

IN-SITU SOIL RECLAMATION DEEP TILLING METHOD

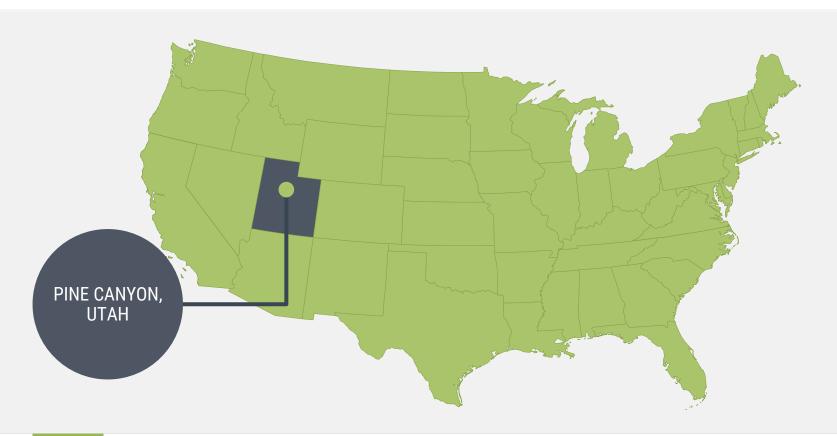
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PROJECT LOCATION

Pine Canyon, Utah



Operated1908-1974



Treated 750,000 Tons of Ore

HISTORY

International Smelter and Refining Company formed by the Anaconda Copper Company

2007: Pine Canyon Conservation Area for Wildlife Conservation Established



- 72,000 Tons of Lead Bullion
- 10,000 Tons of Blister Copper
- 9,000,000 Ounces of Silver
- Numerous by products

1986: 3,000 Acre Smelter Site Reclaimed



WELCONE BALL

NIX FIELD



- Nix Field is 96 acre area located along the western border of a smelter and refinery site
- Originally characterized during Remedial Investigation as and Agriculture Land Use
- Recently Re-Zoned for ranchette type residential (5 ac lots)
- Future residential development will require mitigation of risk from lead and arsenic to match new Land Use

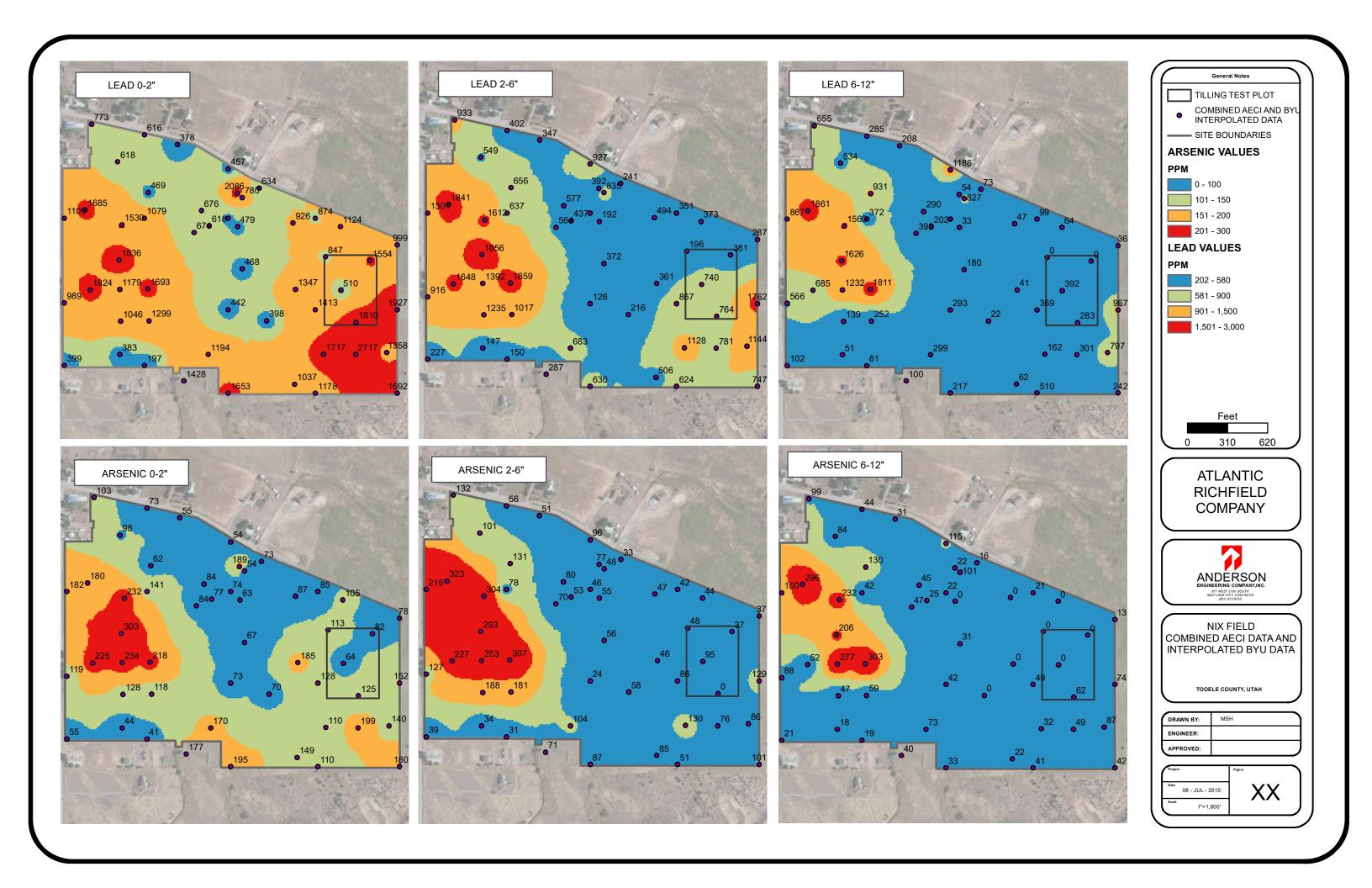




NIX FIELD







FORECASTED REMEDIAL COST

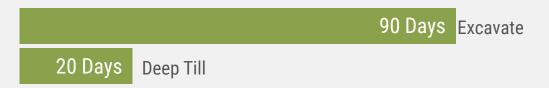




FORECASTED CONSTRUCTION DAYS



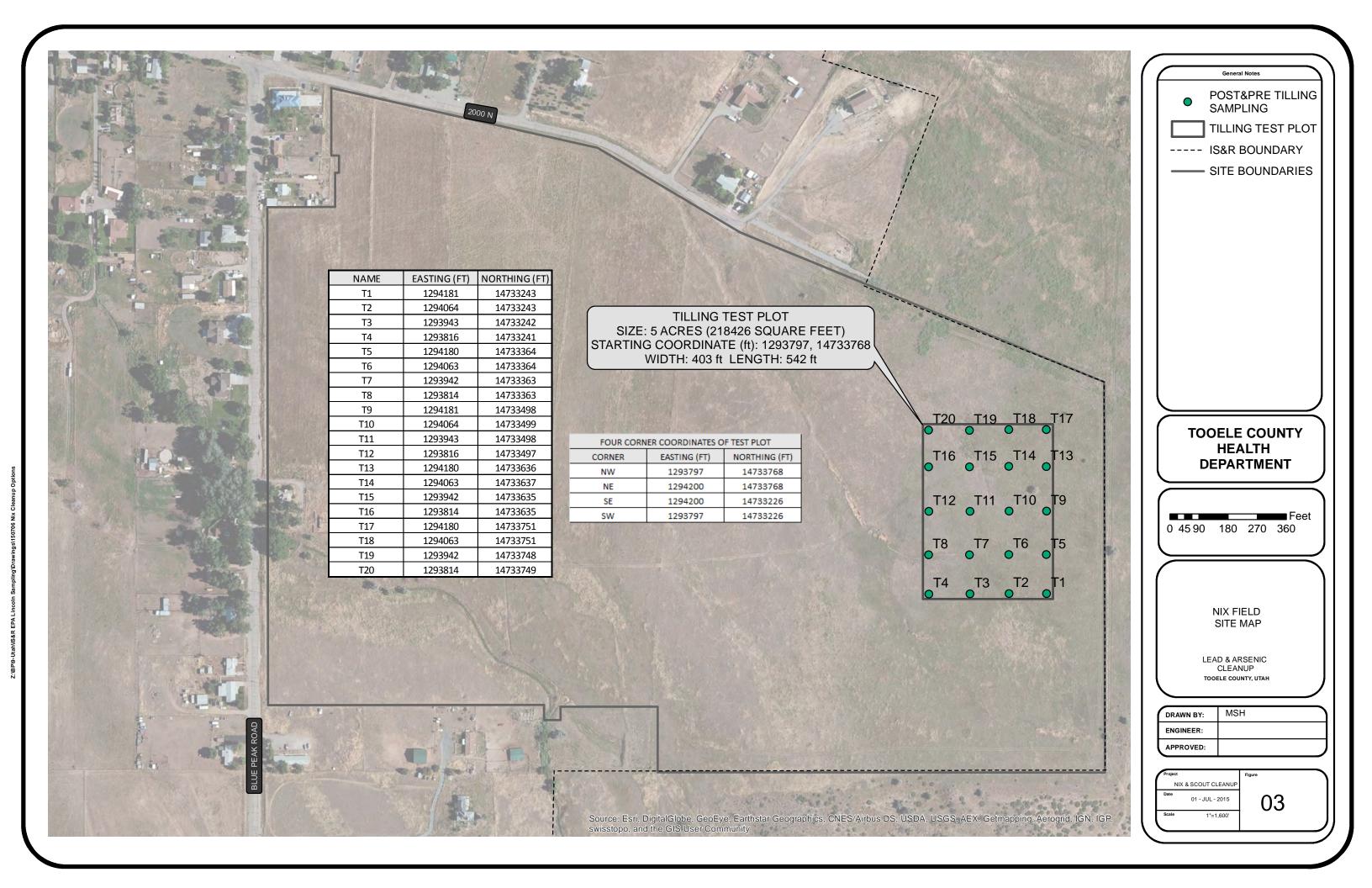
Estimated Time to Remediate Nix Field



TEST PLOT LOCATION SELECTION



- A 403 feet X 542 feet (~5-acre) test plot location was chosen based on previous sampling results
 - Plot has a wide range of lead and arsenic concentrations:
 - Low: Pb 510 mg/kg, As 64 mg/kg (Surface)
 - High: Pb 1810 mg/kg, As 125 mg/kg (Surface)



DEMONSTRATION OBJECTIVE



- Reduce lead and arsenic concentrations in impacted soil to acceptable thresholds:
 - 580 mg/kg lead
 - 100 mg/kg arsenic.
- Provide site-specific information concerning the effectiveness of soil tilling/blending
- Deep Till to a 18 Inch Depth



METHOD SELECTION



Two remedial action methods were considered

- Excavation
 - Effectively removes impacted material from site
- Deep Tilling
 - Because previous uses of tilling mixed only the top few inches of the soil profile
 - For this demonstration a recycler was selected with 18 inch mixing depth capability



OBJECTIVE



- What initial concentrations of metals in the soil have a high potential to obtain project risk criteria (CUL's)?
- What level of mechanical effort is required to effectively blend the soil?
- What depths can the mechanical equipment effectively blend soil?
- What are the effects of blending on the distributions of metals in the soil?
- What are the effects of blending on the physical characteristics of the soil?

SOIL MIXING



BOMAG 454 Recycler

Ability to mix soil up to 18" deep

Cost to use BOMAG Recycler:

\$4,300 (\$1,350 per day)





SOIL MIXING





FIELD PROCEDURES



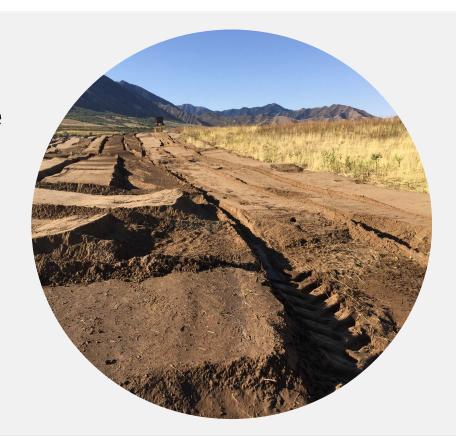
- BOMAG Recycler made 1-3 passes over 5-acre test area
 - Used handheld Niton XRF unit in field to guide mixing
 - All areas were passed over once
 - Areas that exceeded CUL's after first pass were passed over again
 - Mixing depth was measured during and post mixing operation



DEEP TILLING



- Mostly level surface
- Small rise on the west end
 - Not powerful enough to mix while going up hill
 - Worked well going down hill
- Hard surface with a silty sand soil

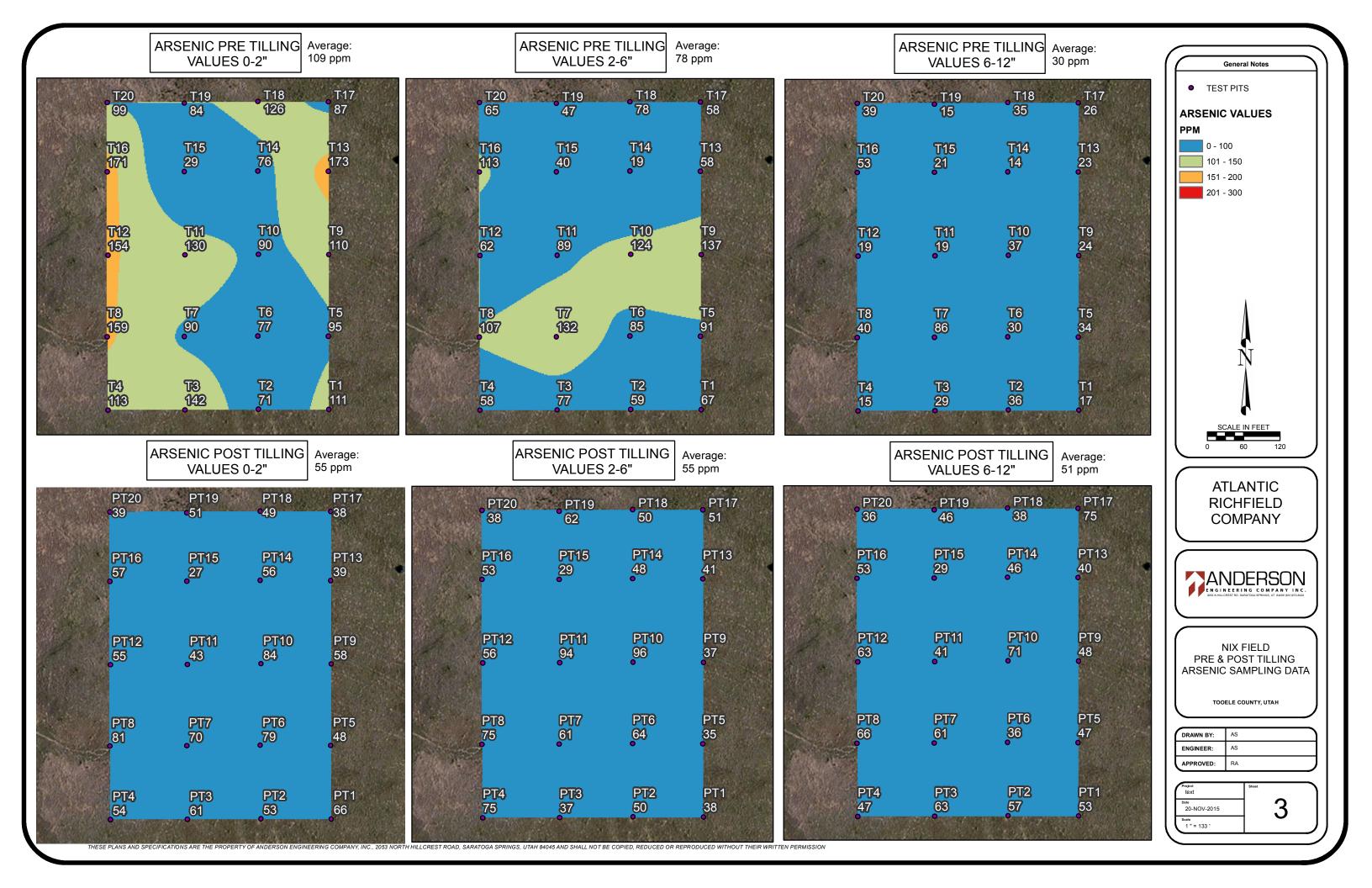


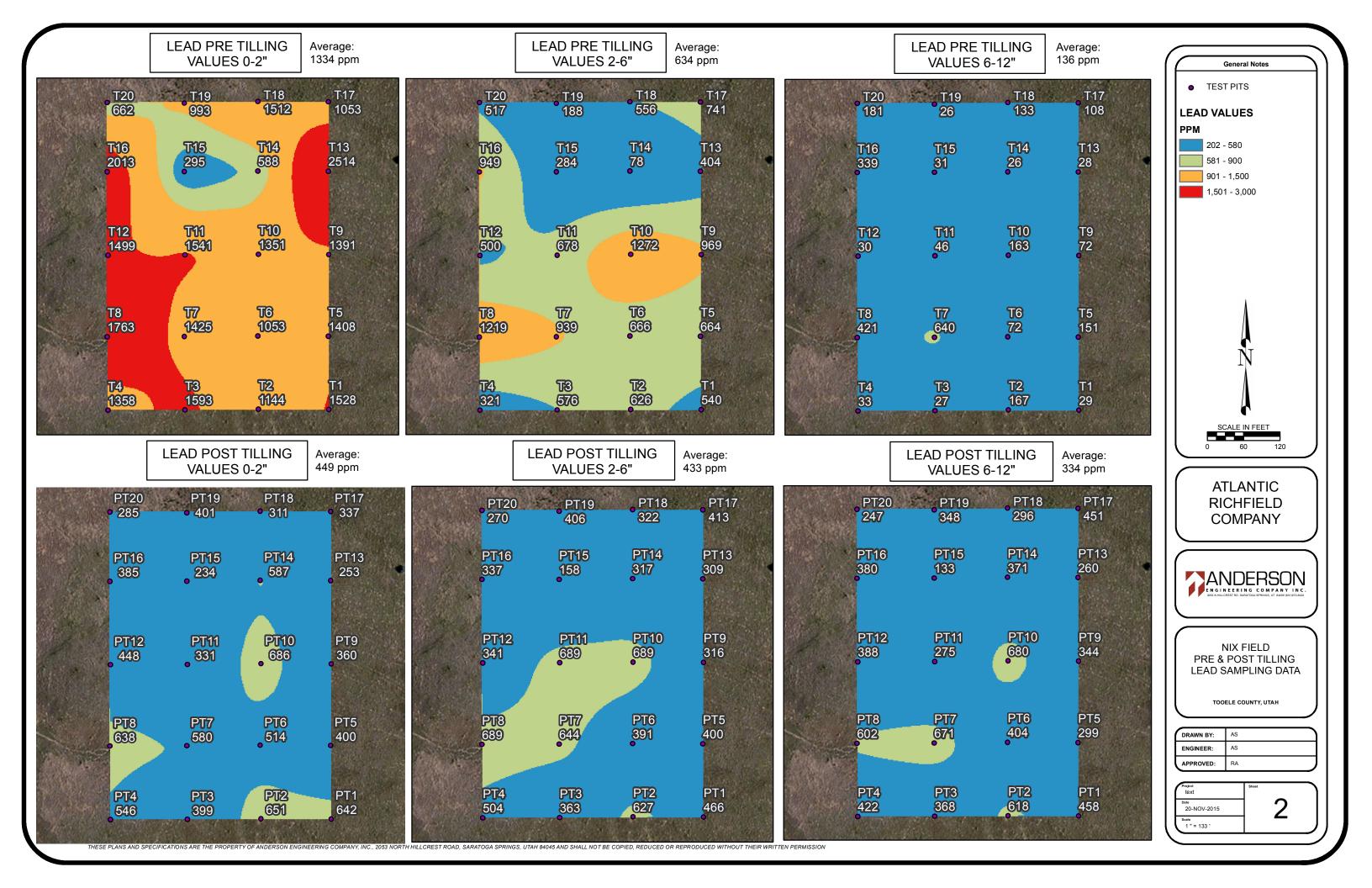


SAMPLING PROTOCOL

- Pre/post mixing sampling
 - Samples from 20 locations collected at three depths
 - 0-2 inches
 - 2-6 inches
 - 6-12 inches
 - Split Samples collected by BYU and Anderson Engineering
 - Duplicate samples were collected at a rate of 10%, (sent to third party lab for analysis)
 - Analysis completed on the < #60 sieve portion of sample
 - Field analysis completed with a handheld Niton XRF unit
 - Each sample was read three times and results averaged







RESULTS (CONT'D)



 Duplicate sample results from XRF and American West Analytical Labs

Pre-Tilling

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	Arsenic mg/kg (XRF)			Arsenic mg/kg (AWAL)				
Loation ID	0-2 in.	2-6 in.	6-12 in.	0-2 in.	2-6 in.	6-12 in.		
T4	113	58	15	167	78.8	19.8		
T12	154	62	19	191	75.5	16.6		

	Lead mg/kg (XRF)			Lead mg/kg (AWAL)		
Loation ID	0-2 in.	2-6 in.	6-12 in.	0-2 in.	2-6 in.	6-12 in.
T4	1358	321	33	1630	531	32.7
T12	1499	500	30	1630	618	20.4

Post-Tilling

	Arsenic mg/kg (XRF)			Arsenic mg/kg (AWAL)		
Loation ID	0-2 in.	2-6 in.	6-12 in.	0-2 in.	2-6 in.	6-12 in.
T3	61	37	63	47.6	47.6	46.5
T18	49	50	38	48	45.4	50.3

	Lead mg/kg (XRF)			Lead mg/kg (AWAL)		
Loation ID	0-2 in.	2-6 in.	6-12 in.	0-2 in.	2-6 in.	6-12 in.
Т3	399	363	368	386	388	362
T18	311	322	296	339	331	381



CONCLUSIONS



- Over 50% reduction in lead and arsenic levels at 0-2" and 2-6" depths
- Increase in concentrations at 6-12 inches, however remained below CULs.
- Arsenic reduced to below CULs at all locations
- Lead Reduced below CULs at most locations
- 5-acre average now below CULs

