

Desktop Study for
Sediment-Related Problems at
Sabine Neches Project

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Preface

The US Army Engineer District Galveston proposed increasing the length, width and depth of the navigation channel at Sabine Neches Project, TX. The proposed modifications were varying in different segments of the navigation channel. The impact of these channel modifications on the following needed to be assessed.

- Study 1: Estimation of siltation in the navigation channel
- Study 2: Pleasure Island Erosion
- Study 3: Sabine Lake shoreline erosion

A desktop study was conducted at the Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory (CHL) of the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), Vicksburg, MS, during 2001-2002 for the above three topics. The U.S. Army Engineer District, Galveston, provided funding for this study. Dr. Trimbak M. Parchure, research hydraulic engineer, was the principal investigator for the project. Dr. Parchure prepared this report jointly with Ms. Soraya Sarruff of CHL. Dr. Vemulakonda Rao provided the results of numerical hydrodynamic model. The CHL team consisting of Tim Fagerburg, Mr. Howard Benson and Mr. Chris Callegan collected new field data. Mr. Doug Brister of CHL conducted laboratory analysis of bed samples and water samples under the guidance of Dr. Allen Teeter and Dr. Parchure. Ms. Mary Lynn Bagshaw and Ms. Dorothy King provided assistance in analyzing the large number of sediment and water samples collected at the project. Mr. Corey Foster assisted in data analysis, plotting of results and report compilation. Mr. Ed Reindl and Ms. Nancy Young of Galveston District supplied the data available at the District.

The work was conducted under general supervision of Dr. Robert T. McAdory, Chief, Estuarine Engineering Branch, and Mr. Thomas Richardson, Director, CHL.

The report was published by CHL. CHL was formed in October 1996 with the merger of the Coastal Engineering Research Center and the Hydraulics Laboratory. The Waterways Experiment Station (WES) has now become part of ERDC.

At the time of publication of this report, Dr. James R. Houston was Director of ERDC, and COL John W. Morris III, EN, was Commander and Executive Director.

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Part 1
Project Information and
Background Study

Chapter 1.1: Report Information

Introduction

The U.S. Army Engineer District, Galveston (SWG) and the local sponsor the Jefferson County Navigation District (JCND) have proposed to widen and deepen the Sabine-Neches Waterway (SNWW), Texas from its entrance in the Gulf of Mexico to Beaumont, Texas. The proposed modification of the navigation channel in the Sabine Neches River requires several studies, which include hydrodynamic modeling and sedimentation studies. The Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory (CHL) of the U. S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), is conducting some of the studies for the Sabine Neches project. This report describes studies conducted to evaluate the impact of the proposed development on sediment-related problems.

In view of the complexity of the project and involvement of two states, namely Texas and Louisiana, a committee represented by members of several National organizations was set up. This group called the Interagency Coordination Team (ICT) included National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), U. S. Army Corps of Engineer (USACE), etc. Members of the ICT recommended that the sedimentation study for the Sabine Neches Project should be focused only on the impact of the proposed project over the existing conditions. Hence the scope of work for this desktop study was prepared accordingly.

This report deals with two sediment-related problems. The first is the effect of navigation channel modifications on the future dredging quantities. The second is the impact of channel modifications on the erosion of Pleasure Island shoreline. The problem of erosion of the eastern shoreline of Sabine Lake will be covered in a separate report.

Scope of Desktop Study

Study 1: Effect of navigation channel modifications

Problem: Channel widening / deepening may increase tidal range and tidal currents. What impact will these changes have on the current sedimentation pattern in the navigation channel?

The scope of Study 1 was defined as follows:

Dredging data will be analyzed to establish the current siltation pattern. Field sediment samples will be analyzed in CHL laboratory. Laboratory results will be plotted and studied. Properties of sediment at site will be evaluated. Transportation characteristics of sediment will be determined. Velocity data at selected stations will be extracted from the numerical solution files for the existing and plan conditions. Velocity data will be plotted for comparison. Change in the current pattern caused by navigation

improvement will be assessed. Effect of velocity change on channel siltation and erosion will be assessed. A letter report will be submitted.

Study 2: Pleasure Island Erosion

Problem: The shoreline of Pleasure Island has been eroding over the past several years. Determine whether this erosion process would be accelerated by implementation of the proposed improvements to the ship channel.

(Part 1B) Recommend measures to alleviate the adverse impact of the proposed project, if considered necessary.

Scope (Part 1A) was defined as follows:

Sediment data available with the Galveston District will be examined and used in the study. The Measurement and Analysis Group of the CHL will collect additional sediment data, which will be analyzed in CHL laboratory. Necessary provision for the collection and analysis has been included in a separate estimate for field data collection. Laboratory results will be plotted and reviewed. Properties of sediment at site and their transportation characteristics will be evaluated for their use in the study. The cause of erosion will be assessed. Velocity data at selected stations will be extracted from the numerical solution files for the existing and plan conditions. Velocity data will be plotted for comparison. Change in the current pattern caused by navigation improvement will be assessed. Effect of velocity change on sediment erosion will be assessed. A letter report will be submitted.

Scope (Part 1B): Assess whether the sediment impact will be marginal and if so, recommend deferment for taking mitigation measures. If the impact is adverse and severe, then recommend that taking mitigation measures is essential. Recommend mitigation measures to alleviate the adverse impact of the proposed project.

Report Organization

The report is organized in the following three parts.

Part 1: Project Information and Background Study

This provides information about the report, the description of project and proposed developments, site conditions and background data for the present study.

Part 2: Effect of Channel Modifications

This describes the existing shoaling conditions, dredging data, sediment characteristics, numerical model results and conclusions of study on the expected sediment deposition in the navigation channel as a result of channel modifications.

Part 3: Pleasure Island Erosion

This describes the present shoreline erosion at Pleasure Island, site conditions, general technical considerations, numerical model results and conclusions.

Part 4: Sabine Lake Erosion

This describes the erosion problem noticed near Willow Bayou located at the eastern shoreline of Sabine Lake, site conditions, and a general assessment of the problem.

All the respective figures are given at the end of the text for each chapter followed by all the Tables.

Chapter 1.2: Project Information

Sabine Neches Project Description

Sabine River and Neches River are among the large rivers in the southeastern part of the State of Texas. The two rivers have a confluence near the north-western part of Sabine Lake, which is a large lake situated close to the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico. Beaumont Port is situated on the Neches River, whereas Orange Port is on the Sabine River. Port Arthur is located south of the confluence on the combined part of the two rivers. The deep channel waterway that runs along the Neches River, connecting the Port Arthur and Beaumont Port is denoted as the Sabine Neches Waterway (SNWW). Orange Port, which is situated on the Sabine River, is not considered as a part of SNWW. After the confluence, the combined Sabine-Neches river runs along the western boundary of Sabine Lake and meets the ocean about 75 miles northeast of Galveston. The boundary between the two states divides the Sabine Lake into two parts. The western shoreline of Sabine Lake is in Texas, whereas the eastern shoreline is in Louisiana. Sabine Pass connects Sabine Lake with the Gulf of Mexico. Location map of the project is shown in Figure 1.2.1, and an index map is shown in Figure 1.2.2.

A coordinate system that has evolved historically is used for measuring distances along the SNWW. It is also used for identifying locations and for conducting dredging operations. The SNWW is arbitrarily divided into seven reaches and each segment is identified by a different name. Figure 1.2.3 shows these seven reaches. Detailed geographic features of each reach are shown in Figures 1.2.4 through 1.2.8. Table 1.2.1 gives the extent of each reach using the site coordinates.

Reach 1: Neches River Channel

This reach covers the uppermost part of the Neches River. It extends from the confluence of the two rivers towards north (0+00 to 1037+59.40). The total length of about 20 miles for this reach is subdivided into six sub-sections designated by 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2 and 3.

Reach 2: Sabine Neches Canal

This reach covers the length from the confluence of rivers southwards from station 593+68.50 to 0+00.

Reach 3: Port Arthur Canal

This reach covers the length from station 0+00 to 326+24.4

Reach 4: Sabine Pass Channel

This reach covers the channel segment south of reach 3 up to the natural ocean shoreline. (station 0+00 to 296+24.6)

Reach 5: The Sabine Pass Jetty Channel

This segment is confined between the two jetties provided at the mouth of the Sabine Neches Waterway. (station - 214+88.30 to 0+00)

Reach 6: Sabine Pass Outer Bar Channel

This segment extends from the end of jetties to a distance of about 3.5 miles into the ocean. (18+00 to 0+00)

Reach 7: Sabine Bank Channel

This is the last segment of the navigation channel, extending into the Gulf of Mexico beyond reach 6 for a distance of about 15 miles.

The Port Arthur Canal and Sabine-Neches Canal are dredged channels separated by a narrow strip of land from the western shore of Sabine Lake.

In November 1975 the U. S. Army Engineer District, Galveston, Texas prepared the Final Environmental Statement Report on Maintenance Dredging for Sabine Neches Waterway. The project dimensions given in that report are reproduced in Table 1.2.2. The bottom widths, channel depths and side slopes for each of the seven reaches listed earlier are given in Table 1.2.3. All the depths and elevations given in this report are referenced to Mean Low Tide Datum (MLT), which is 0.81 feet below Mean Sea Level Datum in the Sabine Pass Area as determined by the National Geodetic Survey. The navigation channel may also be sub-divided into deep water and shallow water (less than 25 feet deep) channels. The areas included under these two types are listed in Table 1.2.4.

The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW), which extends from Apalachee Bay, Florida, to Brownsville, Texas, connects with the Sabine-Neches Waterway at a point about 3 miles below Orange. The GIWW then follows the Sabine River and Sabine-Neches Canal to the head of the Port Arthur Canal. The GIWW section to the east provides a connection with the Calcasieu River through the Lake Charles Deep Water Channel and Choupique cutoff. The GIWW also provides shallow-draft access westward to Galveston Bay.

Several small streams join the Sabine and Neches Rivers. Also there are extensive marshlands that are indirectly connected to the river system. This makes a very complex interconnected hydrodynamic system for propagation of tides, salt water and fresh water flows.

Port Facilities

The port has more than 160 piers, wharves, turning basins and docks serviced by the project waterway. The types of facilities include general cargo handling, bulk petroleum and grain handling, shipbuilding, commercial fish handling, and others. A detailed description of the port facilities serviced by the Sabine-Neches Waterway is available in the Corps of Engineers Port Series No. 22, revised in 2001.

Proposed Development

The existing project depth in the navigation channel is 44 feet with 2 feet over-depth in the outer channel. The project depth is 42 feet with a 1-foot over-depth for the inner channel. Based on several considerations, the team members at Galveston District selected the project depth of 50-foot for the navigation channel and connected areas such as turning circles and harbor basins. It is customary to dredge navigation channels at a depth greater than the project depth. This excess dredging, referred to as over-depth, covers various allowances for safe navigation and also minimizes the need for emergency dredging for small loss of depths due to shoaling. For the SNWW project the depths would be as follows:

a) For navigation channel outside the jetties:

Project depth	52 feet
Advance maintenance dredging	2 feet
(Allowable over-depth	2 feet)
(Wave effect allowance	2 feet)
Total depth of dredged channel	54 feet

b) For the interior navigation channel inside the jetties:

Project depth	50 feet
Total depth of dredged channel	52 feet

Table 1.2.1: Reaches of Sabine Neches Navigation Channel

ZONE	REACH (EXISTING STATIONS)	FROM STATION	TO STATION	LENGTH FEET	LENGTH MILES
7	SABINE BANK CHANNEL	95+734	18+000	77,734	14.72
6	SABINE PASS OUTER BAR	18+000	0+000	18,000	3.41
5	SABINE PASS JETTY CHANNEL	-214+88.30	0+00.00	21,488	4.07
4	SABINE PASS CHANNEL	0+00.00	296+24.6	29,625	5.61
3	PORT ARTHUR CANAL	0+00.00	326+24.4	32,624	6.18
2	SABINE-NECHES CANAL	0+00.00	593+68.50	59,368	11.24
1	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	0+00.00	1037+59.40	103,759	19.65
			TOTAL		64.88
	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL (1A)	0+00	10+00		
	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL (1B)	10+00	34+00		
	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL (1C)	34+00	75+00		
	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL (1D)	75+00.00	978+59.76		
	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL 2	978+59.76	998+63.42		
	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL 3	998+63.42	1037+59.40		

Table 1.2.2: Project dimensions

Section of Waterway	Authorized Project Dimensions (Feet)		
	Depth (MLT)	Bottom Width	Length of Section
Sabine Bank Channel	42	800	77,800
Sabine Pass Outer Bar Channel.	42	800	18,000
Sabine Pass Jetty Channel.....	40	800-500	21,488
Sabine Pass Anchorage Basin...	40	1500	3,000
Sabine Pass Channel.....	40	500	29,624
Port Arthur Canal.....	40	500	32,625
Entrance to Port Arthur Turning basins.....	40	275-678	1,500
Port Arthur East Turning Basin..	40	420	1,765
Port Arthur West Turning Basin.	40	620	1,610
Channel connecting Port Arthur West Turning Basin and Taylors Bayou Turning Basin.	40	200-250	3,020
Taylors Bayou Turning Basin..	40	150-1,000	3,470
Sabine-Neches Canal, Port Arthur Canal to Neches River	40	400	59,369
Neches River, mouth to maneu- vering area at Beaumont Turning Basin.....	40	400	96,500
Neches River, turning point vicinity mile 31.1.....	40	1,000 dia,	700
Neches River, turning point vicinity mile 36.6.....	40	1,000 dia.	-
Neches River, turning point vicinity mile 40.3.....	40	1,000 dia.	-
Neches River, channel exten- sion, vicinity mile 40.3.....	36	350	1,256
Maneuvering Area at Beaumont Turning Basin.....	40	Irregular	1,300
Beaumont Turning Basin.....	34	500	1,500
Beaumont Turning Basin exten- sion.....	34	350	2,096
Beaumont Turning Basin exten- sion to end of project channel, vicinity Bethlehem Steel Co...	30	200	3,864
Sabine-Neches Canal, Neches River to Sabine River.....	30	200	23,000
Sabine River, mouth to foot of Green Avenue.....	30	200	49,938

Table 1.2.2 (Cont'd)

Section of Waterway	Authorized Project Dimensions (Feet)		
	Depth (MLT)	Bottom Width	Length of Section
Orange Turning Basin.....	30	Irregular	1,550
Orange Municipal Slip.....	30	200	2,435
Old Channel around Harbor Island.....	25	150-200	12,634
Channel to Echo.....	12	125	24,578**
Adams Bayou.....	12	100	8,900
Cow Bayou.....	13	100	37,000*
Orangefield Turning Basin.....	13	300	500

*Upper 0.7 mile is in inactive category.

**4.6 miles are in inactive category (not constructed).

Figures 1-4 are drawings of the Sabine-Neches Waterway.

Reference: Table 1 from the Final Environmental Statement Report on Maintenance Dredging Sabine Neches Waterway, Texas, dated 4 November 1975 prepared by the U. S. Army Engineer District, Galveston, Texas.

Table 1.2.3: Details of Sabine Neches Navigation Channel Reaches

ZONE	REACH (EXISTING STATIONS)	EXISTING BOTTOM WIDTH (FT)	EXISTING CHANNEL DEPTH (FT, MLT)	ALLOWABLE OVERDEPTH (FT)	SIDE SLOPE
7	SABINE BANK CHANNEL	800	44	2	1V/10H
6	SABINE PASS OUTER BAR	800	44	2	1V/10H
5	SABINE PASS JETTY CHANNEL	800-500	42	2	1V/2H
4	SABINE PASS CHANNEL	500	42	2	1V/2H
3	PORT ARTHUR CANAL	500	42	1	1V/2H
2	SABINE-NECHES CANAL	400	42	1	1V/2H
1	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL (See details given below)				
1	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL (1A)	400	42	2	1V/2H
1	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL (1B)	400	42	2	1V/2H & 1V/5H RS
1	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL (1C)	400	42	2	1V/2H
1	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL (1D)	400	42	1	1V/2H
1	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL 2	1000-300	36	1	1V/2H
1	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL 3	300-200	32	1	1V/2H

Reference: Table

Table 1.2.4: Deep Draft and Shallow Draft Channels

Deep Draft Channels (>25' Depth)						
Channel	Area #	Location	Mile Length	Station	to	Station
SP	SABINE PASS					
	1	Sabine Bank Channel		18+000	to	93+734
	2	Outer Bar Channel		0+000	to	18+000
	3	Jetty Channel		0+000	to	214+88.3
	4	Pass Channel		0+000	to	296+24.3
	5	Anchorage Basin		100+00	to	182+00
PA	PORT ARTHUR CANAL					
	1	Junction-Port Arthur & Sabine-Neches Canals		290+00	to	40+00
	2	Entrance to Port Arthur Turning Basins		0+00	to	22+10.2
	3	Port Arthur East Turning Basins		0+00	to	17+65
	4	Port Arthur West Turning Basins		17+97	to	31+09.8
	5	Port Arthur West Turn Basns. To Taylors Bayou Turn Bsns		31+09.8	to	61+30
	6	Taylors Bayou Turning Basins		61+30	to	96+00
	7	P.A. Canal		0+00	to	290+00
SN	SABINE NECHES CANAL					
	1	Junction with Port Arthur Canal to Neches River		40+00	to	593+68.5
	2	Neches River to Sabine River (Section B)		0+00	to	230+00
NR	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL					
	1	Mouth to Smith Bluff Cut-Off		0+00	to	505+00
	2	Turning Basin at Deer Bayou		197+50	to	213+60
	3	Turning Basin at Smiths Bluff		492+50	to	505+00
	4	Smith Bluff Cut-Off to Beaumont Turning Basin		505+00	to	978+00
	5	Turning Basin @ Mile 40.3		690+00	to	705+00
	6	Channel Extension "C"		714+20	to	725+74
	7	Maneuvering Area @ Beaumont Turning Basin		950+15.97	to	978+00
	8	Beaumont Turning Basin		0+00	to	15+00
	9	Beaumont Turning Basin Extension		978+00	to	998+00
	10	Beaumont Turn Bsns. Ext. to Vic. Bethlehem Shipyards		978+00	to	1037+59.4
SR	SABINE RIVER					
	1	Mouth to Orange Municipal Slip		0+00	to	590+00
	2	Orange Turning Basin		590+13.3	to	630+31.3
	3	Orange Municipal Slip		-4+00	to	26+35
	4	Orange Municipal Slip to Old U.S. Hwy 90 Bridge Site		620+00	to	729+37.8
	5	Channel Around Orange Harbor Island		0+00	to	115+00

SHALLOW DRAFT CHANNELS (>25' Depth)						
Channel	Area #	Location	Mile Length	Station	to	Station
GI	GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS					
	1	Port Arthur to High Island		0+00	to	1613.97.5
AB	ADAMS BAYOU CHANNEL					
	1	Channel		0+00	to	82+00
CW	COW BAYOU CHANNEL					
	1	Channel		-4+00	to	368+00
	2	Orangefield Turning Basin		368+00	to	375+00

Chapter 1.3: Site Conditions

Field data collected by different agencies and reported in literature are included in this chapter. Field data collected by ERDC and their analysis are reported subsequently.

Tides

A tide gage on Pleasure Island (PI) is situated at station 524 of the Texas Coastal Ocean Observation Network (TCOON). This station is located at latitude 29 degrees 52.0'N and longitude 93 degrees 55.9' W, which is at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) facility located on the northwest side of PI on the Sabine-Neches Canal shoreline. Another tide gage close to the area is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Station 8770570, which is located at latitude 29 degrees 43.8'N and longitude 93 degrees 52.2' W, at the U.S. Coast Guard compound located on South First Avenue.

PBS&J Consulting Engineers obtained tidal datums from the TCOON and NOAA web sites <http://dnr.cbi.tamucc.edu/datum/524> and <http://cops.nos.noaa.gov/benchmarks/8770570.html>, respectively. After converting to English units and relating the datums to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW), the tidal datums are listed in Table 1.3.1. The Mean Low Tide (MLT) datum used by the USACE is also listed in the Table for comparison. Tidal data indicated a semi-diurnal pattern with a tidal range of about 1.0 to 1.5 feet, which is typical of Texas shoreline.

Depths and elevations given in this report are with reference to the Mean Low Tide Datum (MLT), which is 0.81 feet below Mean Sea Level Datum in the Sabine Pass Area as determined by the National Geodetic Survey.

Salinity

Salinity data provides indication on the amount of fresh water flow in an estuarine situation. A monitoring station with water quality data has been installed along the Sabine-Neches Canal. The station is 10683, Sabine-Neches Canal, which is close to the north end of Pleasure Island adjacent to TOPCO Docks. PBS&J have reported salinity data at this location. Salinity was measured at 0.3 m and 1 m below water surface. The results are shown in Figure 1.3.1. Salinity at this station fluctuated from 1 ppt to 18 ppt. It was noted that the sampling location was too close to the mouth of the Neches River and hence the results may not be representative of the Sabine-Neches Canal.

Table 1.3.1: Tidal Datums

Tidal Datums	TCOON (Feet)	NOAA (Feet)	USACE (Feet)
Highest Observed Water Level (08.01/1989)	---	4.32	---
Mean Higher High Water (MHHW)	1.02	1.62	---
Mean High Water (MHW)	0.97	1.50	---
Mean Tide Level (MTL)	0.55	0.98	---
Mean Sea Level (MSL)	0.62	0.98	0.81
Mean Low Water (MLW)	0.13	0.47	---
Mean Low Tide (MLT)	---	---	0.00
Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW)	0.00	0.00	---
Lowest Observed Water Lower (01/19/1996)	---	-3.74	---

Reference: Table 2-2 from PBS&J (Consulting Engineers), 2000, Document No. 000377, Engineering Report for Task 1: Project Review of the Pleasure Island Shoreline Protection Project. Report prepared for Texas General Land Office at Austin, TX.

Chapter 1.4: Numerical Modeling

Background

In connection with the proposed widening and deepening of the SNWW navigation channel, a hydrodynamic and salinity (H&S) numerical model study is being conducted simultaneous with the sediment study. Results of tides and velocities obtained from this model, which is verified for the hydrodynamics, have been used for the sediment study.

Hydrodynamic Model

The three-dimensional (3-D), finite-element code TABS-MD available with CHL was used to develop the model and obtain results. The TABS-MD code has been used successfully at CHL for several navigation studies. Because the model used a finite-element mesh, it represented the complex geometries of ship channels, turning basins, etc. realistically and with sufficient resolution. The model extended from the Gulf of Mexico to inland past Beaumont and Orange, and included Sabine Lake and portions of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) going east and west past the SNWW. The offshore boundary was located well beyond the maximum contemplated plan channel depth of 56-ft including over-dredging. The model grid and its boundaries are shown in Figure 1.4.1. The model was forced with water levels, and the interior boundaries were forced with freshwater inflows from Neches and Sabine Rivers. Pine Island Bayou inflows were neglected for the simulations used for the sediment study since they are relatively small. Wind forcing was applied to the study area as appropriate.

The Mesh

The existing conditions as well as one selected plan were tested. For the existing conditions, the geometry and bathymetry were developed using National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) charts, US Geological Survey (USGS) Quad Sheets, aerial orthographic photos, and latest surveys supplied by the Galveston District. Sufficient resolution was provided in the navigation channels to represent the velocity distribution across the deeper channel section as well as side banks, and any cross currents. The mesh and bathymetry for existing conditions were modified appropriately for the plan conditions. The mesh for the existing conditions is shown in Figure 1.4.1.

The area included in the model as well as the model grids are shown in Figure 1.4.1. Attempt has been made to accurately simulate the real geographic boundaries as far as possible while formulating the model grid. Higher resolution is provided in the study areas by adopting smaller size elements and larger size elements are provided in the areas of less interest in order to keep smaller number of grid elements. Such schematization is inevitable for most numerical models involving large geographic areas. The schematization used for each reach is shown in Figures 1.4.2 through 1.4.6.

Test Conditions

The following test conditions were used for running the model.

1. A spring tide with southeasterly winds of magnitude 15 mph and zero freshwater inflows to represent high flood currents. This boundary condition is referred to as “Flood”. The time series is shown in Figure 1.4.7.
2. A spring tide with northwesterly winds of magnitude 20 mph and high freshwater inflows to represent high ebb currents. Freshwater inflows of 16,200 and 18,600 cfs were applied respectively at the Neches and Sabine River boundaries, as they represent the 90 percentile flow values for the two rivers, based on long-term statistics collected by the USGS. This boundary condition is referred to as “Ebb”. The time series is shown in Figure 1.4.8.

The two test conditions are referred to as “Flood” and “Ebb” only for the convenience of reference, although the total duration of their respective runs extends over a time of about 120 hours and includes cycles of the rising and falling tidal water levels, which are conventionally called the flood and ebb respectively.

The water level time series used at the offshore boundary were obtained from observed water levels at Sabine Pass, following a procedure developed during tidal validation. In this procedure, the observed water levels at Sabine Pass were shifted ahead in time by 1-hour to account for the time of travel of tides. Because winds influence water levels at the model’s boundary, the historic data on water levels and corresponding winds were examined, and water levels used in the model were selected from actual data that approximately corresponded to winds of the desired magnitude and direction for the two test conditions.

Computed maximum flood and ebb currents for the two test conditions corresponding to the existing and plan conditions were provided for use in the ship simulator study.

Results of Hydrodynamic Model

The “base condition” in the model consisted of year 2000 bathymetry with the navigation channel at 45 feet depth. Results on flow pattern and currents were obtained by running the model for an adequate duration, allowing for initial “spin-up time”. The model was then run for the “plan condition” by widening and deepening the navigation channel as suggested by the Galveston District. The boundary conditions described earlier were used for running both the existing and plan conditions. The flood currents solution (for both existing and plan) is 173.5 hours long and the ebb currents solution is 192.0 hr long. 124 Nodes were selected from the model grid for extracting model results. Locations of nodes were selected adjacent to the locations of bed sample collection in each of the seven reaches. The actual numerical model node numbers of these selected nodes were assigned new numbers for convenience of reference. The relationships between the actual node numbers, their respective new node numbers, and the nearest bed sample numbers are given in Table 1.4.1. The results of hydrodynamic model were used

for estimation of shoaling for plan conditions so as to determine impacts of channel modification.

Sediment Modeling

Under many situations a full-fledged numerical sediment modeling is recommended for important projects and Sabine Neches is not an exception. However, every sediment modeling effort requires results of a satisfactorily verified hydrodynamic model as the first step. Since fine sediment dynamics is significantly influenced by salinity, a three-dimensional model including salinity simulation becomes essential. This first step requires field data on several parameters such as bathymetry, tides, currents, and salinity. The task of verification of numerical sediment model requires additional data on suspended sediment, bed sediment, and historical data on capital and maintenance dredging quantities. Collection of field data for a project covering reaches extending over several miles and conducting their laboratory analysis is quite expensive and time consuming. Hence the Galveston District proposed conducting a desktop study on the sediment-related problems for the SNWW project.

Desktop Study

A desktop study is an alternative method of obtaining preliminary answers without conducting a full-fledged numerical sediment modeling study. It requires field data on sediments and dredging quantities and results of a hydrodynamic model. Estimation of anticipated shoaling involves an unavoidable subjective element and hence the results need to be considered as a preliminary estimate, which is sometimes adequate for a feasibility study.

Desktop studies conducted earlier by ERDC include the following two reports by Parchure et al. 1. Desktop Study for La Quinta Project, and 2. Desktop study for shoaling prediction in Corpus Christi navigation channel.

Desktop Study for
Sediment-Related Problems at
Sabine Neches Project

Part 2
Effect of Navigation Channel Modifications

Chapter 2.1: Navigation Channel Shoaling

Introduction

Shoaling of navigation channels is a universal problem. Since most navigation channels are deeper than the surrounding natural bed elevation, they function as efficient sediment traps. Sediment may deposit due to bed load transport, as in the case of along shore littoral drift accumulating in a navigation channel running normal to the shore. Shoaling is also caused by deposition of suspended sediment. Increasing the dimensions of a navigation channel results in increased quantity of sediment deposition.

General Considerations

It is necessary to determine the important factors at play while evaluating shoaling of navigation channel and harbor areas under the present conditions and for estimating future shoaling caused by channel modifications. These factors are listed below (Parchure and Teeter, 2002c).

1. Type of sediment
 - Cohesive
 - Non-cohesive
 - Mixture
 - Fluid mud
 - Calcareous
 - Biogenic
 - Loam
 - Peat
2. Identification of sediment source
 - Suspended sediment
 - Bed erosion
 - Bank sloughing
 - Adjacent land areas
 - Sediment recirculation
 - Aolian sediment transport
 - Littoral drift
 - Flood/ebb shoal
 - Porous land reclamation
 - Porous other structures
3. Critical natural parameter involved
 - Tidal current
 - Ocean influx
 - River discharge
 - Tributary inflow
 - Density current
 - Waves
 - Vessel-induced waves and currents
 - Eddies
 - Flow stagnation

- Meandering river
- Geomorphology
- Land runoff
- Sea level rise
- Land upheaval
- Over-bank flow
- Existing structures
- Episodic events such as earthquake and storm
- 4. Time scale of shoaling occurrence
 - Perennial
 - Periodically recurring
 - Sporadic
- 5. Total volume of sediment
 - For selecting suitable dredging equipment
 - For working out benefit / cost ratio for proposed measures
- 6. Importance of the location
 - National defense
 - Recreational
 - Environmental
 - Archeological
 - Commercial
- 7. Location of major problem
 - Specific channel reach
 - Berths
 - Estuary mouth
- 8. Best approach to investigate the problem
 - Physical modeling
 - Tracer study
 - Numerical modeling
 - Field data analysis
 - Desktop study
- 9. Success or failure of measures taken at other sites under similar site conditions and natural parameters.

Field Data Collection

The Galveston District supplied survey data, dredging history data and project layout maps, which have been used for the present study.

CHL collected field data on tides, currents and salinity. These were used for validation of a numerical hydrodynamic model.

CHL collected surface bed sediment samples along the SNWW ship channel and along the shoreline of Pleasure Island for use in the sedimentation studies. These were analyzed at the CHL Sedimentation Laboratory to determine particle size distribution and organic contents. CHL also collected mid-depth water samples, which were analyzed to determine the concentration of total suspended matter (TSM) and salinity.

Results of analysis of all the field data are reported at relevant places in this report.

Chapter 2.2: Field Data on Sediment, Water and Velocity

Bed Sediment New Data

In all, 92 surface bed samples were collected in April 2002 by CHL along the SNWW navigation channel. The number of samples collected from each reach was as follows: Reach 1 (18), Reach 2 (23), Reach 3 (12), Reach 4 (12), Reach 5 (8), Reach 6 (3), and Reach 7 (16). All these samples were collected approximately at the center of the navigation channel. Locations of all the bed samples are shown in Figure 2.2.1 through Figure 2.2.9. The sample numbers are written at the center of the navigation channel. They do not appear in serial numbers. They start with 1900 at the upstream reach of Neches River and end with zero at the end of the jetties. Then they start with OS52 to represent the offshore samples and end with the number OS1003 beyond the existing offshore navigation channel. All the bed samples were analyzed to determine the percent fraction finer than silt (smaller than 64 micron in size), particle size distribution of the fraction coarser than silt, and the percentage of total organic matter. The particle size distribution curves of bed samples are given in Appendix A. The results of silt-sand split and percent organic matter are given in Table 2.2.1. The average values are given in Table 2.2.2.

It is seen that the sediment consists of a mixture of sand, silt and clay. The contents vary from 4 percent sand and 96 percent silt plus clay to 38 percent sand and 62 percent silt plus clay. The average percentage of organic matter varied from 3.74 to 8.73.

Bed Sediment Old Data

The Galveston District had supplied bed sediment data collected in the past at several locations along the navigation channel. These data were collected over a period of several years from 1984 to 1996. The data included results of laboratory analysis, which included percentages of sand, silt and clay as well as the median diameter of sediment sample. The original data supplied by the District were rearranged in groups representing the seven reaches of the SNWW navigation channel and are presented in Table 2.2.3. Since the data were not synoptic, they could not be used for the present study, however they are included here only for the purpose of reporting.

Suspended Sediment

CHL-ERDC collected water samples at mid-depth on April 16 and 18 for the inner part of SNWW at the same locations where bed samples were collected. Water samples were again collected on August 22 in the outer channel. These were analyzed in the ERDC laboratory to determine the percentage concentration of suspended matter. The results are given in Table 2.2.4.

The Total Suspended Matter (TSM) showed considerable variation along the navigation channel. It varied from 14 mg/l to 242 mg/l in the inner channel, and from 4 mg/l to 33 mg/l in the outer channel.

Water samples were also collected at two locations, labeled as 2 and 5, at 30-minute intervals on April 17 th. The locations are shown in Figure 2.2.10. The samples were collected at three depths, namely near surface, mid-depth and near bed. These were analyzed to determine suspended sediment concentration. The results are given in Tables 2.2.5 for location 2, and in Table 2.2.6 for location 5.

It may be noted that field data were collected during calm weather conditions. Suspended sediment concentration could be much higher during adverse conditions such as high wind and wave conditions.

Salinity

Water samples collected at mid-depth at the same locations as bed samples were analyzed to determine salinity. The samples were collected on April 16 and 18 for the inner channel and on August 22 for the offshore channel. The results of salinity measurements are given in Table 2.2.4 simultaneous with the results of suspended sediment concentration.

The salinity varied from near zero in the riverine part to 28 ppt in the ocean. It is necessary to note that both the suspended sediment concentration and salinity depend upon the river discharge and tidal conditions at the time of data collection. The combined discharge of Neches and Sabine River was 25,900 cfs on April 16 and 45,300 on April 18. In view of the significant variation on the two days, the data presented here cannot be considered close to simultaneous at all the locations of data collection.

The second set consisted of water samples collected at every 30-minute interval at two locations, named as 2 and 5, which are shown in Figure 2.2.10. Both the locations were close to the center of navigation channel. Station 5 was located close to the natural shoreline. Station 2 was located at Port Arthur. Salinity at stations 2 and 5 is reported in Table 2.2.7.

Salinity measured at surface, mid-depth and near-bottom at Station 2 near Port Arthur showed that the surface and mid-depth salinity stayed close to zero but the near-bottom salinity rose to as high as 9.2 ppt at some stages of tide. Rapid flocculation of certain clay minerals occurs in the range of salinity between 1 and 5 ppt. Hence the observed high level of salinity is expected to be responsible for shoaling in the reach downstream of Port Arthur.

Salinity measured at surface, mid-depth and near-bottom at Station 5 near the inlet showed a large variation in salinity over the vertical. The surface salinity varied from 3 to 7 ppt whereas the near-bottom salinity remained close to about 28 ppt. The mid-depth salinity showed a large variation with tide between these two values.

Salinity data were collected over a 25-hour period at transects shown on Figure 2.2.11. The data were collected at three depths, namely near surface, mid-depth and near bottom. All the locations were in the navigation channel, which may be approximately described as follows:

R1: South of the anchorage area in the Sabine Pass Channel

- R3: South of Intracoastal Waterway junction with navigation channel
- R4: In the Intracoastal waterway
- R5: Near East Basin of Port Arthur
- R6: In Neches River
- R7: At the outfall of Neches River in the Sabine Lake

The results are presented in Figures 2.2.12 through 2.2.17. The following conclusions are drawn:

1. There was substantial variation in salinity over the water depth, indicating stratification.
2. Salinity at all depths showed variation with time, however it was not consistently correlated to tidal stage variation.
3. The bottom salinity at transects R1, the location closest to the ocean, varied from about 24 to 31 ppt and the surface salinity varied from 14 to 28 ppt.
4. The bottom salinity at R6, the location farthest from the ocean varied from 16 to 20 ppt and the surface salinity varied from 9 to 10 ppt.

River Discharge

Salinity is a function of tidal prism and fresh water discharge in an estuary. Fresh water flows in the Sabine and Neches rivers around the water sample collection dates are given in Table 2.2.8.

Additional Field Data

In addition to the field data reported above, CHL-ERDC also collected long-term field data on tides, salinity and velocity. The locations of collection are shown in Figure 2.2.18. The locations relevant to the navigation channel study are

- 7: Sabine Pass
- 6: Port Arthur
- 3: Rainbow Bridge on Neches River
- 2: Beaumont on Neches River

Data on water level elevations are given in Figures 2.2.19 through 2.2.23.

Data on salinity are given in Figures 2.2.24 through 2.2.27

Data on velocity are given in Figures 2.2.28 through 2.2.31.

Table 2.2.1: Bed Sample Analysis for Sabine Neches Project**Reach 1**

S. No.	Sample #	% Sand	% Silt + Clay	% Organic Matter
1	1900	92.72	7.28	2.06
2	1874	82.36	17.64	3.15
3	1848	96.6	3.4	1.95
4	1821	95.02	4.98	0.97
5	1795	20.83	79.17	7.34
6	1768	3.2	96.8	9.61
7	1742	4.6	95.4	11.24
8	1716	26.02	73.98	8.56
9	1689	9.39	90.61	7.82
10	1663	88.22	11.78	0.61
11	1636	25.64	74.36	8.38
12	1610	9.03	90.97	8.74
13	1584	21.75	78.25	7.16
14	1557	49.57	50.43	7.80
15	1531	3.62	96.38	7.98
16	1504	10.74	89.26	7.96
17	1478	29.48	70.52	7.17
18	1452	20.59	79.41	7.05
Avg. =		38.30	61.70	6.42

Table 2.2.1 (contd.): Bed Sample Analysis for Sabine Neches Project

Reach 2

S. No.	Sample #	% Sand	% Silt + Clay	% Organic Matter
19	1425	16.38	83.62	6.81
20	1399	66.21	33.79	3.63
21	1372	29.05	70.95	5.30
22	1346	23.44	76.56	4.87
23	1320	17.14	82.86	4.50
24	1293	13.69	86.31	4.96
25	1267	45.16	54.84	5.06
26	1240	28.74	71.26	5.44
27	1214	12.58	87.42	6.80
28	1188	31.72	68.28	5.41
29	1161	20.02	79.98	7.46
30	1135	40.51	59.49	8.09
31	1108	8.32	91.68	7.53
32	1082	21.64	78.36	7.68
33	1056	13.15	86.85	5.46
34	1029	16.9	83.1	8.48
35	1003	13.13	86.87	7.80
36	976	11.65	88.35	14.64
37	950	16.78	83.22	7.54
38	924	8.85	91.15	9.49
39	897	37.53	62.47	5.37
40	871	7.51	92.49	7.71
41	844	9.42	90.58	8.66
Avg. =		22.15	77.85	6.90

Table 2.2.1 (contd.): Bed Sample Analysis for Sabine Neches Project
Reach 3

S. No.	Sample #	% Sand	% Silt + Clay	% Organic Matter
42	818	7.29	92.71	9.23
43	792	7.57	92.43	8.99
44	765	7.9	92.1	6.91
45	739	22.26	77.74	6.27
46	712	33.86	66.14	6.07
47	686	13.83	86.17	7.82
48	660	4.1	95.9	8.25
49	633	16.82	83.18	8.63
50	607	25.15	74.85	6.08
51	580	8.68	91.32	7.26
52	554	26.3	73.7	4.19
53	528	20.53	79.47	5.93
Avg. =		16.19	83.81	7.13

Reach 4

S. No.	Sample #	% Sand	% Silt + Clay	% Organic Matter
54	501	16.94	83.06	7.05
55	475	36.72	63.28	7.08
56	448	83.5	16.5	9.04
57	422	86.85	13.15	9.48
58	396	3.79	96.21	8.22
59	369	1.84	98.16	9.78
60	343	1.52	98.48	7.55
61	316	14.42	85.58	12.45
62	290	3.67	96.33	7.69
63	264	22.66	77.34	7.12
64	237	69.89	30.11	12.75
65	211	19.45	80.55	6.60
Avg. =		30.10	69.90	8.73

Table 2.2.1 (contd.): Bed Sample Analysis for Sabine Neches Project

Reach 5

S. No	Sample #	% Sand	% Silt + Clay	% Organic Matter
66	184	4.02	95.98	11.12
67	158	10.79	89.21	7.27
68	132	Shells	Shells	Shells
69	105	12.13	87.87	3.28
70	79	Shells	Shells	Shells
71	52	Shells	Shells	Shells
72	26	Shells	Shells	Shells
73	0	16.81	83.19	2.30
Avg. =		10.94	89.06	6.00

Reach 6

S. No	Sample #	% Sand	% Silt + Clay	% Organic Matter
74	OS52	5.62	94.38	1.81
75	OS105	3.52	96.48	7.16
76	OS158	3.88	96.12	2.26
Avg. =		4.34	95.66	3.74

Table 2.2.1 (contd.): Bed Sample Analysis for Sabine Neches Project
Reach 7

S. No.	Sample #	% Sand	% Silt + Clay	% Organic Matter
77	OS211	1.89	98.11	5.02
78	OS264	5.97	94.03	3.15
79	OS316	32.88	67.12	2.65
80	OS369	32.99	67.01	3.93
81	OS422	20.66	79.34	4.14
82	OS475	47	53	2.89
83	OS528	8.06	91.94	4.28
84	OS580	9.39	90.61	5.38
85	OS633	20.28	79.72	9.58
86	OS686	21.9	78.1	4.51
87	OS739	3.45	96.55	7.16
88	OS792	29.65	70.35	3.5499
89	OS844	65.26	34.74	2.1731
90	OS897	8.73	91.27	
91	OS950	34.46	65.54	3.60
92	OS1003	46.15	53.85	4.083
Avg. =		24.29	75.71	4.13

Table 2.2.2: Average percentages of sand, silt plus clay and percent organic matter in bed sediment

Reach #	% Sand	% Silt + Clay	% Organic Matter
1	38.30	61.70	6.42
2	22.15	77.85	6.90
3	16.19	83.81	7.13
4	30.10	69.90	8.73
5	10.94	89.06	6.00
6	4.34	95.66	3.74
7	24.29	75.71	4.13

Table 2.2.3: SNWW Sediment Data (1984 to 1996) Supplied by Project

New	Original		%	%		Location		
Sample #	Number	% Sand	Silt	Clay	D50 mm	Zone	Channel	Station
8	S-NR-88-01	17.8	42.20	40.00	0.022	1	Neches River Channel	0+00
9	S-NR-88-03	1.4	28.40	70.20		1	Neches River Channel	100+00
10	S-NR-88-05	4.6	29.10	66.30	0.002	1	Neches River Channel	200+00
11	S-NR-88-07	3.2	29.30	67.50	0.002	1	Neches River Channel	300+00
12	S-NR-88-19	19.8	39.10	41.10	0.01	1	Neches River Channel	900+00
13	S-NR-88-21	23.8	30.20	46.00	0.006	1	Neches River Channel	1000+00
23	S-NR-90-01	6.9	50.00	43.10	0.0012	1	Neches River Channel	0+00
52	S-NR-94-08	16.9	69.30	13.80	0.04	1	Neches River Channel	350+00
53	S-NR-94-09	9.1	79.80	11.10	0.058	1	Neches River Channel	400+00
54	S-NR-94-10	11.8	55.50	32.70	0.026	1	Neches River Channel	450+00
55	S-NR-94-11	40.8	50.00	9.20	0.065	1	Neches River Channel	500+00
56	S-NR-94-12	15.7	72.40	11.90	0.036	1	Neches River Channel	550+00
57	S-NR-94-13	11.9	69.30	18.80	0.036	1	Neches River Channel	600+00
58	S-NR-94-15	25.5	58.00	16.50	0.043	1	Neches River Channel	700+00
59	S-NR-94-16	43.7	44.90	11.40	0.069	1	Neches River Channel	750+00
60	S-NR-94-17	34.8	44.60	20.60	0.043	1	Neches River Channel	800+00
61	S-NR-94-18	62	26.60	11.40	0.204	1	Neches River Channel	850+00
62	S-NR-94-01	32	47.40	20.60	0.061	1	Neches River Channel	0+00
63	S-NR-94-02	7.7	69.20	23.10	0.055	1	Neches River Channel	50+00
64	S-NR-94-03	13.2	55.50	31.30	0.032	1	Neches River Channel	100+00
65	S-NR-94-04	20.8	63.90	15.30	0.051	1	Neches River Channel	150+00
66	S-NR-94-05	9.6	65.20	25.20	0.042	1	Neches River Channel	200+00
67	S-NR-94-06	61.1	13.70	25.20	0.138	1	Neches River Channel	250+00
68	S-NR-95-18	69.6	25.10	5.30	0.279	1	Neches River Channel	850+00

69	S-NR-95-19	43.1	41.20	15.70	0.064	1	Neches River Channel	900+00
70	S-NR-95-20	55	35.10	9.90	0.099	1	Neches River Channel	950+00
71	S-NR-95-21	98.5	0.90	0.60	0.318	1	Neches River Channel	1000+00
76	S-NR-95-18	25.6	31.60	42.80	0.009	1	Neches River Channel	850+00
77	S-NR-95-19	51.8	29.10	19.10	0.083	1	Neches River Channel	900+00
78	S-NR-95-20	72.5	10.70	16.80	0.161	1	Neches River Channel	950+00
79	S-NR-95-21	85.7	6.50	7.80	0.456	1	Neches River Channel	1000+00
114	S-NR-97-01	53.6	1.70	44.70	0.119	1	Neches River Channel	0+00
1	S-SN-84-01	0.14	77.27	22.59	0.0097	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	0+00
4	S-SN-87-01	0.77	73.32	25.91	0.0071	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	0+00
22	S-SN-90-17	52.2	34.20	13.60	0.143	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	200+00
24	S-SN-90-01	3.3	46.60	50.10	0.005	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	0+00
25	S-SN-90-03	13.3	53.90	32.80	0.025	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	100+00
26	S-SN-90-05	23.8	46.70	29.50	0.022	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	200+00
27	S-SN-90-07	18.5	61.70	18.50	0.05	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	300+00
28	S-SN-90-09	13	45.90	41.10	0.01	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	400+00
29	S-SN-90-11	9.4	59.20	31.40	0.011	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	500+00
51	S-SN-93-01	14.4	44.40	41.20	0.011	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	0+00
72	S-SN-95-13	10.6	51.00	38.40	0.013	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	0+00
73	S-SN-95-15	6	56.60	37.40	0.015	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	100+00
74	S-SN-95-17	26.7	52.10	21.20	0.055	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	200+00
100	S-SN-96-01	52.2	33.40	14.40		2	Sabine-Neches Canal	0+00
108	S-SN-96-06	75.1	18.10	6.80	0.095	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	250+00
109	S-SN-96-07	12.6	45.70	41.70	0.008	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	300+00
110	S-SN-96-08	76.5	17.10	6.40	0.16	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	350+00
111	S-SN-96-09	72.2	8.20	19.60	0.165	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	400+00
112	S-SN-96-10	19.4	45.50	35.10	0.019	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	450+00
113	S-SN-96-11	49	34.50	16.50	0.073	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	500+00
115	S-SN-97-02	31.5	30.60	37.90	0.014	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	50+00
116	S-SN-97-03	15.5	43.00	41.50	0.009	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	100+00

117	S-SN-97-04	24.1	27.90	48.00	0.006	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	150+00
118	S-SN-97-05	60.1	10.90	29.00	0.088	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	200+00
119	S-SN-97-06	36.5	34.20	29.30	0.046	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	250+00
120	S-SN-97-07	46.4	29.20	24.40	0.069	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	300+00
121	S-SN-97-08	54.7	30.20	15.10	0.078	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	350+00
122	S-SN-97-09	46.8	34.70	18.50	0.07	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	400+00
123	S-SN-97-10	52.7	20.00	27.30	0.078	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	450+00
124	S-SN-97-11	42.4	29.30	28.30	0.05	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	500+00
125	S-SN-97-12	29.7	22.30	48.00	0.006	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	550+00
147	S-SN-98-01	30.7	44.70	24.60	0.044	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	0+00
163	S-SN-98-01	30.7	44.70	24.60	0.044	2	Sabine-Neches Canal	0+00
2	S-PA-87-07	1.55	72.52	25.94	0.00677	3	Port Arthur Canal	300+00
3	S-PATB-87-09	0.98	78.00	21.02	0.007	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	15+00
5	S-PA-87-01	18.25	64.88	16.88		3	Port Arthur Canal	296+00
14	S-PA-89-07	1.7	41.20	57.10	0.004	3	Port Arthur Canal	300+00
15	S-PATB-89-09	0.7	33.50	65.80	0.003	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	15+00
16	S-PATB-89-10	3	28.10	68.90	0.003	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	25+00
17	S-PATB-89-12	3.3	74.70	22.00	0.009	3	Taylor's Bayou Turning Basin	75+00
18	S-PA-90-02	61.2	29.70	9.10	0.12	3	Port Arthur Canal	50+00
19	S-PA-90-04	55.9	32.20	11.90	0.134	3	Port Arthur Canal	150+00
20	S-PA-90-06	50.9	33.90	15.20	0.076	3	Port Arthur Canal	200+00
21	S-SP-90-06	46	34.60	19.40	0.069	3	Port Arthur Canal	250+00
30	S-PA-92-01	29.9	38.40	31.70	0.019	3	Port Arthur Canal	0+00
31	S-PATB-92-08	12.7	29.90	57.40	0.003	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	0+00
32	S-PATB-92-09	18.4	19.50	62.10	0.004	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	15+00
33	S-PATB-92-10	24.6	39.00	36.40	0.012	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	25+00
46	S-PA-93-07	11.2	58.40	30.40	0.032	3	Port Arthur Canal	300+00
47	S-PATB-93-08	0.7	63.90	35.40	0.016	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	0+00
48	S-PATB-93-08A	2	59.60	38.40	0.013	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	5+00
49	S-PATB-93-10	2	44.40	53.60	0.004	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	25+00

50	S-PATB-93-11	4.1	60.80	35.10	0.012	3	Taylors Bayou Turning Basin	50+00
94	S-PA-96-07	5.5	67.50	27.00	0.02	3	Port Arthur Canal	300+00
95	S-PATB-96-08	5.1	36.40	58.50	0.001	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	0+00
96	S-PATB-96-09	1.3	50.70	48.00	0.01	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	15+00
97	S-PATB-96-10	2.7	51.20	46.10	0.01	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	25+00
98	S-PATB-96-11	8.1	26.20	65.70		3	Taylors Bayou Turning Basin	50+00
99	S-PATB-96-12	5.6	61.00	33.40	0.02	3	Taylors Bayou Turning Basin	75+00
135	S-PA-98-01	52.9	19.50	27.60	0.083	3	Port Arthur Canal	0+00
136	S-PA-98-02	33.35	26.75	39.90	0.023	3	Port Arthur Canal	50+00
137	S-PA-98-03	36.1	25.90	38.00	0.016	3	Port Arthur Canal	100+00
138	S-PA-98-04	11.5	29.50	59.00	0.003	3	Port Arthur Canal	150+00
139	S-PA-98-05	51.3	29.80	18.90	0.077	3	Port Arthur Canal	200+00
140	S-PA-98-06	6.95	25.00	68.05	0.002	3	Port Arthur Canal	250+00
141	S-PA-98-07	7.4	18.70	73.90	0.002	3	Port Arthur Canal	300+00
142	S-PATB-98-08	5	56.90	38.10	0.022	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	0+00
143	S-PATB-98-09	0.8	26.80	72.40	0.002	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	15+00
144	S-PATB-98-10	1.4	31.20	67.40	0.002	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	25+00
145	S-PATB-98-11	7.1	46.80	46.10	0.007	3	Taylors Bayou Turning Basin	50+00
146	S-PATB-98-12	3.8	36.80	59.40	0.003	3	Taylors Bayou Turning Basin	75+00
151	S-PA-98-01	52.9	19.50	27.60	0.083	3	Port Arthur Canal	0+00
152	S-PA-98-02	33.35	26.75	39.90	0.023	3	Port Arthur Canal	50+00
153	S-PA-98-03	36.1	25.90	38.00	0.016	3	Port Arthur Canal	100+00
154	S-PA-98-04	11.5	29.50	59.00	0.003	3	Port Arthur Canal	150+00
155	S-PA-98-05	51.3	29.80	18.90	0.077	3	Port Arthur Canal	200+00
156	S-PA-98-06	6.95	25.00	68.05	0.002	3	Port Arthur Canal	250+00
157	S-PA-98-07	7.4	18.70	73.90	0.002	3	Port Arthur Canal	300+00
158	S-PATB-98-08	5	56.90	38.10	0.022	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	0+00
159	S-PATB-98-09	0.8	26.80	72.40	0.002	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	15+00
160	S-PATB-98-10	1.4	31.20	67.40	0.002	3	Port Arthur Turning Basins	25+00
161	S-PATB-98-11	7.1	46.80	46.10	0.007	3	Taylors Bayou Turning Basin	50+00
162	S-PATB-98-12	3.8	36.80	59.40	0.003	3	Taylors Bayou Turning Basin	75+00

6	S-SP-87-03	10.29	75.12	14.59		4	Sabine Pass Channel	100+00
34	S-SP-92-03	21.9	48.10	30.00	0.023	4	Sabine Pass Channel	100+00
35	S-SP-92-04	37.7	34.20	28.10	0.018	4	Sabine Pass Channel	150+00
36	S-SP-92-06	24	37.50	38.50	0.012	4	Sabine Pass Channel	250+00
148	S-SP-98-03	35.6	18.30	46.10	0.008	4	Sabine Pass Channel	100+00
149	S-SP-98-04	7.6	32.10	60.30	0.003	4	Sabine Pass Channel	150+00
150	S-SP-98-06	23.1	37.80	39.10	0.031	4	Sabine Pass Channel	250+00
164	S-SP-98-03	35.6	18.30	46.10	0.008	4	Sabine Pass Channel	100+00
165	S-SP-98-04	7.6	32.10	60.30	0.003	4	Sabine Pass Channel	150+00
166	S-SP-98-06	23.1	37.80	39.10	0.031	4	Sabine Pass Channel	250+00
101	S-J-96-01	19	42.20	38.80	0.042	5	Entrance Channel	-200+00
102	S-J-96-02	33.5	33.50	33.00	0.053	5	Entrance Channel	-150+00
103	S-J-96-03	12.8	45.10	42.10	0.015	5	Entrance Channel	-100+00
104	S-J-96-04	72.9	21.10	6.00	0.101	5	Entrance Channel	-50+00
105	S-J-96-05	32	34.00	34.00	0.057	5	Entrance Channel	0+00
126	S-J-98-01	16.8	56.90	26.30	0.006	5	Entrance Channel	-200+00
127	S-J-98-02	16.6	55.20	28.20	0.013	5	Entrance Channel	-150+00
128	S-J-98-03	15	64.00	19.70	0.014	5	Entrance Channel	-100+00
129	S-J-98-04	3.9	23.50	72.60	0.002	5	Entrance Channel	-50+00
130	S-J-98-05	22.5	55.30	17.00	0.009	5	Entrance Channel	0+00
37	S-SB-93-01	3	61.20	35.80	0.026	6	Entrance Channel	7+000
38	S-SB-93-02	10.2	56.90	32.90	0.018	6	Entrance Channel	18+000
43	S-SB-93-DA4	8.3	69.90	21.80	0.029	6	Entrance Channel	7+000
80	S-SB-95-01	5.6	19.20	75.20		6	Entrance Channel	7+000
81	S-SB-95-02	2.2	41.90	55.90	0.002	6	Entrance Channel	18+000
91	S-SB-95-DA4	8	31.00	61.00	0.002	6	Entrance Channel	12+000
93	S-SB-95-REF3&4	52.3	29.40	18.30	0.079	6	Entrance Channel	See Notes
106	S-J-96-DA4	1.9	41.20	56.90	0.003	6	Entrance Channel	12+000

107	S-J-96-REF3&4	43.3	40.50	16.20	0.068	6	Entrance Channel	Note 6
131	S-SB-98-01	1	13.00	86.00	0.004	6	Entrance Channel	7+000
132	S-SB-98-02	1.1	20.70	78.20	0.004	6	Entrance Channel	18+000
133	S-SB-98-DA4	2.4	26.90	70.70	0.003	6	Entrance Channel	12+000
134	S-SB-98-REF3+4	44.4	30.20	22.00	0.067	6	Entrance Channel	Note 6
39	S-SB-93-05	7.7	68.40	23.90	0.033	7	Entrance Channel	54+900
40	S-SB-93-06	30.7	41.30	28.00	0.015	7	Entrance Channel	66+700
41	S-SB-93-DA2	63.7	22.30	14.00	0.206	7	Entrance Channel	62+000
42	S-SB-93-DA3	64.7	23.40	11.90	0.183	7	Entrance Channel	31+350
44	S-SB-93-REF1&2	61	28.70	10.30	0.135	7	Entrance Channel	See Notes
45	S-SB-93-REF3&4	45.2	41.60	13.20	0.065	7	Entrance Channel	See Notes
82	S-SB-95-03	3.4	49.70	46.90	0.006	7	Entrance Channel	30+000
83	S-SB-95-04	5.8	59.60	34.60	0.026	7	Entrance Channel	42+500
84	S-SB-95-05	5.2	46.90	47.90	0.007	7	Entrance Channel	54+900
85	S-SB-95-06	19	47.20	33.80	0.022	7	Entrance Channel	66+700
86	S-SB-95-07	6.5	42.70	50.80	0.004	7	Entrance Channel	78+500
87	S-SB-95-08	6.3	42.60	51.10	0.004	7	Entrance Channel	87+000
88	S-SB-95-DA1	94	1.20	4.80	0.188	7	Entrance Channel	98+870
89	S-SB-95-DA2	55.1	27.10	17.80	0.154	7	Entrance Channel	60+000
90	S-SB-95-DA3	18.5	36.50	45.00	0.01	7	Entrance Channel	30+000
92	S-SB-95-REF1&2	54	26.30	19.70	0.081	7	Entrance Channel	See Notes
75	S-SR-95-09	11	70.00	19.00	0.22	?	Orange Municipal Slip	25+00

Table 2.2.4: Analysis of water samples collected at Sabine-Neches Project

S. No.	Channel Reach #	Sample #	Suspended Sediment Concentration (mg/l)	Salinity (ppt)
Collection Date: April 16, 2002				
1	1	1900	42	0.01
2		1874	90	0.01
3		1848	45	0.01
4		1821	49	0.01
5		1795	37	0.01
6		1768	49	0.01
7		1742	20	0.01
8		1716	78	0.01
9		1689	76	0.01
10		1663	64	0.01
11	2	1636	53	0.01
12		1610	65	0.01
13		1584	27	0.01
14		1557	73	0.01
15		1531	88	0.01
16		1504	60	0.01
17		1478	24	0.01
18		1452	38	0.01
19		1425	14	0.01
20		1399	30	0.01
21	3	1372	58	0.01
22		1346	54	0.01
23		1320	56	0.01
24		1293	35	0.01
25		1267	15	0.01
26		1240	90	0.01
27		1214	66	0.01
28		1188	68	0.02
29		1161	58	0.02
30		1135	70	0.04

Table 2.2.4 (continued): Analysis of water samples collected at Sabine-Neches Project

S. No.	Channel Reach #	Sample #	Suspended Sediment Concentration (mg/l)	Salinity (ppt)
31	4	1108	24	0.04
32		1082	67	0.05
33		1056	33	0.04
34		1029	53	2.02
35		1003	40	3.20
36		976	47	2.87
37		950	54	2.75
38		924	46	4.17
39		897	40	6.78
40		871	31	6.09
41	5	844	34	5.32
42		818	24	2.74
43		792	37	6.88
44		765	30	8.57
45		739	124	5.77
46		712	242	9.90
47		686	126	8.77
48		660	47	6.81
April 18, 2002				
49		633	27	0.04
50		607	76	0.04
51	6	580	76	0.04
52		554	76	0.05
53		528	82	2.79
54		501	48	6.00
55		475	54	10.74
56		448	31	13.42
57		422	43	15.77
58		396	56	16.65
59		369	40	15.74
60		343	29	12.97

Table 2.2.4 (continued): Analysis of water samples collected at Sabine-Neches Project

S. No.	Channel Reach #	Sample #	Suspended Sediment Concentration (mg/l)	Salinity (ppt)
April 18, 2002				
61	7	316	36	20.03
62		290	34	16.8
63		264	44	19.57
64		237	22	15.87
65		211	51	20.04
66		184	30	21.26
67		158	24	18.54
68		132	24.24	26.84
69		105	17.34	26.70
70		79	32	27.24
71		52	22.22	27.81
72		26	20.40	27.97
73		0	19.19	28.19
74		OS52	18.36	28.25
75		OS105	12	28.17
76		OS158	33.33	28.01
77		OS211	14	28.09
78		OS264	18	28.28
79		OS316	12.37	28.38
80		OS369	10.30	28.42
81		OS422	9.183	28.40
82		OS475	11.22	28.22
83		OS528	12.12	27.90
84		OS580	9	25.98
85		OS633	11	27.31
86		OS686	15	26.48
87		OS739	25	25.72
88		OS792	9.090	26.85
89		OS844	14.14	26.98
90		OS897	4	26.44
91		OS950	26.53	27.20
92		OS1003	7.071	28.30

Table 2.2.5: Suspended Sediment Concentration measured at Station 2 on April 17, 2002

Near Bed			
Sample #	Time	Depth	Conc
		ft.	mg/l
68	0600	46.0	125
71	0631	48.0	90
74	0701	48.0	36
77	0731	48	24
80	0801	48	290
83	0831	46.0	702
86	0901	48.0	180
88	0931	45.5	20
91	1001	48.0	24
94	1031	48.0	94
97	1101	45.0	66
100	1131	49	30
103	1201	46.0	22
106	1231	49.0	71
109	1301	46.0	26
112	1331	49.0	71
116	1401	46.0	125
118	1431	44.0	382
121	1501	44.0	120
124	1534	46.0	76
127	1601	48.0	408
130	1631	50.0	544
133	1701	49.0	302
136	1731	48.0	1424
139	1801	49.0	5
142	1831	48.0	285

Mid-Depth			
Sample #	Time	Depth	Conc
69	0602	24.0	48
72	0632	25.0	74
75	0702	25.0	78
78	0732	25.0	78
81	0802	25.0	134
84	0832	24.0	104
89	0932	24.0	140
92	1002	25.0	426
95	1032	25.0	300
98	1102	23.5	228
101	1132	25.5	250
104	1202	24.0	184
107	1232	25.5	175
110	1302	24.0	150
113	1332	25.5	802
117	1402	24.0	262
119	1432	23.0	179
122	1502	23.0	51
125	1536	24.0	219
128	1602	25.0	104
131	1632	26.0	212
134	1702	25.5	86
137	1732	25.0	130
140	1802	25.5	322
143	1832	25.0	4

Near Surface			
Sample #	Time	Depth	Conc
70	0603	2.0	57
73	0630	2.0	14
76	0700	2.0	64
79	0730	2.0	60
82	0800	2.0	84
85	0830	2.0	26
87	0900	2.0	106
90	0930	2.0	80
93	1000	2.0	98
96	1030	2.0	24
99	1100	2.0	79
102	1130	2.0	19
105	1200	2.0	56
108	1230	2.0	114
111	1300	2.0	49
114	1330	2.0	38
115	1400	2.0	19
120	1430	2.0	102
123	1500	2.0	72
126	1533	2.0	138
129	1600	2.0	102
132	1630	2.0	102
135	1700	2.0	33
138	1730	2.0	61
141	1800	2.0	96
144	1830	2.0	90

Table 2.2.6: Suspended Sediment Concentration measured at Station 5 on April 17, 2002

Near Bed			
Sample #	Time	Depth	Conc
		ft.	mg/l
145	0604	51.0	400
148	0630	53.8	570
151	0700	53.2	40
154	0730	53.0	422
157	0800	54.2	456
160	0830	52.4	1156
163	0900	52.6	432
166	0930	52.8	510
169	1000	52.4	476
172	1030	53.0	578
175	1100	52.8	180
178	1135	52.6	828
181	1200	53.2	44
184	1230	52.6	150
187	1303	51.8	74
190	1338	53.0	45
193	1400	52.8	88
196	1430	52.4	41
199	1500	53.4	46
202	1530	52.8	35
205	1600	52.2	37
208	1630	53.0	44
211	1700	52.8	30
214	1730	52.6	53
217	1800	51.8	27
220	1830	51.8	21

Mid-Depth			
Sample #	Time	Depth	Conc
		ft.	mg/l
146	0605	26.5	35
149	0631	27.9	44
152	0701	27.6	38
155	0731	27.5	60
158	0801	28.1	220
161	0831	27.2	72
164	0901	27.3	30
167	0931	27.4	31
170	1001	27.2	16
173	1031	27.5	55
176	1101	27.4	24
179	1136	27.3	102
182	1201	27.6	317
185	1231	27.3	137
188	1304	26.9	88
191	1339	27.5	784
194	1401	27.4	44
197	1431	27.2	42
200	1502	27.7	36
203	1531	27.4	26
206	1601	27.1	34
209	1631	27.5	31
212	1701	27.4	26
215	1731	27.3	32
218	1801	26.9	28
221	1831	26.9	25

Near Surface			
Sample #	Time	Depth	Conc
		ft.	mg/l
147	0606	2.0	30
150	0632	2.0	37
153	0702	2.0	36
156	0732	2.0	32
159	0802	2.0	36
162	0832	2.0	34
165	0902	2.0	32
168	0932	2.0	34
171	1002	2.0	28
174	1032	2.0	46
177	1102	2.0	33
180	1137	2.0	24
183	1202	2.0	31
186	1232	2.0	31
189	1305	2.0	20
192	1340	2.0	36
195	1402	2.0	33
198	1432	2.0	31
201	1503	2.0	26
204	1532	2.0	27
207	1602	2.0	26
210	1632	2.0	27
213	1702	2.0	8
216	1732	2.0	28
219	1802	2.0	29
222	1832	2.0	27

Table 2.2.7: Salinity at Stations 2 and 5

	Date	Station	Time	Depth	Sal. (ppt)	°C
68	4/17/2002	2	6:00	46	0.02	22.1
69	4/17/2002		6:02	24	0.02	22.1
70	4/17/2002		6:03	2	0.02	22.1
71	4/17/2002	2	6:31	48	0.02	22.1
72	4/17/2002		6:32	25	0.02	22.1
73	4/17/2002		6:30	2	0.02	22.2
74	4/17/2002	2	7:01	48	0.02	22.2
75	4/17/2002		7:02	25	0.02	22.2
76	4/17/2002		7:00	2	0.02	22.2
77	4/17/2002	2	7:31	48	0.02	22.2
78	4/17/2002		7:32	25	0.02	22.2
79	4/17/2002		7:30	2	0.02	22.2
80	4/17/2002	2	8:01	48	0.02	22.2
81	4/17/2002		8:02	25	0.02	22.2
82	4/17/2002		8:00	2	0.02	22.2
83	4/17/2002	2	8:31	46	0.02	22.3
84	4/17/2002		8:32	24	0.02	22.3
85	4/17/2002		8:30	2	0.02	22.3
86	4/17/2002	2	9:01	48	0.02	22.3
87	4/17/2002		9:02	25	0.02	22.3
88	4/17/2002		9:00	2	0.02	22.3
89	4/17/2002	2	9:31	46	0.02	22.3
90	4/17/2002		9:32	24	0.02	22.3
91	4/17/2002		9:30	2	0.02	22.3
92	4/17/2002	2	10:01	48	0.02	22.3
93	4/17/2002		10:02	25	0.02	22.3
94	4/17/2002		10:00	2	0.02	22.3
95	4/17/2002	2	10:31	48	0.02	22.4
96	4/17/2002		10:32	25	0.02	22.4
97	4/17/2002		10:30	2	0.02	22.4
98	4/17/2002	2	11:01	45	0.02	22.4
99	4/17/2002		11:02	24	0.02	22.4
100	4/17/2002		11:00	2	0.02	22.4
101	4/17/2002	2	11:31	49	2.000	22.4
102	4/17/2002		11:32	26	0.02	22.5
103	4/17/2002		11:30	2	0.02	22.5
104	4/17/2002	2	12:01	46	2.120	22.5
105	4/17/2002		12:02	24	0.02	22.5

106	4/17/2002		12:00	2	0.02	22.5
107	4/17/2002	2	12:31	49	2.200	22.5
108	4/17/2002		12:32	26	0.02	22.5
109	4/17/2002		12:30	2	0.02	22.5
110	4/17/2002	2	13:01	46	2.720	22.5
111	4/17/2002		13:02	24	0.01	22.5
112	4/17/2002		13:00	2	0.02	22.5
113	4/17/2002	2	13:31	49	2.230	22.5
114	4/17/2002		13:32	26	0.02	22.6
115	4/17/2002		13:30	2	0.01	22.6
116	4/17/2002	2	14:01	46	2.090	22.6
117	4/17/2002		14:02	24	0.04	24.6
118	4/17/2002		14:03	2	0.02	24.6
119	4/17/2002	2	14:31	44	2.180	24.6
120	4/17/2002		14:32	23	0.05	24.6
121	4/17/2002		14:30	2	0.02	24.6
122	4/17/2002	2	15:01	44	2.400	24.6
123	4/17/2002		15:02	23	0.04	24.7
124	4/17/2002		15:00	2	0.02	24.7
125	4/17/2002	2	15:34	46	2.010	24.7
126	4/17/2002		15:36	24	0.04	24.7
127	4/17/2002		15:33	2	0.03	24.7
128	4/17/2002	2	16:01	48	2.380	24.7
129	4/17/2002		16:02	25	0.03	24.7
130	4/17/2002		16:00	2	0.02	24.7
131	4/17/2002	2	16:31	50	2.460	24.7
132	4/17/2002		16:32	26	0.03	24.7
133	4/17/2002		16:30	2	0.02	24.7
134	4/17/2002	2	17:01	49	2.500	24.7
135	4/17/2002		17:02	26	0.02	24.7
136	4/17/2002		17:00	2	0.02	24.7
137	4/17/2002	2	17:31	48	6.740	24.7
138	4/17/2002		17:32	25	0.02	24.7
139	4/17/2002		17:30	2	0.02	24.7
140	4/17/2002	2	18:01	49	6.760	24.7
141	4/17/2002		18:02	26	0.02	24.7
142	4/17/2002		18:00	2	0.02	24.7
143	4/17/2002	2	18:31	48	9.230	24.7
144	4/17/2002		18:32	25	0.02	24.7
145	4/17/2002		18:30	2	0.02	24.7
146	4/17/2002	5	6:04	51	27.920	
147	4/17/2002		6:05	27	5.770	
148	4/17/2002		6:06	2	3.230	

149	4/17/2002	5	6:30	54	28.340	
150	4/17/2002		6:31	28	7.600	
151	4/17/2002		6:32	2	3.290	
152	4/17/2002	5	7:00	53	28.180	
153	4/17/2002		7:01	28	8.760	
154	4/17/2002		7:02	2	3.380	
155	4/17/2002	5	7:30	53	28.240	
156	4/17/2002		7:31	28	18.510	
157	4/17/2002		7:32	53	3.410	
158	4/17/2002	5	8:00	54	28.160	
159	4/17/2002		8:01	28	27.710	
160	4/17/2002		8:02	2	3.590	
161	4/17/2002	5	8:30	52	27.750	
162	4/17/2002		8:31	27	13.630	
163	4/17/2002		8:32	2	3.760	
164	4/17/2002	5	9:00	53	27.830	
165	4/17/2002		9:01	27	13.140	
166	4/17/2002		9:02	2	4.080	
167	4/17/2002	5	9:30	53	27.810	
168	4/17/2002		9:31	27	14.610	
169	4/17/2002		9:32	2	4.660	
170	4/17/2002	5	10:00	52	27.450	
171	4/17/2002		10:01	27	13.750	
172	4/17/2002		10:02	2	5.140	
173	4/17/2002	5	10:30	53	27.570	
174	4/17/2002		10:31	28	16.310	
175	4/17/2002		10:32	2	5.630	
176	4/17/2002	5	11:00	53	27.580	
177	4/17/2002		11:01	27	17.840	
178	4/17/2002		11:02	2	5.940	
179	4/17/2002	5	11:35	53	27.430	
180	4/17/2002		11:36	27	27.470	
181	4/17/2002		11:37	2	7.830	
182	4/17/2002	5	12:00	53	20.310	
183	4/17/2002		12:01	28	27.450	
184	4/17/2002		12:02	2	7.280	
185	4/17/2002	5	12:30	53	27.530	
186	4/17/2002		12:31	27	27.590	
187	4/17/2002		12:32	2	6.700	
188	4/17/2002	5	13:03	52	27.640	
189	4/17/2002		13:04	27	27.690	
190	4/17/2002		13:05	2	5.430	
191	4/17/2002	5	13:38	53	27.640	

192	4/17/2002		13:39	28	27.720	
193	4/17/2002		13:40	2	4.410	
194	4/17/2002	5	14:00	53	27.660	
195	4/17/2002		14:01	27	27.330	
196	4/17/2002		14:02	2	4.630	
197	4/17/2002	5	14:30	52	27.730	
198	4/17/2002		14:31	27	27.270	
199	4/17/2002		14:32	2	5.250	
200	4/17/2002	5	15:00	53	27.530	
201	4/17/2002		15:01	28	27.410	
202	4/17/2002		15:02	2	4.820	
203	4/17/2002	5	15:30	53	27.480	
204	4/17/2002		15:31	27	26.340	
205	4/17/2002		15:32	2	5.160	
206	4/17/2002	5	16:00	52	27.530	
207	4/17/2002		16:01	27	27.400	
208	4/17/2002		16:02	2	4.800	
209	4/17/2002	5	16:30	53	27.610	
210	4/17/2002		16:31	28	27.560	
211	4/17/2002		16:32	2	4.250	
212	4/17/2002	5	17:00	53	27.580	
213	4/17/2002		17:01	27	27.630	
214	4/17/2002		17:02	2	4.590	
215	4/17/2002	5	17:30	53	27.590	
216	4/17/2002		17:31	27	27.570	
217	4/17/2002		17:32	2	4.570	
218	4/17/2002	5	18:00	52	27.510	
219	4/17/2002		18:01	27	27.380	
220	4/17/2002		18:02	2	4.140	
221	4/17/2002	5	18:30	52	27.490	
222	4/17/2002		18:31	27	27.130	
223	4/17/2002		18:32	2	4.050	

Table 2.2.8: River discharges at the time of water sample collection

	April 11	April 13	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	Aug 22
Sabine	19,000	22,000	2,500	2,900	21,600	21,900	6,700
Neches	15,800	19,300	22,400	23,000	23,300	23,300	2,950
Total	34,800	41,300	24,900	25,900	44,900	45,300	9,650

Chapter 2.3: Channel Dredging

Project Description

The Sabine-Neches Waterway affords deepwater navigation to the ports of Port Arthur, Beaumont, and Orange in the southeastern part of the State of Texas. The deepwater portion of the waterway extends from deep water in the Gulf of Mexico northward through an entrance channel with two jetties extending from the shoreline to the ocean. Sabine Pass connects Sabine Lake with the Gulf of Mexico. The Port Arthur and Sabine-Neches Canals are dredged channels separated by a narrow strip of land from the western shore of Sabine Lake. The Sabine Pass, Lake, and River together form part of the boundary between the States of Texas and Louisiana.

The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW), which extends from Apalachee Bay, Florida, to Brownsville, Texas, connects with the Sabine-Neches Waterway at a point about 3 miles below Orange. The GIWW then follows the Sabine River and Sabine-Neches Canal to the head of the Port Arthur Canal. The GIWW section to the east provides a connection with the Calcasieu River through the Lake Charles Deep Water Channel and Choupique cutoff. The GIWW also provides shallow-draft access westward to Galveston Bay.

A total of 70,549 vessel passages were made over the project waterway in 1974. Of these 35,275 were inbound and 35,274 were outbound. Shallow-draft commercial vessels made up over 90 percent of the total passages but these accounted for less than 50 percent of the total tonnage handled. About 25 percent of the deep-draft vessels using the waterway had drafts of 34 feet or greater. The trend during recent years has been toward larger and deeper draft vessels.

Dredging

The Galveston District made dredging data available to ERDC over the years 1949 to 2001. These were analyzed to work out the quantities of new work dredging and maintenance dredging. The maintenance dredging quantities were grouped serially under each of the seven reaches adopted by the project for convenience of reference. These are described under Chapter 1.2. The names are given below again for easy reference.

- Reach 1: Neches River Channel
- Reach 2: Sabine Neches Canal
- Reach 3: Port Arthur Canal
- Reach 4: Sabine Pass Channel
- Reach 5: The Sabine Pass Jetty Channel
- Reach 6: Sabine Pass Outer Bar Channel
- Reach 7: Sabine Bank Channel

New Dredging Works

New dredging works have been undertaken at the project from time to time. Details are given in Table 2.3.1 over the years from 1950 to 1967. Before 1962 the project depth

was 36 feet. Between 1962 and 1967 a total of 40 million cubic yards of material was removed from navigable areas to increase the project depth from 36 feet to 40 feet. The break-up of quantities is given in Table 2.3.2. No new dredging was done after 1967 and the project channel depth continues to be 40 feet as of now.

Maintenance Dredging

Maintenance dredging of project channels is a continuing operation because of the shoaling process. Most shoaling is the result of littoral transport, tidal action in the Gulf of Mexico, and alluvial deposition occurring during high water periods in the Sabine and Neches Rivers. Maintenance dredging data provided by the Galveston District were analyzed to calculate quantity of dredging in each reach of the navigation channel. The results are given in Table 2.3.3.

The Final Environmental Statement produced by the Galveston District in 1975 states as follows: “The annual shoaling rates of the various project channels range from about 1,500 to 5,400,000 cubic yards per year. With the present rate of shoaling, the frequency of dredging in the project area ranges from once a year in the outer bar and jetty channels, to about once every ten years in the Sabine River Channel and Turning Basin. Table 10 lists the frequency of dredging and the estimated annual shoaling rate for each reach of the project.”

Table 10 cited above is reproduced as Table 2.3.4, which is based on data prior to 1975. Results of the present analysis, which cover the years 1967 to 2001, are given in Table 2.3.5. A summary of average annual dredging quantity per year in each reach is given in Table 2.3.6. It is noted that the difference between the findings reported in Tables 2.3.4 and 2.3.6 is significant. Since the new results are based on the latest available data, these are used for shoaling prediction in this report.

Table 2.3.1: New Work Dredging Quantities at Sabine Neches Project

Sabine New Work Dredging Data								
Reach	Section Number	DownStrm Section	UpStrm Section	Start Date	End Date	Actual Dredged Quantity	Actual OverDepth	Total Actual Dredged Quantity (cubic yards)
Neches River Channel	1	0+00	710+00	10-Jul-49	15-Feb-50	3,115,507	0	3,115,507
Neches River Channel	1	710+00	982+54.2	21-Apr-50	21-Oct-50	2,610,560	0	2,610,560
Sabine Neches Canal	2	137+00	610+84.4	5-Feb-51	5-Aug-51	4,358,141	0	4,358,141
Sabine Neches Canal	2	163+41	195+43	23-Dec-52	29-Apr-53	781,252	0	781,252
Neches River Channel	1	0+00	330+00	27-Mar-57	9-Mar-58	6,160,476	0	6,160,476
Sabine Neches Canal	2	290+00	593+69	1-Jul-58	29-May-59	11,333,567	0	11,333,567
Sabine Pass Channel	4	0+00	296+09	4-Dec-59	25-Jul-60	8,720,800	0	8,720,800
Neches River Channel	1	20+00	1055+00	26-Oct-61	25-Jan-63	11,306,622	864,242	12,170,864

Sabine Pass Channel	4	210+00	270+00	4-May-62	22-Sep-62	1,554,802	174,121	1,728,923
Sabine Neches Canal	2	290+00	530+00	4-May-62	22-Sep-62	1,980,032	337,906	2,317,938
Sabine Pass Channel	4	167+00	210+00	31-Aug-63	5-Jun-64	7,698,746	475,224	8,173,970
Port Arthur Canal	3			21-Jul-64	15-Jan-65	512,185	73,164	585,349
Sabine Pass Channel	3			1-Apr-65	22-Mar-66	6275750	1463051	7,738,801
Port Arthur Canal	3	0+00	290+00	4-Jun-65	5-Sep-66	2797659	246288	3,043,927
Neches River Channel	1	0+00	240+00	10-May-67	26-Aug-67	3484883	415534	3,900,417
Sabine Neches Canal	2	0+00	52+79.5	10-May-67	26-Aug-67	236180	119423	355,603

Table 2.3.2: New dredging conducted during 1962 and 1967

Reach	Reach #	From	To	Dredging (Cu. Yd)
Neches River Channel	1	26-Oct-61	25-Jan-63	12,170,864
Sabine Pass Channel	4	4-May-62	22-Sep-62	1,728,923
Sabine Neches Canal	2	4-May-62	22-Sep-62	2,317,938
Sabine Pass Channel	4	31-Aug-63	5-Jun-64	8,173,970
Port Arthur Canal	3	21-Jul-64	15-Jan-65	585,349
Sabine Pass Channel	3	1-Apr-65	22-Mar-66	7,738,801
Port Arthur Canal	3	4-Jun-65	5-Sep-66	3,043,927
Neches River Channel	1	10-May-67	26-Aug-67	3,900,417
Sabine Neches Canal	2	10-May-67	26-Aug-67	355,603

Table 2.3.3: Maintenance Dredging Quantities at Sabine Neches Project

Sabine Maintenance Dredging Data								
Reach	Section Number	DownStrm Section	UpStrm Section	Start Date	End Date	Actual Dredged Quantity	Actual OverDepth	Total Actual Dredged Quantity (cubic yards)
REACH 1								
Sabine River Channel	1	245+00	670+00	1-Oct-48	19-Jan-49	400051	0	400051
Neches River Channel	1	0+00	440+00	11-Oct-64	11-Feb-66	2250504	359487	2609991
Sabine River Channel	1	350+00	470+00	15-Mar-68	13-Aug-68	318110	82992	401102
Neches River Channel	1	0+00	487+14.4	15-Mar-70	28-Aug-70	2343221	601972	2945193
Neches River Channel	1	240+00	623+33	17-Feb-71	8-Jun-71	5211232	557459	5768691
Neches River Channel	1	623+33	1037+59	27-Jul-71	3-Apr-72	4993008	559277	5552285
Neches River Channel	1	0+00	213+50	7-Jul-73	8-Mar-74	1195533	252336	1447869
Sabine River Channel	1	230+00	370+00	7-Jul-73	8-Mar-74	245118	72865	317983
Neches River Channel	1	213+50	505+00	11-Mar-74	23-Dec-74	1059563	306772	1366335
Neches River Channel	1	0+00	213+50	27-Oct-76	8-Dec-76	1000719	289095	1289814
Sabine River Channel	1	170+00	650+00	5-Oct-77	17-Feb-78	1029837	404569	1434406

Neches River Channel	1	0+00	530+00	21-Jun-79	26-Nov-79	2528617	483183	3011800
Neches River Channel	1	530+00	1037+59.4	29-Oct-80	8-Apr-81	2100558	461501	2562059
Neches River Channel	1	0+00	120+00	11-Jun-82	15-Jan-83	915406	159734	1075140
Neches River Channel	1	120+00	440+85	17-Feb-84	24-Mar-84	1170981	262411	1433392
Neches River Channel	1	0+00	120+00	28-Jan-86	12-Jun-86	719171	143158	862329
Neches River Channel	1	0+00	1037+59.4	27-Apr-90	21-Aug-90	2287095	333496	2620591
Sabine River Channel	1	234+00	655+00	22-Aug-91	19-Oct-91	377392	129774	507166
Neches River Channel	1	320+00	1037+59.4	20-May-94	18-Aug-94	1764210	0	1764210
Neches River Channel	1	0+00	320+00	28-Oct-95	22-Jan-96	1303023	0	1303023
Neches River Channel	1	250+00	978+40	26-Apr-96	23-May-96	830418	201823	1032241
Neches River Channel	1	0+00	445+00	11-Nov-99	28-Apr-00	1535128	275184	1810312
REACH 2								
Sabine Neches Canal	2	26+56.5	137+00	8-Feb-48	20-Apr-49	1815508	0	1815508
Sabine Neches Canal	2	0+00	137+00	30-Jan-51	12-May-51	1562449	0	1562449
Sabine Neches Canal	2	0+00	163+41	17-Feb-53	3-Nov-53	1425008	0	1425008
Sabine Neches Canal	2	0+00	175+00	4-Jan-55	7-Jul-55	1349896	0	1349896

Sabine Neches Canal	2	0+00	178+00	7-Mar-57	9-Mar-58	1131239	0	1131239
Sabine Neches Canal	2	70+00	230+00	10-Mar-58	14-May-58	781896	0	781896
Sabine Neches Canal	2	30+00	178+00	21-Aug-60	19-May-61	2108155	0	2108155
Sabine Neches Canal	2	30+00	178+00	30-Dec-62	3-Oct-63	1161326	83732	1337445
Sabine Neches Canal	2	290+00	565+00	11-Oct-64	11-Feb-66	3093369	335746	3429115
Sabine Neches Canal	2	30+00	178+00	31-Oct-65	18-Apr-66	776592	112218	888810
Sabine Neches Canal	2	52+80	593+69	15-Mar-68	13-Aug-68	1650008	554713	2204721
Sabine Neches Canal	2	26+57	178+00	9-May-68	9-Nov-68	563103	154297	717400
Sabine Neches Canal	2	40+00	593+68	3-Dec-70	26-Nov-71	5396339	724895	6121234
Sabine Neches Canal	2	0+00	230+00	7-Jul-73	8-Mar-74	683353	256107	939460
Sabine Neches Canal	2	40+00	593+68	1-Apr-75	29-Jul-75	1934631	416836	2351467
Sabine Neches Canal	2	0+00	52+79.5	27-Oct-76	8-Dec-76	150233	105166	255399
Sabine Neches Canal	2	52+79.5	170+00	5-Oct-77	17-Feb-78	224850	172264	397114
Sabine Neches Canal	2	40+00	570+00	21-Nov-77	26-Apr-78	2171627	657008	2828635
Sabine Neches Canal	2	40+00	593+68	11-Jun-82	15-Jan-83	2717744	447139	3164883
Sabine Neches Canal	2	10+00	260+00	17-Feb-84	24-Mar-84	1101767	323807	1425574
Sabine Neches Canal	2	40+00	593+68	28-Jan-86	12-Jun-86	1670092	352058	2022150

Sabine Neches Canal	2	0+00	593+68.5	7-Mar-91	10-Jun-91	1855541	487515	2343056
Sabine Neches Canal	2	9+08.1	234+00	22-Aug-91	19-Oct-91	682962	276621	959583
Sabine Neches Canal	2	30+00	318+75	6-Nov-92	9-Jan-93	458407	94944	553351
Sabine Neches Canal	2	0+00	40+00	14-Jul-94	27-Sep-94	337143	0	337143
Sabine Neches Canal	2	10+00	250+00	18-Mar-96	1-Jul-96	417713	378958	796671
Sabine Neches Canal	2	0+00	40+00	27-Jul-96	27-Apr-97	394179	0	394179
Sabine Neches Canal	2	40+00	593+68.5	1-Apr-98	26-Aug-98	1698019	367557	2065576
Sabine Neches Canal	2	0+00	40+00	3-Apr-99	21-Dec-99	350869	44638	395507
Sabine Neches Canal	2	10+00	330+00	??-??-00	??-??-00	653520	271771	925291
REACH 3								
Port Arthur Canal	3	60+00	294+33.3	8-Feb-48	20-Apr-49	4618302	0	4618302
Port Arthur TB, Ent Ch	3	0+00	94+12.2	8-Feb-48	20-Apr-49	1782599	0	1782599
Port Arthur Canal	3	50+00	329+25.5	30-Jan-51	12-May-51	2088273	0	2088273
Port Arthur TB, Ent Ch	3	0+00	94+12.2	29-Dec-51	9-Mar-52	624041	0	624041
Port Arthur Canal	3	50+00	329+25	17-Feb-53	3-Nov-53	1577817	0	1577817
Port Arthur B, Ent Ch	3	0+00	94+12	17-Feb-53	3-Nov-53	1186092	0	1186092

Port Arthur Canal	3	50+00	329+25	4-Jan-55	7-Jul-55	1304684	0	1304684
Port Arthur TB West	3	0+00	36+00	4-Jan-55	7-Jul-55	529624	0	529624
Port Arthur TB, Ent Ch	3	0+00	329+26	7-Mar-57	9-Mar-58	2724400	0	2724400
Port Arthur TB, Ent Ch	3	0+00	310+00	21-Jan-59	3-May-59	1625755	0	1625755
Port Arthur Canal	3	0+00	294+33	21-Aug-60	19-May-61	3205412	0	3205412
Port Arthur Canal	3	0+00	294+33	30-Dec-62	3-Oct-63	1764162	58974	2119186
PA Canal, TB, EC	3	0+00	96+00	31-Oct-65	18-Apr-66	1650833	275647	1926480
PA Canal & SNC Junct	3	290+00	26+57	15-Nov-67	8-Mar-68	997192	138818	1136010
PA TB, Entrance Ch	3	0+00	96+00	15-Nov-67	8-Mar-68	634719	123999	758718
PA Canal, TB, EC	3	0+00	15+00	31-Aug-69	6-Dec-69	3003839	567890	3571729
Port Arthur Canal	3	290+00	326+25	13-Oct-70	7-Sep-71	1754926	185148	1940074
Port Arthur West TB	3	0+00	290+00	20-Aug-71	10-Apr-72	4527994	765515	5293509
PA Canal, TB, Ent Ch	3	290+00	326+25	7-Jan-74	21-Mar-74	2405240	340522	2745762
Port Arthur Canal	3	0+00	290+00	4-Feb-74	2-Aug-74	1634004	381822	2015826
PA TB, Entr Ch	3	0+00	325+24	5-Apr-76	10-Aug-76	2359345	211084	2570429
Port Arthur Canal	3	20+00	290+00	10-Jul-77	10-Nov-77	2214836	372205	2587041
PA Canal, TB,	3	0+00	320+00	24-Oct-78	20-Apr-79	2220751	197875	2418626

PA Canal, TB, Ent Ch	3	0+00	326+25.4	20-Feb-81	19-Jul-81	2307550	143538	2451088
Port Arthur Canal	3	0+00	290+00	3-Sep-81	13-Dec-81	2178878	414038	2592916
PA Canal, TB, En Ch	3	0+00	16+00	18-Apr-83	3-Jul-83	1840618	192105	2032723
Port Arthur Canal	3	0+00	290+00	30-Apr-84	9-Nov-84	2224644	311020	2535664
PA Canal, TB	3	0+00	326+24	4-Sep-85	6-Nov-85	1971591	233290	2204881
PA Canal, TB	3	0+00	319+60	4-Sep-87	13-Nov-87	3311848	512048	3823896
Port Arthur Canal	3	290+00	326+24.47	7-Mar-91	10-Jun-91	601127	100257	701384
Port Arthur Canal	3	290+00	318+75	6-Nov-92	9-Jan-93	438802	82674	521476
PA En Ch TB	3	0+00	36+00	6-Nov-92	9-Jan-93	531173	85184	616357
Port Arthur Canal	3	0+00	290+00	29-Oct-93	2-Dec-93	1263910	350592	1614502
PA Canal, TB , Ent Ch	3	0+00	10+00	14-Jul-94	27-Sep-94	1113358	0	1113358
Port Arthur Canal	3	0+00	326+24.5	27-Jul-96	27-Apr-97	2936698	192719	3129417
PA TB, Ent Ch	3	0+00	31+09.8	27-Jul-96	27-Apr-97	625215	7664	632879
PA Canal, TB, Ent Ch	3	0+00	326+24.5	3-Apr-99	21-Dec-99	3048099	464787	3512886
REACH 4								
Sabine Pass Channel	4	60+00	257+91.4	8-Feb-48	20-Apr-49	1305411	0	1305411

Sabine Pass Channel	4	50+00	250+00	30-Jan-51	12-May-51	585918	0	585918
Sabine Pass Channel	4	100+00	155+00	29-Dec-51	9-Mar-52	888341	0	888341
Sabine Pass Channel	4	50+00	265+00	17-Feb-53	3-Nov-53	456003	0	456003
Sabine Pass Channel	4	50+00	265+00	4-Jan-55	7-Jul-55	342318	0	342318
Sabine Pass Channel	4	50+00	265+00	7-Mar-57	9-Mar-58	1329206	0	1329206
Sabine Pass Channel	4	167+00	210+00	31-Aug-63	5-Jun-64	7698746	475224	8173970
Sabine Pass Channel	4	230+00	296+24	28-Aug-67	18-Sep-67	677065	194549	871614
Sabine Pass Channel	4	230+00	296+24	15-Mar-70	28-Aug-70	682775	154609	837384
Sabine Pass Channel	4	100+00	190+00	20-Aug-71	10-Apr-72	1019800	315252	1335052
Sabine Pass Channel	4	227+11	296+24	4-Feb-74	2-Aug-74	613639	101266	714905
Sabine Pass Channel	4	110+00	182+00	29-Apr-76	21-Jun-76	1376001	335317	1711318
Sabine Pass Channel	4	227+11.4	296+24.3	10-Jul-77	10-Nov-77	1076769	195877	1272646
Sabine Pass Channel	4	105+00	182+00	13-Feb-79	4-Jun-79	1076940	292320	1369260
Sabine Pass Channel	4	105+00	296+24	2-May-82	4-Aug-82	2055686	481409	2537095
Sabine Pass Channel	4	227+11.4	296+24.3	30-Apr-84	9-Nov-84	757864	149263	907127
Sabine Pass Channel	4		185+00	28-Feb-85	29-Mar-85	607219	229619	836838

Sabine Pass Channel	4	100+00	296+24.3	21-Mar-88	14-Jul-88	1150280	358643	1508923
Sabine Pass Channel	4	227+11	296+24	7-Nov-90	16-Nov-91	3011197	0	3011197
Sabine Pass Channel	4	165+00	263+92.44	6-Nov-92	9-Jan-93	578439	124798	703237
Sabine Pass Channel	4	105+00	296+24.3	27-Jul-96	27-Apr-97	2171369	0	2171369
Sabine Pass Channel	4	105+00	296+24	21-Jun-99	31-Jul-99	1614295	488282	2102577
Sabine Pass Channel	4	0+000	18+000	6-Dec-00	??-??-00	1705420	738404	2443824
Sabine Pass Channel	4	118+00	296+24.3	20-Aug-01	14-Dec-01	1356253	439358	1795611
REACH 5								
Entr Ch, Jetty Channel	5	n/a	n/a	10-Feb-71	25-Feb-71	953500	0	953500
Entr Ch, Jetty Channel	5	n/a	n/a	27-Jun-71	30-Jun-71	277000	0	277000
Entr Ch - Jetty Channel	5	-214+88	-55+00	1-Jun-77	9-Sep-77	3000000	0	3000000
Entr Ch, Jetty Channel	5	-100+00	-46+00	13-Aug-98	7-Oct-98	612928	4441159	1057087
Entr Ch, Jetty Channel	5	214+88.3	180+00	6-Dec-00	??-??-00	93436	84676	178112
Entr Ch, Jetty Channel	5	180+00	110+00	??-??-00	??-??-00	262281	212554	474835
Entr Ch, Jetty Channel	5	110+00	50+00	??-??-00	??-??-00	233023	306337	539360
REACH 6								
Entr Ch, Outer Bar Ch	6	n/a	n/a	23-Jul-73	7-Sep-73	1105274	0	1105274

Table 2.3.4: Maintenance dredging frequencies and shoaling rates for Sabine Neches Waterway

Project Reach	Frequency (Months)	Estimated Annual Shoaling (C.Y.)
Sabine Bank Channel	12	5,400,000
Sabine Pass Jetty & Outer Bar Channels	12	3,000,000
Sabine Pass Channel (a)	24	500,000
Port Arthur Canal	24	1,000,000
Port Arthur Turning Basins (a)	18	500,000
Sabine-Neches Canal (Upper and Lower Reaches) (a)	24	1,000,000
Neches River Channel (Lower Reach) (a)	36	500,000
Neches River Channel (Middle Reach) (a)	60-72	200,000
Neches River Channel (Upper Reach)	24-48	400,000
Sabine-Neches Canal (Sec. "B") N.R. to S.R. (a)	36	200,000

(a) Usually combined with work in other selected reaches of the project

(b) Adams and Cow Bayou Channels have not been maintained since construction. Available depths in the channels currently support the using traffic, however, maintenance will be scheduled in the future should available depths prove inadequate.

Reference: Table 10 from the Final Environmental Statement Report on Maintenance Dredging Sabine Neches Waterway, Texas, dated 4 November 1975 prepared by the U. S. Army Engineer District, Galveston, Texas.

Table 2.3.5: SNWW Maintenance Dredging Data

Reach Number 1: Sabine River Channel

Start Date	End Date	Total Actual Dredged Quantity (Cubic Yards)
36 Ft. Channel		
1-Oct-48	19-Jan-49	400051
11-Oct-64	11-Feb-66	2609991
40-Ft. Channel		
15-Mar-68	13-Aug-68	401102
15-Mar-70	28-Aug-70	2945193
17-Feb-71	8-Jun-71	5768691
27-Jul-71	3-Apr-72	5552285
7-Jul-73	8-Mar-74	1447869
7-Jul-73	8-Mar-74	317983
11-Mar-74	23-Dec-74	1366335
27-Oct-76	8-Dec-76	1289814
5-Oct-77	17-Feb-78	1434406
21-Jun-79	26-Nov-79	3011800
29-Oct-80	8-Apr-81	2562059
11-Jun-82	15-Jan-83	1075140
17-Feb-84	24-Mar-84	1433392
28-Jan-86	12-Jun-86	862329
27-Apr-90	21-Aug-90	2620591
22-Aug-91	19-Oct-91	507166
20-May-94	18-Aug-94	1764210
28-Oct-95	22-Jan-96	1303023
26-Apr-96	23-May-96	1032241
11-Nov-99	28-Apr-00	1810312
Total		38,505,941
Average / Year		1,203,310

Reach Number 2: Sabine Neches Canal

Start Date	End Date	Total Actual Dredged Quantity
36-Ft. Channel		
8-Feb-48	20-Apr-49	1815508
30-Jan-51	12-May-51	1562449
17-Feb-53	3-Nov-53	1425008
4-Jan-55	7-Jul-55	1349896
7-Mar-57	9-Mar-58	1131239
10-Mar-58	14-May-58	781896
21-Aug-60	19-May-61	2108155
30-Dec-62	3-Oct-63	1337445
11-Oct-64	11-Feb-66	3429115
31-Oct-65	18-Apr-66	888810
40-Ft. Channel		
15-Mar-68	13-Aug-68	2204721
9-May-68	9-Nov-68	717400
3-Dec-70	26-Nov-71	6121234
7-Jul-73	8-Mar-74	939460
1-Apr-75	29-Jul-75	2351467
27-Oct-76	8-Dec-76	255399
5-Oct-77	17-Feb-78	397114
21-Nov-77	26-Apr-78	2828635
11-Jun-82	15-Jan-83	3164883
17-Feb-84	24-Mar-84	1425574
28-Jan-86	12-Jun-86	2022150
7-Mar-91	10-Jun-91	2343056
22-Aug-91	19-Oct-91	959583
6-Nov-92	9-Jan-93	553351
14-Jul-94	27-Sep-94	337143
18-Mar-96	1-Jul-96	796671
27-Jul-96	27-Apr-97	394179
1-Apr-98	26-Aug-98	2065576
3-Apr-99	21-Dec-99	395507
Total		30273103
Average / Year		976,551

Reach Number 3: Port Arthur Canal

Start Date	End Date	Total Actual Dredged Quantity
36-Ft. Channel		
8-Feb-48	20-Apr-49	4618302
8-Feb-48	20-Apr-49	1782599
30-Jan-51	12-May-51	2088273
29-Dec-51	9-Mar-52	624041
17-Feb-53	3-Nov-53	1577817
17-Feb-53	3-Nov-53	1186092
4-Jan-55	7-Jul-55	1304684
4-Jan-55	7-Jul-55	529624
7-Mar-57	9-Mar-58	2724400
21-Jan-59	3-May-59	1625755
21-Aug-60	19-May-61	3205412
30-Dec-62	3-Oct-63	2119186
31-Oct-65	18-Apr-66	1926480
40-Ft. Channel		
15-Nov-67	8-Mar-68	1136010
15-Nov-67	8-Mar-68	758718
31-Aug-69	6-Dec-69	3571729
13-Oct-70	7-Sep-71	1940074
20-Aug-71	10-Apr-72	5293509
7-Jan-74	21-Mar-74	2745762
4-Feb-74	2-Aug-74	2015826
5-Apr-76	10-Aug-76	2570429
10-Jul-77	10-Nov-77	2587041
24-Oct-78	20-Apr-79	2418626
20-Feb-81	19-Jul-81	2451088
3-Sep-81	13-Dec-81	2592916
18-Apr-83	3-Jul-83	2032723
30-Apr-84	9-Nov-84	2535664
4-Sep-85	6-Nov-85	2204881
4-Sep-87	13-Nov-87	3823896
7-Mar-91	10-Jun-91	701384
6-Nov-92	9-Jan-93	521476
6-Nov-92	9-Jan-93	616357
29-Oct-93	2-Dec-93	1614502

14-Jul-94	27-Sep-94	1113358
27-Jul-96	27-Apr-97	3129417
27-Jul-96	27-Apr-97	632879
3-Apr-99	21-Dec-99	3512886
Total		52521151
Average / Year		1,694,231

Reach Number 4: Sabine Pass Channel

Start	End	Total Actual
Date	Date	Dredged Quantity
36-Ft. Channel		
8-Feb-48	20-Apr-49	1305411
30-Jan-51	12-May-51	585918
29-Dec-51	9-Mar-52	888341
17-Feb-53	3-Nov-53	456003
4-Jan-55	7-Jul-55	342318
7-Mar-57	9-Mar-58	1329206
31-Aug-63	5-Jun-64	8173970
40-Ft. Channel		
28-Aug-67	18-Sep-67	871614
15-Mar-70	28-Aug-70	837384
20-Aug-71	10-Apr-72	1335052
4-Feb-74	2-Aug-74	714905
29-Apr-76	21-Jun-76	1711318
10-Jul-77	10-Nov-77	1272646
13-Feb-79	4-Jun-79	1369260
2-May-82	4-Aug-82	2537095
30-Apr-84	9-Nov-84	907127
28-Feb-85	29-Mar-85	836838
21-Mar-88	14-Jul-88	1508923
7-Nov-90	16-Nov-91	3011197
6-Nov-92	9-Jan-93	703237
27-Jul-96	27-Apr-97	2171369
21-Jun-99	31-Jul-99	2102577
6-Dec-00	??-??-00	2443824
20-Aug-01	14-Dec-01	1795611
Total		26,129,977
Average / Year		768,528

Reach Number 5: Entrance Channel and Jetty Channel

Start	End	Total Actual
Date	Date	Dredged Quantity
40-Ft. Channel		
10-Feb-71	25-Feb-71	953500
27-Jun-71	30-Jun-71	277000
1-Jun-77	9-Sep-77	3000000
13-Aug-98	7-Oct-98	1057087
6-Dec-00	??-??-00	178112
??-??-00	??-??-00	474835
??-??-00	??-??-00	539360
Total		6,479,894
Average /Year		223,444

Reach Number 6: Entrance Channel and Outer Bar Channel

Start Date	End Date	Total Actual Dredged Quantity
40-Ft. Channel		
23-Jul-73	7-Sep-73	1105274
7-Nov-73	30-Jan-74	6496347
25-Sep-74	20-Nov-74	2520638
4-Mar-76	30-Jun-76	4676665
18-Jul-78	22-Aug-78	1100000
4-Oct-78	16-Feb-79	3376521
1-Oct-79	4-Oct-79	58080
19-Mar-81	30-May-81	3589486
27-Apr-82	20-May-82	1693264
12-Jul-83	20-Oct-83	378000
22-Jul-84	22-Sep-84	5601112
12-May-86	13-Jul-86	2905719
16-Jul-87	15-Sep-87	4572109
4-Sep-88	16-Oct-88	3002318
8-Apr-91	20-Jul-91	4738542
11-Sep-92	7-Nov-92	2363981
1-Sep-94	30-Oct-94	2301212
23-Jan-96	6-May-96	2588898
12-May-01	17-Jun-01	1391477
Total		54459643
Average / Year		1,944,987

Reach Number 7: Entrance Channel and Bank Channel

Start	End	Total Actual
Date	Date	Dredged Quantity
40-Ft. Channel		
6-Feb-72	18-Apr-72	7676244
10-Apr-72	31-May-72	1943370
21-Jan-73	6-Mar-73	3479450
1-Nov-74	12-Feb-75	4667000
13-Jul-85	7-Sep-85	5353000
12-May-86	13-Jul-86	2721118
8-Apr-91	20-Jul-91	512935
1-Sep-94	30-Oct-94	597991
23-Jan-96	6-May-96	1134937
12-Mar-97	25-Sep-97	4742465
6-Dec-00	??-??-00	2160766
Total		34989276
Average / Year		1,249,617

Table 2.3.6: Average Annual Dredging Quantities along SNWW Navigation Channel

Reach Number	Average Annual Dredging Quantity (cubic yards)
1	1,203,310
2	976,551
3	1,694,231
4	768,528
5	223,444
6	1,944,987
7	1,249,617
Total	8,060,670

Chapter 2.4: Shoaling Estimation Methods

Discussion of Parameters

Relative change in length, depth and width

An increase in channel length and width increases its plan area. Since the dredged navigation channels are typically below the surrounding bed, they act as sediment traps. Hence, an increase in plan area (length and width) increases the quantity of sediment deposition quantity. A change in channel depth almost invariably results in increased sediment deposition, because a deeper channel acts as a more efficient sediment trap. If the channel is very shallow compared to the surrounding area, the trapping efficiency is small and considerable quantity of sediment may bypass over the channel. Sediment in suspension requires a certain amount of time to fall through the water column to reach the natural or dredged bed elevation. During this process, it is also being carried in the direction of flow. Hence, a sediment particle at water surface takes a trajectory path during its travel from surface to bed. If the channel is wide enough, the particle will deposit within the channel, otherwise it will bypass.

Properties of bed material

Non-cohesive and cohesive sediments have widely varying properties governing their erosion, transport, and deposition. Hence, the equations and methods used for determining these characteristics are also different. Mixtures of these two types of sediment prevail at most sites. Appropriate selection needs to be made depending upon the sediment present at site.

Geometry of navigation channel

Alignment of a channel relative to currents is important. Currents crossing the channel width cause more sediment deposition than the currents flowing along a channel. The sedimentation pattern is also different for the open channels versus channels with natural protection.

Properties of suspended material

Non-cohesive sediment such as sand has a larger particle size (on the order of millimeters) and higher weight. When these particles are suspended they tend to deposit quickly as soon as the fluid-induced force that keeps them in suspension drops down below the critical value for deposition. This time may be on the order of a few minutes to hours. On the other hand, fine sediments have a small size (on the order of microns), which keeps them in suspension for a much longer time, on the order of weeks or months. Organic substances in suspension have low specific weight and an open structure. Hence, they remain in suspension for longer duration, on the order of several days, unless they flocculate with other inorganic substances.

Magnitude of suspended sediment concentration

The non-cohesive sediment particles settle independently through the water column. Their fall velocity is a function of parameters such as shape factor, density, and size of particle. The fine sediment particles flocculate and settle as flocs. The fall velocity of flocs is a complex function of suspended sediment concentration, which varies over water depth.

Change in the magnitude and direction of current conditions

Modification to channel geometry or channel dimensions may result in change in the magnitude and direction of currents. These have profound influence on sediment deposition. Currents across the width of channel will deposit more sediment than the currents along the channel.

Wind and wave climate at site

Wind and waves induce shear on the water surface, which may extend through the water column all the way to the bed and influence sediment transport or resuspension.

Nature and location of sediment source

Local bed may be a source for sediment convection or the sediment may be reaching the area of interest from an outside source. An assessment of sediment source helps in predictions.

Shoaling Estimate: Analytical Methods

A general approach for an analytical method consists of using carefully selected formulas for calculating the quantities of erosion and deposition. The criteria for selection of formulas are based upon their applicability at the given site and the problem. The formulas may contain several fluid-related and sediment-related parameters. The value of each parameter may be determined by means of field or laboratory studies or from literature and provided as input in the formulas for getting the answer. Several sediment formulas and methods are available for computing erosion, transport and deposition for a variety of parameters such as a) cohesive and non-cohesive sediments, b) bed load, suspended load, and total load, c) currents and waves, d) bank erosion, bed erosion and cliff erosion, e) incipient motion and turbulent convection and so on. They are available from simple formula given by DuBoys (1879) to the complex Bed Load Function given by Einstein (1950). The relationship between flow velocity and sediment discharge may be quite complex. The sediment discharge rate may be proportional to the flow velocity to the power of anywhere from 2 to 6. Hence the answer will vary by several orders of magnitude depending upon the power used. If selected carefully and applied properly, these methods sometimes provide an order of magnitude estimates of sediment erosion / deposition / transport.

Such formulas or methods that may be universally applicable are not available in books or published literature for estimating change in siltation rates in navigation channels as a result of extension, widening or deepening.

Shoaling Estimate: Empirical Methods

Empirical methods are not based upon any established theory. Laboratory or field data are collected on certain pre-selected parameters and empirical relationships are established using statistical / curve-fitting techniques. These methods are often too simplistic and less reliable and are not always approved by the technical communities. However, they sometimes serve the site-specific purpose very well. An example of such methods in the field of sediment transport is the century-old regime theory formulas developed for design of irrigation canals, some of which are still applicable. Such empirical methods are not available for application to sediment problems of navigation channels.

Shoaling Estimates: Dredging Data Method

An increase in length, width or depth of a navigation channel often results in an increased quantity of siltation and hence an increased cost and frequency of dredging. Data on dredging quantities before and after deepening and / or widening are very useful in prediction of future quantities. For instance, if a navigation channel was deepened from 35 feet to 40 feet and dredging records are available for the pre-deepening and post-deepening conditions, they could be analyzed and used for predicting the effect of further deepening from 40 feet to say 45 feet.

Although dredging records are available for the SNWW project, they are not complete and often times break-up of dredging quantities is not available for individual reaches. Hence available dredging data could be used to a limited extent.

Shoaling Estimate: Desktop Study

A desktop study is done when application of none of the methods described above is possible for one reason or another. An accepted practice consists of applying a multiplication factor, greater than 1.0 to the dredging quantities for the pre-deepening and pre-widening conditions. Several parameters are taken into account while selecting this factor, which is very much site-specific and may vary for different locations of the same project. Such desktop study has severe limitations for want of adequate data, tools or methods available for making prediction of anticipated future dredging quantities. The estimates are made based on experience, field data, and understanding of site conditions. The study provides an order of magnitude estimates, which may be used for budgeting purposes, for determining feasibility of a project, or for working out an approximate benefit to cost ratio, etc.

Chapter 2.5: Numerical Model Results

Introduction

The numerical model was run for the boundary conditions described earlier under Chapter 1.4. Out of the large number of nodes contained in the numerical model, data were obtained for 124 nodes, which were selected over all the seven reaches of the navigation channel. The node selection was also based on the locations of bed samples collected at site. This facilitated getting velocity information close to the sediment information. For the sake of convenience of easy reference, the actual node numbers of the numerical model were renamed in simple serial order. The actual node numbers, the new numbers and the location numbers of the closest bed sample are listed in Table 2.5.1.

Out of 124 nodes, 23 nodes were selected, which were spatially distributed along the total length of the navigation channel covering all the seven reaches of study. The locations of these 23 nodes are shown in Figures 2.5.1 and 2.5.2.

The three-dimensional layered model gave velocity results at several water depths at each node. Data on surface and bottom velocities were extracted from the solution files at the selected 23 nodes. A comparison of surface and bottom velocities showed that while the bottom velocities are a little lower than the surface velocities as expected, the difference was not significant in the context of the sediment study. Hence the results only on bottom velocities have been processed and used in the sediment study.

Numerical model results at these nodes have been presented in Appendices C and D and they have been used for prediction of shoaling in navigation channel after channel modifications.

Comparison of flood and ebb velocities

Velocity results of numerical model for the flood and ebb at 23 nodes for the base (existing) conditions are presented in Appendix B. The following conclusions are drawn:

1. At nodes 1, 9, and 18, which are located in Neches River, the maximum ebb velocity is about 0.8 feet per second, whereas the maximum flood velocity is about 0.3 to 0.4 feet per second. Higher ebb velocity indicates influence of river discharge over tidal influx.

2. At locations 23, 30 and 38, which are in Sabine Neches Canal, the maximum ebb velocity is about 2 to 2.5 feet per second and the maximum flood velocity is about 1.5 to 2 feet per second. These higher velocities are probably due to the restricted cross section of the navigation channel.

3. At locations 46, 54, and 62, located in the Port Arthur channel, conclusions are the same as for the Sabine Neches Canal reach.

4. At locations 67, 75 and 85, located in the Sabine Pass Channel, the difference between the flood and ebb velocities reduces to only about 0.5 feet per second.

5. In the Sabine Pass Jetty Channel, the peak ebb velocity is high, about 3.5 feet per second and the flood velocity is about 3.0 feet per second. These high velocities are due to the smaller cross section restricted by the two jetties.

6. The peak ebb velocity reduces rapidly over the outer bar. It decreases to 2.5 fps at 103, 2.3 fps at 105 and 1.2 fps at 107. The corresponding flood velocities also decrease to 2.1, 1.5 and 0.4 fps respectively.

7. At locations in the ocean channel the velocity pattern is erratic.

8. A phase shift in the time of occurrence of peak velocities of flood and ebb is noticed at all locations.

Base and plan velocities for Flood

Superposed velocity plots for the base and plan for the flood test condition are given in Appendix C. It is generally seen that there was no significant difference between the base and plan values of velocity magnitudes.

Base and plan velocities for Ebb

Superposed velocity plots for the base and plan for the ebb test condition are given in Appendix D. It is generally seen that there was no significant difference between the base and plan values of velocity magnitudes.

Tidal Elevations and Velocities

Three nodes were selected at the center of navigation channel to examine relationship between tidal elevations and velocity magnitudes. These nodes were: N24, in the Port Arthur area; N50, close to Round Lake; and N102, at the end of jetties. The locations are shown in Figure 2.5.3. Superposed water levels at these three locations for the flood and ebb are shown in Figures 2.5.4 for flood and in Figure 2.5.5 for ebb. Superposed velocities at the three locations are given for flood and ebb in Figures 2.5.6 and 2.5.7 respectively. Superposition of water level and bottom velocity for the base flood are given in Figures 2.5.8, 2.5.9, and 2.5.10. Superposition of water level and bottom velocity for the base ebb are given in Figures 2.5.11, 2.5.12, and 2.5.13. Study of data at more nodes is necessary for drawing any specific conclusions from these plots.

Flow Pattern

Flow pattern for the flood and ebb for the three nodes are shown in Figures 2.5.14 through 2.5.19.

Table 2.5.1: Actual Node Numbers, New Node Numbers, and locations of nearest Bed Sample Numbers, selected for study

New Node Number	Nearest Bed Sample Number	Actual Node Number
Reach 1		
1	1900	17787
2	1874	17736
3	1848	17540
4	1821	17297
5	1795	17263
6	1768	17212
7	1742	17178
8	1716	17140
9	1689	17113
10	1663	17080
11	1636	16951
12	1610	16910
13	1584	16876
14	1557	16859
15	1531	16825
16	1504	16787
17	1478	16679
18	1452	14910
Reach 2		
19	1425	14699
20	1399	14693
21	1372	14687
22	1346	14678
23	1320	14629
24	1293	14506
25	1267	14446
26	1240	14329
27	1214	14266
28	1188	14182
29	1161	14098
30	1135	14014
31	1108	13092
32	1082	12703
33	1056	12280
34	1029	12180

35	1003	11508
36	976	11080
37	950	11044
38	924	10911
39	897	10614
40	871	10377
41	844	10300
Reach 3		
42	818	10189
43		10118
44	792	9808
45		9734
46	765	9679
47		9639
48	739	9599
49		9559
50	712	9518
51		9494
52	686	9402
53		9356
54	660	9179
55		9125
56	633	8964
57		8872
58	607	8805
59		8634
60	580	8579
61		8500
62	554	8425
63		8373
64	528	8176
Reach 4		
65	501	8170
66		8167
67	475	8161
68		8152
69	448	7970
70		7911
71	422	7883
72		7855
73	396	7749
74		7727

75	369	7691
76		7662
77	343	7631
78		7533
79	316	7274
80		6858
81	290	5973
82		5891
83	264	5788
84		5724
85	237	5692
86	211	5624
87		5592
Reach 5		
88	184	5560
89		5464
90	158	5368
91		5304
92	132	5240
93		5176
94	105	5144
95		5080
96	79	5048
97		5016
98	52	4677
99		4671
100	26	4659
101		4605
102	0	4356
Reach 6		
103	OS52	3940
104		4136
105	OS105	3889
106		3919
107	OS158	3757
108		3808
Reach 7		
109	OS211	3429
110	OS264	3727
111	OS316	3058
112	OS369	2872

113	OS422	2759
114	OS475	2584
115	OS528	2447
116	OS580	2302
117	OS633	2131
118	OS686	1931
119	OS739	1773
120	OS792	1721
121	OS844	1617
122	OS897	1494
123	OS950	1444
124	OS1003	1348

Table 2.5.2: List of nodes selected for presentation of numerical model results

Reach #	Node #
1	N01
	N09
	N18
2	N23
	N30
	N38
3	N46
	N54
	N62
4	N67
	N75
	N85
5	N90
	N96
	N100
6	N103
	N105
	N107
7	N110
	N114
	N118
	N122
	N124

Chapter 2.6: Shoaling Prediction

Discussion of Shoaling Parameters

As mentioned under Chapter 2.4, several parameters must be considered in the context of navigation channel shoaling. From the data supplied by the Galveston District and analysis of field data collected at SNWW, the following conclusions are drawn.

Nature and location of sediment source

The following are major sources of sediment supply for shoaling of the navigation channel at Sabine Neches Project:

1. River inflows
2. Tidal influx from ocean
3. Open water disposal areas located close to the navigation channel
4. Bank and bed erosion

Taking into account the large quantity of sediment accumulating in the navigation channel, it appears that abundant supply of sediment enters the system from all of these sources. The natural parameters participating in the sedimentary processes are tidal currents, wind, waves, and vessel-induced currents. All of these are present at the project.

Properties of bed material

Current velocity and magnitude are continuously changing in an estuarine situation. Erosion of bed and banks occurs when the currents are sufficiently high, and sediment deposition occurs when the current velocity decreases. Thus, substantial shoaling occurs at high and low water slack times. Sediments are also transported over large distances by the tidal currents. While sediment remains in suspension due to turbulence, sediment deposition of larger particles and heavier flocs also occurs under flow. This is known as flow-deposition of sediment. The processes of erosion, transport and deposition take place in a cyclic manner in an estuarine situation. Since a substantial quantity of bed sediment participates in these processes, knowledge of their characteristics is essential.

Analysis of 92 surface bed material samples collected at the project indicated that the bed material contains a large percent of particles finer than 64 microns. This fraction is termed as fine sediments that include silt and clay. Average values of the percentage of sand and silt plus clay are shown in Table 2.6.1. The silt plus clay component varies from 61 to 95 percent, which is substantial.

Bed samples from each reach also show a significant quantity of organic matter. It varies from 4 to 9 percent by weight. This amount is sufficient to induce flocculation of fine sediments and accelerate their settling.

Properties of suspended material

Total suspended matter in a natural water column contains inorganic component (sediment of varying particle sizes) and organic component (detritus, diatoms, algae etc). Information on distribution of suspended particle sizes and identification of contents of suspended sediment particulates was not obtained during the present study. It is assumed that the fine sediments prevailing in the bed are represented in the suspended sediments.

Magnitude of suspended sediment concentration

Two sets of water samples were collected for determining suspended sediment concentration and salinity. The first set consisted of mid-depth samples collected along the centerline of navigation channel.

Suspended sediment concentrations at mid depth along the centerline of the navigation channel are plotted in Figure 2.6.1. Neglecting three samples with very high concentration, the average magnitude appears to vary between 20 and 90 mg/l. The average is around 50 mg/l. This high concentration will induce deposition of suspended sediment to the bottom due to flocculation.

Salinity

Salinity measured at mid-depth along the centerline of navigation channel on April 16 and 18 is plotted in Figure 2.6.2. Salinity at the ocean end of the channel was 28 ppt. It decreased gradually towards the upper end of the estuary until about the middle of Pleasure Island or Port Arthur area (Station 1056). Beyond this area the salinity was close to zero.

A common effect of channel deepening is greater penetration of salinity towards upstream reaches. Although results of salinity are not yet available from the hydrodynamic numerical model, increasing the project channel depth from 40 feet to 50 feet may have a profound impact on penetration of salinity wedge. The effect of this parameter will have to be re-examined after results of the numerical salinity model are available.

Change in the magnitude and direction of current

The current magnitude changes continually in an estuarine situation such as at SNWW, and the flow direction reverses with each flood and ebb phase of tide. This results in cyclic occurrence of sedimentary processes involving erosion, transport, and deposition.

Wind and wave climate at site

Both wind and waves are powerful forces at Sabine Neches Project. Ocean waves are strong enough to bring the bed sediment in suspension. Tidal currents carry this suspended sediment to the inner channel through the inlet. When the tidal current strength is reduced, the suspended sediment deposits.

Geometry of navigation channel

The SNWW navigation channel has a complex geometry with several turns and alignment changes on its course. Natural widths and depths also vary to a great extent. Every curvature and depth change results in non-uniform flow in the channel.

Hydrodynamics

The SNWW is a very complex hydrodynamic system. The following are the major features of the system.

1. Confluence of two large rivers, Sabine River and Neches River.
2. Large length of the navigation channel, which is on the order of 65 miles. This results in substantial phase lags in tidal propagation from downstream to upstream end of the estuary.
3. Presence of channel through reaches of diverse physical properties from high saline water to fresh water.
4. Sabine Lake, which is a very large shallow water body of water, is connected to the navigation channel at the southern and northern end. Hence tidal propagation takes place through the channel as well as through the Sabine Lake.
5. Many shallow water marshlands and some lakes are connected to the hydraulic system of the two rivers.

Velocity change

Local cross-sectional area increases as a result of deepening a navigation channel. Hence for the same amounts of fresh water discharge and tidal influx, the current velocity decreases. As a result, greater sediment deposition may be induced. However, other effects of channel deepening include a change in density current pattern and a change in the volume of tidal influx. Increased tidal volume increases velocity. The combined effect can be evaluated only through a numerical model. Velocities at selected locations along the SNWW navigation channel were obtained for the base and plan conditions from the numerical model. It is necessary to compare plan velocities against base velocities in order to evaluate the impact of channel modification on current velocities. Appendix C shows superposed velocity plots for base and plan for Flood. Appendix D shows superposed velocity plots for base and plan for Ebb test condition.

Due to a very complex hydrodynamic system prevailing at Sabine Neches, there is no consistent increase or decrease at various cross sections. An increase in flow velocity at some locations may be an indication of increased tidal volume. The resulting higher velocity may increase local bank erosion and hence channel shoaling.

Dredging History

Dredging data analysis is given in Chapter 2.3. Average annual dredging carried out in various reaches based on data over the years 1967 to 2001 are given in Table 2.6.2.

Relative change in length, depth and width

Proposed channel modifications include changes in length, bottom width and authorized depth in all the reaches. Dimensions of existing channel are given in Table 2.6.3. Dimensions of the proposed project are given in Table 2.6.4.

The authorized project depth of existing channel is 40 feet. The existing as well as proposed channel width may vary locally to facilitate navigation. The existing channel extends 18.1 miles past the jetties. Due to increase in project channel depth from 40 feet

to 50 feet, the present navigation channel will be extended into the ocean to meet the natural depth of 56 feet. Hence in addition to the existing seven reaches, new reach #8 is added to represent the extended channel beyond the present end of channel. The lengths of extended navigation channel given by the Galveston District for different project depths are given in Table 2.6.5

The width of navigable area varies locally at several places to accommodate turning basins. Ignoring local widening and considering predominant average width has been used for purposes of the present sediment study. The dimensions adopted for each reach given in Table 2.6.6.

Shoaling Quantity Estimation

A trapezoidal cross-section of the navigation channel is assumed with side slope of 1 vertical to 2 horizontal for all reaches except reach 6, which has a slope of 1 vertical to 10 horizontal. The plan area of channel at the natural bed elevation is an important parameter related to the volume of shoaling. Widening and deepening a channel increases this area, which results in trapping more sediment and hence in higher shoaling. Increase in area was determined for each reach. The ratio of new area to existing area gives the Area Factor for shoaling computations.

Reach 8 does not have dredging history. Hence data for reach 7 have been used. The change in depth relative to the surrounding natural water depth is also a consideration. For Reach 8, which is the extended outer channel, the change in depth is from 10 feet at the beginning of new channel to zero feet at the end where the natural depth is 54 feet. This change in depth is smaller than for the relative change in depth near the end of the jetties where the natural depth is 20 feet. The new channel depth of 54 feet below water gives a change of depth of 34 feet with respect to prevailing natural bed elevation.

Increase in shoaling quantities resulting from channel deepening may be attributed to four major factors:

1. Increase in channel plan area due to increased bottom width,
2. Decrease in flow velocity due to increased cross-section,
3. Modified salinity regime due to greater salt water penetration, and
4. Other factors, which include increased vessel traffic resulting in greater bank and bed erosion due to vessel-induced waves, channel bank failure, bank sloughing, sediment brought down by rivers, increased trap efficiency resulting from greater size and depth, and wave effect in case of the outer channel.

A factor greater than 1.0 is applied under each of the four types and the existing quantity of dredging is multiplied by the combined factor to get the estimated quantity of dredging. The first three factors can be computed. The fourth factor is based on judgment and experience based on other projects. Several unknown parameters in the ocean channel include direction and magnitudes of ocean currents, varying wave climate,

and bed sediment properties in the area where channel is extended beyond the end of the existing navigation channel.

Table 2.6. 7 gives the estimates based on this approach. It is concluded that the average annual quantity of dredging in the SNWW navigation channel will increase from the present average quantity of 8.0 million cubic yards to 16.7 million cubic yards.

Limitations of Study

The desktop study presented in this report has some limitations. A desktop study is done when application of analytical methods is not possible for one reason or another. Such a desktop study includes study of available data on sediment, past dredging records, prevailing site conditions and experience gained at other projects. The results are based jointly on analysis of field data, results of numerical hydrodynamic model and to some extent on subjective judgment. Complex fine sediment phenomena such as fluid mud and impact of salinity on flocculation are not taken into account. It is assumed that unlimited supply of sediment is available in the system at site. The study provides order of magnitude estimates, which may be used for preliminary budgeting purposes, for determining feasibility of a project, or for working out an approximate benefit to cost ratio, etc.

Table 2.6.1: Average Percentages of Sand, Silt Plus Clay, and Organic Matter in Bed Samples at Sabine Neches Project

Reach #	% Sand	% Silt + Clay	% Organic Matter
1	38.30	61.70	6.42
2	22.15	77.85	6.90
3	16.19	83.81	7.13
4	30.10	69.90	8.73
5	10.94	89.06	6.00
6	4.34	95.66	3.74
7	24.29	75.71	4.13

Table 2.6.2: Average Annual Dredging Quantities in Different Reaches of SNWW Navigation Channel

Reach Number	Average Annual Dredging Quantity (cubic yards)
1	1,203,310
2	976,551
3	1,694,231
4	768,528
5	223,444
6	1,944,987
7	1,249,617
8	-----
Total	8,060,668

Table 2.6.3: Existing project dimensions

REACH (EXISTING STATIONS)	STATION	TO	STATION	EXISTING BOTTOM WIDTH (FT)	AUTH. DEPTH (' MLT)	EXISTING CHANNEL DEPTH (' MLT)	ADV. MAINT. ADDED (FT)	A.O. (FT)	SIDE SLOPE
SABINE BANK CHANNEL	95+734		18+000	800	42	44	2	2	1V/2H
SABINE PASS OUTER BAR	18+000		0+000	800	42	44	2	2	1V/10H
SABINE PASS JETTY CHANNEL	-214+88.30		0+00.00	800-500	40	42	2	2	1V/2H
SABINE PASS CHANNEL	0+00.00		296+24.6	500-1133	40	42	2	2	1V/2H
PORT ARTHUR CANAL	0+00.00		326+24.4	500-1788	40	42	2	1	1V/2H
SABINE-NECHES CANAL	0+00.00		593+68.50	400-1060	40	42	2	1	1V/2H
NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	0+00		10+00	400	40	42	2	2	1V/2H
NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	10+00		34+00	400	40	42	2	2	1V/2H & 1V/5H RS
NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	34+00		75+00	400	40	42	2	2	1V/2H
NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	75+00.00		978+59.76	400	40	42	2	1	1V/2H
NECHES RIVER CHANNEL 2	978+59.76		998+63.42	1000-300	34	36	2	1	1V/2H
NECHES RIVER CHANNEL 3	998+63.42		1037+59.40	300-200	30	32	2	1	1V/2H

The Neches River Channels 2 & 3 are just past the Beaumont Turning Basin, and have not been included in quantity take-offs.

AO = allowable overdepth.

Existing channel depth is the depth the channel is dredged.

MLT = mean low tide

Table 2.6.4: SNWW navigation channel dimensions proposed for 50' project

							ADV.		
NOTES	REACH (EXISTING STATIONS)	STATION	TO	STATION	BOTTOM	Project	MAINT.		SIDE
					WIDTH	DEPTH	ADDED	A.O.	SLOPE
					(FT)	(' MLT)	(FT)	(FT)	
1,2,3,4	EXTENSION CHANNEL	160+736		95+734	700	52	2	2	1V/2H
1,2,3,4	SABINE BANK CHANNEL	95+734		18+000	800	52	2	2	1V/2H
1,2,3,4	SABINE PASS OUTER BAR	18+000		0+000	800	52	2	2	1V/10H
2,3,4,6	SABINE PASS JETTY CHANNEL	-214+88.30		0+00.00	800-700	50	2	2	1V/2H
2,3,4,6	SABINE PASS CHANNEL	0+00.00		296+24.6	700	50	2	2	1V/2H
2,3,4,5	PORT ARTHUR CANAL	0+00.00		326+24.4	700	50	2	1	1V/2H
2,3,4,6	SABINE-NECHES CANAL	0+00.00		593+68.50	400	50	2	1	1V/2H
1,2,3,4,5,6	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	0+00		10+00	400	50	2	2	1V/2H
1,2,3,4,5,6	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	10+00		34+00	400	50	2	2	1V/2H & 1V/5H RS
1,2,3,4,5,6	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	34+00		75+00	400	50	2	2	1V/2H
1,2,3,4,5,6	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	75+00.00		978+59.76	400	50	2	1	1V/2H

ASSUMPTIONS AND NOTES:

1. Assume bottom width remains the same.
2. Assume the Advanced maintenance remains the same.
3. Assume the allowable overdepth remains the same.
4. Assume the side slopes remains the same.
5. Stationing will be adjusted to remove existing equations and errors.
6. New alignment & stationing will be generated with widening.

Table 2.6.5: Proposed navigation channel extension for different project depths

				BOTTOM	CHANNEL	ADV	Add Wave			ADD.
				WIDTH	DEPTH	MAINT	Action	A.O.	SIDE	LENGTH
STATION	TO	STATON	MILE	(FT)	(' MLT)	(FT)	(FT)	(FT)	SLOPE	MILES
95+734		161+000	30.49	700	45	2	2	2	1V/2H	12.39
95+734		165+000	31.25	700	48	2	2	2	1V/2H	13.15
95+734		169+000	32.01	700	50	2	2	2	1V/2H	13.91

Table 2.6.6: Dimensions of present and future channel adopted for shoaling estimate computations.

Reach	Area	Present Width	Present Depth		Future Width	Future Depth
		Feet	Feet		Feet	Feet
8	EXTENDED OUTER CHANNEL	-----	-----		700	54
7	SABINE BANK CHANNEL	800	44		800	54
6	SABINE PASS OUTER BAR	800	44		800	52
5	SABINE PASS JETTY CHANNEL	650	42		750	52
4	SABINE PASS CHANNEL	500	42		700	52
3	PORT ARTHUR CANAL	500	42		700	52
2	SABINE-NECHES CANAL	400	42		400	52
1	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	400	42		400	52

Table 2.6.7: Estimated average annual shoaling quantities after channel modifications

Reach	Area	Present Dredging (cu yd)	Area Factor	Velocity Factor	Salinity Factor	Other Factors	Combined Factor	Estimated Dredging (cu yd)
8	EXTENDED OUTER CHANNEL	(1,249,617)	0.82	1.00	1.00	1.20	1.02	1,274,609
7	SABINE BANK CHANNEL	1,249,617	1.05	2.30	1.00	1.20	2.55	3,186,523
6	SABINE PASS OUTER BAR	1,944,987	1.21	1.93	1.00	1.20	2.34	4,551,269
5	SABINE PASS JETTY CHANNEL	223,444	1.19	1.05	1.00	1.20	1.44	321,759
4	SABINE PASS CHANNEL	768,528	1.41	1.05	1.15	1.15	1.76	1,352,609
3	PORT ARTHUR CANAL	1,694,231	1.41	1.05	1.15	1.15	1.76	2,981,846
2	SABINE-NECHES CANAL	976,551	1.08	1.05	1.10	1.15	1.38	1,347,640
1	NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	1,203,310	1.08	1.05	1.05	1.20	1.38	1,660,567
	TOTAL	8,060,670						16,676,825

Chapter 2.7: Conclusions and Remarks

1. It is estimated that the quantity of dredging in the SNWW navigation channel will increase from the present average of 8.0 million cubic yards to 16.7 million cubic yards per year after modifications are made to the navigation channel consisting of increased length, width and depth in order to turn the present 42-foot project into a 50-foot project.
2. It is assumed that unlimited supply of sediment is available in the system at site. If for some reasons, the system becomes deficient in sediment supply, or measures are taken to reduce the sediment supply, the amount of shoaling in navigation channel would reduce.
3. The silt plus clay component in bed samples collected at several locations along the navigation channel varied from 61 to 95 percent, which is substantial. This fine sediment will travel in suspension over long distances even under low flow velocities, flocculate under salt water and eventually deposit in navigation channel and other dredged areas. Since navigation channels are dredged below the natural bed elevation, current velocities over the channel are lower than the velocity in the surrounding natural areas because of the increased cross section. Hence the navigation channel functions as a sediment trap.
4. Bed samples from every reach of the channel also show a significant quantity of organic matter. It varies from 4 to 9 percent by weight. This amount is sufficient to induce flocculation of fine sediments and accelerate their settling.
5. The following are major sources of sediment supply for shoaling of navigation channel at Sabine Neches Project. Abundant quantity of sediment may be entering the system from all of these sources.
 - a. River inflows
 - b. Tidal influx from ocean
 - c. Open water sediment disposal areas located close to the navigation channel
 - d. Bank and bed erosion
6. The average magnitudes of suspended sediment concentrations at mid depth along the centerline of navigation channel varied between 20 and 90 mg/l. The average is around 50 mg/l. This is considered as substantial. Flocculation of suspended sediment will result in deposition to the bottom.
7. Salinity measured at mid-depth along the centerline of navigation channel on April 16 and 18 showed that it was 28 ppt at the ocean end of channel. It decreased gradually towards the upper end of estuary until about the middle of Pleasure Island or Port Arthur area. Beyond this the salinity was close to zero for one data set, however another data set showed bottom salinity as high as 20 ppt extending all the way up to the Neches River. When the salinity regime changes from near zero to anywhere up to 5 ppt, flocculation occurs, which induces deposition of suspended sediment.

8. Increase in shoaling quantities resulting from deepening of an existing channel may be attributed to four major factors:

1. Increase in channel plan area due to increased bottom width,
2. Decrease in flow velocity due to increased cross-section,
3. Modified salinity regime due to greater salt water penetration, and
4. Other factors, which include increased vessel traffic resulting in greater bank and bed erosion due to vessel-induced waves, channel bank failure, bank sloughing, sediment brought down by rivers, increased trap efficiency resulting from greater size and depth, and wave effect in case of the outer channel.

9. This desktop study provides an approximate estimate of the anticipated shoaling in the navigation channel resulting from its modification. It may be used for preliminary budgeting purposes, determining feasibility of a project, and for working out an approximate benefit to cost ratio, etc.

Desktop Study for
Sediment-Related Problems at
Sabine Neches Project

Part 3 (Revised)
Pleasure Island Erosion

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Chapter 3.1: Erosion Problem

Problem Description

Pleasure Island (PI) is located between Port Arthur and Sabine Lake in Jefferson County, Texas (Figure 3.1.1). The island was created from dredged materials and the soil is very weakly consolidated, consisting primarily of silty clay with some sand. Due to significant vessel traffic in the Sabine-Neches Canal, about 6 miles of the western shoreline of the Pleasure Island have been eroding significantly. The 6-mile shoreline extends from 1 mile south of the Martin Luther King (MLK) Bridge to 5 miles north of the bridge. It is feared that unless protective measures are taken, continued erosion would eventually threaten the T.B. Ellison Parkway, the sole access road to PI. The two critical areas are from station 198+86 to 268+60 for the Sabine Neches Canal and from station 130+00 to 230+00 for the Port Arthur Canal. The first area is west of the bulkhead and the second area is between the Round Island and Keith Lake. The erosion concern in Sabine Neches Canal reach is mainly along the bank of Pleasure Island whereas the erosion concern is along both the banks in the Port Arthur Canal reach.

Although various types of shoreline protection efforts have been implemented on several sections of the shoreline, erosion continues and some protection measures have failed. For the purpose of protecting the existing shoreline from further erosion, as authorized by the Texas Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA), the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and Jefferson County have co-sponsored the Pleasure Island Shoreline Protection Project. PBS&J Consultants were appointed to develop a set of conceptual designs that would meet the project goals. The consultants have submitted a comprehensive report dated 16 January 2001. A lot of information related to description of site conditions from the consultant's report is reproduced in the present since it is relevant and unchanged.

Controlling erosion along this reach of Pleasure Island is important for many reasons. The first is that the eroding land provides useful public functions as parks, public facilities, and road rights-of-way. A second reason is that eroded land is a contributor to the material that has to be removed from the navigation channel at public expense in maintenance dredging. A third reason is aesthetic, in that failed shoreline protection measures are unsightly and potentially dangerous.

Scope of Study

The scope of work for the present report is given under Chapter 1.1. The contents related to Pleasure Island are again given below for ease of reference.

Scope (Part 1A): Sediment data available with the Galveston District will be examined and used in the study. The Measurement and Analysis Group of the CHL will collect additional sediment data, which will be analyzed in CHL laboratory. Laboratory results will be plotted and reviewed. Properties of sediment at site and their transportation characteristics will be evaluated for their use in the study. The cause of

erosion will be assessed. Velocity data at selected stations will be extracted from the numerical solution files for the existing and plan conditions. Velocity data will be plotted for comparison. Change in the current pattern caused by navigation improvement will be assessed. Effect of velocity change on sediment erosion will be assessed. A letter report will be submitted.

Scope (Part 1B): Assess whether the sediment impact will be marginal and if so, recommend deferment for taking mitigation measures. If the impact is adverse and severe, then recommend that taking mitigation measures is essential. Recommend mitigation measures to alleviate the adverse impact of the proposed project.

Previous Study

The PBS&J Consultants have taken into account the following factors in their report. This is a comprehensive list, which includes all the relevant parameters.

1. Characteristics of local soil
2. Shoreline and wave conditions
3. Available shoreline protection measures in the vicinity of the project area
4. Feasibility for phase construction
5. Beneficial use of existing structures
6. Costs and time associated with the alternatives
7. Considerations of the future plans for channel modification
8. Aesthetic considerations for various shoreline uses
9. Environmental aspects
10. Evaluation of the need for additional survey, studies and/or data collection efforts is also evaluated.

Historical Information

Dredging of a privately financed channel 25 feet deep and 75 feet wide from Sabine Pass to the mouth of Taylor Bayou was completed in March 1899. By this time the jetties had been built sufficiently to obtain a 25 –foot draft channel up to the Sabine Pass area. The Sabine-Neches Canal was constructed to the same dimensions as the Port Arthur Canal and completed in 1916. By 1922 it was deepened to 30 feet, and by 1935 the depth had been increased to 34 feet as far as Beaumont. By 1946 the depth was 36 feet, and by the early 1960's the dimensions had reached their present levels of 40 feet and 400 feet wide through the study area.

Both the Port Arthur Canal and the Sabine-Neches Canal were excavated through low elevation land near the Sabine Lake shore, effectively creating a strip of land that is now an island. A review of a 1917 navigation chart suggests that the approximate location of the existing PI shoreline is where the Sabine Lake shoreline was when the original excavation was made. At that time the island appeared to be about 300 to 500 feet wide. Over time, material taken from the canals for both enlargement and maintenance was placed on PI, building up the land elevation. At the same time the canal increased from 75 feet wide at the toe and 200 feet at the surface to its present width of

400 feet at the toe and 700 to 1,000 feet at the surface. Essentially, all of the width increase occurred on the eastern side of the canal. With each channel width increase (and progressive erosion) the original virgin island with overlying hydraulic fill was removed and placed further to the east.

Hydrologic Conditions

PI is located at the west side of Sabine Lake, south of the mouth of the Neches River. While most of the water in the Neches River flows directly into the Sabine Lake, a portion of the flow will go through Sabine-Neches Canal toward the Gulf of Mexico, especially during flooding events. This fresh water flow through the canal has some impact on salinity and current in the canal.

The sum of the flows in the three stations is the total Neches River flow entering Sabine Lake. The annual mean flows are 5,824, 894, and 490 cubic feet per second (cfs), respectively, totaling 7,208 cfs. The highest annual mean flow of 13,480, 2,248, and 1,167 cfs, respectively, totaling 16,895 cfs, is also reported for the three stations. However, there is no information indicating what portion of this flow is distributed through Sabine-Neches Canal.

Geotechnical Conditions

Given that dredging the Sabine-Neches Canal created PI, soil on the surface of the island is dredged material. On the west side of the island where the original Sabine Lake shoreline was, the soil composition underneath the dredged material is most likely Beaumont Clay. Based on the Soil Survey by the Soil Conservation Service (1965), which has been renamed to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), typical Beaumont Clay has fine particles, with 55 to 75 percent less than 0.074 mm. The clay is considered to have poor shear strength, high compressibility, high plasticity, poor drainage, and very high shrink-swell potential. A more recent publication (National Cooperative Soil Survey, 1997) describes Beaumont Clay as a poorly drained, very slowly permeable soil formed in clayey sediments of the Pleistocene Age. Its taxonomic class is fine, smectitic, hyperthermic Chromic Dystraquerts. As for the dredged material, the NRCS (1965) classified the soil as Ma (Made Land) and described it as a mixture of clay loam, sand, and shells. No additional information is provided in the Soil Survey on Ma Soil due to its variability.

Chapter 3.2: Vessel Effects

Ship Effects at Bank line

The following ship effects are noticed at bank line.

- Long Period
 - Draw down
 - Surge
 - Transverse Stern Wave
 - Return Velocity

- Short Period
 - Secondary Waves at Bow and Stern
 - Surge Waves
 - Propeller Jet (small at bank line)

Vessel Traffic and Vessel Generated Surges

Bow and stern waves are generated when a vessel moves through water. The wave characteristics, such as height, period, and crest orientation, depend on the vessel speed and direction, water depth, vessel hull form and draft, and distance from the sailing line. The vessel speed is more important than vessel dimensions in determining the wave heights generated. In addition, when the vessel is traveling in a constricted waterway, water is displaced from bow to stern. This displacement of water is referred to as a return flow and is associated with a water-level depression as a vessel approaches a point in a channel commonly known as a drawdown. The drawdown creates a flow away from the shore as a vessel approaches. Subsequently water moves back up resulting in a surge toward the shore.

A large volume of literature is available on vessel-generated surges and waves. Correlation among vessel speeds, draft and channel bathymetry is also available. Field measurements at a location just upstream of the confluence with Taylor Bayou have indicated that vessel-generated surge of about 6 feet high can possibly occur. A study (Herbich, et al, 1982) near the southern end of the project shoreline has indicated that surge heights of 6 feet are possible in the canal.

Literature review provided the following observations.

1. Displacement effects causing drawdown, surge, transverse stern wave, return velocity.
2. Surge waves are the dominant bank loading in the channels
3. Surge waves result from drawdown effects in channels with shallow (3 to 6 feet-deep) berm.
4. Surge waves increase with shallow water depth over berm, increased ship speed, and increased drawdown

5. Ship speed for largest ships in Sabine navigation channel is generally less than 12 knots.
6. Secondary waves at bow and stern are not the dominant bank loading at these speeds.

Vessel-Generated Waves

Maynard and Martin (1996) have reported numerous examples and references on field studies and model studies conducted in Europe and the USA related to vessel-generated waves. The following parameters are involved in erosion prediction: a) Vessel-Related: size of vessel (draft, length, beam width, and tonnage), speed of the vessel, hull shape. b) Channel-Related: size of channel (width, depth, and cross-sectional area), bank height, and shape of channel. c) Sediment-Related: type of sediment, erodibility. d) Wave-Related: wave height and period, time series of occurrence, time after passage of vessel, distance from the vessel. Hwang and Wang (1982) have reported work on wave kinematics and sediment suspension at the wave breaking point. Maa (1986) conducted a laboratory study on the erosion of soft mud by waves. Li (1996) has provided information on wave-mud interaction. All these studies take into account several parameters and are very complex in nature.

Bank erosion caused by vessel-generated waves can be estimated analytically, if field data on several parameters are available. Parchure et al, 2001a and 2001b have described the procedure.

Magnitudes of vessel-generated bed shear stresses are shown in Figure 3.2.1. It is seen that a 30-cm wave would generate bed shear stress of 0.35, 0.8 and 2.4 Pa in water depths of 1.5 m, 1.0 m, and 0.5 m respectively. A wave height of 30 cm is selected only as an illustration for reporting values of bed shear stresses for this wave height in different water depths. A 30-cm wave is not the highest potential wave height that would occur at Sabine Neches. The magnitude of vessel-induced wave height depends mainly upon three factors. a) Size of vessel (draft, length, beam width and tonnage), b) Vessel speed, and c) Hull shape. In the estuarine waterways ship speed is restricted by water depth, channel width, and channel configuration. Steve Maynard concluded that speed of largest ship in Sabine would be generally less than 12 knots. At this speed, vessel-induced wave heights could be 5 feet or more in height. Such waves break as they travel into shallow water near the bank and reduce the height but they could cause severe erosion of unprotected banks.

Erosion Potential

The width and depth of the existing navigation channel, the Sabine Neches Waterway (SNWW), would likely be increased for converting the present 40-foot project to 50-foot project. The increase in width and depth is expected to change the tidal conditions along the entire length of the navigation channel, including the Pleasure Island reach. Hence it was considered necessary to study the impact of the proposed modifications on the erosion of Pleasure Island shoreline.

Erosion of riverbanks is a matter of concern for engineering and environmental reasons. Currents, waves, and wind are the natural factors that cause erosion. Waves may be either wind-generated or vessel-generated. Among several dominant mechanisms of riverbank erosion identified in the literature (Maynard and Martin, 1996), navigation effects caused by the passage of vessels are quite important. The components of navigation effects causing sediment resuspension are a) vessel-induced waves, b) drawdown, c) vessel-generated currents, and d) propeller wash. An illustration of vessel-induced wave train is shown in Figure 3.2.2. These waves have a short wave period of 2 to 4 seconds and the total event may last over about 5 minutes or less. Vessels may be large in size, such as ships and barges or they may be small in size such as recreation vessels. Large vessels travel at low speed in deep water away from bank whereas small crafts travel at high speed in shallow water close to the bank. A comparison of field data on maximum wave height, drawdown, and suspended sediment concentration shows that large vessels generally create large drawdown and small wave heights, whereas small vessels may generate small drawdown and large wave heights. Both types of vessels may cause bank erosion and an increase in suspended-sediment concentration.

Camfield et al. (1979) reviewed literature on the possible impact of vessel wakes on bank erosion. Maynard and Martin (1996) have described navigation-related processes and provided numerous examples of bank erosion studies conducted in the world over the past several years. They found that modeling effort relating boating activity to bank erosion has not been adequately reported in published literature. The combined effect of both waves and current, which is more complex than their individual effect, needs to be taken into account in estimating sediment resuspension. Wikramanayake and Madsen (1994) have suggested a method of calculating suspended-sediment transport by combined wave-current flows, however it is applicable only for non-cohesive sediments.

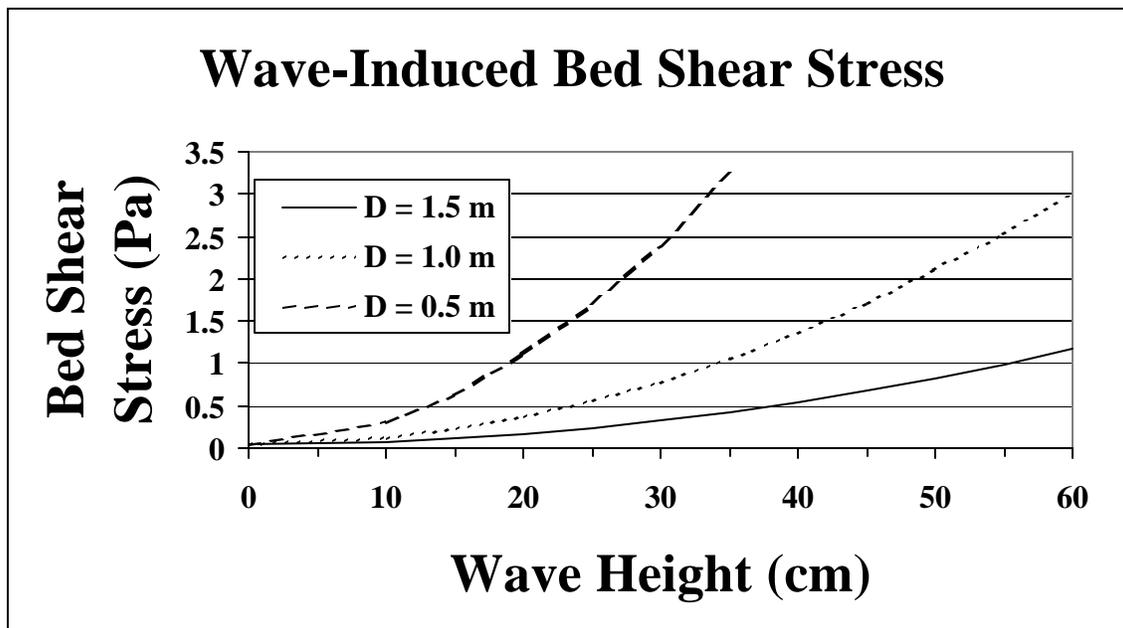


Figure 3.2.1: Wave-induced bed shear stresses under varying wave heights at 0.5, 1.0, and 1.5 meter water depth. (1 Pa is equal to 0.0209 pounds per square foot.)

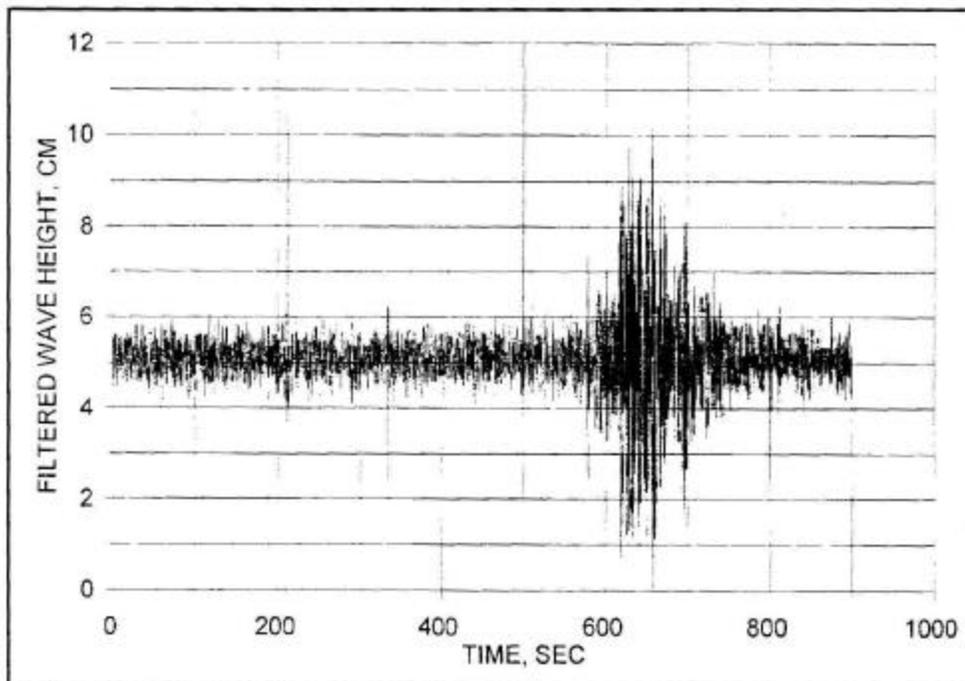


Figure 3.2.2: Illustration of vessel-induced waves

Chapter 3.3: Numerical Model Results

Velocity Data

Velocity magnitudes were extracted at 30 selected nodes of the numerical model. First of all, Nodes at all of the 19 bed sample locations were selected. Then more nodes were selected in the areas where the spacing between consecutive nodes was large. The actual node numbers were assigned new numbers for convenience of reference as shown in Table 3.3.1. All the nodes are located close to the water line along the eroding bank. Superposed velocity magnitudes for base and plan condition for the Flood Test are given in Appendix E. Superposed velocity magnitudes for base and plan condition for the Ebb Test are given in Appendix E.

The peak velocities at different locations for the Flood Test vary from about 1 ft/s to about 2 ft/s for the existing conditions. After channel modifications, the peak velocities remain about the same at some locations. However, they generally show an increase in magnitude, the variation in the peak values often exceeding 1.5 feet. The incremental rise in peak values of velocity is on the order of 0.5 ft/s.

The peak velocities at different locations for the Ebb Test are generally higher than the corresponding Flood values. They vary from about 2 ft/s to about 3 ft/s for the existing conditions. After channel modifications, the peak velocities remain about the same at some locations. However, they generally show an increase in magnitude on the order of 0.5 ft/s.

Effect of Currents

Numerical model study was conducted using two tidal patterns named as the flood and ebb test conditions. The velocities obtained on the model show patterns with alternate short and tall peaks in velocity magnitudes. Several locations were selected along the Pleasure Island shoreline for extracting velocity data from the numerical model. These are given in Tables 3.3.2 and 3.3.3 respectively for the “flood” and “ebb” test conditions. The magnitudes for base condition have been compared to the values for plan condition. Magnitudes for short peaks showed an increase of 5 to 50 percent from base to plan but they had magnitudes ranging mostly from 1 to 2 feet per second. Magnitudes for tall peaks showed both increase and decrease with magnitudes ranging from 2 to 3 feet per second. Erosion would occur at sustained as well as peak velocities if the flow-induced bed shear stress is greater than the bed shear strength.

Current induces bed shear stress causing erosion. The magnitude of current-induced bed shear stress is a function of water depth and current magnitude. It is estimated that current strength of 1, 2 and 3 feet per second would induce bed shear stress of 0.04, 0.18 and 0.4 Pa in water depth of 0.5 m. The magnitudes in 1 m depth will be 0.036, 0.14 and 0.32 Pa. The magnitudes in 1.5 m depth will be 0.032, 0.126 and 0.28 Pa. It is seen that the magnitudes of current-induced bed shear stress are significantly

smaller than those induced by vessel-generated waves. Hence vessel-induced waves are more significant in the context of erosion of Pleasure Island shoreline.

Table 3.3.1: Actual Node Numbers and Assigned Node Numbers for Pleasure Island

Assigned Node #	Actual Node #
P1	8229
P2	8379
P3	8431
P4	8869
P5	9322
<i>P51</i>	<i>9460</i>
<i>P52</i>	<i>9527</i>
<i>P53</i>	<i>9608</i>
<i>P54</i>	<i>9688</i>
P6	9731
P7	9805
P8	10309
<i>P81</i>	<i>10475</i>
P9	10902
P10	11014
P101	11071
P102	11505
P103	11633
P104	12204
P105	12642
P106	12697
P11	12924
P12	13770
P13	14068
P14	14152
P15	14278
P16	14362
P17	14440
P18	14557
P19	14620

**Table 3.3.2: “Flood” Velocities along Pleasure Island Shoreline
Comparison of Peak Velocities**

	Base Flood	Plan Flood	% Change	B Flood	Plan Flood	% Change
	Short	Short		Tall	Tall	
P 1	1.16	1.22	5.2	2.36	2.14	-9.3
P 2	1.16	1.28	10.3	1.96	1.75	-10.7
P 3	1.19	1.20	0.8	2.31	2.07	-10.4
P 4	1.19	1.40	17.6	2.13	2.08	-2.3
P 5	1.10	1.38	25.4	1.83	1.86	1.6
P 51	1.03	1.27	23.3	1.82	2.19	20.3
P 52	1.10	1.46	32.7	2.05	2.38	16.1
P 53	1.11	1.24	11.7	2.00	2.10	5.0
P 54	1.11	1.24	11.7	1.85	1.99	7.5
P 56	1.33	1.43	7.5	2.51	2.33	-7.1
P 7	1.22	1.64	34.4	2.06	2.27	10.2
P 8	0.93	1.40	50.5	1.68	1.90	13.1
P 81	1.28	1.99	55.5	1.86	2.59	39.2
P 9	1.19	1.88	58.0	2.15	2.96	37.7
P 10	1.05	1.42	35.2	2.03	1.97	-2.9
P 101	1.55	2.25	45.1	2.80	3.10	10.7
P 102	1.21	1.86	53.7	2.13	2.45	15.0
P 103	0.71	1.65	-----	1.08	1.93	78.7

P 104	1.46	2.27	55.5	2.20	3.00	36.4
P 105	1.37	2.08	51.2	2.07	2.69	30.0
P 106	1.19	1.81	52.1	1.94	2.62	35.0
P 11	1.29	1.98	53.5	1.88	2.47	31.4
P 12	1.06	1.37	1.29	1.52	1.81	19.0
P 13	0.93	1.24	33.3	1.48	1.73	16.9
P 14	0.84	1.13	34.5	1.38	1.65	19.5
P 15	1.11	1.54	38.7	1.97	2.37	20.3
P 16	1.33	1.68	26.3	2.19	2.28	4.1
P 17	1.30	1.73	33.0	1.97	2.19	11.1
P 18	1.14	1.61	41.2	1.92	2.41	25.5
P 19	0.80	1.10	37.5	1.49	1.88	26.1

**Table 3.3.3: “Ebb” Velocities along Pleasure Island Sho reline
Comparison of Peak Velocities**

	Base Ebb	Plan Ebb	% Change	Base Ebb	Plan Ebb	% Change
	Short	Short		Tall	Tall	
P 1	1.29	1.37	6.2	3.03	2.73	-10.0
P 2	1.24	1.41	13.7	2.47	2.21	-10.5
P 3	1.32	1.37	3.8	2.95	2.64	-10.5
P 4	1.26	1.52	20.6	2.69	2.64	-1.8
P 5	1.08	1.48	37.0	2.43	2.39	-1.6
P 51	1.06	1.39	31.1	2.40	2.85	18.7
P 52	1.12	1.60	42.8	2.72	3.08	13.2
P 53	1.16	1.37	18.1	2.66	2.71	1.9
P 54	0.96	1.36	41.7	2.54	2.56	0.8
P 56	1.44	1.58	9.7	3.30	3.03	-8.1
P 7	1.27	1.76	38.5	2.68	2.94	9.7
P 8	0.98	1.51	54.0	2.18	2.45	12.4
P 81	1.32	2.14	62.1	2.44	3.41	39.7
P 9	1.23	2.05	66.7	2.83	3.90	37.8
P 10	1.12	1.53	36.6	2.70	2.59	-4.0
P 101	1.58	2.38	50.6	3.70	4.12	11.3
P 102	1.27	1.99	56.7	2.77	3.19	15.1
P 103	0.73	1.76	41.0	1.41	2.54	80.0

P 104	1.50	2.44	62.7	2.87	3.94	37.3
P 105	1.40	2.24	60.0	2.72	3.53	29.8
P 106	1.24	1.98	59.7	2.55	3.44	34.9
P 11	1.31	2.12	61.8	2.45	3.22	31.4
P 12	1.10	1.50	36.4	2.00	2.36	18.0
P 13	0.99	1.35	36.4	1.95	2.25	15.4
P 14	0.89	1.24	39.3	1.82	2.15	18.1
P 15	1.16	1.68	44.8	2.60	3.11	19.6
P 16	1.38	1.82	31.9	2.87	3.01	4.9
P 17	1.34	1.86	38.8	2.57	2.87	11.7
P 18	1.20	1.77	47.5	2.53	3.15	24.5
P 19	0.85	1.22	43.5	1.95	2.45	25.6

Chapter 3.4: Sediment Data and Photographs

Sediment Data

Bed samples were collected along the west shoreline of Pleasure Island at 19 locations. The locations are shown in Figures 3.4.1 through 3.4.4. Their locations corresponding to the node numbers of numerical model are listed in Table 3.4.1. Two samples were collected at each location. One was just above the water line (T) and the other was below the water line (B) in about 3 feet depth. The bed samples were analyzed in laboratory for the sand and silt split, particle size distribution for the fraction coarser than 64 microns and for the total organic contents. The results are given in Table 3.4.2. The particle size distribution curves are given in Appendix G.

It is noticed that the sediment contained a substantial fraction with less than 64-micron size particles. This sediment is easily erodible under the current and wave climate prevailing along the west shoreline of Pleasure Island.

Beach Profiles

Cross-sections of navigation channel were examined for the beach slopes in the vicinity of Pleasure Island. Figure 3.4.5 provides an illustration of cross sections of navigation channel in Port Arthur canal. Figure 3.4.6 provides an illustration of cross sections of navigation channel in Sabine Neches canal. The right bank of these sections represents the shoreline of Pleasure Island. Bank slopes were measured for three zones of each section, namely above water level (0 to +10 feet elevation), and below water level (0 to -10 feet and -10 to -20 feet elevation). Tables 3.4.3 and 3.4.4 provide slopes for these three zones at various locations in the Port Arthur Canal and Sabine Neches Canal respectively. It is seen that the slopes in the Port Arthur Canal area in zones above and below water level are mild varying from 1 in 7 to 1 in 56. Corresponding slopes in the Sabine Neches Canal are mostly steeper in many locations varying from 1 in 2 to 1 in 10. Slopes in deeper water from -10 to -20 feet are relatively steeper than the slopes in the other two slope areas for both the canals.

Photographs

Photographs of the SNWW project shorelines are given in Appendix H. All of them are not taken at the Pleasure Island, however they offer a graphic description of the general bank erosion problem. The photographs are presented in the following groups:

Appendix H-A: Sequence of Photographs showing propagation of transverse stern waves generated by passage of ship

Appendix H-B: Photographs showing vessel-generated waves attacking the shore

Appendix H-C: Photographs showing bank protection measures adopted at Sabine

Table 3.4.1: Bed sample locations along Pleasure Island and corresponding Node Numbers

Bed Sample #	Node #
P1	8229
P2	8379
P3	8431
P4	8869
P5	9322
P6	9731
P7	9805
P8	10309
P9	10902
P10	11014
P11	12924
P12	13770
P13	14068
P14	14152
P15	14278
P16	14362
P17	14440
P18	14557
P19	14620

Table 3.4.2: Results of bed sediment samples along Pleasure Island

Original Sample #	New Sample #	% Sand	% Silt/Clay	% Moisture Content	% Organic Content
P36T	P1T	29.23	70.77	0.37	3.03
P37B	P1B	76.64	23.36	0.35	1.79
P38T	P2T	7.66	92.34	0.44	3.8
P39B	P2B	3.82	96.18	0.64	4.2
P40T	P3T	2.79	97.21	0.45	3.61
P41B	P3B	4.04	95.96	0.60	5.18
P42T	P4T	0.45	99.55	0.57	6.7
P43B	P4B	6.21	93.79	0.40	4.92
P44T	P5T	12.78	87.22	0.62	6.1
P45B	P5B	28.17	71.83	0.47	5.8
P46T	P6T	7.32	92.68	0.47	4.82
P47B	P6B	21.82	78.18	0.55	4.24
P48B	P7B	25.79	74.21	0.46	3.77
P49T	P7T	4.37	95.63	0.55	5.6
P60T	P8T	4.55	95.45	0.46	21.92
P61B	P8B	0.66	99.34	0.65	5.75
P62B	P9B	52.28	47.72	0.43	3.19
P63T	P9T	0	100.00	0.60	6.44
P64T	P10T	0.06	99.94	0.55	5.65
P65B	P10B	18.89	81.11	0.44	4.13
P66T	P11T	12.58	87.42	0.37	3.46
P67B	P11B	0.44	99.56	0.36	2.45
P68T	P12T	13.79	86.21	0.25	2.2
P69B	P12B	49.07	50.93	0.34	1.64
P70T	P13T	60.68	39.32	0.42	5.27
P71B	P13B	60.07	39.93	0.38	2.07
P72B	P14B	5.17	94.83	0.32	1.89
P73T	P14T	5.24	94.76	0.34	3.80
P74B	P15B	38.70	61.30	0.37	3.46
P75T	P15T	4.07	95.93	0.39	4.55
P76B	P16B	80.29	19.71	0.29	1.29
P77T	P16T	1.56	98.44	0.46	5.00
P78T	P17T	32.82	67.18	0.39	3.66
P79B	P17B	24.31	75.69	0.57	4.00
P80B	P18B	15.72	84.28	0.43	3.50
P81T	P18T	25.11	74.89	0.43	4.02
P82B	P19B	5.91	94.09	0.37	2.23
P83T	P19T	3.05	96.95	0.41	5.63

Table 3.4.3: Port Arthur Canal Right Bank Slopes (Pleasure Island)

Section at	Bank Slope 0 to +10'	Bank Slope 0 to -10'	Bank Slope -10' to - 40'
10 + 00	1 : 40	1 : 07	1 : 2.5
30 + 00	1 : 15	1 : 12	1 : 4.0
70 + 00	1 : 08	1 : 50	1 : 3.3
90 + 00	1 : 20	1 : 33	1 : 3.3
110 + 00	1 : 25	-----	1 : 4.0
130 + 00	1 : 12	1 : 20	1 : 3.0
140 + 00	1 : 05	1 : 40	1 : 3.0
150 + 00	1 : 14	1 : 56	1 : 3.0
180 + 00	1 : 10	1 : 25	1 : 4.0
210 + 00	1 : 10	1 : 30	1 : 2.3
230 + 00	1 : 08	1 : 25	1 : 3.0
250 + 00	1 : 10	1 : 25	1 : 3.3
270 + 00	1 : 40	-----	1 : 3.0
284 + 44	1 : 20	-----	1 : 2.5
299 + 60	1 : 15	-----	1 : 3.3
308 + 84	-----	-----	-----
325 + 41	-----	-----	-----

Table 3.4.4: Sabine Neches Canal Right Bank Slopes (Pleasure Island)

Section at	Bank Slope 0 to +10'	Bank Slope 0 to -10'	Bank Slope -10' to - 40'
18 + 93	1 : 10	1 : 13	1 : 6.0
38 + 69	1 : 3.5	1 : 40	1 : 7.0
58 + 58	1 : 8	1 : 48	1 : 6.0
78 + 73	1 : 5	1 : 37	1 : 7.0
104 + 64	1 : 2	1 : 15	1 : 5.0
118 + 96	1 : 15	----	1 : 2.8
138 + 72	1 : 3	1 : 5	1 : 4.3
158 + 55	1 : 10	1 : 2	1 : 2.0
172 + 89	1 : 3	1 : 8	1 : 7.0
189 + 44	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4.0
198 + 86	1 : 6	1 : 5	1 : 3.0
213 + 72	1 : 32	1 : 3	1 : 3.0

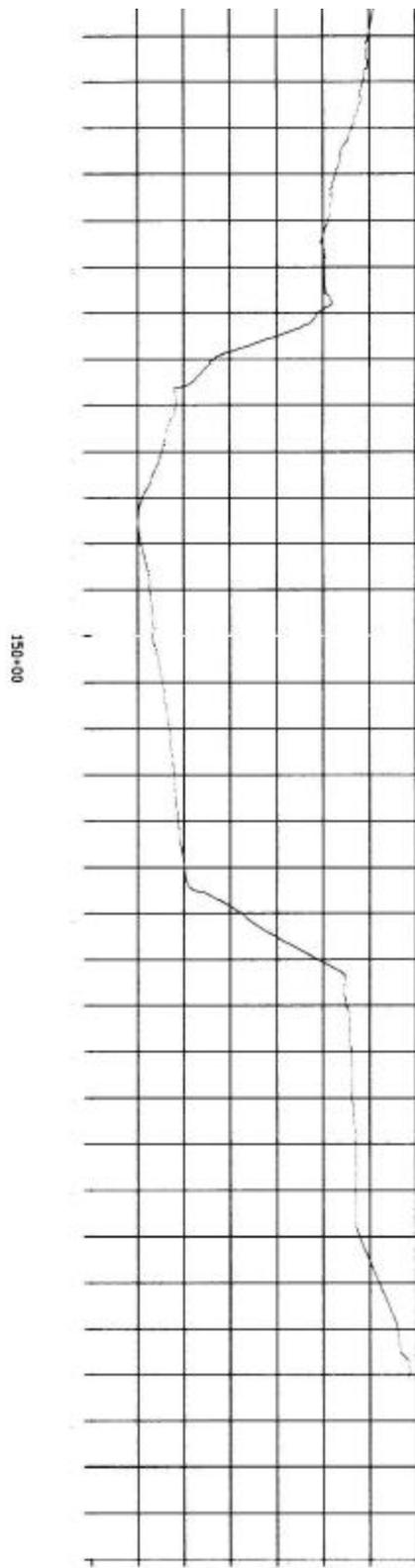
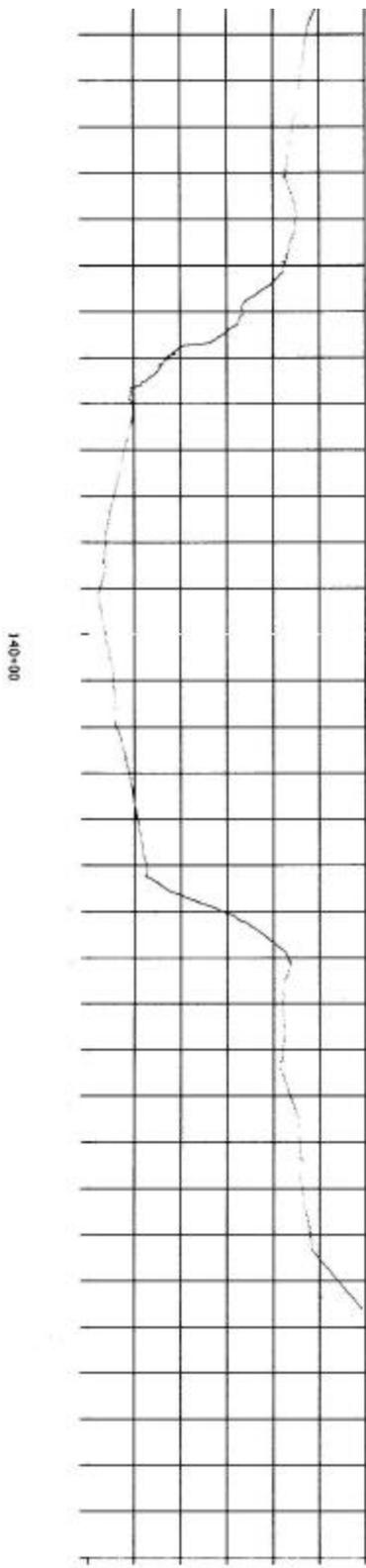


Figure 3.4.5: Port Arthur Canal Cross-Sections

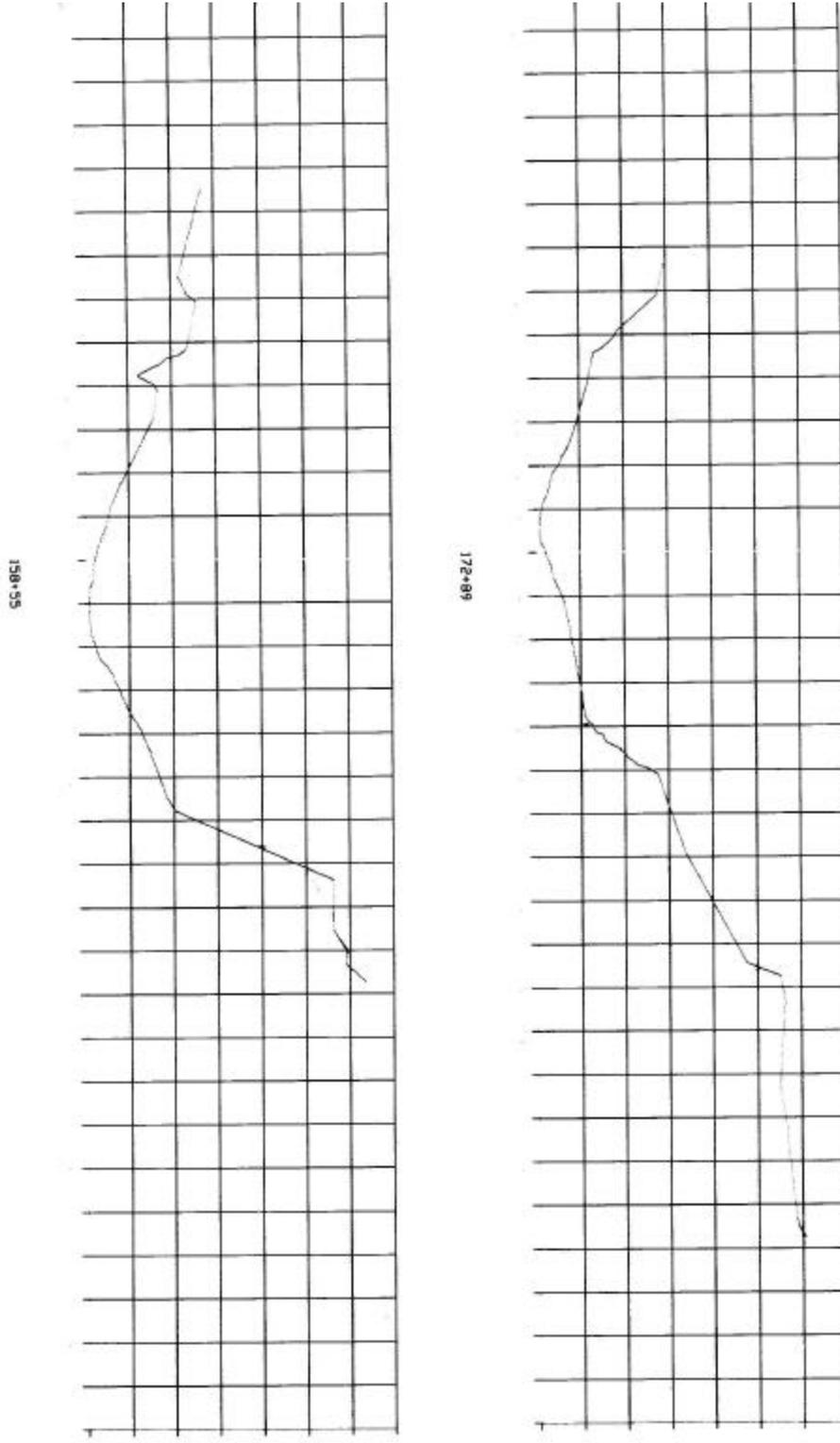


Figure 3.4.6: Sabine Neches Canal Cross-Sections

Chapter 3.5: Erosion Evaluation

Present Erosion Condition

The primary reasons for severe erosion along portions of the Pleasure Island shoreline are a) land composed of highly erodible unconsolidated silts and clays and b) vessel wakes and surges. This is a purely man-made environment with neither the soils nor the waves of natural origin. Controlling the erosion will require a similar degree of human intervention.

The island consists of easily erodible hydraulic fill placed on native stiff clay soils that exist at approximate sea level. As water moves in and out of the fill material in response to waves, fine particles are suspended and carried out if not constrained in some fashion. The water movement includes the normal astronomical, wind waves, waves from all types of passing vessels, and surges from larger passing vessels. In view of the highly erodible nature of the soil on the island, the shoreline would continue to erode from tidal currents and wind wave action alone. Vessel-generated waves and surges would accelerate the process.

Existing Shoreline Protection

It appears that clay soils exist near sea level on Pleasure Island and that all the soils above sea level are hydraulic fill from excavation of the Sabine-Neches Canal. Most of the lower soil layers appear to contain clay balls. These are chunks of relatively stiff clay removed in dredging that are typically 1 to 2 inches in diameter. When discharged from a dredge pipe, these settle and become compacted to some degree, forming a soil that can serve many functions. Most of the structures on the island are built on such materials. However, when exposed to moving water the unconsolidated fine silts and clays surrounding the clay balls can be washed out easily. Where there is no protection, water attacks the base of the shoreline and the overlying material falls into the canal, forming an erosion scarf or cut bank that is typical of much of the present shoreline.

In 1994 and 1995, the City of Port Arthur and the PI Commission installed erosion controls using concrete slabs cut out of the MLK Bridge. These were placed over filter fabric along the shoreline. In the process of removing the slabs from the bridge, holes were cut in the concrete sections to allow lifting. In portions of the shoreline work, these slab sections were installed in a double layer, with the top layer offset from the bottom so the holes would be covered. In other places, a single layer of slab was placed.

Where concrete slabs have protected the filter fabric, the erosion has somewhat slowed. However, in places, the filter fabric has developed gaps where water pipes in and out strongly when vessels produce large drawdown and surge. Over time many of these slabs have been undermined and left in the water as the shoreline has migrated to the east.

There are some examples of effective erosion protection in the project area. One is the granite blocks placed along the shore at the Corps and USCG office locations. These close-fitting granite blocks are placed over smaller stones that are in turn placed over fine sand after the shore was shaped. The bottom course of these granite blocks is placed on the natural stiff clay, and the toe of the slope is protected from scour by additional riprap. These were installed following a standard Corps design in the 1970's and have held up very well.

Another example of effective protection is the sheet piling placed as part of the same location. These have served for almost 40 years, and except for some degree of corrosion, they are still serving their intended purpose today.

A third example of effective erosion protection is some of the concrete slabs placed over filter fabric in 1994-95.

Sections that appear to have functioned reasonably well include several key elements such as 1. Filter fabric was installed all the way down to the virgin clay, 2. A double layer of concrete slab was overlapped at the joints, 3. The slabs were extended up the slope to a sufficient height, and 4. Stones were used to protect the toe of the slopes.

Many shore protection measures have been provided over short lengths along the shoreline of SNWW. They include rubble and woven mattresses of concrete bricks. These were placed on filter fabric, however their failures are seen at many places for various reasons. Photographs of shore erosion are given in Appendix H.

Current-induced Bank Erosion

The numerical model showed that the current velocities in the vicinity of the Pleasure Island shore line for both flood and ebb conditions are high. The peak magnitudes are on the order of 1.5 to 2 ft/s. These velocities increase by about 0.5 ft/s after navigation channel modifications. The sediment prevailing along the west shoreline of Pleasure Island is easily erodible under these current strengths.

Critical shear stress for erosion of non-cohesive sediments decreases with particle size. Critical shear stress values are given below.

Particle size		Shear Stress	Shear Stress
(micron)	(mm)	(lb/ft ²)	(Pa)
2000	2.0	0.03	1.43
1000	1.0	0.012	0.57
100	0.1	0.004	0.19

Silt consists of particles smaller than 64 microns. Clays and organic substances provide binding of particles, which increases the shear strength of sediment mixtures. Laboratory tests showed that the nearshore sediment consisting of 90 percent particles with clays and silt, and 4 percent organic matter had critical shear strength of about 0.4

Pa, and the rate of erosion was low.

Vessel-induced Bank Erosion

After navigation channel modification, the size of vessels and their frequency will increase. This will lead to greater bank erosion.

Chapter 3.6: Concluding Remarks

1. In view of the highly erodible and weakly compacted soil on the Pleasure Island, the shoreline would likely continue to erode from tidal currents and wind waves. Vessel-generated waves and surges would continue to accelerate the process.
2. It is estimated that a 30-cm vessel-induced wave would generate bed shear stress of 0.35, 0.8 and 2.4 Pa in water depths of 1.5 m, 1.0 m, and 0.5 m respectively. The magnitudes of current-induced bed shear stress are significantly smaller than those induced by vessel-generated waves. Hence vessel-induced waves are more significant in the context of erosion of Pleasure Island shoreline.
3. The magnitude of tidal current varies continually with time. The present peak values near the shore are on the order of 1 to 2 ft/s. It may be noted that 1. This is only the peak value, 2. It is not observed at all the locations, 3) It is obtained for the select combination of tides, wind and river discharge conditions used for running the numerical model. The average sustained value of tidal current would be about around 1 ft/s. Intermittent bank erosion is expected to occur near the peak values of flow velocities.
4. Tidal pattern used for running numerical model under flood and ebb test conditions gave velocities with alternate short and tall peaks. The magnitudes for base condition have been compared to the values for plan condition. Magnitudes for short peaks showed an increase of 5 to 50 percent from base to plan but they had magnitudes ranging from 1 to 2 feet per second. Magnitudes for tall peaks showed both increase and decrease with magnitudes ranging from 2 to 3 feet per second.
5. As a result of navigation channel modifications, the peak current velocity is expected to be higher by about 0.5 ft/s. Again the three factors mentioned in the above paragraph apply. The average sustained increase in magnitude in the tidal currents under plan over the base condition would be about 0.2 ft/s, which would probably result in less than 10 percent increase in the present bank erosion rate.
6. Since the fetch is limited for the constricted waterway, wind waves are relatively small in magnitude and may not be of concern related to bank erosion.
7. The erosion appears to be caused predominantly by surges, waves, and rapid drawdown resulting from vessel traffic within the constricted Sabine Neches waterway.
8. The characteristics of vessel-induced waves and surges and their effect on the bank depend on several factors, such as waterway geometry, bank slope, shoreline bathymetry, flow conditions, vessel characteristics (draft, tonnage, bow), vessel operating conditions (speed), and the volume of vessel traffic.

9. Beach slopes above and below water line are relatively mild and hence would be mostly stable. However, there are regions where the wave attack has caused caving, leaving unstable, close to vertical profile cliffs.

10. Several types of bank protection measures have been adopted along the navigation channel shoreline. While a few measures have been successful, many others appear to have failed. At several locations that do not have structural protection, a bluff has formed due to erosion and severe setbacks of land have occurred. The main cause of failure appears to be inability of the measure to retain the unconsolidated soil underneath the revetments.

11. The following conceptual shoreline protection alternatives have been considered by the PBS&J Consultants. 1. Two-layer concrete slabs, 2. New revetments using either articulated concrete blocks or revetment mattress, and 3. Use of Gabions or geotubes to serve as a wave barrier. Detailed studies are needed for comparison of merits of these and other options.

12. Use of a filter layer (geotextile) under the armoring structures is often very effective. However, it is seen at site that such fabric has not been always effective, probably due to defective construction practices, tearing of fabric at places, lack of adequate anchoring to the bed to prevent uplifting of the mattress, toe failure and so on. Hence adequate care is needed in selecting, designing and using filter fabrics.

13. Data on historical and current aerial photographs, bathymetric and shoreline survey and values of geotechnical parameters for the shoreline sediment are needed for better evaluation of the present bank erosion, estimated future erosion and design of bank protection alternatives.

14. After navigation channel modification, the size of vessels and their frequency will increase. The factors on which data are needed for providing a quantitative estimate of the impact of vessel traffic under plan condition are listed under paragraphs 6 and 10 above. It is noted that 1) All these data are not currently available; 2) Predictions on future characteristics of vessel traffic are also not available. However, taking into account the site conditions, present vessel traffic and the available sediment data, it is estimated that the proposed plan is likely to result in about 10 percent increase in the present bank erosion rate.

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Part 4
Sabine Lake Eastern Shore Erosion

Chapter 4.1: Erosion Problem

Problem Description

The Sabine Lake has an extensive shoreline on the east side, measuring about 21 miles (Figure 4.1.1). Since the centerline of Lake is the boundary between the Louisiana State and Texas State, the eastern shoreline of Lake belongs to Louisiana whereas the western shoreline belongs to Texas State. The Sabine River joins the Sabine Lake on the northeast side and discharges its entire water into the Sabine lake first. A part of this discharge may be entering the navigation channel after it flows past the mouth of Neches River. The Neches River joins on the northwest side of the Sabine Lake. A part of the fresh water from Neches River is discharged into the lake and the remaining flows through the deeper navigation channel. Freshwater inflows of 16,200 cfs and 18,600 cfs respectively at the Neches and Sabine River mouths represent the 90 percentile flow values for the two rivers, based on long-term statistics collected by the USGS. The distributions of discharges from both the rivers into the lake and into the navigation channel are not reliably known.

No historical information could be found in published literature on the natural processes taking place along the eastern shoreline of Sabine Lake. It is also not known whether the entire eastern shoreline is eroding or whether the bank erosion is restricted to several local places. It is however known through observations that the shoreline near the Willow Bayou mouth has been severely eroding. As a result of erosion, the original shoreline has probably shifted towards the Willow Bayou. It was noticed during field inspection conducted in April 2002 that a narrow strip of land, which may be on the order of only 30 to 50 feet wide separated the Willow Bayou and the Sabine Lake. Tall natural grass grown on this strip of land has not been able to arrest the erosion. Photographs of the area are given in Appendix H_F.

Scope of Work

The Galveston District restricted the erosion problem investigation to be done at ERDC only to the area adjacent to the Willow Bayou mouth. The scope of work consisted of determining the impact of navigation channel modifications on the erosion of the eastern shoreline of Sabine Lake in the vicinity of Willow Bayou.

Field Data

ERDC had pointed out that field data would be very useful for examining the problem, however since certain data were not readily and economically available, the need was fulfilled through other means as described below.

1. Historical data such as surveys and cross sections on bank erosion. These were not available. Available surveys were used.
2. Recent hydrographic survey in the vicinity of the study area. This was not available. The latest available survey was used.

3. Surface sediment samples. No sediment data were collected earlier. Bed samples were collected by ERDC in the study area and analyzed in laboratory.
4. Magnitudes and directions of currents in the vicinity of study area. Field data were not available. Hence these were obtained from the numerical model for the existing conditions and for the modified navigation channel conditions.
5. Details (size, speed, type, draft, etc.) and frequency of recreational and other vessels traveling in the vicinity. These were not available, however it was learned that the vessel traffic in the vicinity of shoreline was negligible.

Chapter 4.2: Field Data

Bed Sediment Data

Surface bed sediment samples and water samples were collected at seven locations inside Willow Bayou and at ten locations outside the Bayou along Sabine Lake shorelines. Two samples were collected at each location; one above the local water line (denoted as top) and the other below the water line (denoted as bottom). The locations for the two sets of samples (denoted by W for Willow Bayou and S for Sabine Lake) are shown in Figures 4.2.1.

The bed samples were analyzed in CHL laboratory to determine particle size distribution. The plots of laboratory analysis results are given in Appendix I for the Willow Bayou samples. The percentage of sand, silt plus clay, and organic matter are given in Table 4.2.1. It is seen that there is no significant difference in the size gradation of samples below and above water at any of the locations. All the samples are finer than 200-micron size with 50 or more percent of sediment finer than 64 microns, indicating a high percent of silt and clay in all the samples.

Appendix J gives plots of laboratory analysis results for the Sabine Lake shoreline samples. The percentage of sand, silt plus clay, and organic matter are given in Table 4.2.2. It is seen that the bed samples collected above water are significantly coarser than the bed samples below water. All the bottom samples are finer than 200-micron size with 90 or more percent of sediment finer than 64 microns indicating predominance of silt and clay in all the samples. Bed samples above water were generally coarser than the samples below water.

The general conclusion of the bed sample analysis is that the shoreline in the vicinity of Willow Bayou contains predominantly silt and clay and it is easily erodible under low bed shear stresses, which may be induced by small-magnitude wind-generated currents or waves. If the erosion continues, the small strip of land separating the mouth of Willow Bayou and the Sabine Lake is likely to disappear, thus shifting the location of the Bayou mouth.

Table 4.2.1: Results of sediment analysis for Willow Bayou samples

Sample #	% Sand	% Silt/Clay	% Organics
W1T	46.33	53.67	11.78
W1B	58.36	41.64	2.66
W2T	2.56	97.44	19.21
W2B	0.00	100.00	8.25
W3T	26.94	73.06	9.29
W3B	4.46	95.54	5.94
W4T	22.52	77.48	14.92
W4B	0.43	99.57	7.46
W5T	1.92	98.08	21.15
W5B	0.00	100.00	20.96
W6T	43.03	56.97	9.47
W6B	47.36	52.64	9.47
W7T	2.37	97.63	16
W7B	22.79	77.21	10.58

Note: T and B denote bed sample collected above and below water line respectively at each location.

Table 4.2.2: Results of sediment analysis for Sabine Lake samples

Sample #	% Sand	% Silt/Clay	% Organics
S1T	42.57	57.43	4.25
S1B	14.29	85.71	15.65
S2T	67.74	32.26	3.72
S2B	1.02	98.98	15.83
S3T	56.58	43.42	4.75
S3B	10.05	89.95	9.62
S4T	54.98	45.02	5.18
S4B	0.37	99.63	9.49
S5T	30.26	69.74	7.31
S5B			12.92
S6T	4.19	95.81	27.96
S6B	0.00	100.00	17.33
S7T	7.93	92.07	19.24
S7B	0.48	99.52	27.07
S8T	41.87	58.13	10.95
S8B	0.00	100.00	10.9
S9T	67.36	32.64	8.93
S9B	3.69	96.31	4.25
S10T	61.95	38.05	9.48
S10B	3.35	96.65	9.28

Note: T and B denote bed sample collected above and below water line respectively at each location.

Chapter 4.3: Numerical Model Results

The Numerical Model

The entire Sabine Lake including its eastern shoreline was included in the numerical model developed at ERDC (Figure 4.3.1). Results of this model were used for examining the erosion problem. Details of the model are given in Chapter 1.4 of this report. Out of the large number of numerical model nodes, nine nodes relevant to the study area near Willow Bayou (WB3 through WB11) were selected for extracting velocity data from solution files of numerical model. List of these nodes is given in Table 4.3.1 and their locations are shown in Figure 4.3.2. In addition to these nine locations, three locations far away from the study area were selected. Locations WB1 and WB2 are at the southern part of the Sabine Lake whereas WB12 is at the northern part of the Lake near the mouth of Sabine River. WB1 is in the navigation channel near Mesquite Point and WB2 is at the center of the Mesquite Point Causeway.

Numerical Model Results

Velocity data at the above selected nodes were extracted from the numerical model solution files for the existing (base) and for the improved navigation channel (plan) conditions. Velocity data at these nodes were plotted and superposed for comparison. Such superposed plots for the flood and ebb test condition (described under Chapter 1.4 of this report) are given in Appendix K and Appendix L respectively.

Change in the current pattern caused by navigation improvement can be assessed from the superposed velocity plots. At locations WB1 and WB2, near the Mesquite Point Causeway, a small increase in peak velocities for both flood and ebb test condition is noticed. At location WB12 near the mouth of Sabine River Mouth change in peak velocity magnitudes is negligible. At all the remaining locations, which are relevant to the Willow Bayou area, there is no significant or consistent change in velocities. Bank erosion magnitude is a direct function of bed shear and soil properties. Greater erosion occurs for increased velocities for the same soil conditions. Since there is no increase in velocity under plan condition over the base condition, it is concluded that proposed modifications in the navigation channel will not cause any increased erosion of Sabine Lake shoreline in the vicinity of Willow Bayou reach.

Table 4.3.1: List of numerical model nodes used for Willow Bayou study

Original Number	New Number
008080	WB 1
008523	WB 2
009846	WB 3
010001	WB 4
010005	WB 5
010008	WB 6
010011	WB 7
010017	WB 8
010020	WB 9
010023	WB 10
010150	WB 11
015083	WB 12

Chapter 4.4: Erosion Evaluation

Present Erosion Condition

Periodical hydrographic surveys and bank profiles measured normal to the shoreline provide the most reliable information on bank erosion. Such surveys were not available for the area along the eastern shoreline of Sabine. No historical information could be found in published literature on the natural processes taking place along the reach under study. It is not known whether the entire eastern shoreline is eroding or whether the bank erosion is restricted to several local places. It is however known through visual observations that the shoreline near the Willow Bayou mouth has been severely eroding. As a result of erosion, the original shoreline has probably shifted towards the Willow Bayou leaving a narrow strip of land, which may be on the order of only 30 to 50 feet wide separating the Willow Bayou and the Sabine Lake. Tall natural grass grown on this strip of land has not been able to arrest the erosion because the grass roots are not able to hold the soil firmly attached to them.

Existing Shoreline Protection

As mentioned earlier in the report, historical information on the reach of shoreline in the vicinity of Willow Bayou area could not be obtained. However, site inspection did not indicate any signs of shore protection measures taken for the eroding shoreline. The shoreline itself is extremely poorly defined due to shallow water depths and changing lake levels.

Bank Erosion Causes

In the simplistic terms, shore erosion results when the bed shear exceeds the erosion resistance of bank soil. Bed shear may result from various factors. The main factors exerting bed shear are currents, vessel-induced waves and wind-induced waves. The peak current magnitudes in the study area vary between 0.04 and 0.20 feet per second. The magnitude of sustained average current may be on the order of 0.06 feet per second, which is very small for causing severe erosion. Recreational boat traffic in this area is understood to be negligible. Hence the only cause for erosion appears to be wind-induced waves. Winds are known to be strong and consistent in this area. Sabine lake offers a large water surface area, which provides sufficient "fetch" length for wave generation. Due to shallow water depths, the waves will induce adequate shear stress to cause erosion. Waves breaking on the shore have greater energy to cause erosion. It is therefore believed that the shoreline erosion of the reach under study is caused by wind-induced local waves generated in the Sabine Lake.

Chapter 4.5: Concluding Remarks

1. It is believed that the erosion of the shoreline in the vicinity of Willow Bayou reach is caused by wind-induced local waves generated in the Sabine Lake.
2. In the absence of any bank protection measures, erosion of the shoreline in the vicinity of Willow Bayou is expected to continue because no change in the natural forces causing erosion of this reach is foreseen.
3. The proposed modifications in the Sabine Neches navigation channel will not increase the existing rate of erosion of the Sabine Lake shoreline in the vicinity of Willow Bayou mouth.
4. Due to very ill-defined shoreline, it is difficult to take any economical measures to prevent further erosion.

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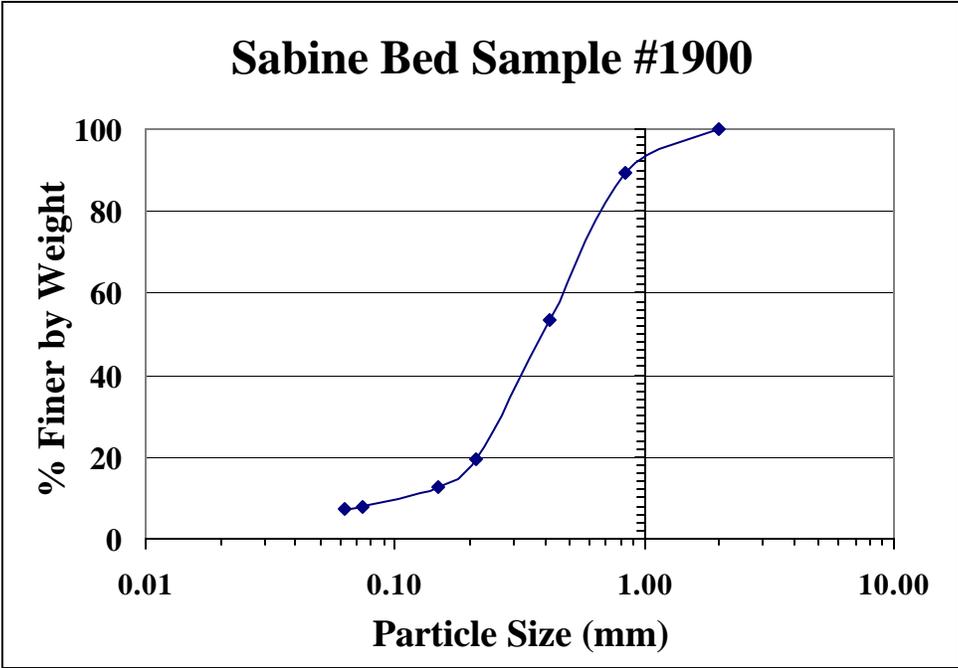


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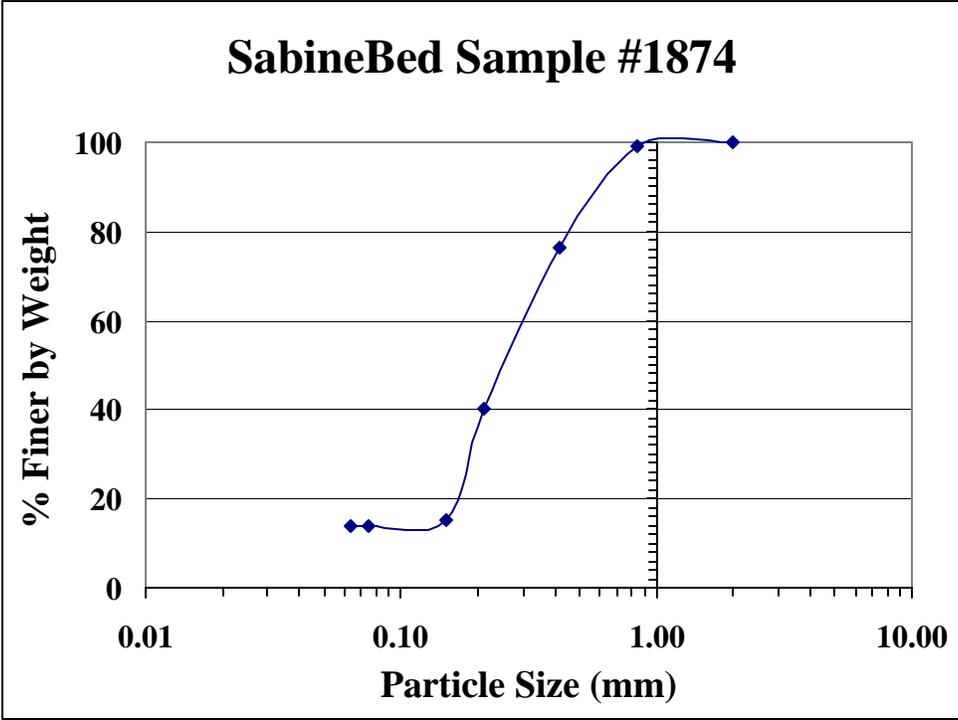


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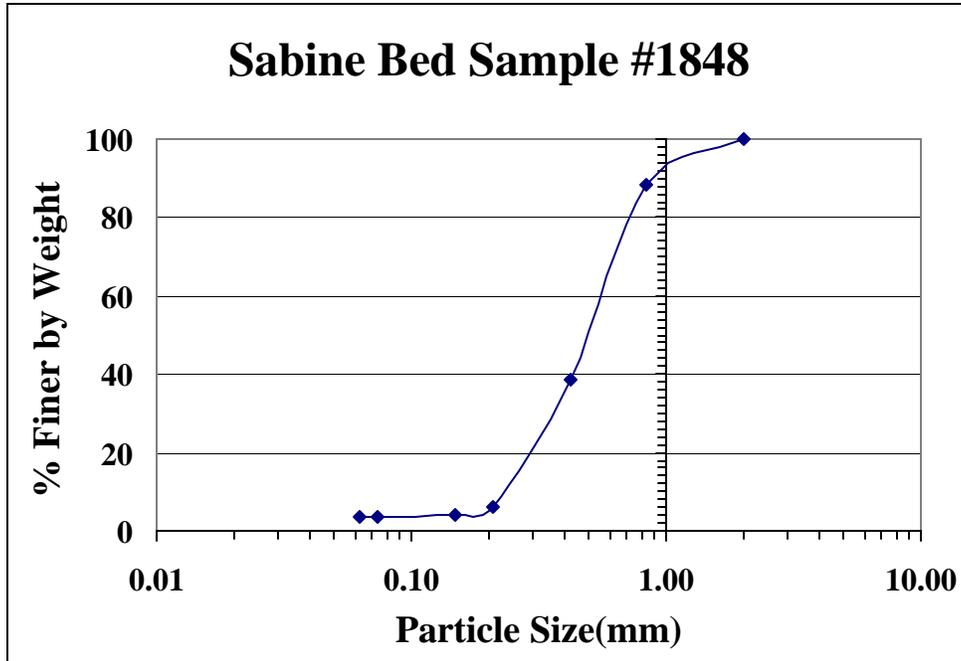


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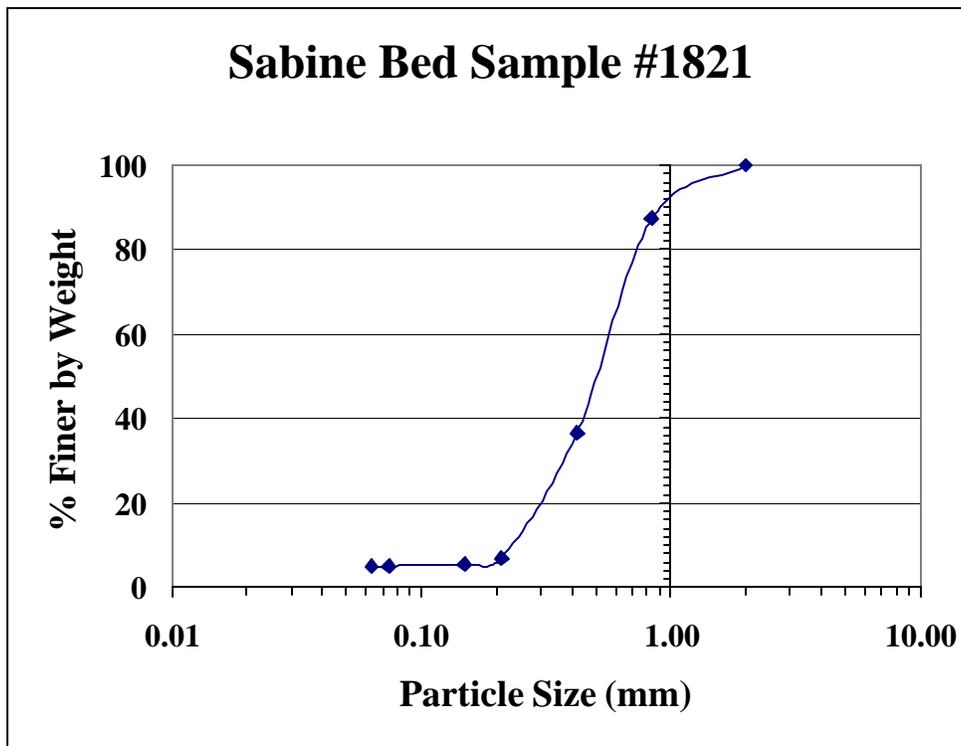


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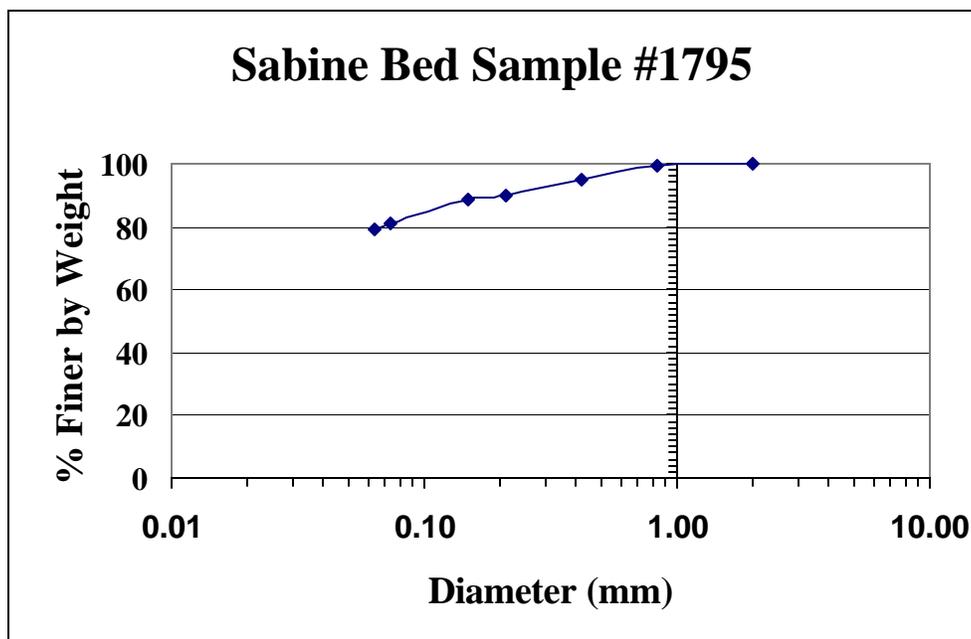


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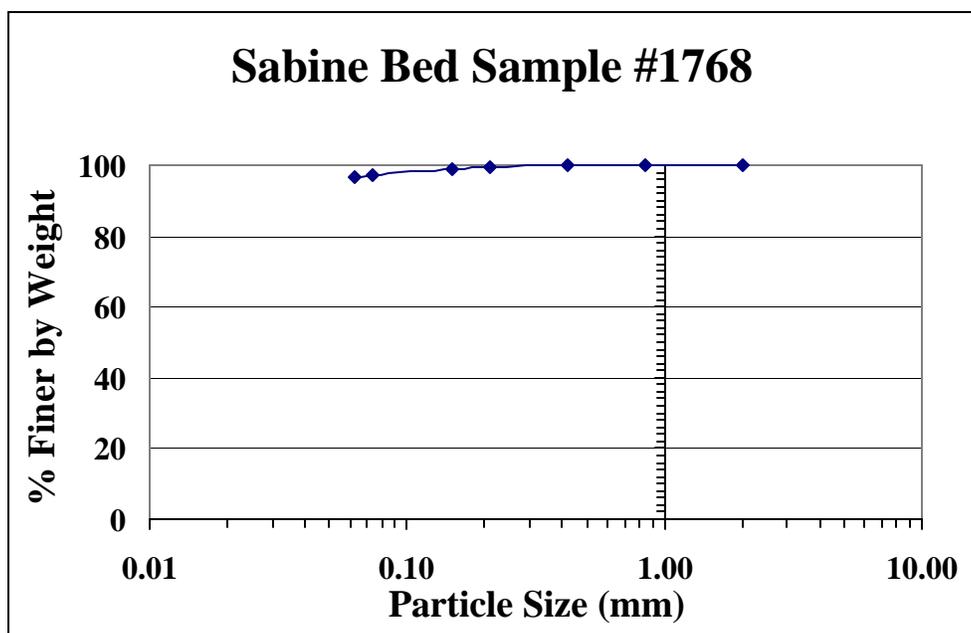


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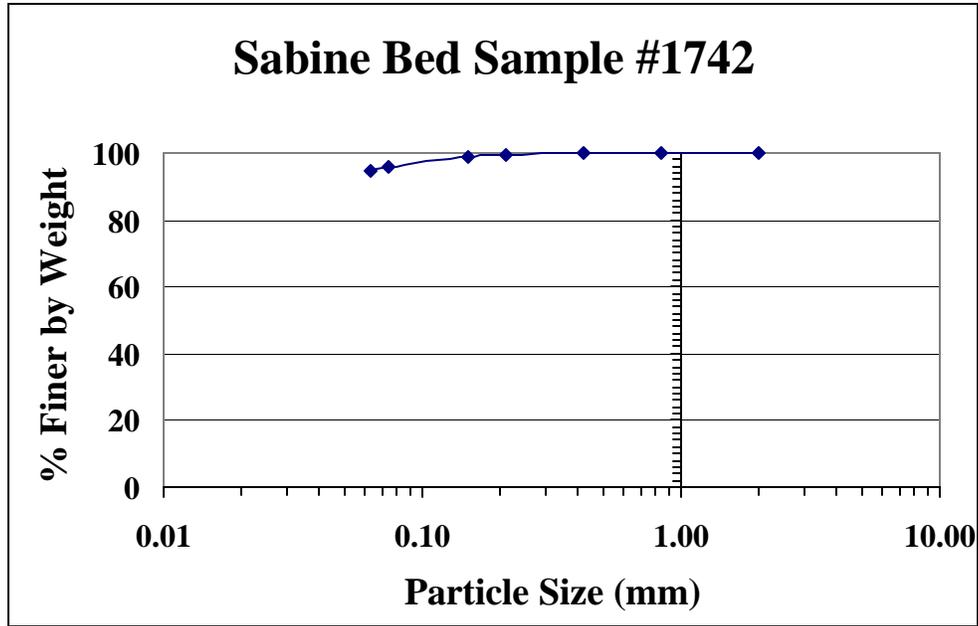


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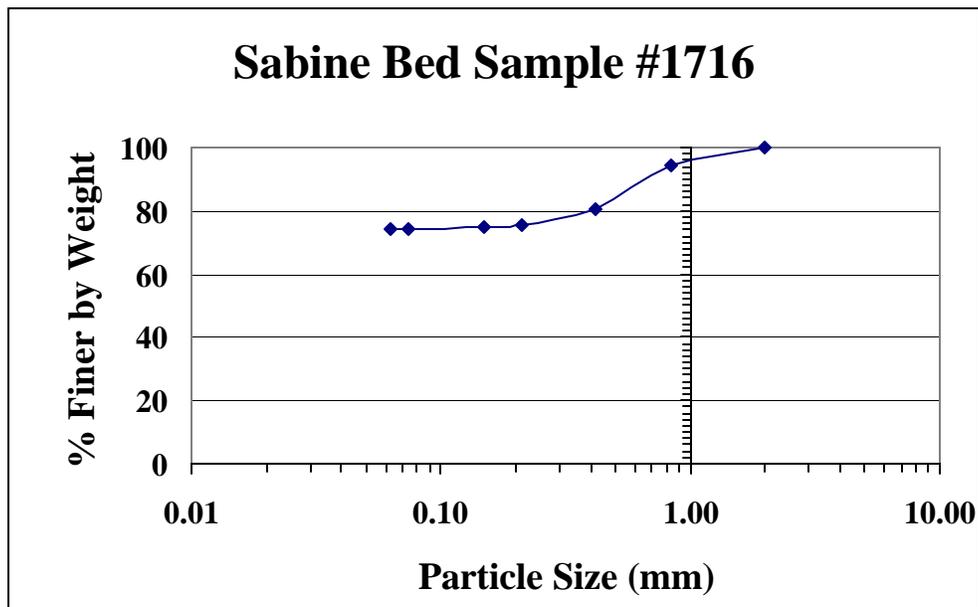


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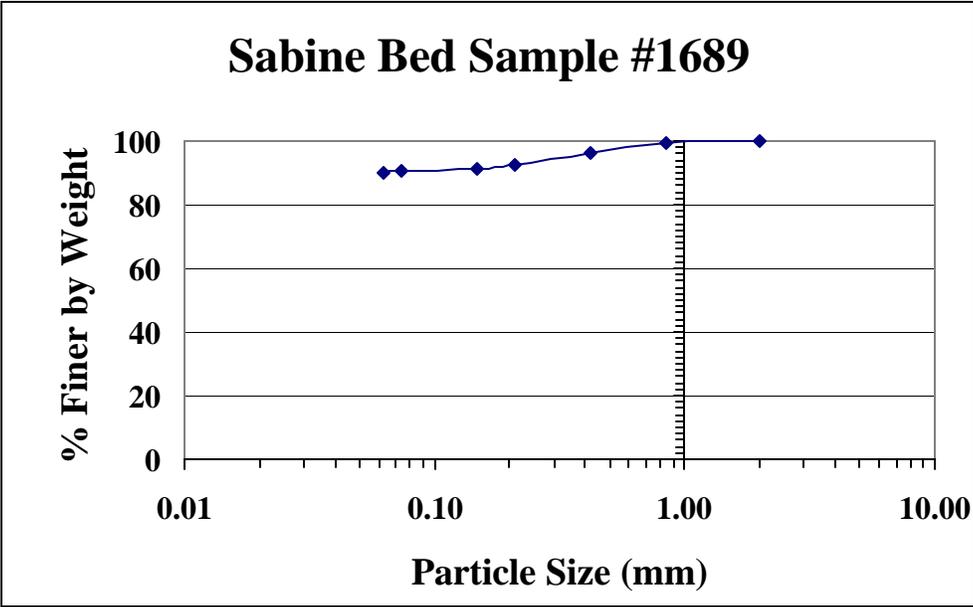


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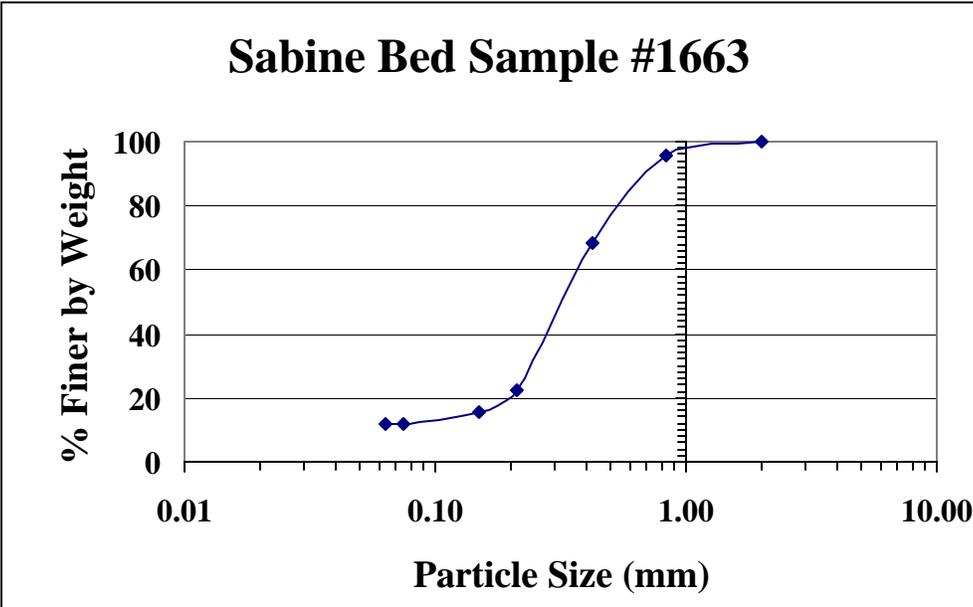


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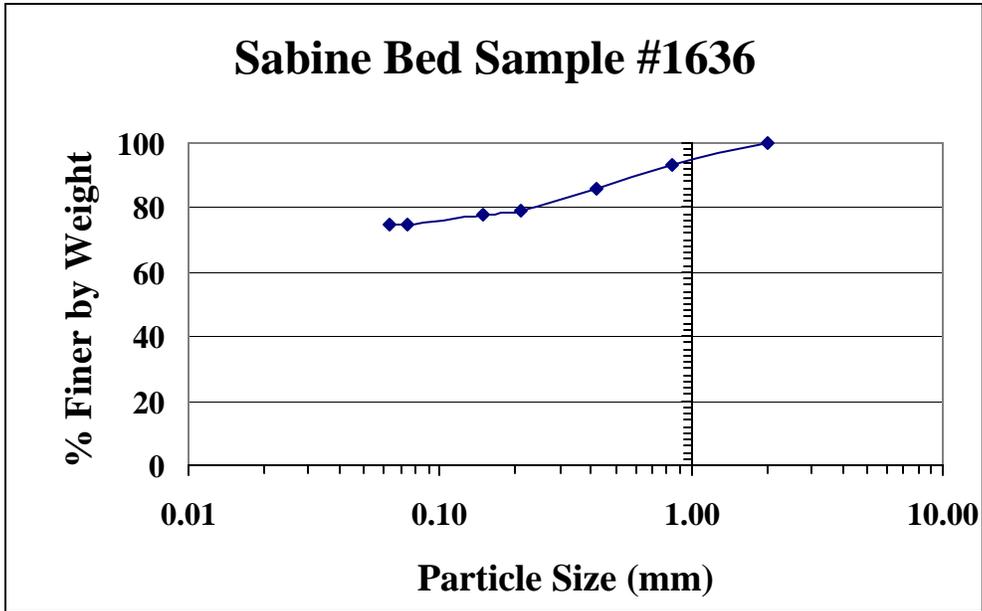


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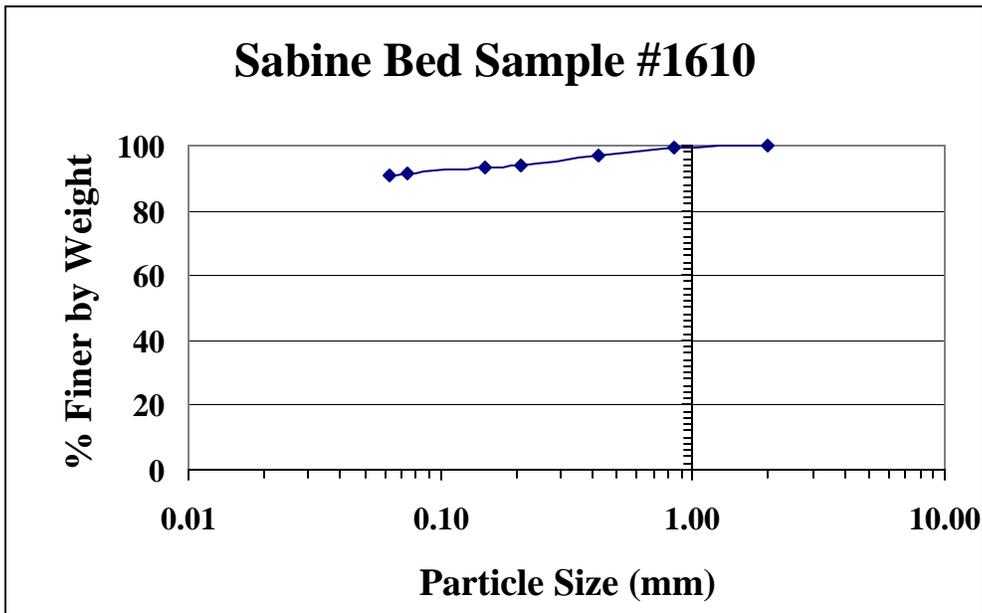


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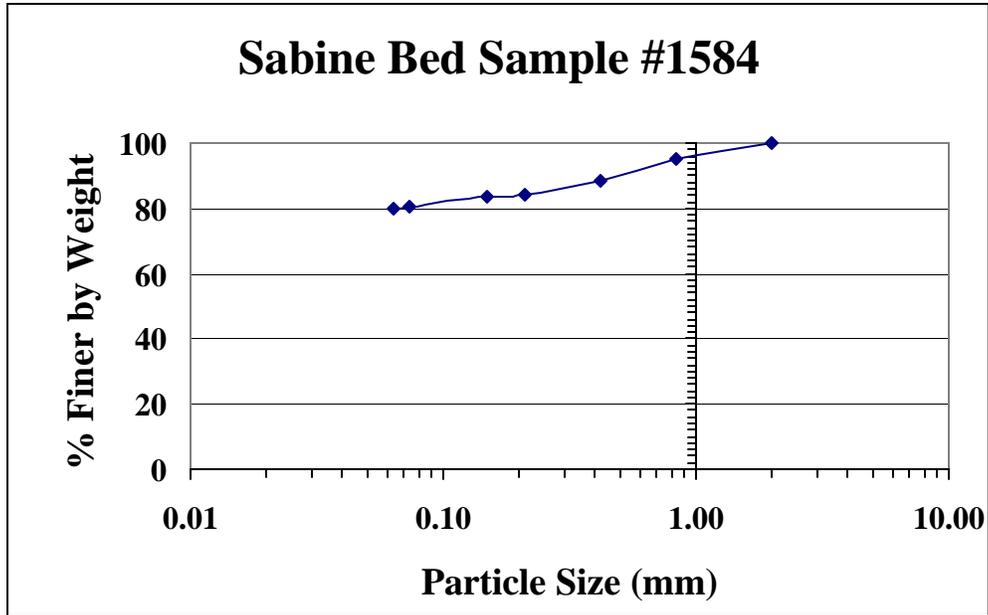


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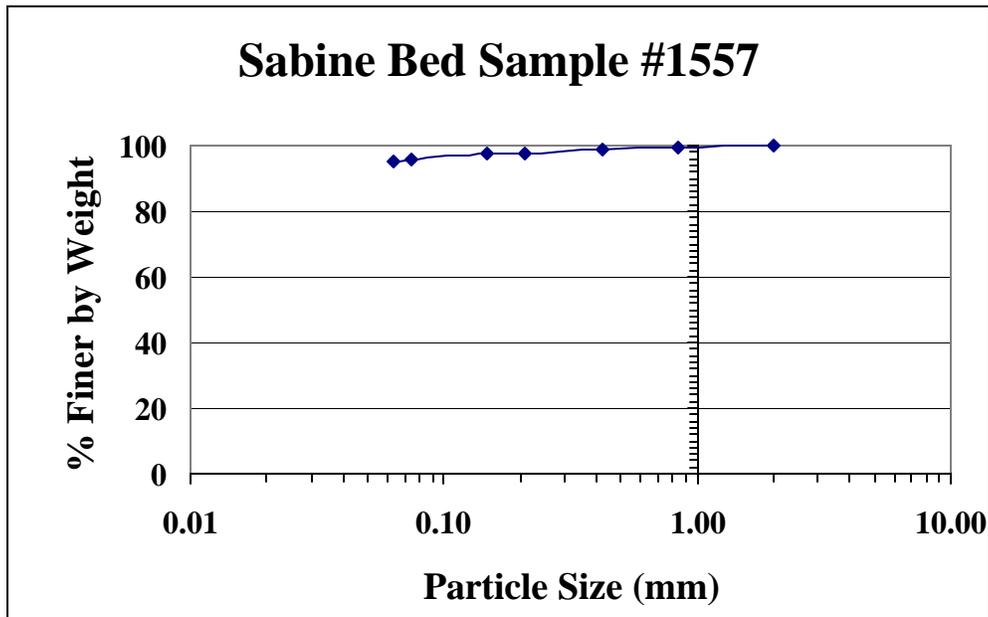


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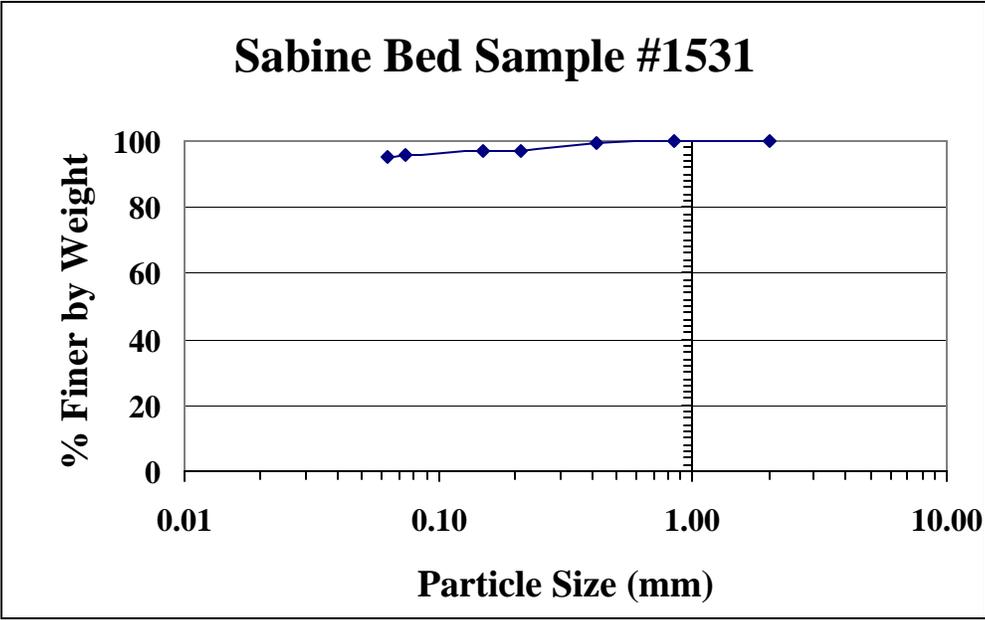


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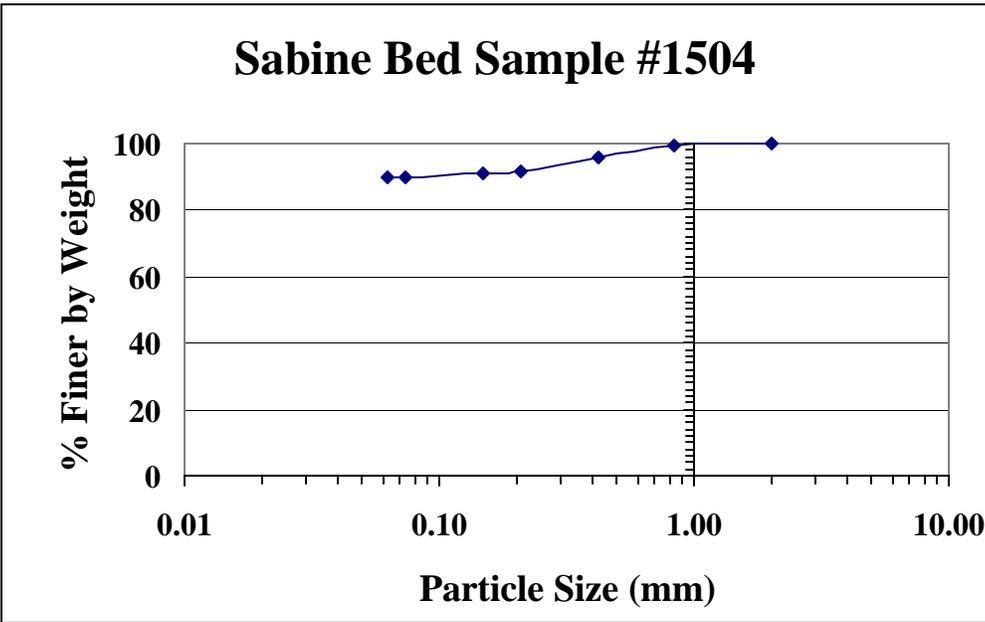


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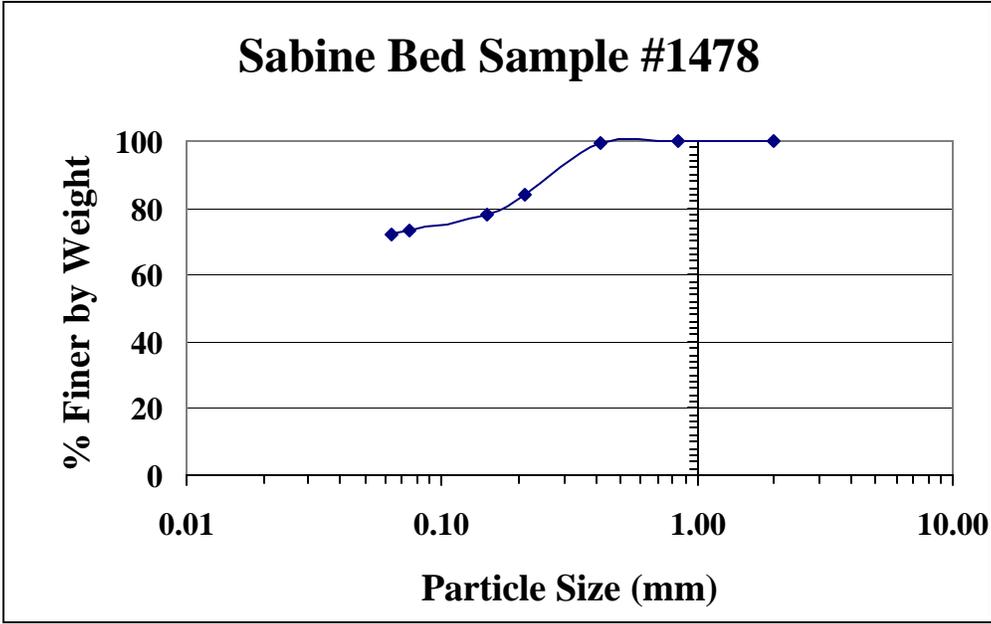


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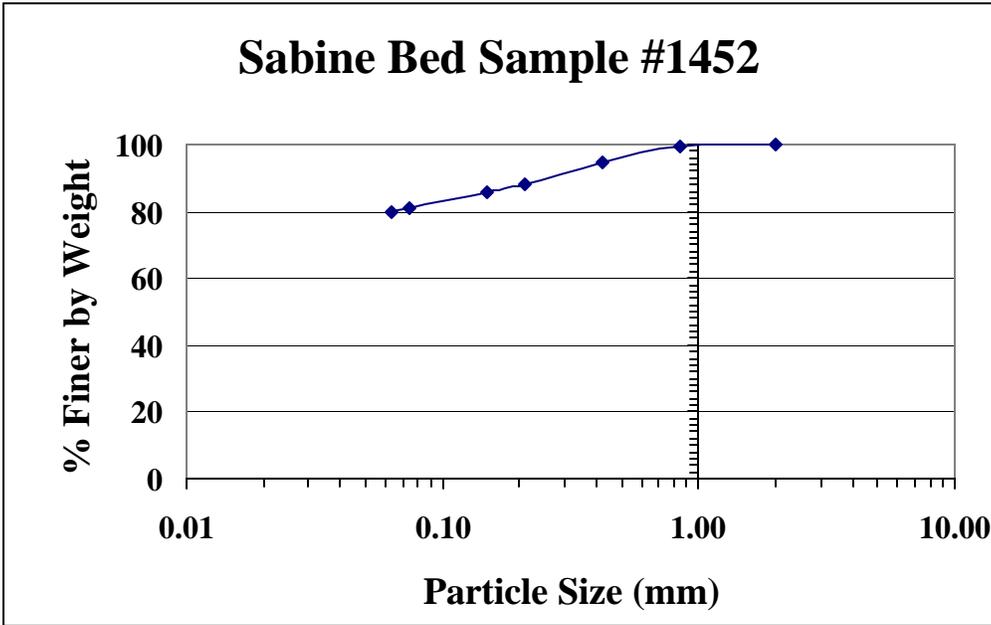


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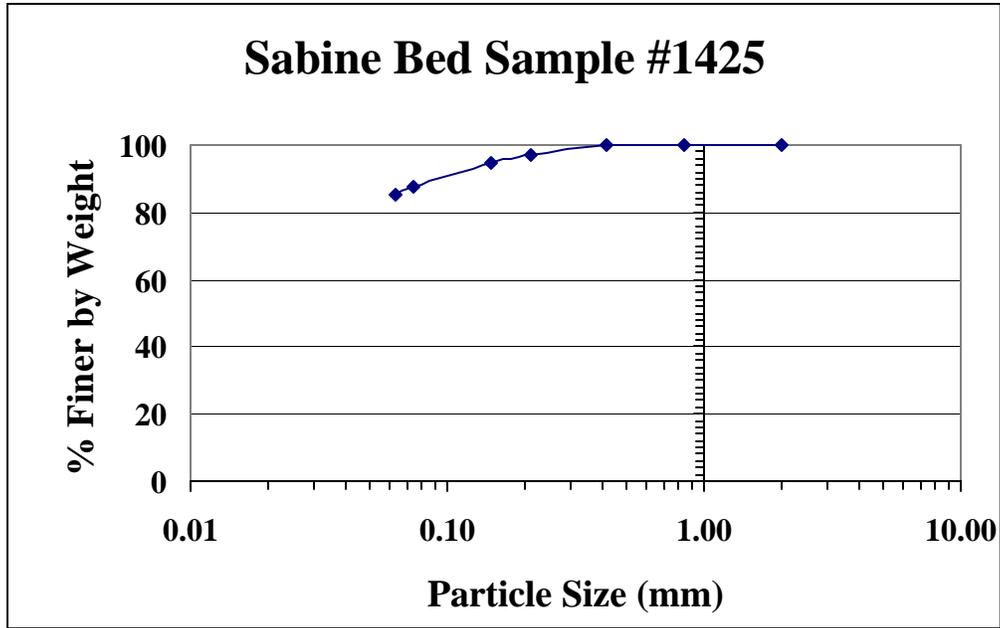


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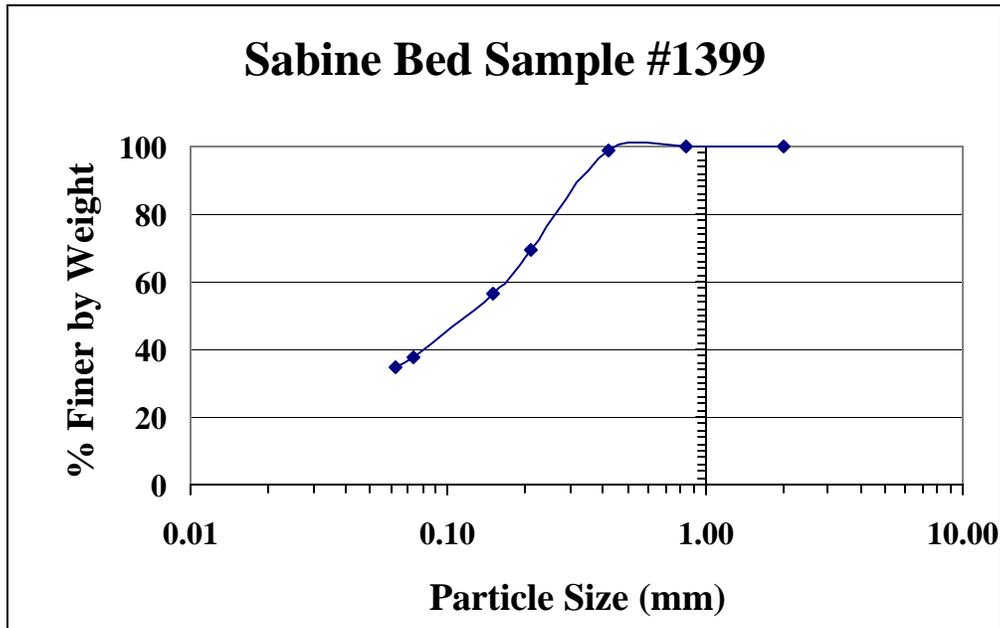


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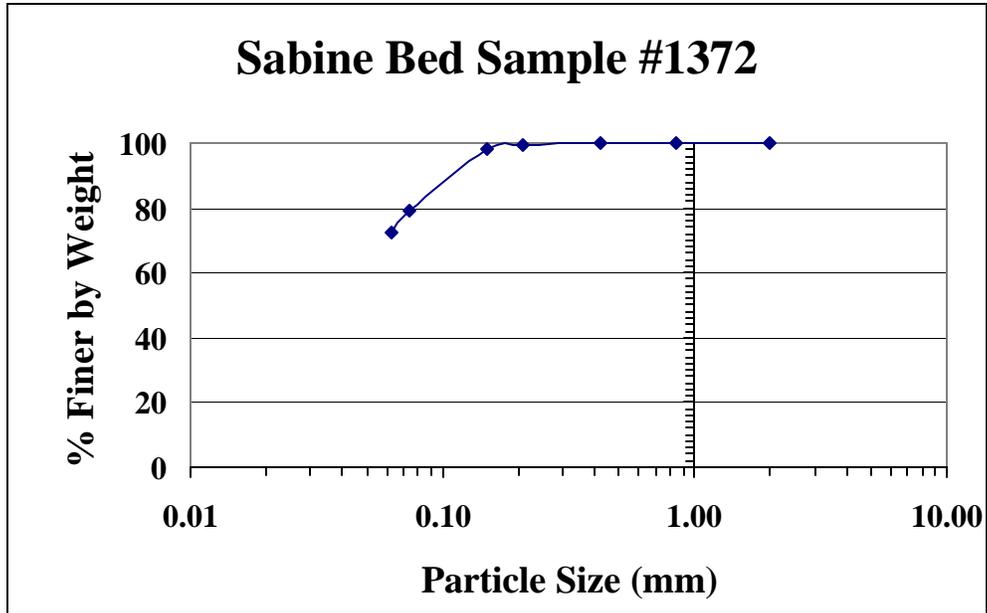


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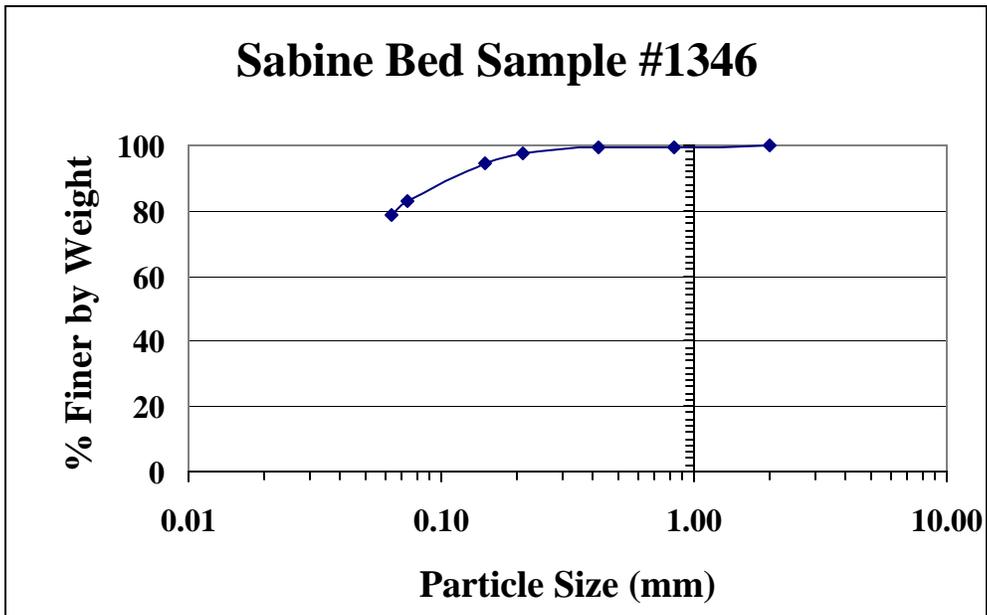


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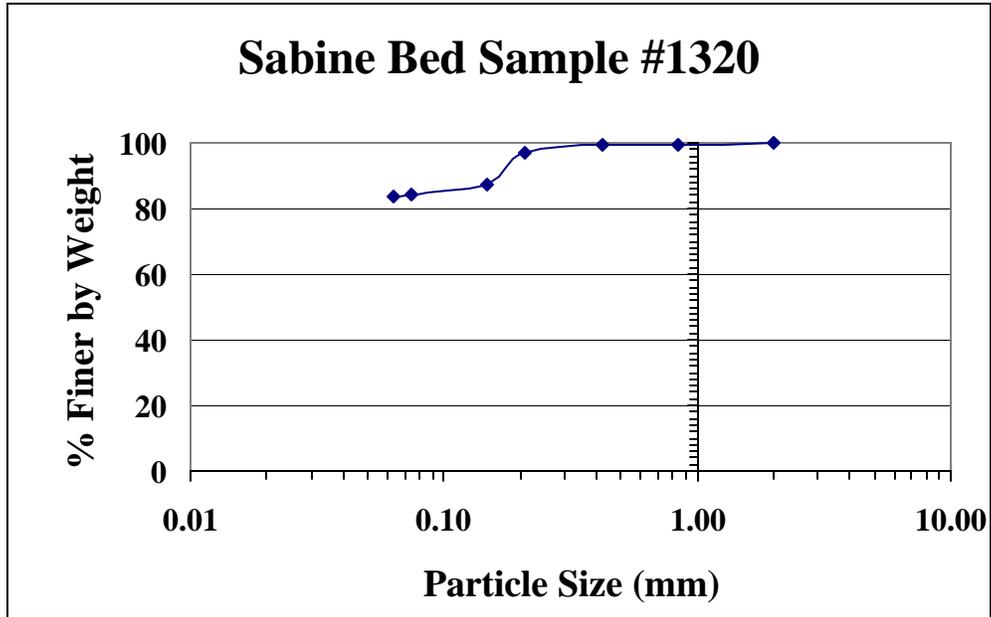


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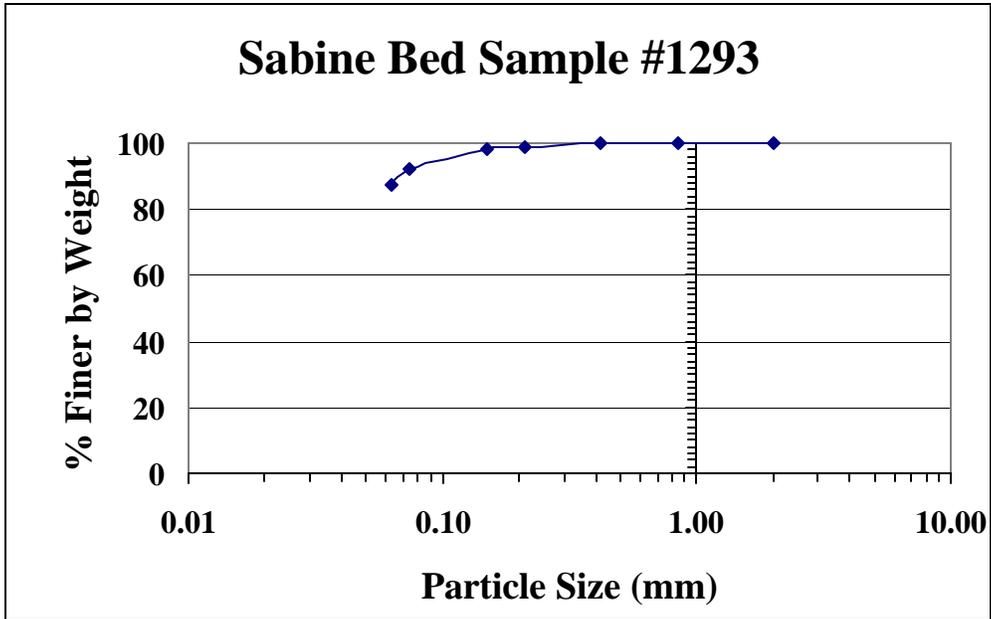


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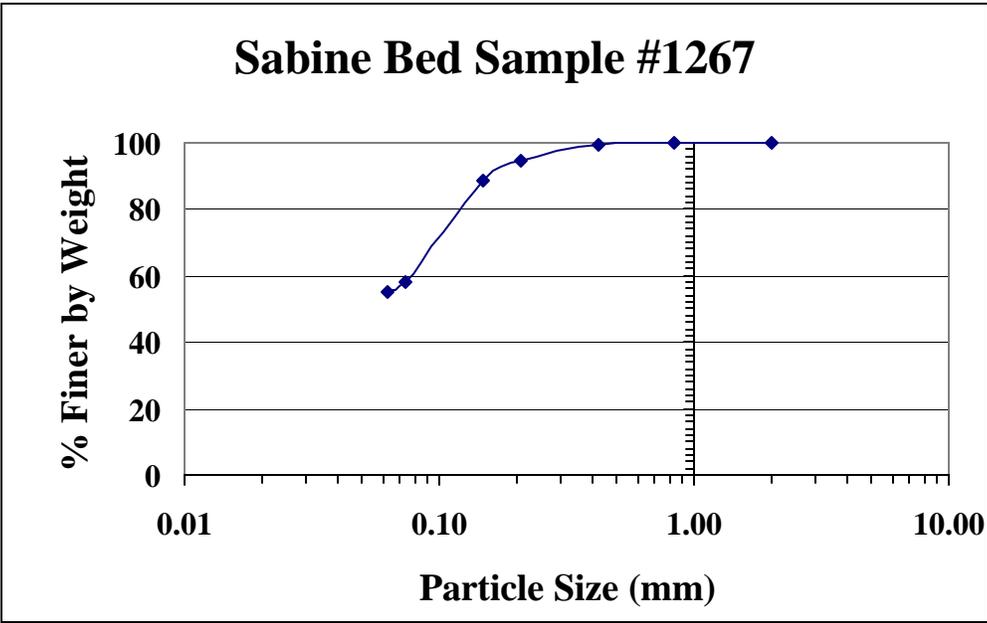


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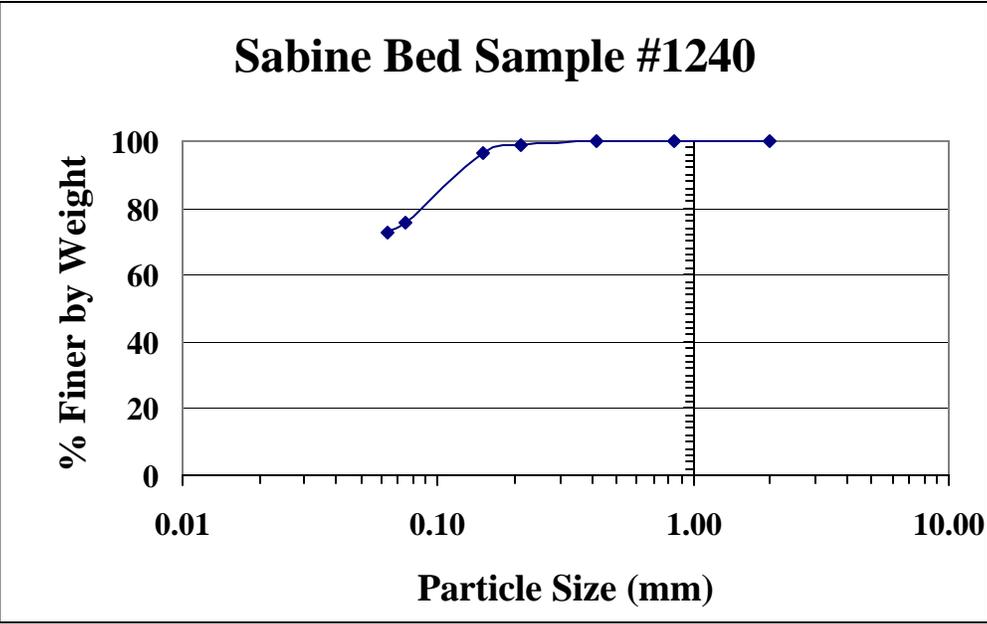


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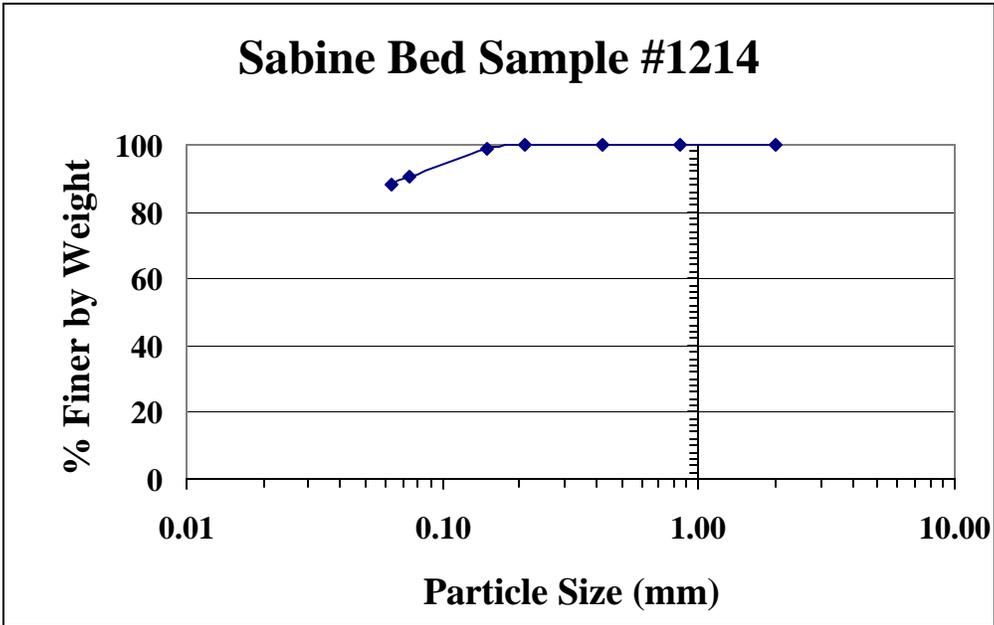


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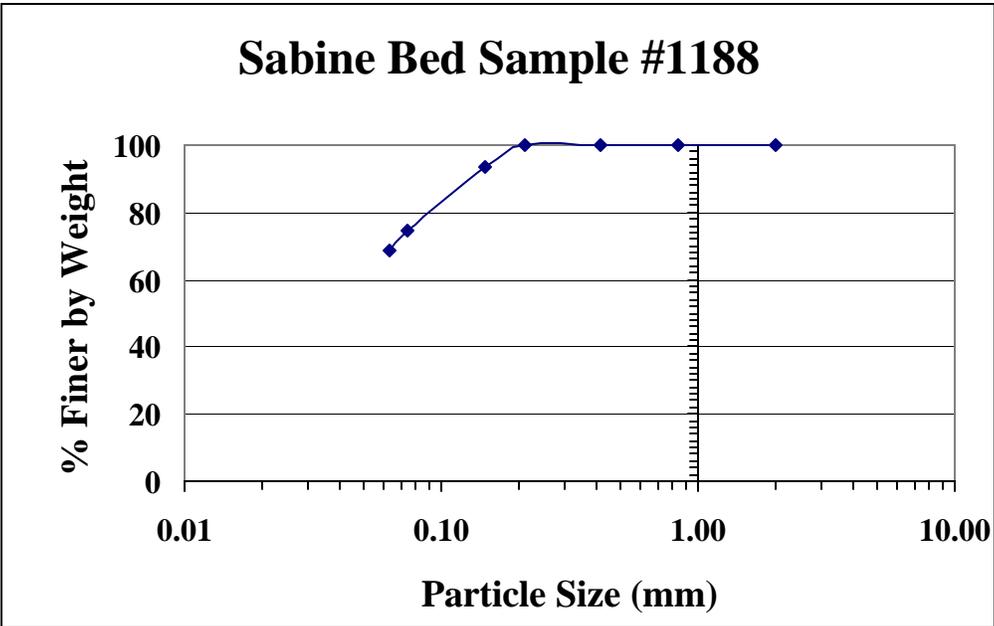


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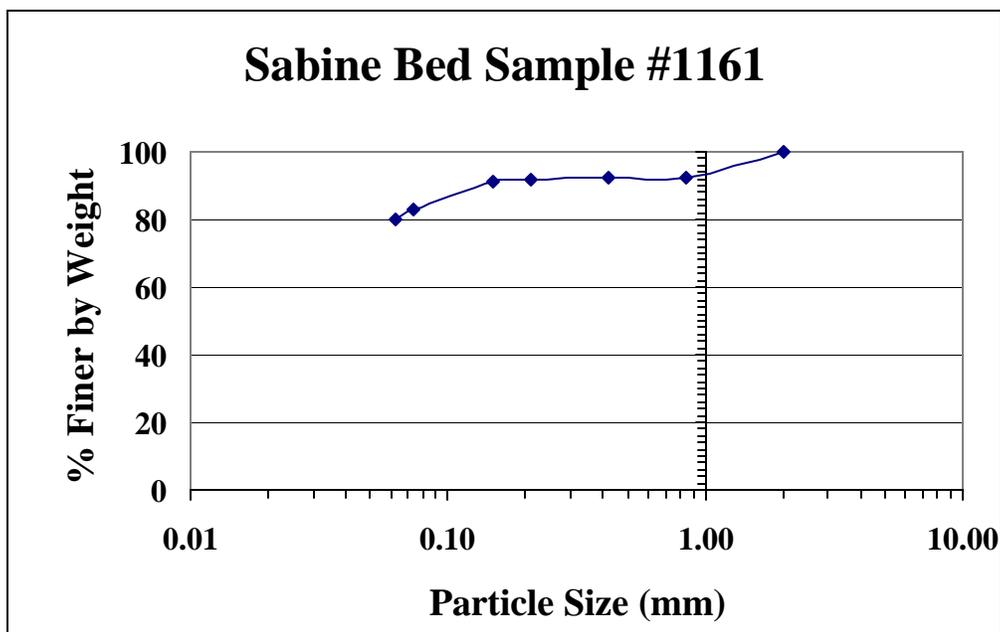


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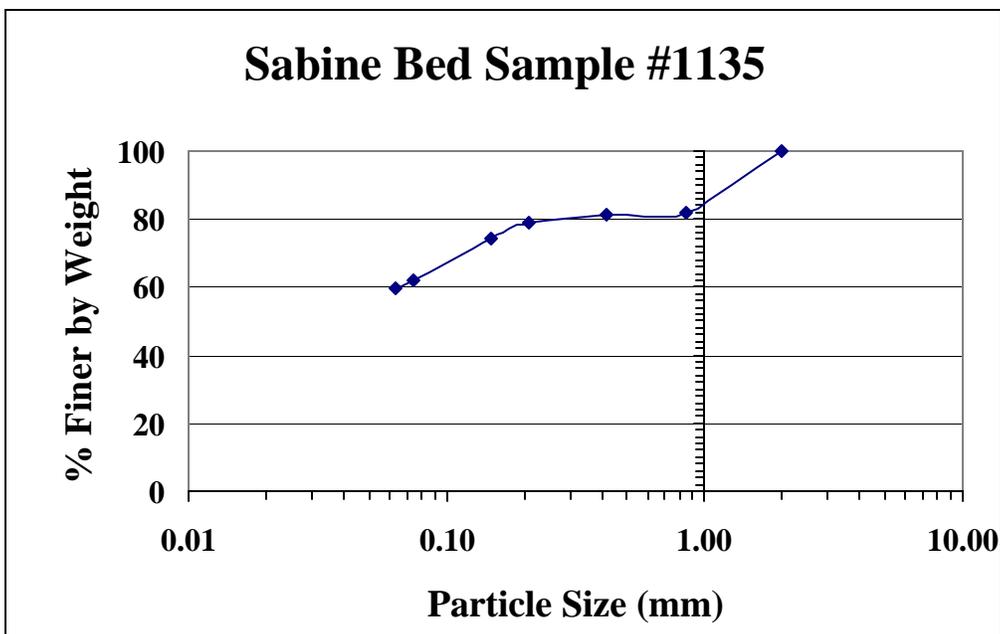


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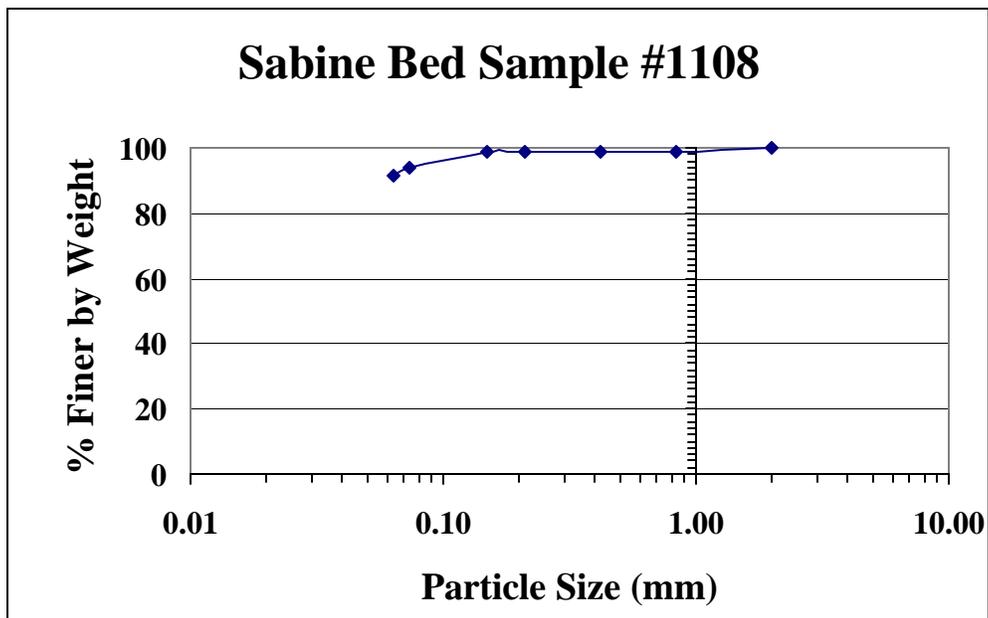


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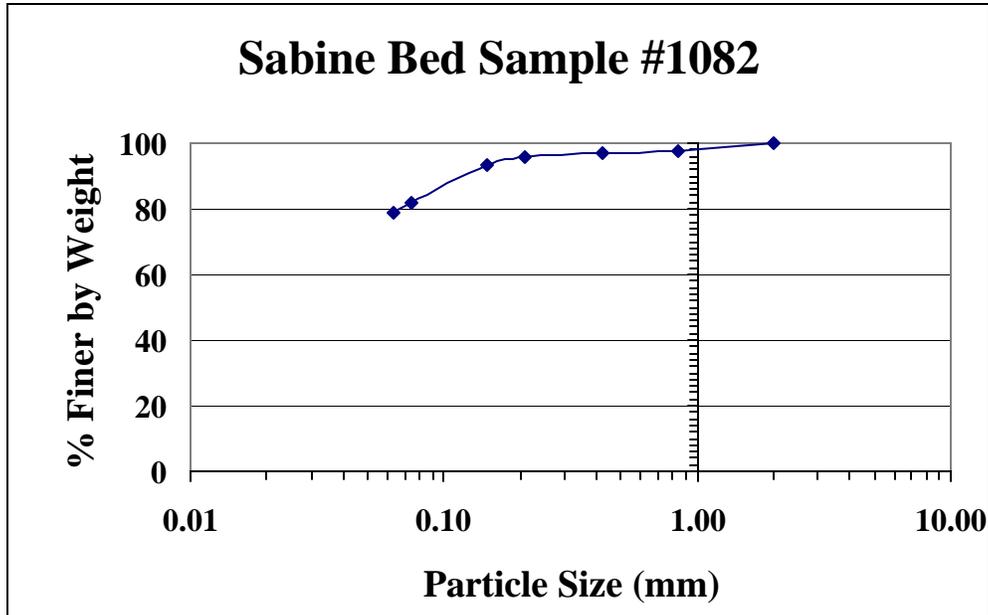


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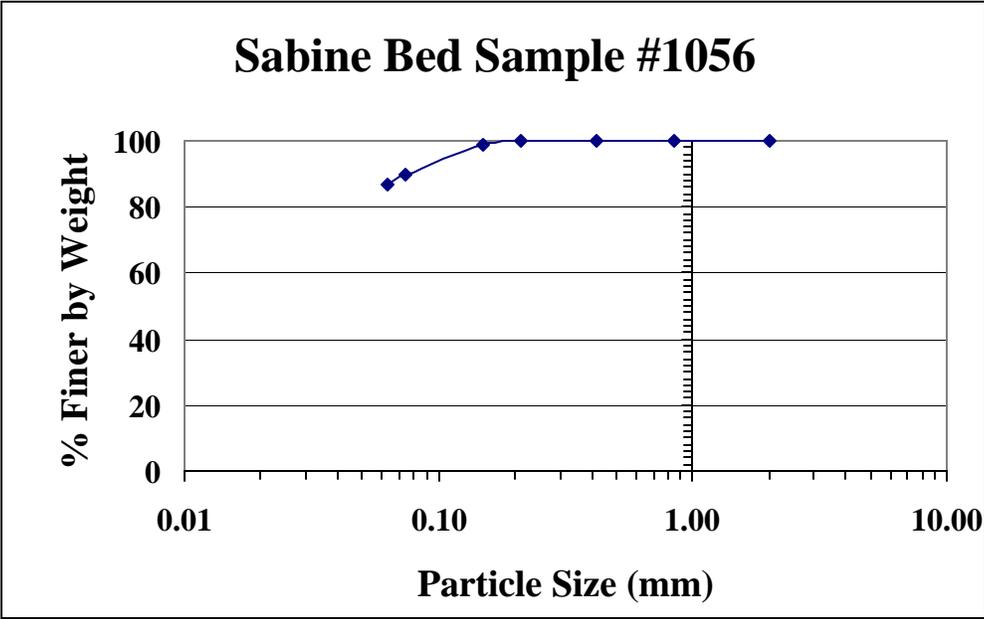


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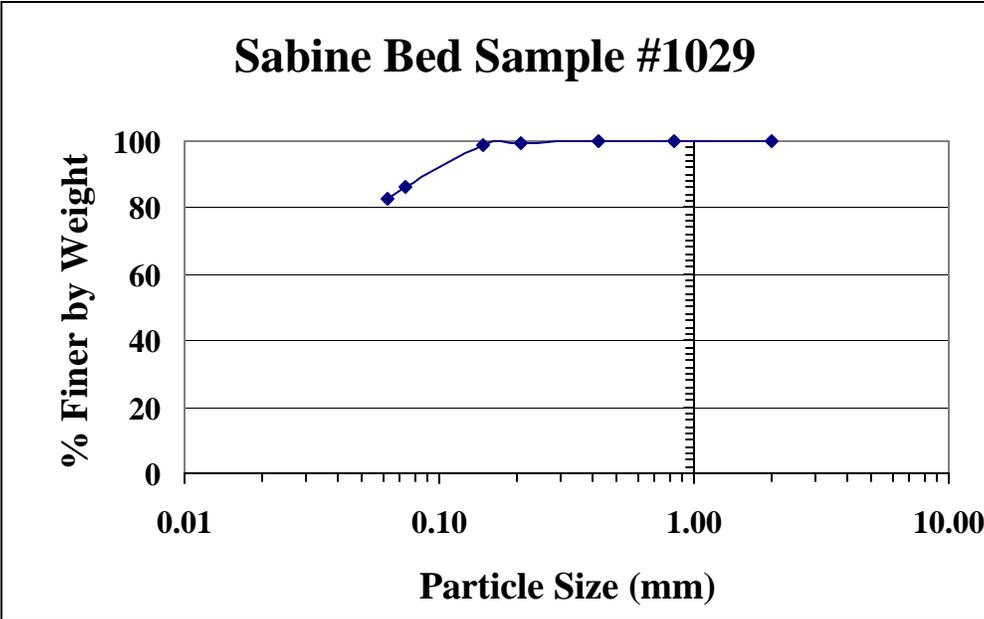


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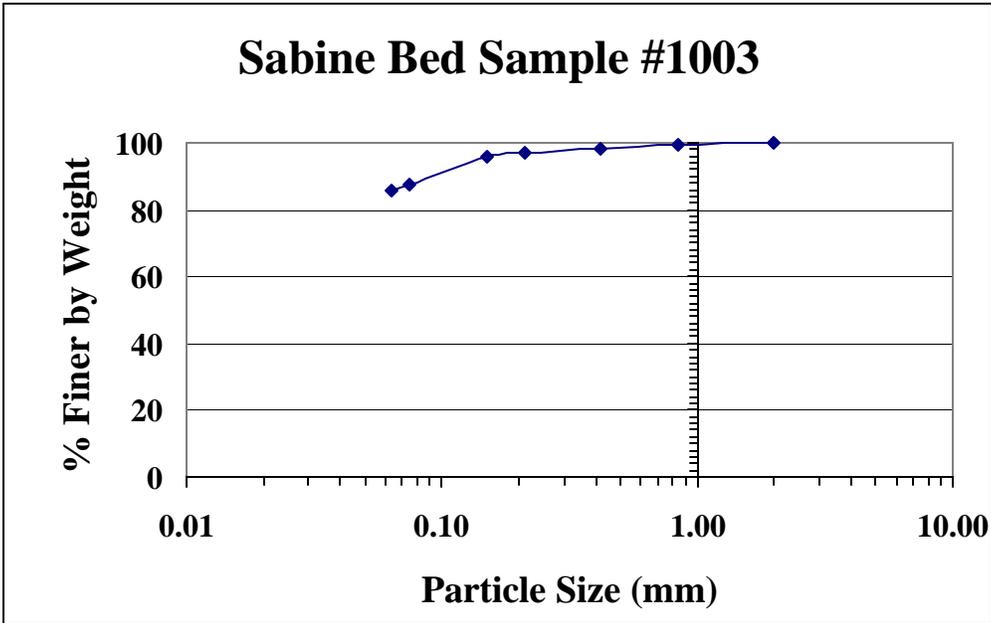


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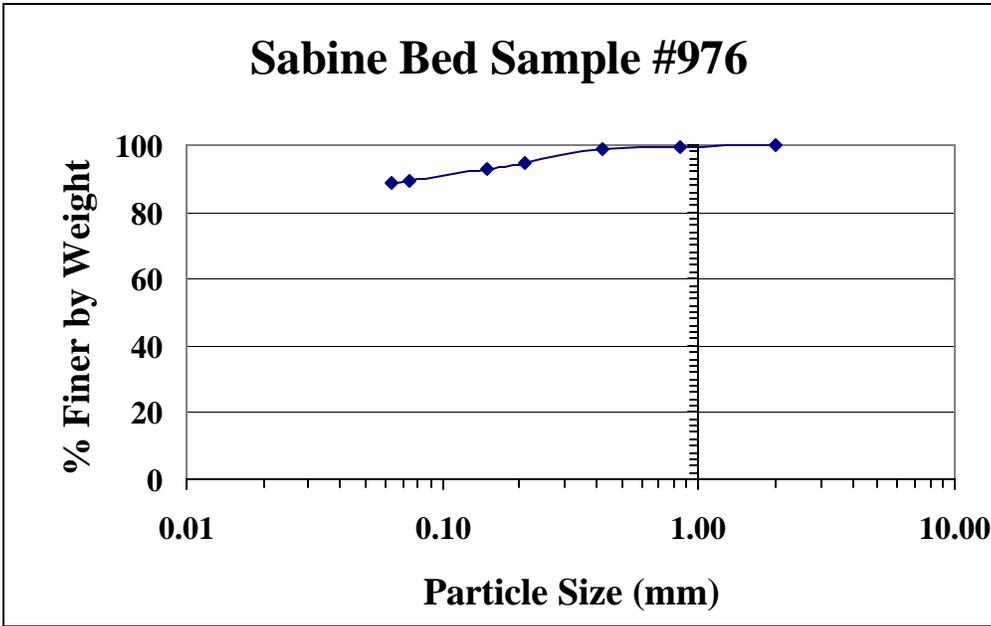


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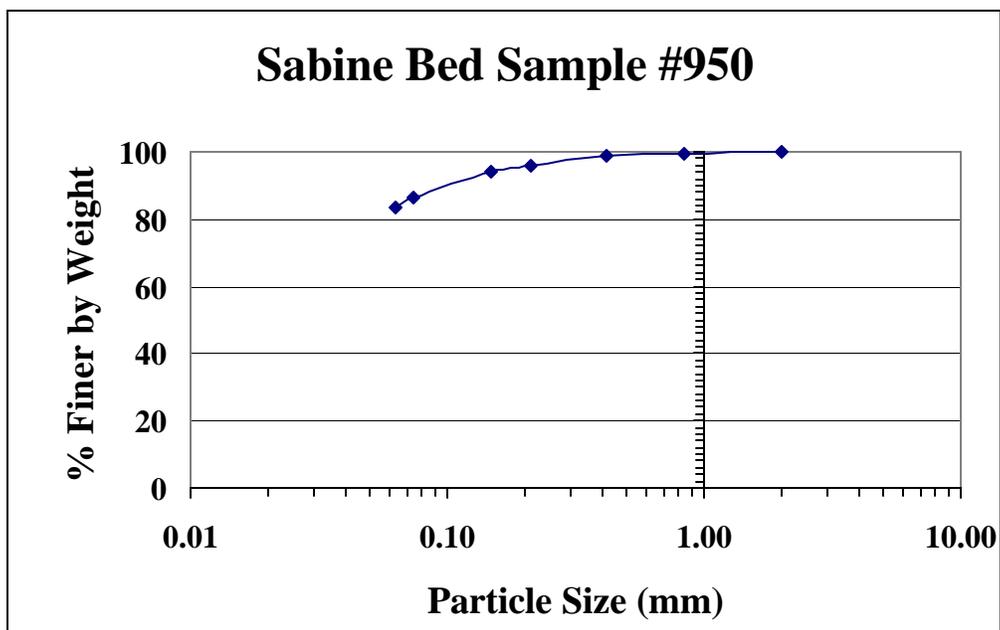


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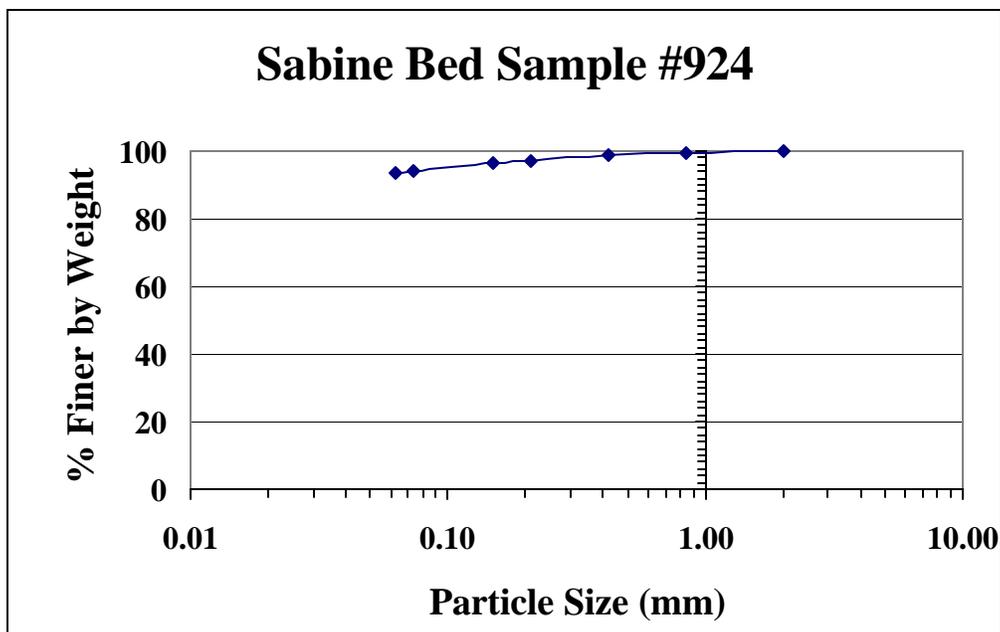


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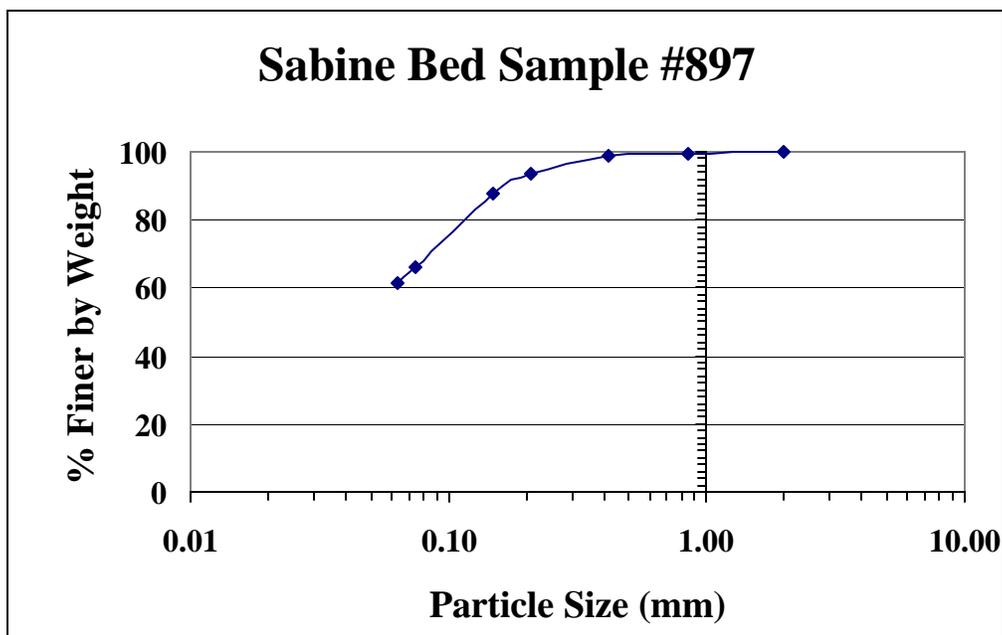


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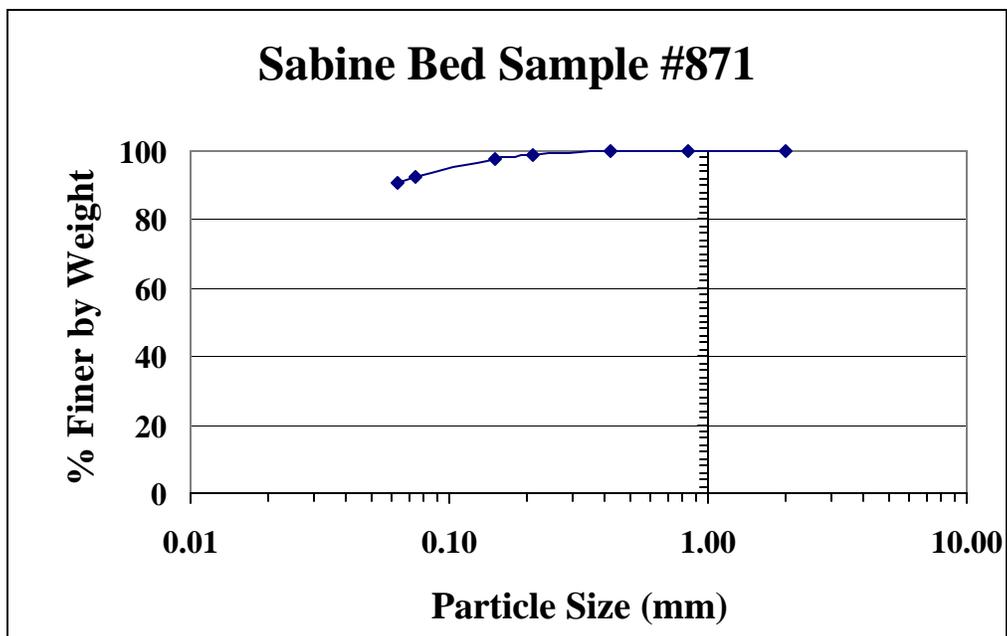


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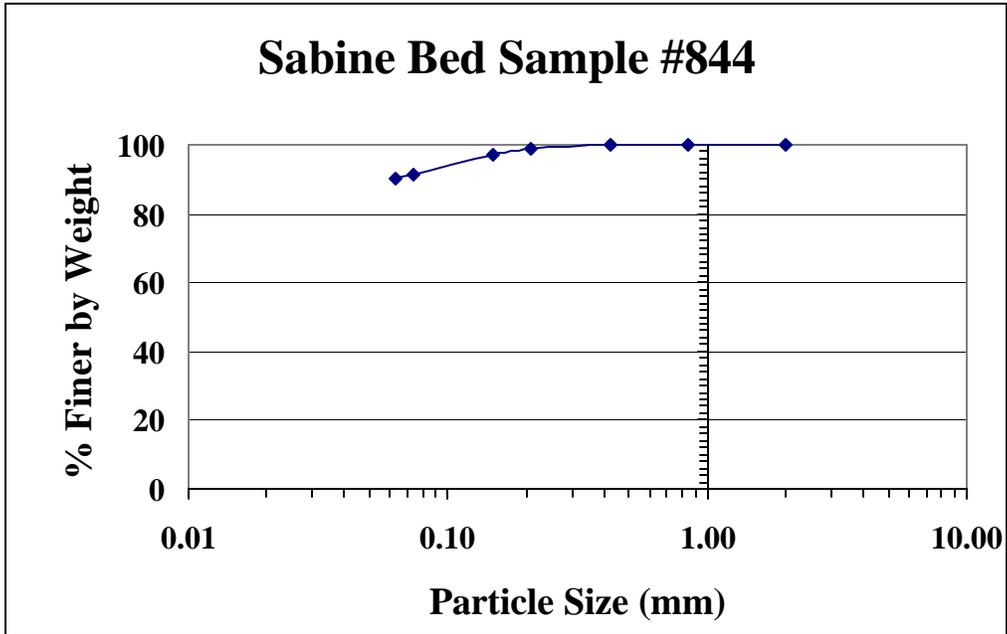


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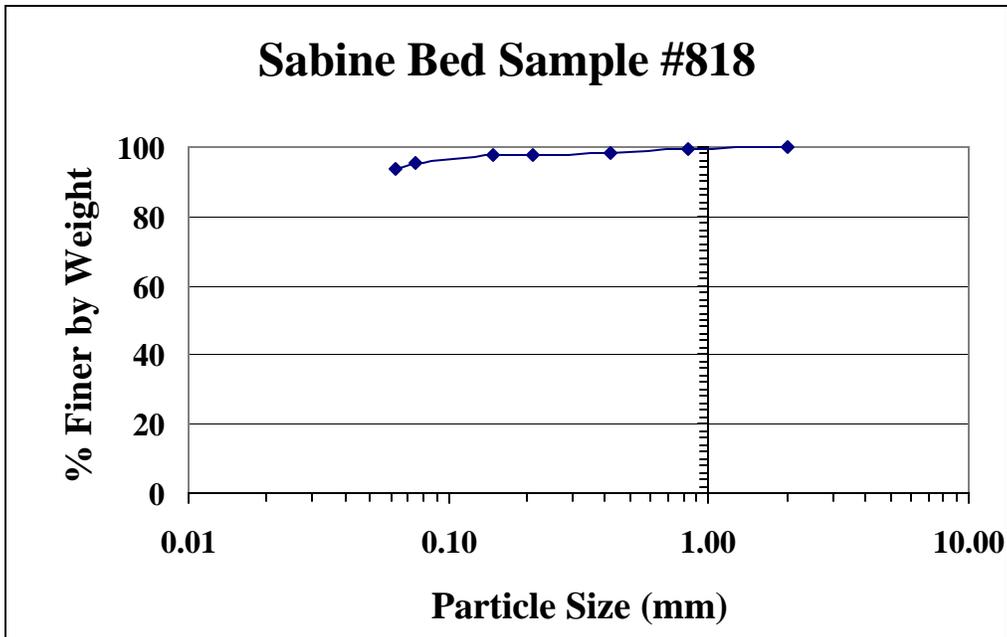


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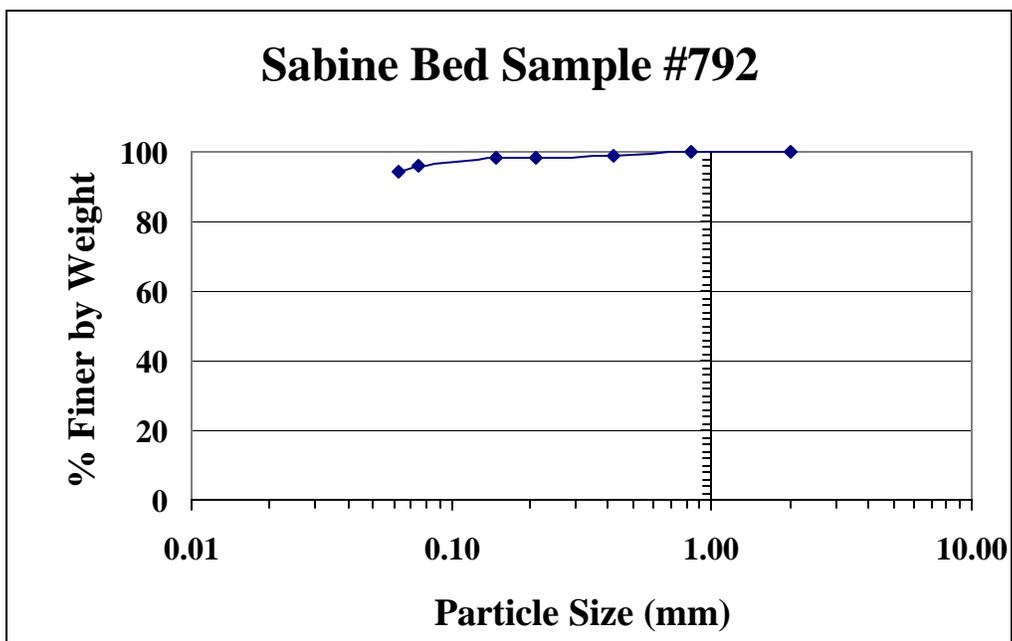


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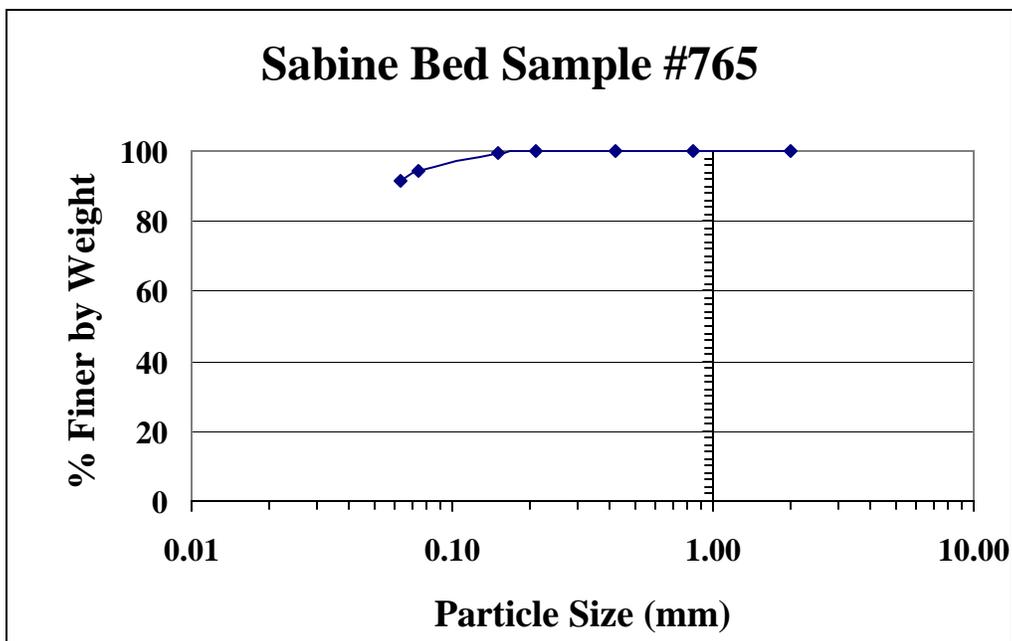


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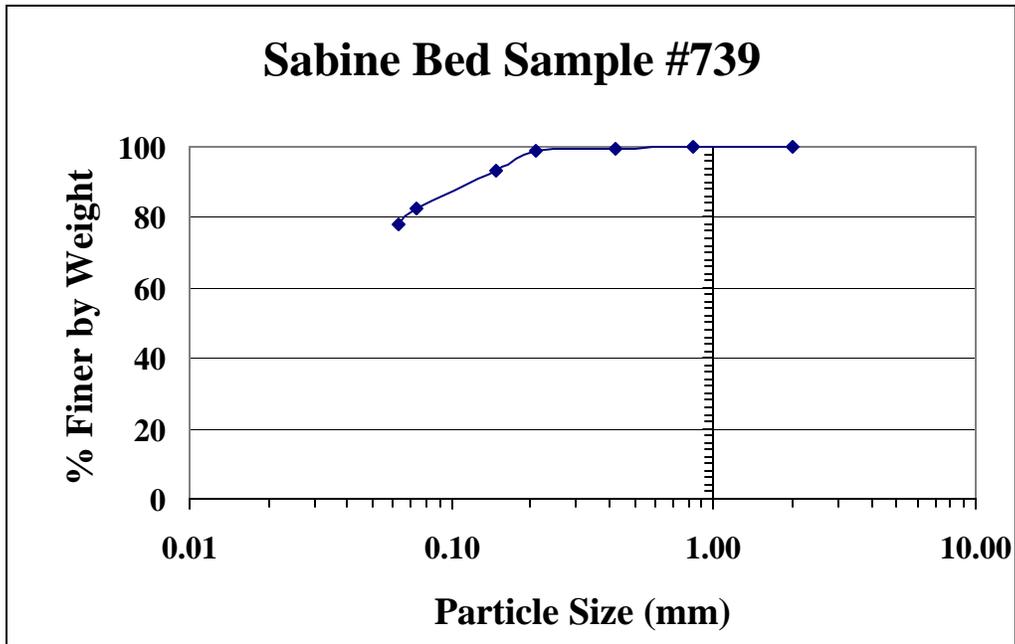


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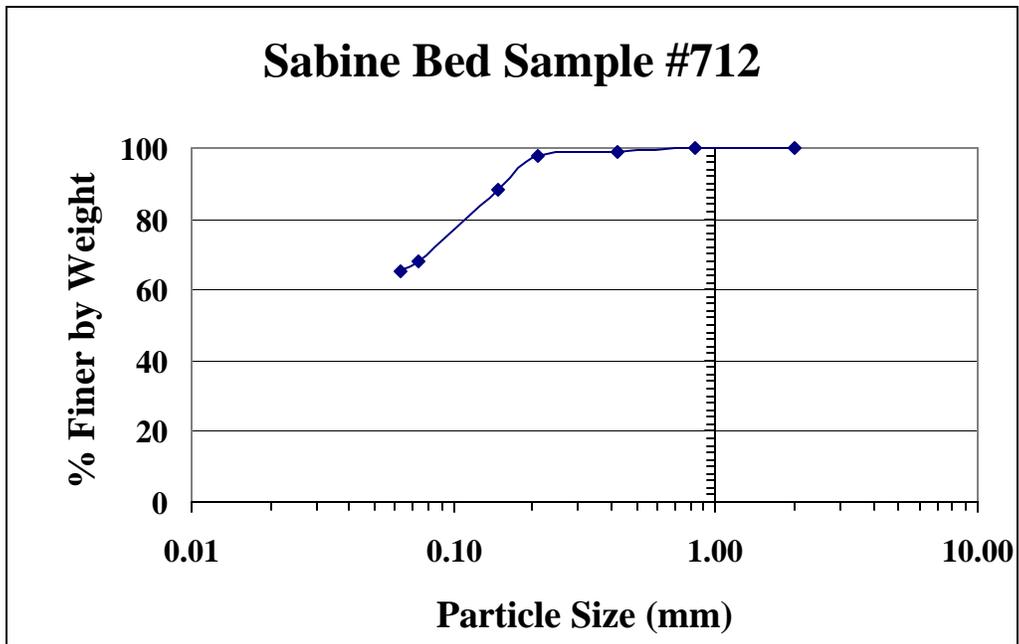


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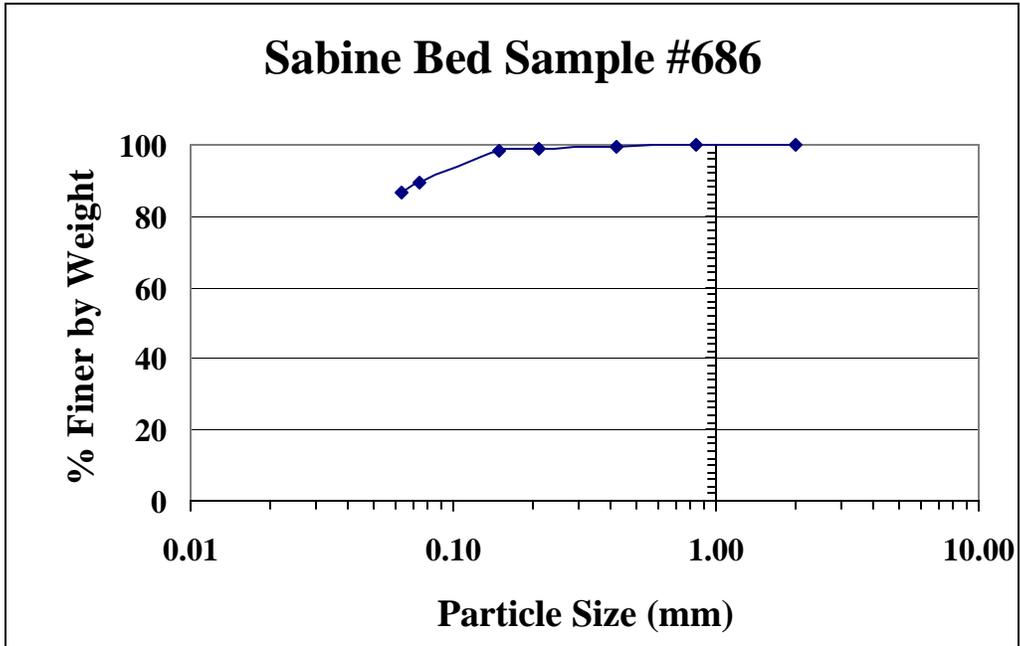


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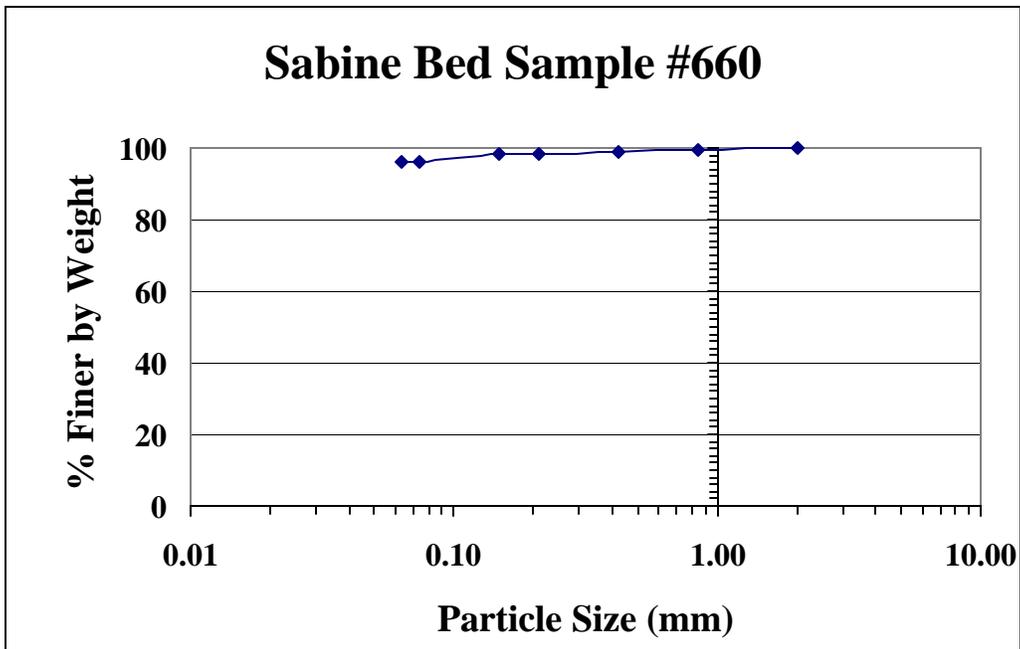


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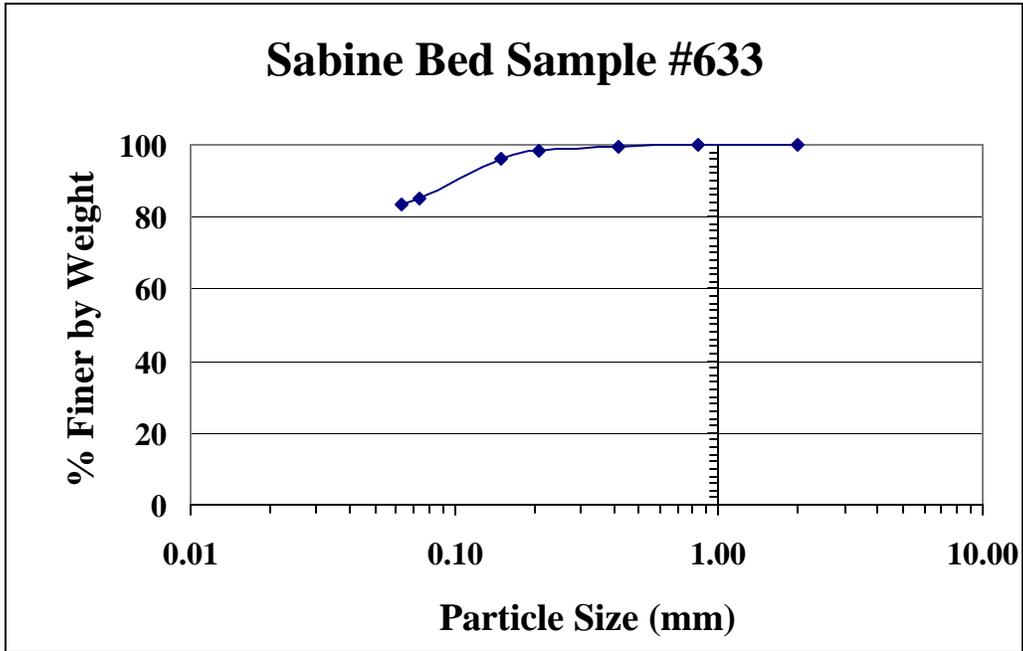


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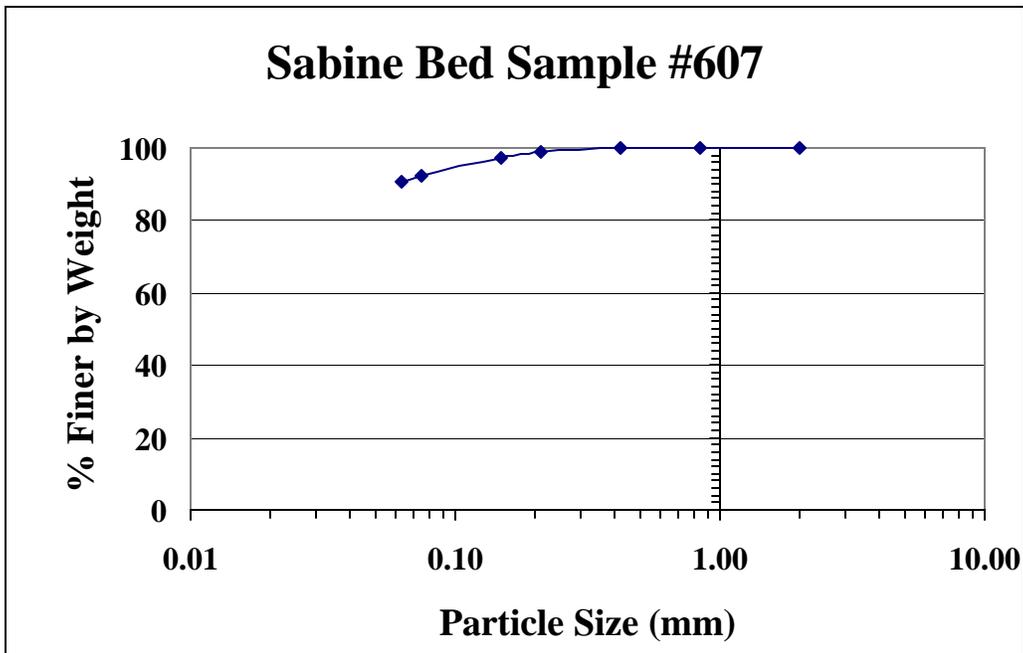


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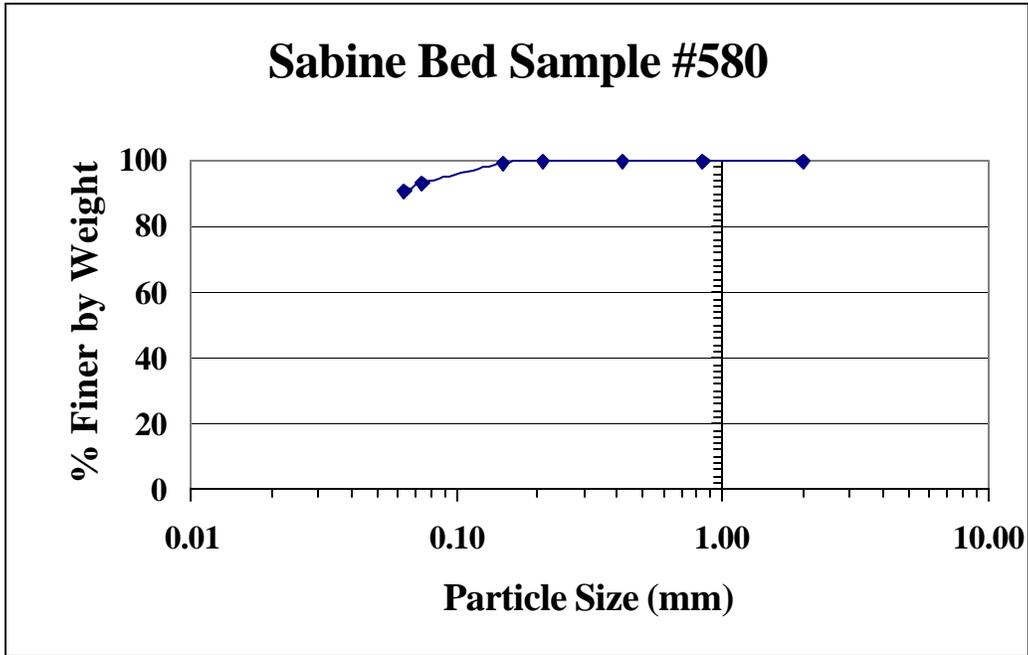


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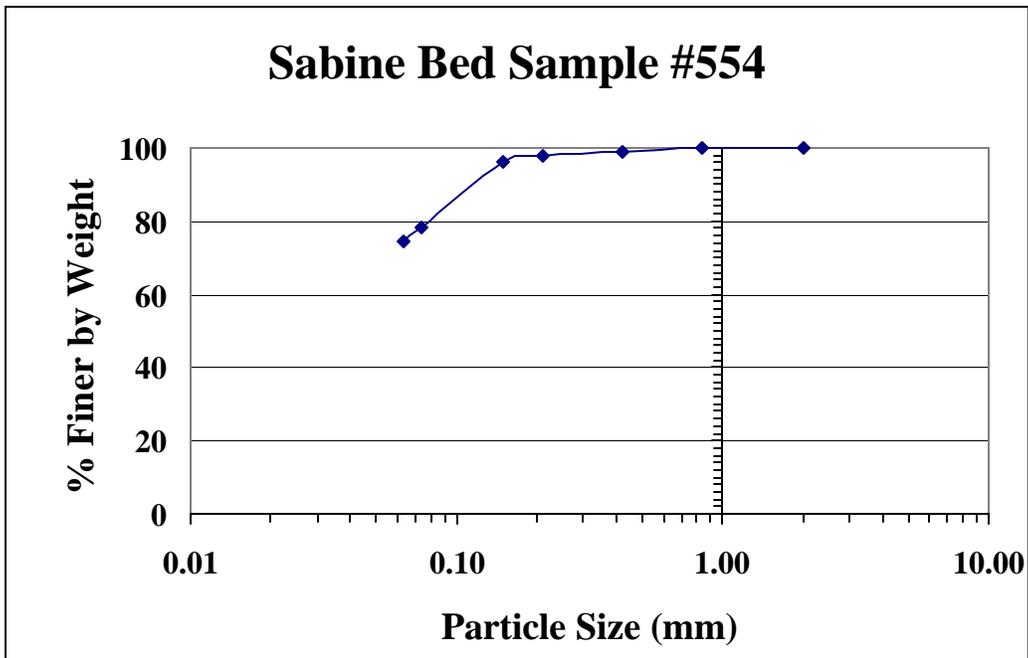


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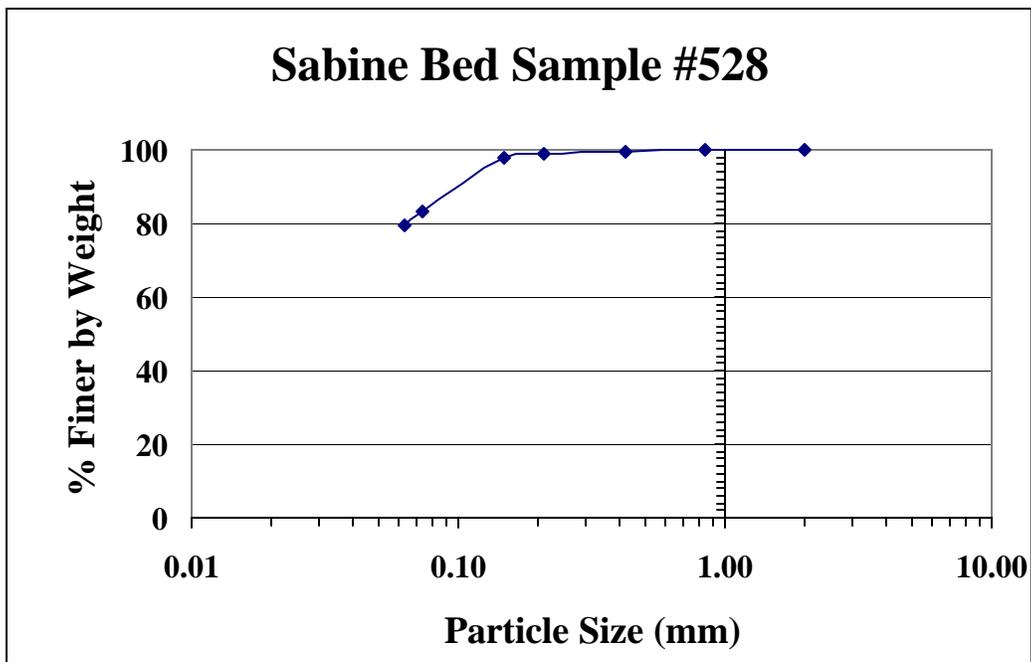


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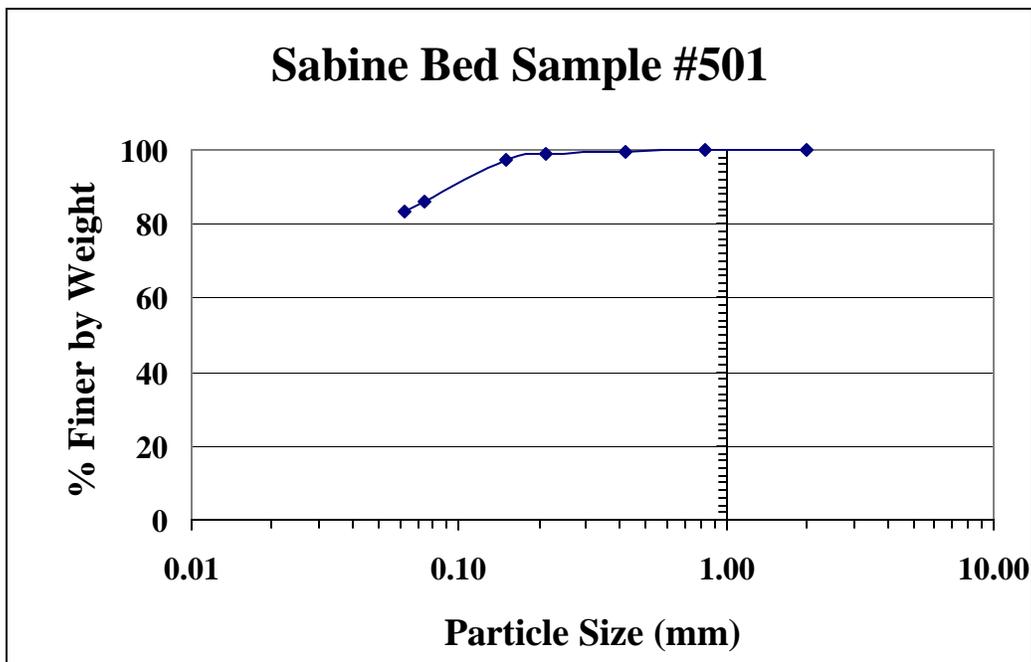


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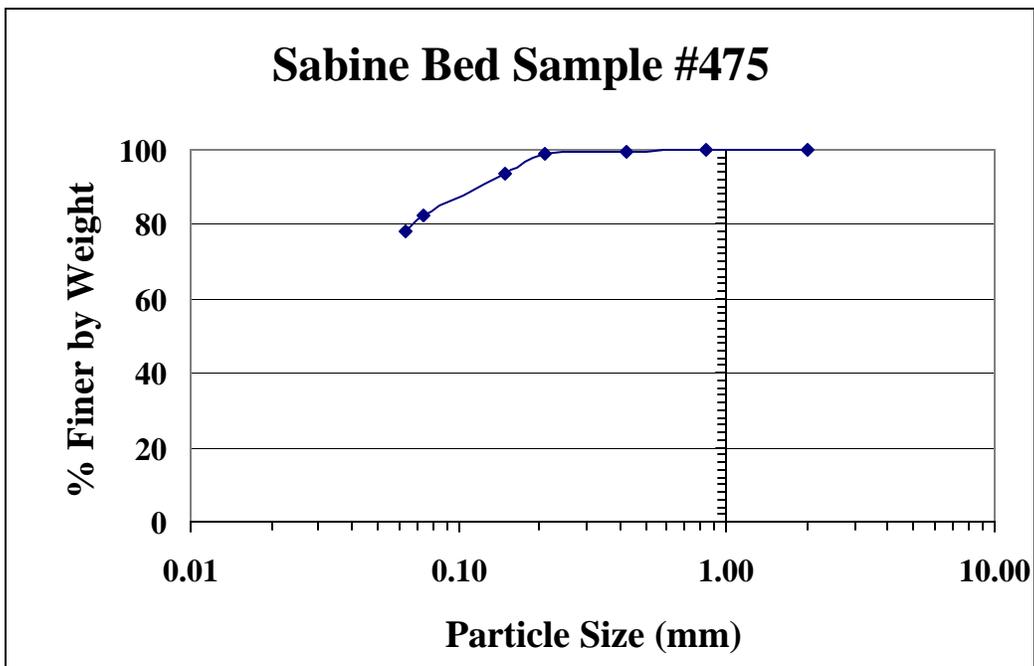


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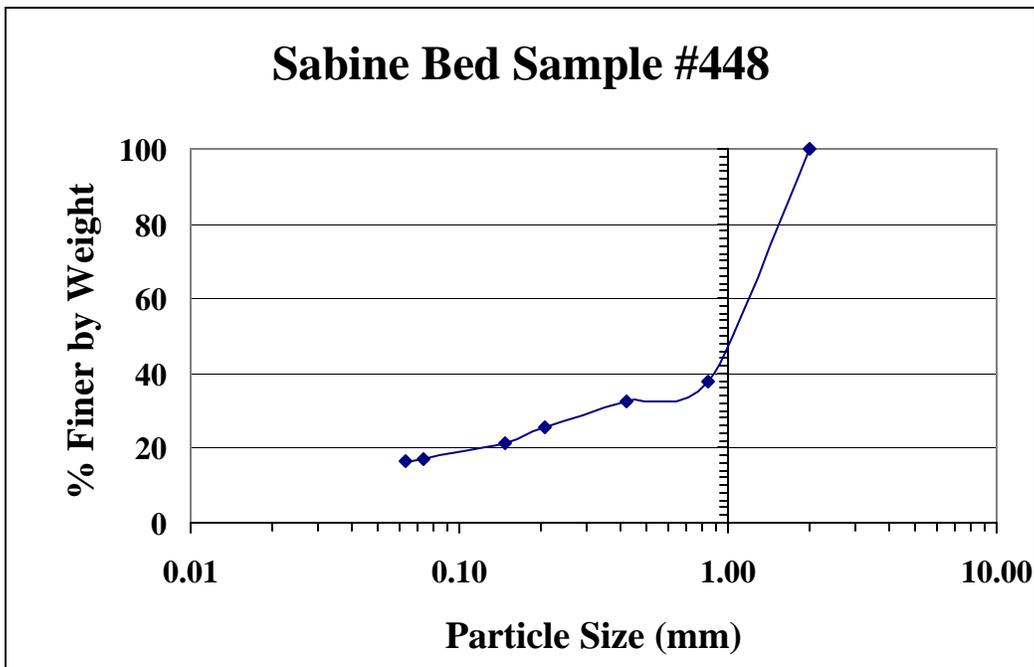


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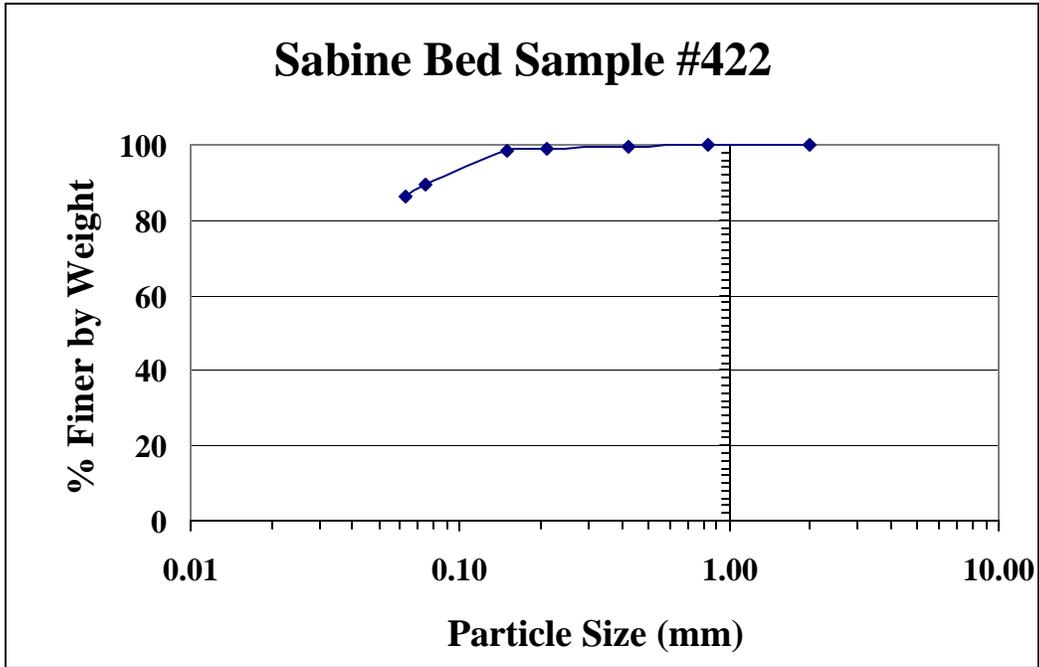


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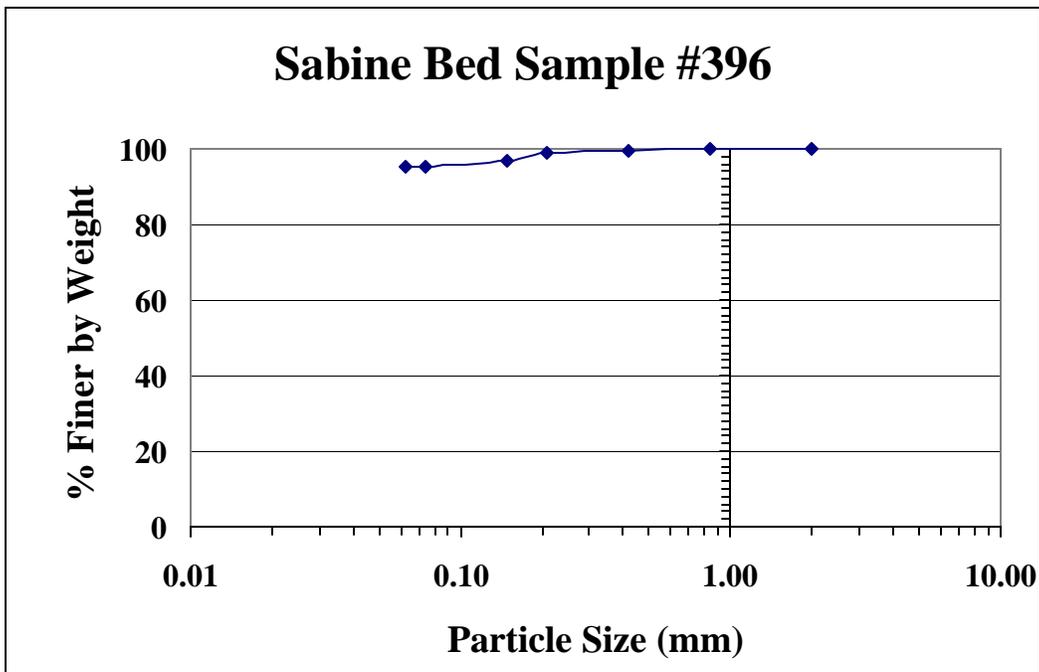


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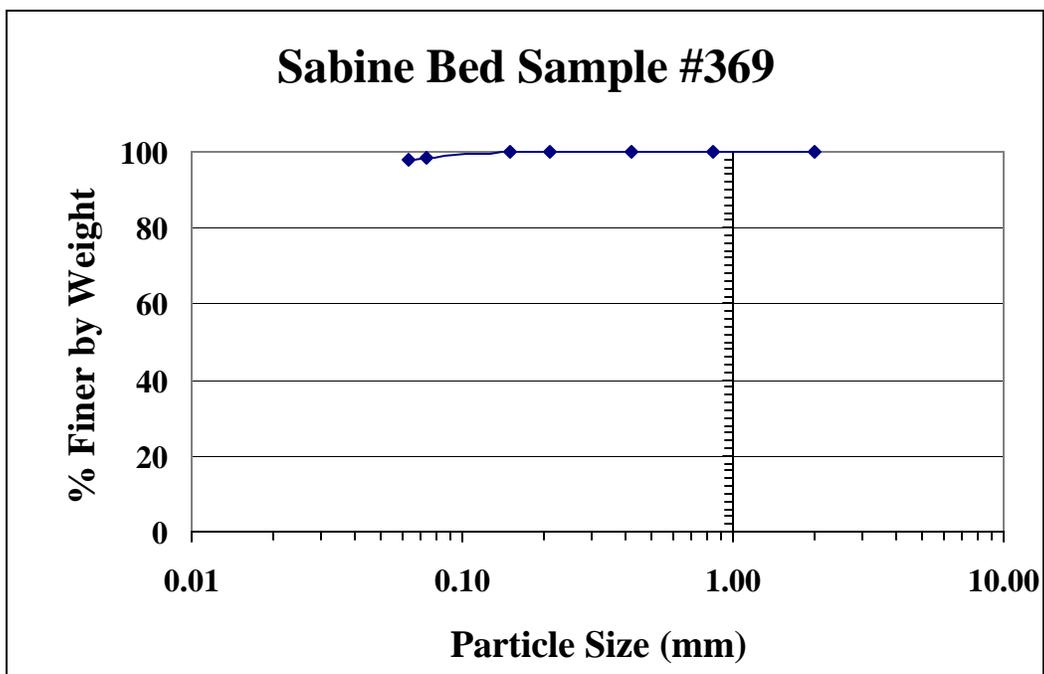


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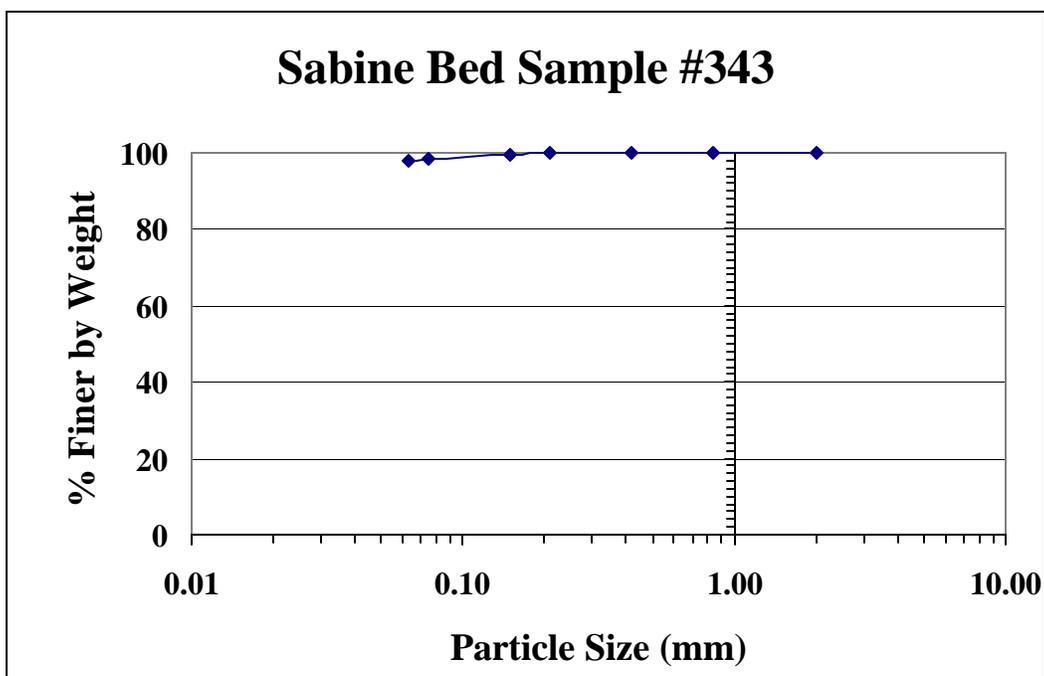


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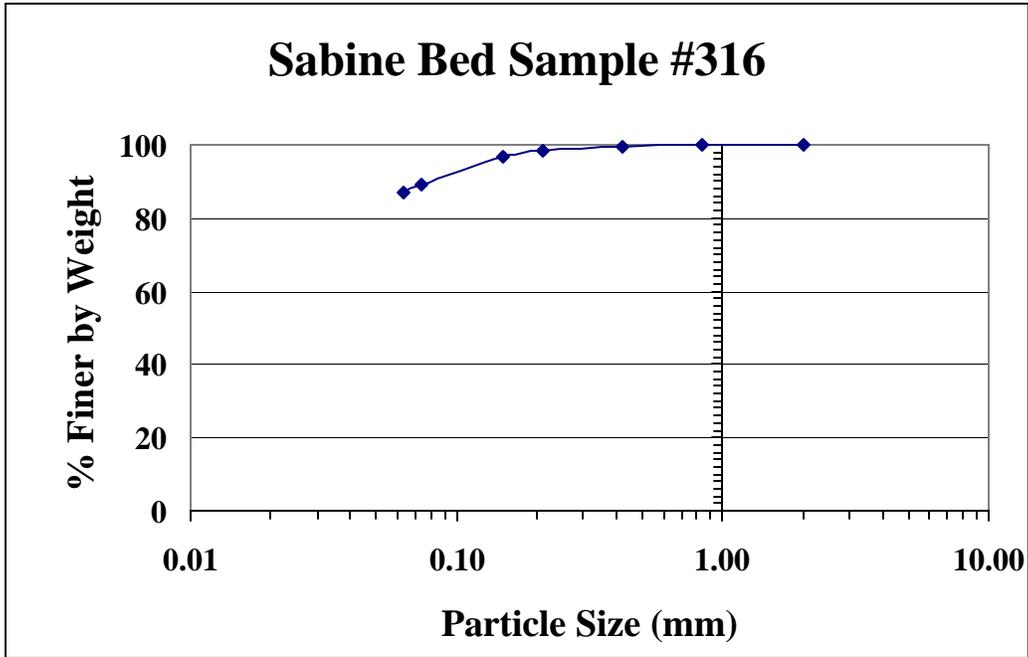


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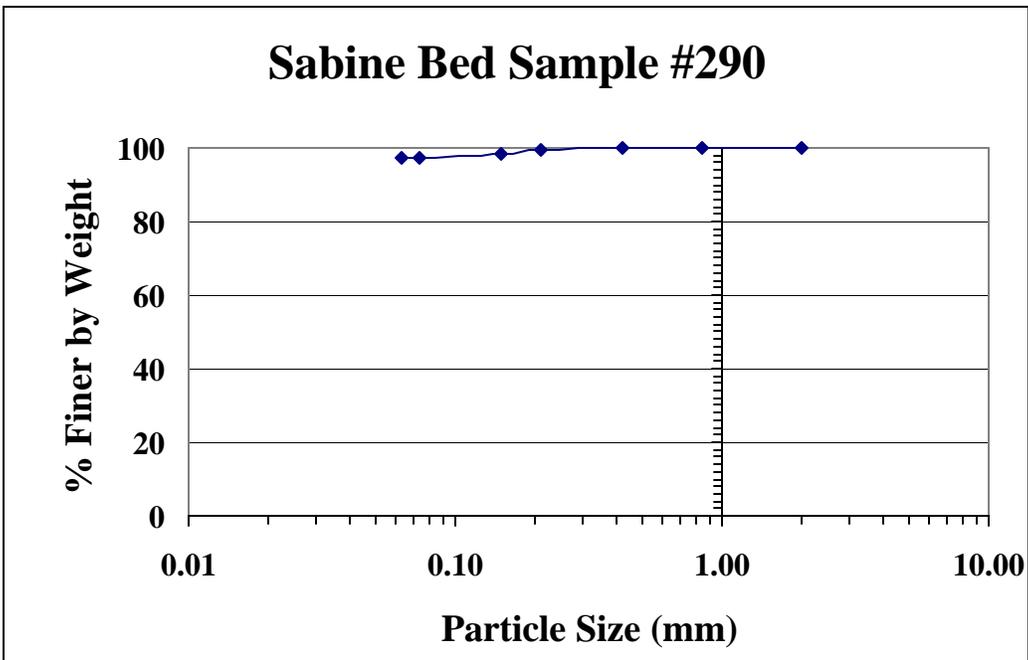


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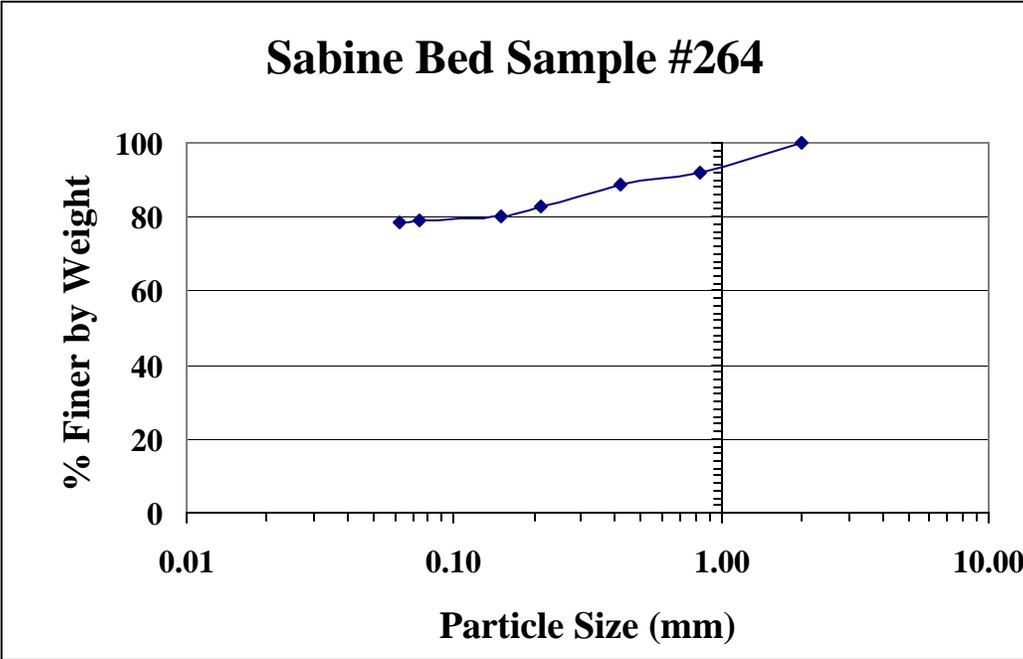


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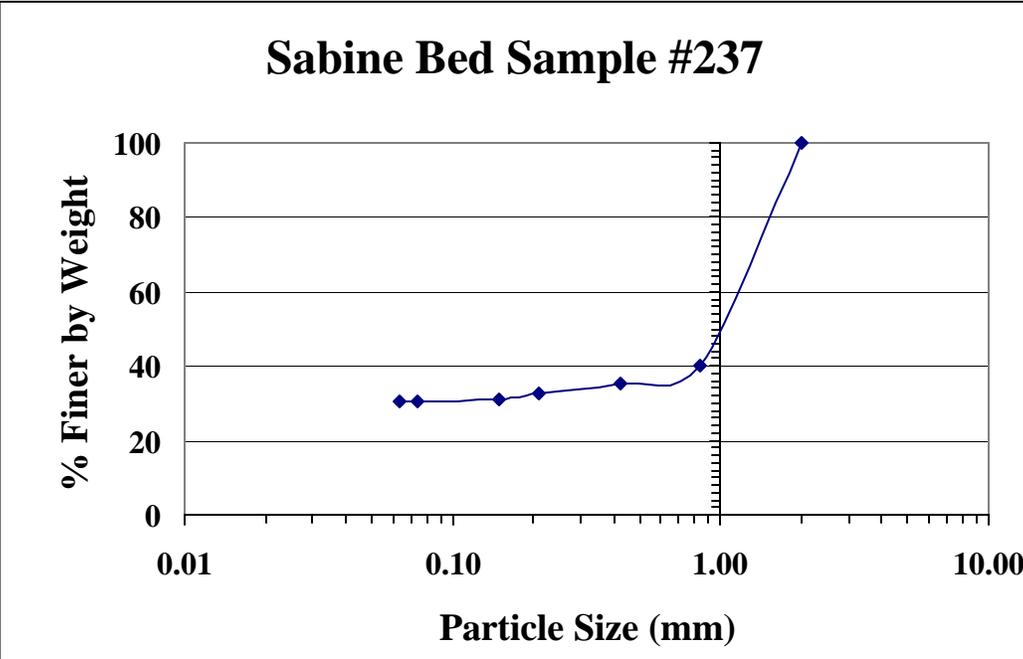


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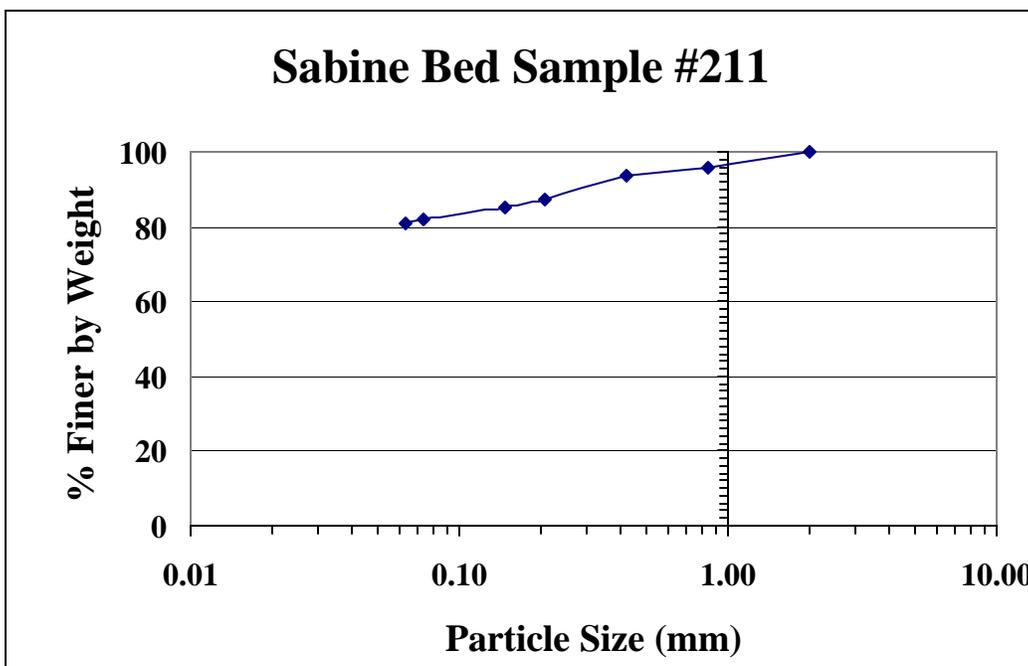


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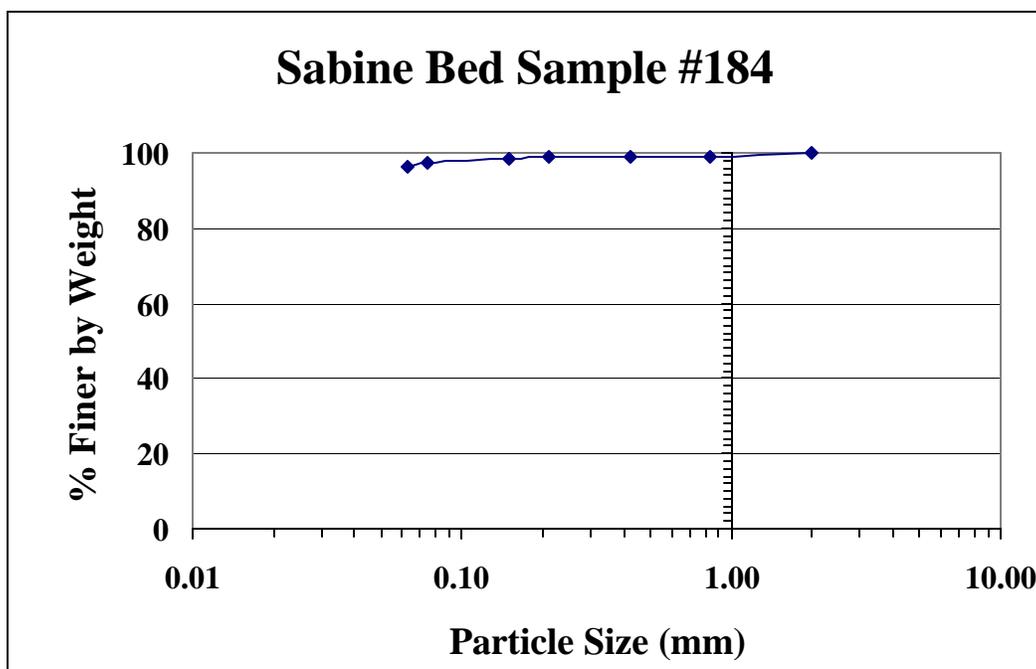


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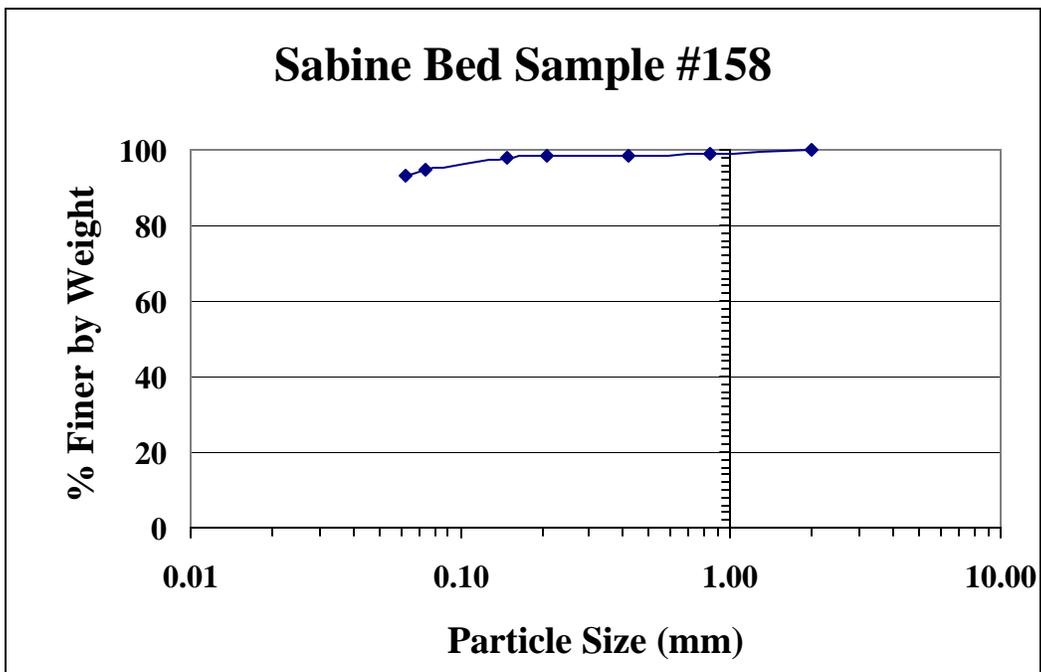


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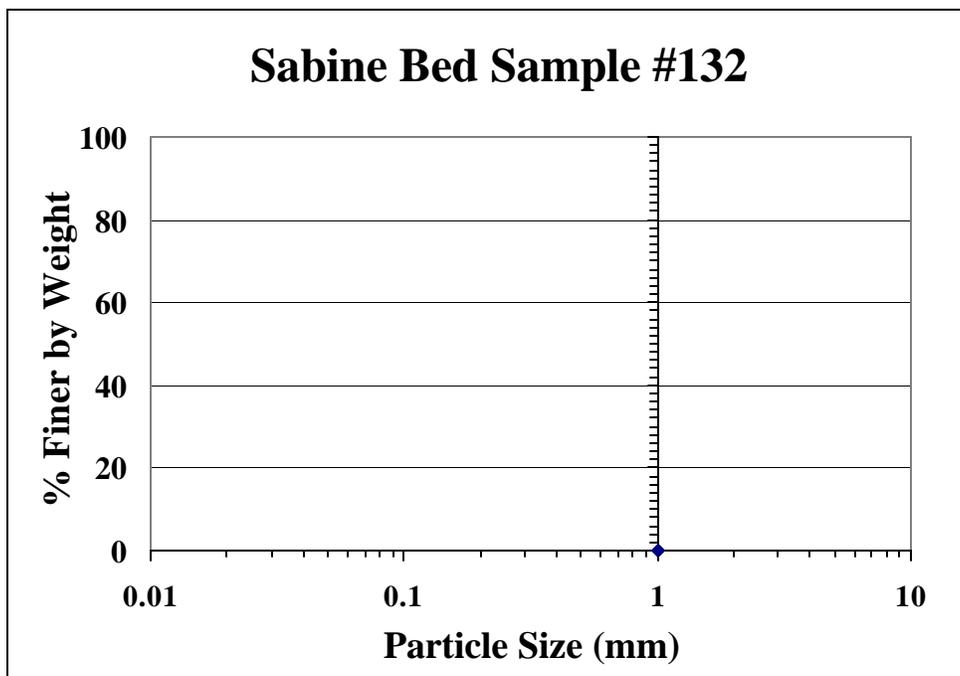


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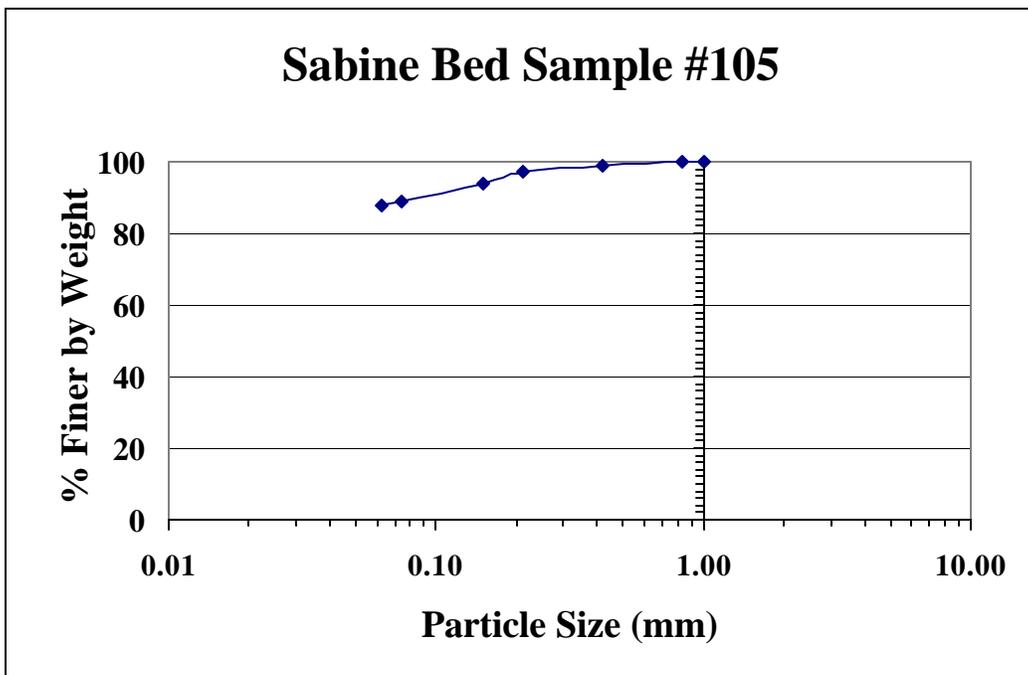


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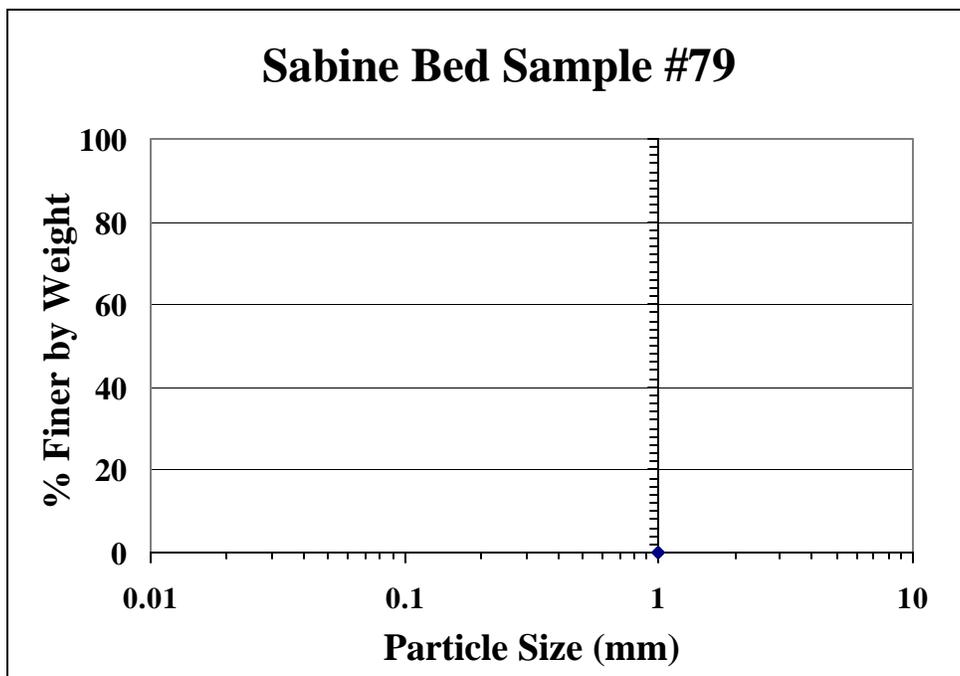


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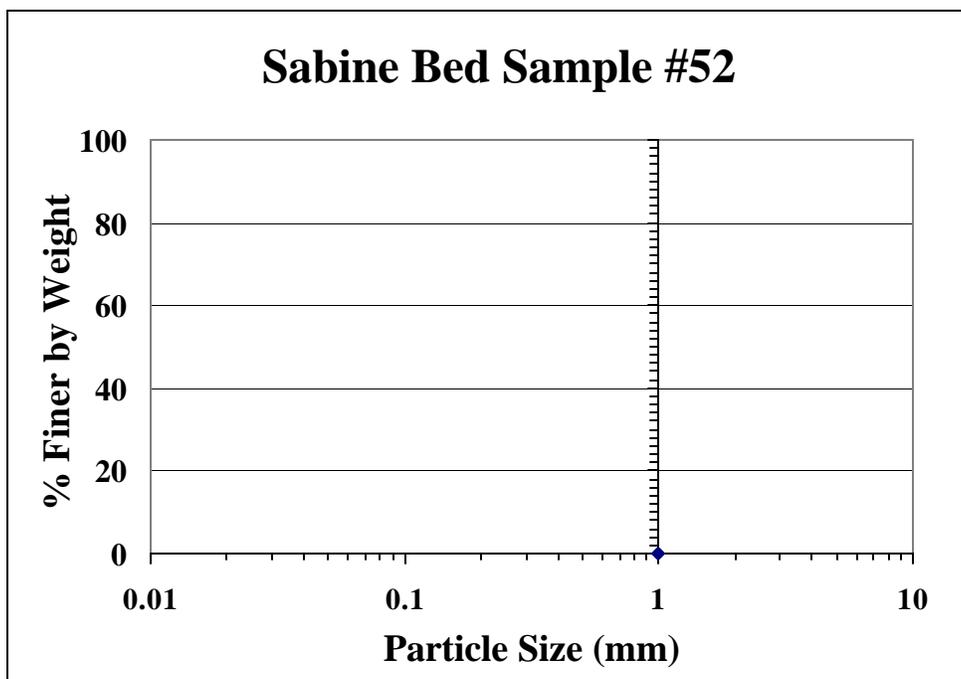


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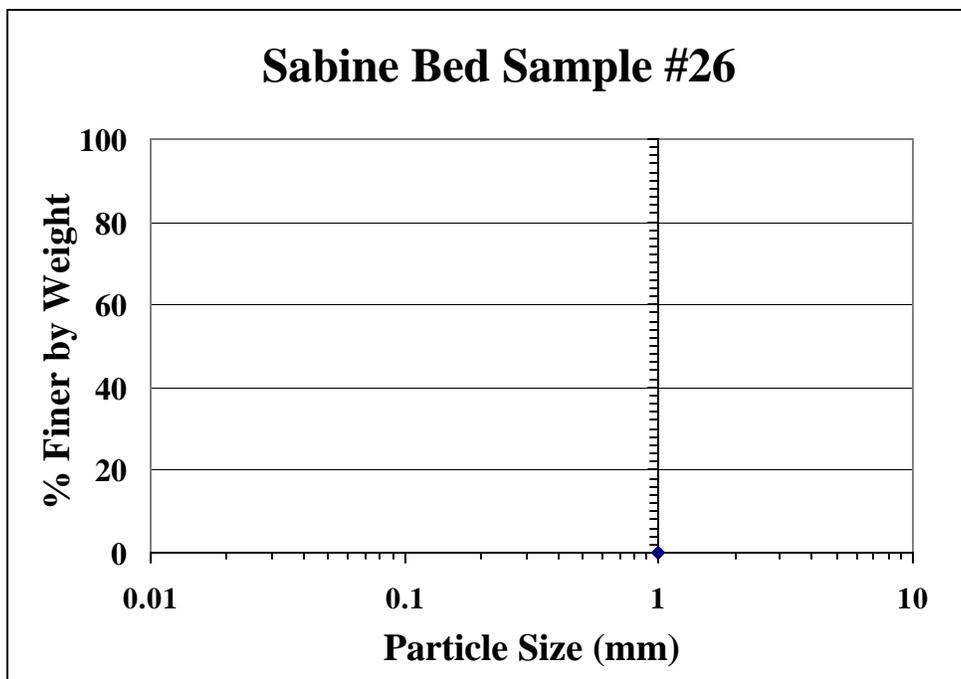


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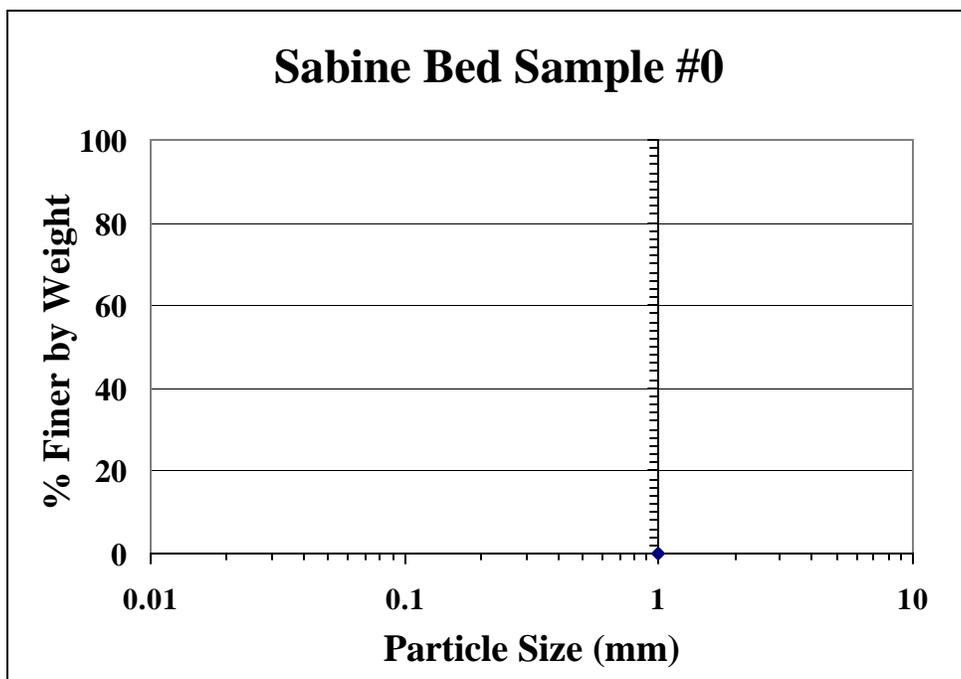


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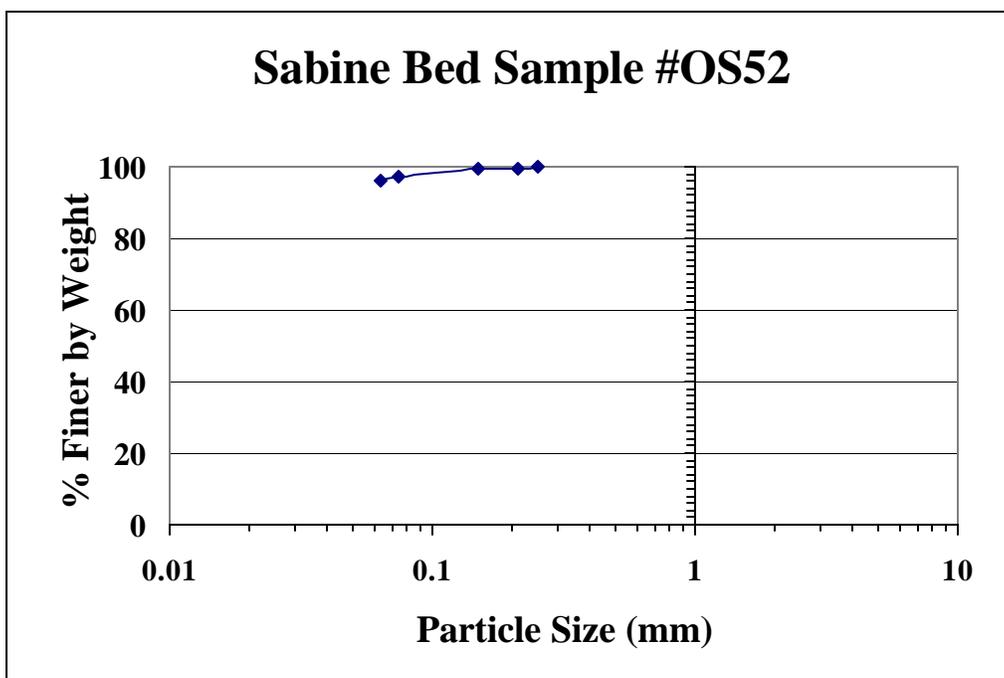


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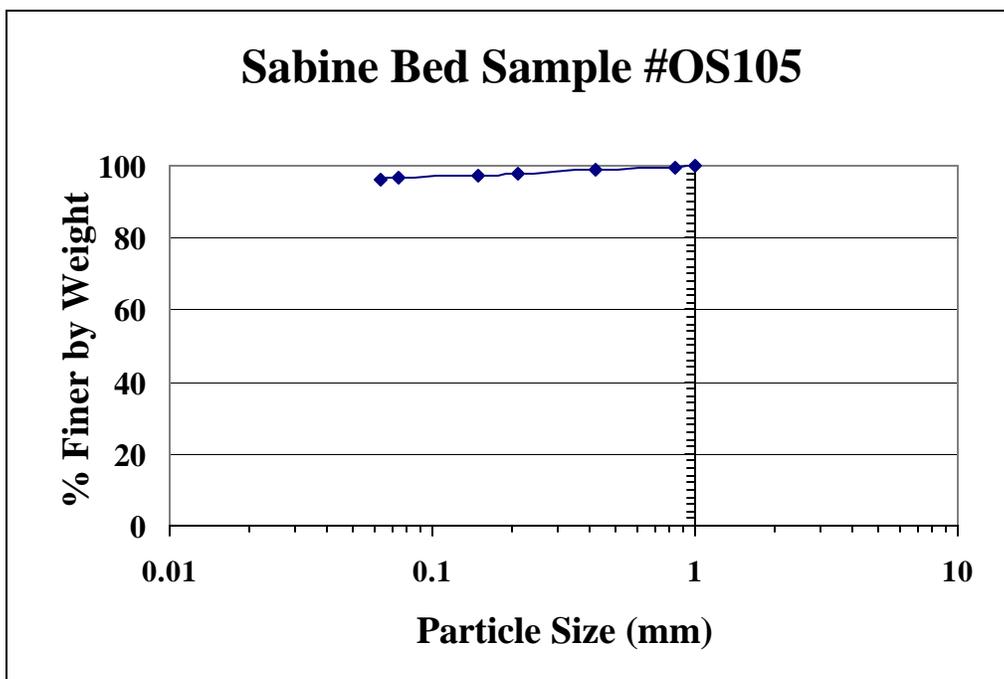


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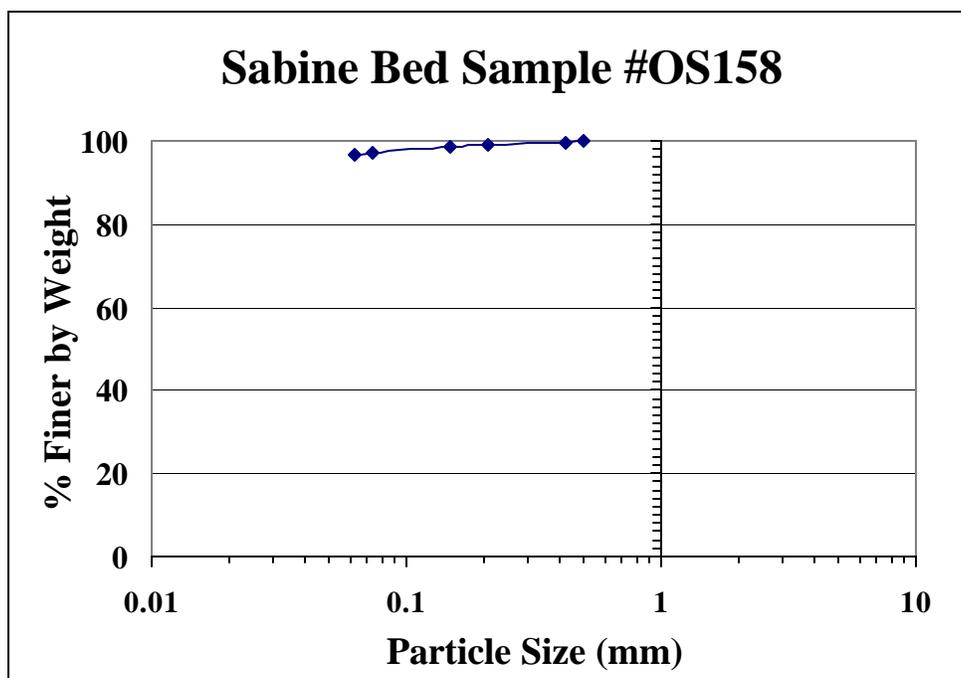


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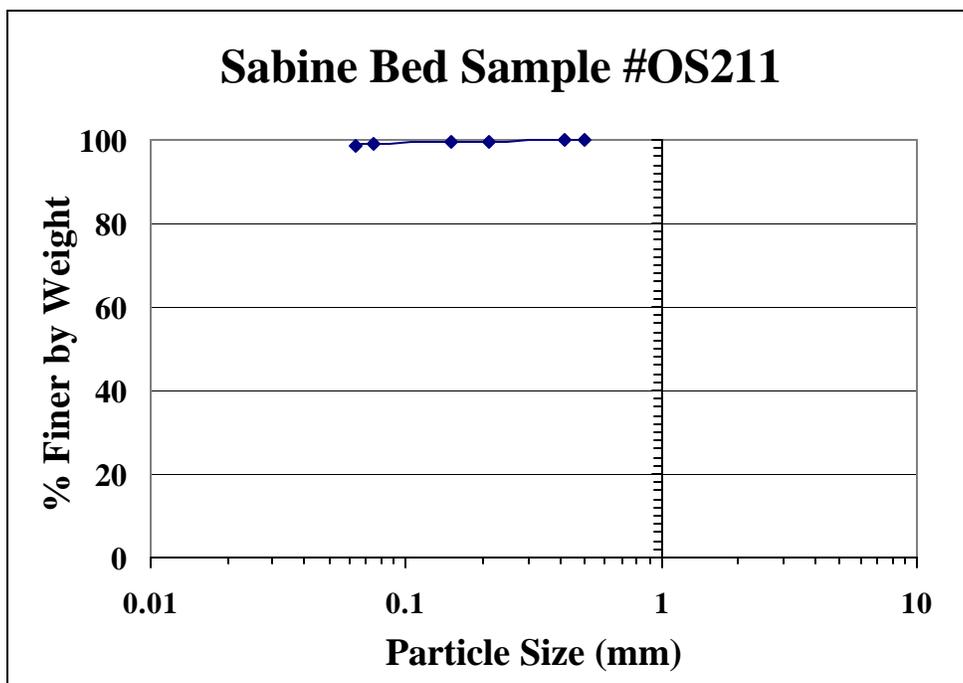


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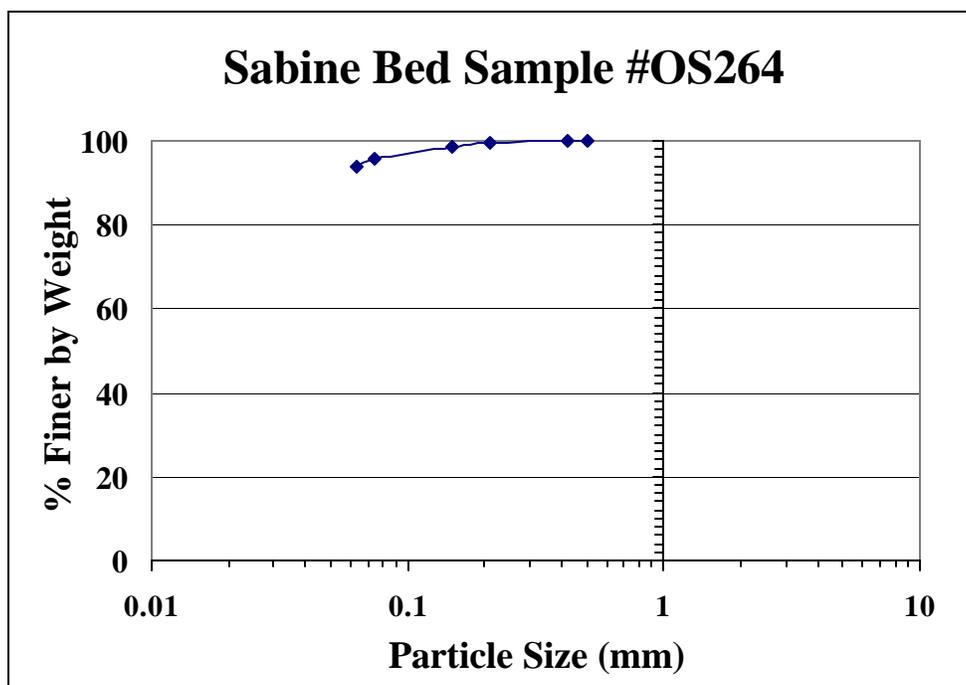


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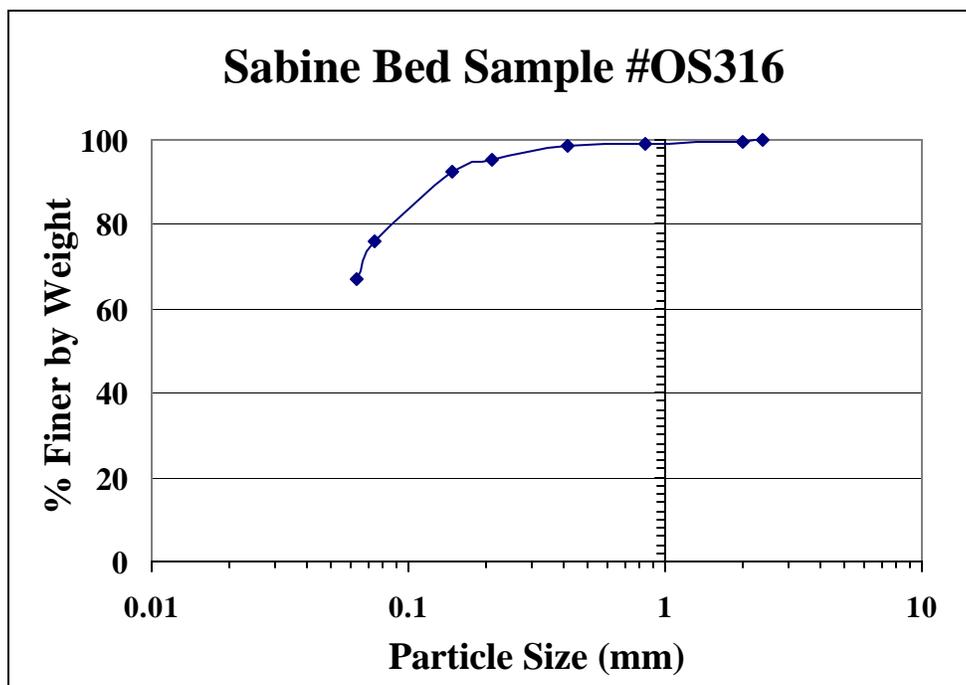


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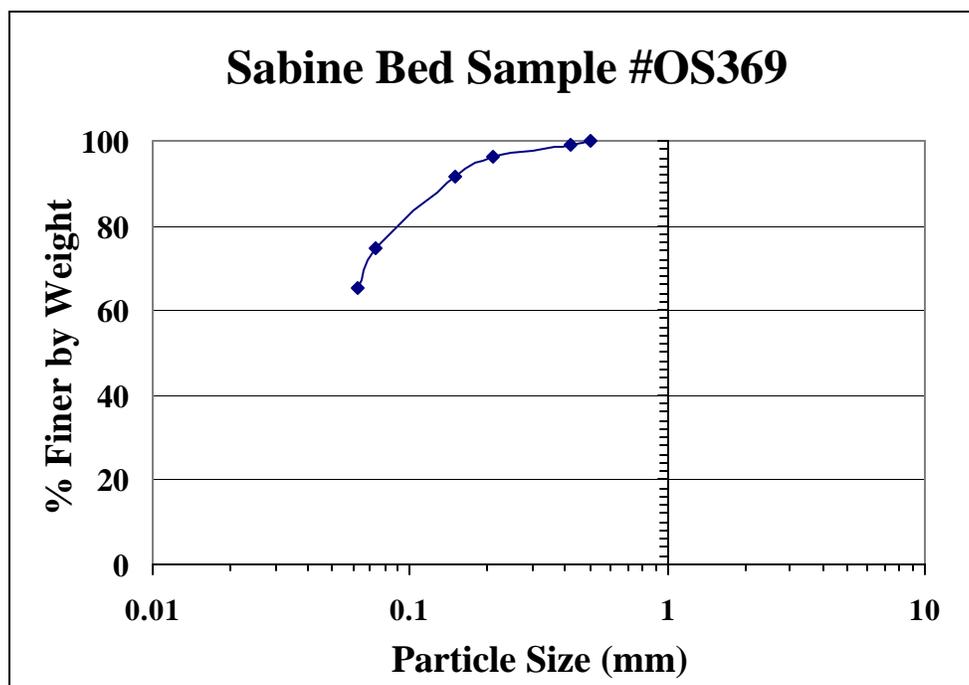


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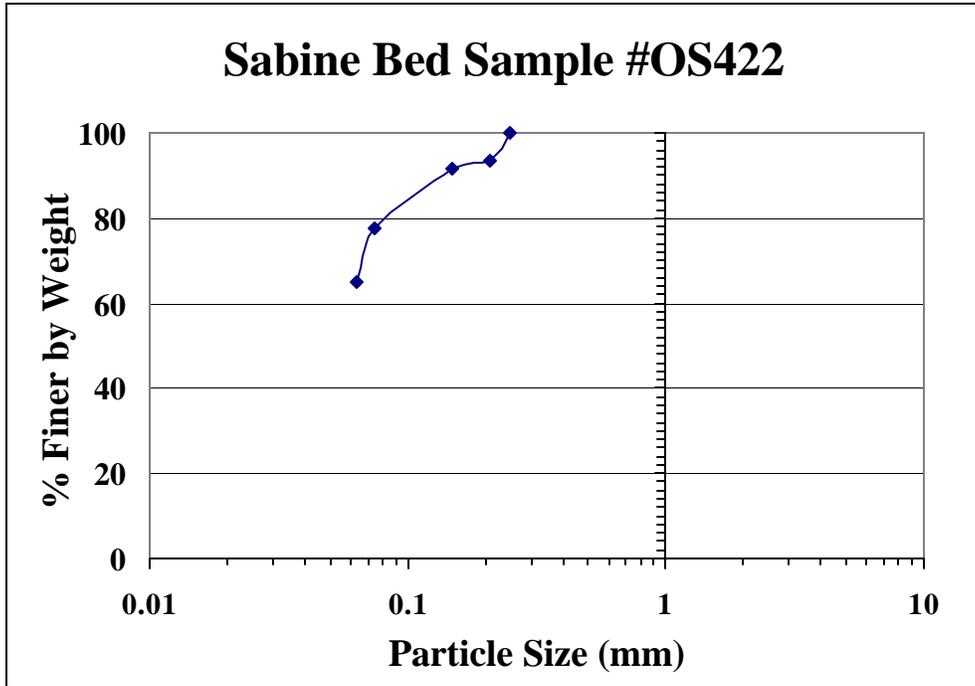


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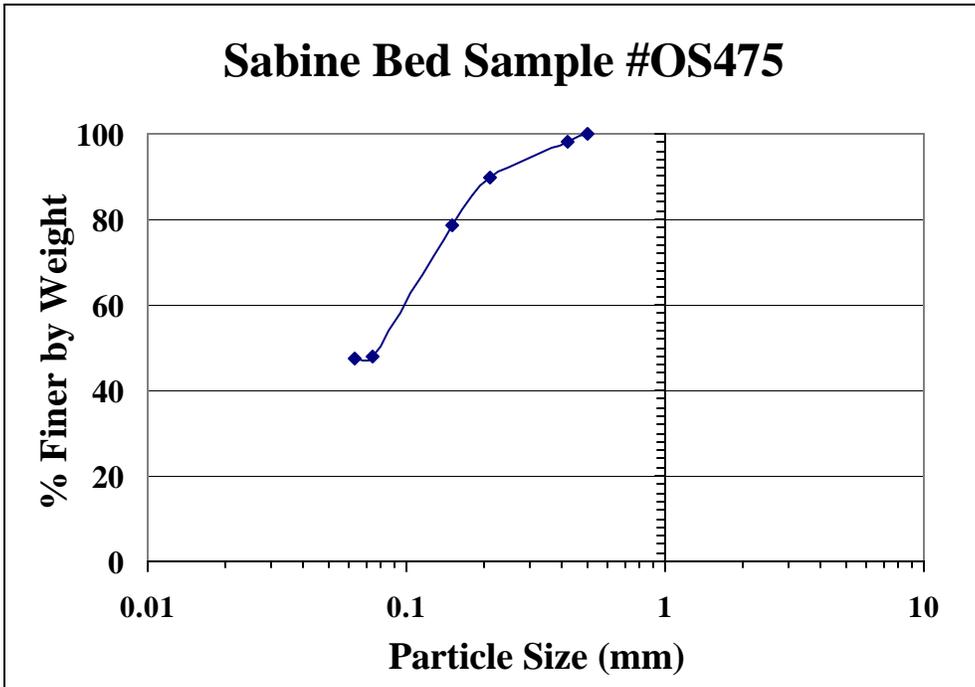


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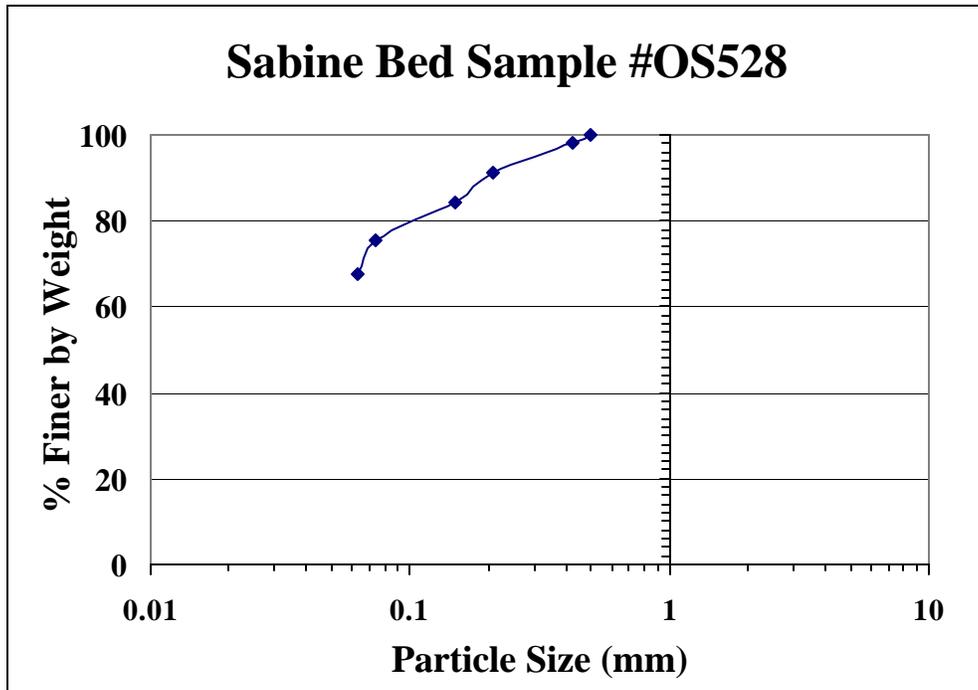


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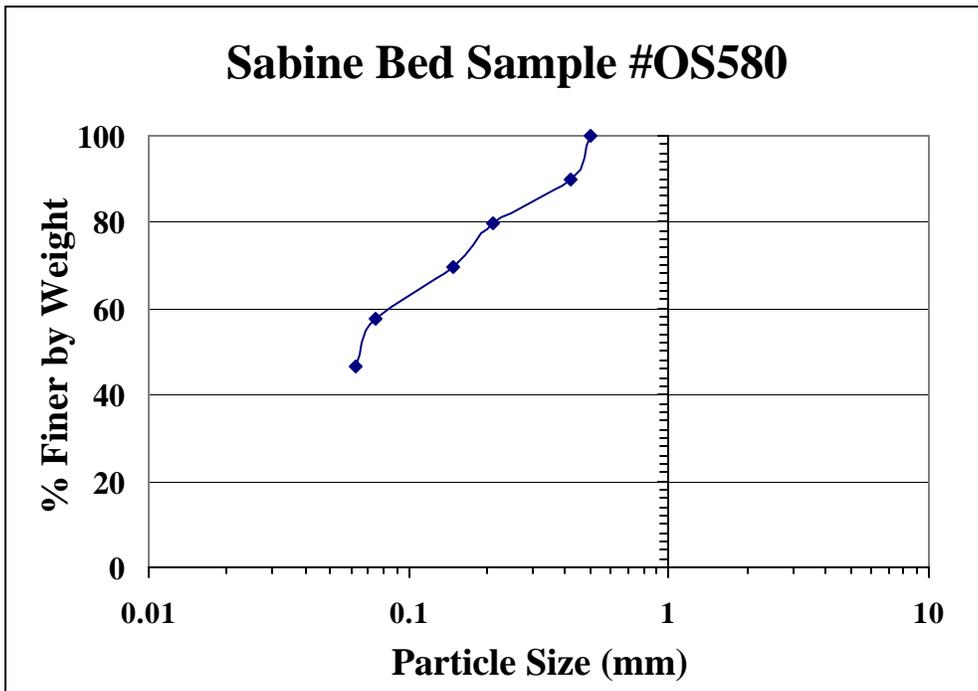


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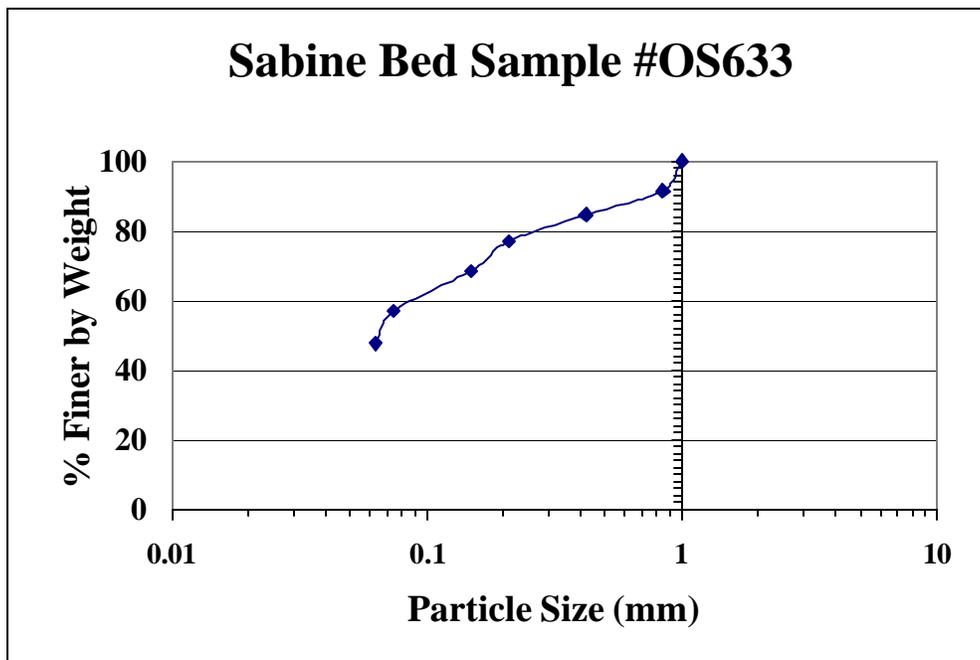


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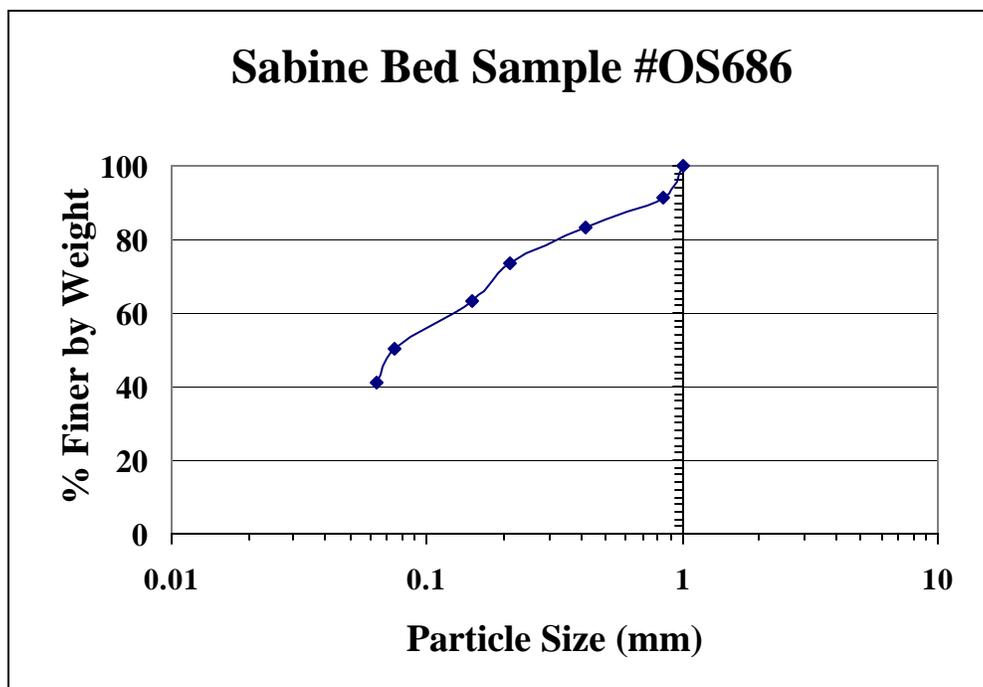


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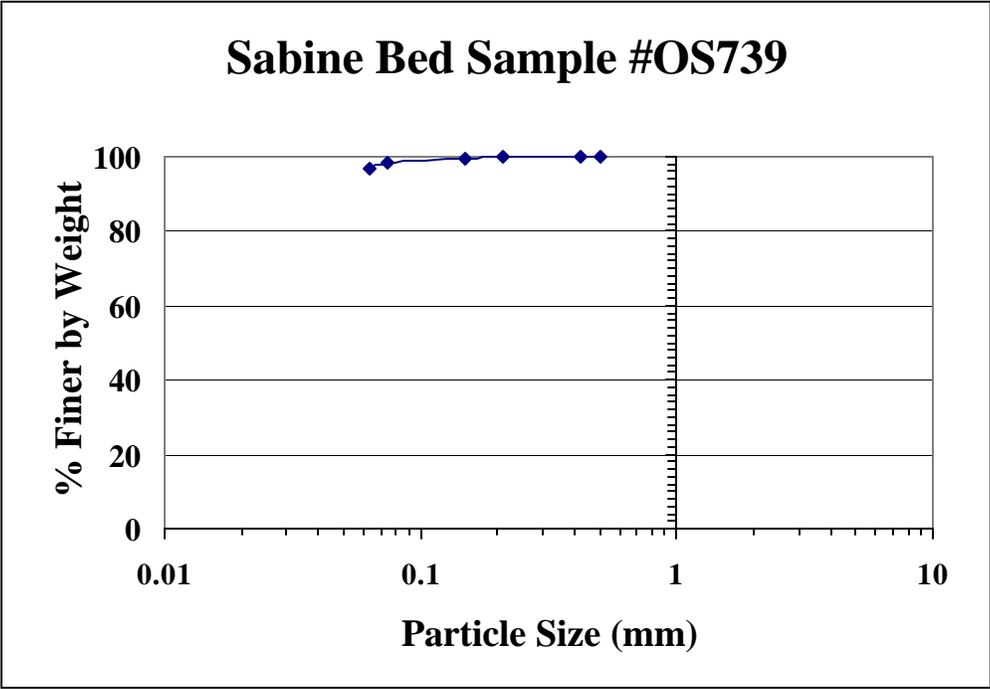


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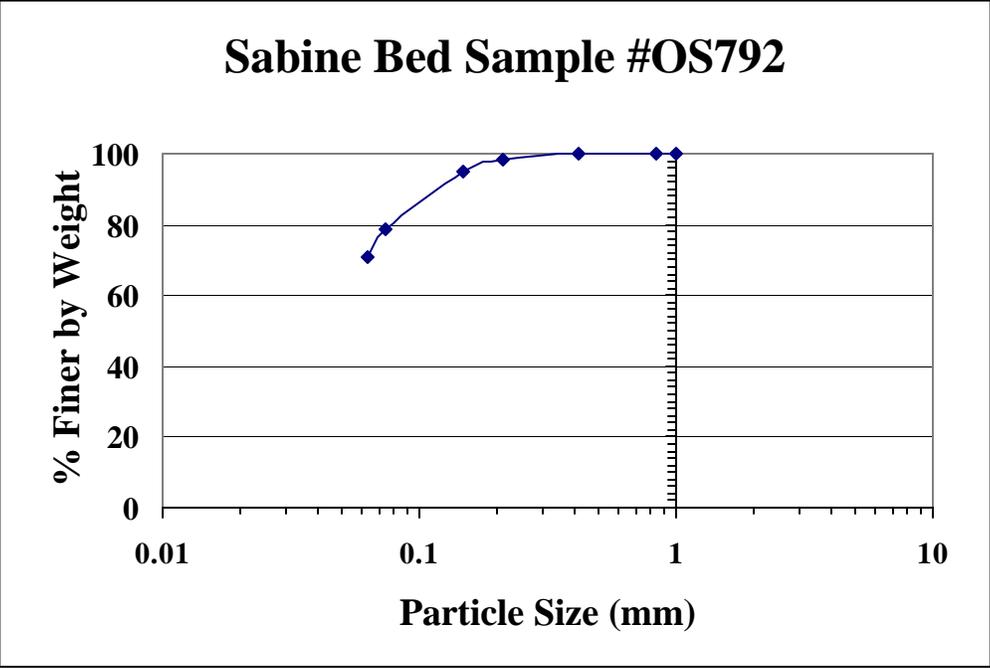


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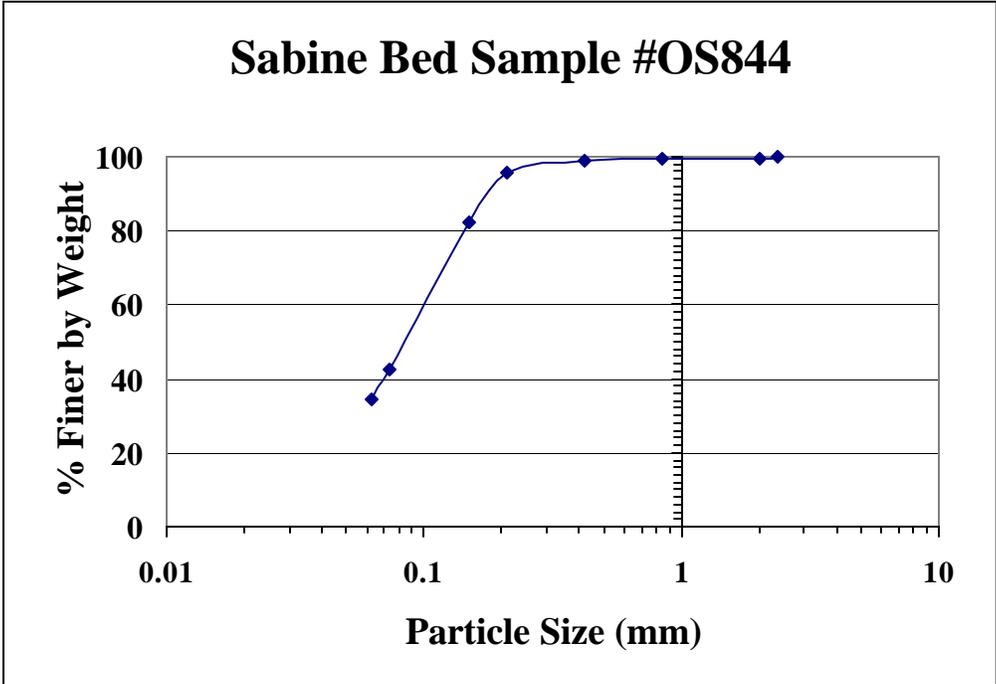


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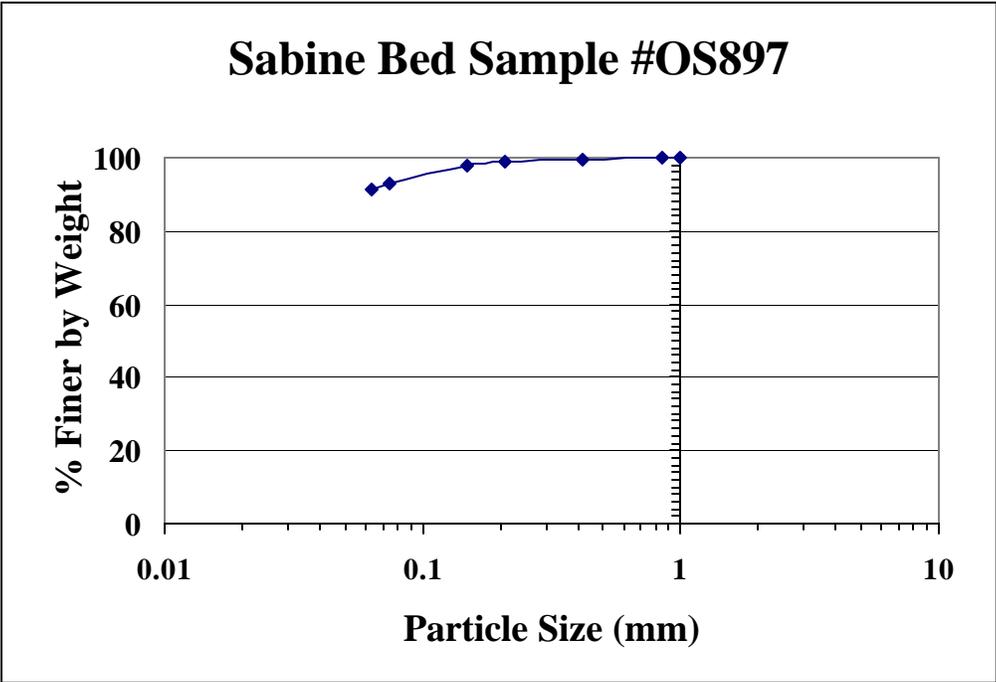


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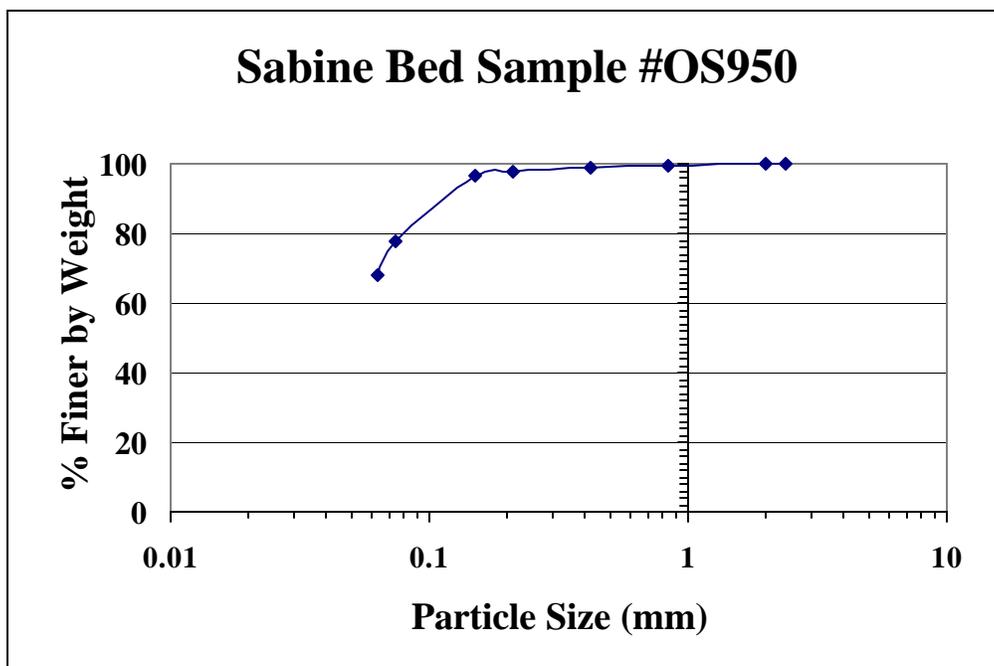


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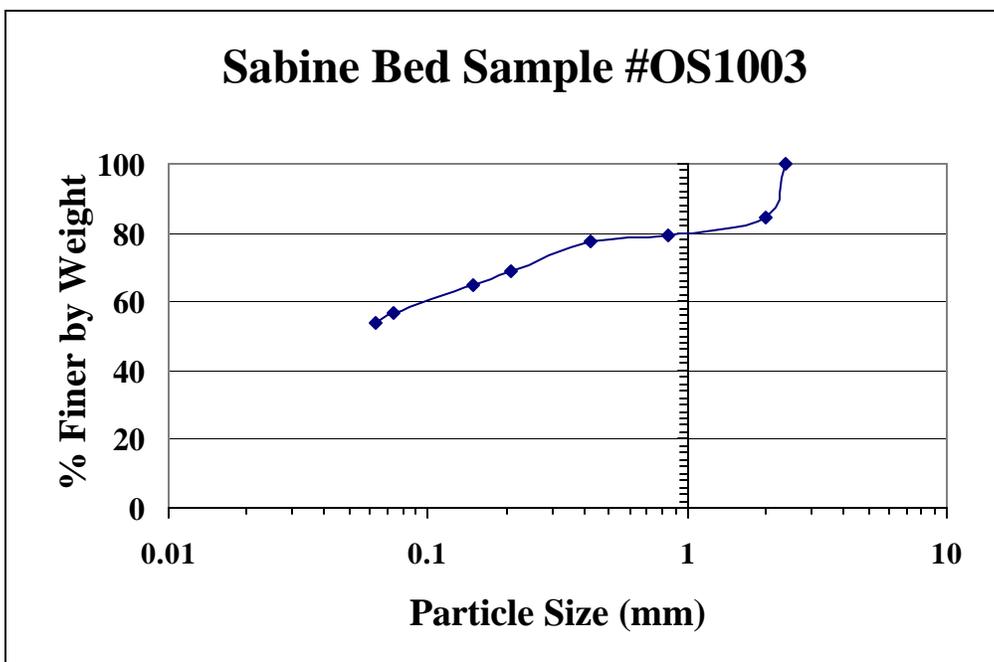
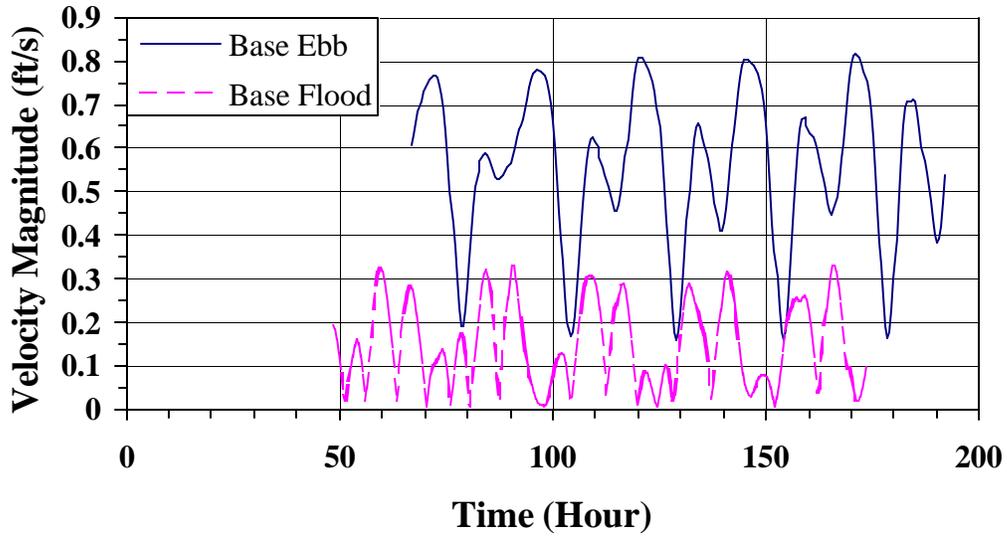


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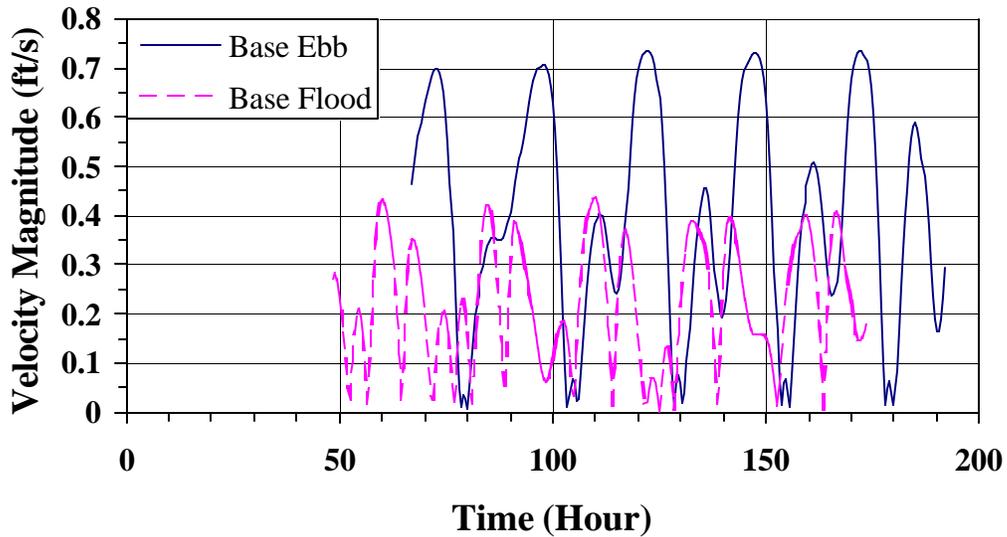
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Superposed Velocity Plots for Flood and Ebb for Base (existing) Conditions at SNWW Navigation Channel Locations

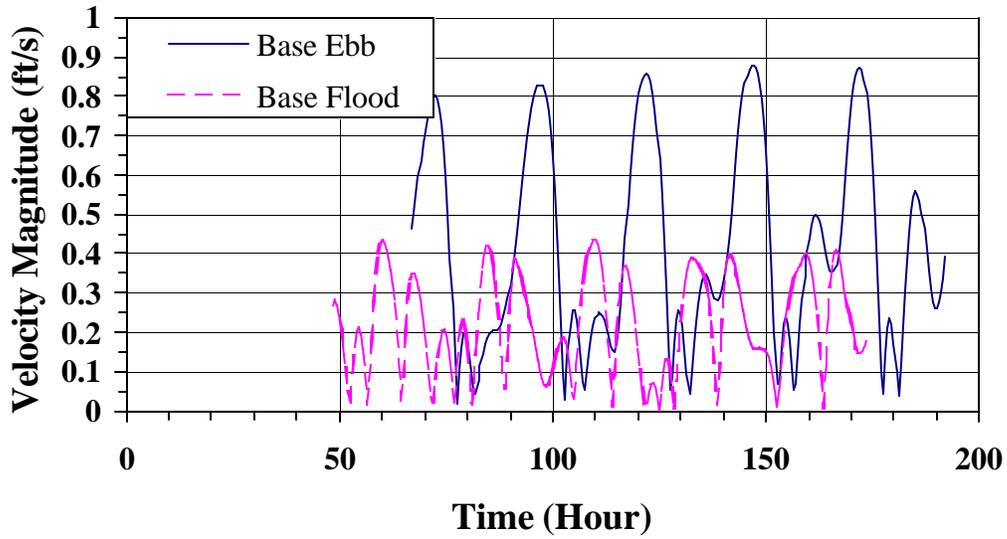
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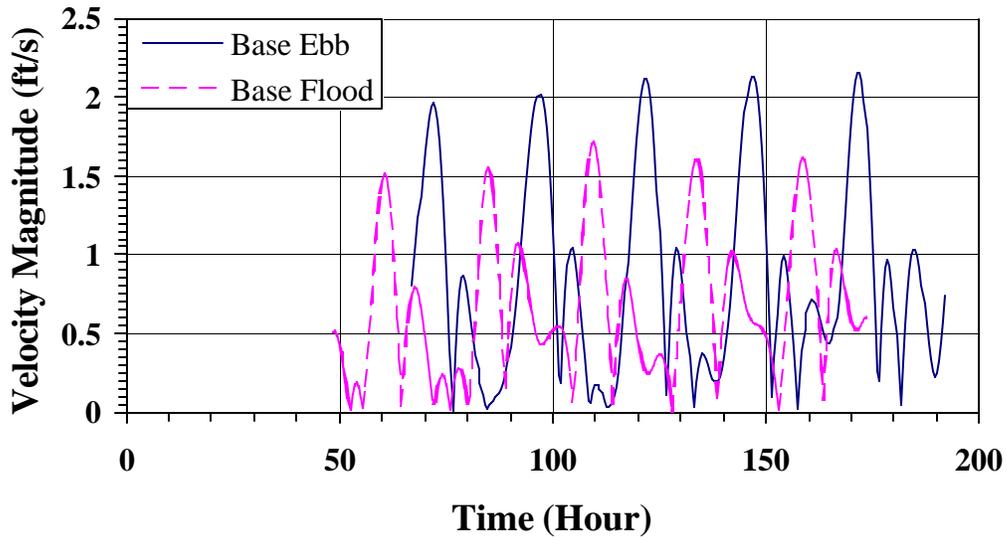
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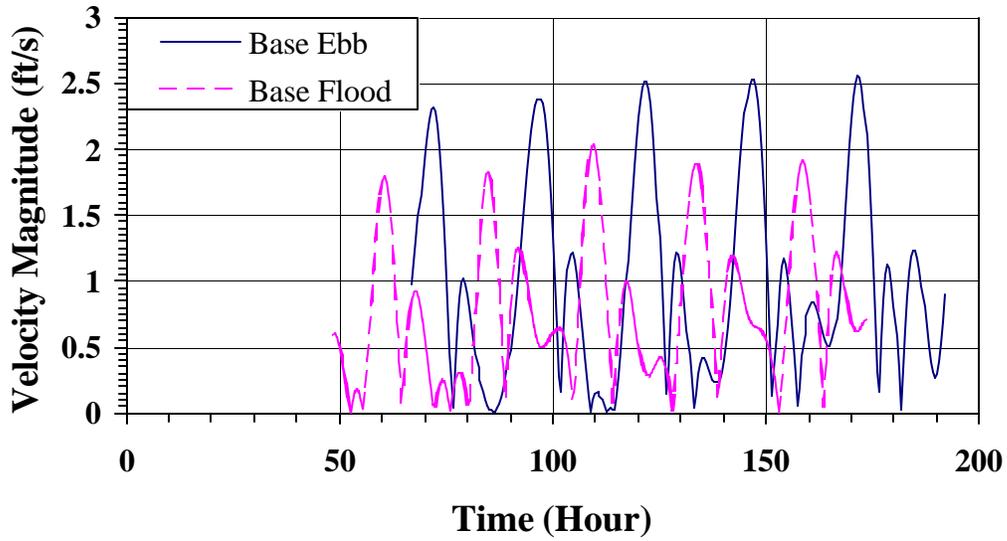
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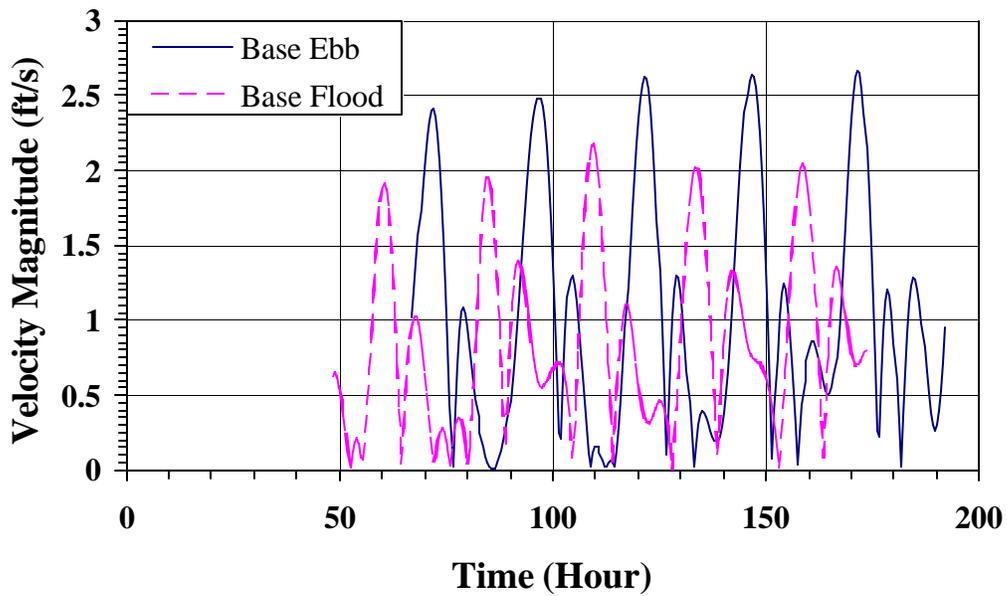
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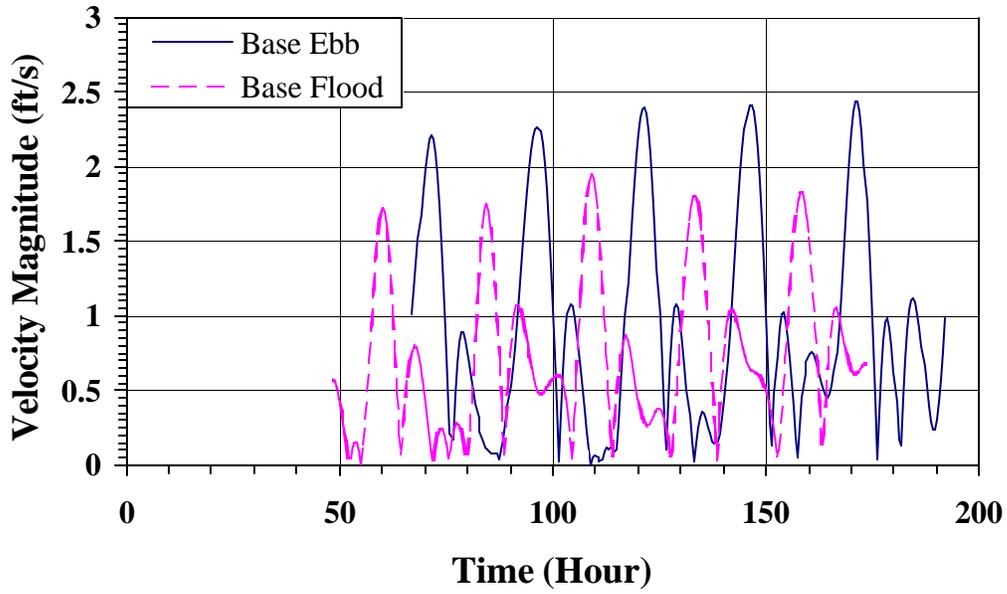
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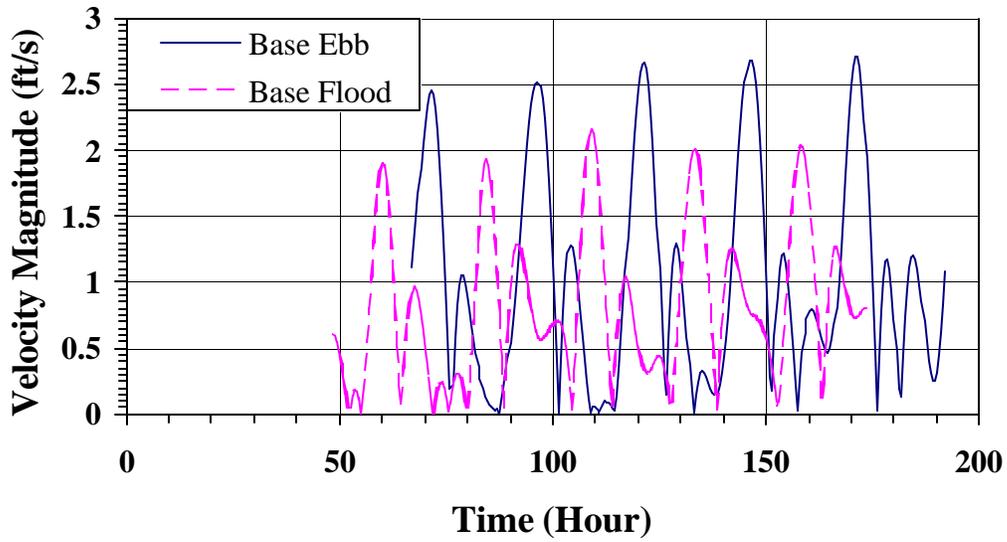
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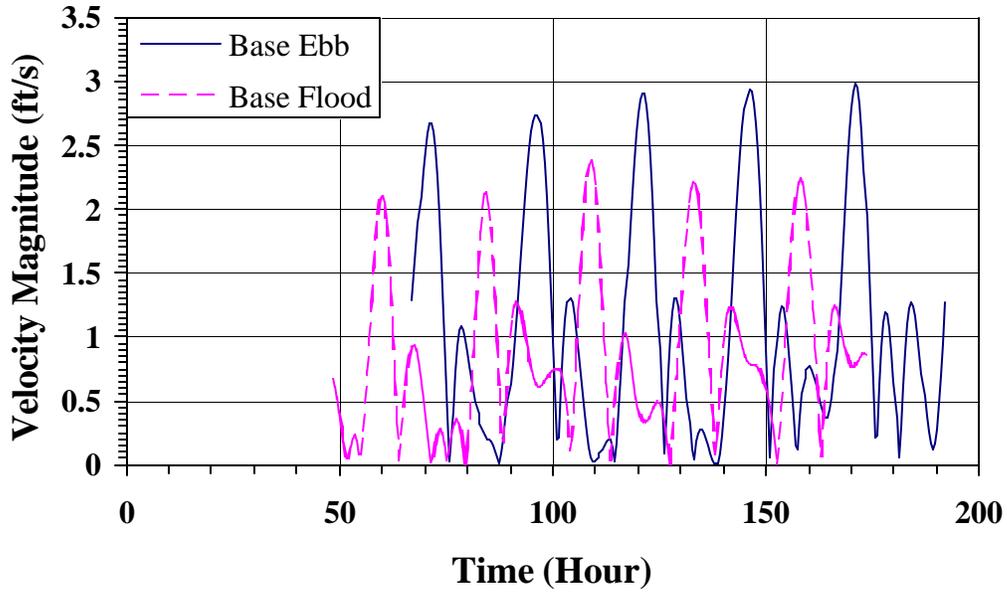
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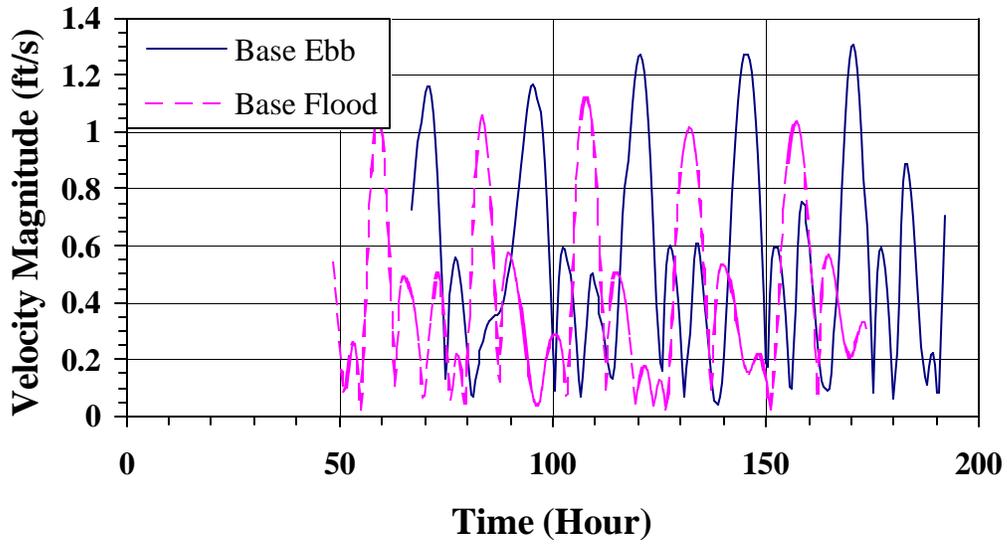
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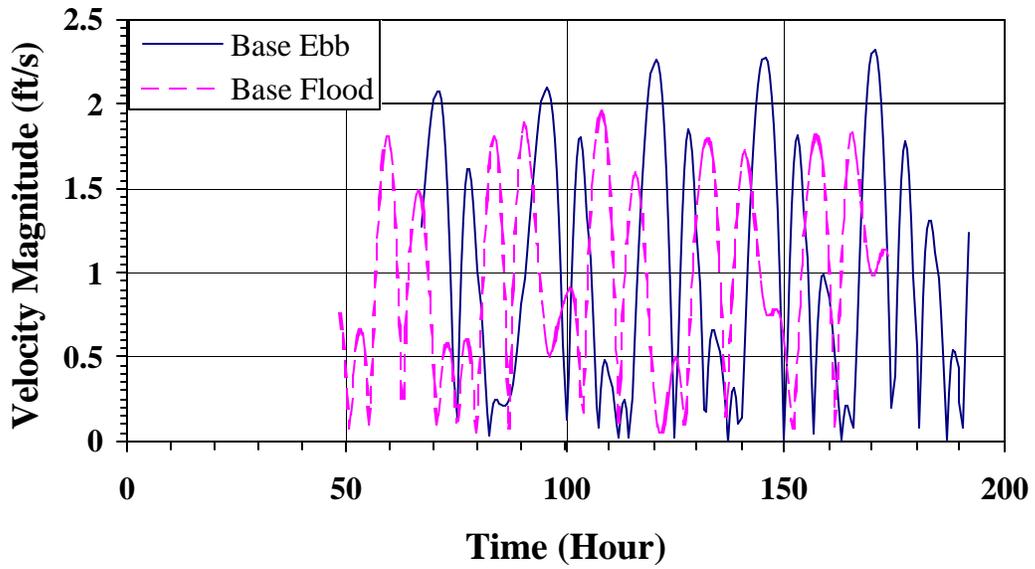
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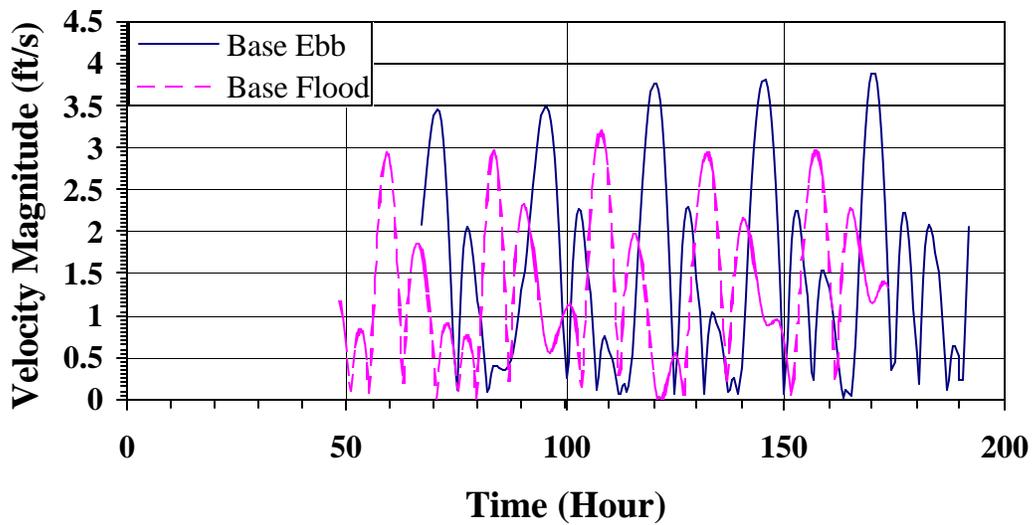
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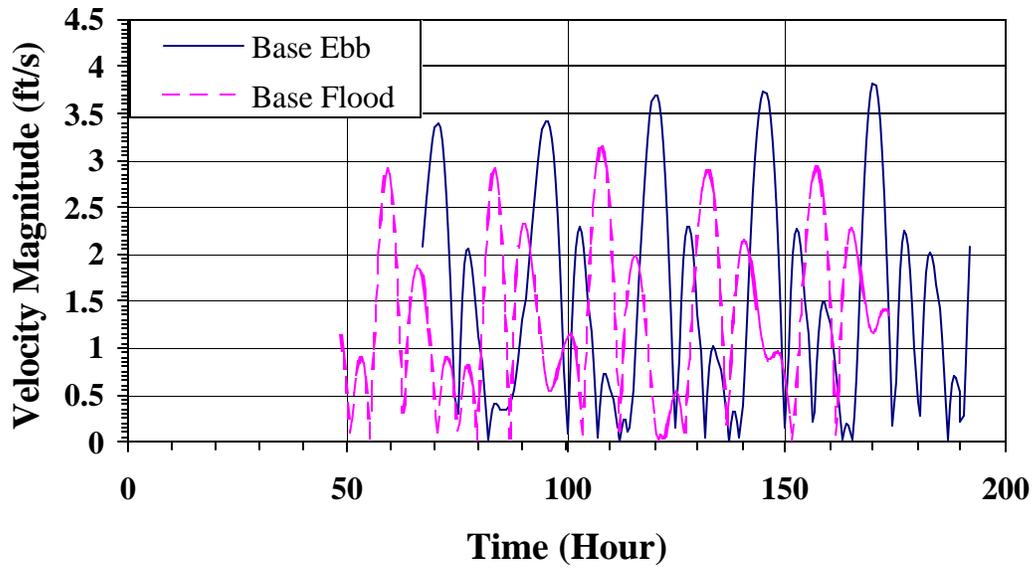
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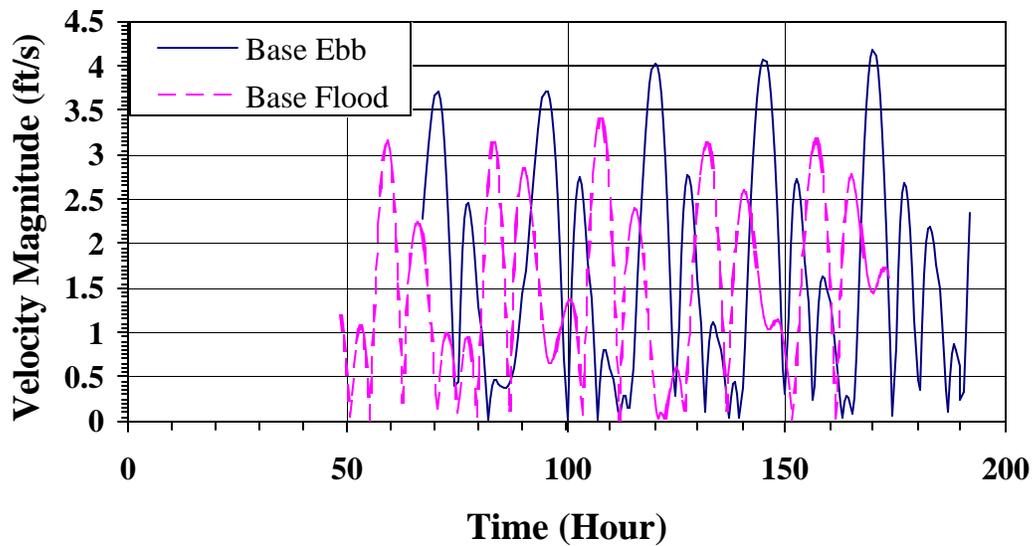
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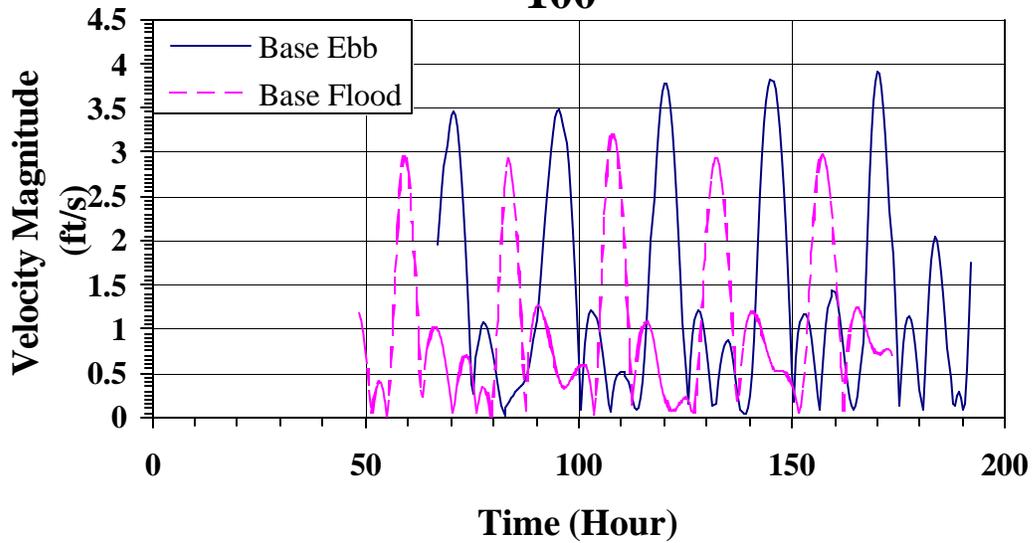
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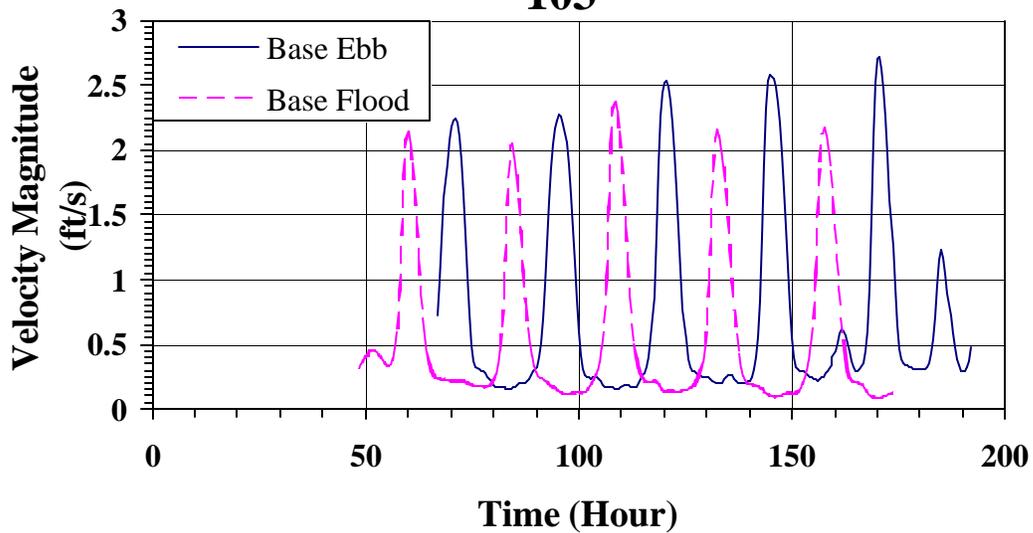
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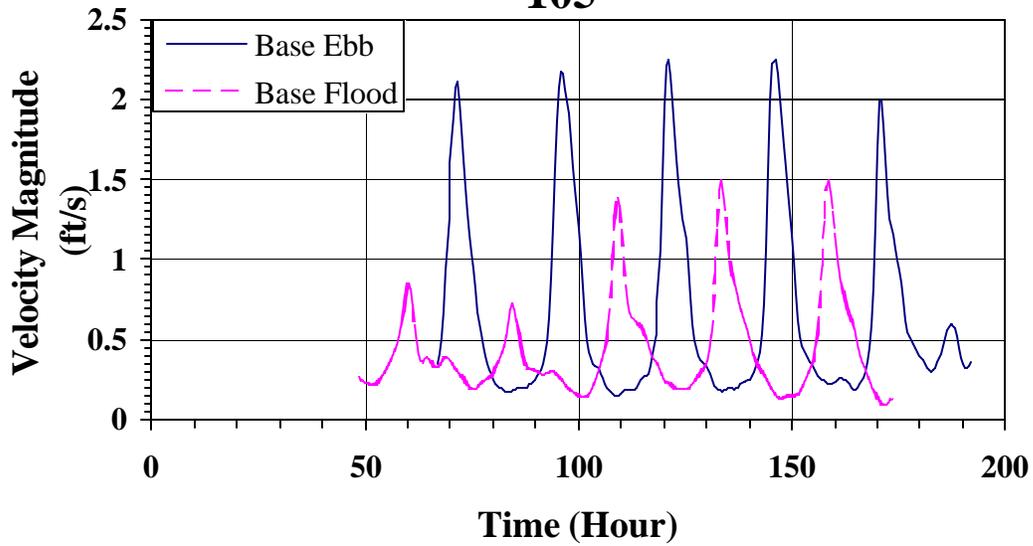
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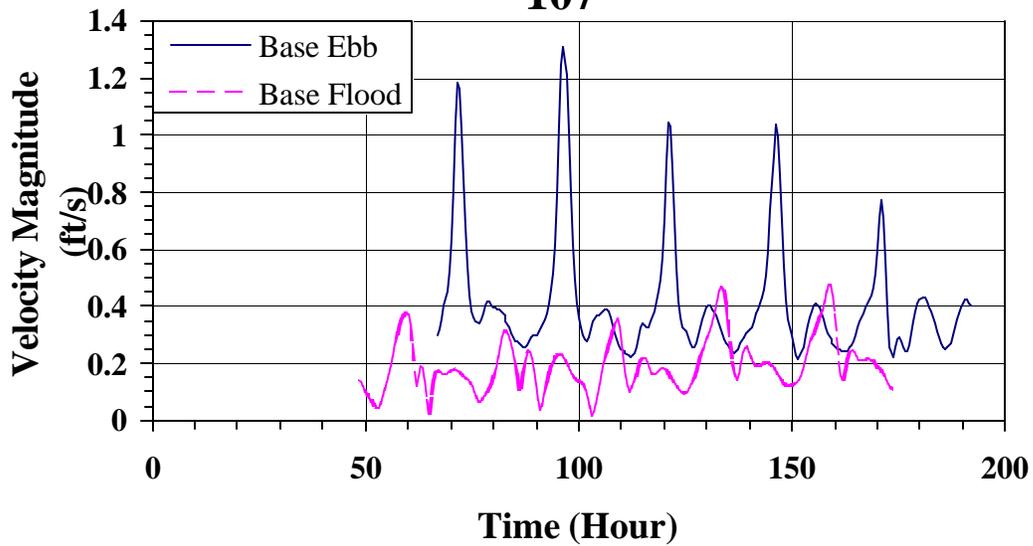
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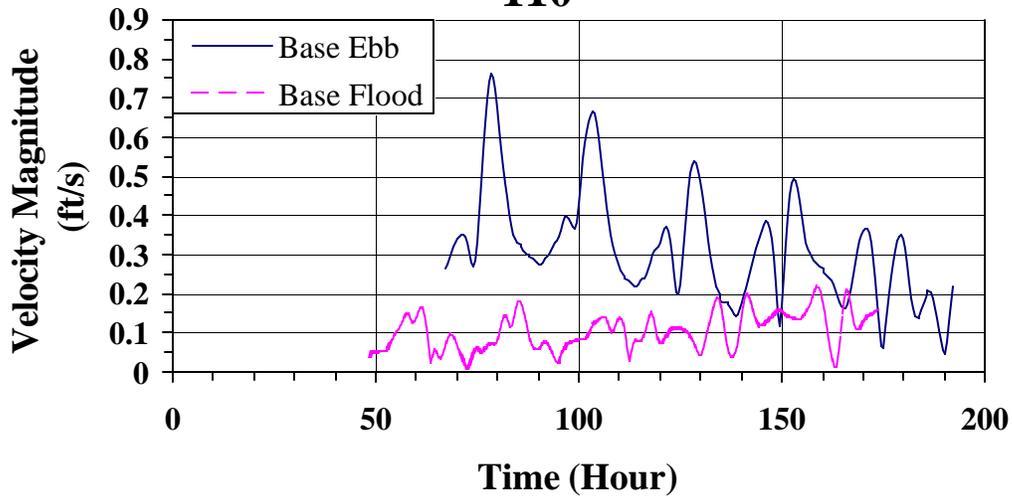
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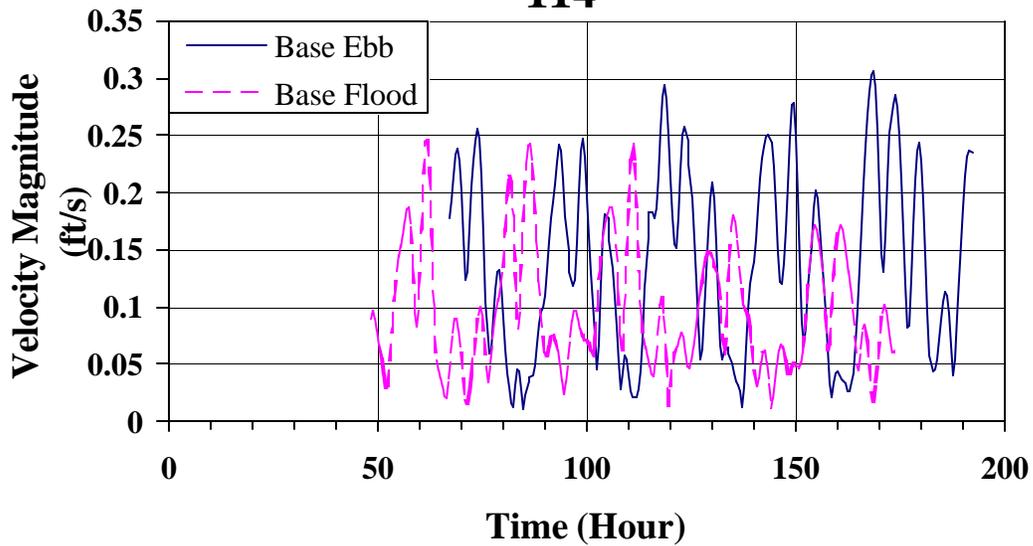
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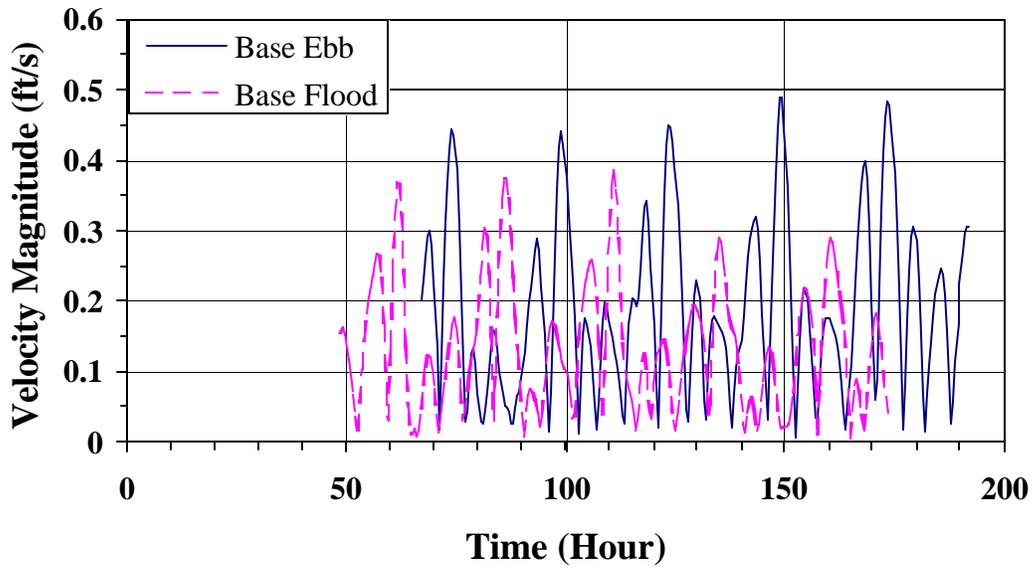
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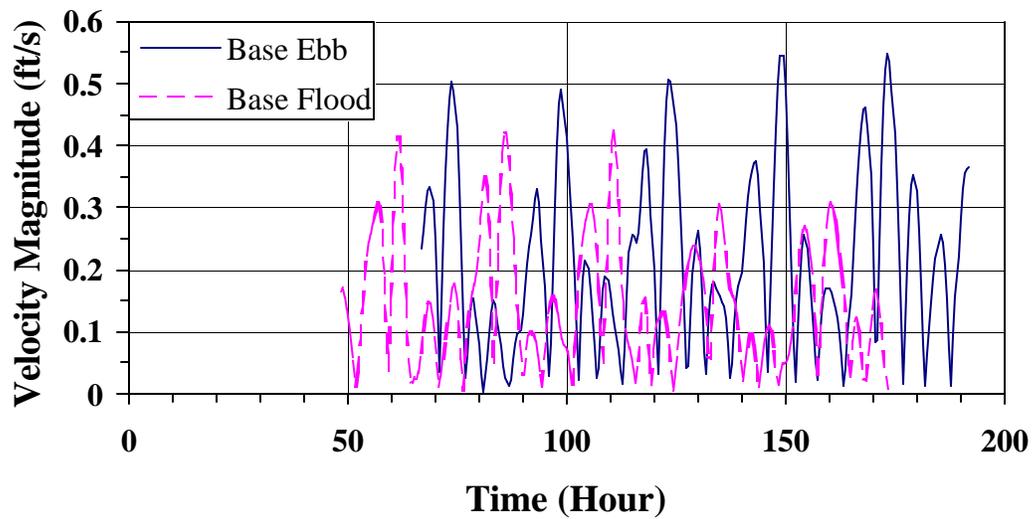
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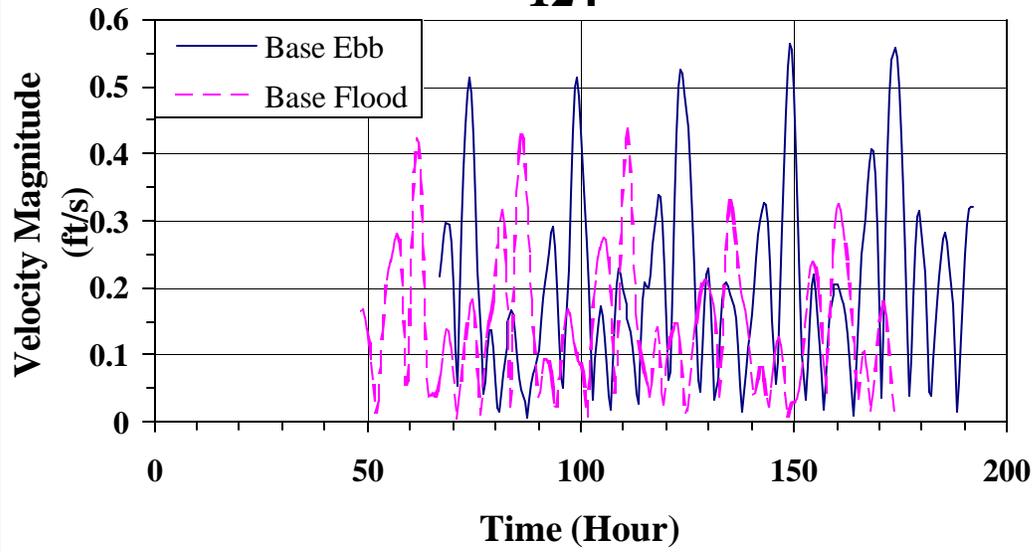
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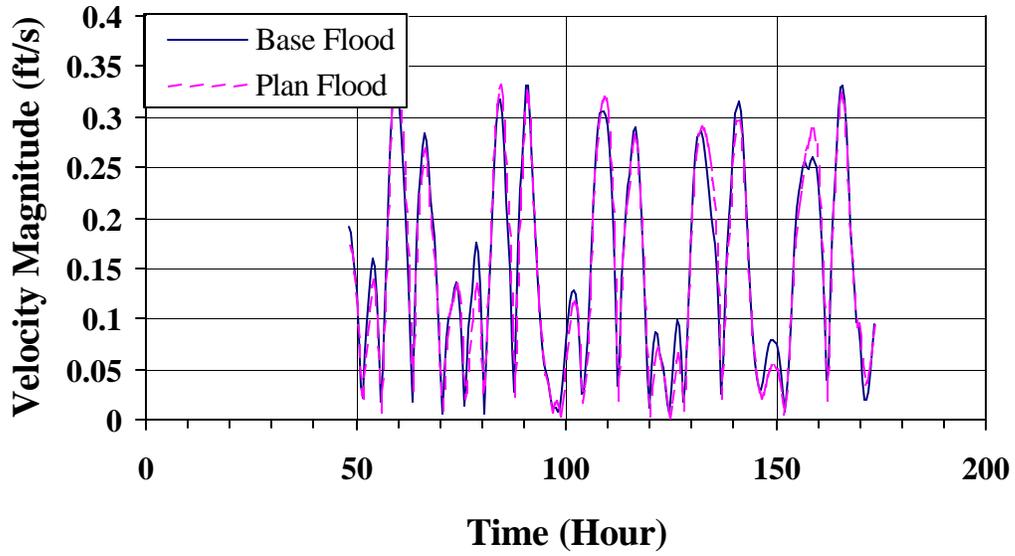
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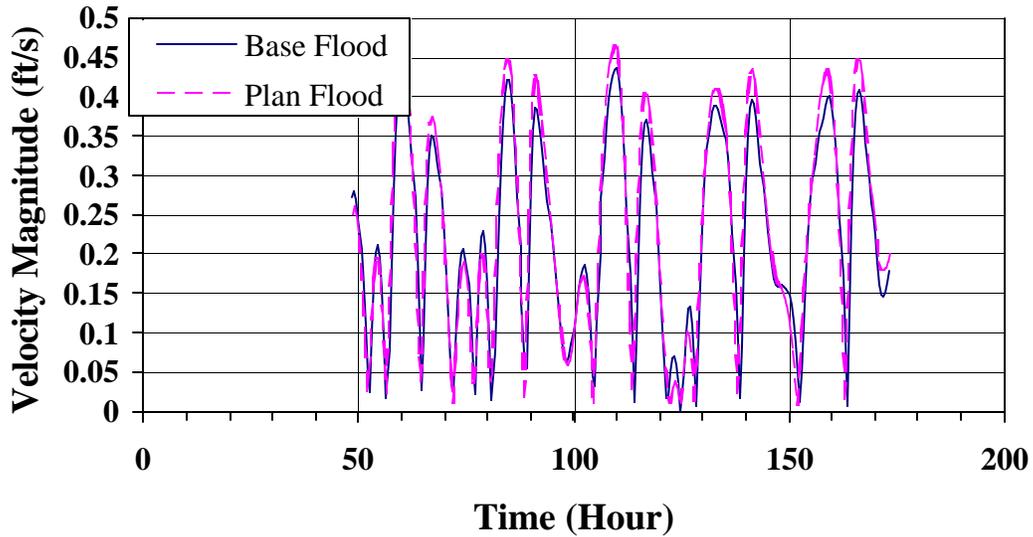
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Superposed Velocity Plots for Base and Plan for Flood at Locations Along SNWW Navigation Channel

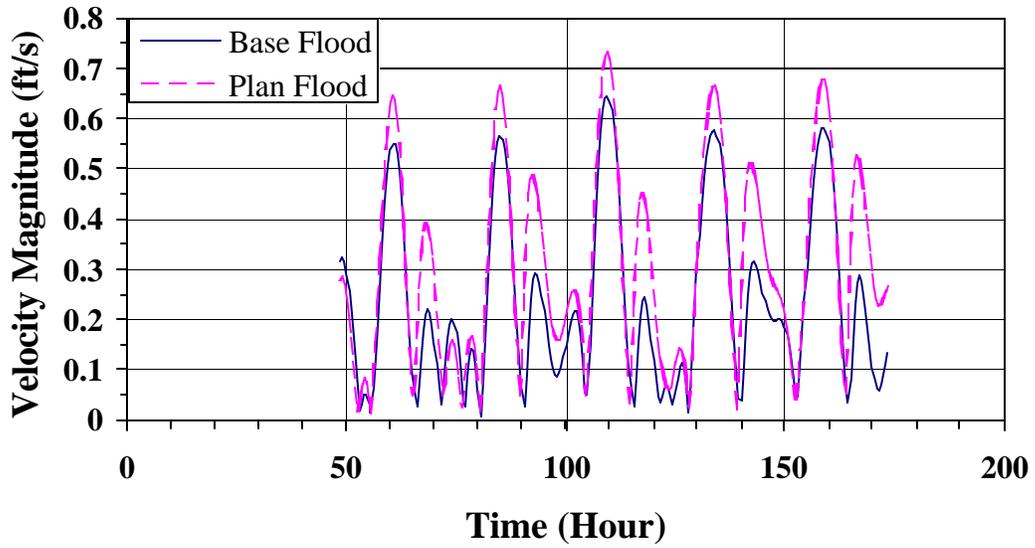
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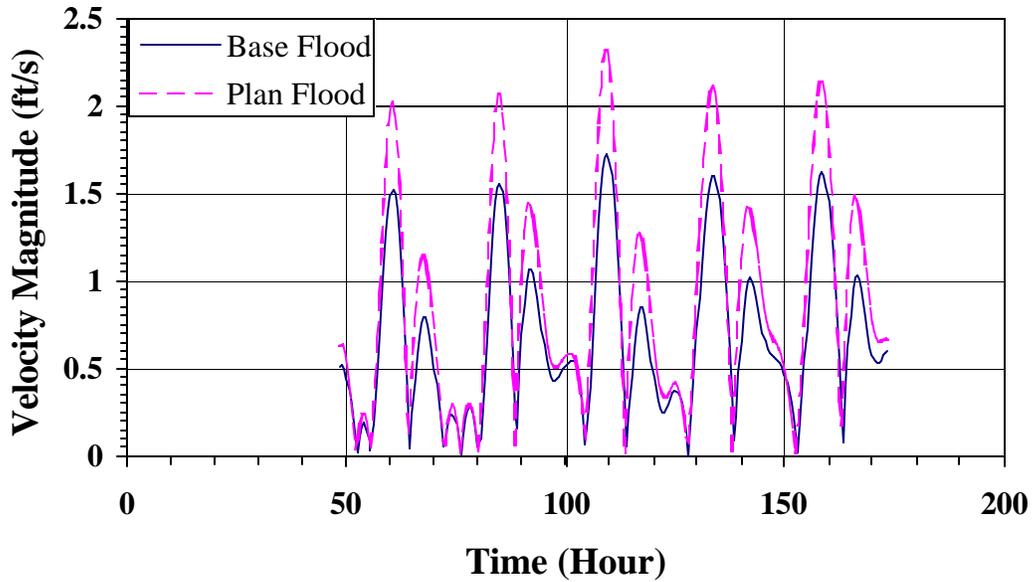
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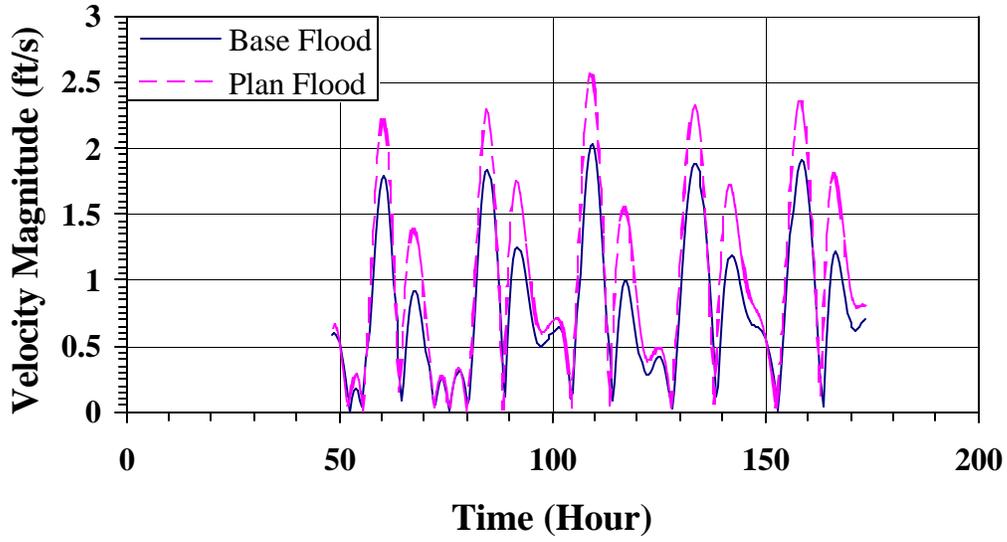
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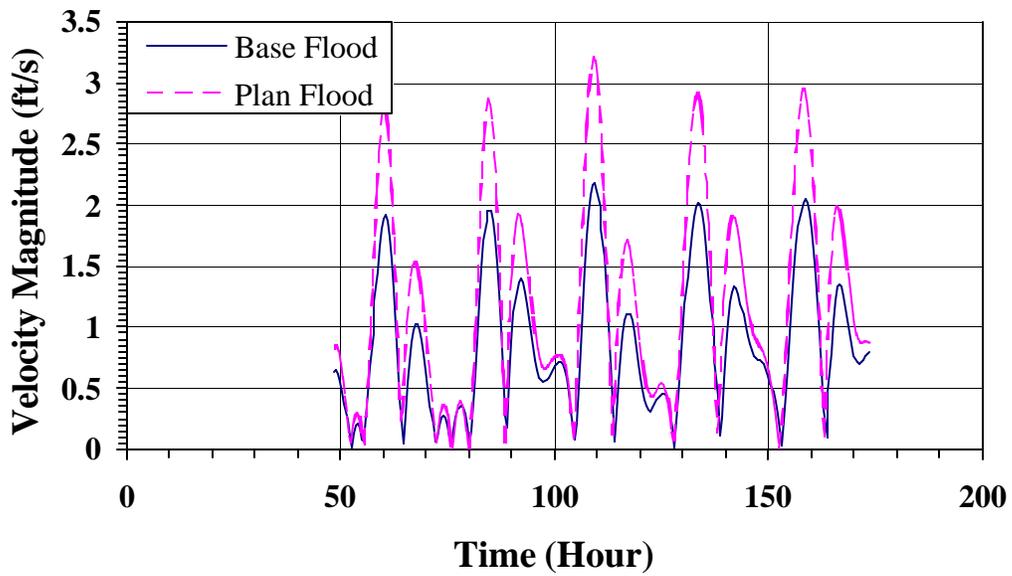
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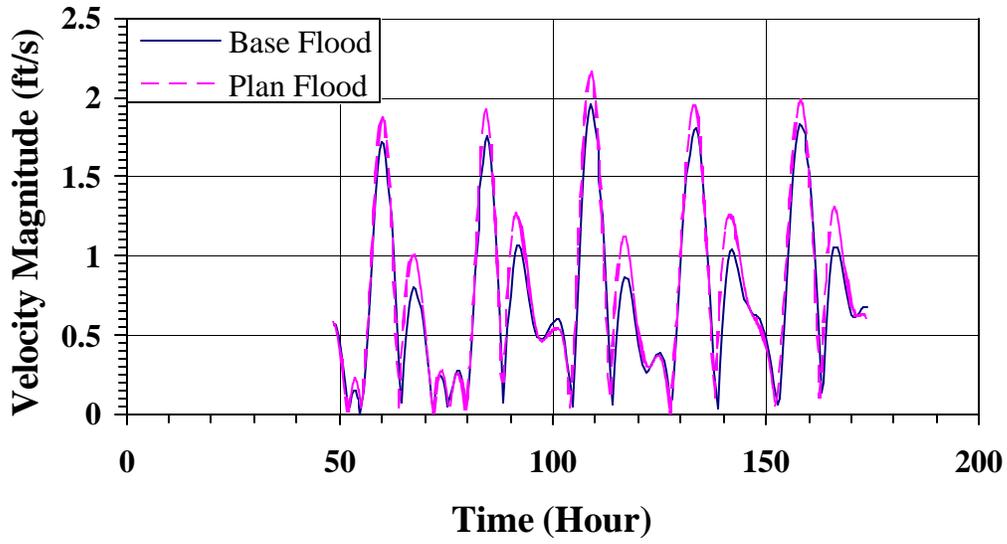
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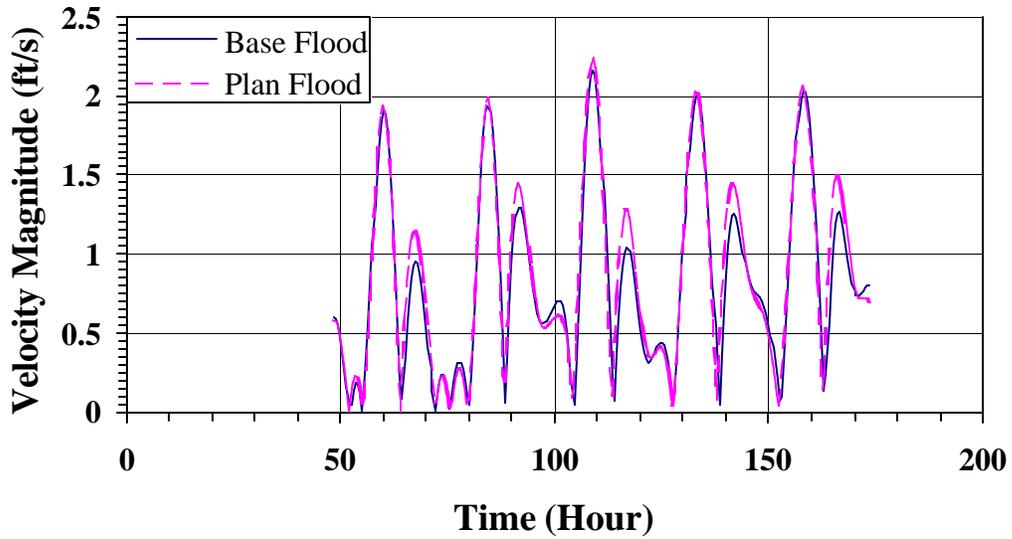
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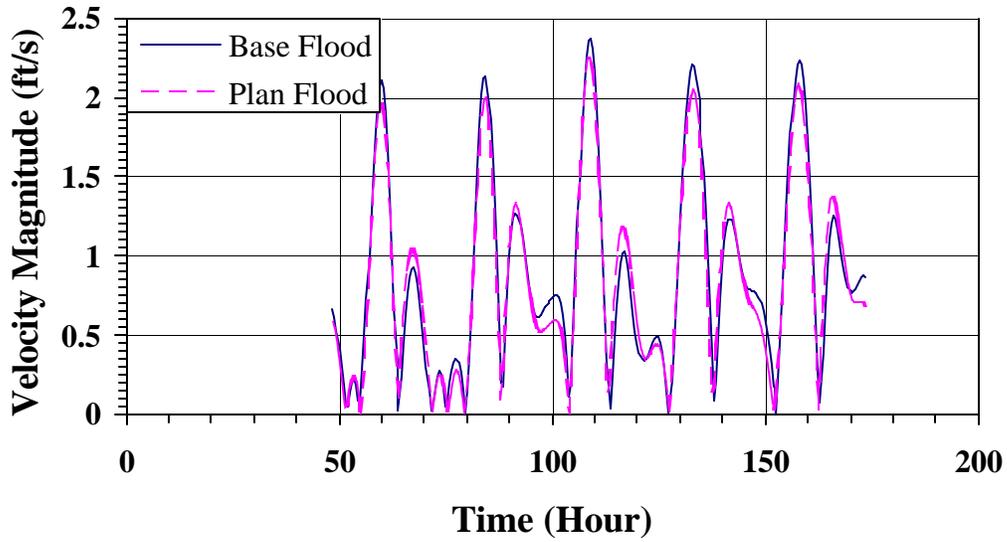
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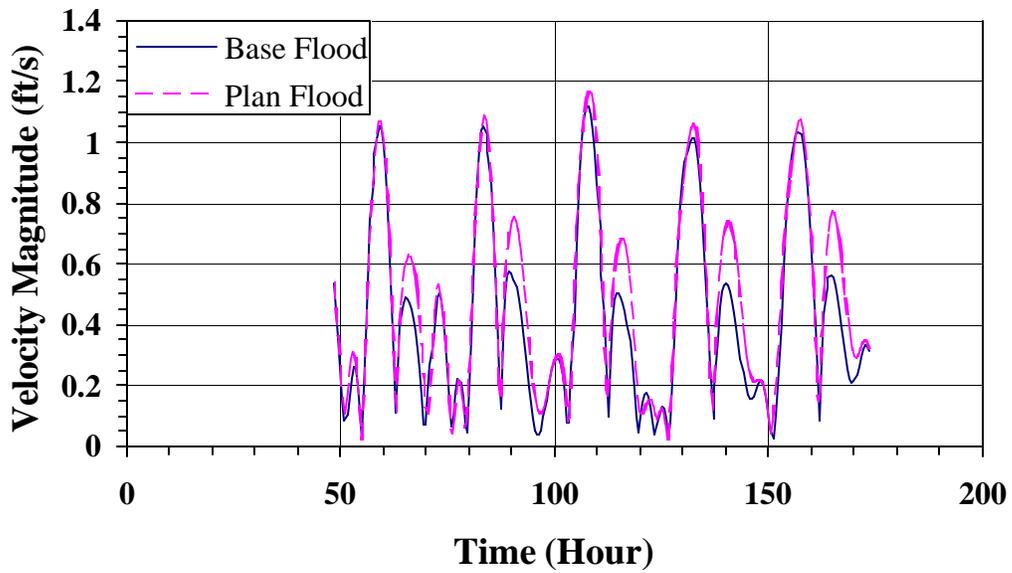
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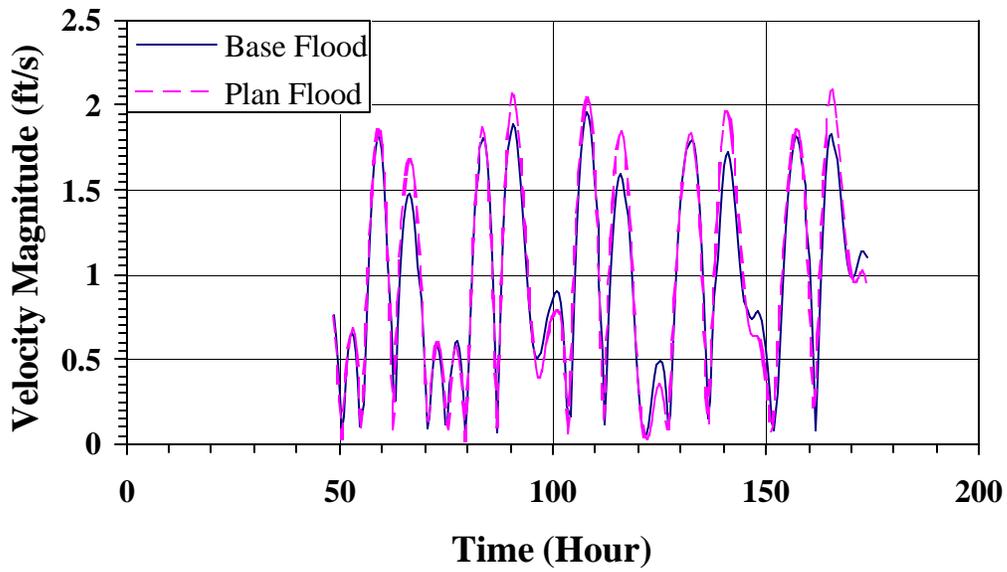
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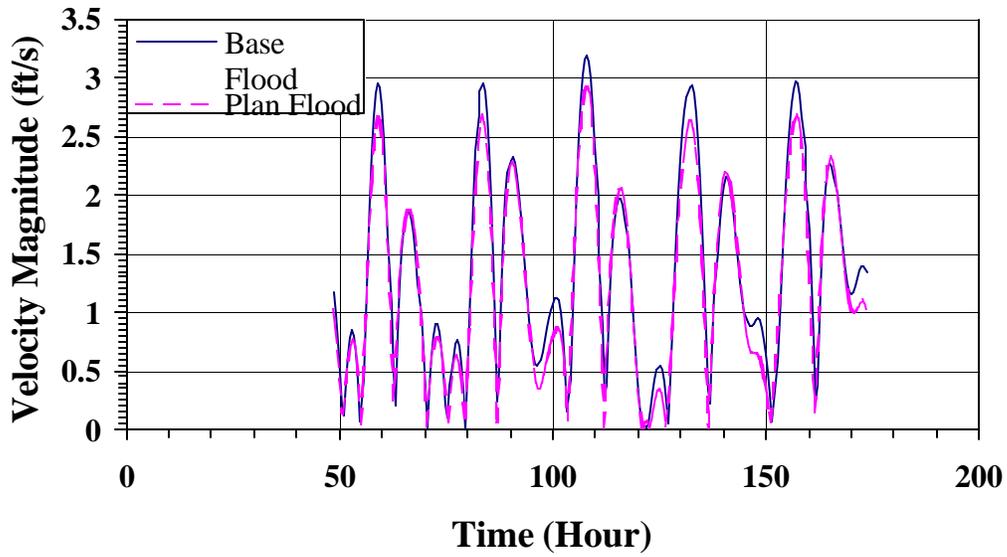
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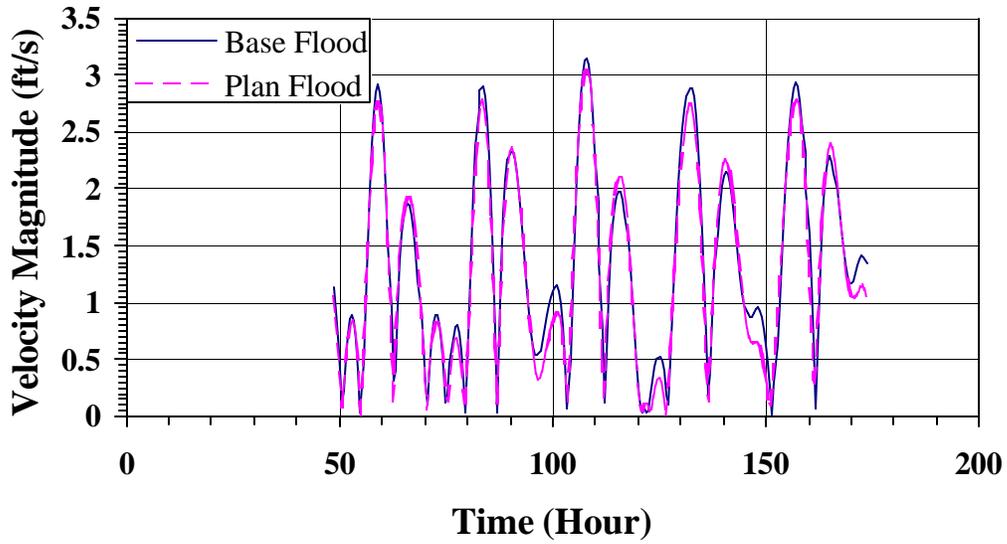
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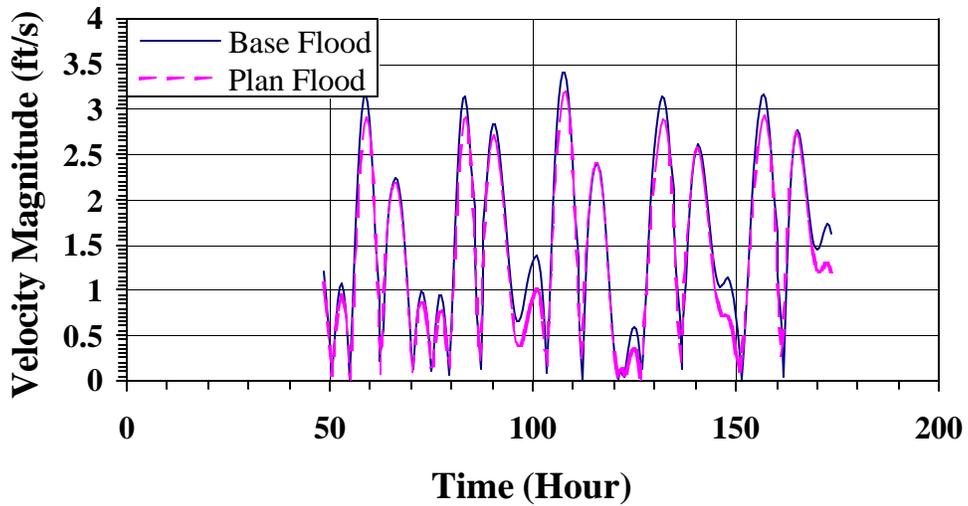
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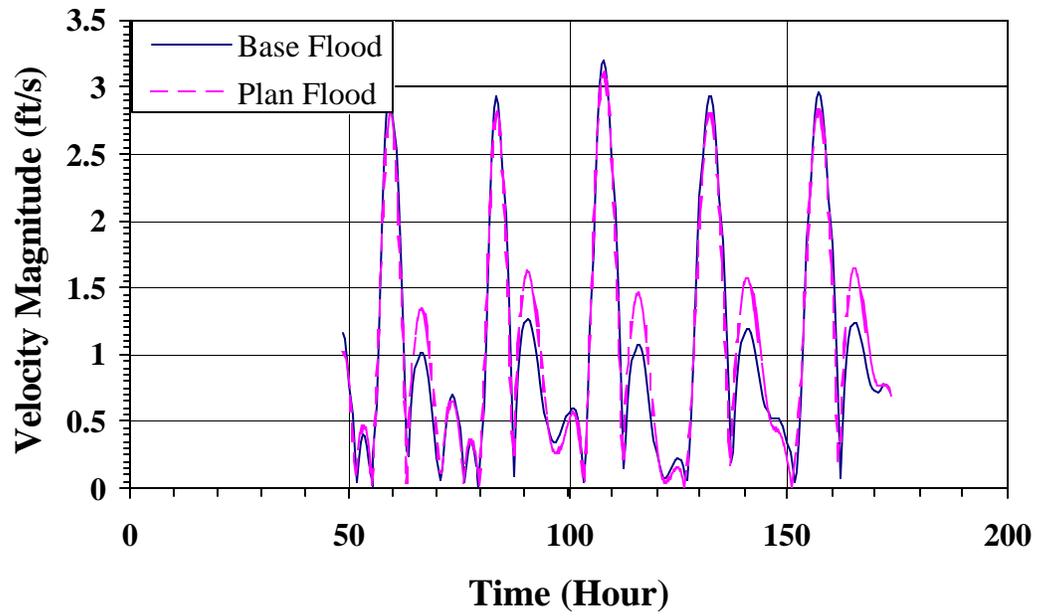
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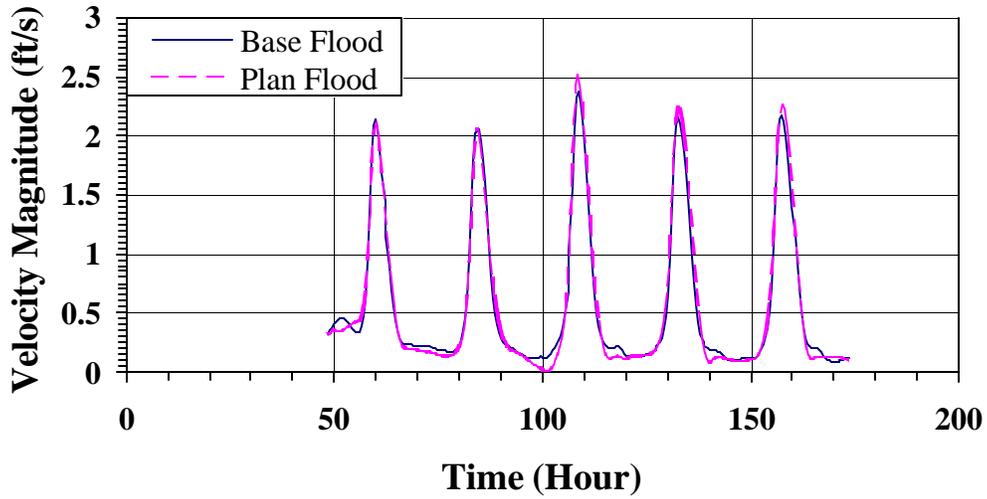
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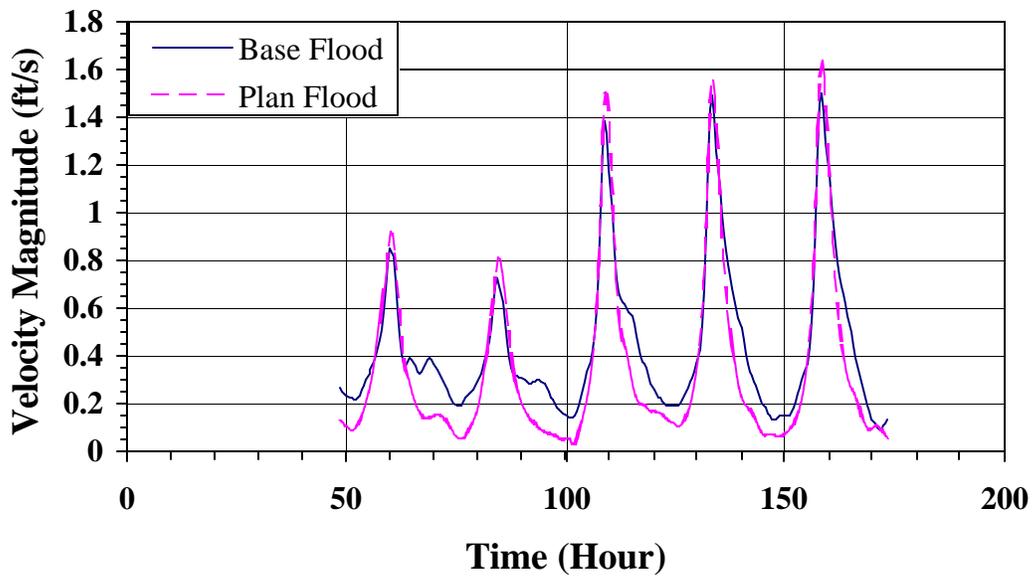
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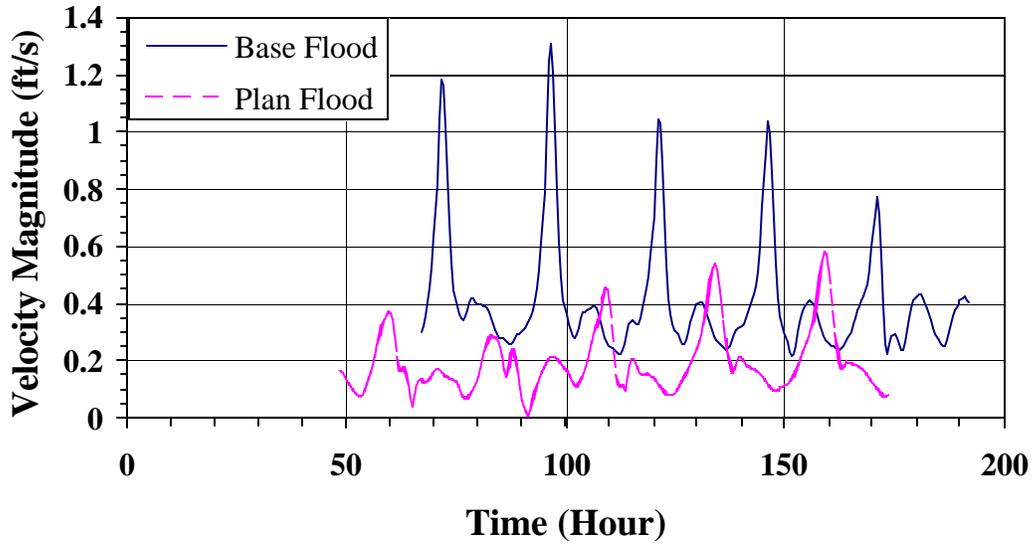
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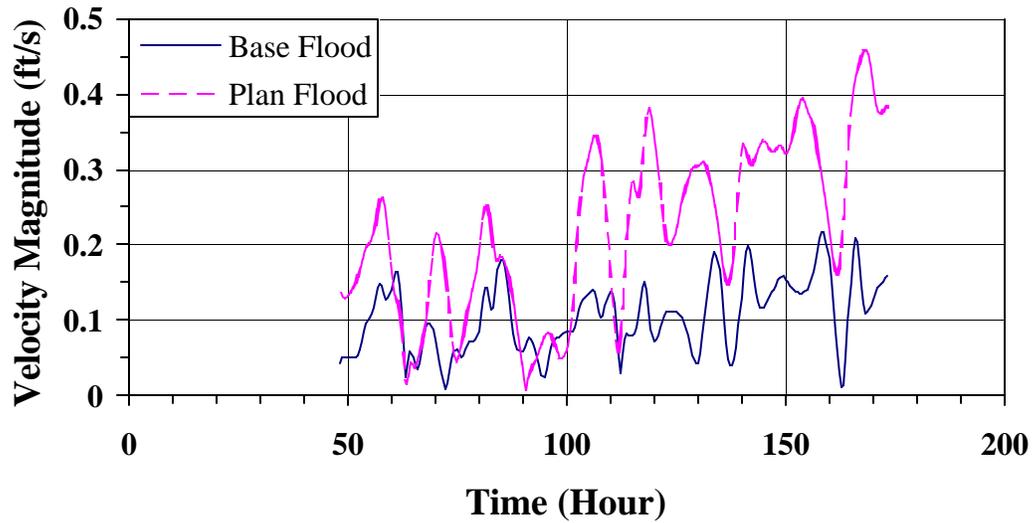
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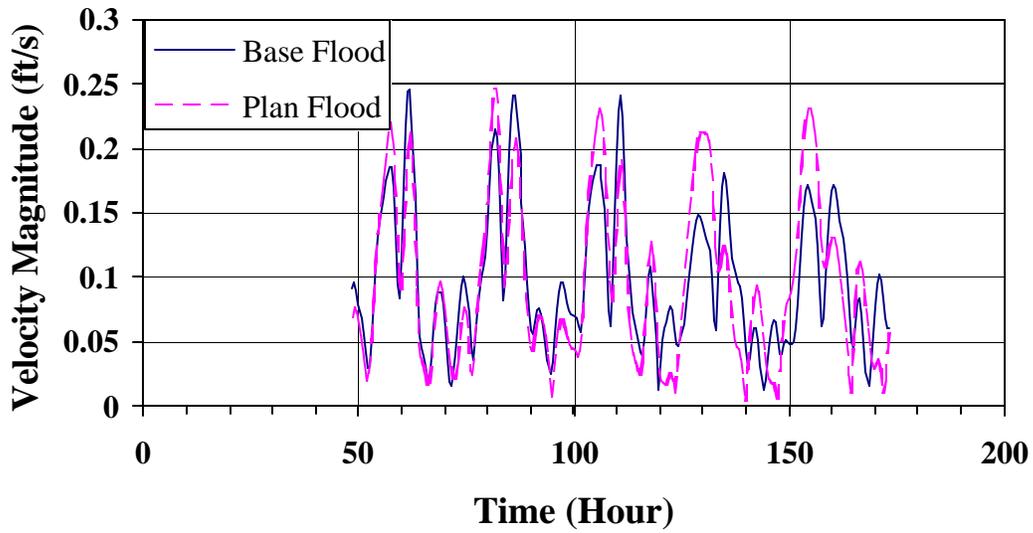
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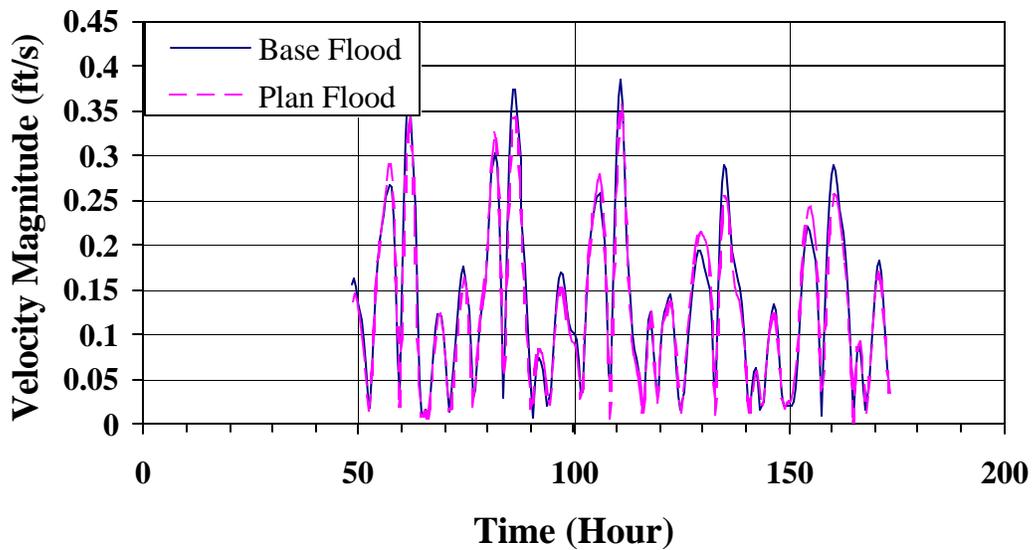
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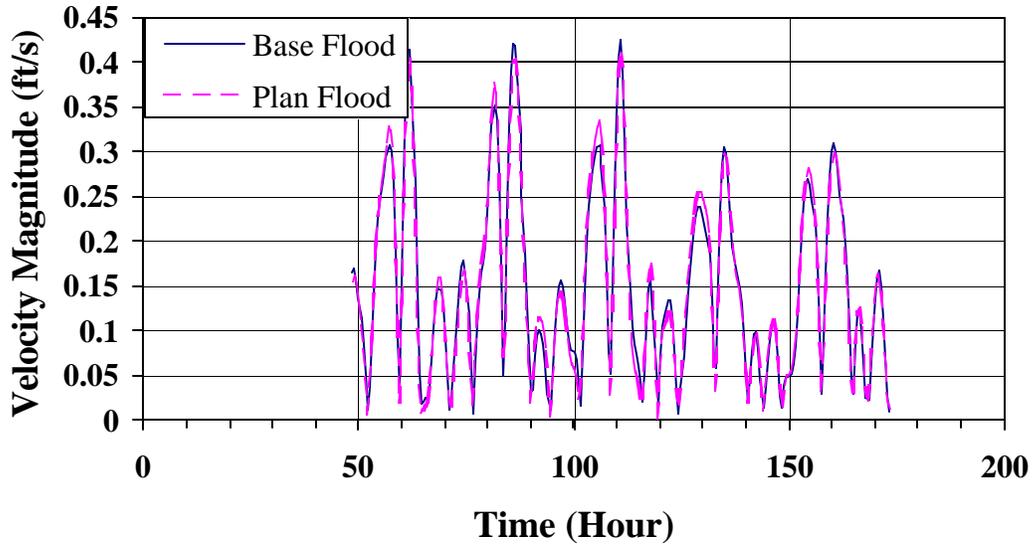
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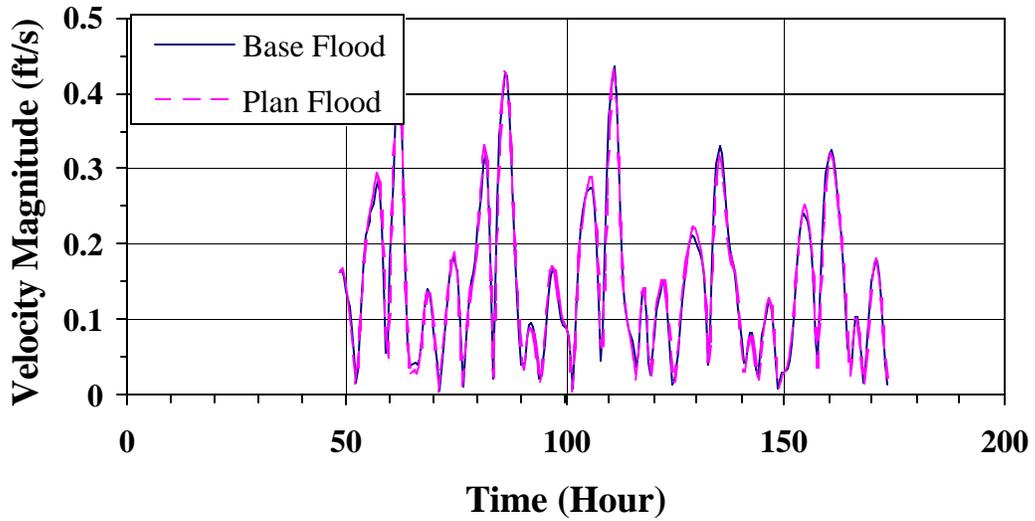
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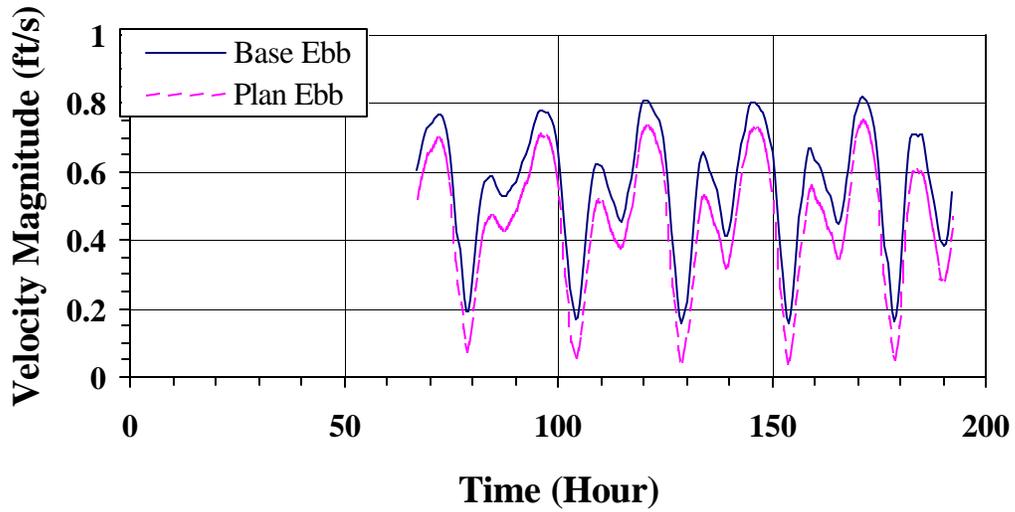
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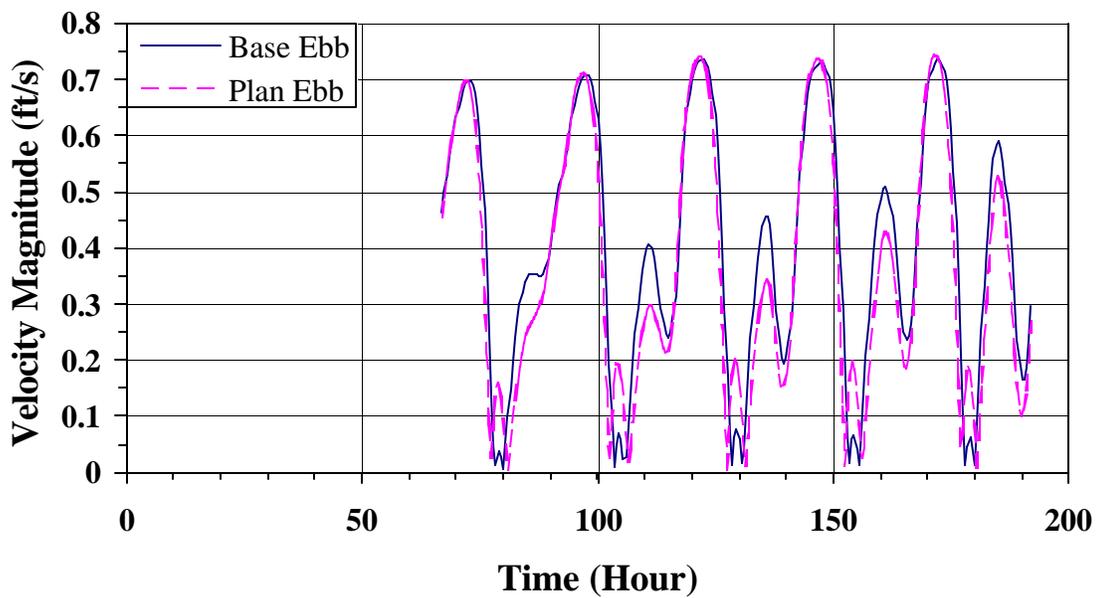
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Superposed Velocity Plots for Base and Plan for Ebb at Locations Along SNWW Navigation Channel

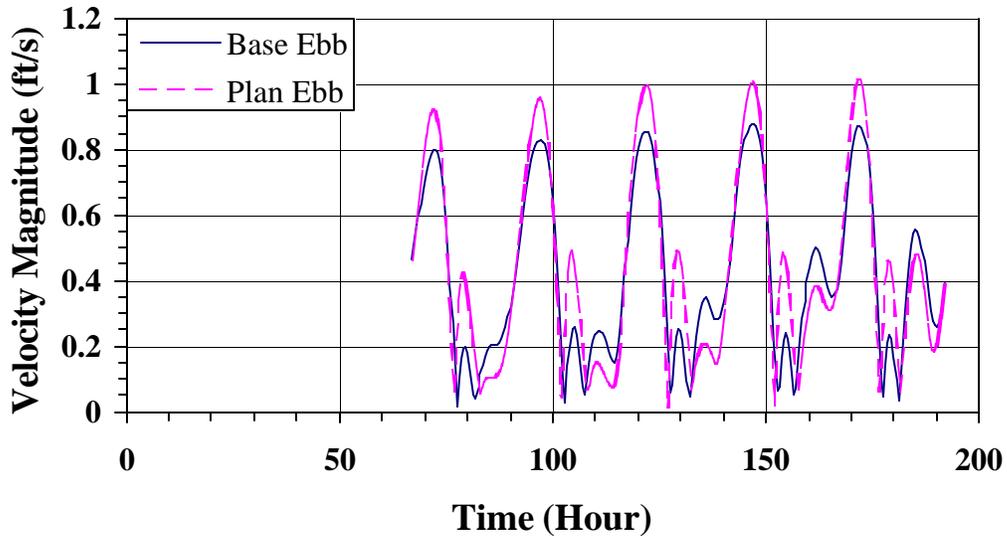
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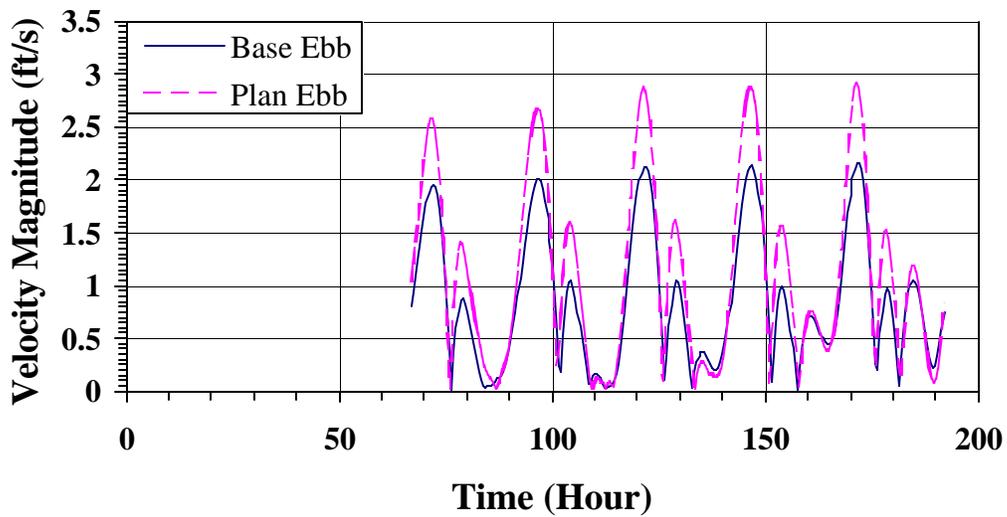
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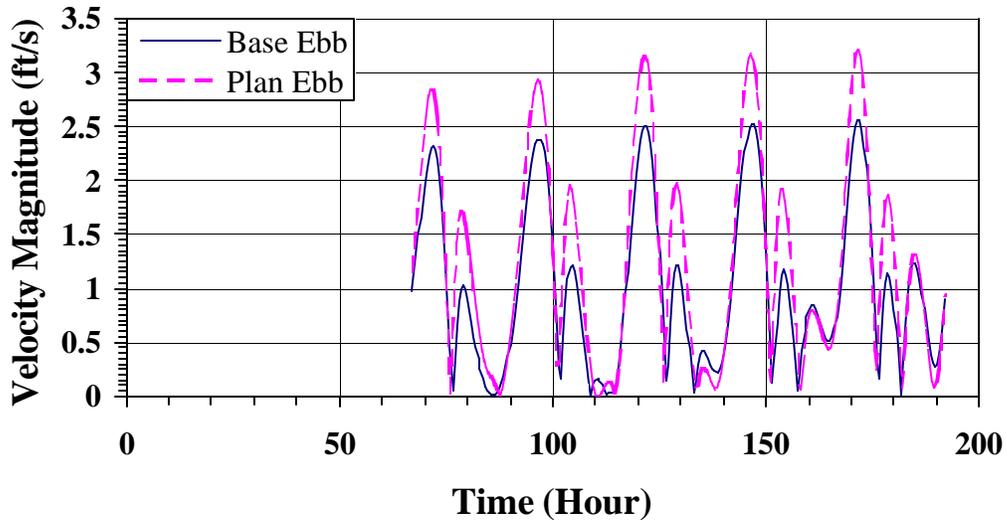
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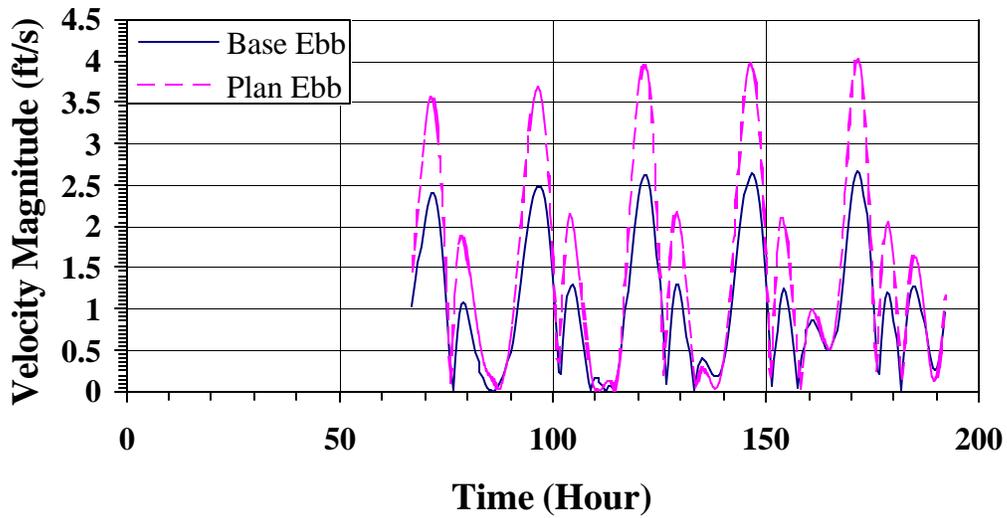
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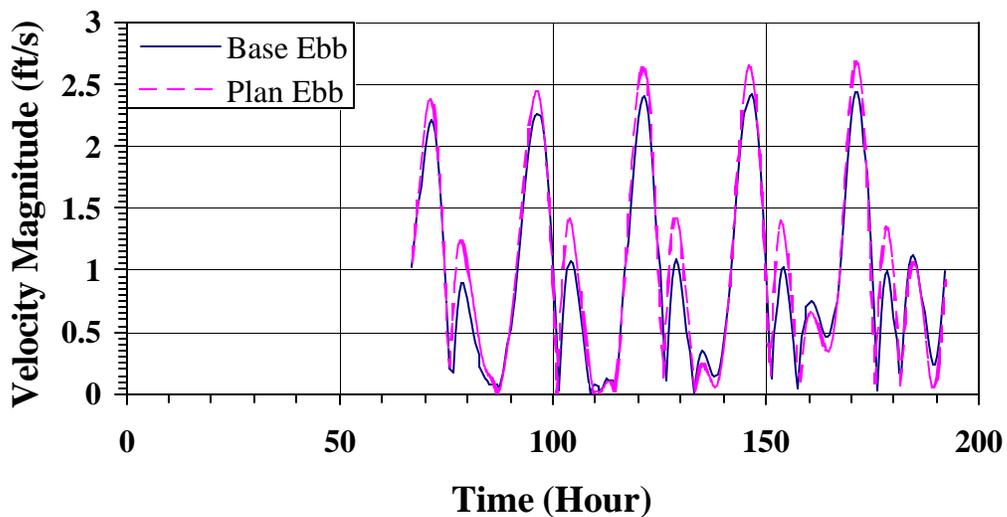
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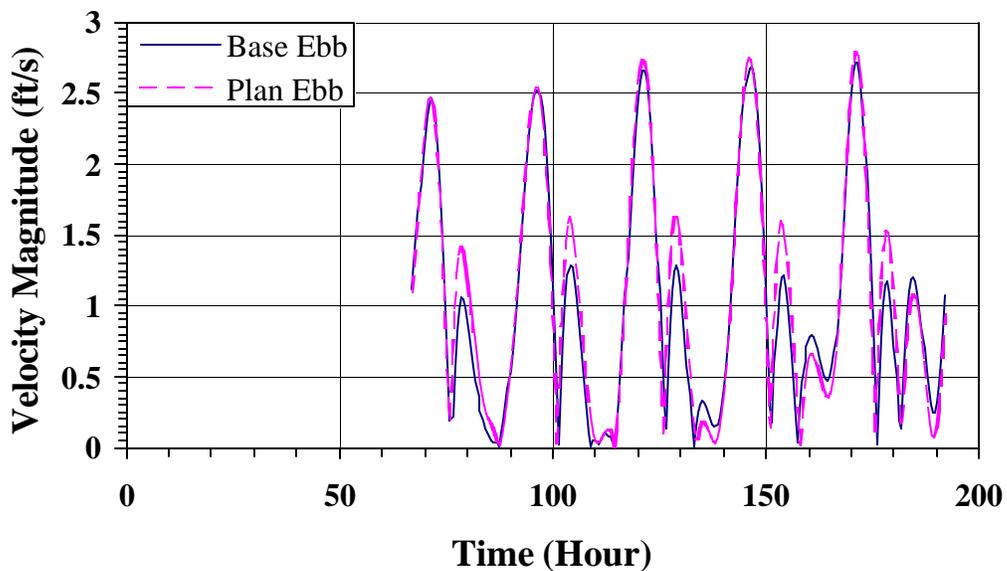
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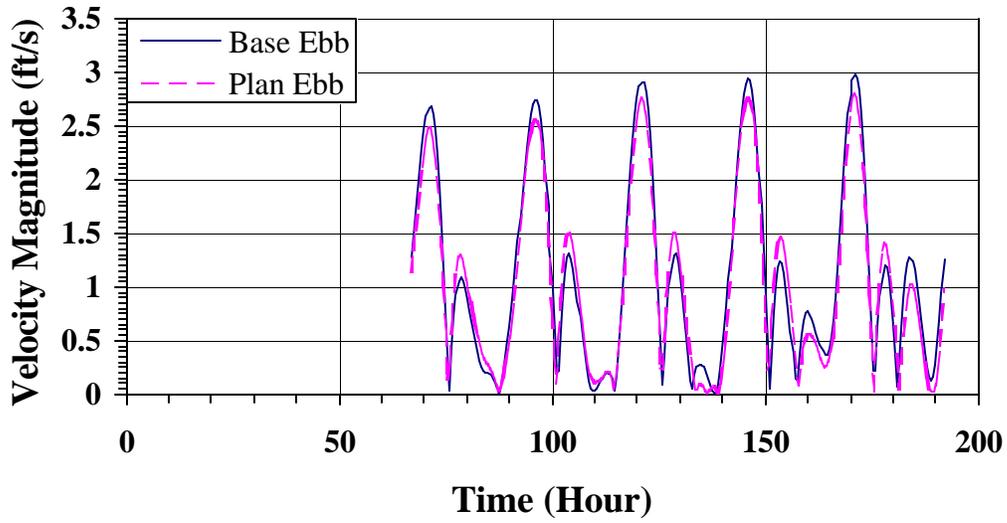
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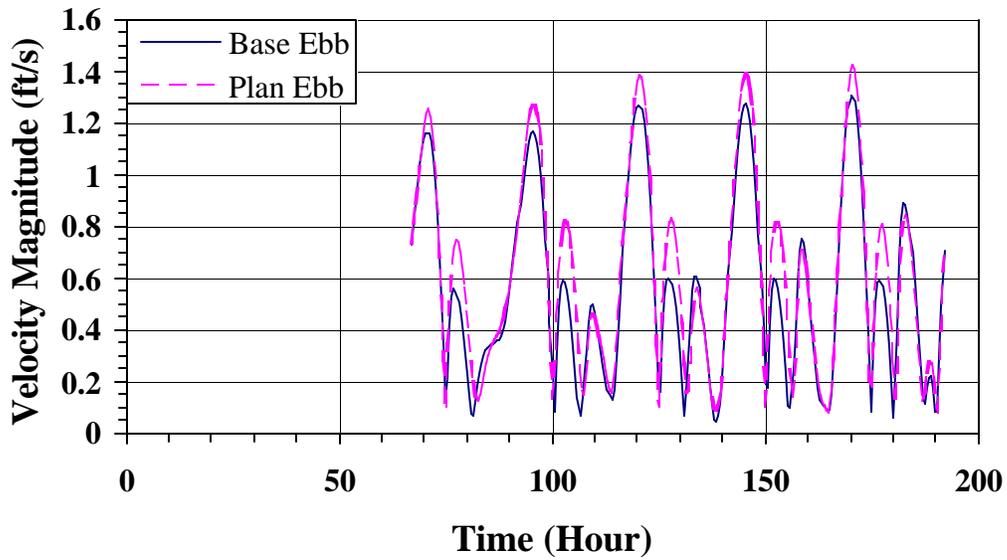
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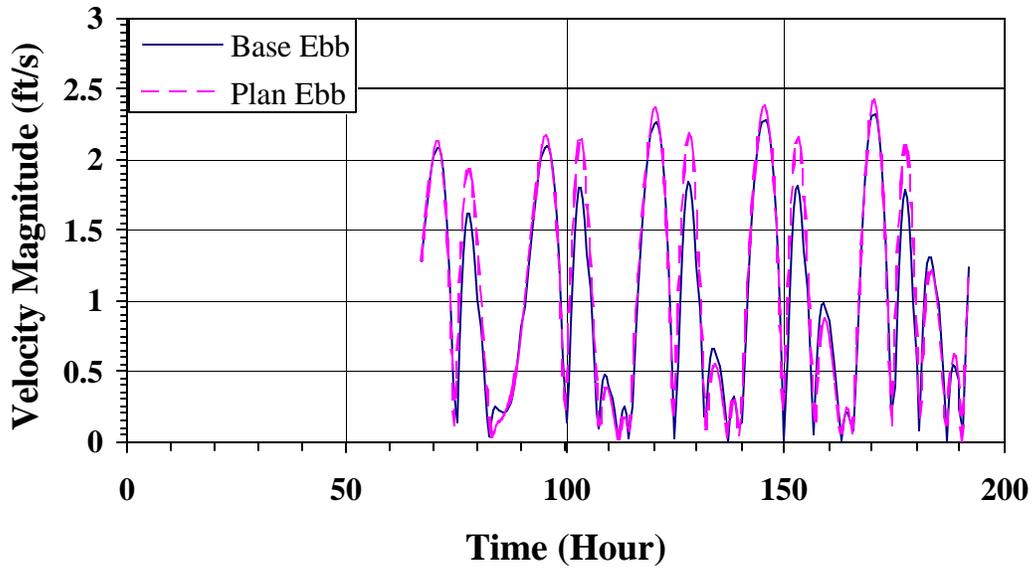
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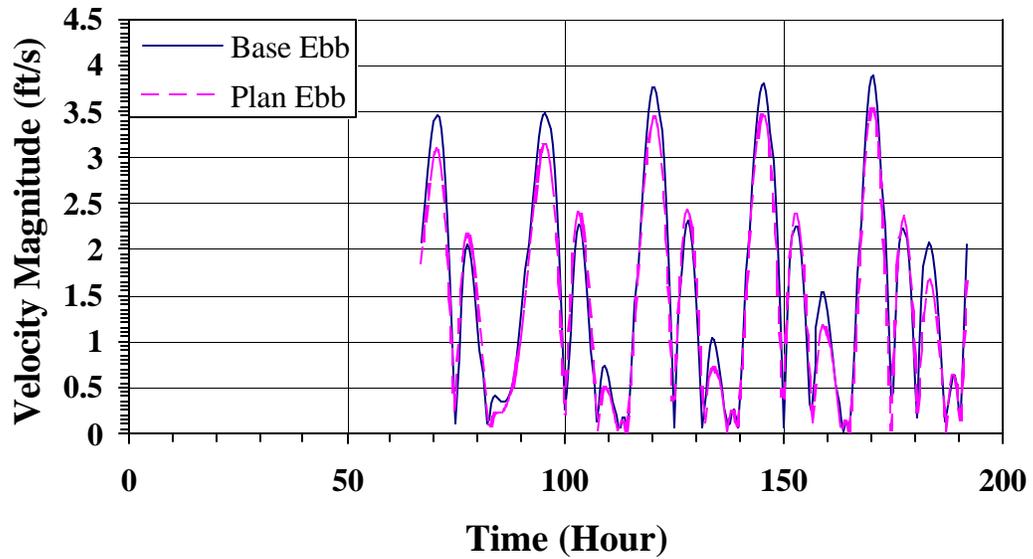
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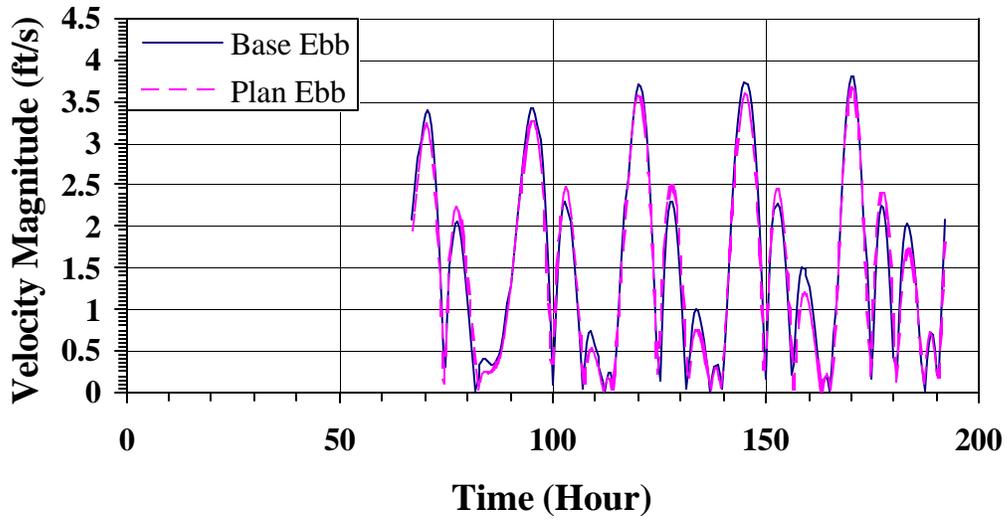
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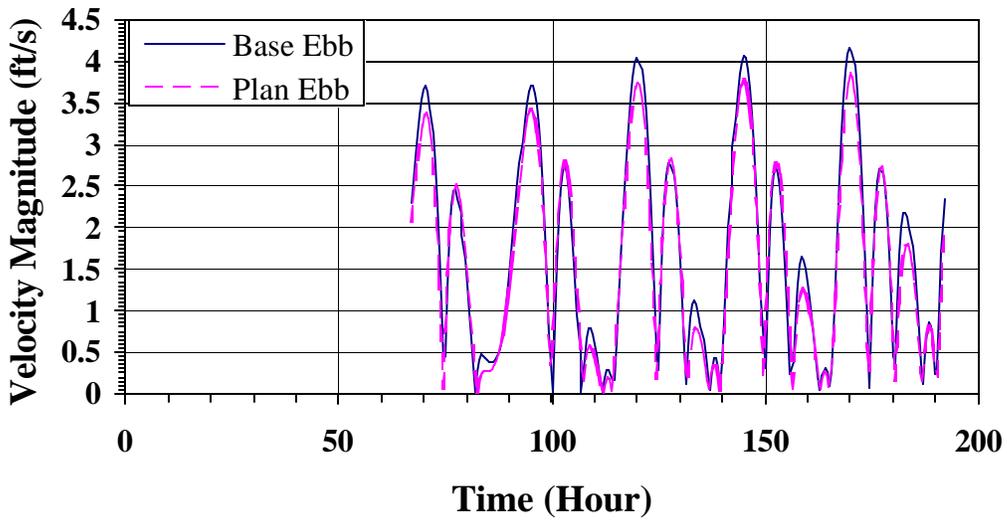
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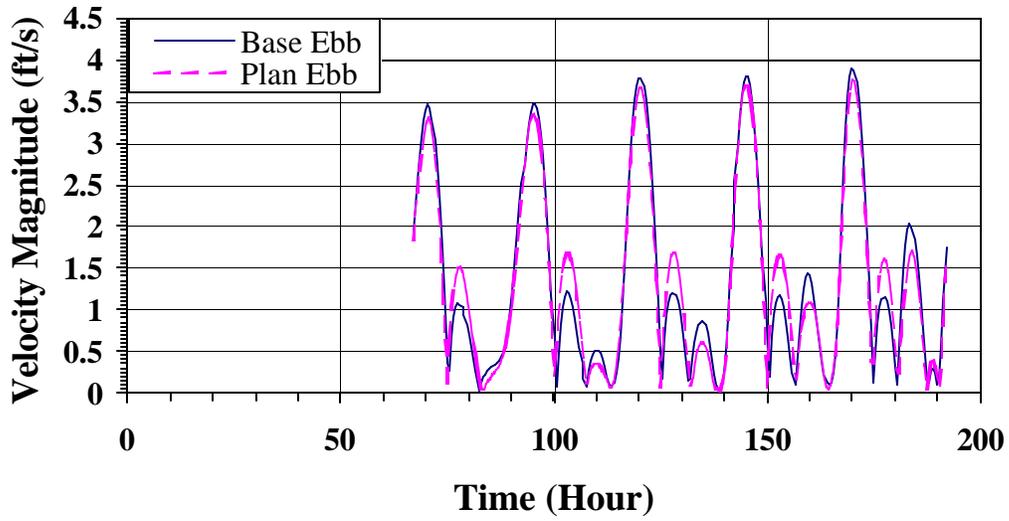
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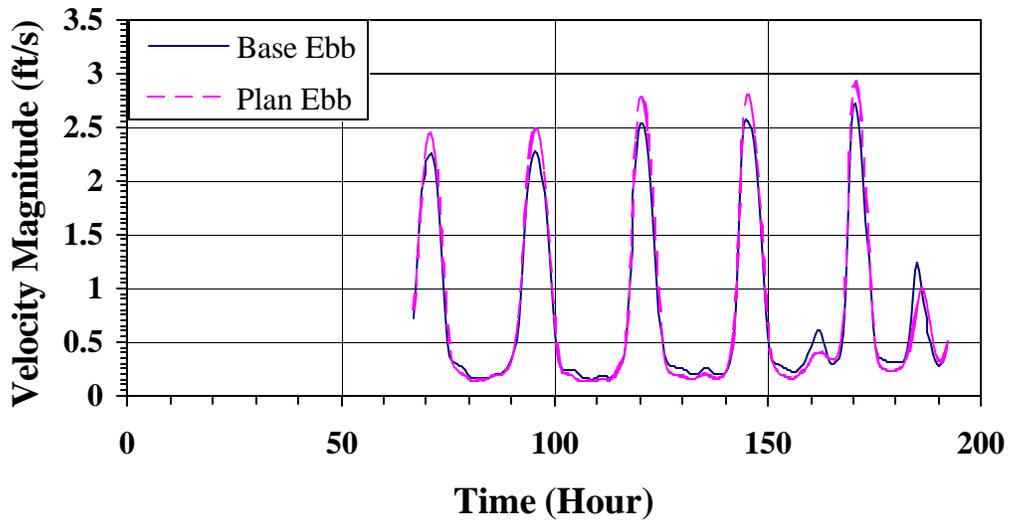
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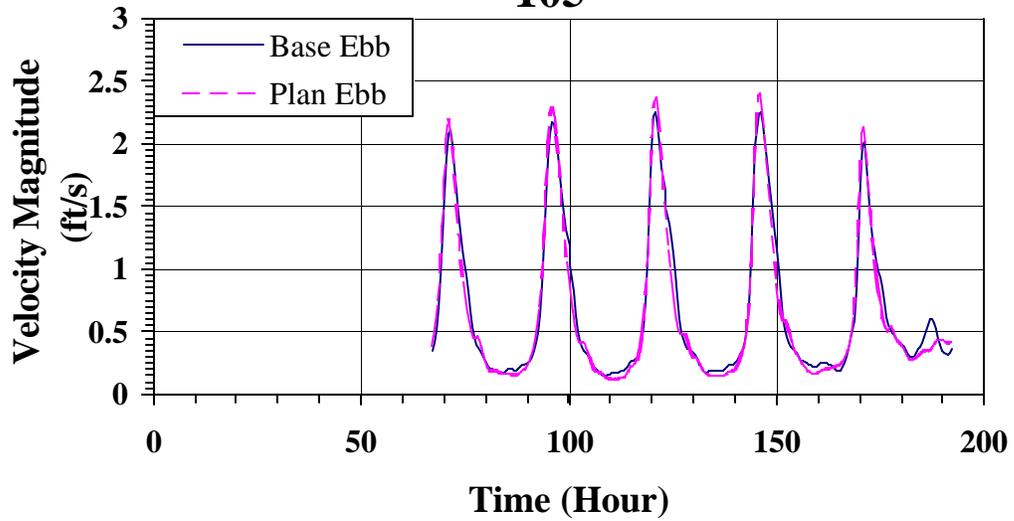
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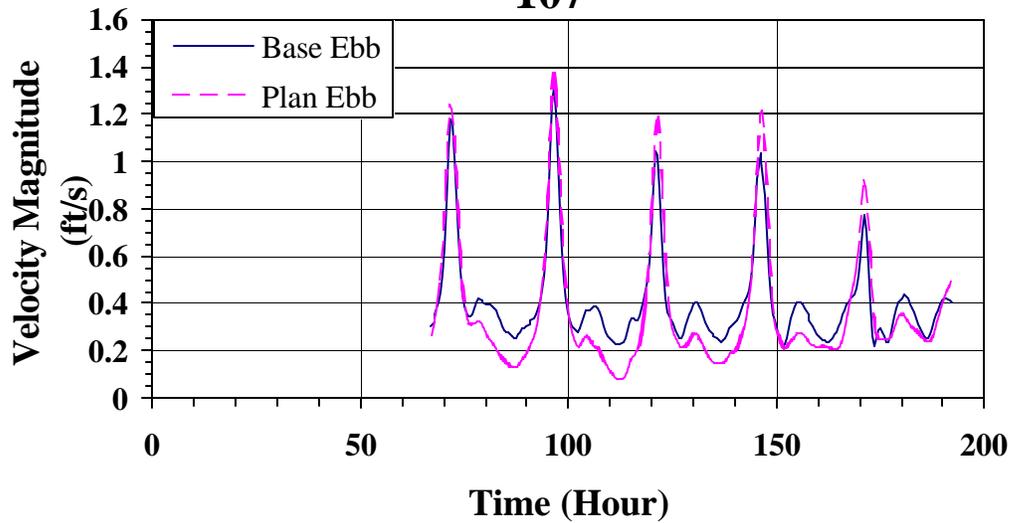
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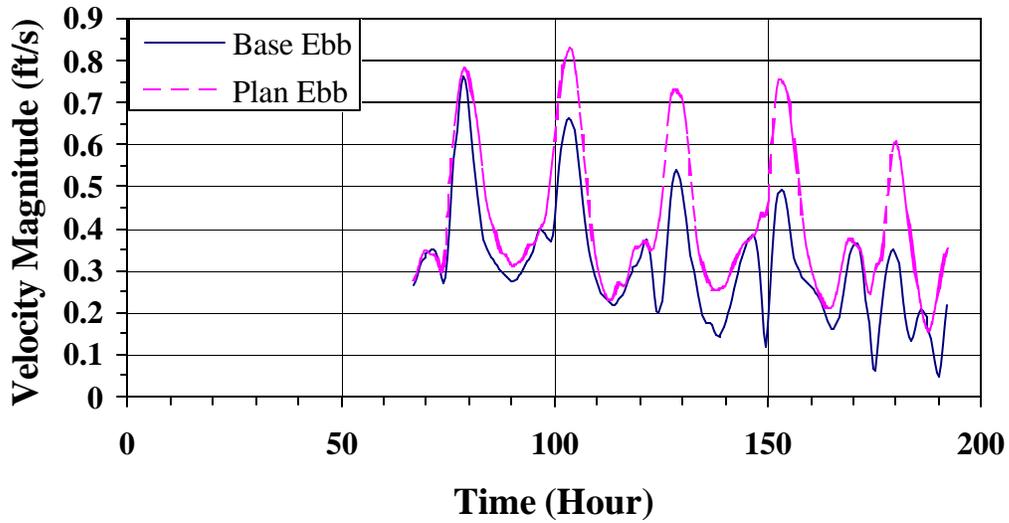
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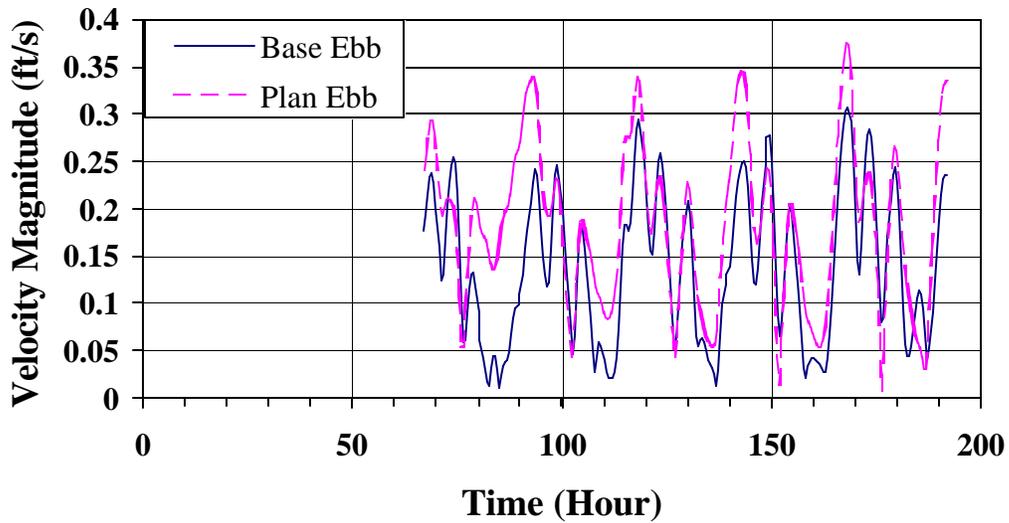
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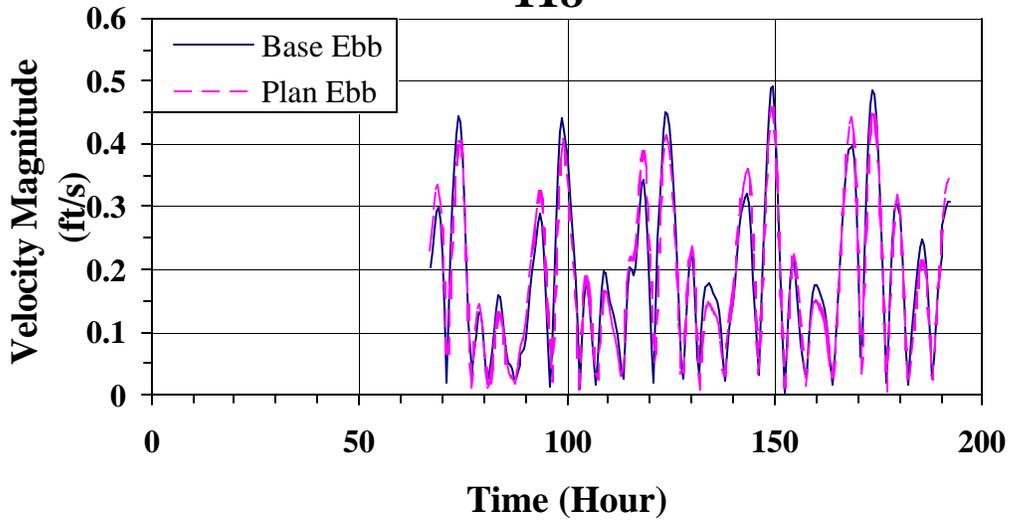
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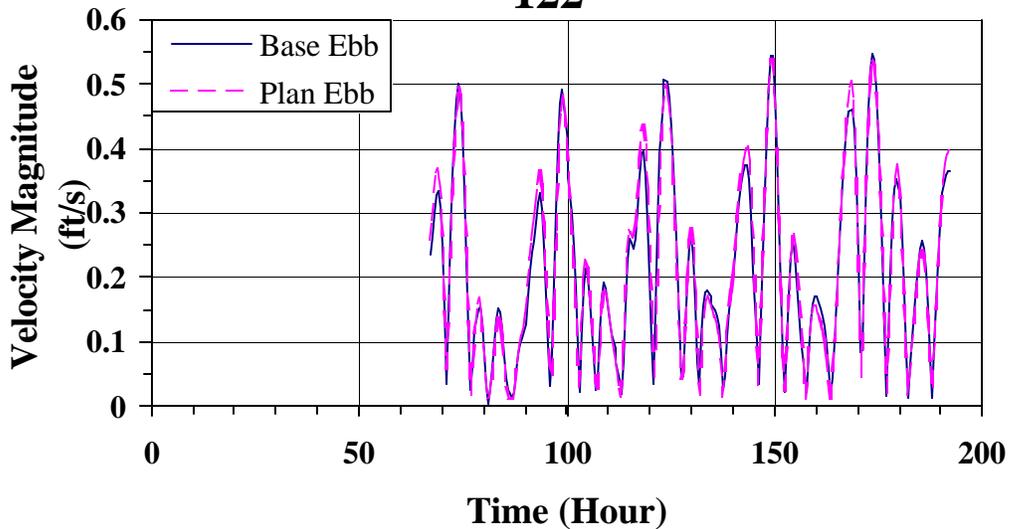
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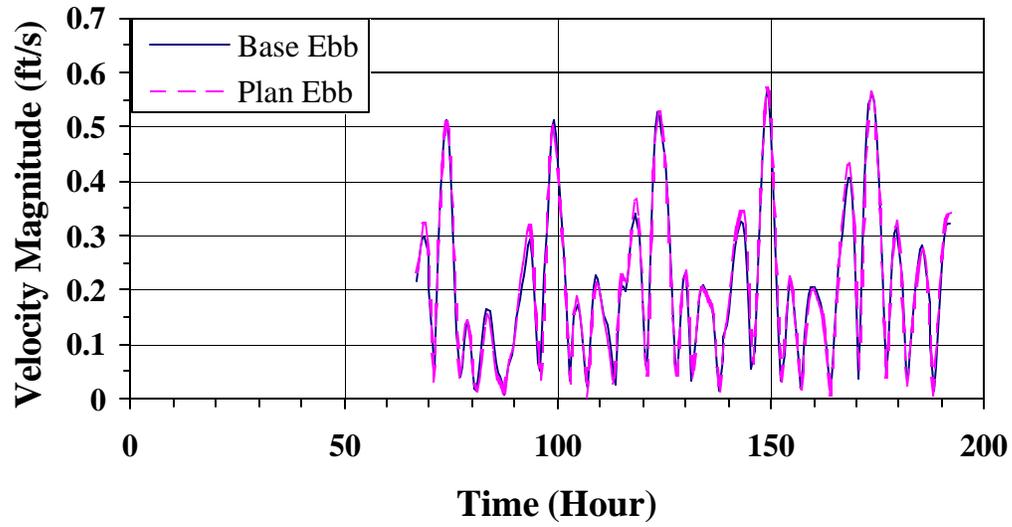
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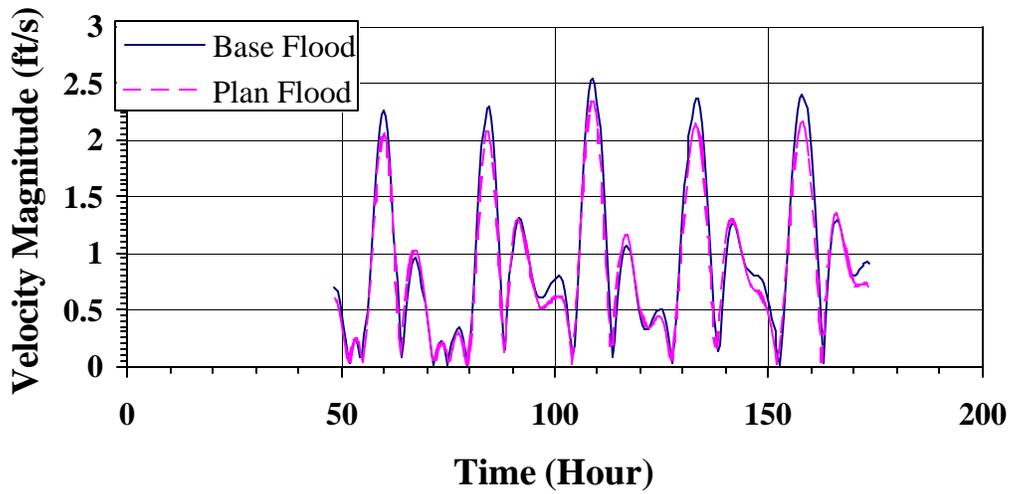
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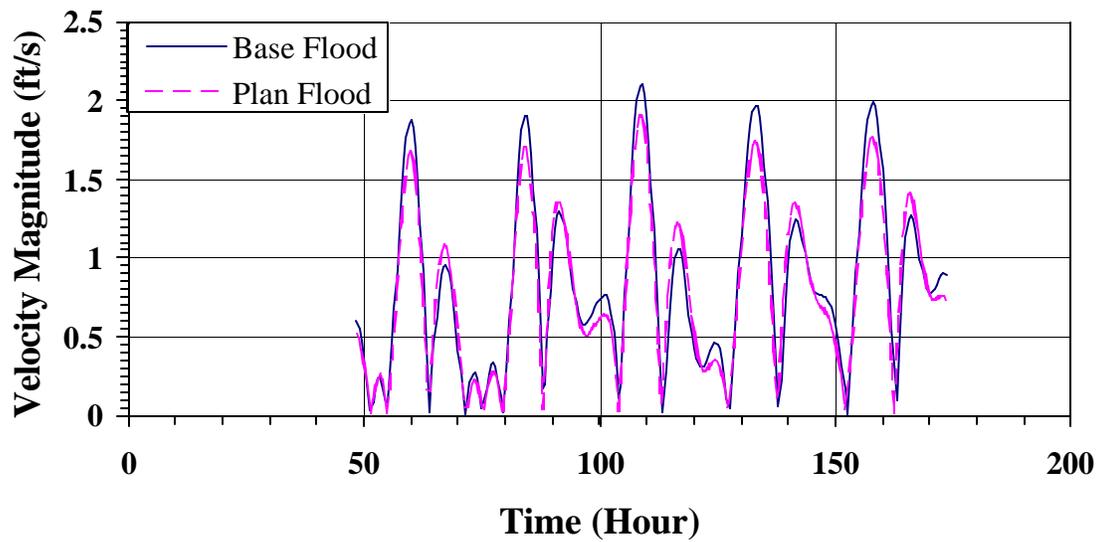
Appendix E

Superposed Velocity Plots for Base and Plan for Flood at Locations Along Pleasure Island West Shoreline

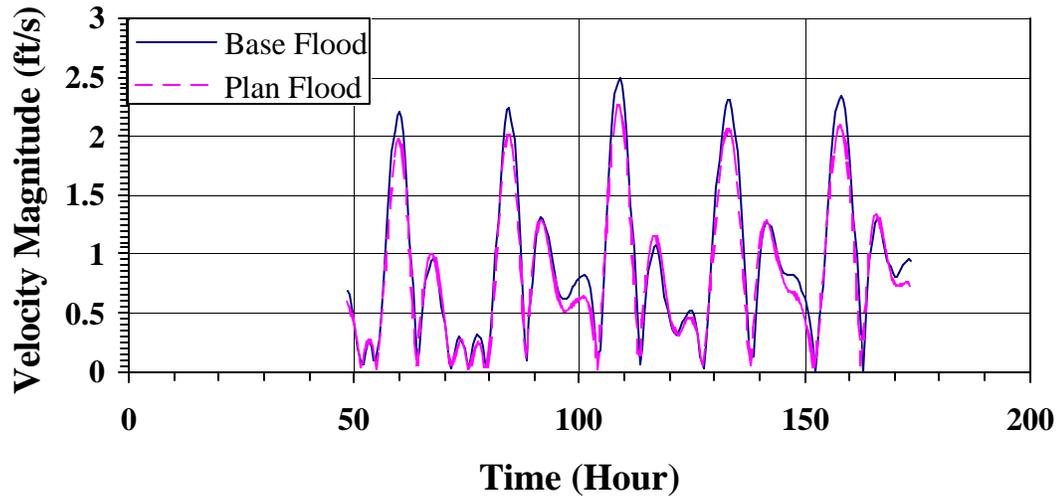
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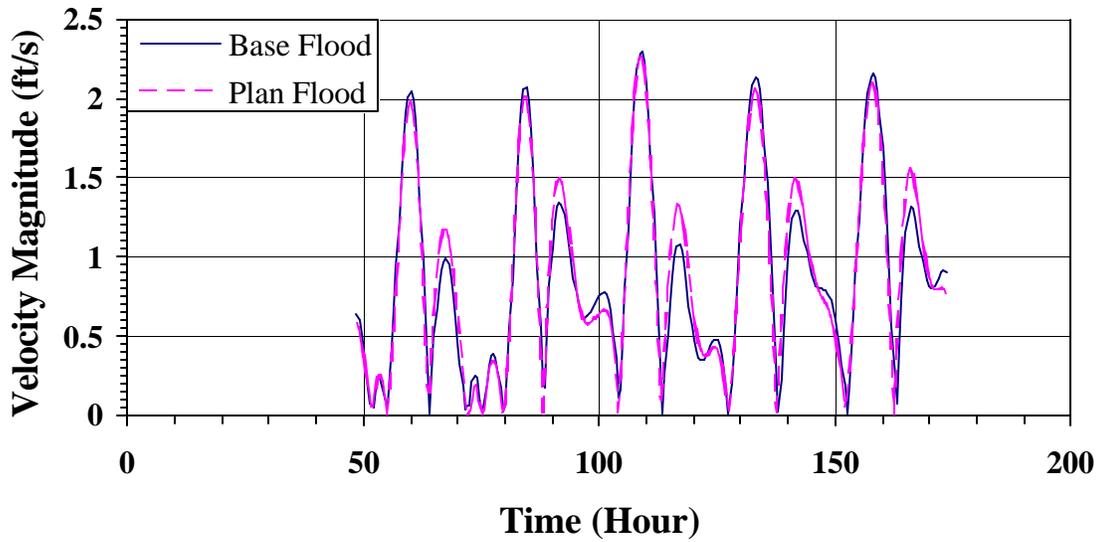
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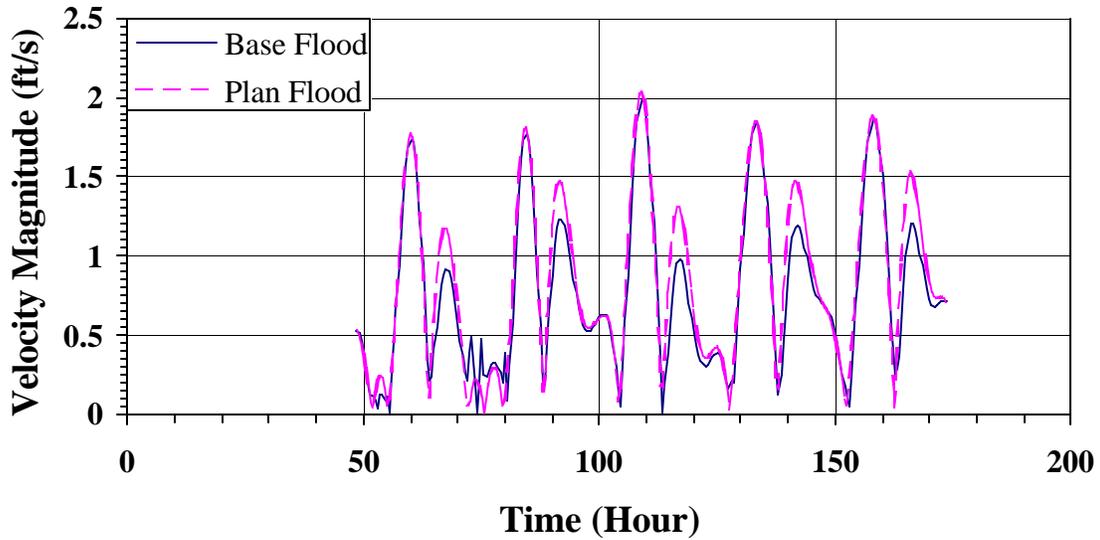
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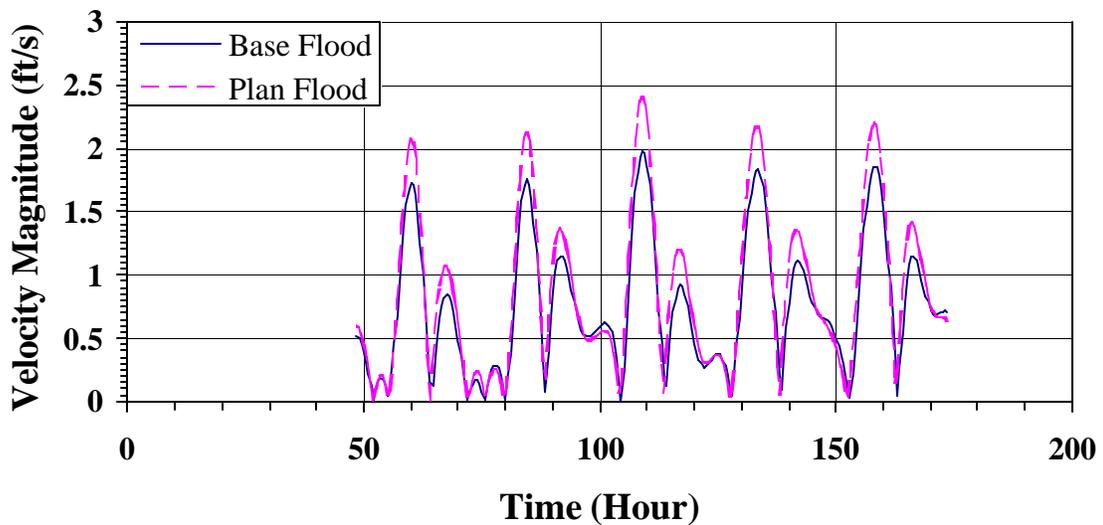
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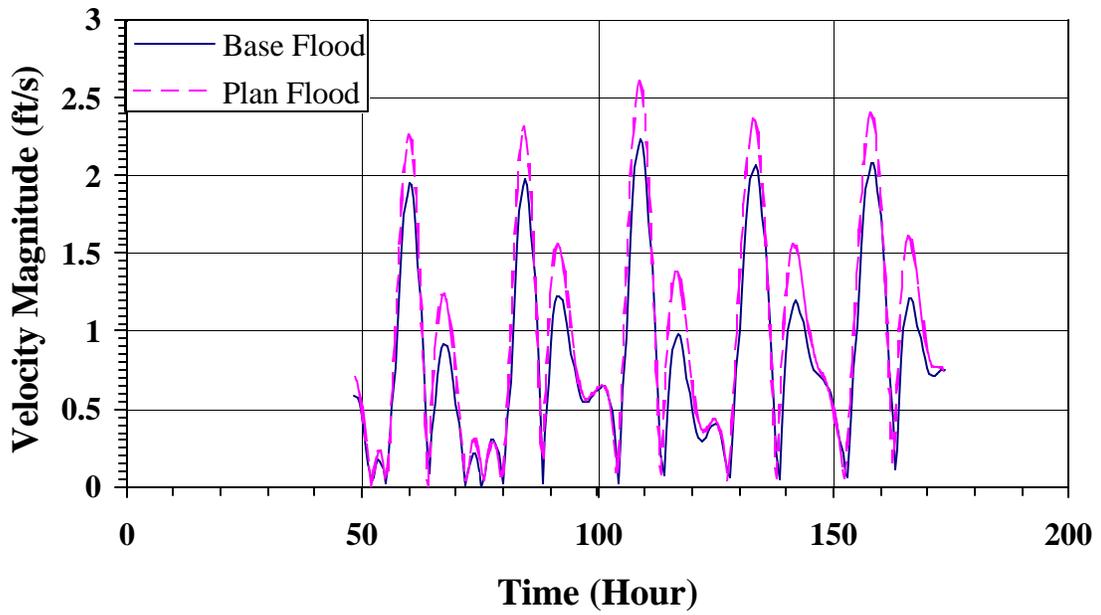
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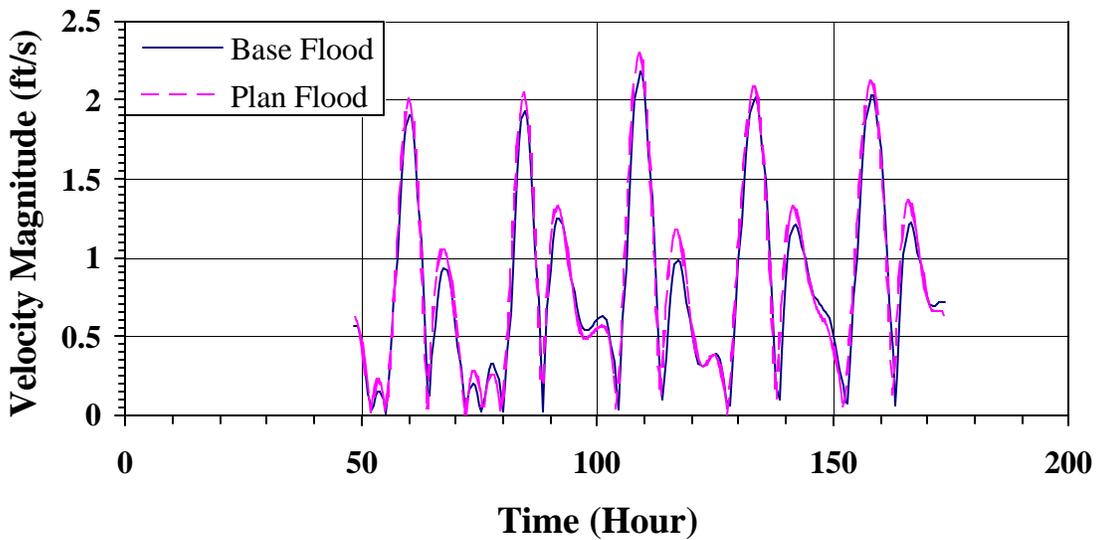
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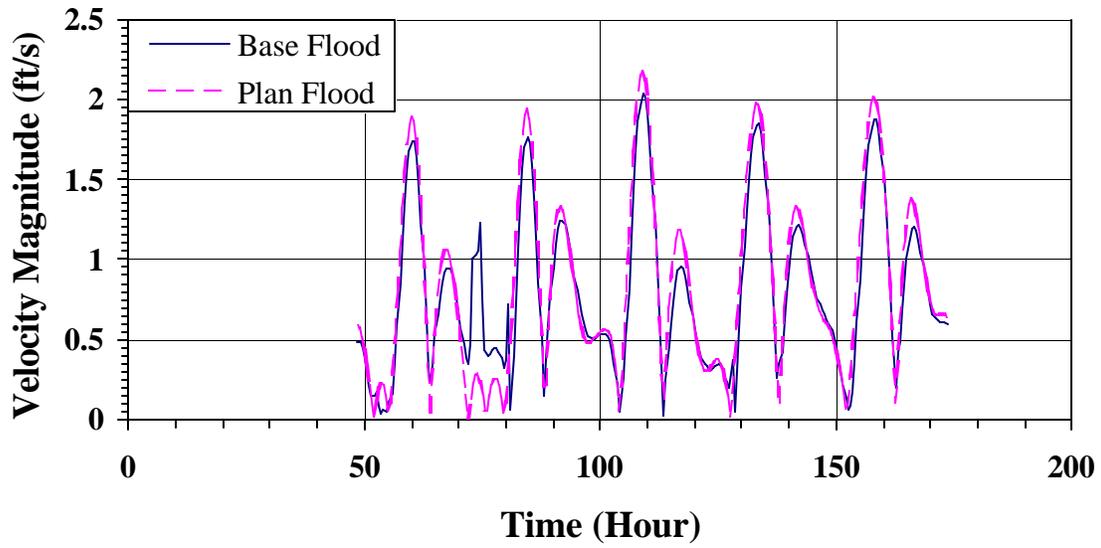
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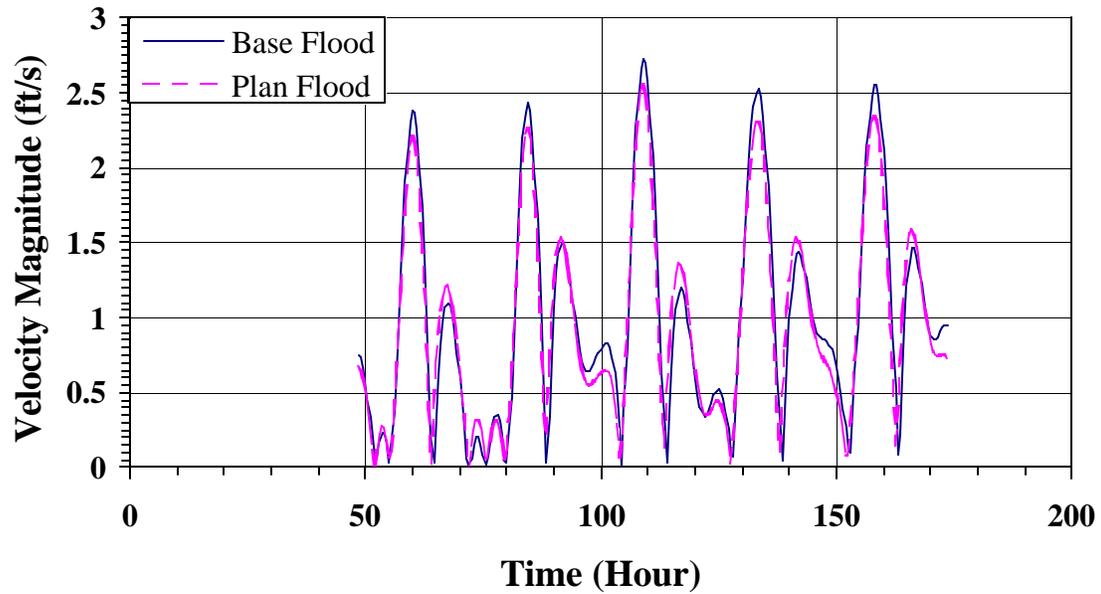
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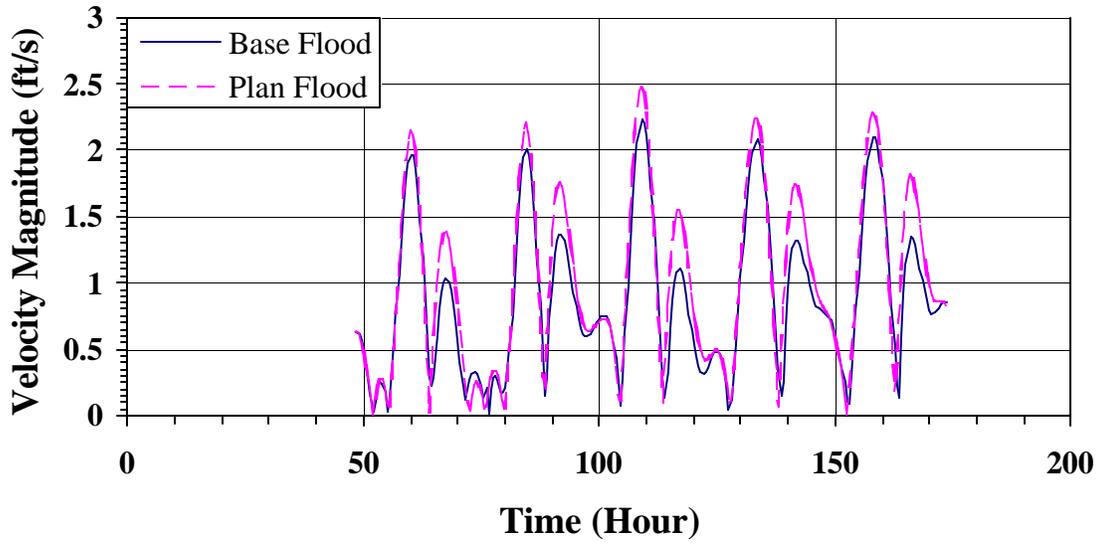
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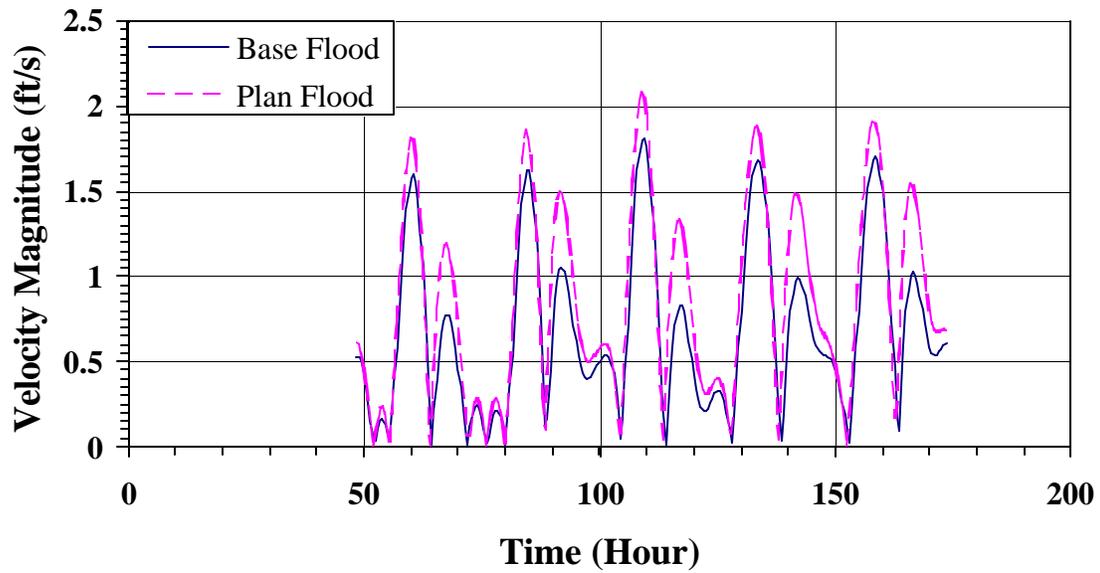
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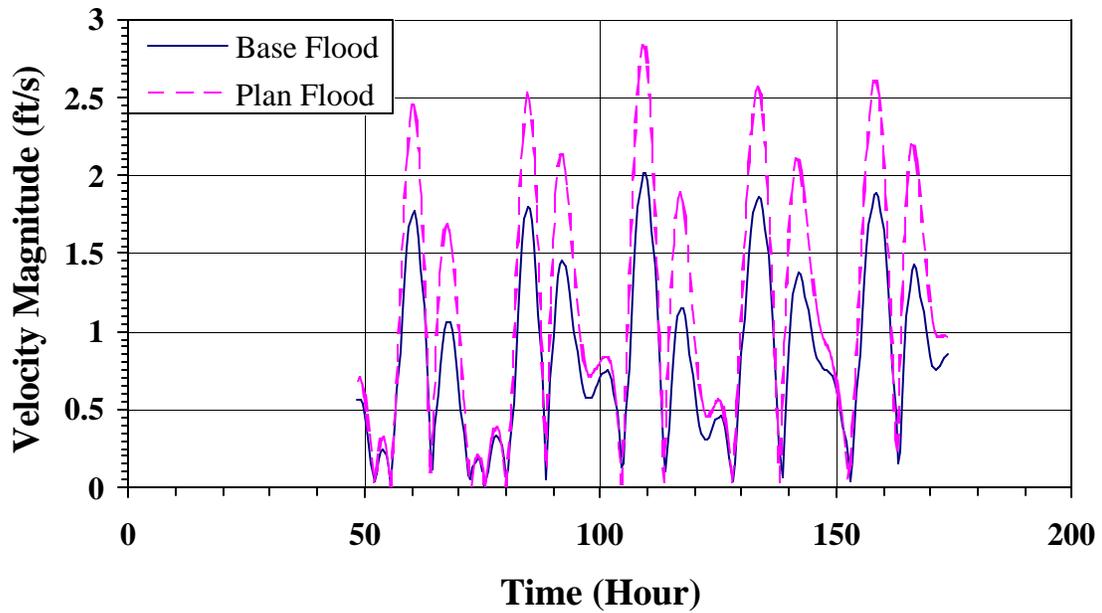
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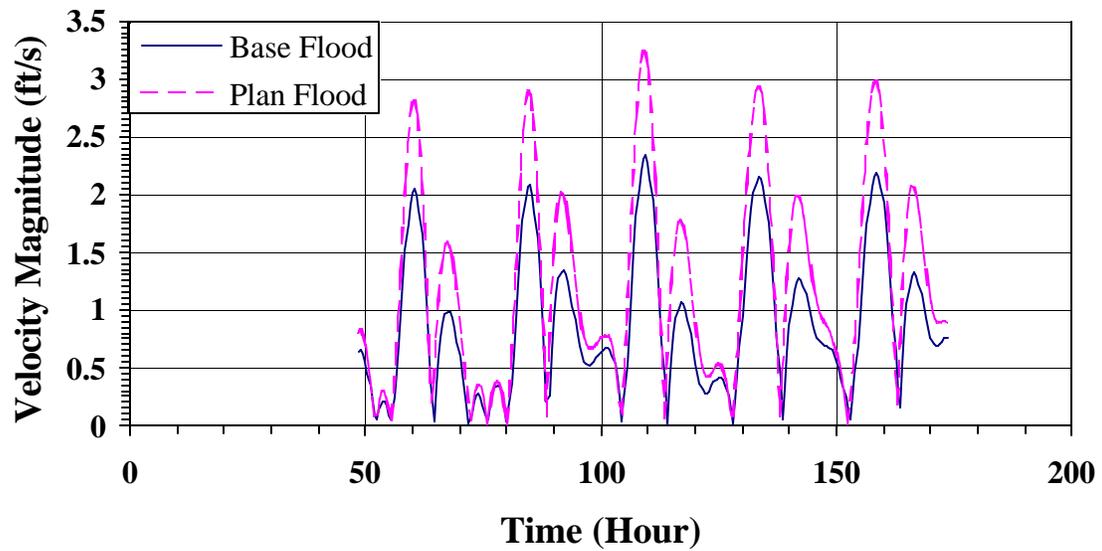
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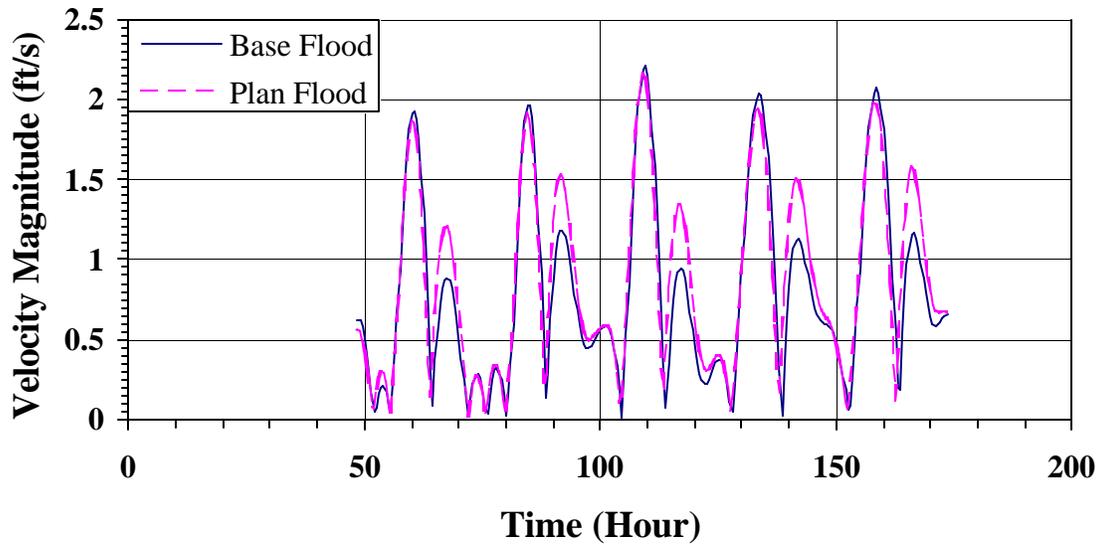
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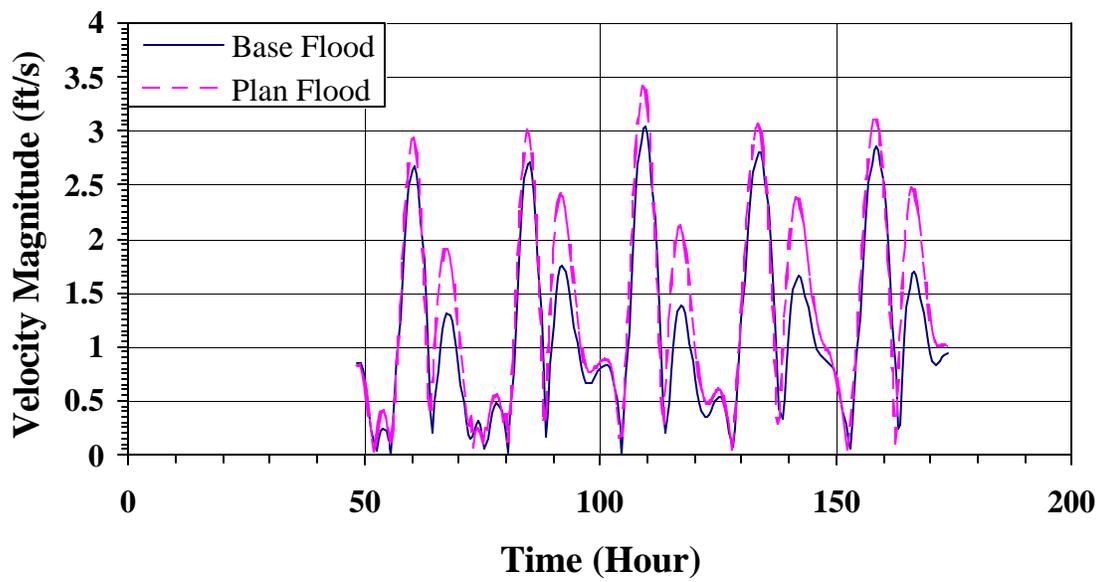
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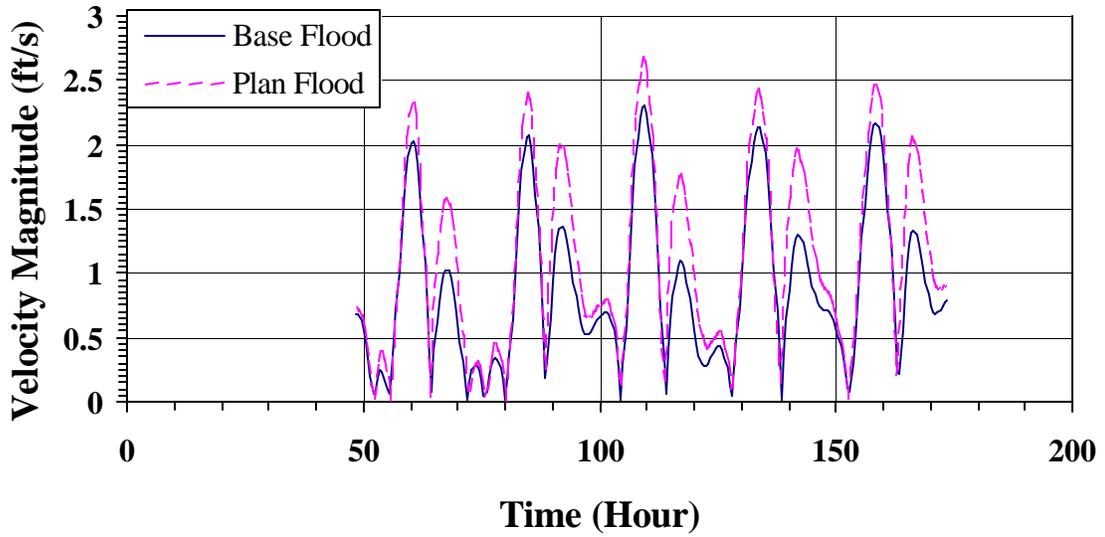
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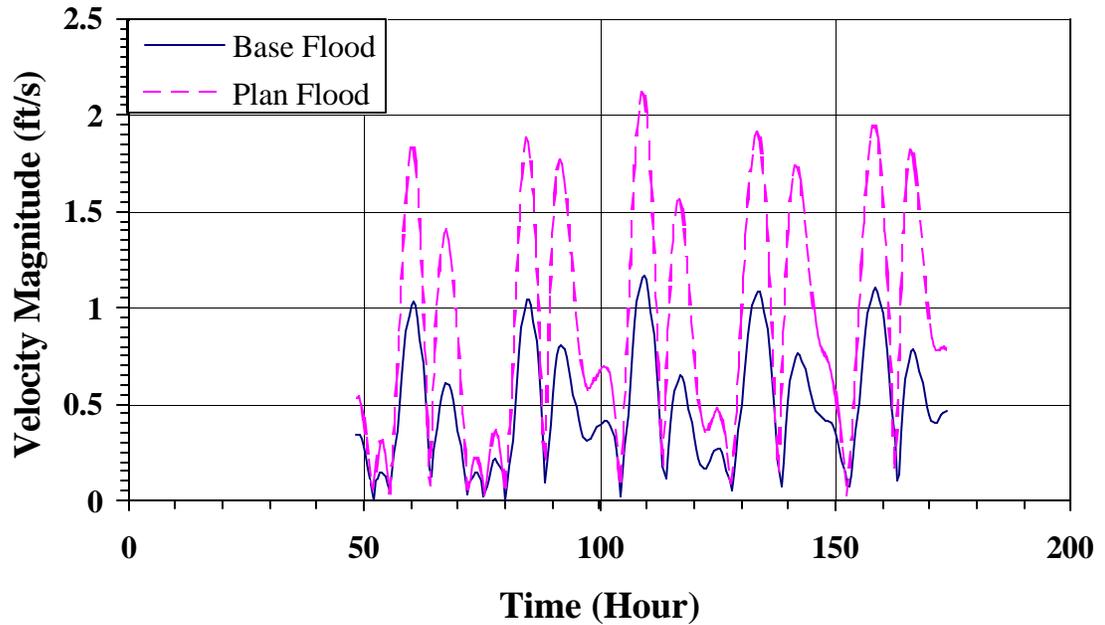
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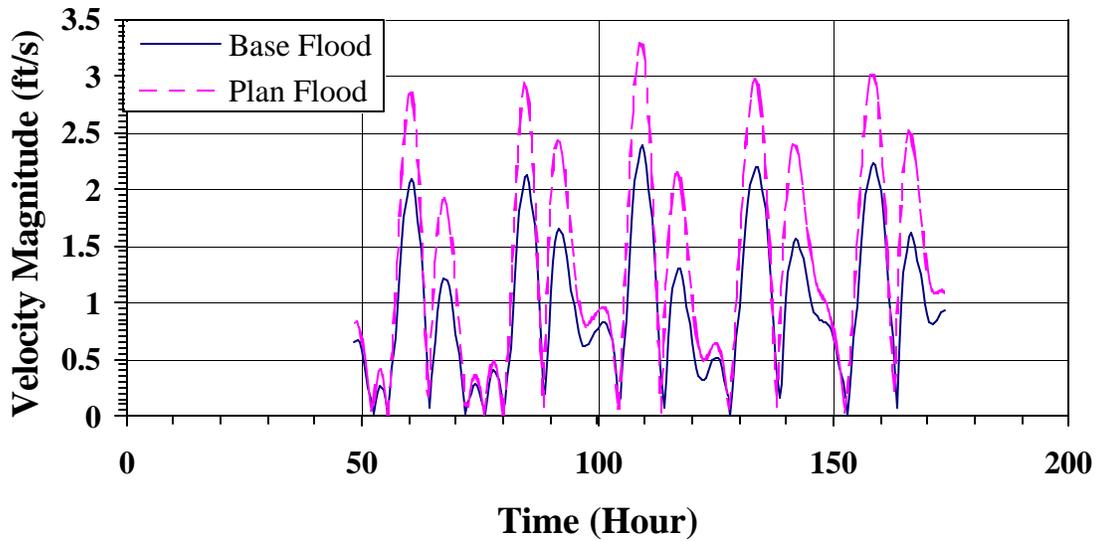
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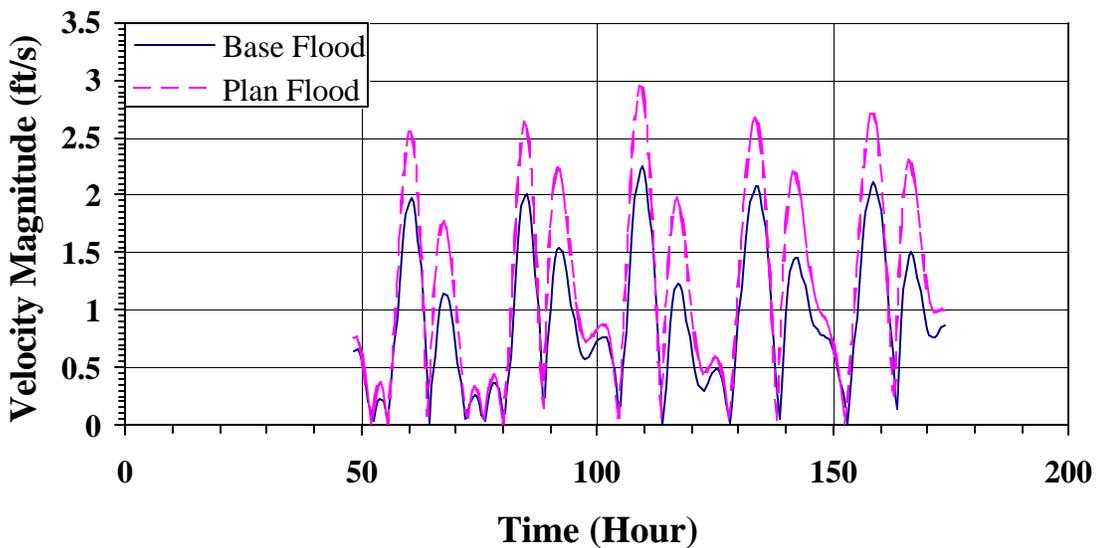
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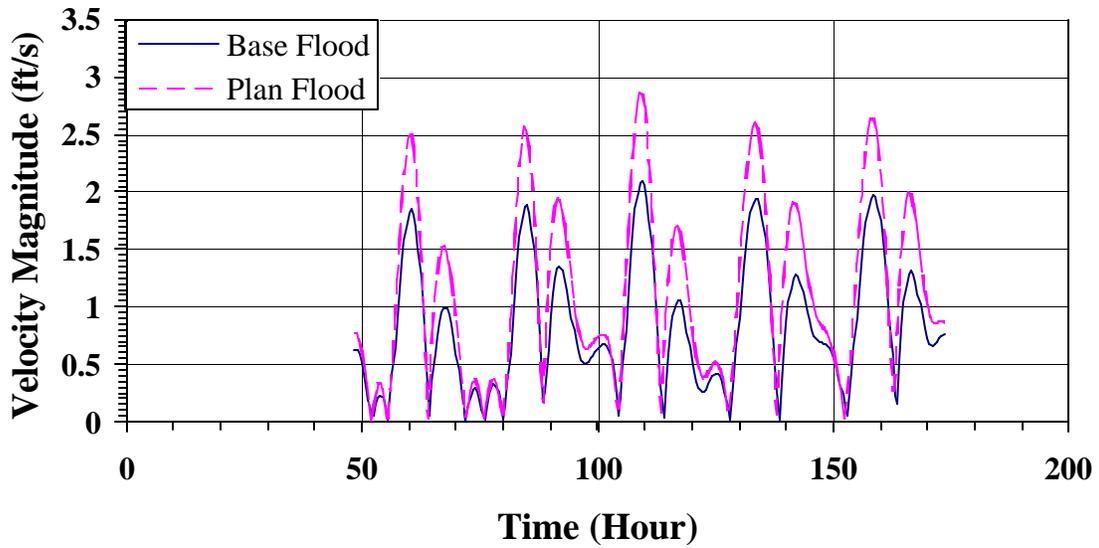
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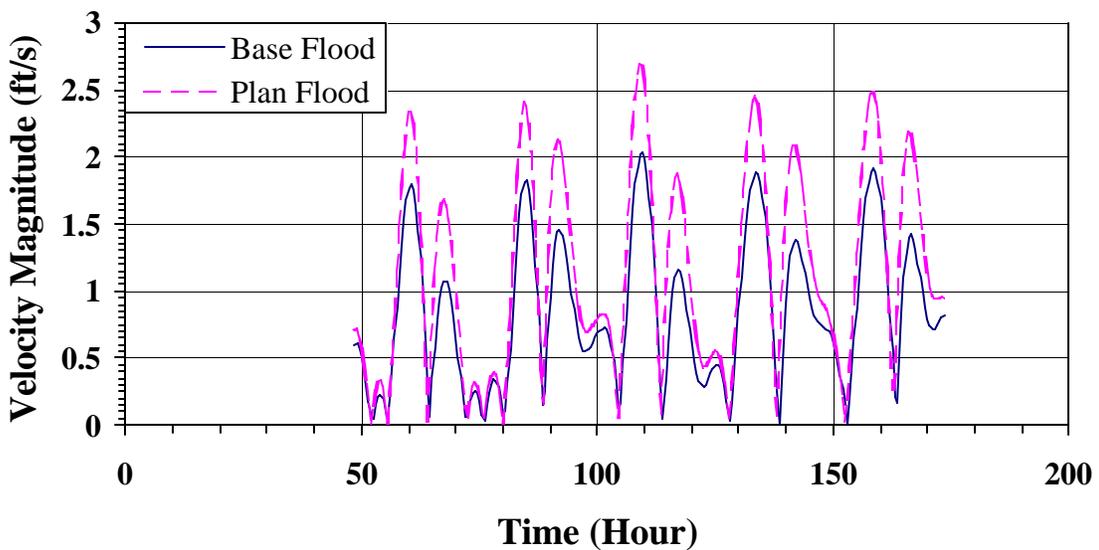
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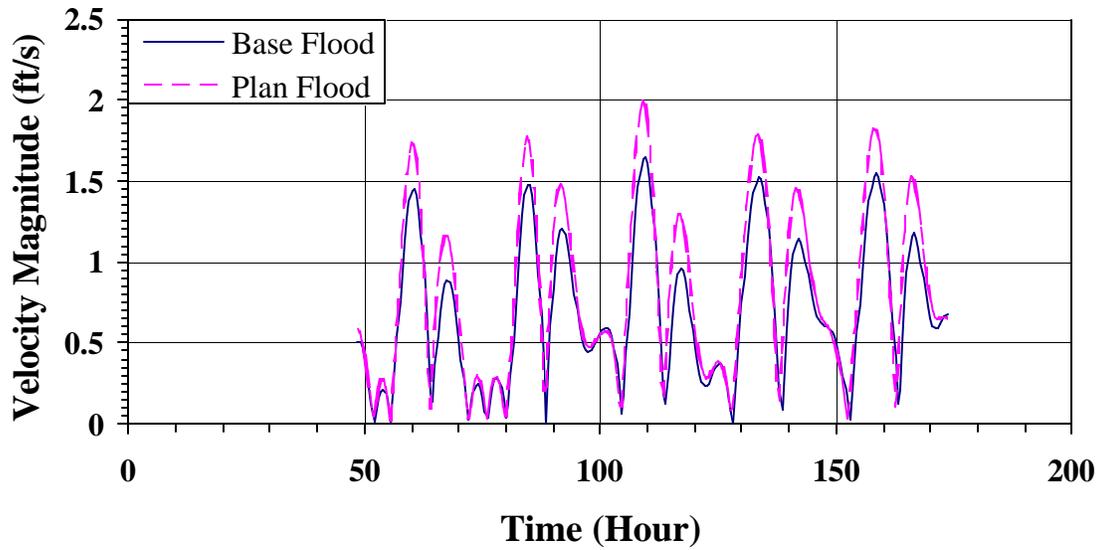
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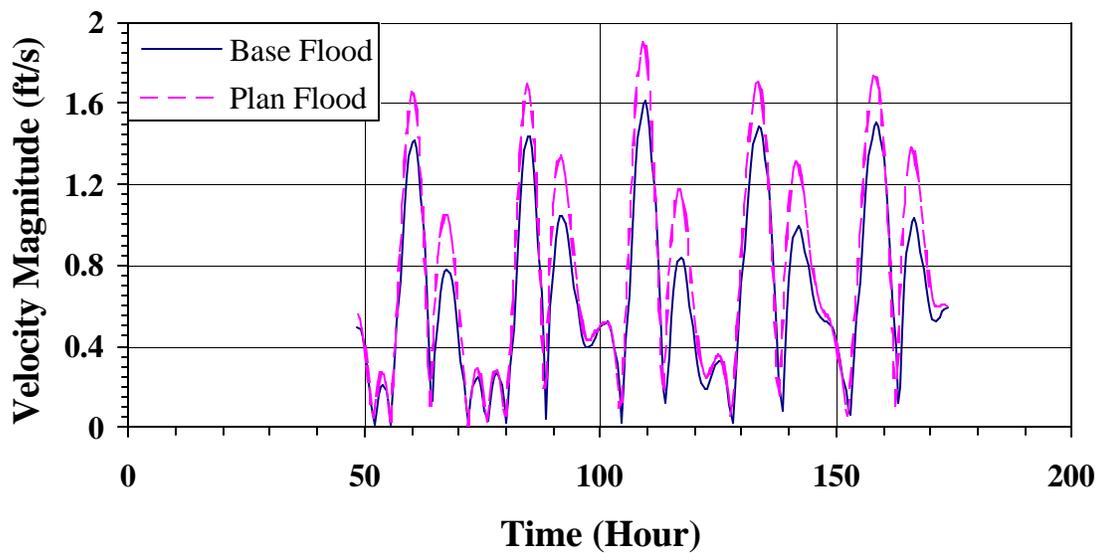
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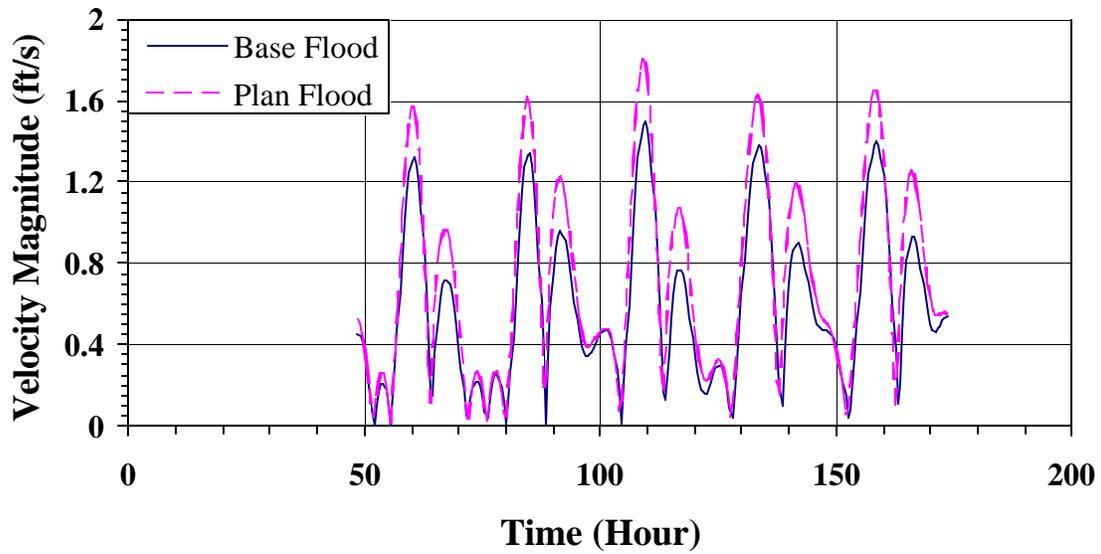
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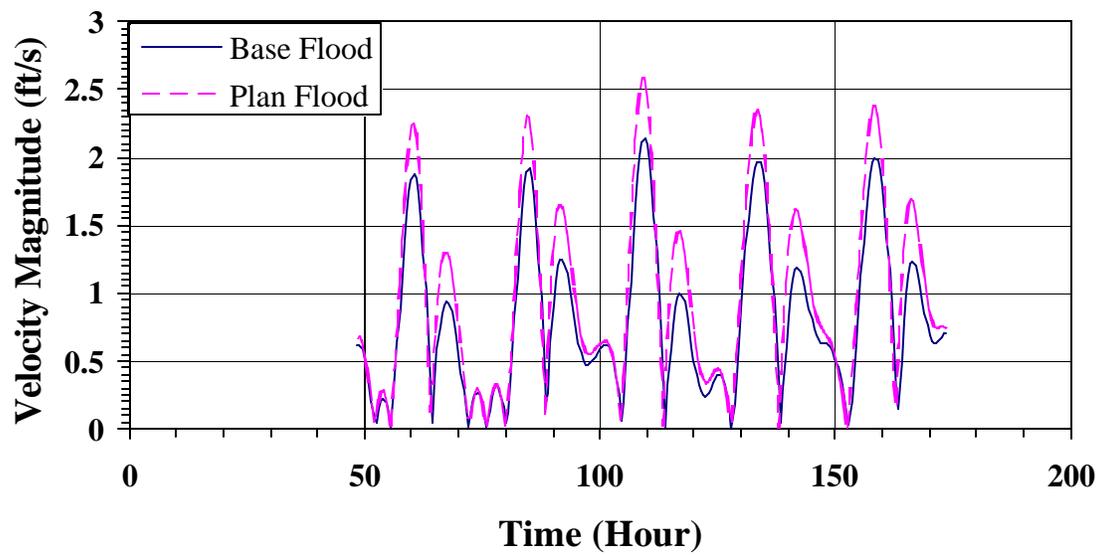
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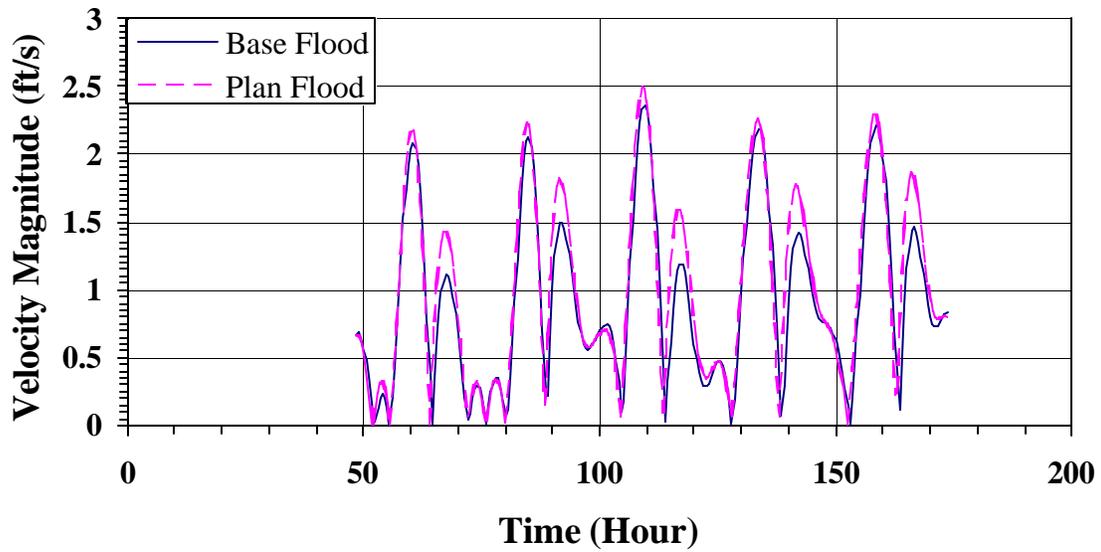
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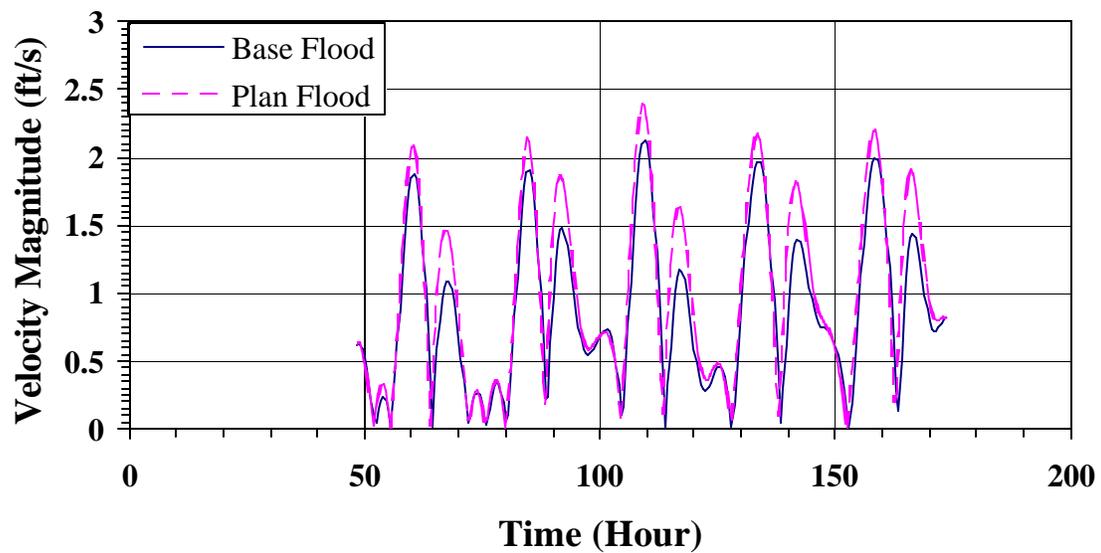
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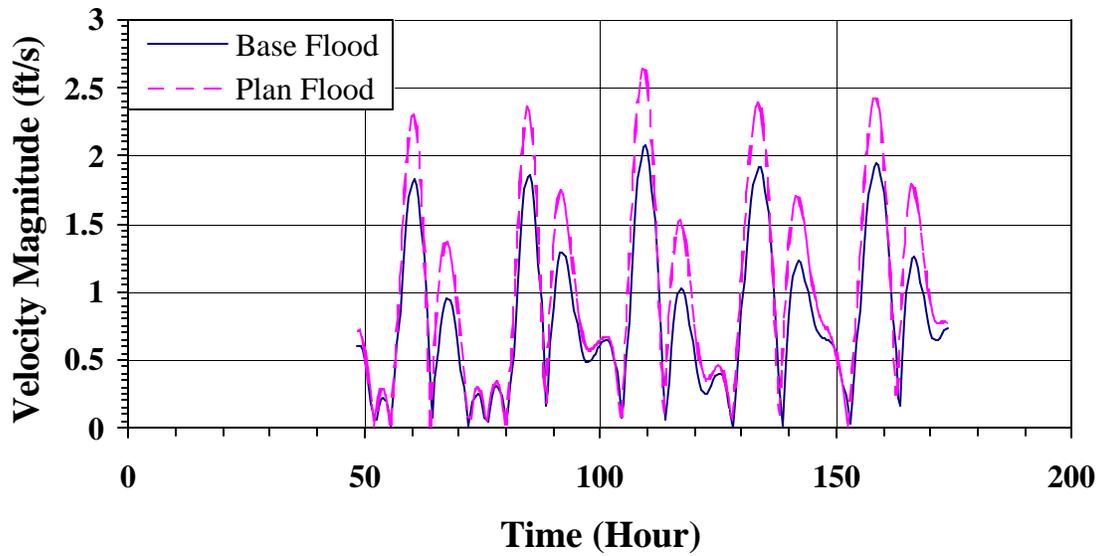
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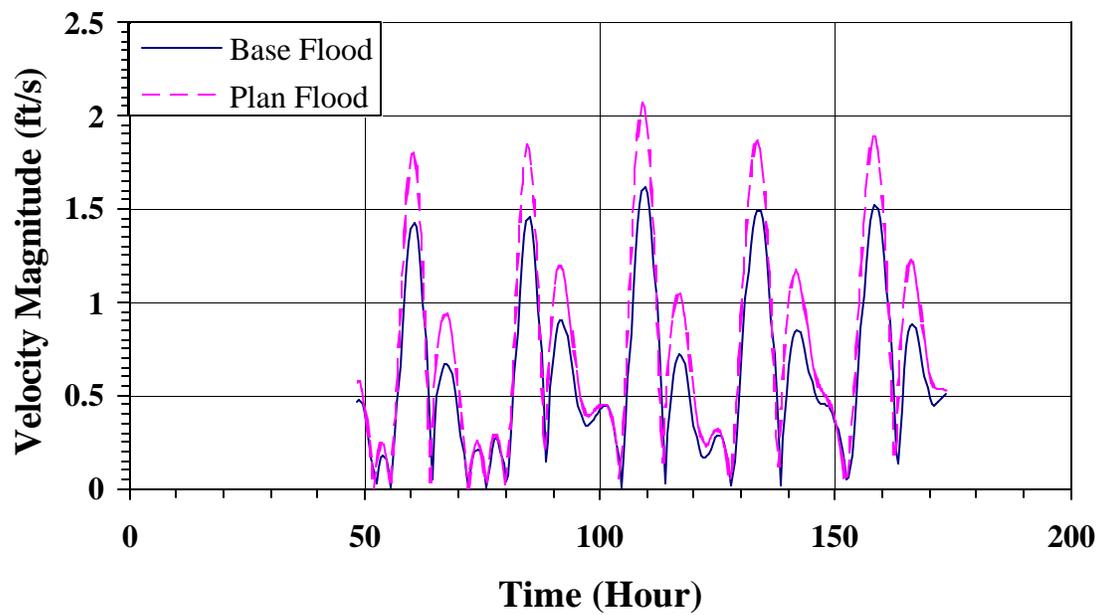
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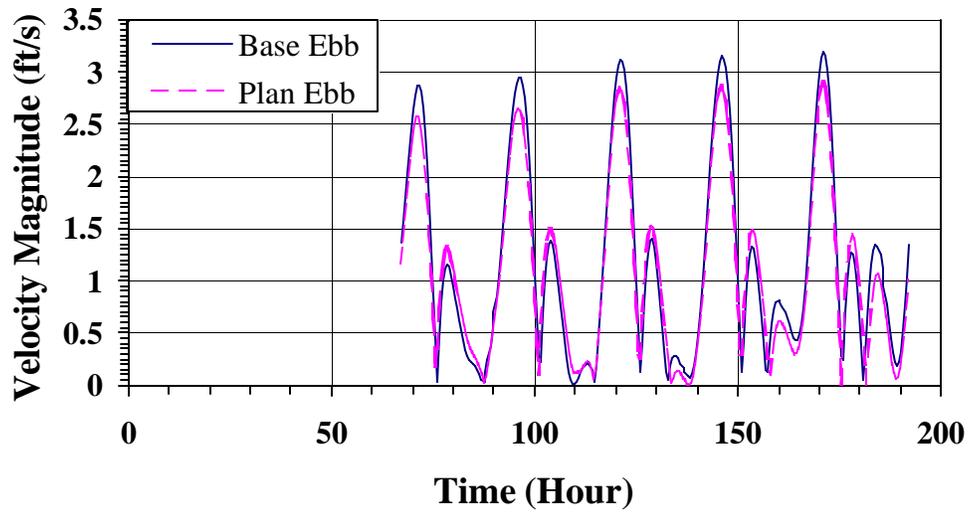
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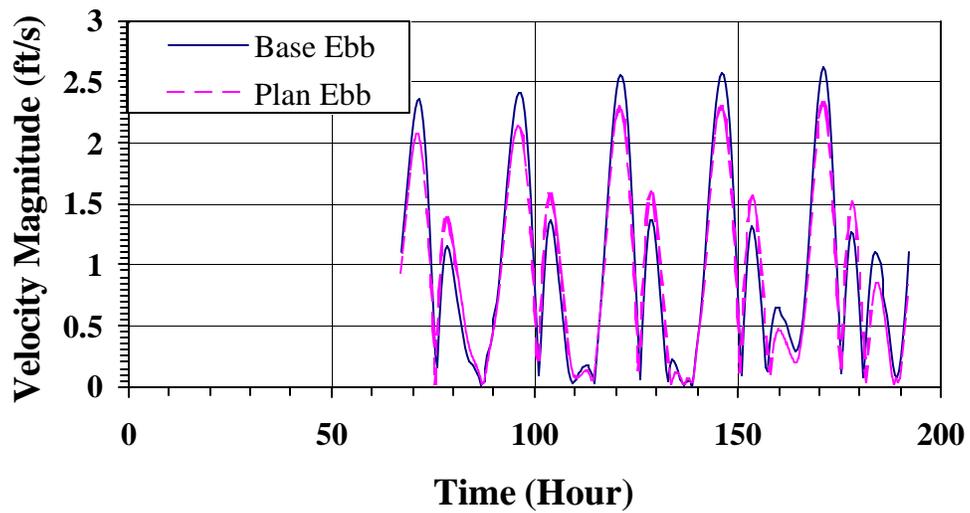
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Superposed Velocity Plots for Base and Plan for Ebb at Locations Along Pleasure Island West Shoreline

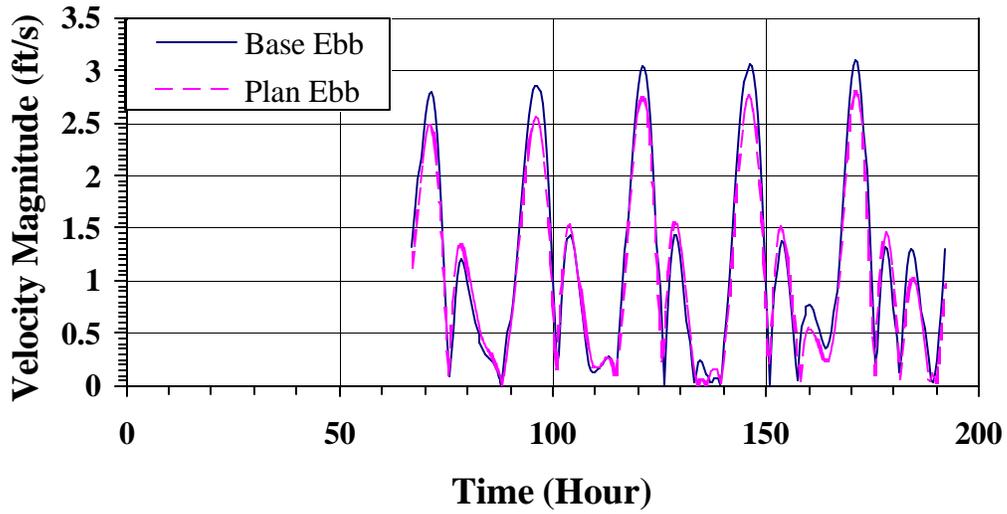
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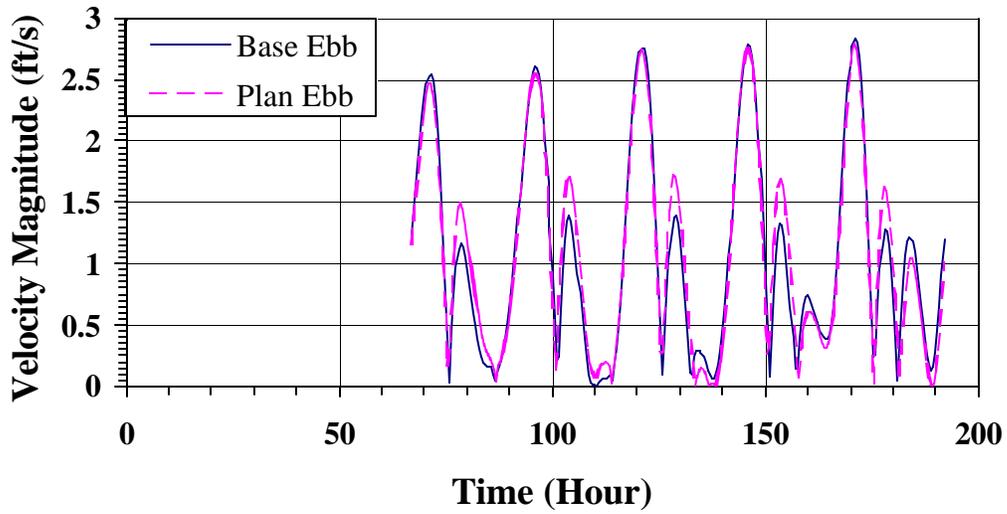
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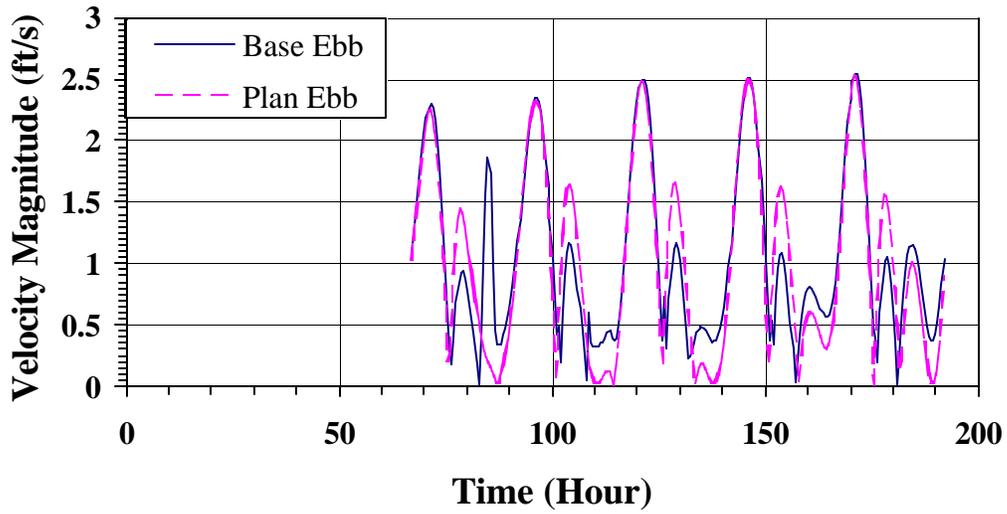
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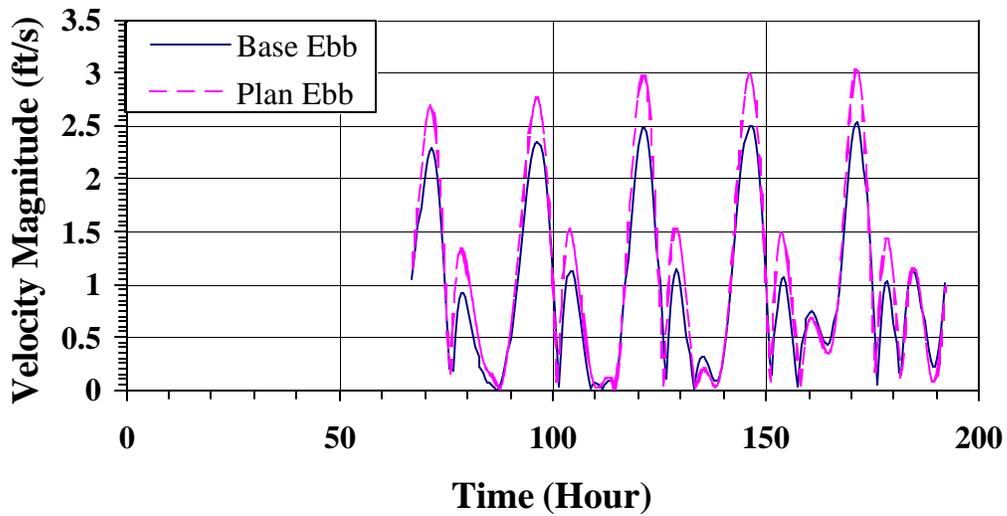
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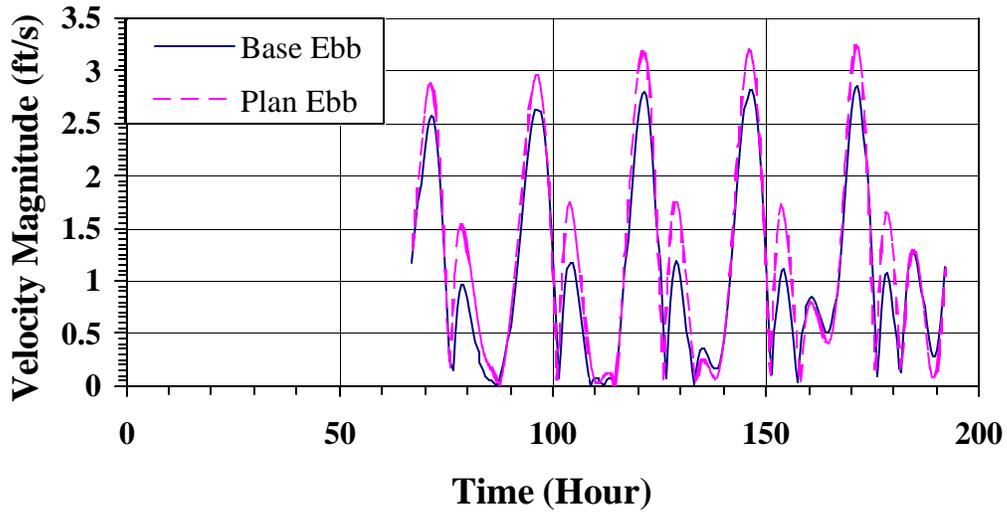
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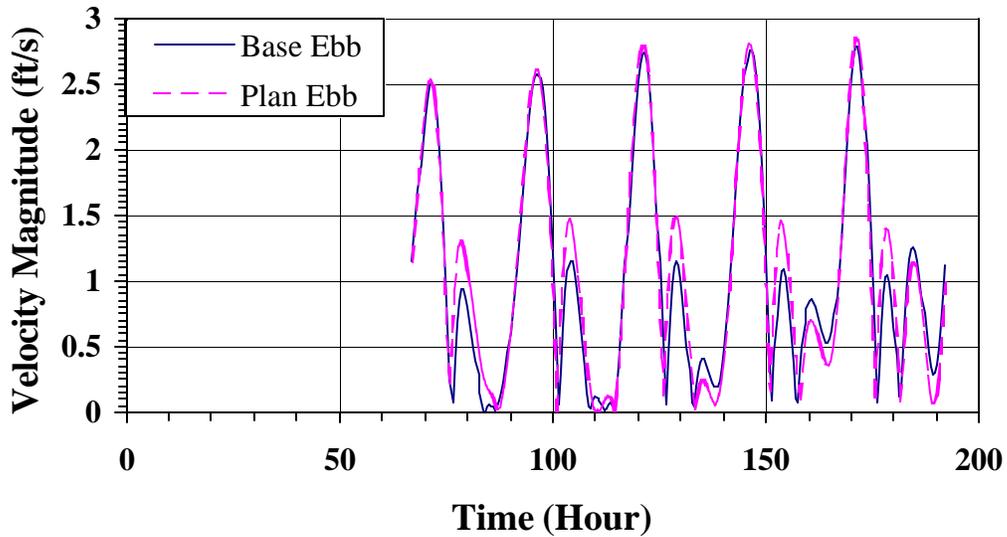
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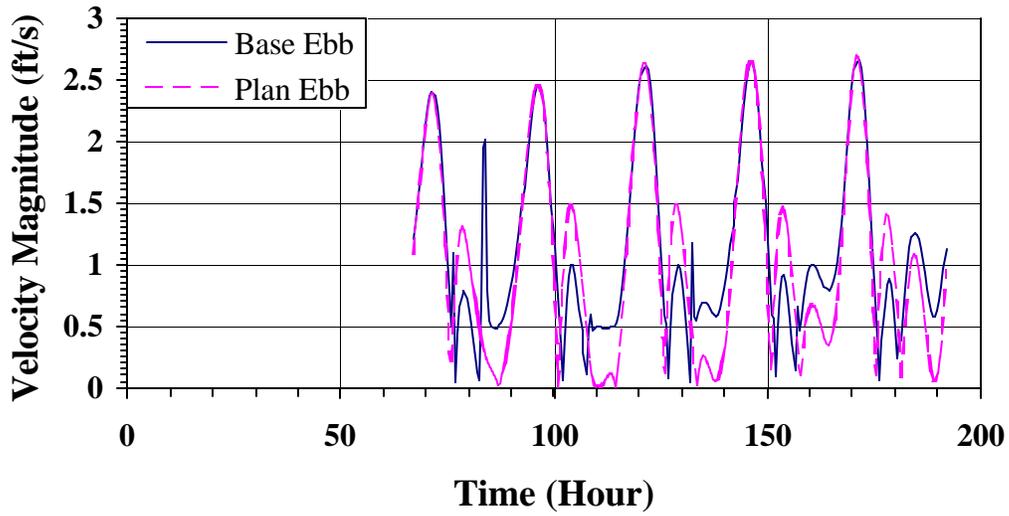
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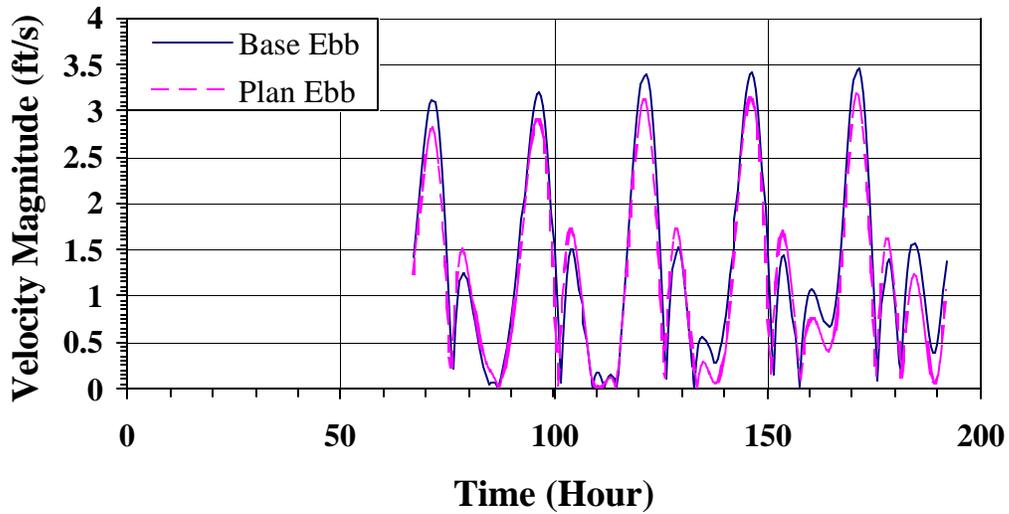
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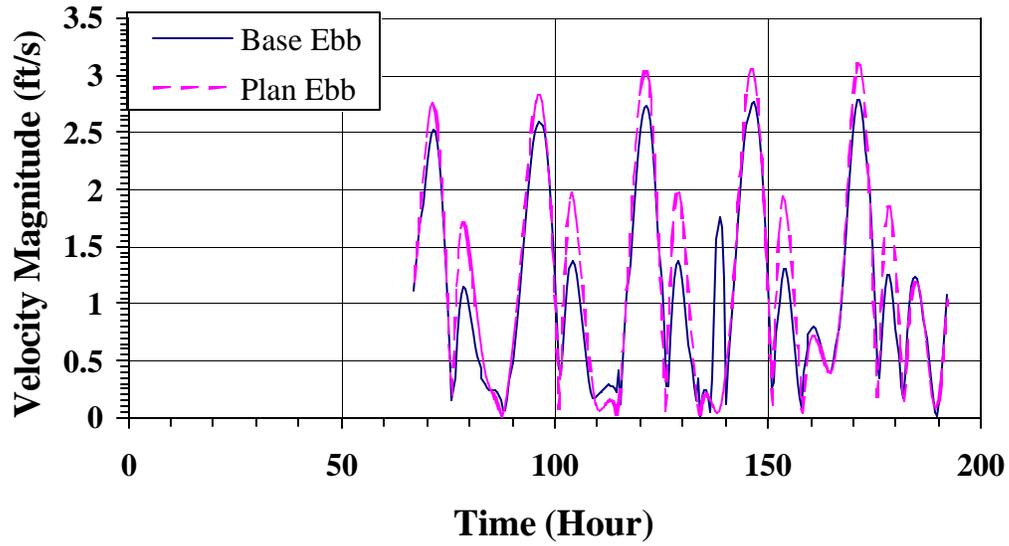
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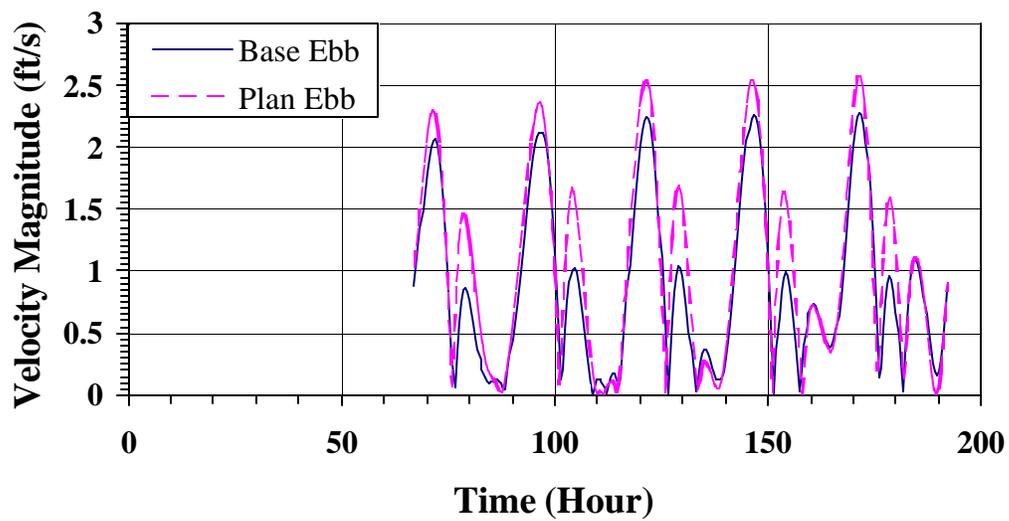
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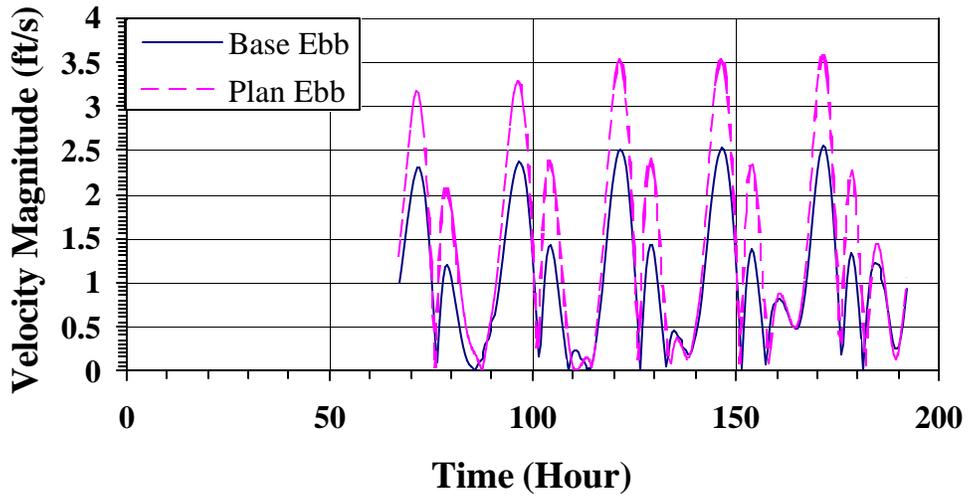
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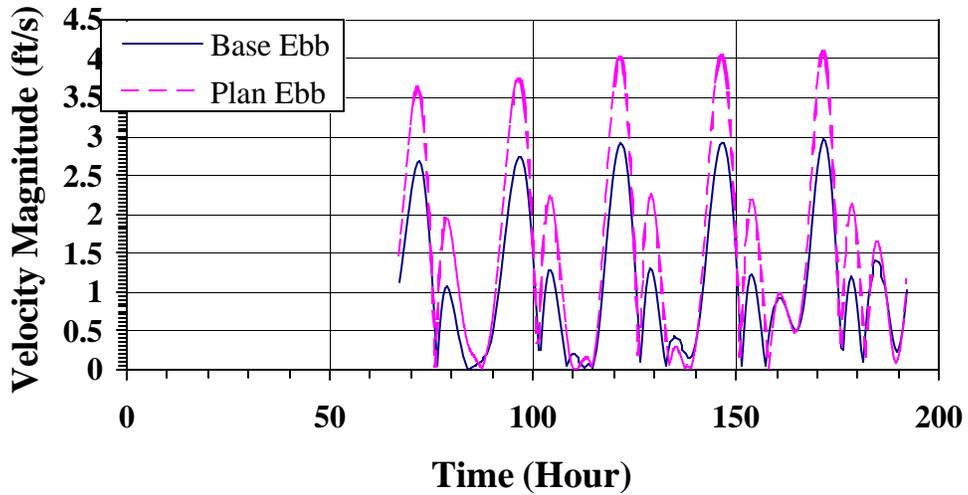
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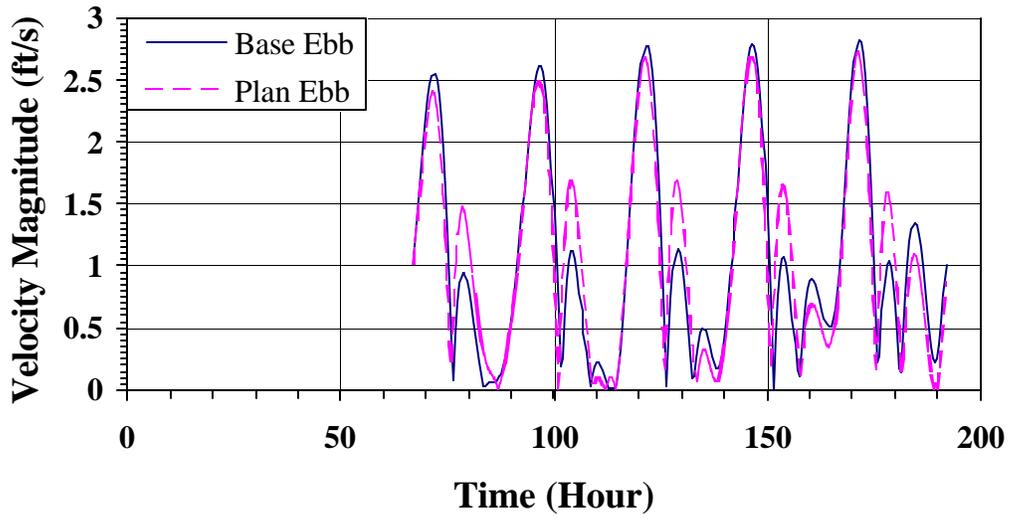
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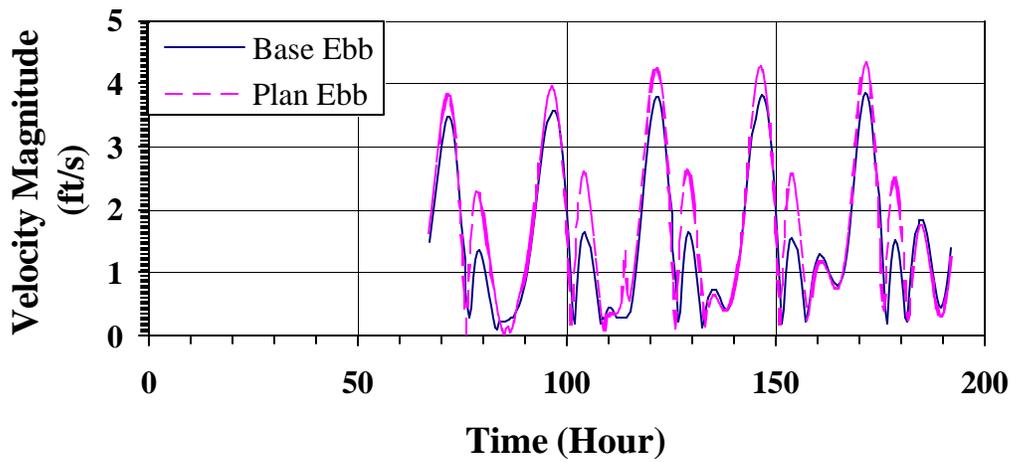
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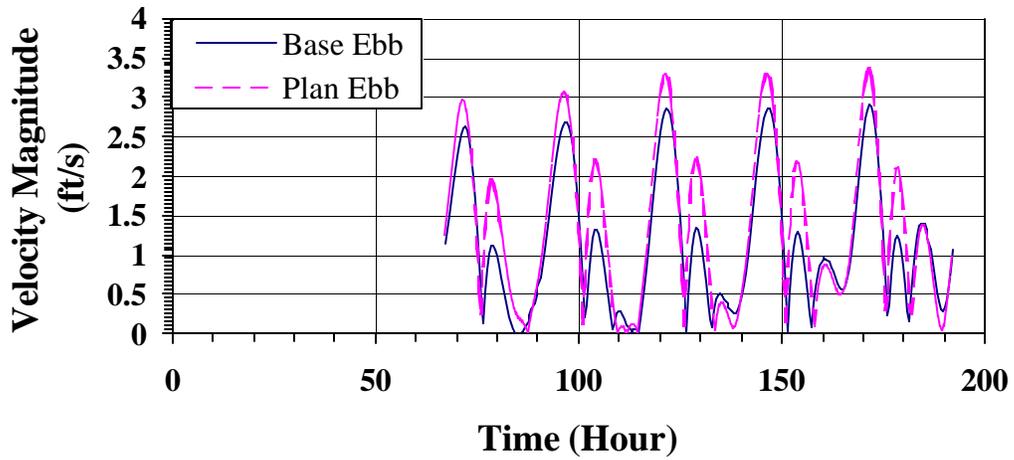
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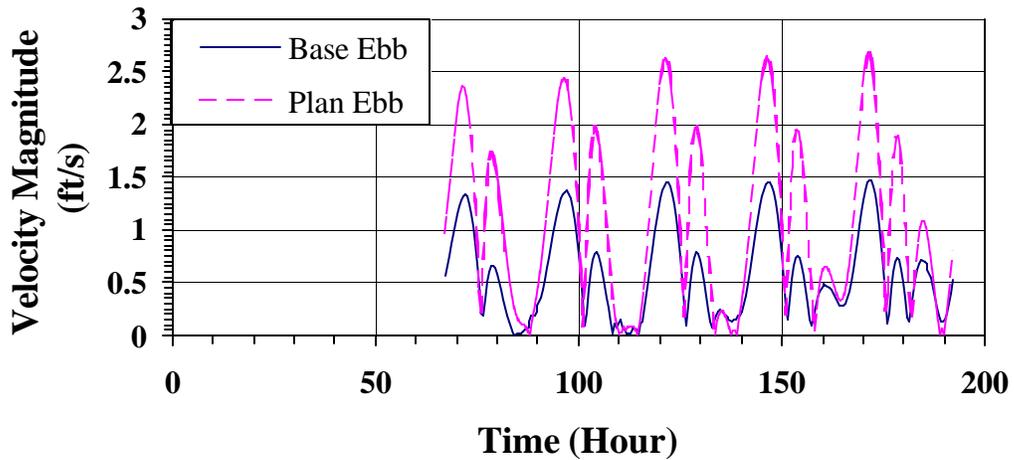
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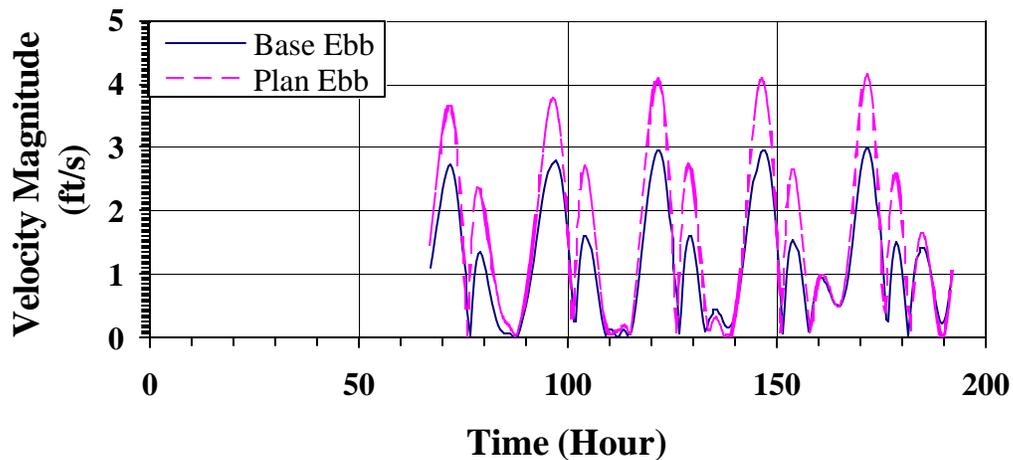
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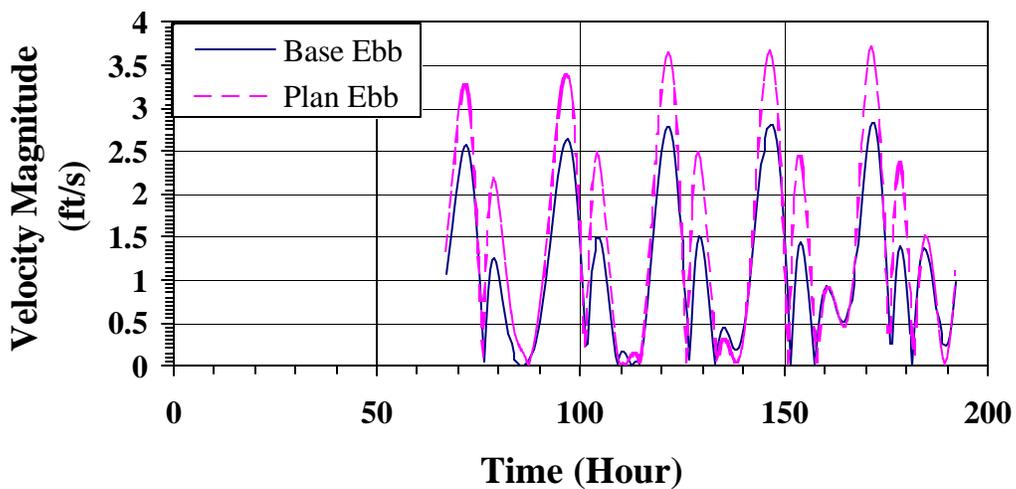
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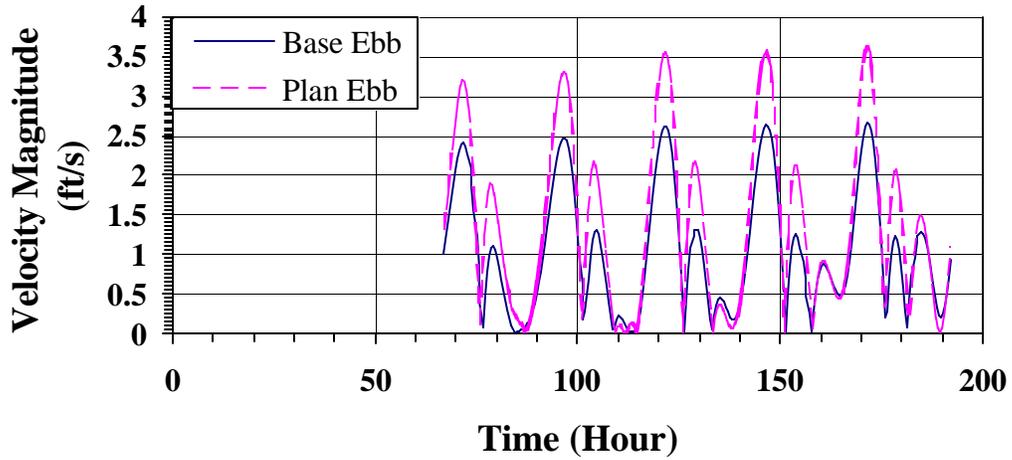
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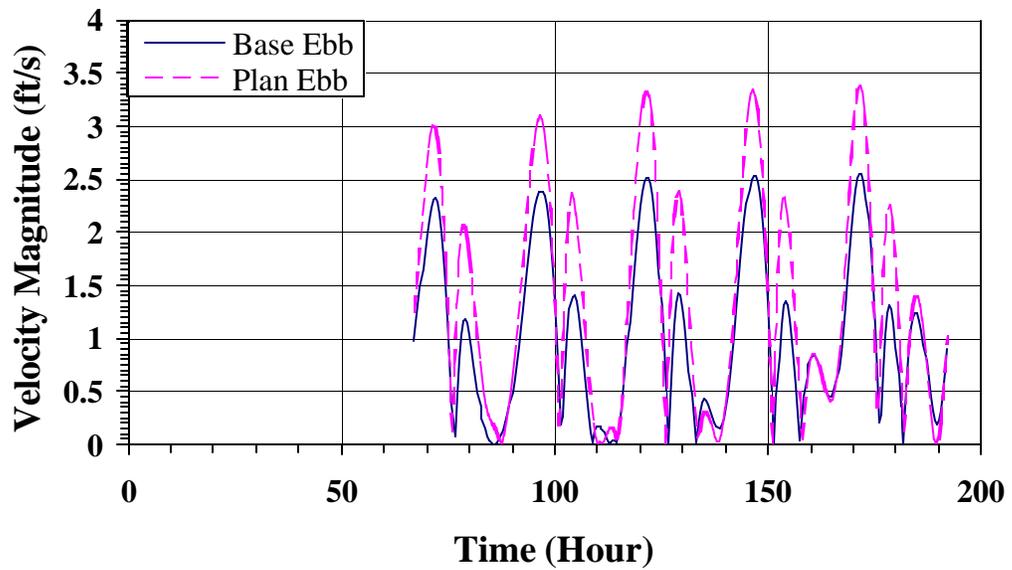
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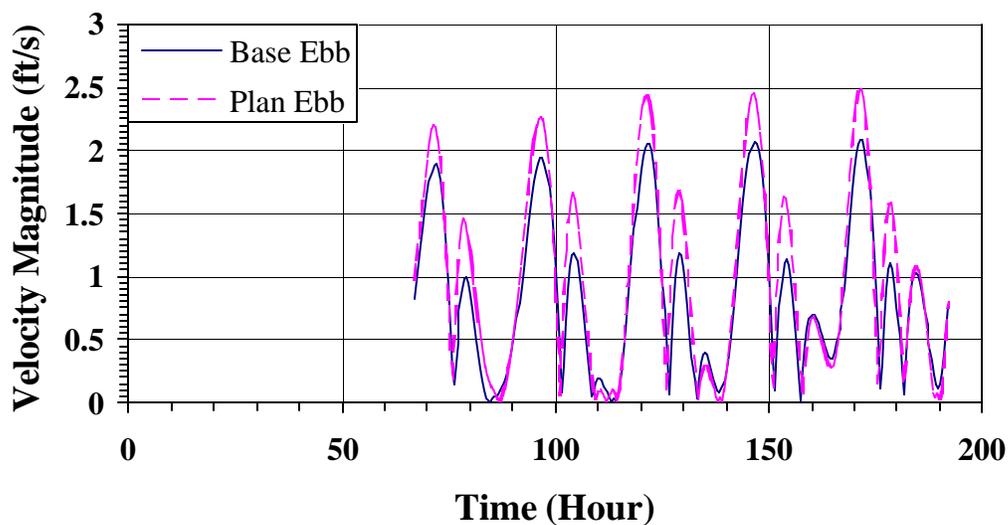
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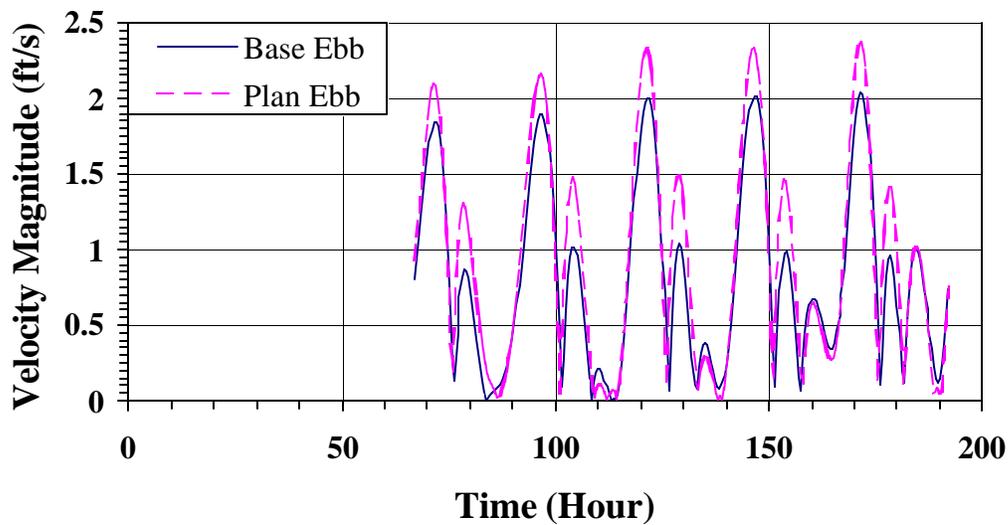
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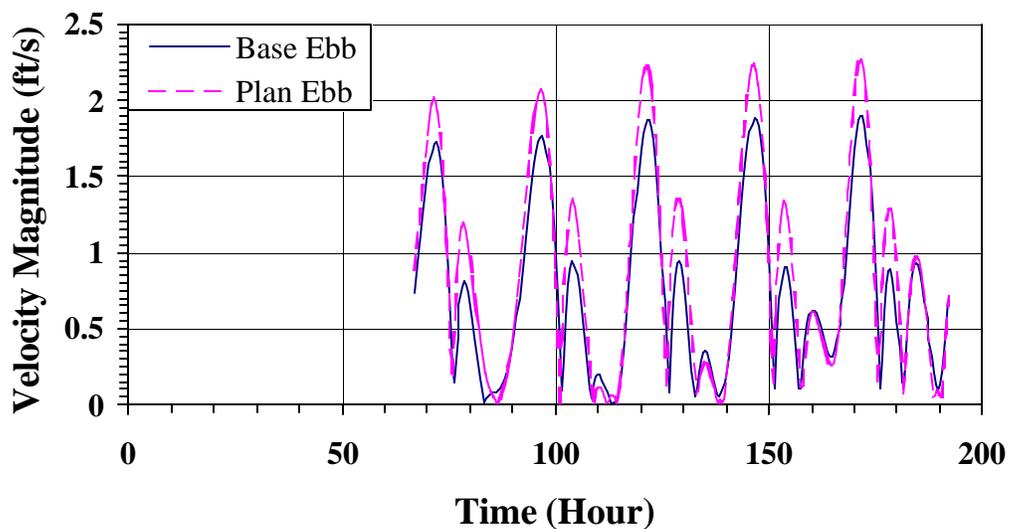
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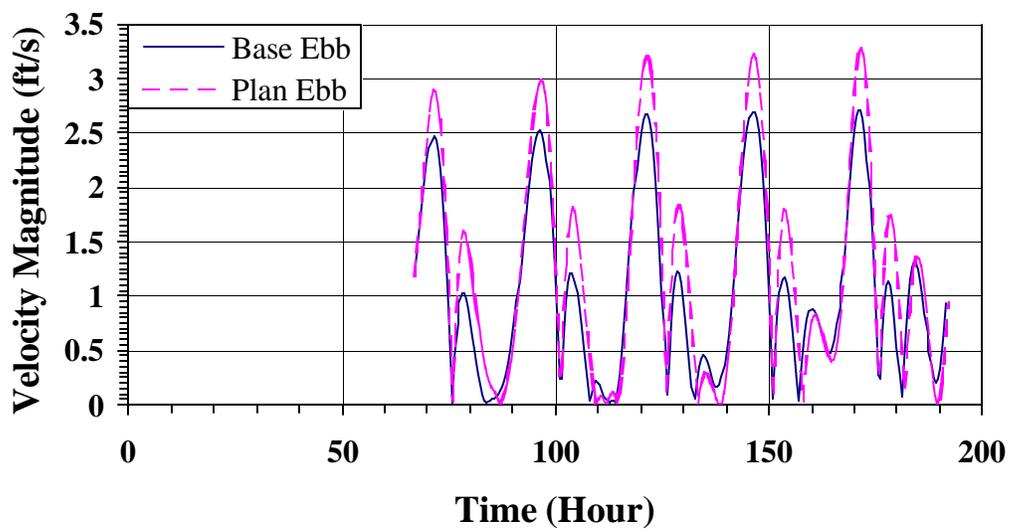
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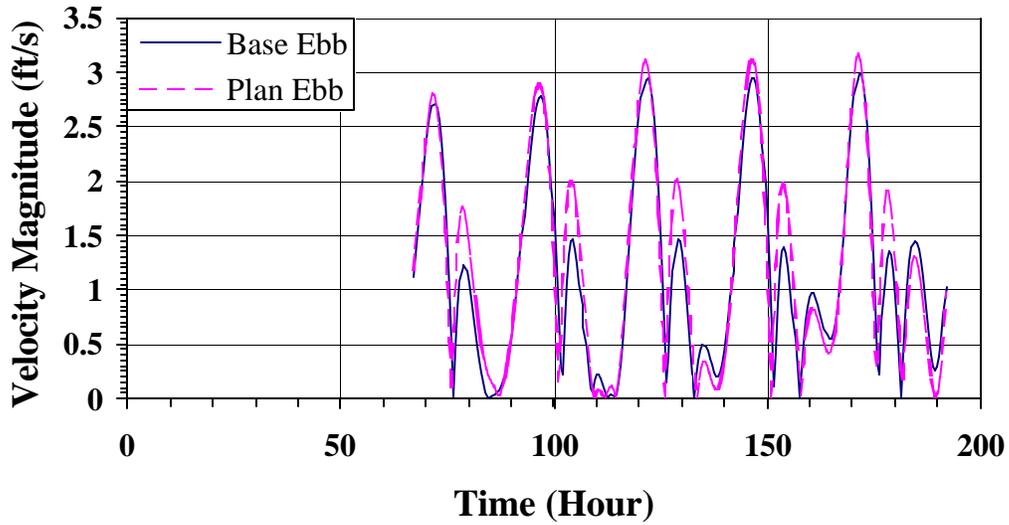
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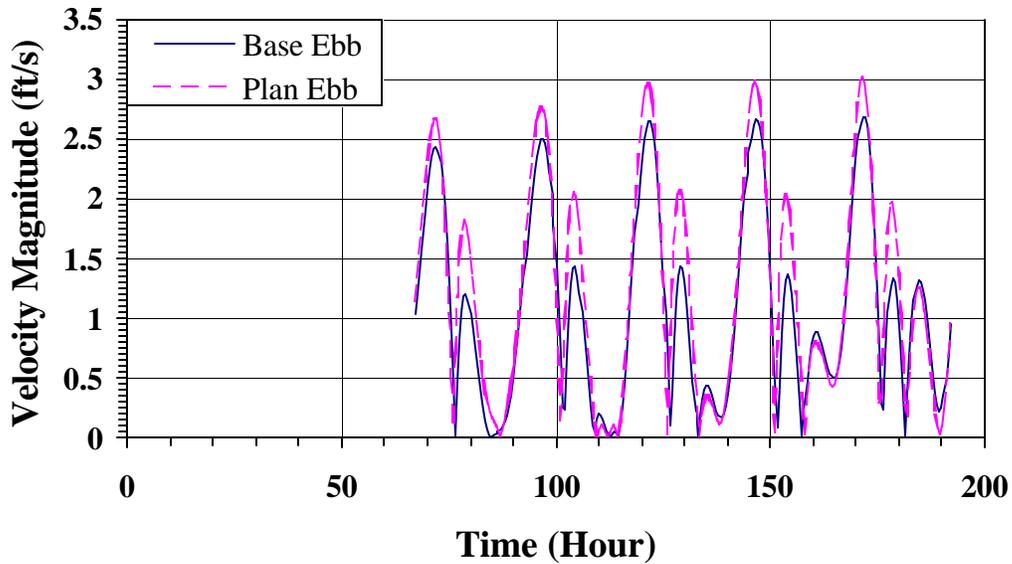
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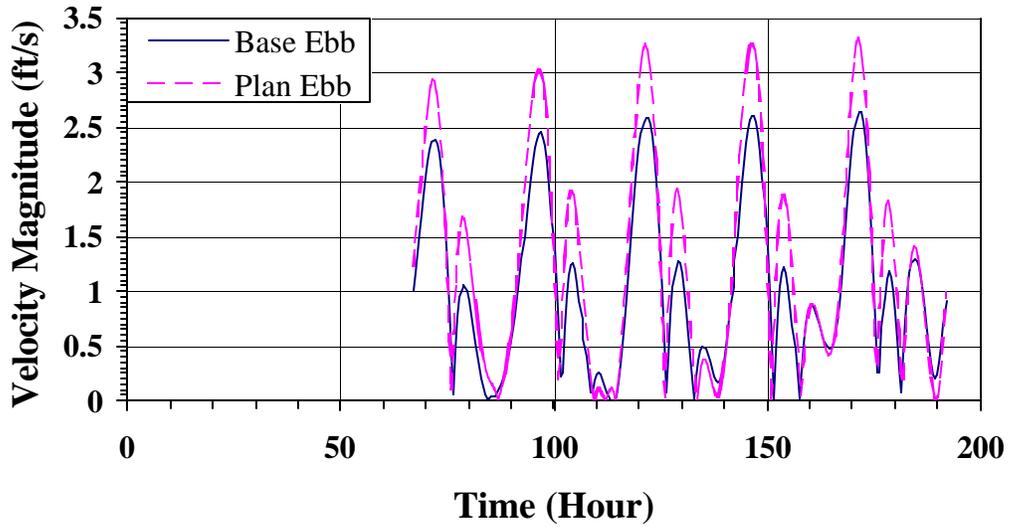
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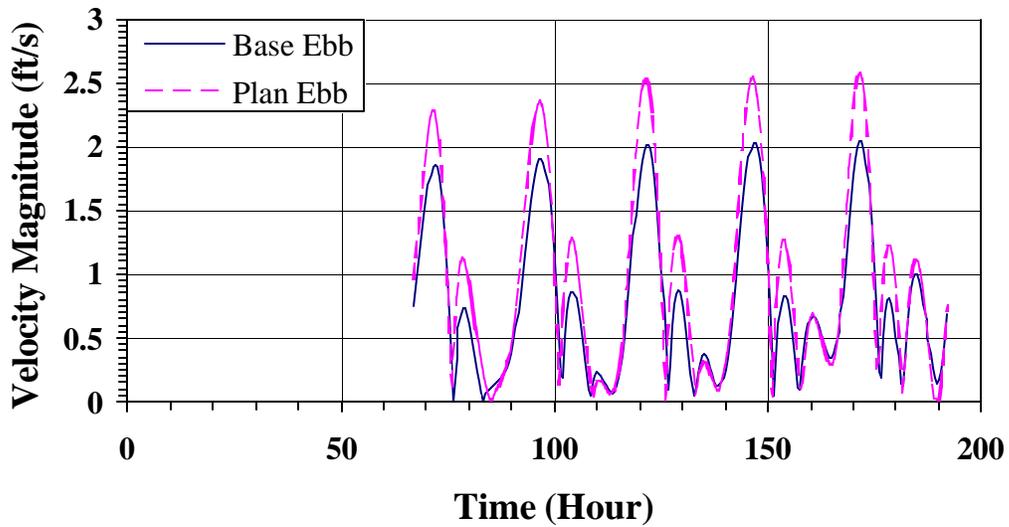
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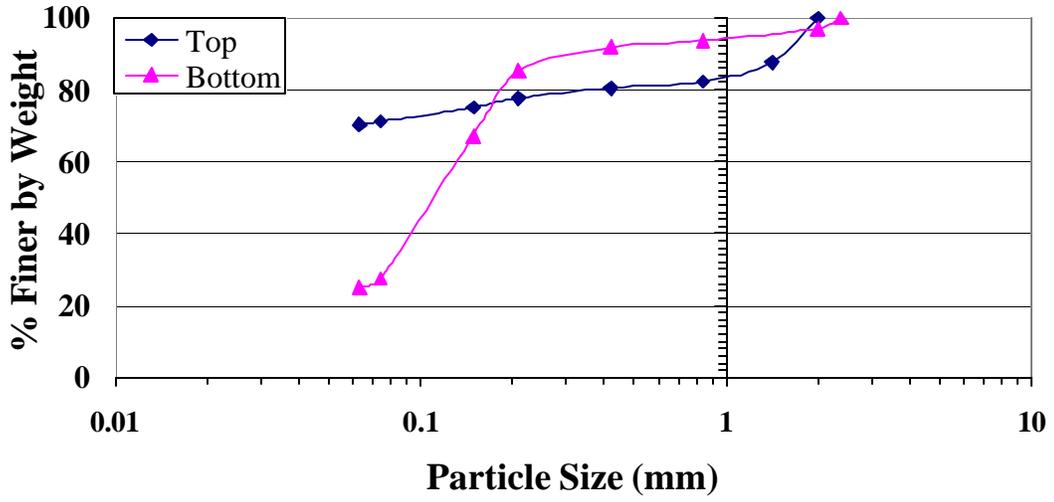
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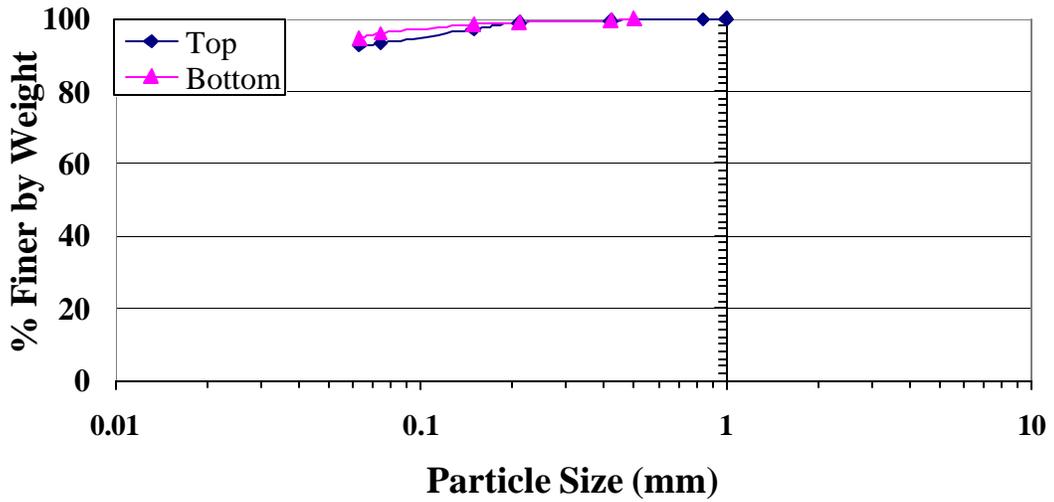
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Particle Size Distribution Curves at Pleasure Island Locations

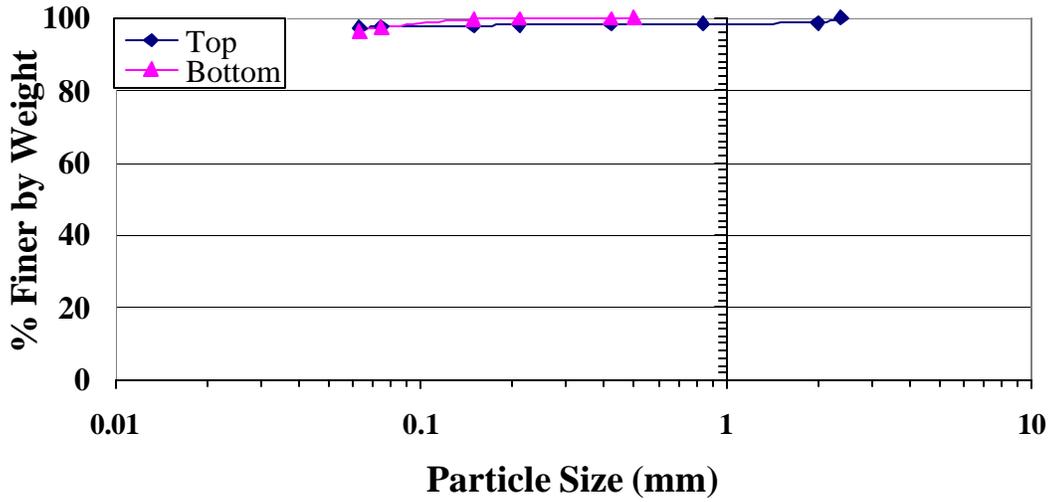
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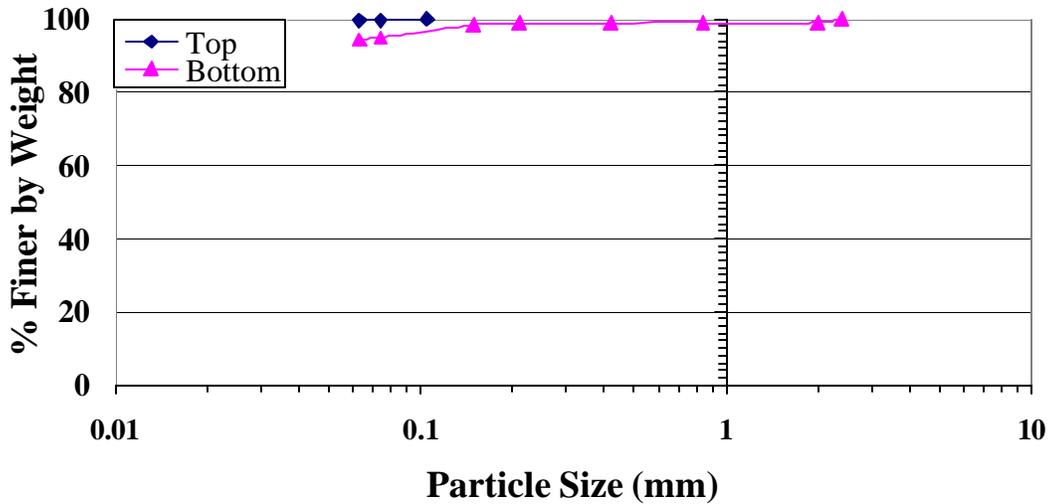
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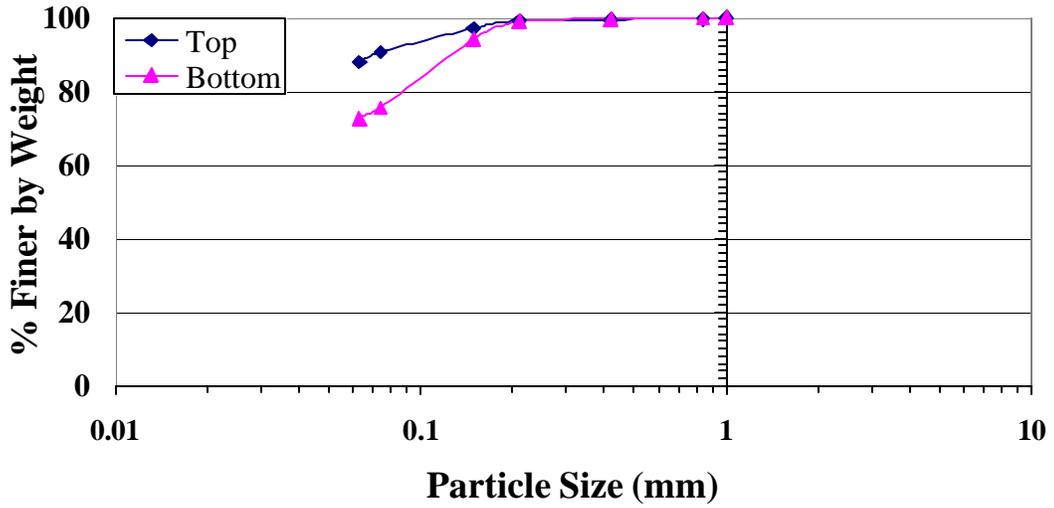
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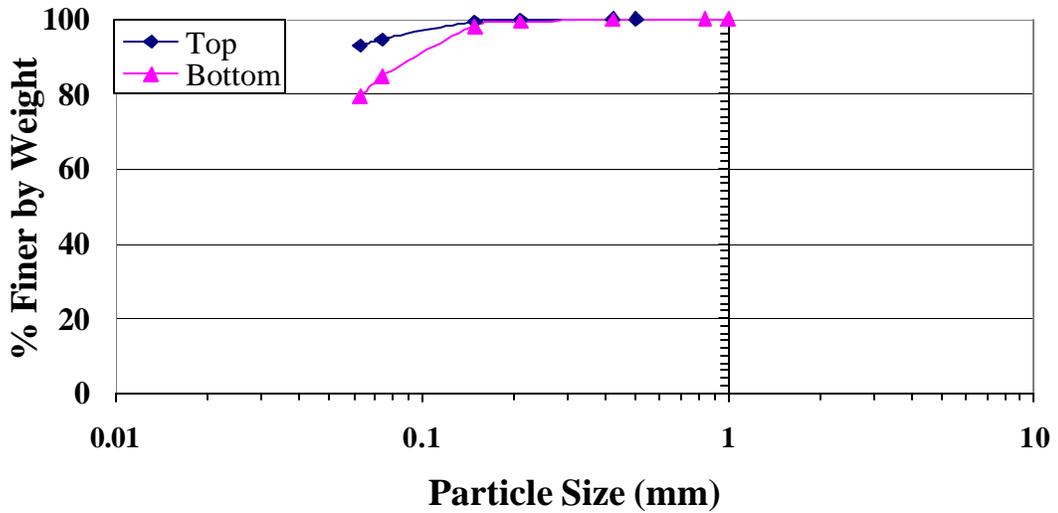
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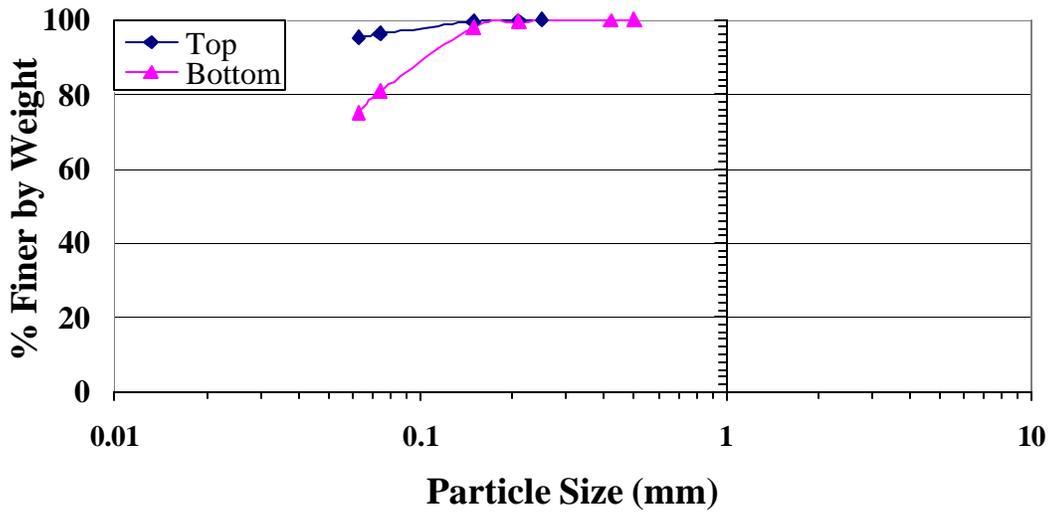
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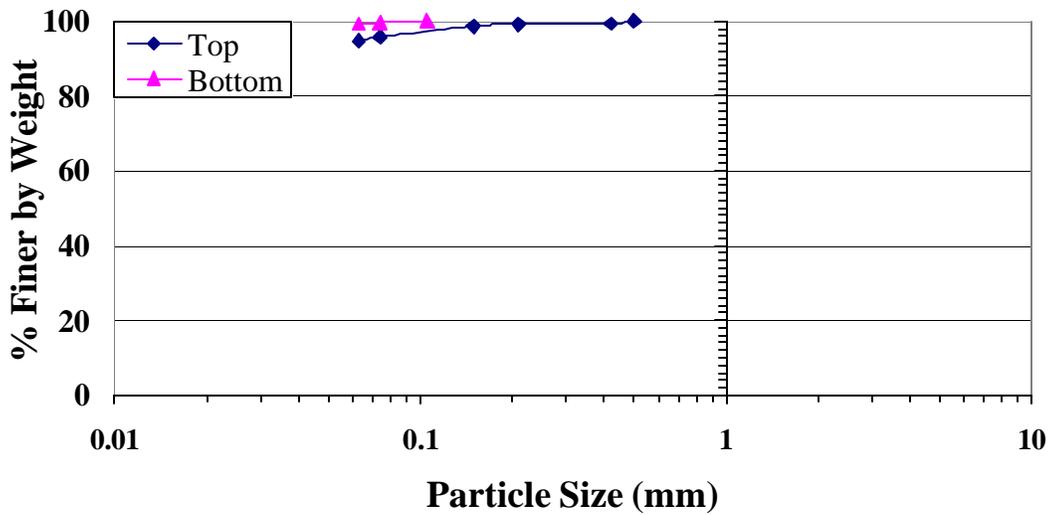
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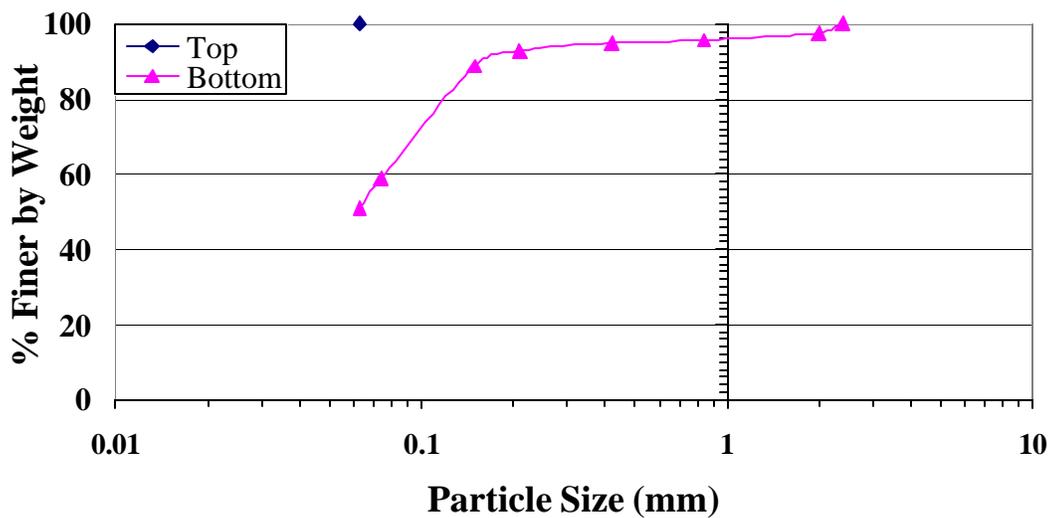
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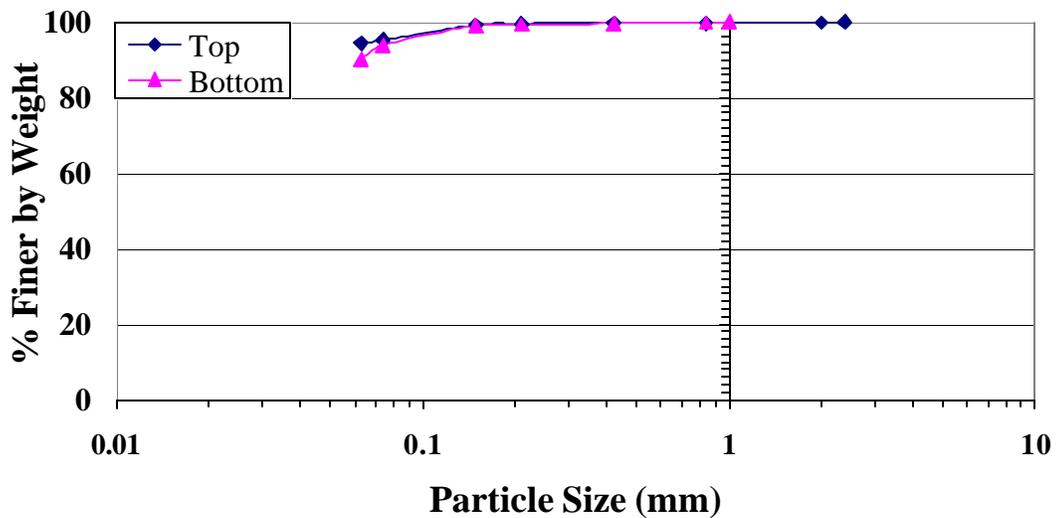
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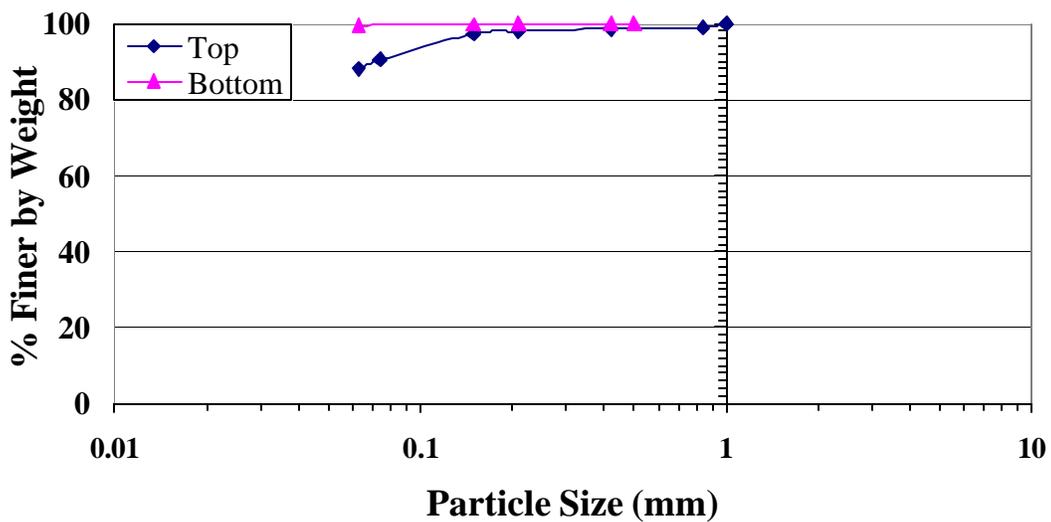
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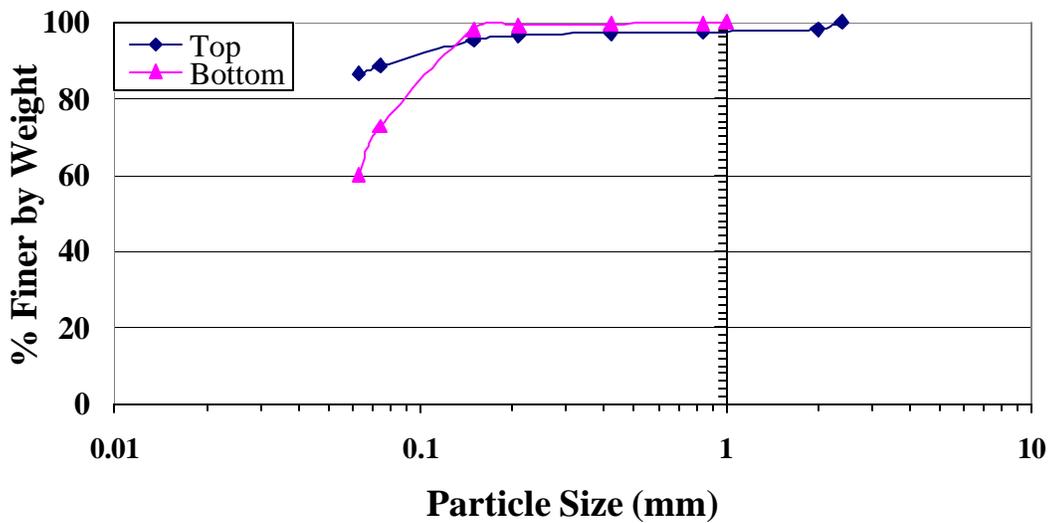
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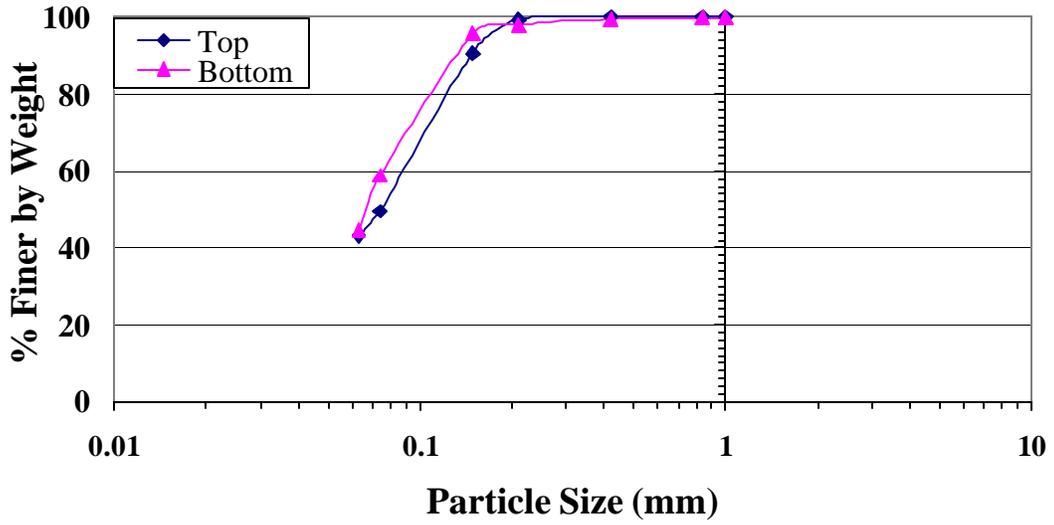
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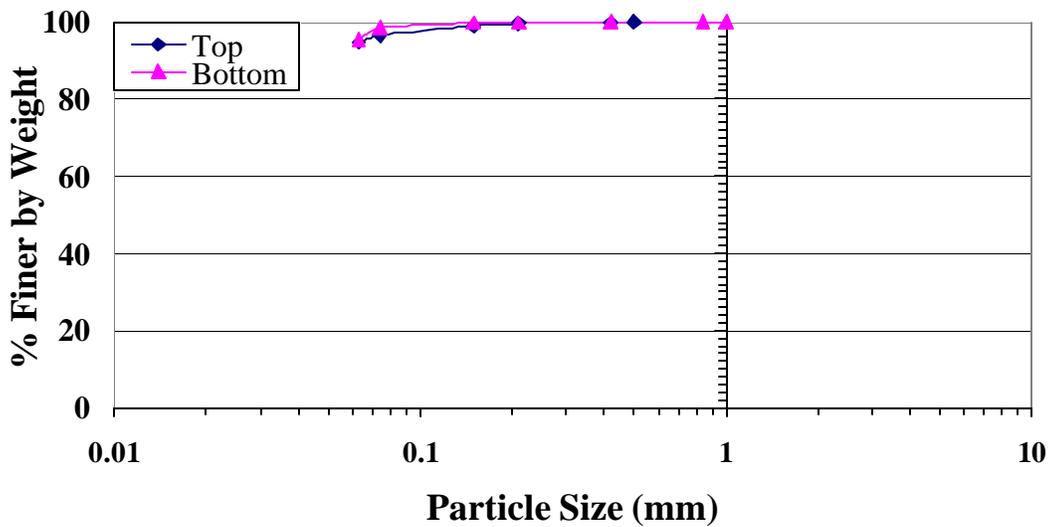
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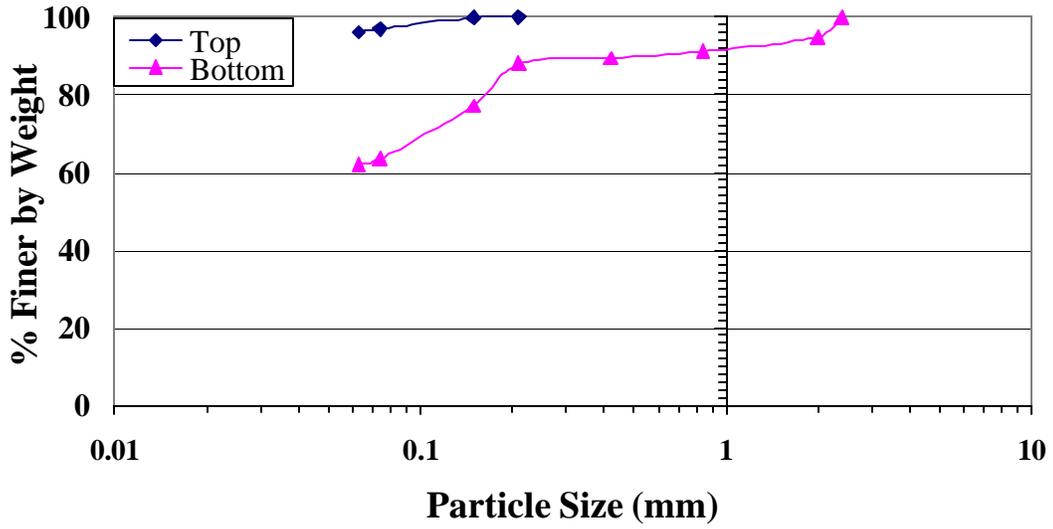
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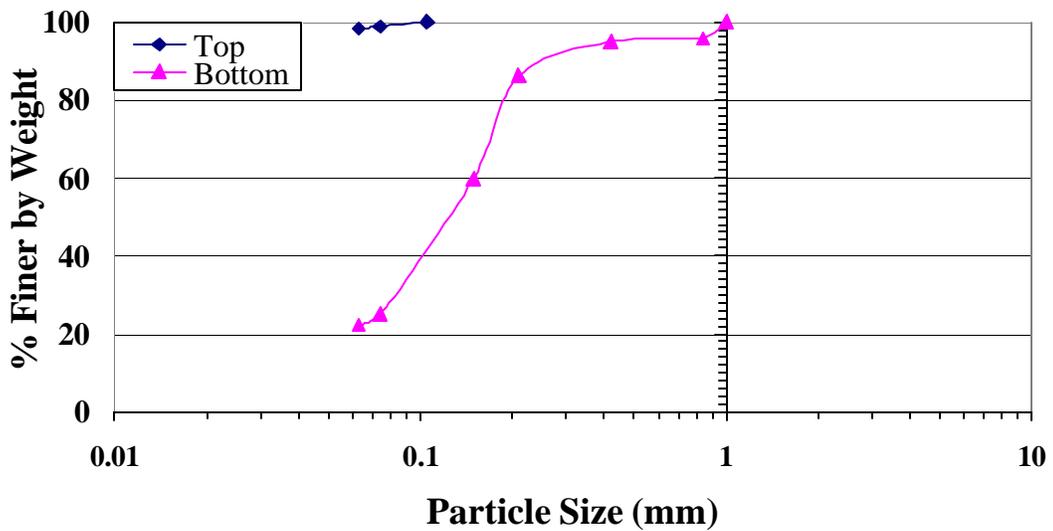
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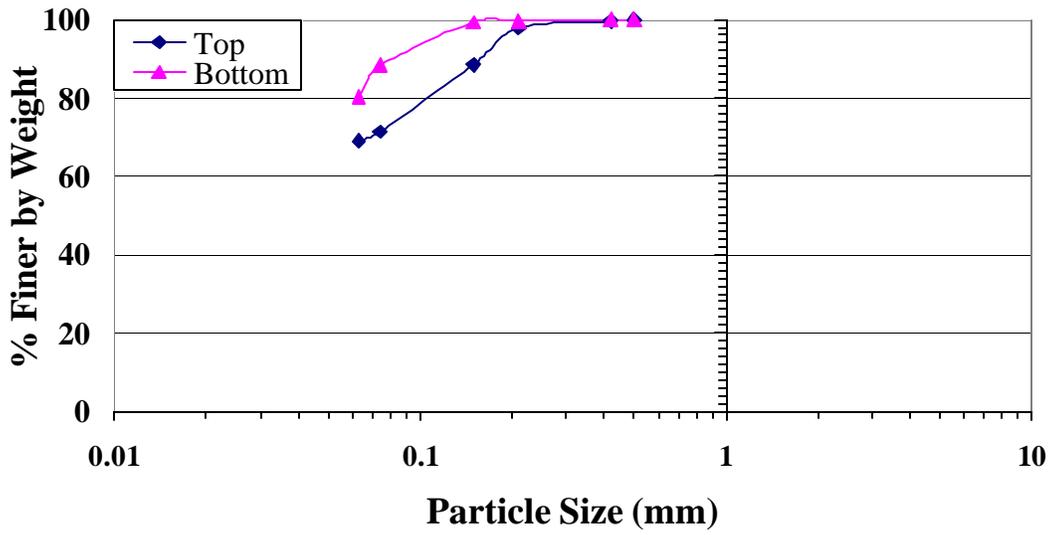
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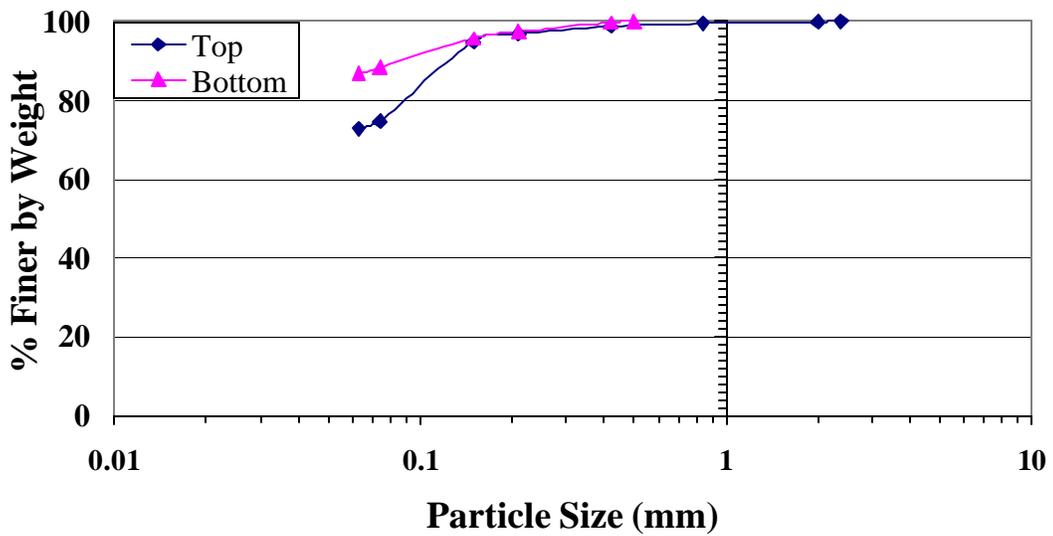
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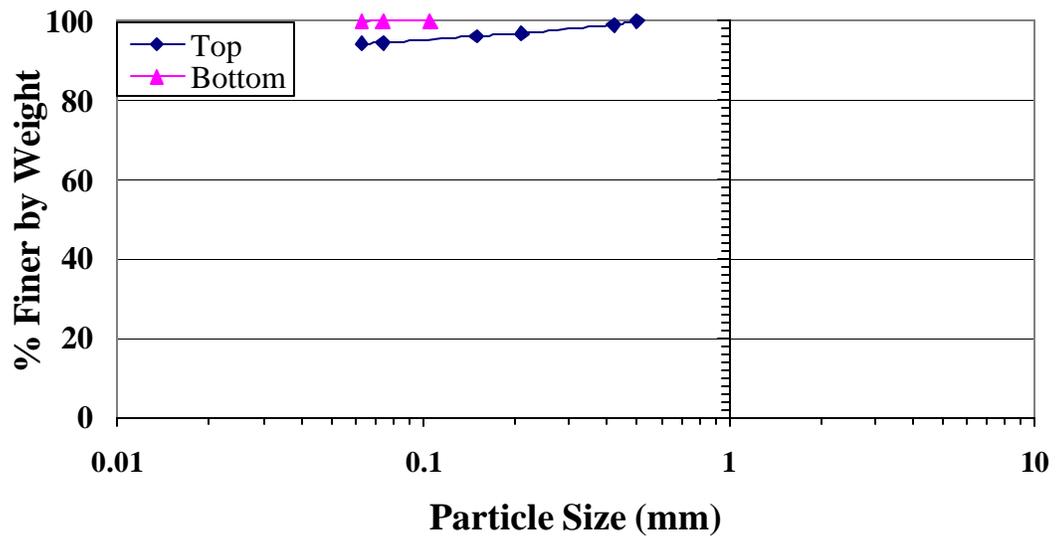
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Pleasure Island Bed Sample P19



Appendix H

Photographs

Appendix H_A

**Sequence of Photographs showing
Propagation of
Transverse Stern Waves
Generated by Passage of Ship**









Appendix H_B

**Photographs showing
Vessel-Generated Waves Attacking the Shore**















Appendix H_C

**Photographs showing
Bank Erosion at Various Locations
In Sabine Neches Project Area**











Appendix H_D

**Photographs showing
Bank Protection Measures
Adopted at Sabine**

























Appendix H_E

**Photographs showing
Bank Sediment at Various Locations**











Appendix H_F

**Photographs showing
Eastern Shoreline of Sabine Lake
Near Willow Bayou**

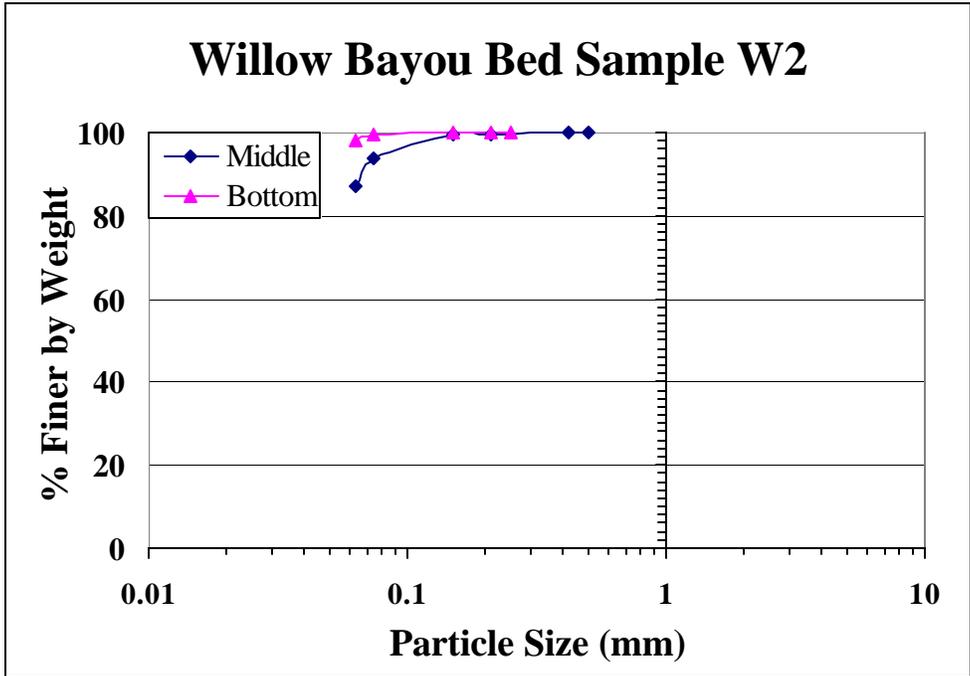
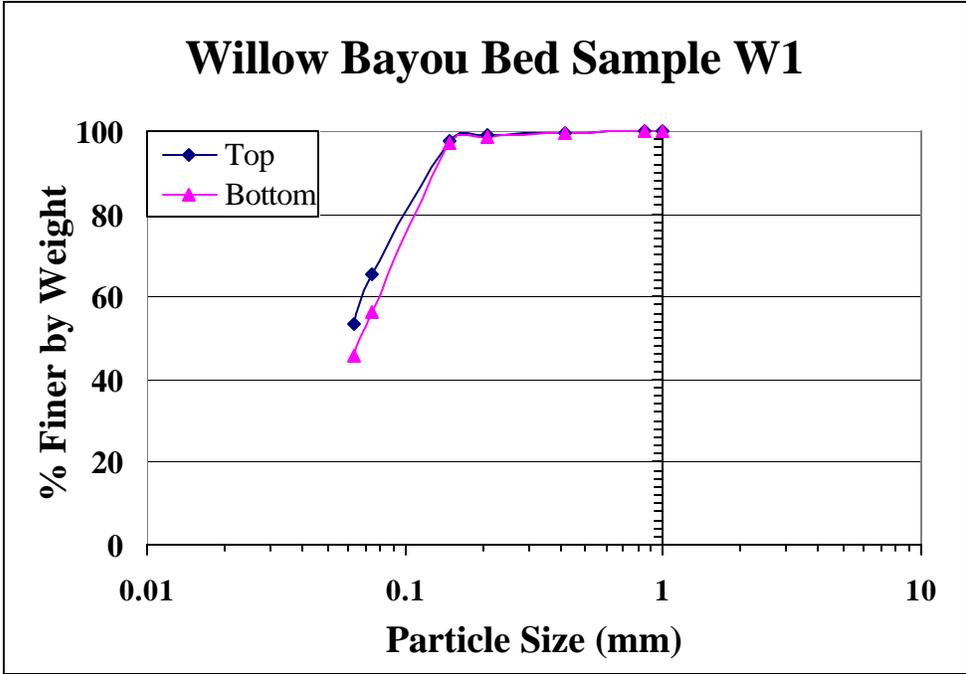




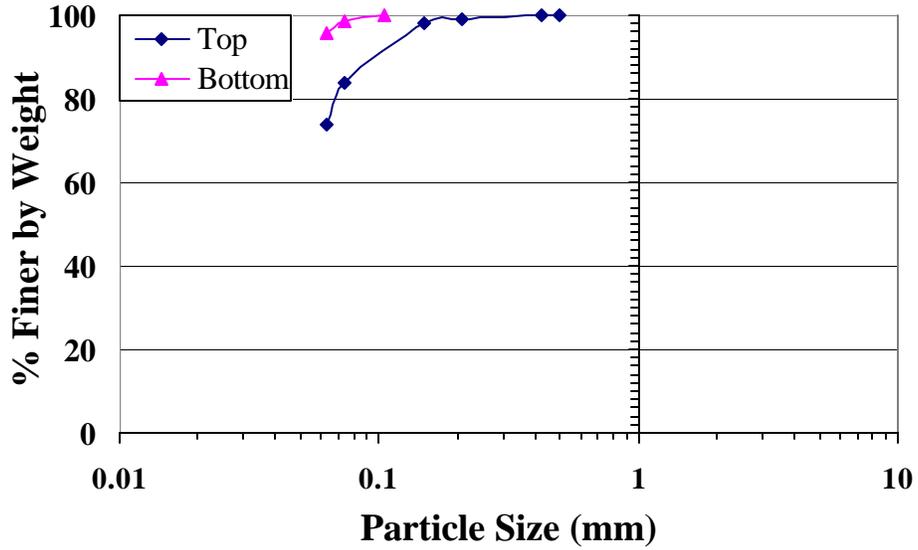


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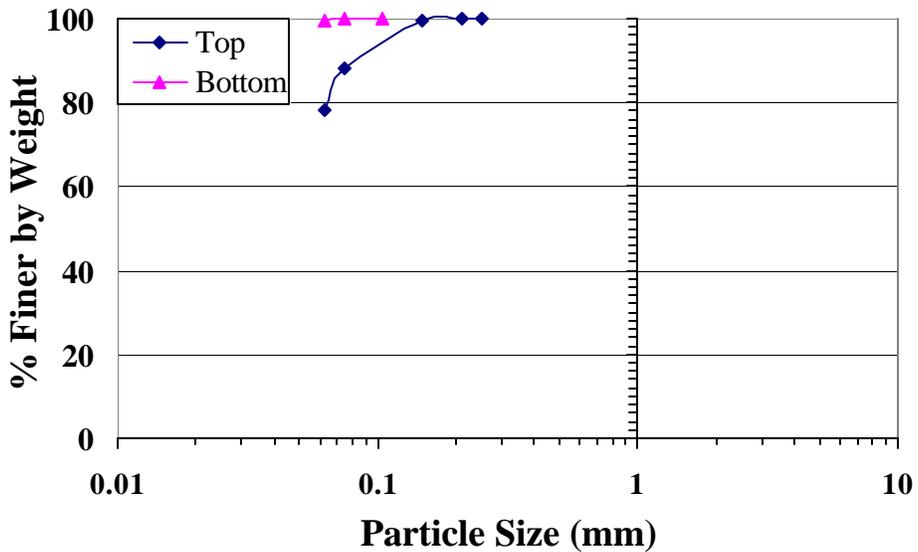
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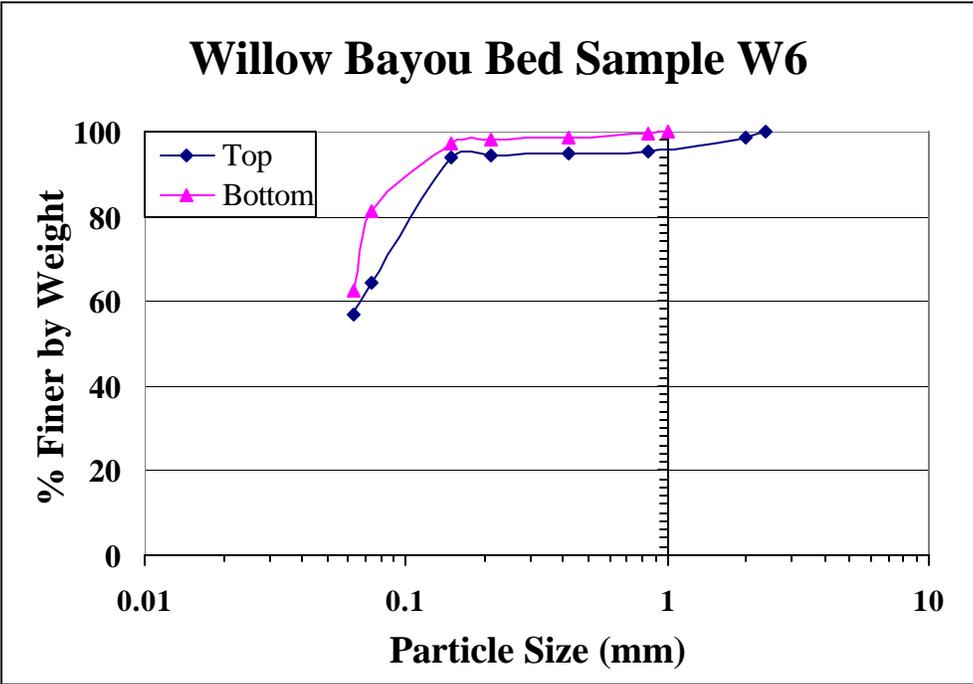
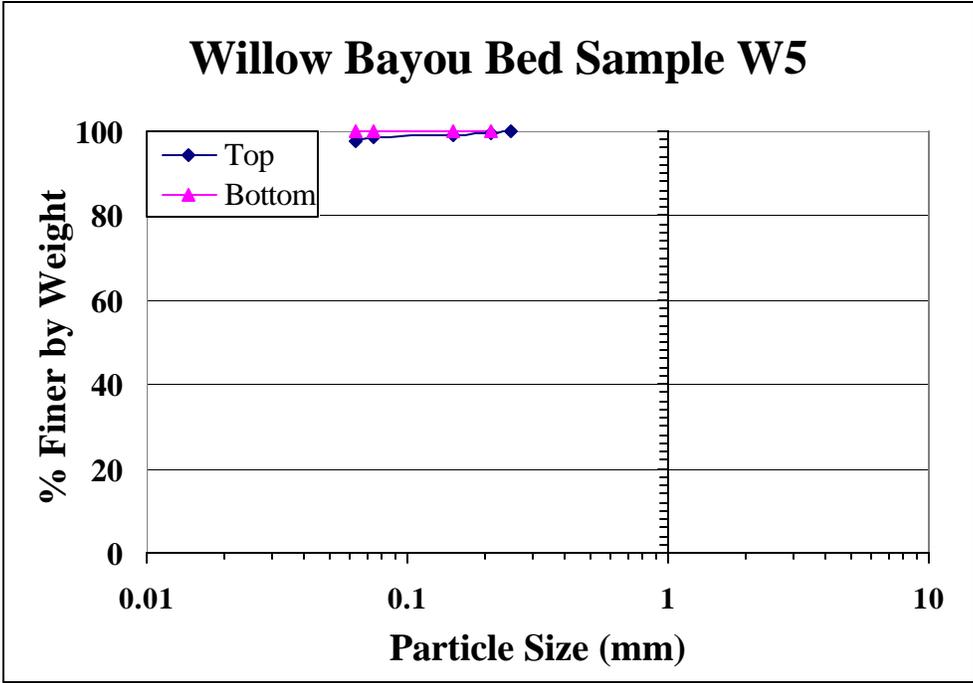


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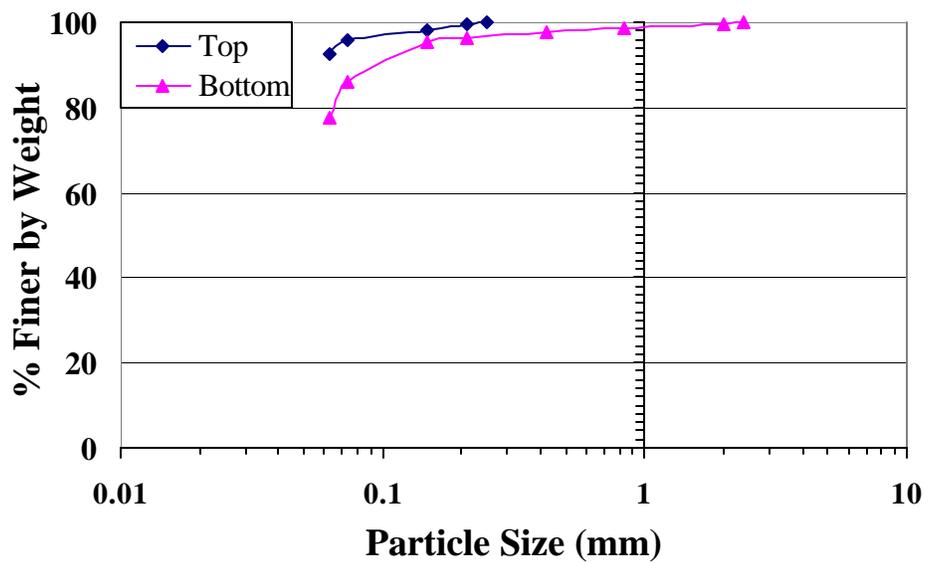


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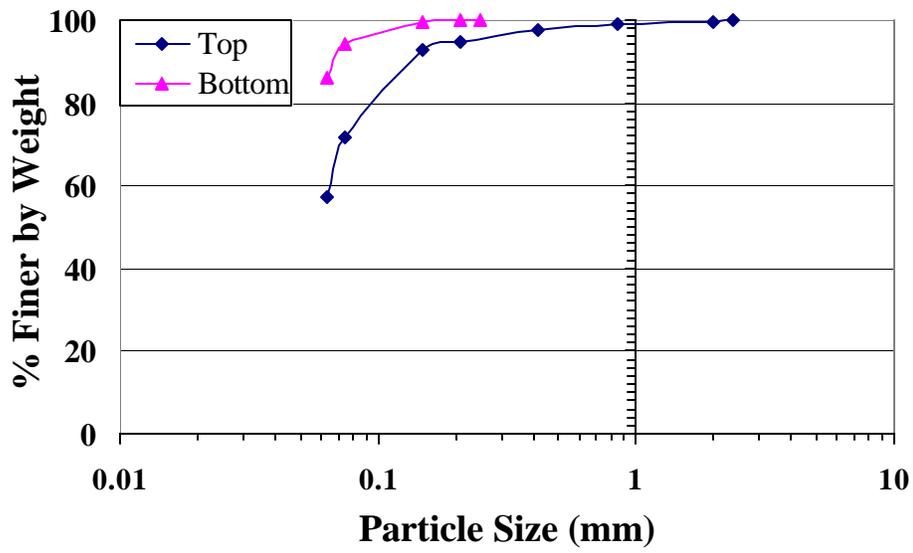
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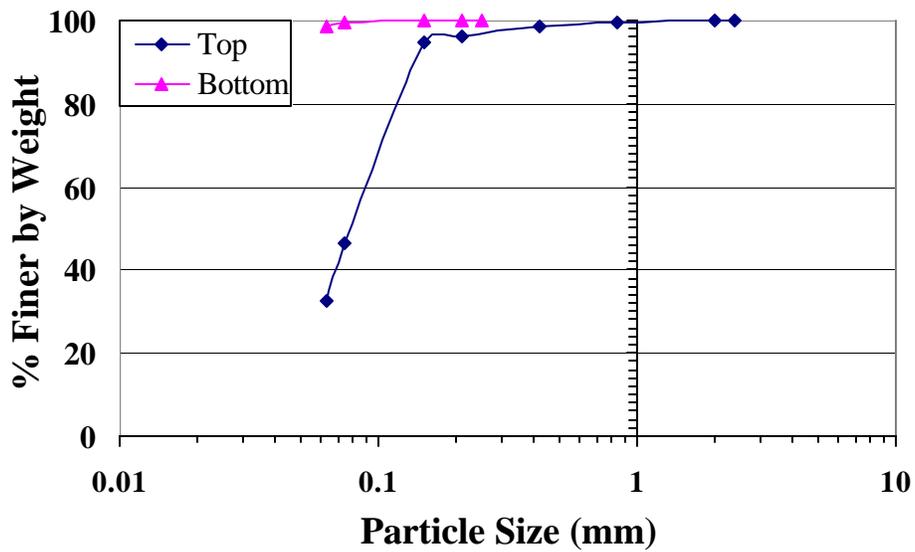
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Particle Size Distribution Curves for Sabine Lake East Shoreline Locations

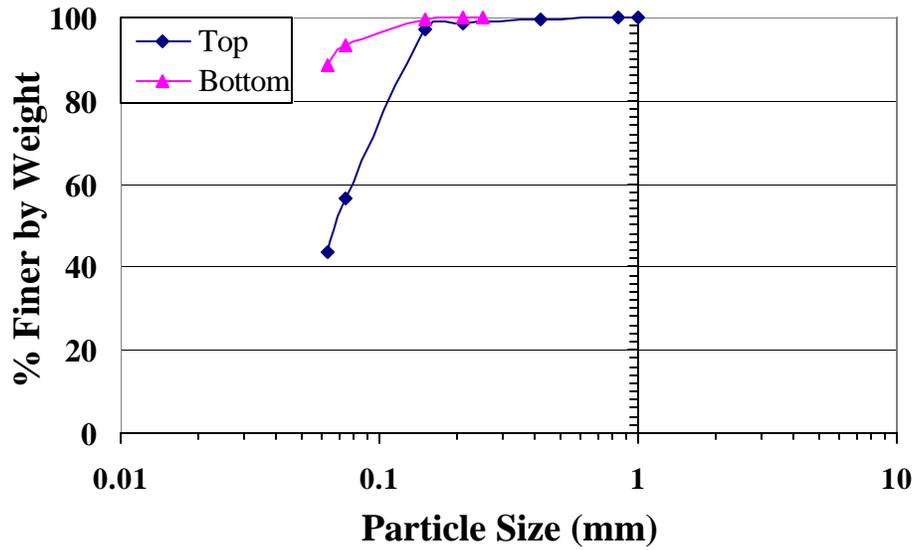
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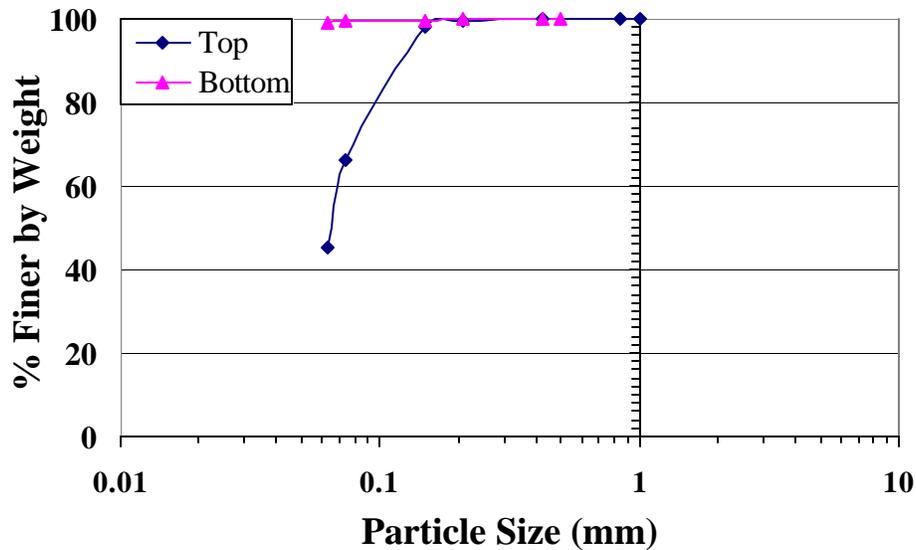
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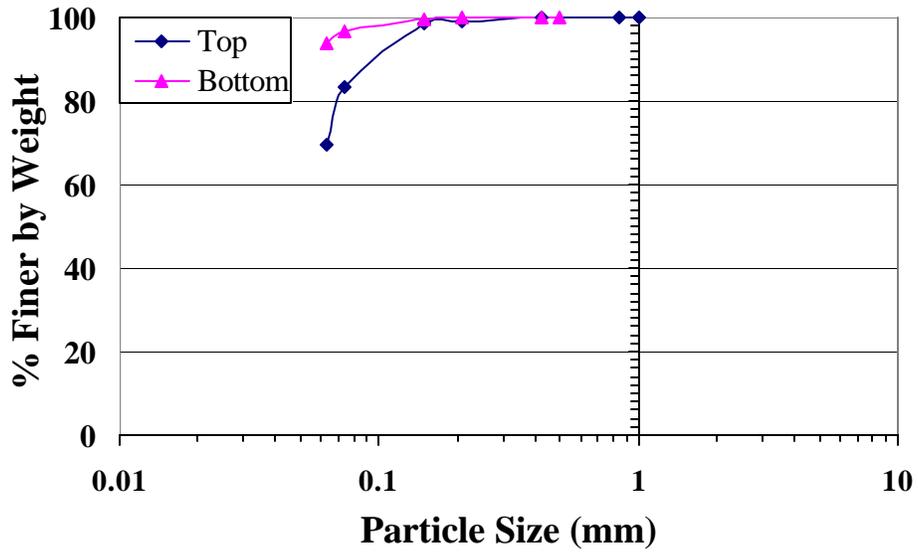
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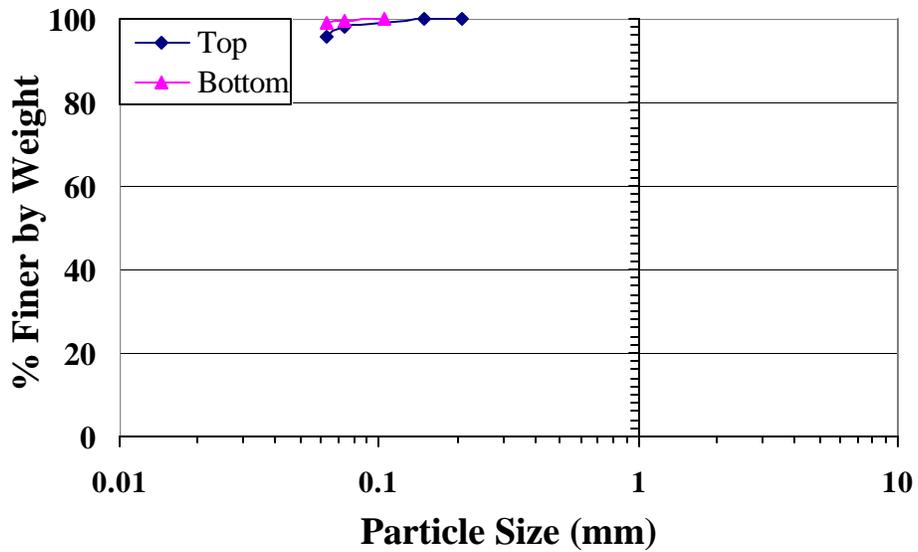
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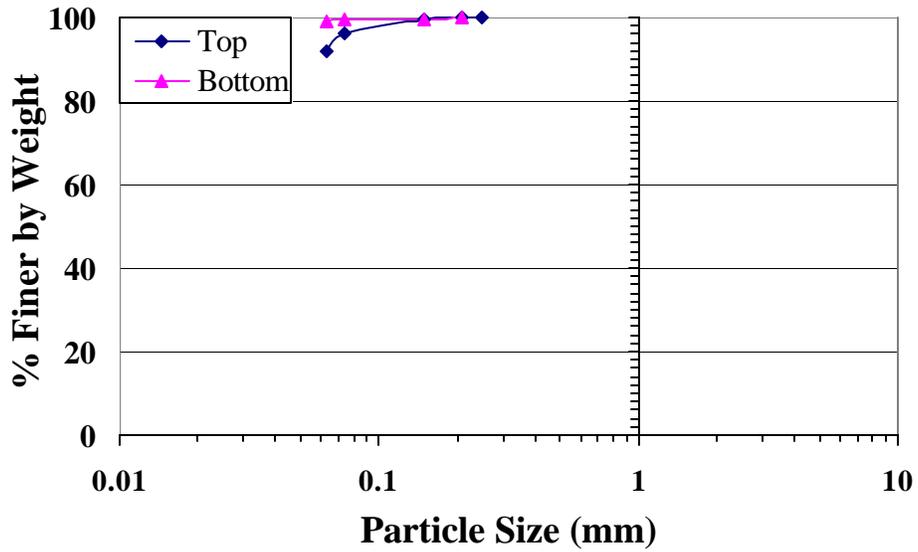
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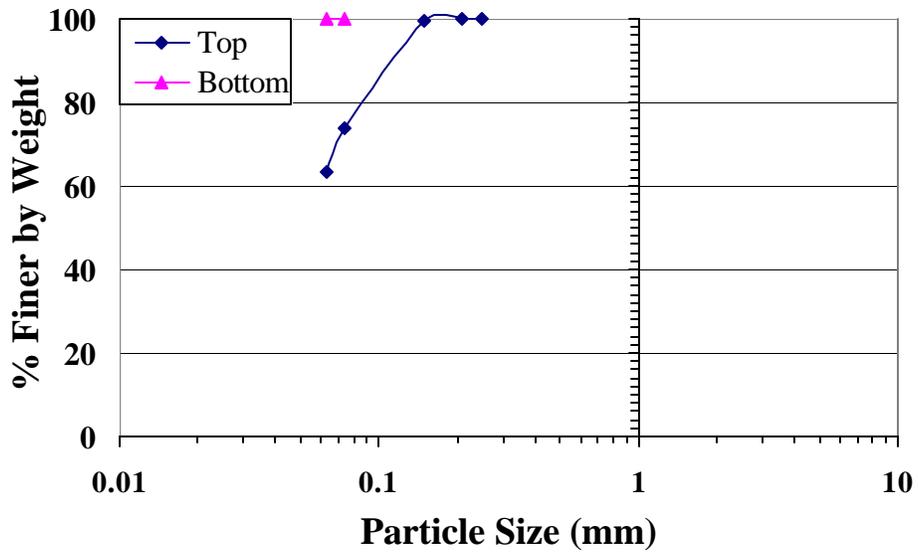
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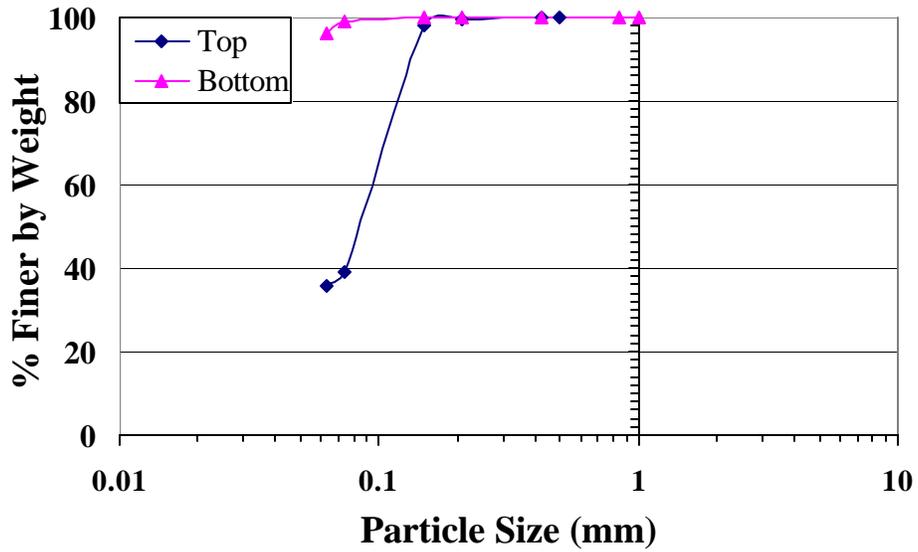
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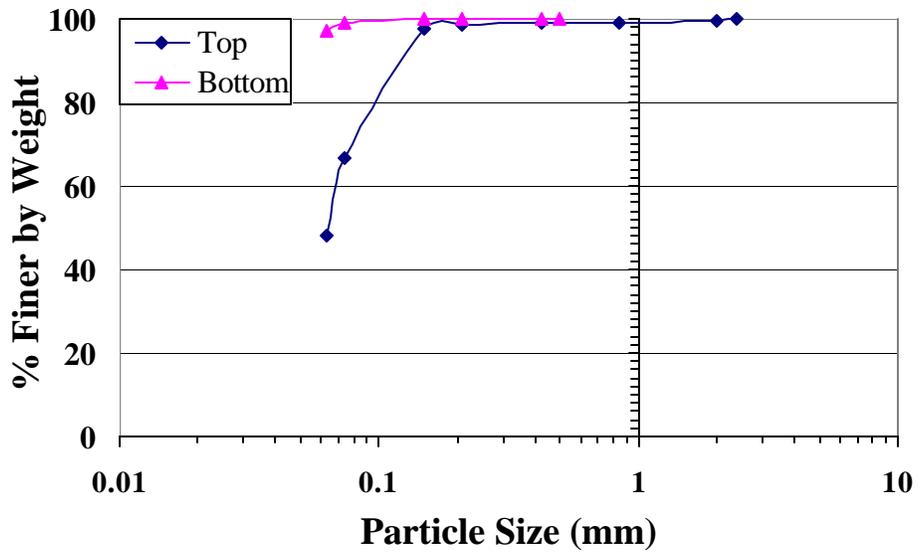
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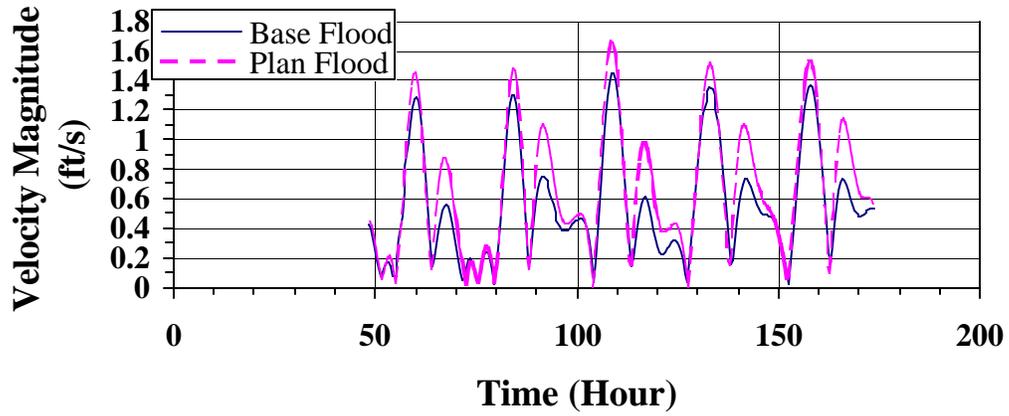
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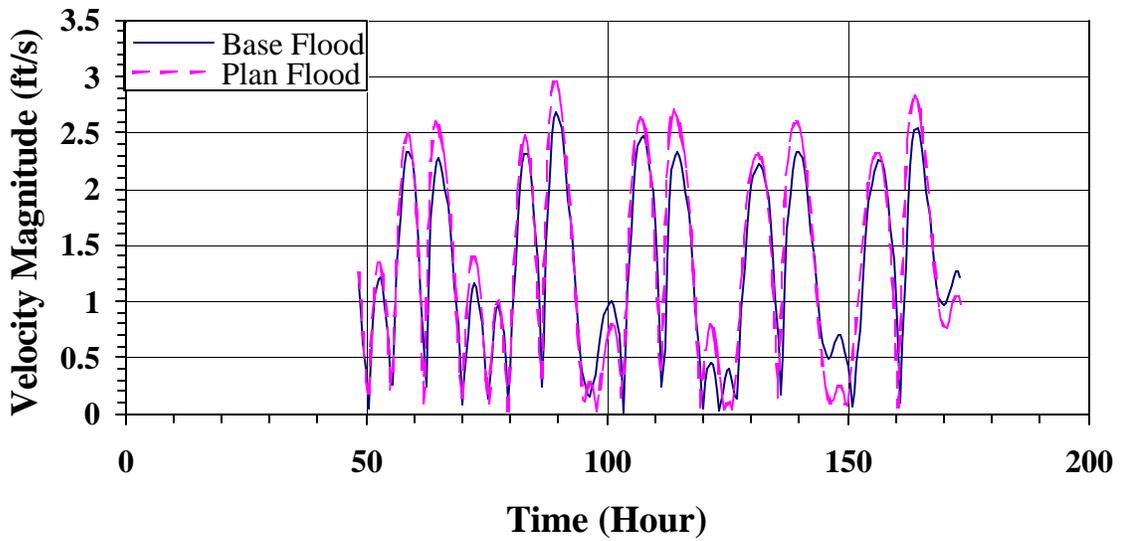
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Superposed Velocity Plots for Base and Plan for Flood at Willow Bayou Locations

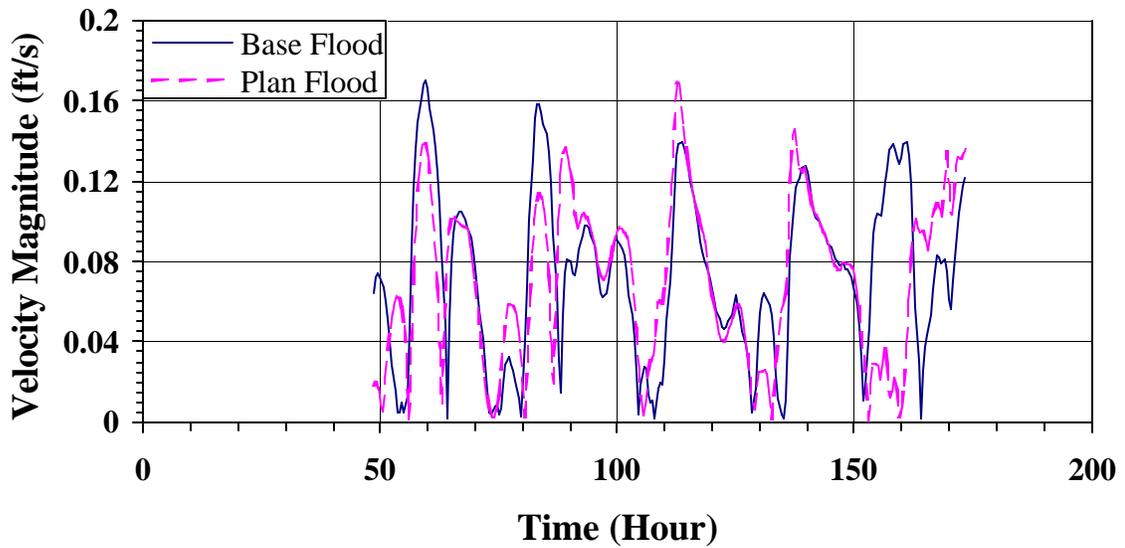
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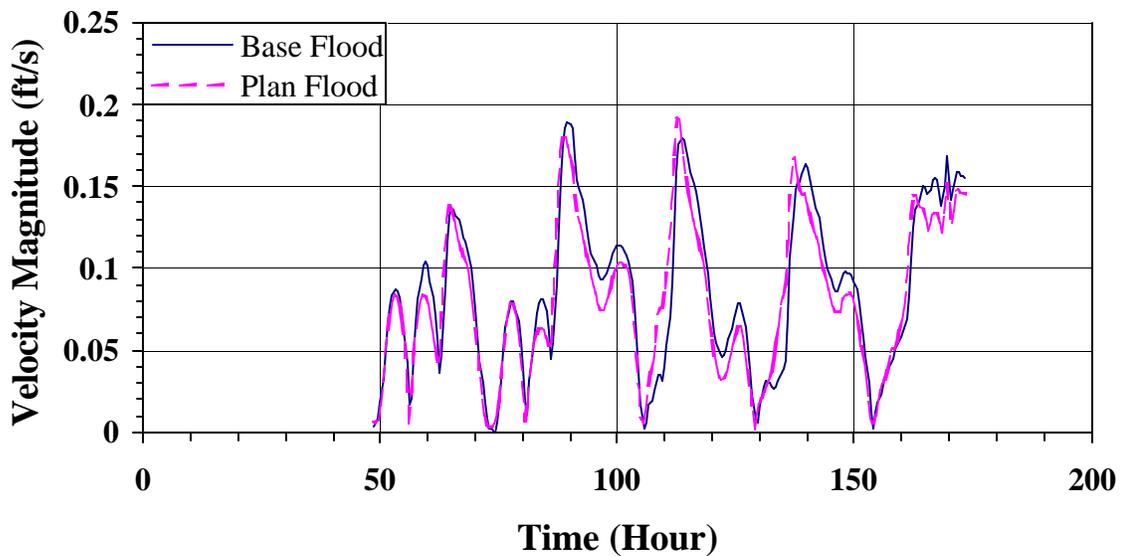
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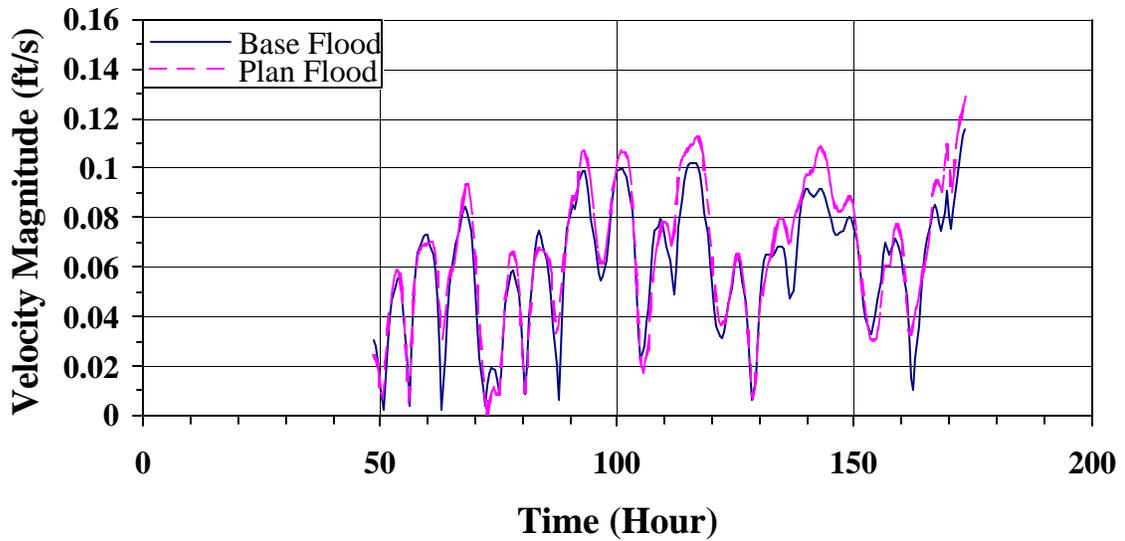
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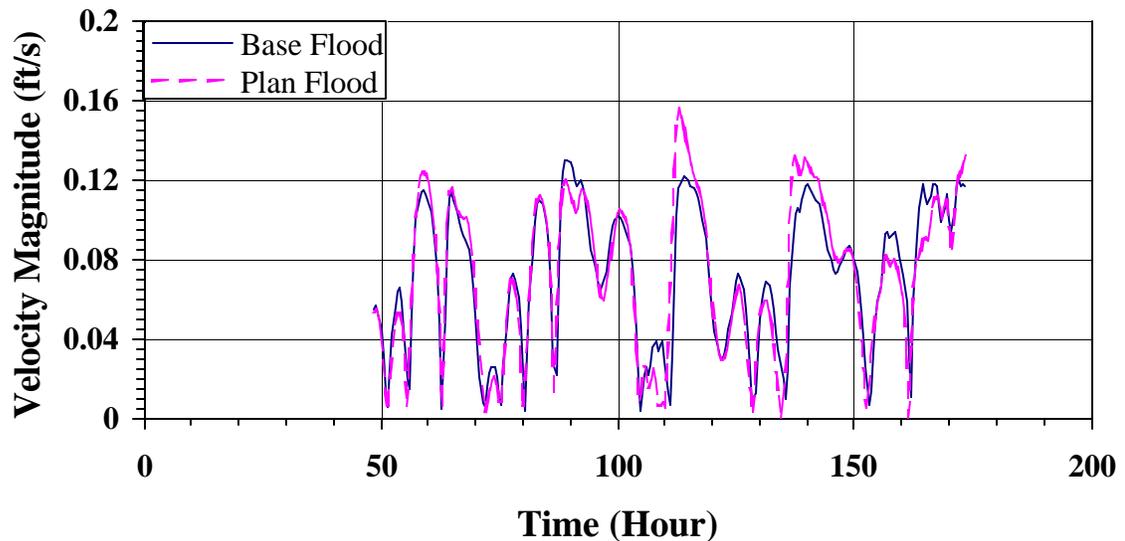
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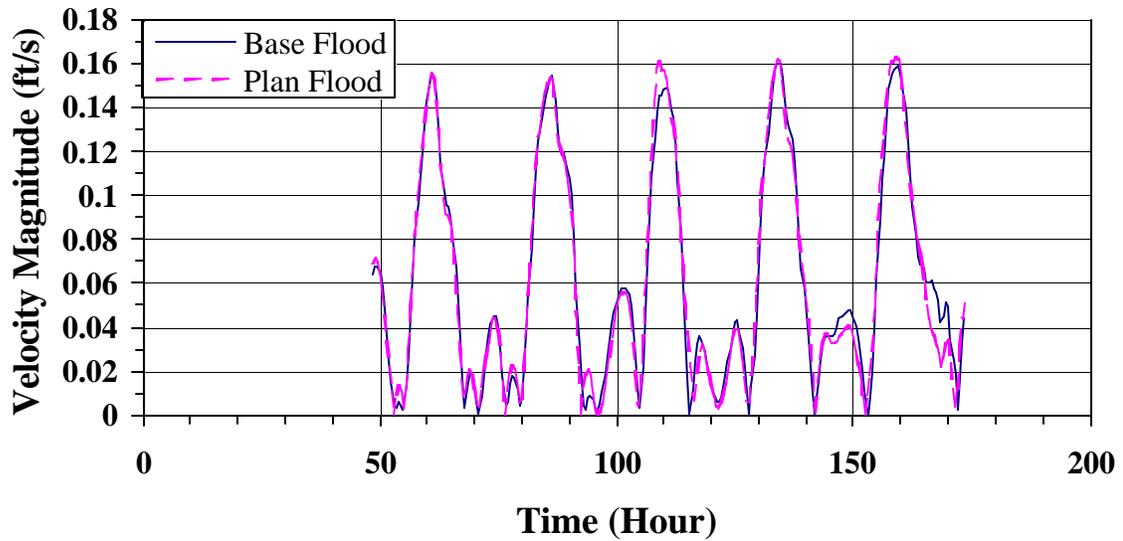
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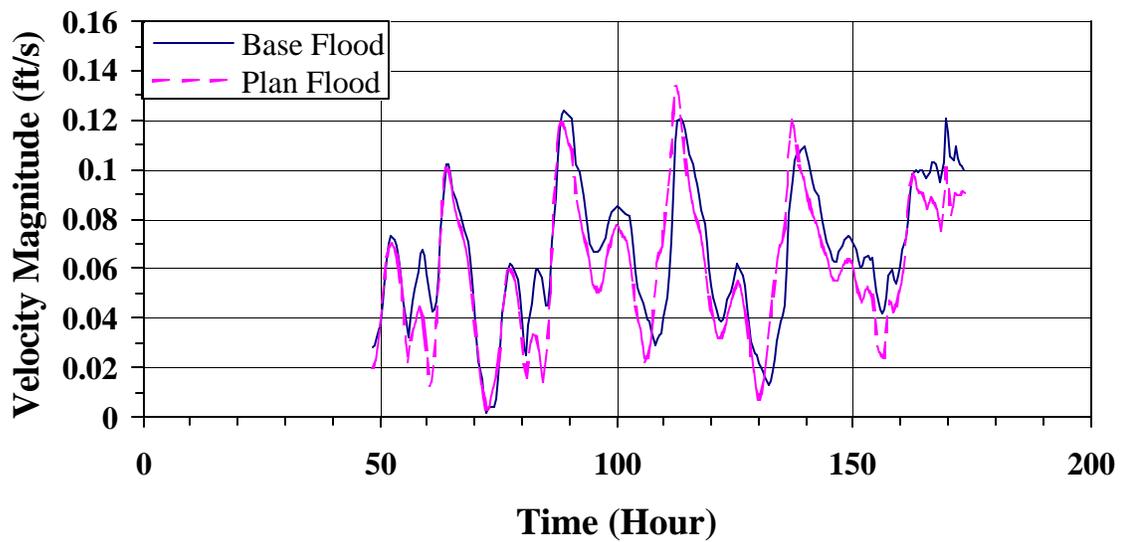
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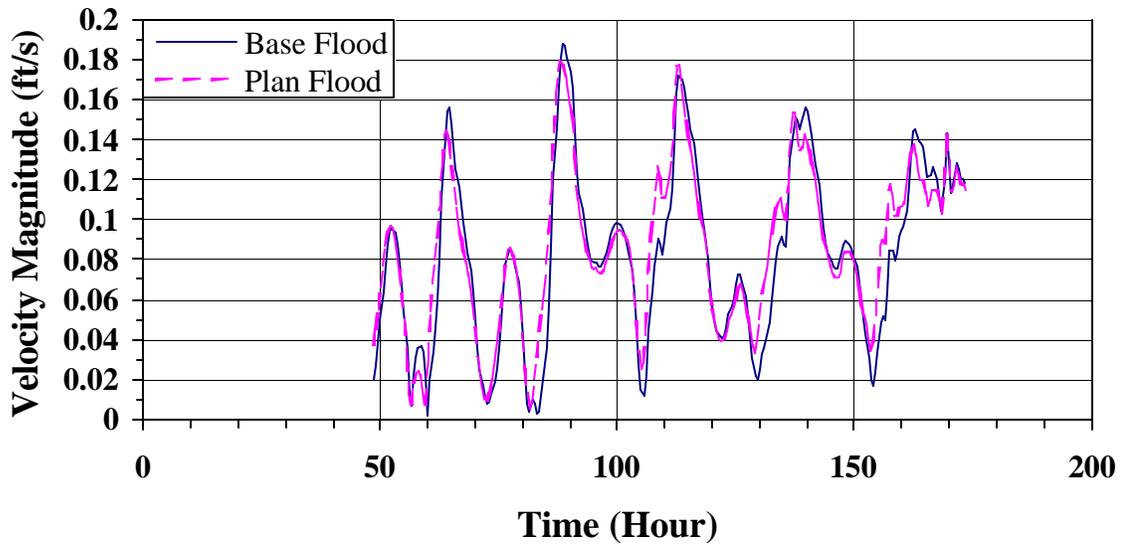
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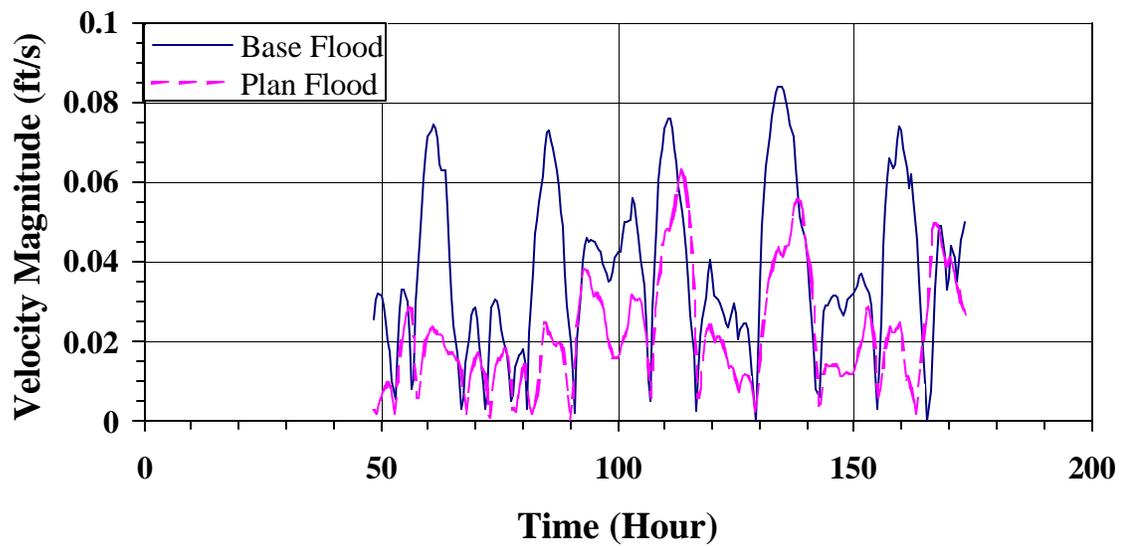
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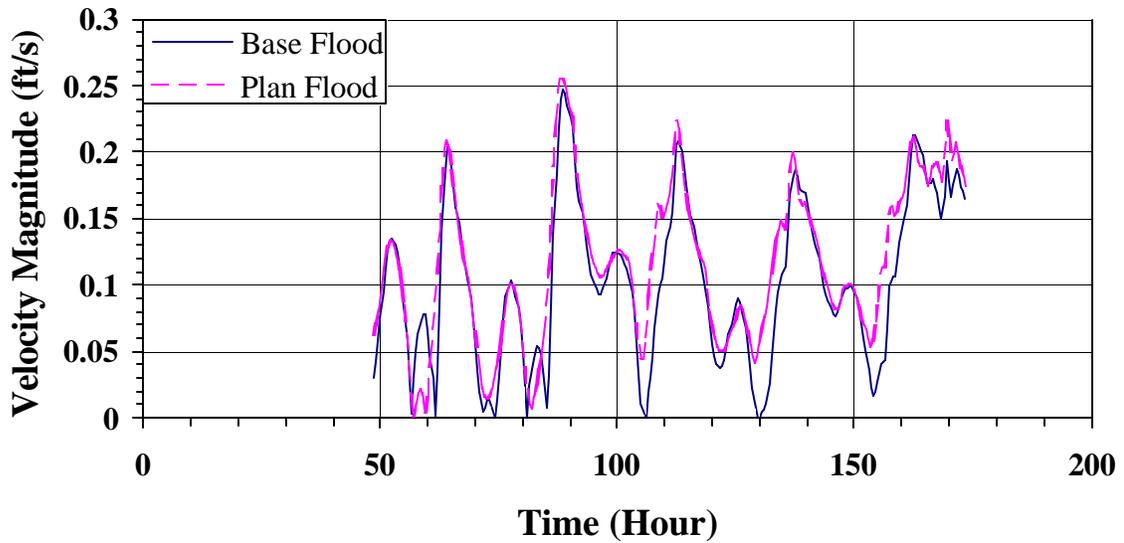
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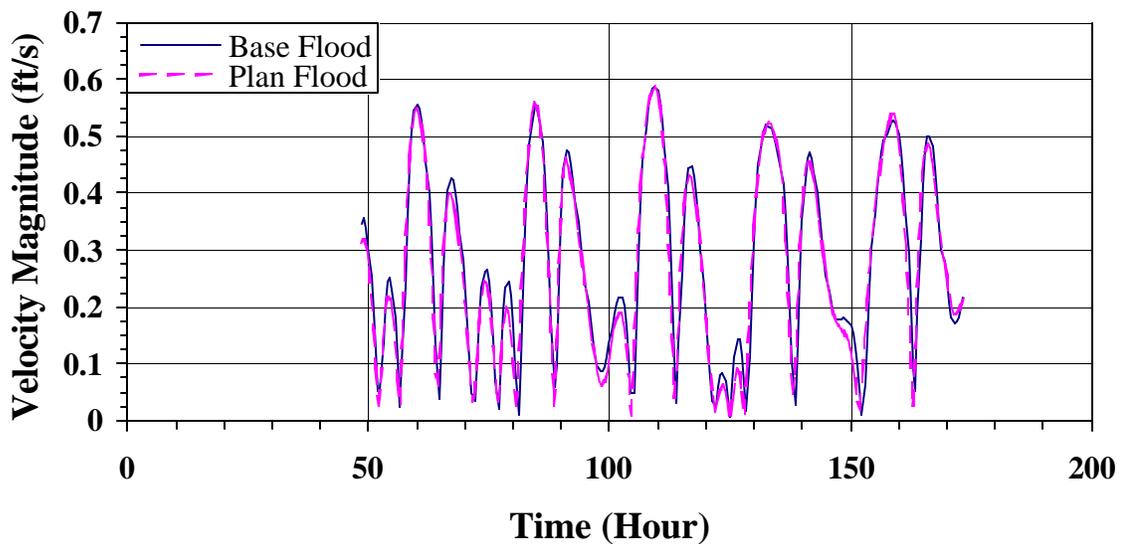
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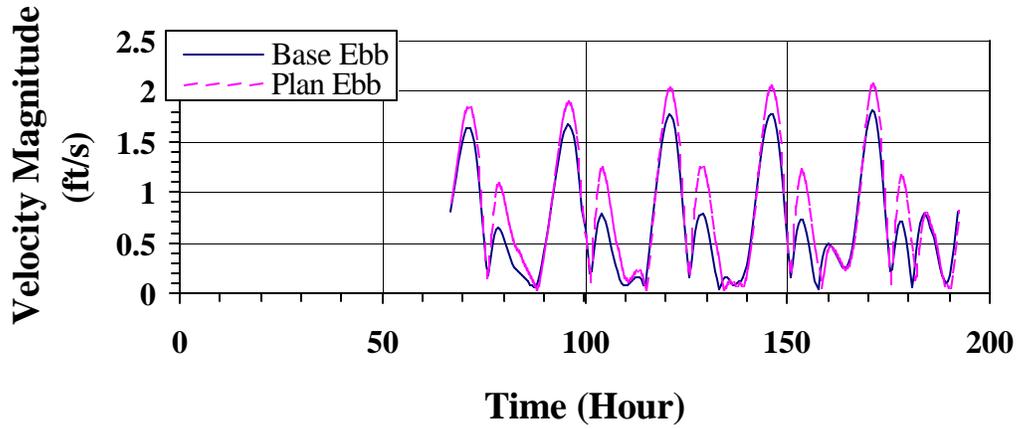


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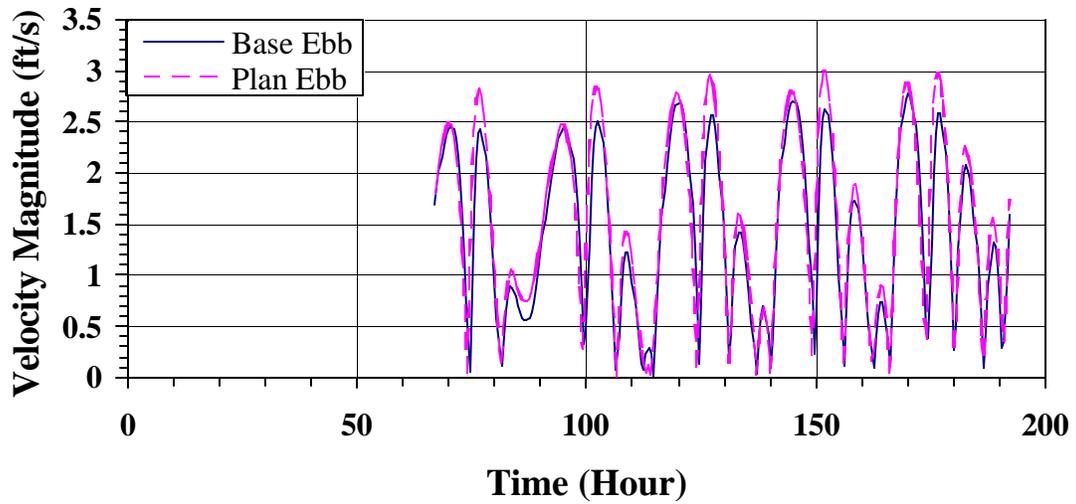
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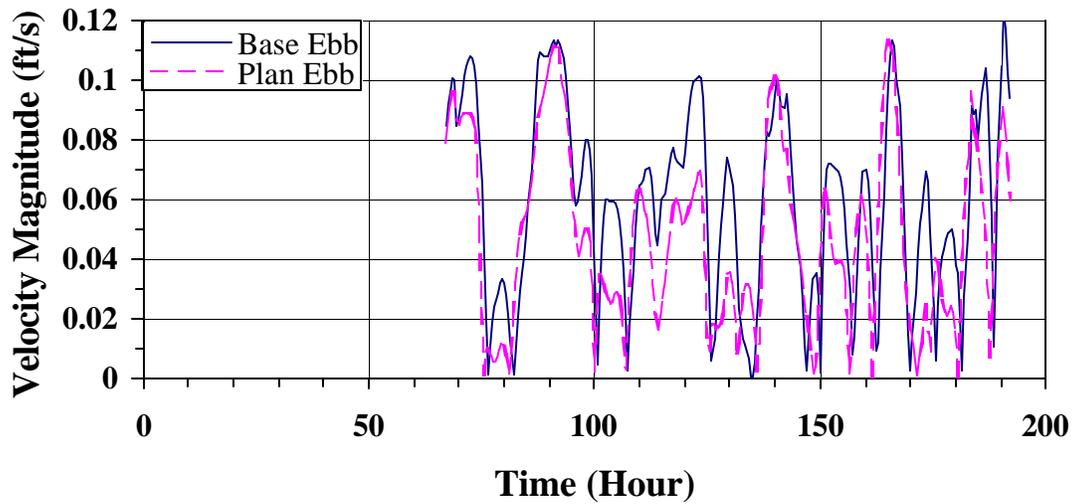
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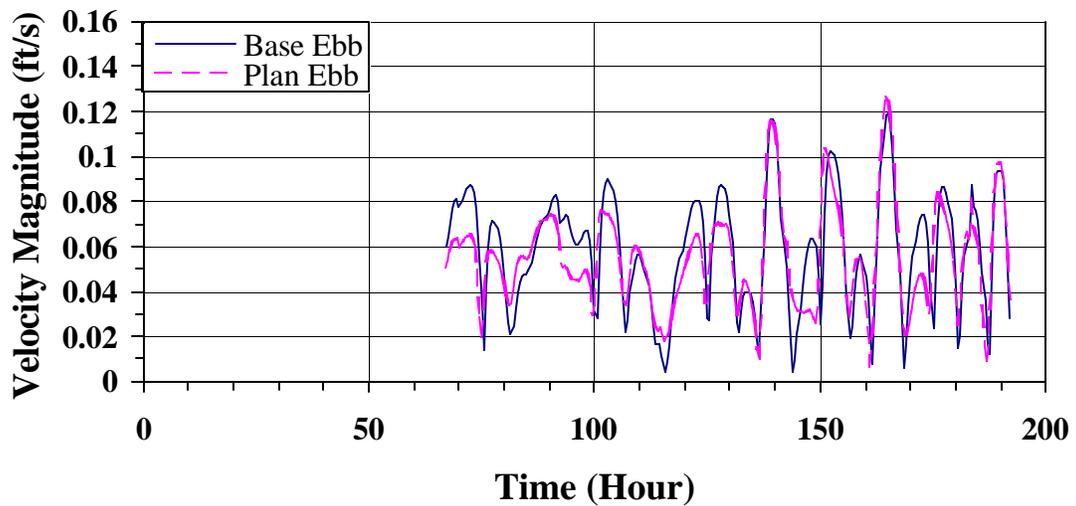
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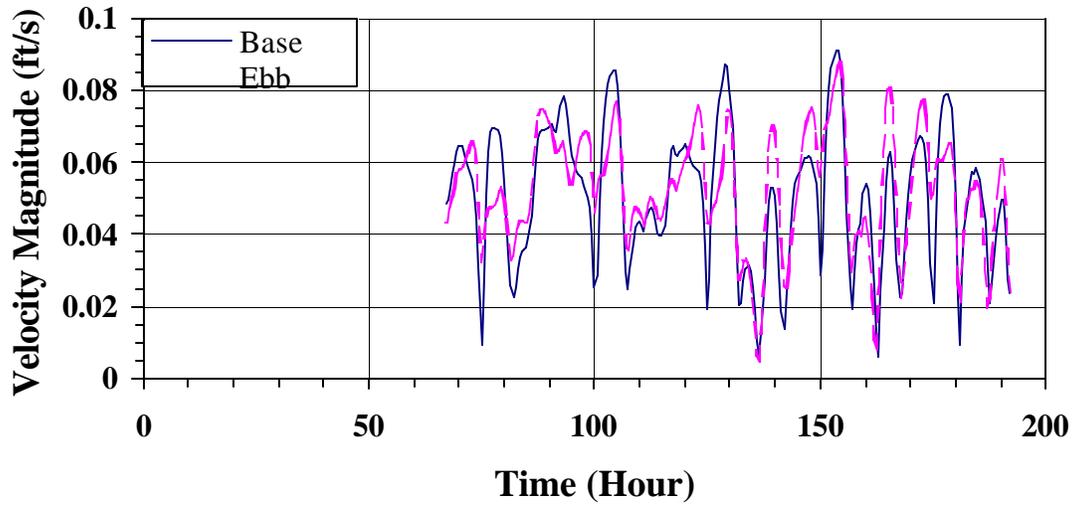
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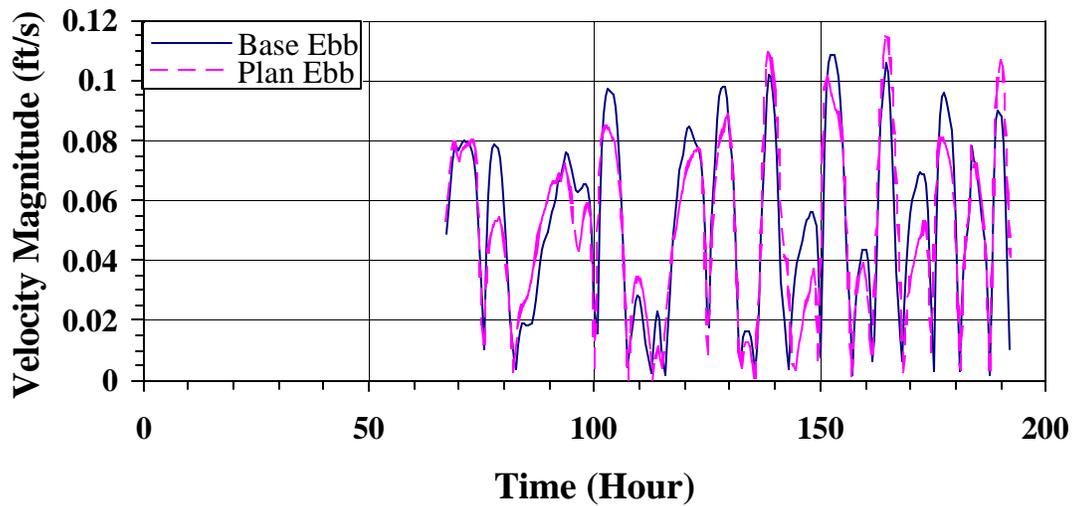
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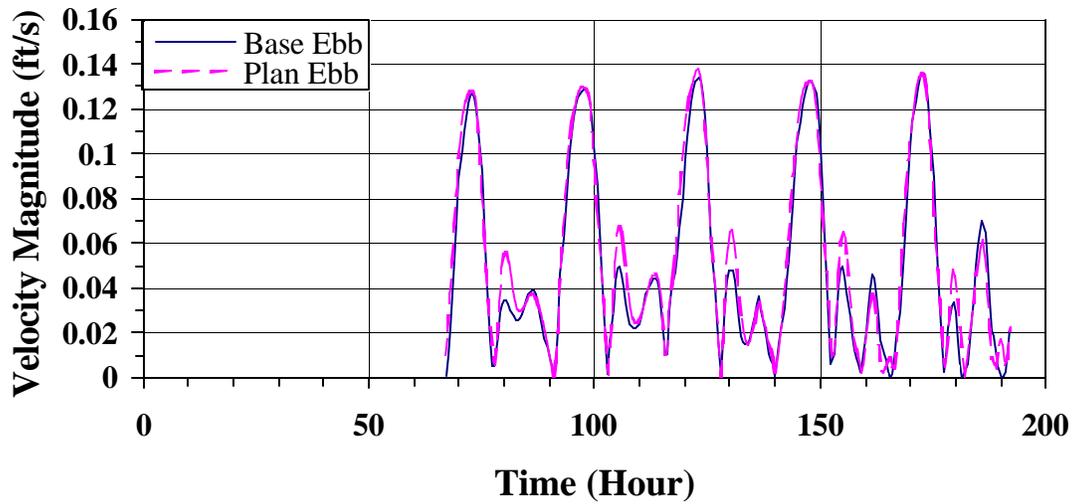
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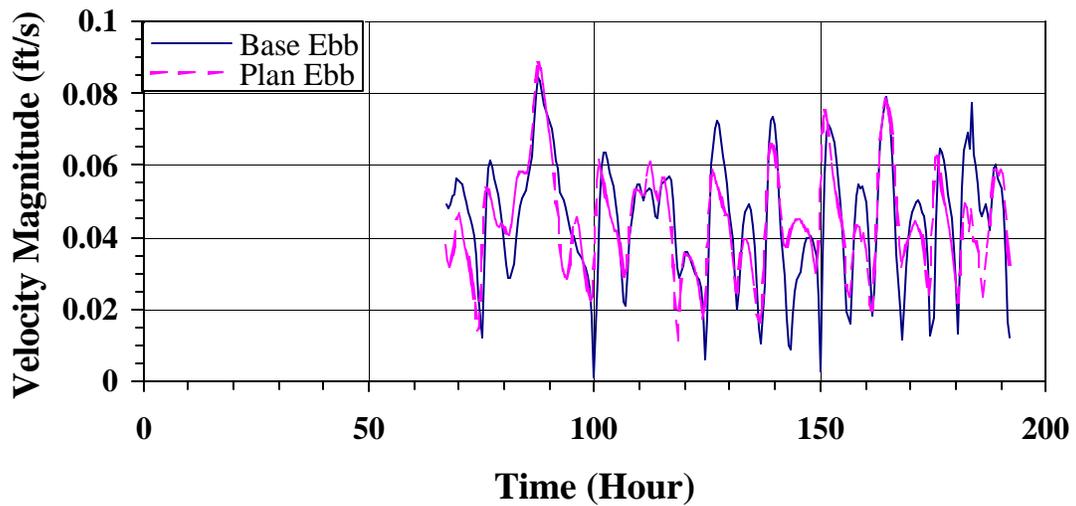
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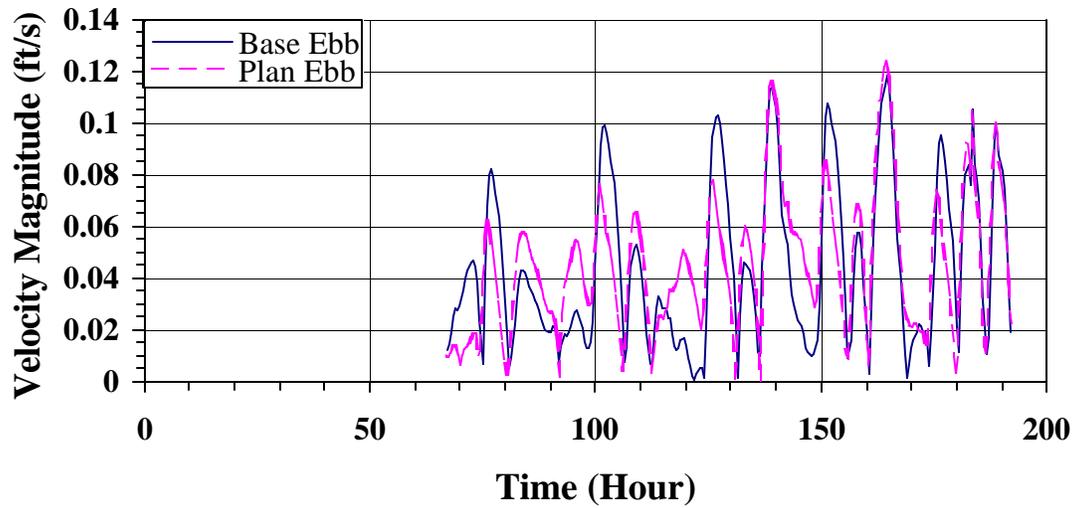
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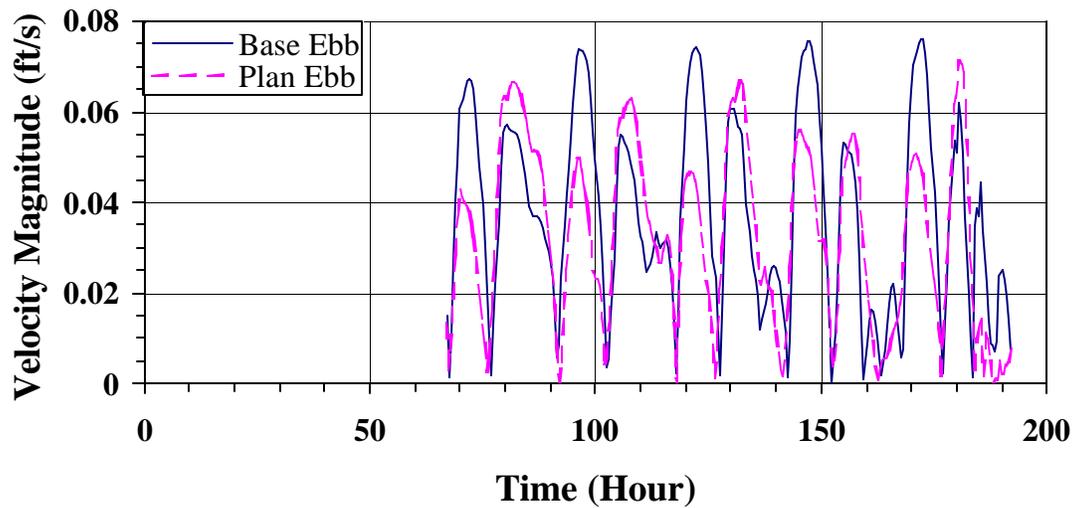
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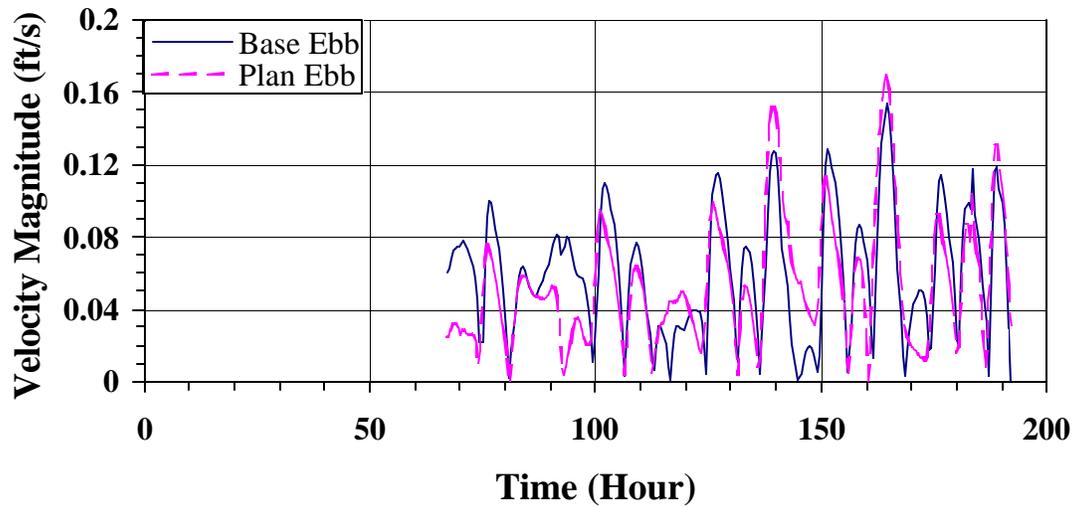
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