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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: December 16, 2025

Re: Franklin Cleaners (Site No. 130050) Minor Change to the Selected Remedy

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) is making a minor change to the selected remedy for the Franklin Cleaners site (Site No. 130050). The Department approved the remedy included in the Record of Decision (ROD), dated March 1998.

The Department is terminating the long-term groundwater monitoring program and operation of the groundwater extraction and treatment system (GWE&TS). The ROD remedy called for long-term groundwater monitoring and groundwater use restrictions as necessary, and extraction of contaminated groundwater at the leading edge of the contaminant plume for up to 20 years. The GWE&TS operated for 13 years (2004 - 2017) and source area contamination decreased substantially. The system was shut down in 2017. Contaminant concentrations rebounded above New York State ambient water quality standard for tetrachloroethene (PCE) in two of seven monitoring wells immediately following system shut down. After rebound, concentrations decreased below the groundwater standard. PCE has been below the groundwater standard in all but one well since 2020. One well had a recent, slight, exceedance of PCE above the groundwater standard (5.0 ug/L) at a concentration of 8.6 ug/L in 2022 but, was below the standard in January and December 2024. The GWE&TS system was dismantled in 2023 and the most recent groundwater sampling event was December 2024 (no exceedances). With this minor change, groundwater will no longer be monitored or treated, as concentrations have reached levels below screening criteria.

Although the groundwater contamination has been remediated, recent (2025) soil vapor intrusion sampling results indicate that mitigation of soil vapor intrusion continues to be necessary for the on-site building. The Department will continue to operate a sub-slab depressurization system until the New York State Department of Health determines that the system is no longer needed.