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**Subject**: FW: drum dump sites near Catalina Island
**Attachments**: LA-2 survey.jpeg; LA-2 survey and THUMBS sample areas.jpg

Hi Allan:

Thank you for the maps.
Is it possible for send me the underlying data?
I am trying to coordinate the THUMBS and LA-2 locations with the location of the permitted disposal site and the drums Professor Valentine found.

Thank you for your help and have a great weekend!

Judy

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**Subject:** RE: drum dump sites near Catalina Island

Hi John,

Allan can give you much more info, but we saw the article while we were at sea off LA. We were doing a benthic survey of our ocean disposal site for dredged material ("LA-2") (see first attached image showing our sample array). This was an expanded survey that extended all the way up to the White Point outfall (for reasons we can discuss). Since we were out there anyway, after we completed our planned survey work Allan plotted a transect out to the center of the old "THUMS" site, which seemed like it may have been in the drum dump vicinity. (See second attached image: inside the white circle are the stations from the planned survey; the extra THUMS stations are within the red circle.) That extra transect only collected still photos (plan view images from about 2 meters off the bottom) from a few locations. I was off shift at that time, but as I understand it the images showed no drums but did show some odd deposits on the seafloor.

I spoke with John Lyons about this a couple weeks back by the way so you may also want to check in with him for further context.

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Allan, Because my section manages the PV Shelf Superfund Site work, I have been addressing a number of questions from the congressionals and others since the LA Times article came out about the chemical dump sites. I presume you saw that article. I will forward a link if you didn't. I had a call with Erica Yelensky last week, since she is getting questions from her Santa Monica Bay folks. She mentioned that during an ocean survey event in Sept/Oct, you may have seen a drum location. If that is that case, I'm interested in talking with you and/or Brian about that and our lastest discussions with Fed and State Natural Resource Trustees, as well as the State Water Bd.

Thanks, John

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