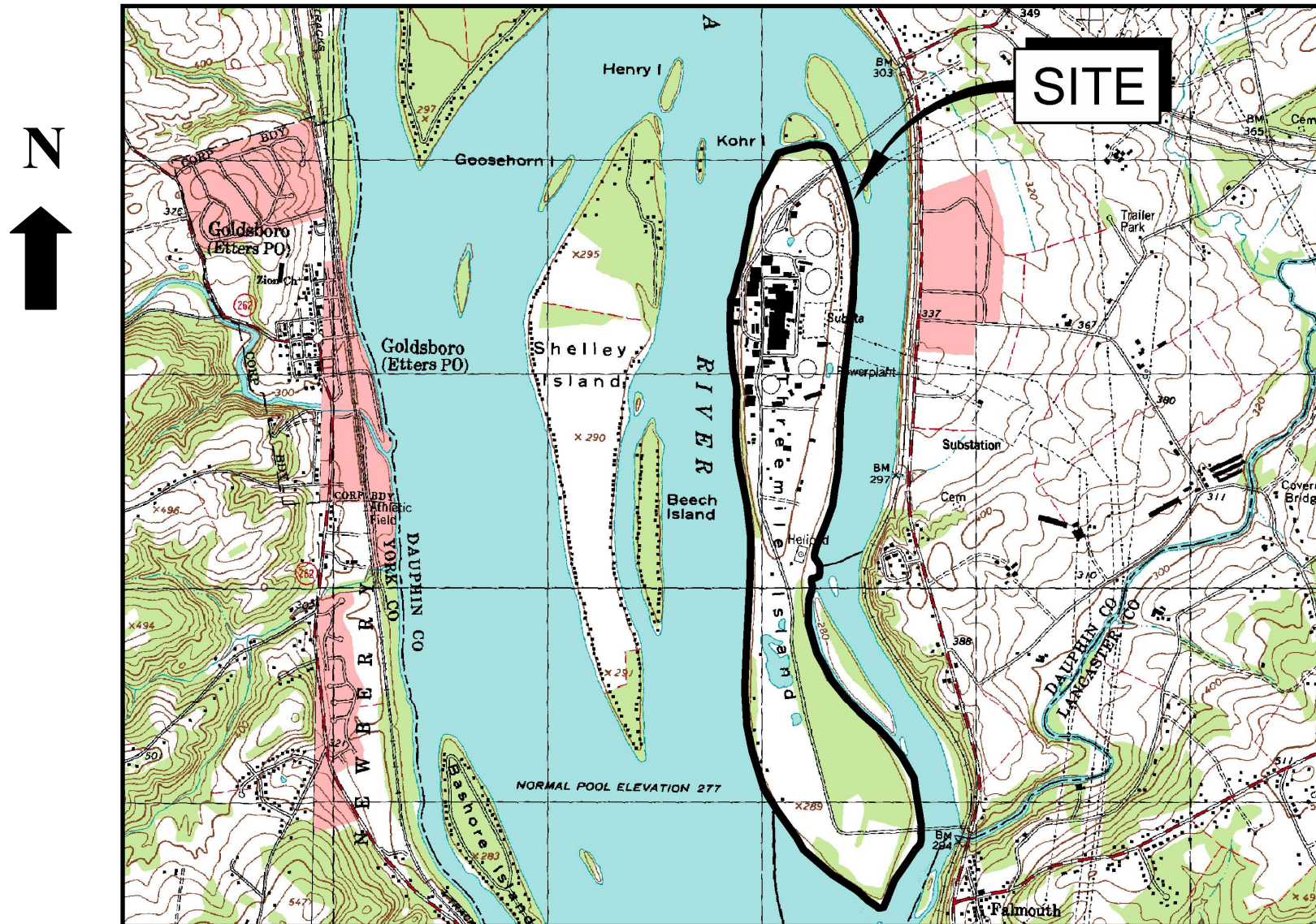


# Objectives

- Geology/Hydrogeology
- Fleetwide Tritium Assessment
- Mass Flux Calculations
- Additional Data (2006/2007)
- Actions Taken
- Path Forward



# Site Location





# Site Photo





# Geology

| Unit       | Sub-Unit          | Depth (feet) | Name                 | Description                                      |
|------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|--|
| Overburden | Backfill          | 0 to 40      | Backfill             | Crushed rock                                     |
|            | Native Overburden | 25           | Glacial Outwash      | Silts and Sands deposited on top of rock surface |
| Bedrock    | Shallow Bedrock   | 60           | Gettysburg Formation | Shale  |
|            | Deep Bedrock      | 100          | Gettysburg Formation | Shale  |



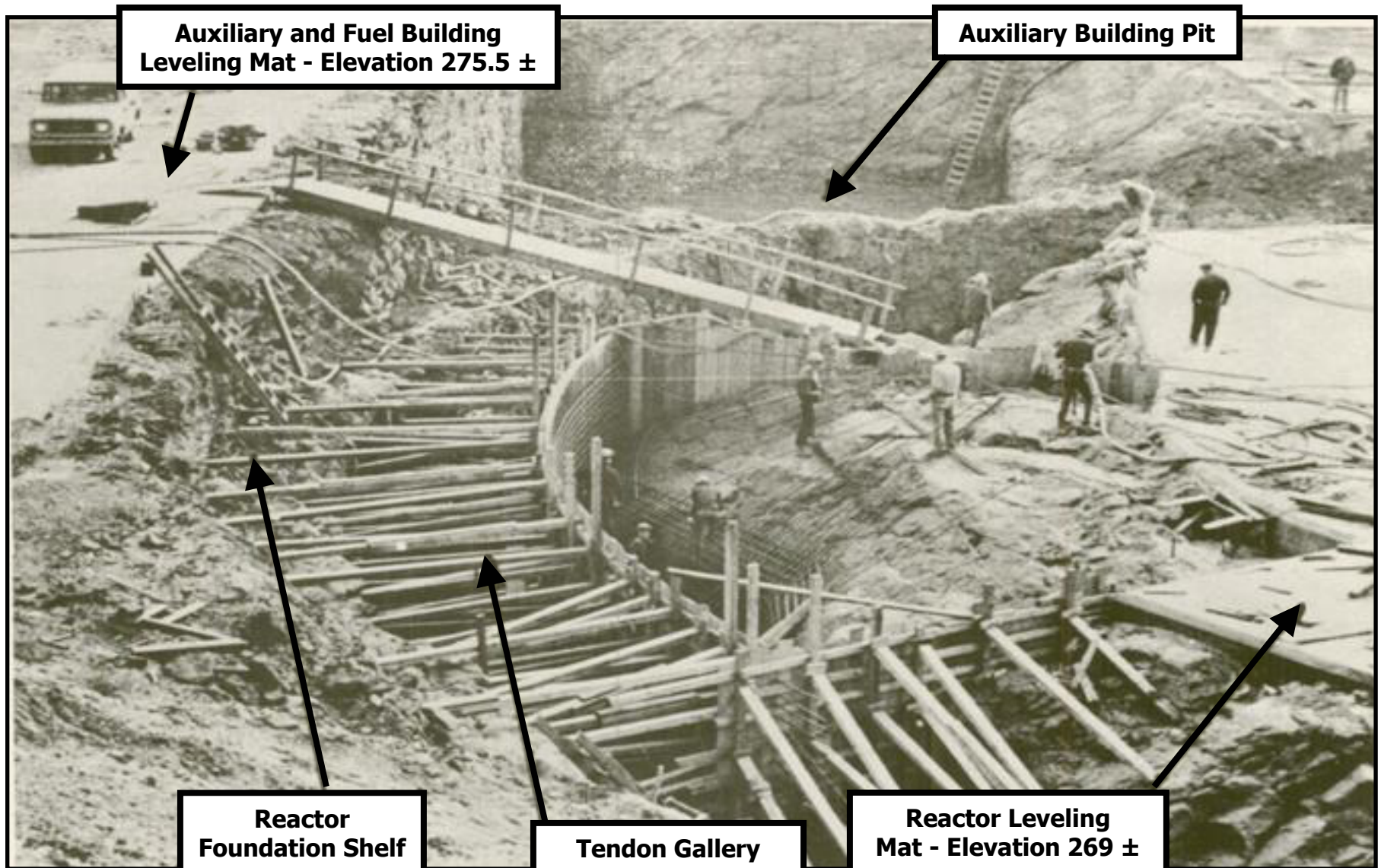
# Construction Photo



Auxiliary Building  
Pit Elevation 253 ±

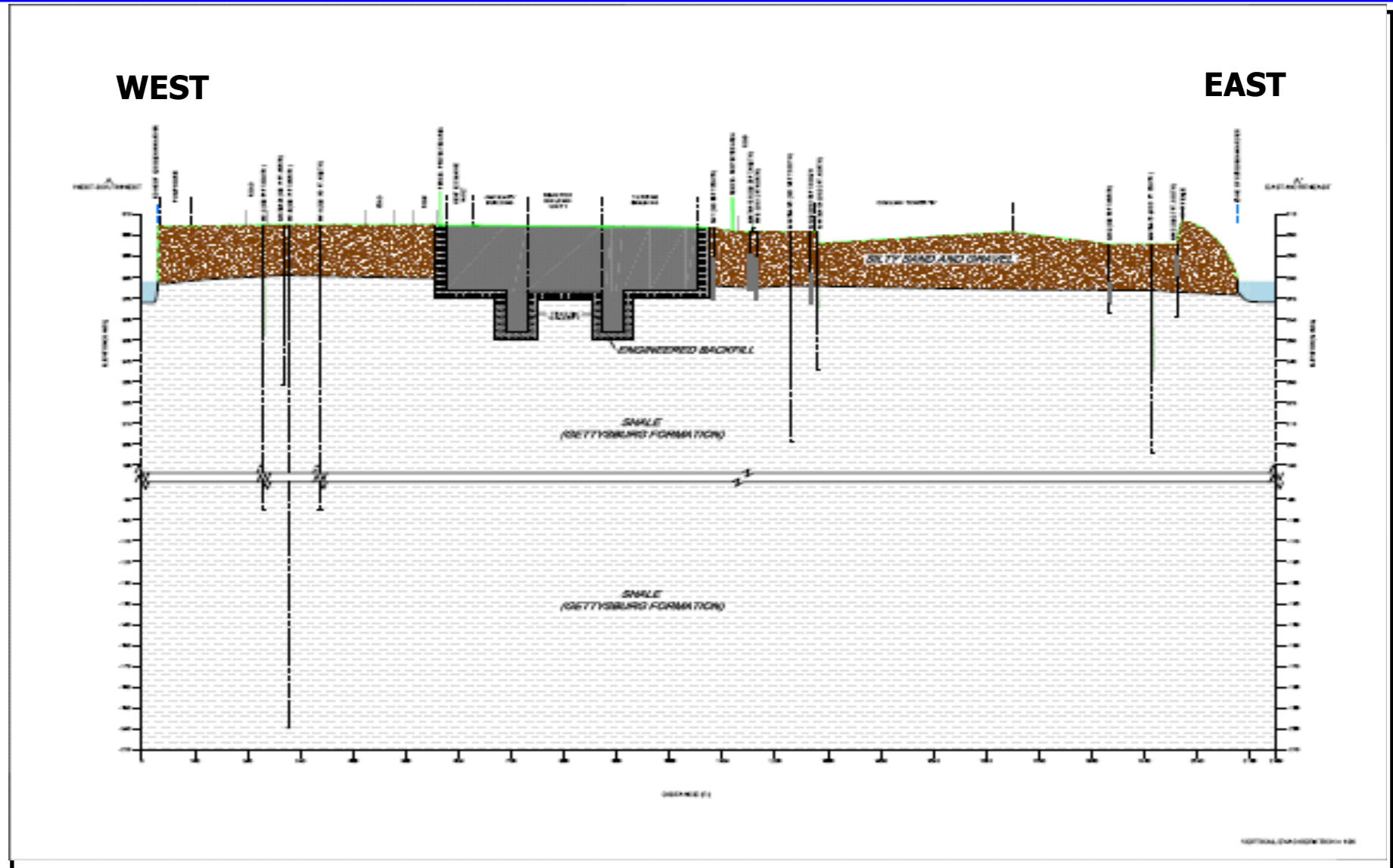


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# Geologic Cross-Section



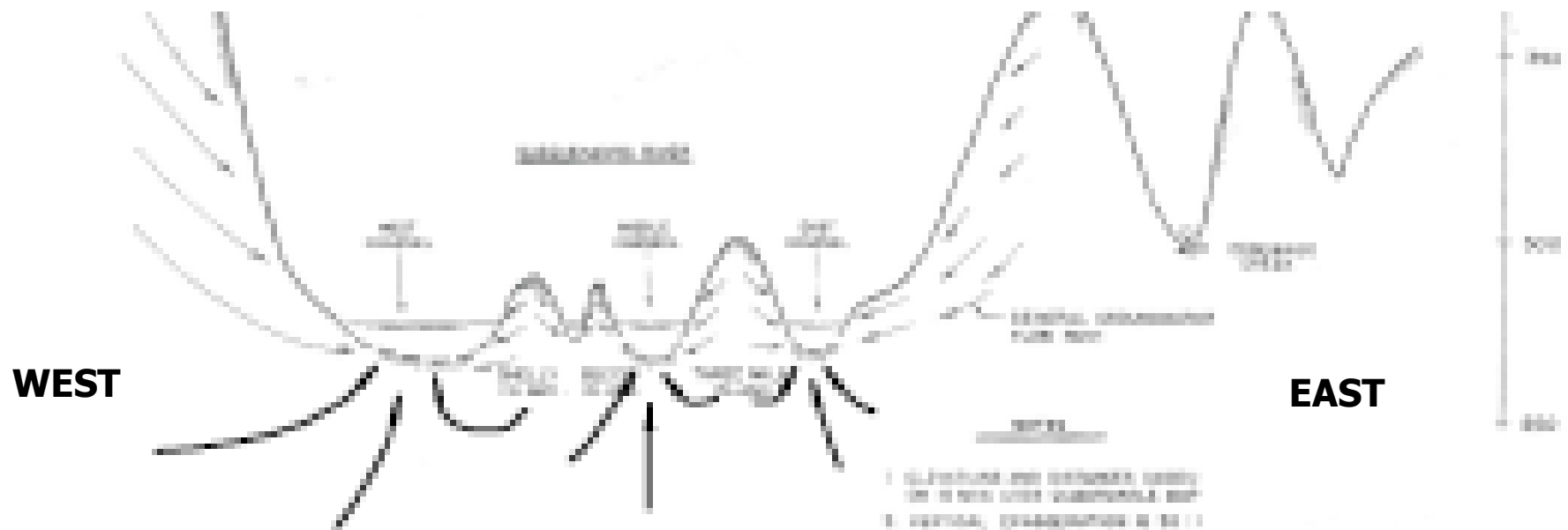


# Hydrogeologic Units

| Unit       | Sub-Unit          | Flow Characteristics  | Range of Tritium Concentrations (pCi/L) |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Overburden | Backfill          | High permeability     | ND to 33,100                            |
|            | Native Overburden | Minimal               | ND to 28,100                            |
| Bedrock    | Shallow Bedrock   | Moderate permeability | ND to 24,200                            |
|            | Deep Bedrock      | Moderate permeability | ND to 14,000                            |



# Regional Groundwater Flow



No groundwater flow from island beneath river to the mainland.

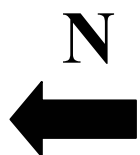


# Fleetwide Tritium Investigation

- Identification of Areas for Further Evaluation
- Installation of Additional Monitoring Wells and Staff Gauges
  - 59 previously existing wells, but many wells screened in both overburden/backfill and bedrock
  - Installed 31 new “formation-specific” wells to better understand lateral and vertical distribution of tritium and evaluate potential sources
- Groundwater and Surface Water Sampling
- Data Evaluation and Hydrogeologic Report



# Site Map with New Wells



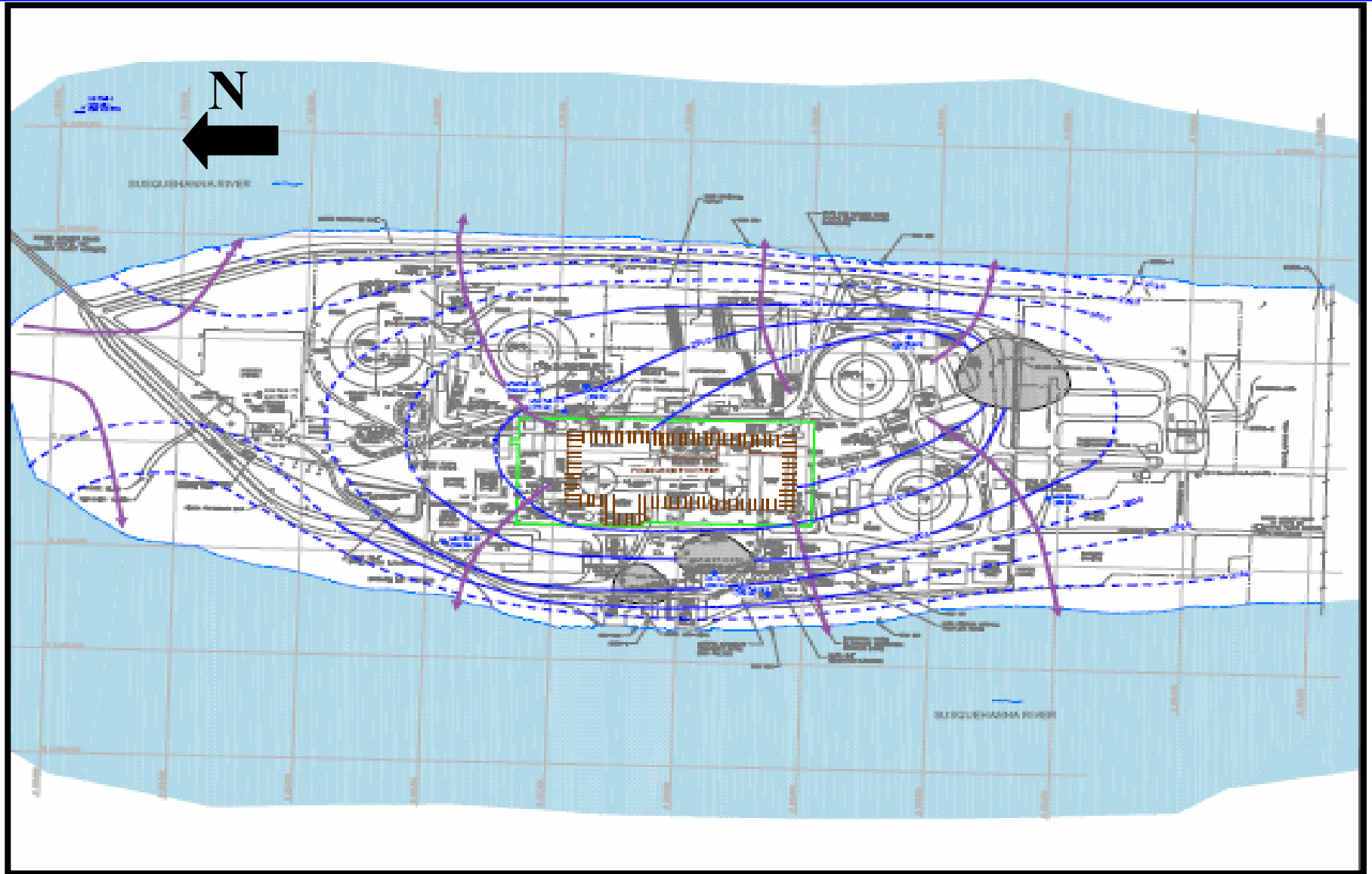


# Fleetwide Tritium Assessment Results

- Groundwater Flow
  - Overburden and bedrock groundwater flows outward from the center of the island toward the Susquehanna River
  - Industrial wells capture a significant portion of the bedrock groundwater
- Tritium
  - No tritium or radionuclides were detected in surface water
  - Tritium was not detected in groundwater at concentrations greater than the USEPA drinking water standard of 20,000 pCi/L
  - Tritium concentrations ranged from  $223 \pm 114$  pCi/L to  $13,500 \pm 1,390$  pCi/L
  - Only 11 of the 58 groundwater samples contained tritium at concentrations greater than 1,000 pCi/L



# Overburden Groundwater Map **Exelon** SM



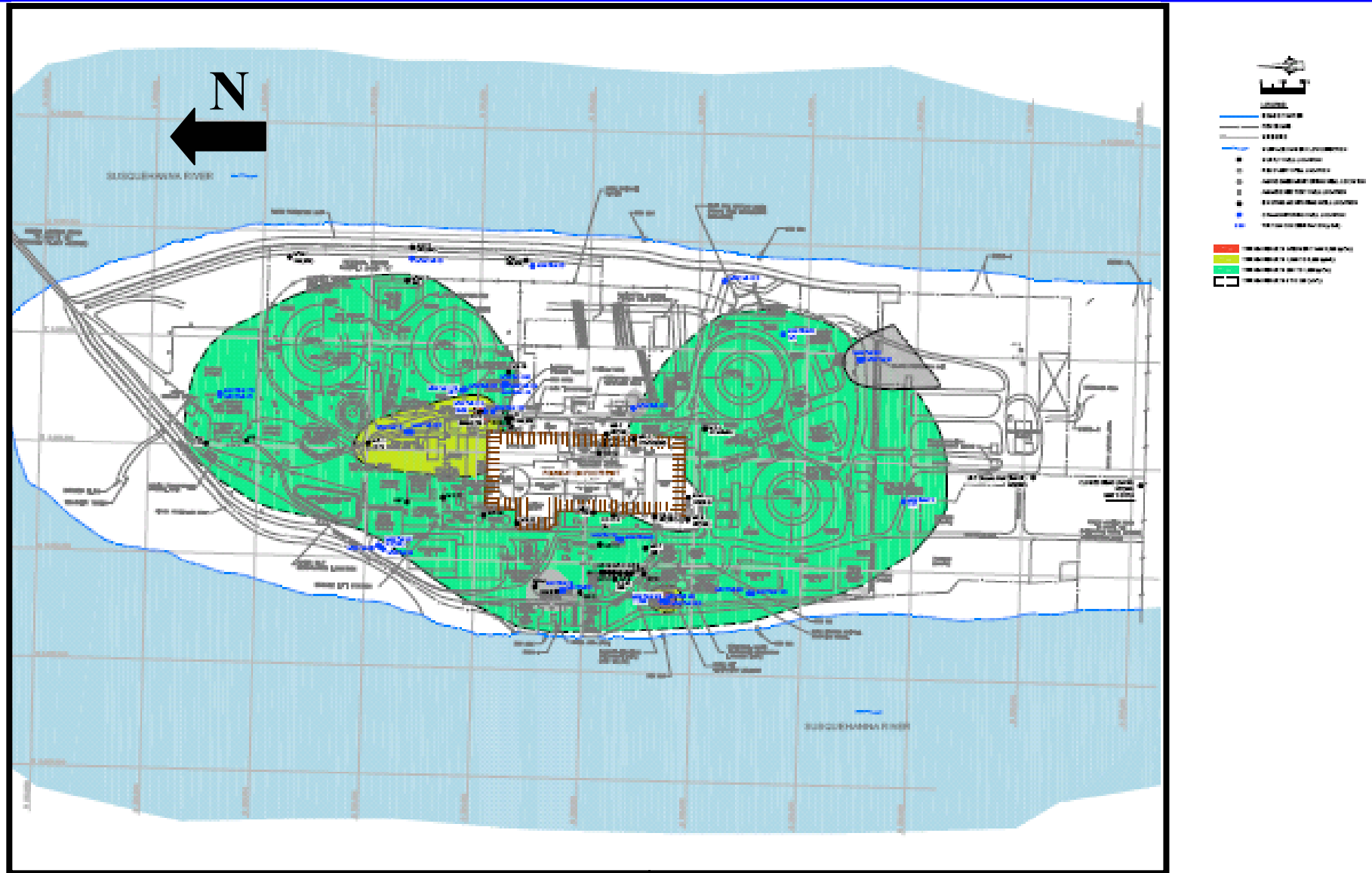


# Bedrock Potentiometric Map



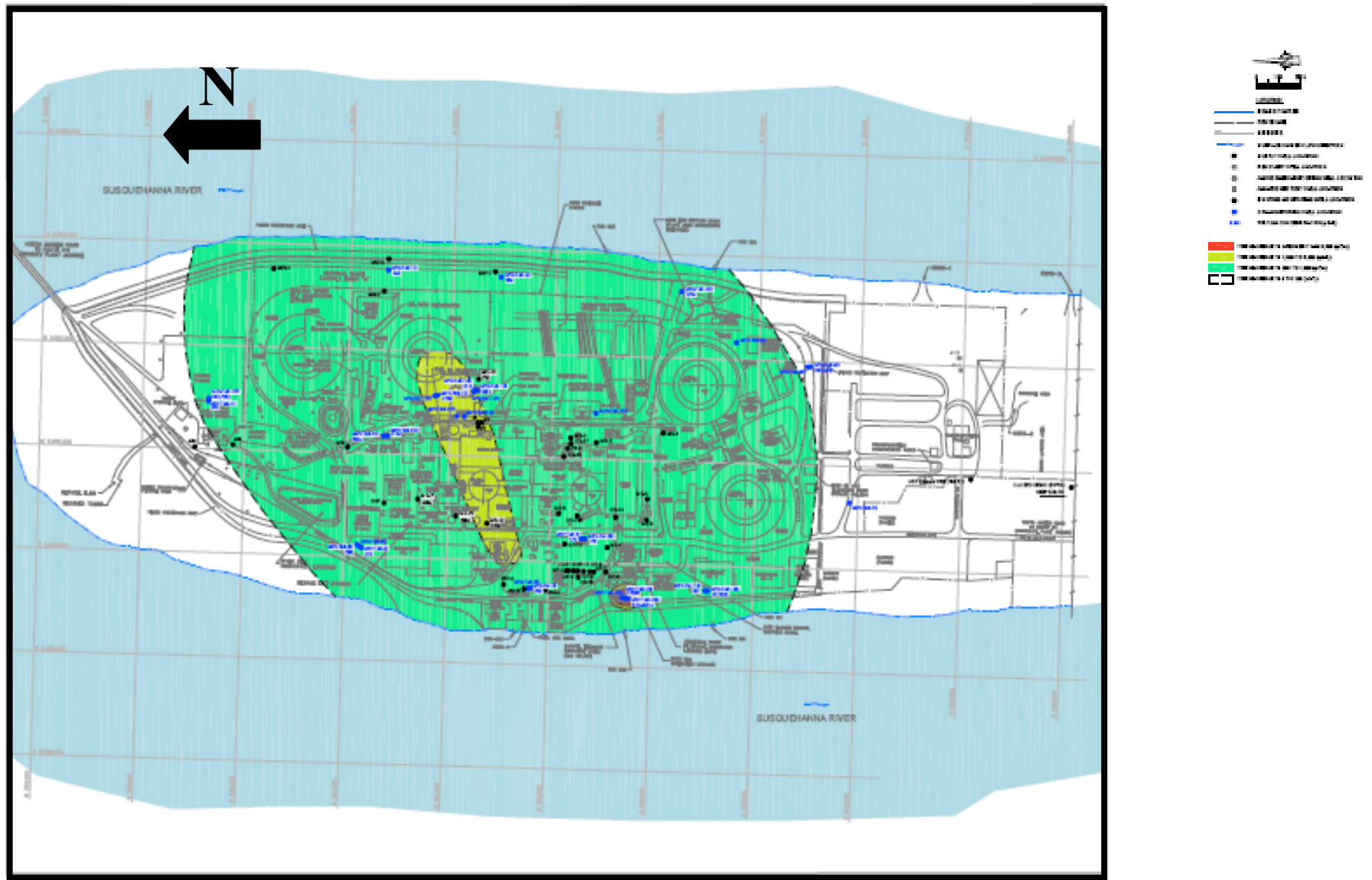


# Tritium Isoconcentrations in Overburden



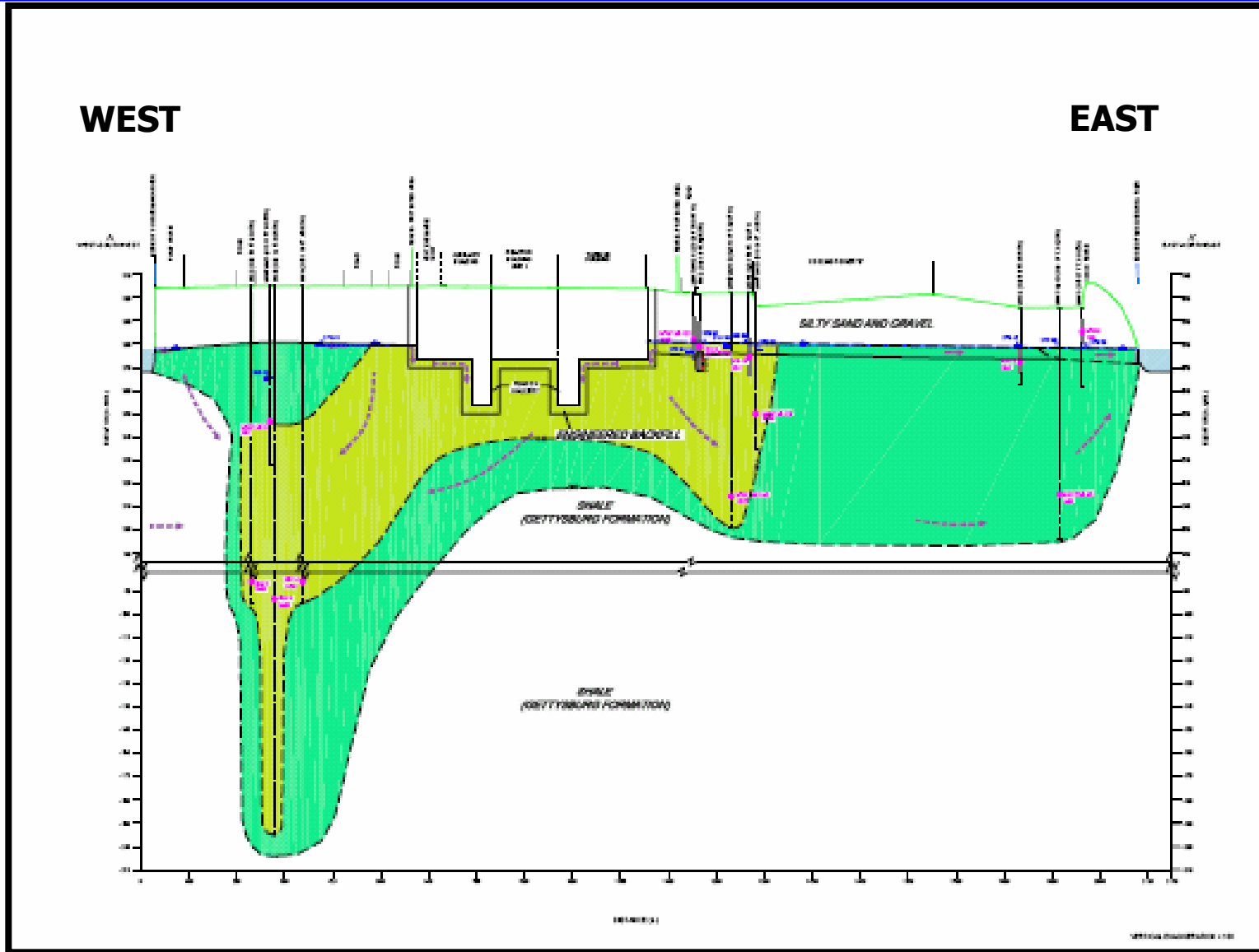


# Tritium Isoconcentrations in Shallow Bedrock



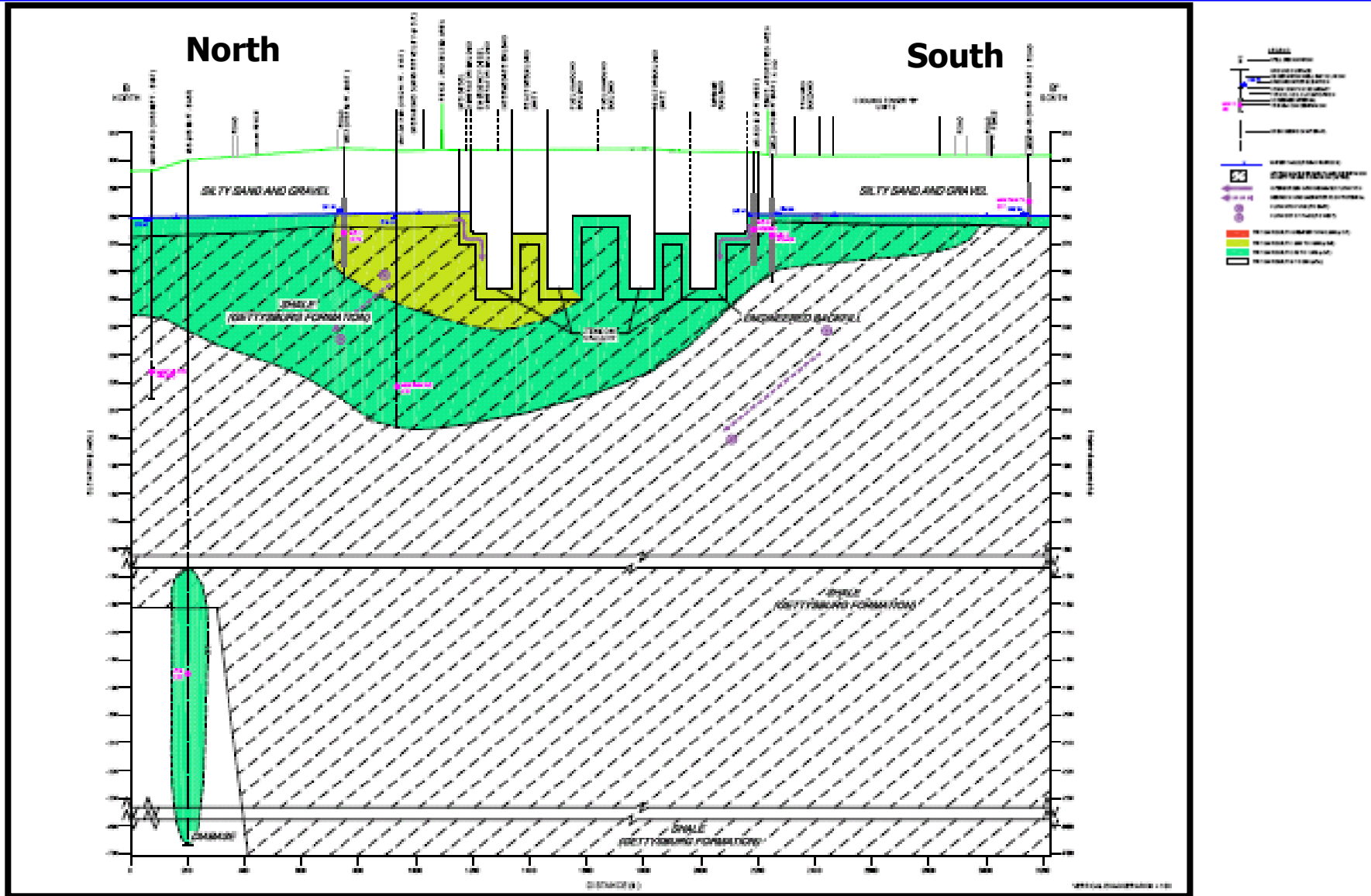


# E-W Cross-Section with Tritium Isoconcentrations





# N-S Cross-Section with Tritium Isoconcentrations





## Mass Flux to River

- To quantify the amount of tritium entering the river, mass flux calculations were completed
- The results show that 0.05 Ci/year of tritium is entering the river from groundwater

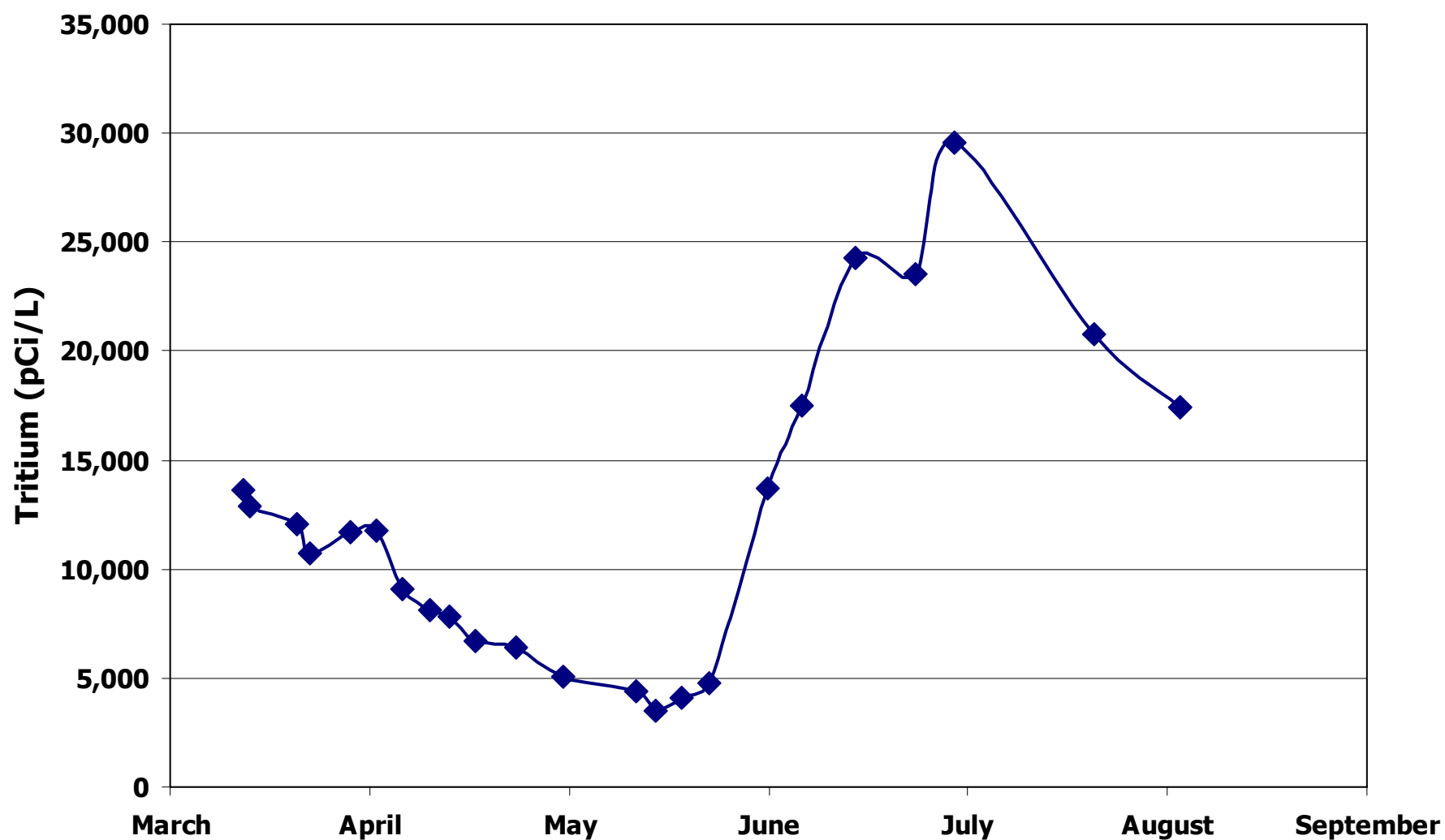


## Additional Data

- Groundwater samples collected in November 2006 and 2007
  - Results are consistent with Fleetwide Tritium Results with the exception of RW-2
- Focused investigation around RW-2 to investigate potential leak
  - Samples collected frequently (weekly) in 2007 at 9 wells
  - New spike in RW-2 identified (see next slide)
  - Leak found and under repair



## RW-2 - Tritium Results for 2007





## Action Taken

- Ongoing periodic monitoring of select wells
- REMP sampling
- Identification of potential sources
  - Focused investigations to determine if source is ongoing
  - E.g., RW-2
- Continued operation of the industrial supply wells, which capture the majority of tritium at the island



## Path Forward

- Groundwater and surface water sampling for tritium
- Periodic updates of mass flux calculations to river
- Open and frequent communications with regulatory agencies
- Evaluate groundwater results for evidence of leaks
  - If evidence, further evaluate the area and potential sources
  - Fix leaks, if identified
- Pumping of industrial supply wells, which serve to capture the majority of tritium on the island