

**Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Projects  
Using PHOENICS**

# **Colbert Fossil Plant Skimmer Wall**

## Barge Collecting Debris at COF, 2001



# Debris Impact on COF



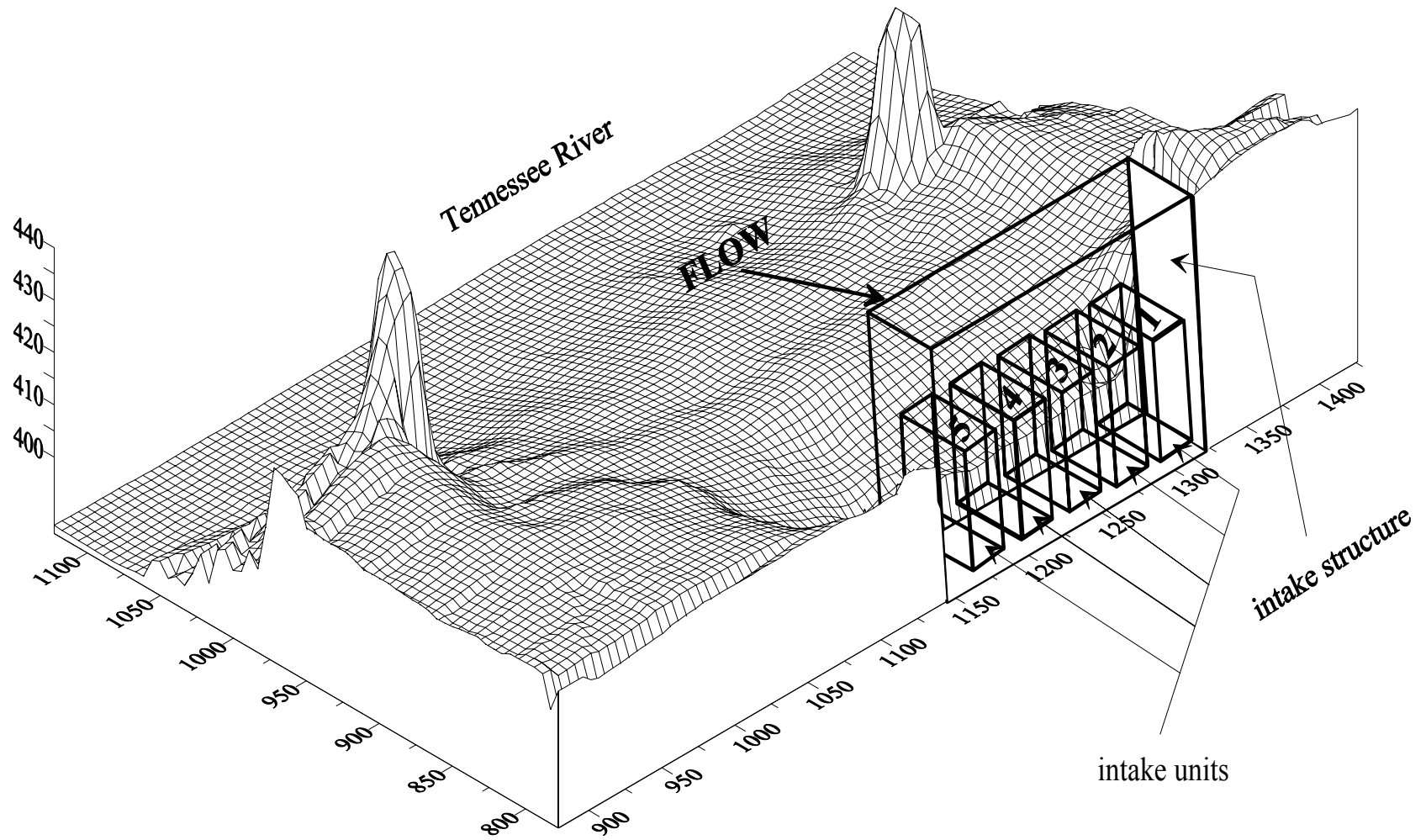
(June 1999)

- TVA lost 16,030 MWh from 1994-2000 due to debris.
- After 2000, trash boom deteriorated at COF.
- TVA lost 80,000 MWh due to debris buildup at COF in 2001.

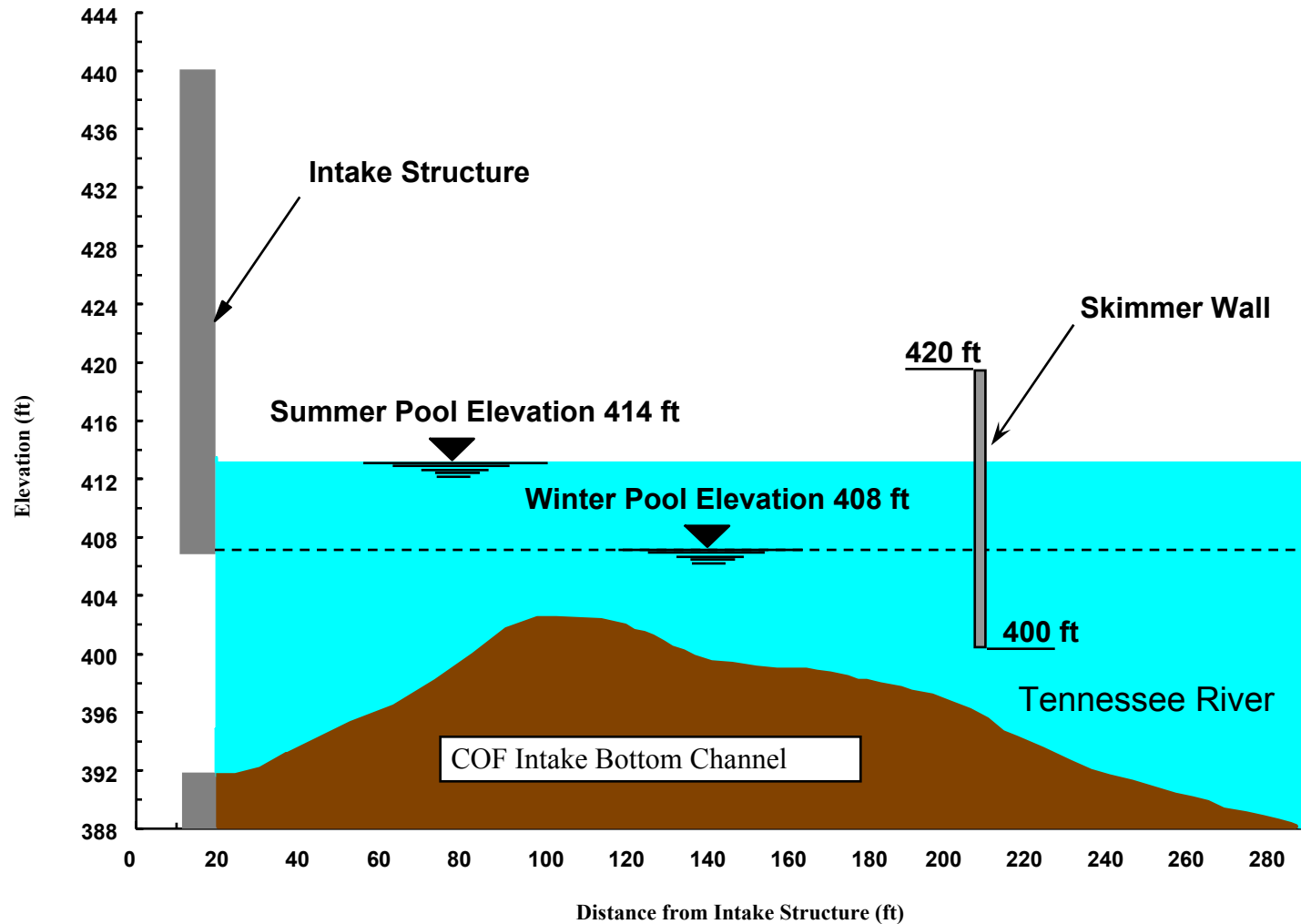
# COF Skimmer Wall Objectives

- **Reduce intake temperatures**
- **Minimize debris at pumping station**
- **Minimize Fish impingement**
- **Improve plant efficiency**

# Colbert Intake Channel Bottom Surveyed September, 1996

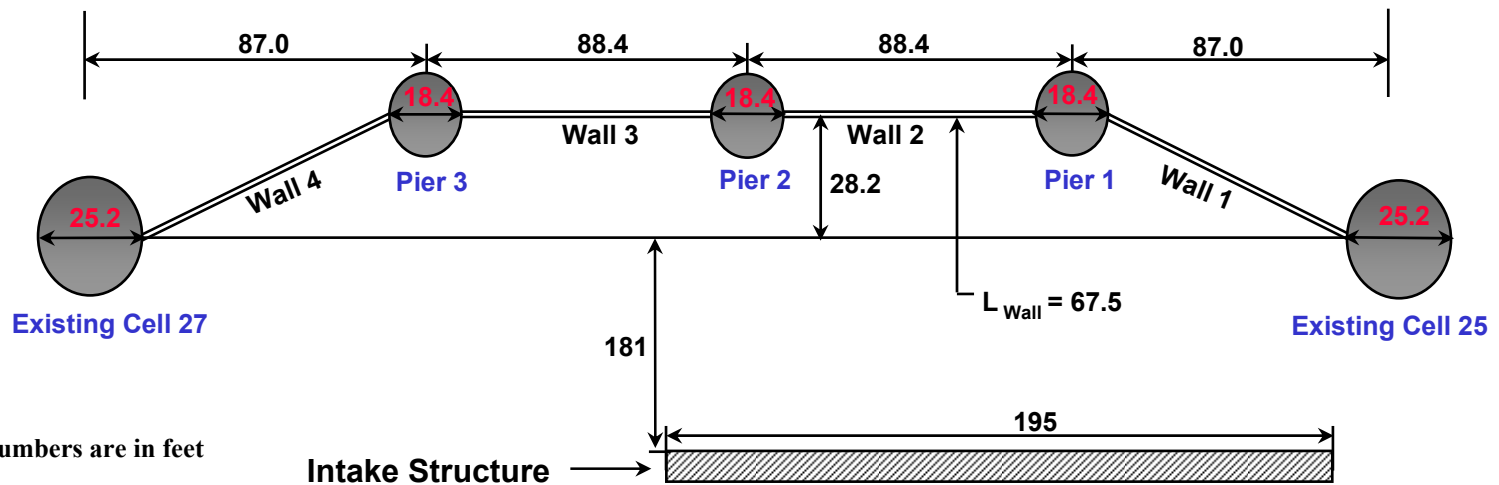
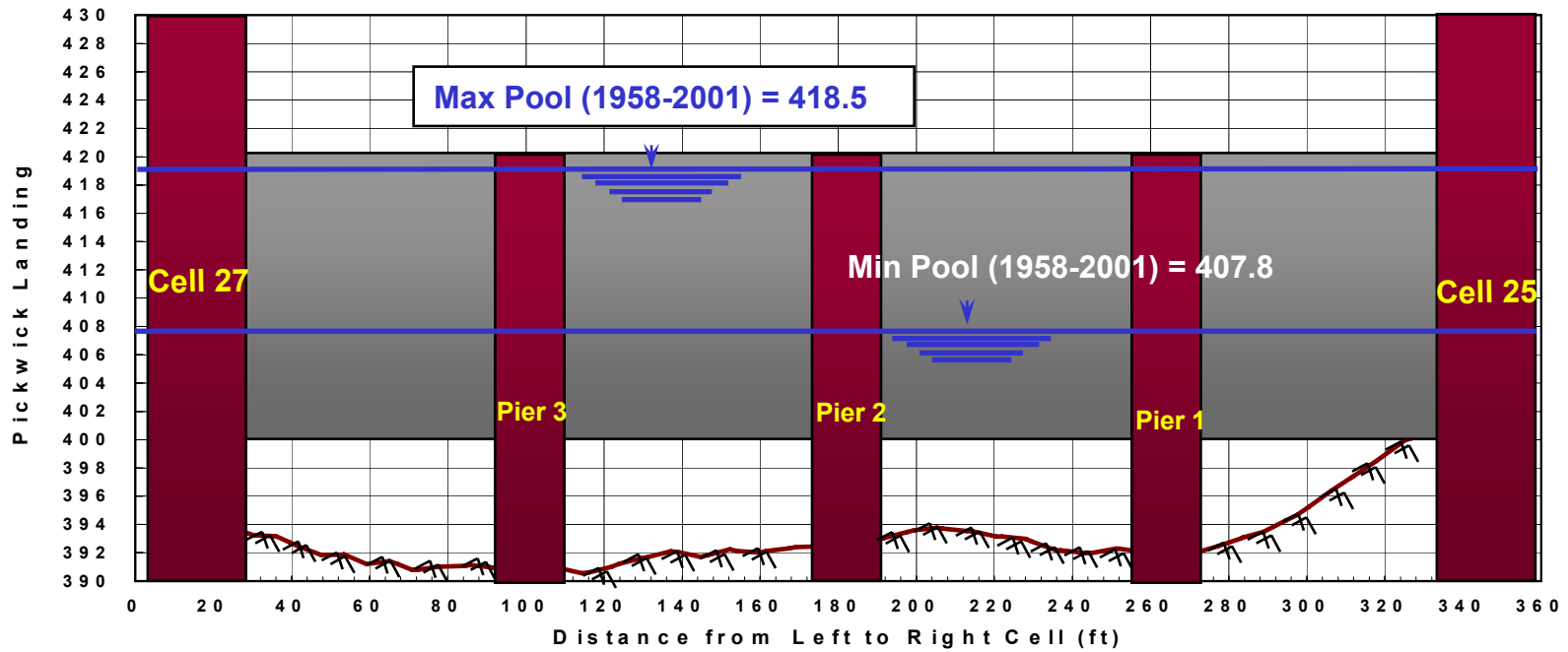


# New skimmer wall brings cool water to plant, keeps warm water and Debris in the reservoir.



# Schematic Potential Layout of COF Skimmer Wall, Option 2 (Preferred Design)

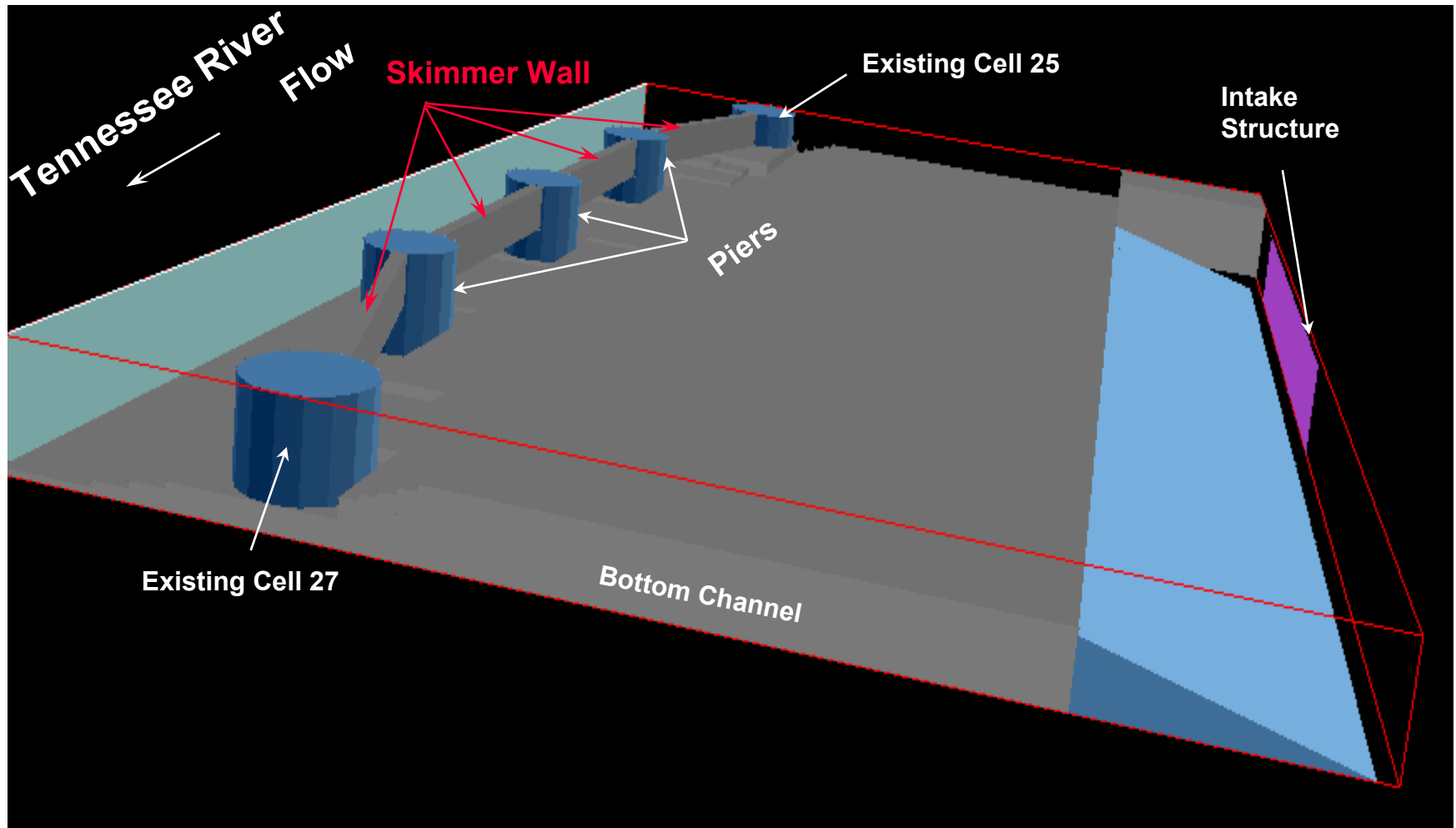
**Cost = \$1,313,000**



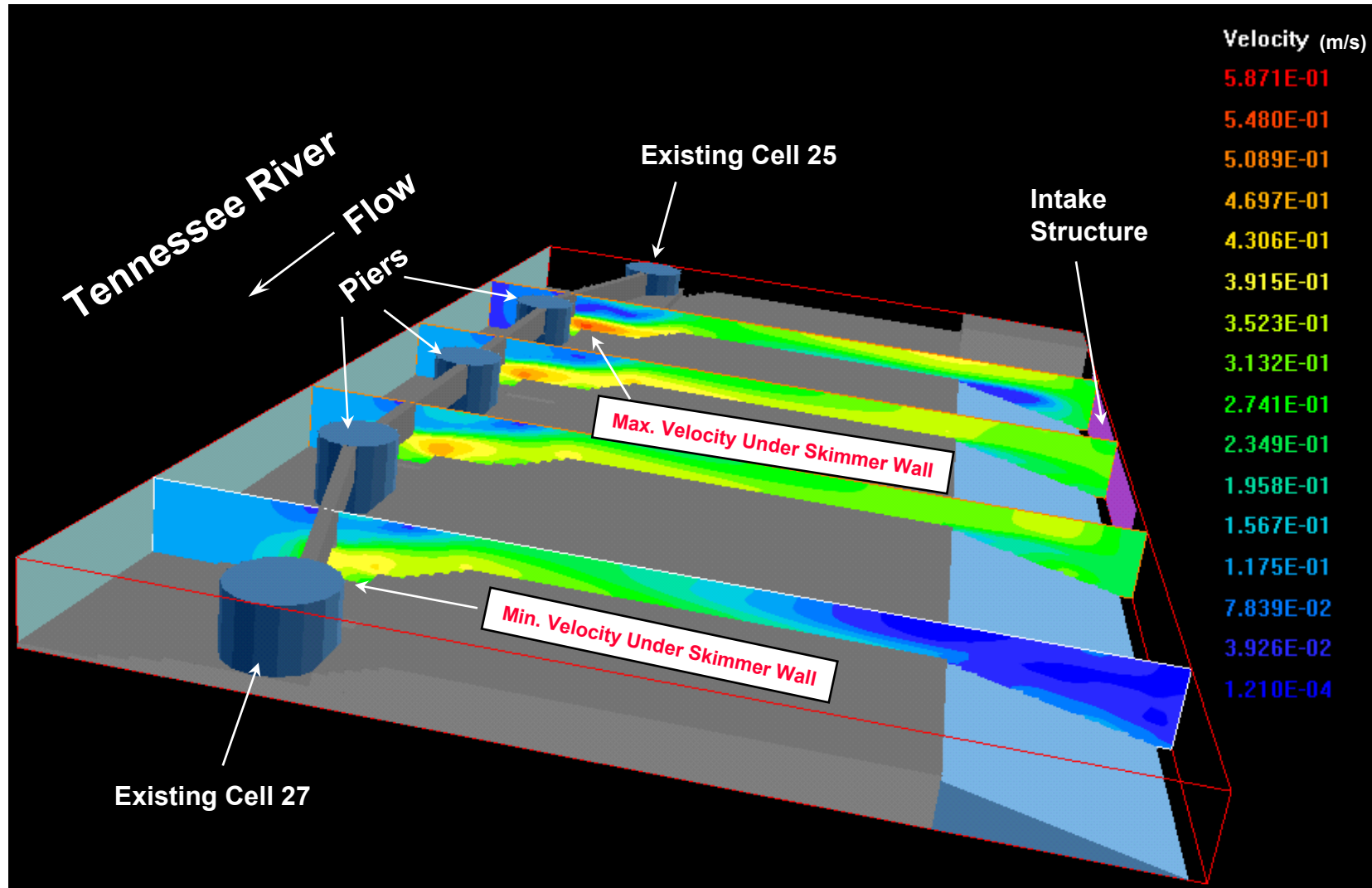
\*All numbers are in feet



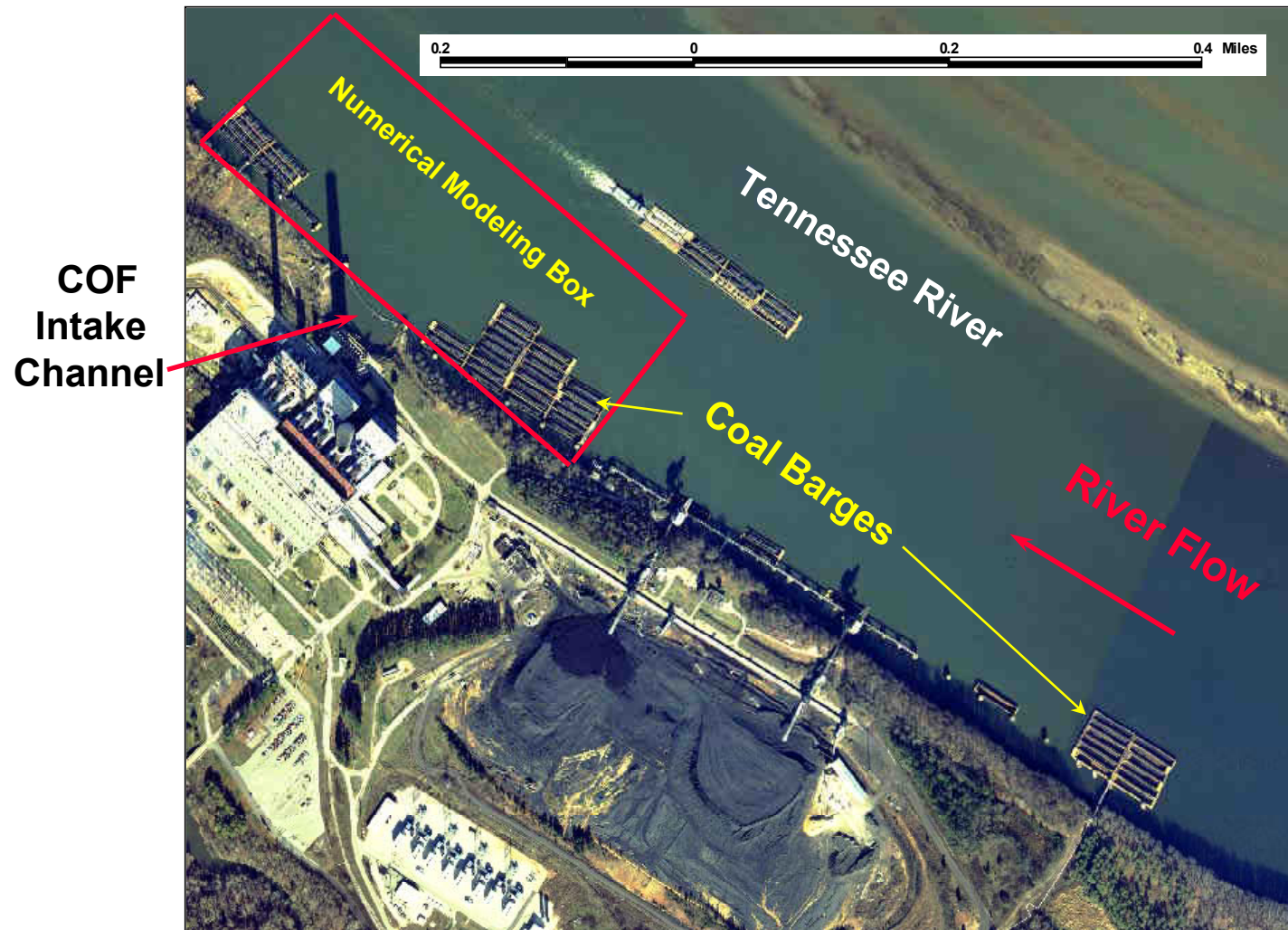
## Intake Channel Numerical Representation in CFD



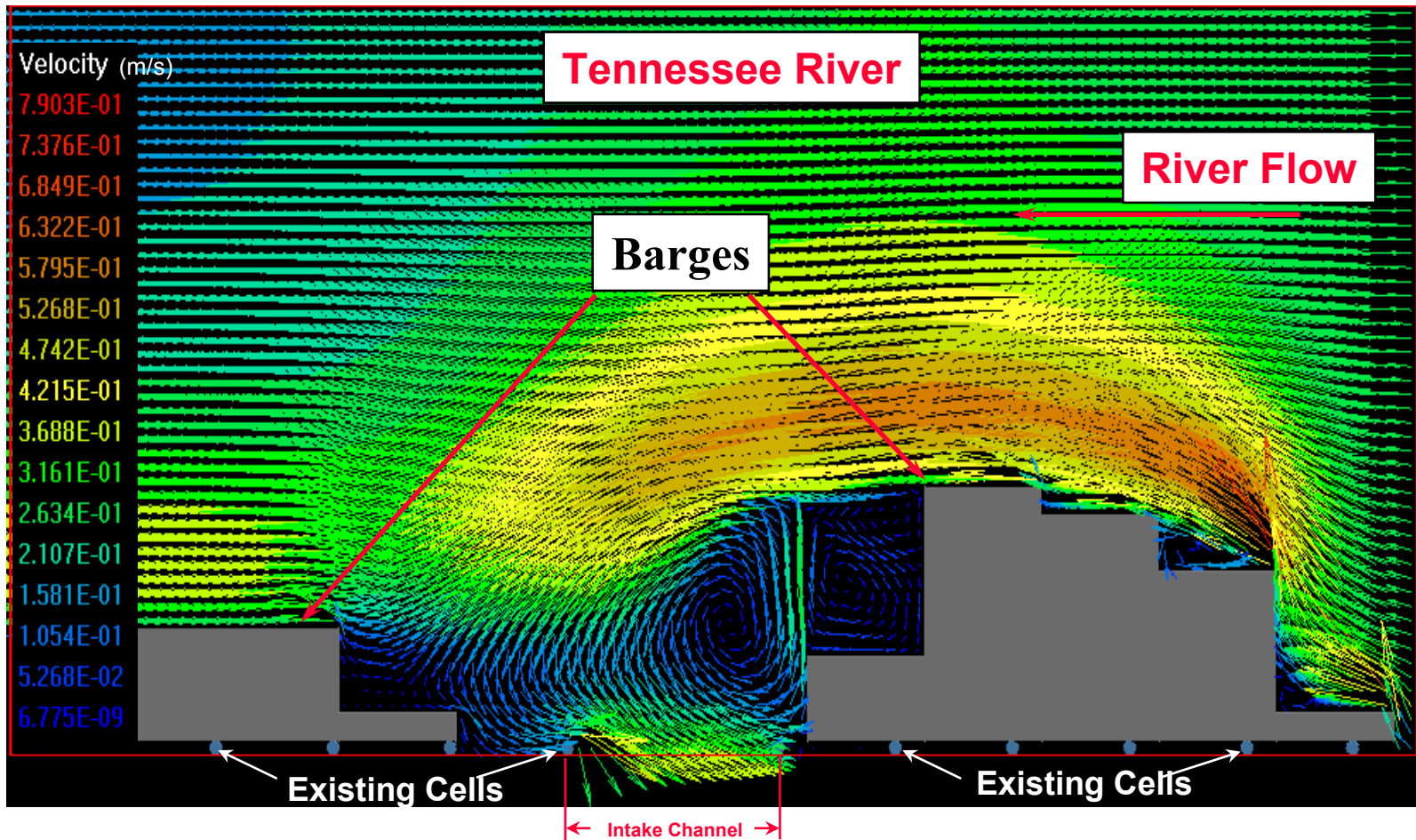
# Computed Velocity Profile Contours at Several Locations of the Skimmer Wall



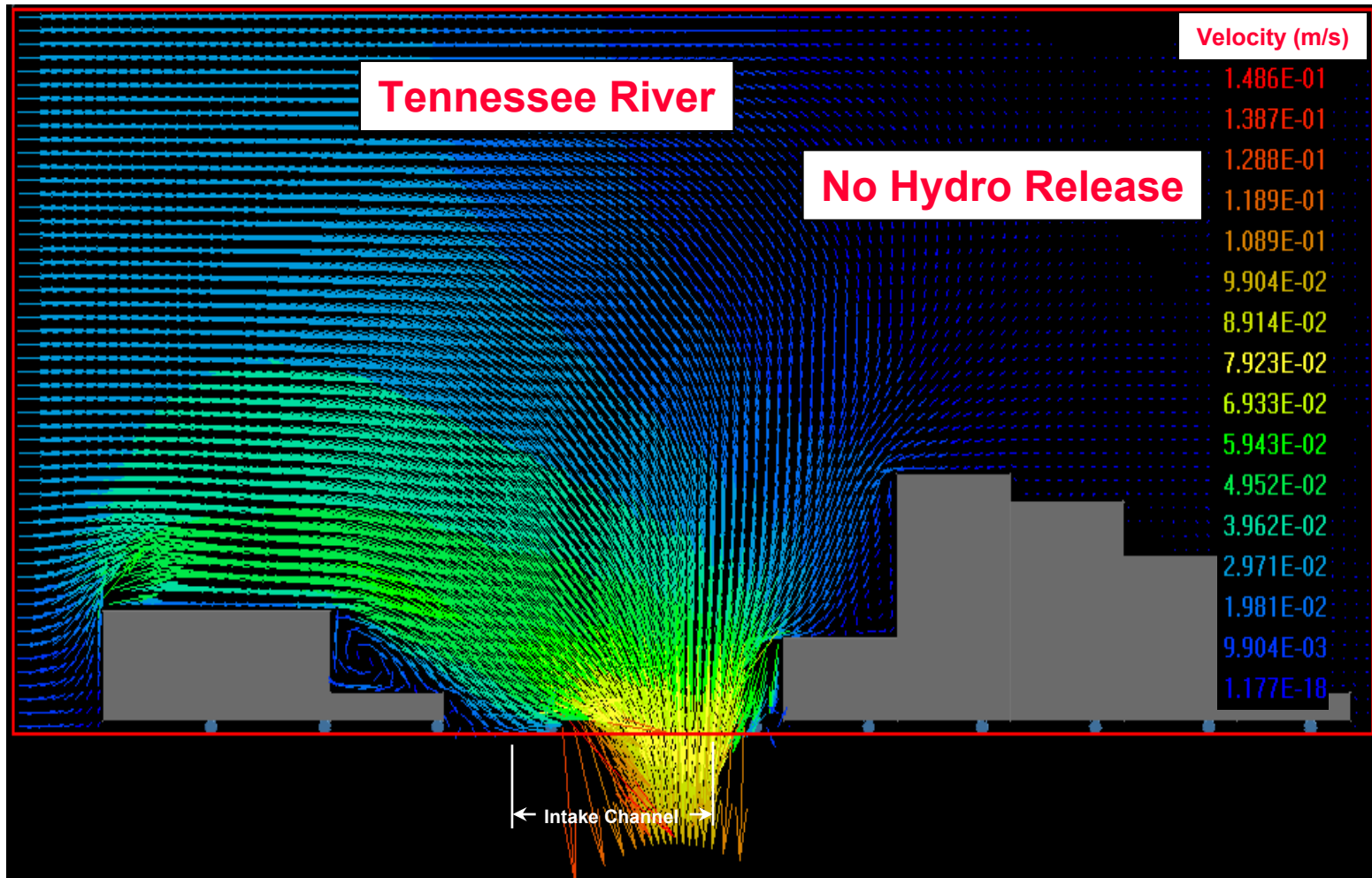
## Aerial View of COF and Tennessee River



# Computed Flow Field at COF Intake Channel Vicinity with Hydro Release, (Existing Conditions)



# Computed Flow Field at COF Intake Channel Vicinity with No Hydro Release, Existing Conditions



# COF Skimmer Wall During and After Construction

During Skimmer Wall Construction  
04-2002



Potential Saving  
about \$20 Millions  
for the next 25 years

Wall Construction Finished  
07-2002  
Cost = \$1.4 Millions

## Results

- No debris cleaning since the construction of the wall.
- TVA lost 0 MWh due to debris buildup at COF since construction.
- An average improvement of about 0.25 °F in intake water temperature.
- Lower Base line 316(b) ruling

