

#### Amtrak Facilities in the Delaware River Basin



### **Amtrak Facilities**

- Wilmington began operations in early 1900's
- Philadelphia began operations in late 1930's
- Electric train service began in 1930's
- Monitoring with approved PCB Analytical Methods indicated "Non-Detectable" concentrations with a detection limit of 0.5 ppb
- Impacts from historical railroad operations





### Wilmington PMP activities

- Outfall 004 Early Action
- Sewer Cleaning Outfall 002 Completed
- Sewer Cleaning Outfall 007 Planned
- Track down sampling Planned
- Other activities will be integrated into remediation of site under DNREC voluntary cleanup program and construction of new buildings onsite.



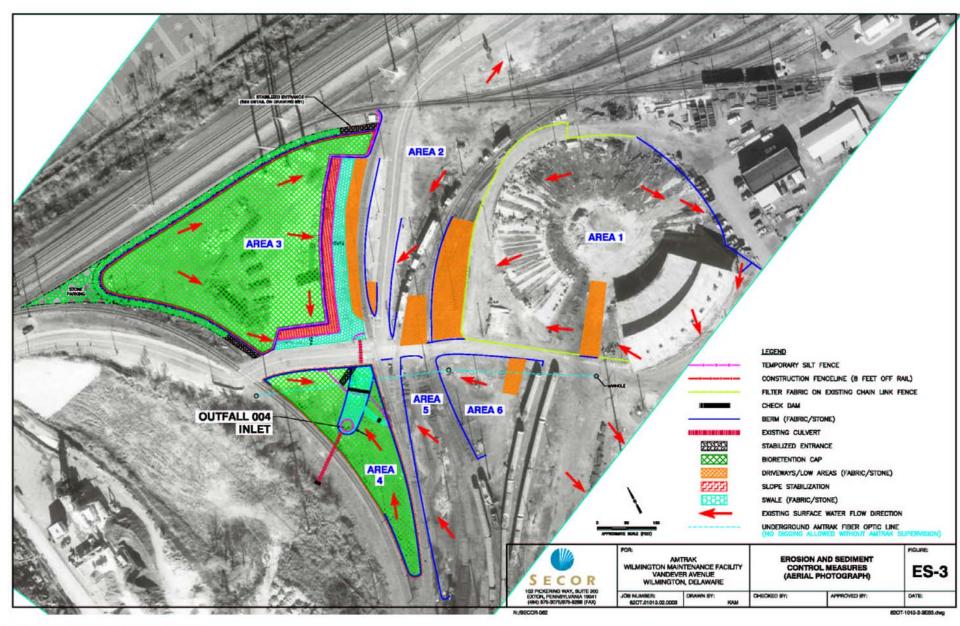


### Amtrak Early Action

- Completed a PCB minimization project using stabilization and runoff controls that reduced PCB discharges from the Wilmington Shops by 94 percent
- Confirmed that the pollutant control plan could work
- Program received an Achievement Award in 2005 from the Pennsylvania Water Resources Association



#### Outfall 004 Early Action



#### Outfall 004 Area - Before



#### Outfall 004 Area - After



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# **Results - Wilmington**

- Outfall 004
  - PCB concentrations substantially reduced approximately 94 %
  - Positive response from the regulatory agencies for Amtrak's for early successful action
  - Benefits integrated in overall site remediation strategy
- Sewer Cleanout
  - Removed 60 tons of PCB contaminated sediment for offsite disposal
  - Most sediment concentrations of PCBs in 5 to 10 ppm range (one pipe had a PCB concentration of 60 ppm)
  - Actual benefit to be the river will be determined after next round of sampling

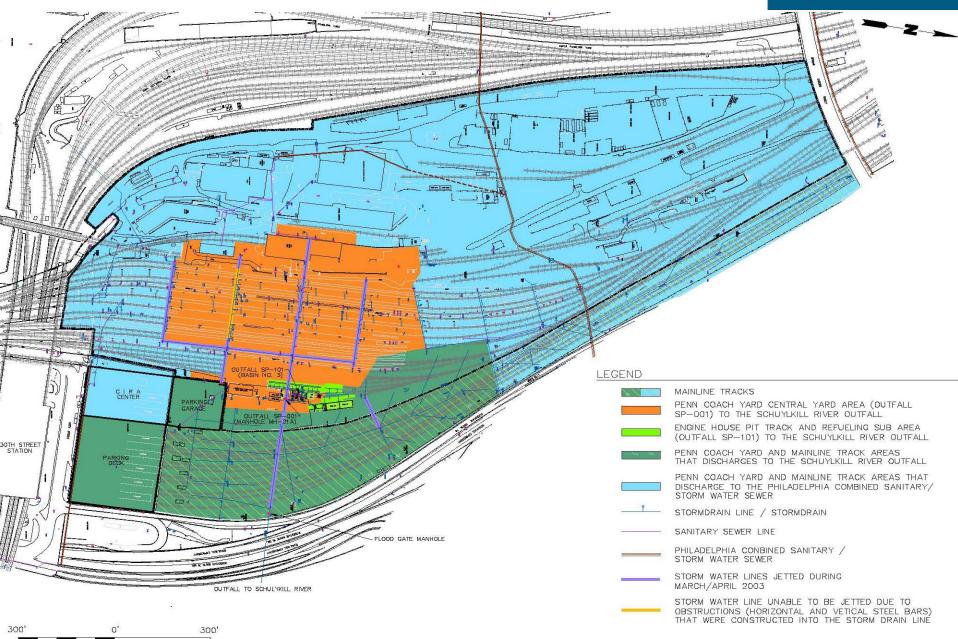


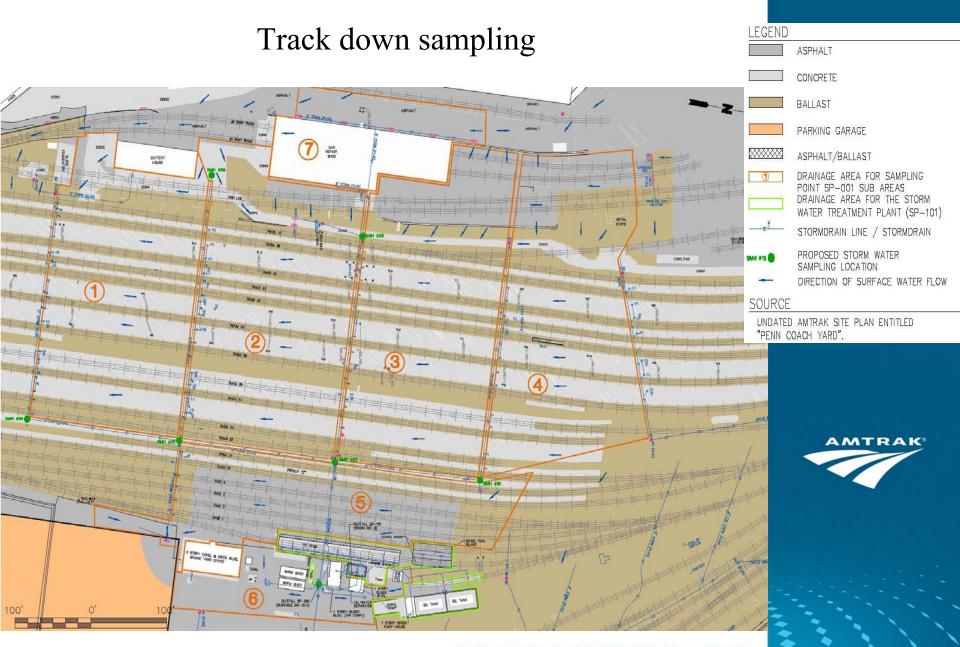
# Philadelphia PMP Activities

- NPDES Permit renewed in 2003 and contained a PMP requirement
- Cleaning of drain pipes (both outfalls)
  - Cleaning events in 2001 and 2004
- Outfall 101
  - Waste water treatment plant improvements
    - Cleaning of pits and tanks
    - New belt skimmer
    - New waste oil tank
  - Connection to POTW for additional treatment
- Outfall 001
  - Improvements to catch basin inlets
  - Track down Sampling
- PCB Minimization Plan was revised and submitted as annual report in April 2006



#### Track down Sampling





#### **Track down Sampling Methods**

- Inspected and sampled all utility trenches, vaults, etc.
- Collected grab samples rather than composite samples
- Utilized method 8082 for screening purposes
  - Method 8082 looks at 56 congeners rather than 209
- Collected samples during same rain event that composite samples were collected from outfall 001 in an effort to correlate results





# **Results - Philadelphia**

- Outfall 101
  - Wastewater treatment plant upgrades improved sample results
  - Connection to POTW improved overall discharge
- Outfall 001
  - Catch basin improvements had small impact on discharge results
- Track down Sampling
  - Sampling was inconclusive and not consistent with outfall sample. Will resample during next semiannual event.
- Sewer Cleaning
  - Removed and disposed of over 60 tons of PCB contaminated sediment during 2 cleaning events with concentrations from 3 ppm to 50 ppm
  - Cleaning done before first sampling event can't quantify impact.



### **Impacts to Amtrak**

• Approximate dollars spent on PMP development, monitoring and minimization activities

Wilmington	\$525,000
Philadelphia	<u>\$175,000</u>
<b>Total Spent</b>	\$700,000

• Incorporated PMP issues into storm water training classes





## Lessons Learned

- Being proactive helps
- Partnering helps working with the Coalition has helped Amtrak conserve resources and reduce PCB concentrations
- Data can be inconsistent
- PCB reduction activities can be incorporated into overall site remediation strategy
- PMP activities do not always show immediate results

