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## **Recommended Early Action Alternative**

Based upon the alternative evaluations conducted in Section 6, Alternative 4, Excavation of Actively Eroding Contaminated Sediment, is the recommended early action alternative.

The key advantages of Alternative 4 are that it is the most straightforward and likely least problematic alternative, particularly when the full-scale remedy is implemented. When the full-scale remedy is conducted, Alternative 4 will require the least amount of additional site preparation to address the remaining contaminated sediment at RDM. Although Alternative 4 is not the least expensive to implement, the additional costs would be offset in part by avoiding potential cost increases due to administrative and technical feasibility concerns such as coordination of material shipments to the site. Additionally, Alternative 4 is likely the most adaptable to evolving site-specific conditions that would emerge during cleanup activities under the future full-scale remedy.