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Project	Sandvika Marina Harbour
Classification	R3B_2010_NO
Major Function	Reclamation
Other Functions	Raw material, Remediation
Location	Oslo, Norway
Volume	4,000 m ³
Technique	Mass stabilisation of contaminated sediments with hydraulic binders
Contaminants	Tri-butyl tin, As, Ni, Cu, Hg, Pb, Cr, Zn, Cd, PAH
Granulometry	Silty clay
Scale	Full scale
Client	Sandvika Municipality, Oslo, Norway
Executor	Contractor: Ramboll
Research program	N/A
Contact	Norwegian Institute for Water Research, NIVA.
Year start - end	2010

Case Study Beneficial Use of Sediments

Description of the project

Contaminated sediment from the Sandvika River seabed in the Oslo fjord was removed by dredging and stabilized by mixing with a GGBS plus cement-based binder and used in the construction of a new quay wall. Approximately 4,000 m³ of sediments were dredged by a mobile crane and grab, and placed behind a concrete sheet pile wall, where mass stabilisation was carried out by injecting and mixing the GGBS/cement binder with the dredged sediments.

The stabilised sediments were used for construction of a new quay wall, providing an additional 3,000 m² of new amenity land. The binder was a 50:50 mix of GGBS and cement, mixed at a binder content of $140 - 180 \text{ kg/m}^3$ of dredged sediment. The contaminants in the sediment comprised TBT, PAH, mercury and other heavy metals. Compressive strength tests on the stabilised sediments gave strengths in the order of 600 - 1,000 kPa at 260 days.

A follow up laboratory study on the potential impact of the stabilised sediments on leaching of contaminants concluded that this beneficial use of dredged sediments generally reduces the leaching of heavy metals due to (a) the reduced exposed surface area of contaminated sediments, and (b) immobilization effects of the binders used in the stabilisation.

Graphical information



Figure 1. Mass stabilisation of dredged contaminated sediment behind concrete quay wall



Figure 2. Completed project – stabilized sediments form new quay wall and walkway

References/web links

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