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Suffolk County, New York

Record of Decision

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DECLARATION STATEMENT - RECORD OF DECISION

Rite Off Inc. Inactive Hazardous Waste Site Bayshore, Suffolk County, New York Site No. 1-52-129

Statement of Purpose and Basis

The Record of Decision (ROD) presents the selected remedial action for the Rite Off Inc. inactive hazardous waste disposal site which was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL). The remedial program selected is not inconsistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan of March 8, 1990 (40CFR300).

This decision is based upon the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for the Rite Off Inc. inactive hazardous waste site and upon public input to the February, 1996, Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) presented to the public by the NYSDEC on March 11, 1996. A bibliography of the documents included as a part of the Administrative Record is included in Appendix B of the ROD.

Assessment of the Site

Actual or threatened release of hazardous waste constituents from this site, if not addressed by implementing the response action selected in this ROD, presents a current or potential threat to public health and the environment.

Description of Selected Remedy

Based upon the results of the Remedial Investigation (RI) for the Rite Off Inc. site and the criteria identified for evaluation of alternatives, the NYSDEC accepts the PRP's proposal to complete the remediation of this site with an air sparging and soil vapor extraction system. The components of this remedy are as follows:

- A brief remedial design program to verify the components of the conceptual design and provide the details necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program.
- The installation and operation of an air sparging and soil vapor extraction system to remediate the volatile organic contamination in the groundwater at the site.

- The operation of the air sparging and soil vapor extraction system will continue until the quarterly monitoring for two consecutive quarters shows the groundwater on-site and downgradient of the site meets SCGs, or is equal to or better than the groundwater in the upgradient wells, or the NYSDEC concludes that further operation of the system will result in no further improvement in groundwater quality.
- Once the operation of the remedy is considered complete, the site will continue to be monitored for four quarters to confirm the effectiveness of the remedy. If the groundwater quality deteriorates by more than 15 ppb of total volatile organic compounds during this time, the need to restart the remedial program will be reevaluated; otherwise, the remedial program will be considered complete.

New York State Department of Health Acceptance

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) concurs with the remedy selected for this site as being protective of human health.

Declaration

The selected remedy is protective of human health and the environment, is designed to comply with State and Federal requirements that are legally applicable or relevant and appropriate to the remedial action to the extent practicable, and is cost effective. This remedy utilizes permanent solutions and alternative treatment or resource recovery technologies to the maximum extent practicable, and satisfies the preference for remedies that reduce the toxicity, mobility, or volume of the wastes.

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SECTION 1: SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The site is approximately 2 acres in size and is dominated by a single story industrial building. Currently, the building is leased to a cycling supply company, Finish Line Technologies. The site is identified as 1545 Fifth Industrial Court, in the town of Bayshore, New York and is named Rite Off Inc. (1-52-129) after the former occupant of the building. Fifth Industrial Court is a cul de sac off of Fifth Avenue for several commercial facilities. This area of Bayshore is predominantly industrial intermingled with residential areas. To the north of the site are warehouses and a waste transfer facility at the Hubbard Wilson Landfill. There is another waste transfer station located to the southeast. An office building and a vacant lot are located on the east. A residential community is located to the west of the site. Please see attached Figures 1 and 2.

Two other inactive hazardous waste sites had been located in this area. The Hubbard Wilson Landfill (1-52-008) was delisted from the NYSDEC Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Registry in November, 1992. The Servall Laundry Inactive Hazardous Waste site (1-52-007) is located approximately a mile and a half to the north of the Rite Off site. The remedial program for the Servall site is currently under

construction. This remedy involves a soil vapor extraction system and a limited pump and treatment system.

A public water supply well field, the Thomas Avenue Well Field, is located approximately 4,550 feet downgradient from the Rite Off site.

SECTION 2: SITE HISTORY

2.1: Operational/Disposal History

The building at 1545 was first leased to Rite Off Inc. in 1978. Rite Off Inc. purchased the property in 1984 and in 1986 built a second building, a warehouse, on the adjacent parcel. This warehouse is located at 1555 Fifth Industrial Court. When the site was listed on the registry, the warehouse property was also part of the site, but was removed from the registry by the NYSDEC in July, 1995. Activities conducted at the site by Rite Off Inc. included the blending, packaging, and shipping of spray lubricants, spray solvents, spray insecticides, and other aerosol products. These activities utilized several on site storage tanks, drum storage areas, and a reclamation still.

Typically, the process line would consist of the blending of the raw materials in mixing vessels at the 1545 location. The resulting product was then transferred into aerosol cans which would then be pressurized. The finished cans were then

"burst tested" at elevated temperatures. Once the cans had passed the required tests, they were stenciled or labeled for identification and then transferred to the warehouse for distribution. Cans which failed the burst test were emptied of their contents and stored for thirty days in trailers behind the warehouse (1555 location) prior to being placed in a dumpster as non-hazardous waste.

Historically, numerous material storage areas were utilized at the site. Outdoor drum storage areas included a fenced area behind the manufacturing building, several overseas cargo containers, and an area between the manufacturing building and the warehouse. Additional outdoor storage for aerosol cans that had failed "burst testing" was provided by several trailers parked behind the warehouse. Indoor storage areas included a 5,000 gallon TCA tank and up to 8 upright storage and mixing tanks of various volumes. These tanks were located in the southwestern corner of the manufacturing building. Numerous drum storage areas were also located throughout the inside of the manufacturing building as well. Outside tanks were also utilized for freon and carbon dioxide storage.

In September of 1983, the manufacturing building was vandalized and the trespassers opened tanks containing tetrachloroethene (PCE), 1,1,1 trichloroethane (TCA) and mineral spirits. Although the mineral spirits spill was contained inside the building, approximately 120 gallons of PCE were reported to the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDH) to have discharged to the storm drains located to the rear of the building. The site owner reported that the TCA storage tank was also opened, but the amount of TCA released was unknown. With SCHD oversight, a contractor was hired to clean up the spill, which included the pumping out of the storm drains and the excavation of the soils where the spill was diverted.

In October 1993, Rite Off Inc ceased their operations at the site.

2.2: Remedial History

In December of 1986, the NYSDEC performed an inspection of the Rite Off facility in response to allegations of illegal disposal of solvents at the facility. During this inspection, three soil samples were collected. These samples found elevated concentrations of several volatile organic compounds in the soil at the facility. Specifically, 670 to 14,000 parts per billion (ppb) of TCA, 0 to 22,000 ppb of PCE and 51 to 1,100 ppb of Methylene Chloride. Based on this inspection and other information subsequently collected, the facility was inspected again in June, 1987. At this inspection, several additional samples were collected from the facility for chemical analysis. The results of these samples and the information gathered during these inspections led to a \$50,000 fine and Rite Off Inc.'s agreement to conduct an investigation of the site, under the supervision of the NYSDEC, to determine the extent and nature of the pollution at the facility.

In May, 1989, the site was listed in the registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites as a class 2a site. This is a temporary classification for a site where there is a confirmed disposal of a hazardous waste but for which there is inadequate data on hazardous waste impact to the environment and human health to assign the site to one of the five classifications required by the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL).

In July of 1989, a Phase II investigation report was submitted for the facility. A Phase II investigation is utilized by the NYSDEC to assess whether hazardous waste is present at a site, but does not provide enough detail to fully delineate the extent and nature of the contamination that would be necessary to select an appropriate remedy for the site. This investigation included a magnetometer survey, a soil gas survey, the sampling of several on site storm drains, the

installation and sampling of five shallow groundwater wells, and the sampling of on site soils. This investigation found three of the on site storm drains, SD-5, SD-6, and SD-7, had significant volatile organic contamination. There was also significant volatile organic contamination in the soil at the outdoor drum storage area immediately behind the manufacturing building. This soil contamination appeared to be impacting the groundwater beneath the facility. Levels of volatile organics as high as 23,000 ppb of 1,1,1 TCA were detected in the downgradient monitoring wells. The sampling results of the on site sediments, soils and groundwater is summarized in Tables 1, 2, and 3 respectively.

In March, 1990, the site was upgraded to a class 2 on the registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites. This classification indicates that the site presents a significant threat to the public health or the environment and action is required.

In October of 1993, the owner of the site Mr. Howard Rapps entered into a consent order to perform a full Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of the site.

SECTION 3: CURRENT STATUS

In response to a determination that the presence of hazardous waste at the Site presents a significant threat to human health and the environment, the Responsible Party has recently completed a Remedial Investigation (RI) of the site.

3.1: Summary of the Remedial Investigation

The purpose of the RI was to define the nature and extent of any contamination resulting from previous activities at the site.

The RI was conducted in two stages. The first stage was conducted between October 1993 and June, 1995. The second stage between June

1995, and February 1996. A report entitled Draft Remedial Investigation Report, For Rite Off Inc., Bayshore, New York, and dated June 1995 has been prepared describing the field activities and findings of the RI in detail. The second phase is summarized in a letter report on the Off Site Groundwater Investigation (OSGI) and is dated February 6, 1996.

The RI and OSGI included the following activities:

- A limited soil gas survey to complement the soil gas survey performed during the Phase II investigation in 1989.
- Installation of 10 additional soil borings and five additional on site monitoring wells (including 3 deep wells) for analysis of on site soils and groundwater, as well as the physical properties of the soil and hydrogeologic conditions.
- The sampling of all of the on site storm drains and leaching pools for various parameters to provide data for the complete Target Compound and Target Analyte List (TCL/TAL).
- The completion of a single point aquifer pump test to better define the aquifer's physical qualities.
- The completion of groundwater modeling to evaluate groundwater contaminate migration off of the site.
- The installation and sampling of 9 geoprobe points to sample the groundwater downgradient of the site.
- The installation of 2 monitoring wells off site to verify the results of the geoprobe samples and provide additional data on the groundwater flow direction.

To determine which media (soil, groundwater, etc.) contain contamination at levels of concern, the RI analytical data was compared to environmental Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs). Groundwater, drinking water and surface water SCGs identified for the Rite Off site were based on NYSDEC Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values and Part V of the NYS Sanitary Code. NYSDEC Technical and Guidance Memorandum (TAGM) 4030 soil cleanup guidelines for the protection of groundwater, background conditions, and risk-based remediation criteria were used as SCGs for soil and the Division of Fish and Wildlife Technical Guidance for Screening Contaminated Sediments was used for surface water sediments.

Based upon the results of the remedial investigation in comparison to the SCGs and potential public health and environmental exposure routes, certain areas and media of the site require remediation. These are summarized under section 4.1.2. More complete information can be found in the RI Report and the OSGI letter report.

Chemical concentrations are reported in parts per billion (ppb), and parts per million (ppm). For comparison purposes, SCGs are given for each medium.

3.1.1 Nature of Contamination:

As described in the RI Report, soil and groundwater samples were collected at the Site to characterize the nature and extent of contamination. This sampling found that the on site soils, storm drain sediments and the groundwater were contaminated by volatile organic compounds. Specifically, tetrachloroethane (PCE), 1,1,1 trichloroethane (1,1,1 TCA), and 1,2 dichloroethene (1,2-DCE). These compounds were used in the aerosol cans manufactured at the site as solvents for other chemicals. These compounds are commonly used as solvents and to degrease machine parts.

These compounds were initially released to the on site surface soils and the storm drain sediments. Although these compounds are considered to be non-soluble in water, small amounts can dissolve into water. The chemical can then travel with precipitation through the soil and eventually through the groundwater. When large volumes of these chemicals are released, they can travel through the soil and groundwater as a separate liquid.

Breathing highly concentrated fumes can cause fatigue, vomiting, dizziness and possibly unconsciousness.

The human health effects from long term exposure to rather small amounts are not known. For more information, please contact the New York State Department of Health.

3.1.2 Extent of Contamination

The investigation of the facility has found that some of the on site storm drains, some of the on site soils and the groundwater at the site are contaminated with volatile organic compounds. More complete information can be found in the RI Report and the OSGI letter report.

Storm Drains

There are fourteen storm drains on the site, please refer back to Figure 2. Historical information and sampling have indicated high levels of contamination with volatile organic compounds in the 4 storm drains located on the south side of the facility. These are storm drains SD-4, SD-5, SD-6, and SD-7.

The water in these storm drains was first sampled when the NYSDEC sampled SD-5 in December, 1986. The remaining three were subsequently sampled in March, 1987. All four samples indicated the water in the storm drains was contaminated with volatile organic compounds. Notably, 150 ppb of TCA, 14 ppb of PCE and 1100 J (estimated) ppb of 1,1,2, trichloro 1,2,2,

trifluoroethane in SD-4, 18 ppb of TCA, 15 ppb of PCE in SD-6, and 43 ppb of 1,1,1, TCA in SD-7.

During the phase II investigation, the sediments in storm drains 1 through 7 were sampled for VOCs, pesticides and PCBs. The results of these samples are summarized in Table 1. Storm drains 5, 6, and 7 showed contamination with 1,1,1 TCA and PCE. Specifically, 930 ppb of 1,1,1 TCA and 280 ppb of PCE in SD-5, 430 ppb of 1,1,1 TCA and 1,100 ppb of PCE in SD-6, and 710 ppb of 1,1,1 TCA and 170 ppb of DCE in SD-7. The NYSDEC recommended soil cleanup objective for 1,1,1 TCA is 800 ppb, 1,400 ppb for PCE, and 250 ppb for 1,2 dichloroethene.

No additional sediment samples were collected from these storm drains during the RI. However, all of the remaining storm drains on the site were sampled for the full Target Compound and Target Analyte List (TCL/TAL). None of these samples found any significant contaminant levels. Soils adjacent to the contaminated storm drains were also investigated and this work is summarized under on site soils.

On Site Soils

The on site soils at the facility were first sampled by the NYSDEC in December 1986. At this time only surface samples were collected. These samples indicated the soils at the site were contaminated with high levels of volatile organic compounds. Specifically 14,000 ppb of 1,1, 1 TCA and 22,000 ppb of PCE in the soil behind the warehouse and 3,400 ppb of 1,1, 1 TCA between the buildings. Again, the NYSDEC recommended clean up objective is 800 ppb for 1,1,1 TCA; 1,400 ppb for PCE and 250 ppb for 1,2 dichloroethene.

The Phase II investigation further delineated the on site soil contamination. A soil gas survey was performed across most of the site and six subsurface soil samples were collected 18 inches

below the surface. This soil sampling found levels of 3,800 ppb of PCE, 1,000 B (detected in the blank) ppb of acetone, 650 ppb of TCE and 650 ppb of toluene in the soils immediately behind the manufacturing building. PCE was also found in the soil between the buildings, but at much lower levels. The soil gas survey found the area around the storm drains and drum storage area behind the building to have strongly elevated responses. The remainder of the site showed no significant responses.

During the RI investigation, 10 borings were advanced with a drill rig in these areas and the former trailer storage area behind the warehouse. Samples were collected from at least two split spoon intervals in each boring, based on head vapor levels and olfactory senses. These samples found VOCs and SVOCs present in all of the areas. However, they had all declined to levels below their recommended cleanup objectives. For example, only 11 ppb and 24 ppb of PCE were detected in the samples between the buildings.

A limited soil gas investigation was also performed in the former trailer storage area behind the warehouse and along the southern property line. This storage area was inaccessible during the Phase II soil gas work and concern was expressed at the work plan public meeting over a former dumpster along the property line. No elevated responses were detected in these areas during this survey.

Groundwater

Five shallow monitoring wells were installed as part of the Phase II investigation of the site. These wells are approximately 30 feet deep and were used to determine the flow direction across the site and to allow for the sampling of the groundwater. Sampling in February, 1989, found the downgradient wells had a high level of volatile organic compounds. The highest levels were found in the monitoring well immediately downgradient from the contaminated storm

drains, MW-4S. This well had 23,000 ppb of 1,1,1 TCA; 1,200 ppb of 1,1 DCA; 1,200 ppb of 1,1 DCE; 1,500 ppb of PCE; and 990 J ppb of 1,2 DCE. Please note that in the Phase II report this well is designated as MW-4. Please refer back to Table 3 for additional sampling results.

During the RI investigation and the off site groundwater investigation, six more wells (3 shallow and 3 deep) and 8 geoprobe points were installed to better delineate this groundwater contamination. The shallow wells are approximately 30 feet deep and the deep wells are approximately 110 feet deep. All of the geoprobe points and two of the shallow wells were installed off of the site. Please refer to Figures 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The sampling of those points and the existing on site wells in 1994 and 1995 found that the groundwater contaminant levels have dropped dramatically at the site. Monitoring well 4S was found to now only have 120 ppb of PCE, 12 ppb of TCE, 51 ppb of 1,1,1 TCA, and 41 ppb of DCE. The off site sampling points found that these levels quickly dropped off as the groundwater left the site. MW-9 has only 3 ppb of DCA, 11 ppb of TCA and 12 ppb of PCE. The contamination also declined dramatically in the vertical direction. Monitoring well 4D only has 17 ppb of 1,1,1 TCA, 7 ppb of 1,1 DCE, 2 ppb of TCE and no PCE. These levels are comparable to those found in the upgradient deep well, MW-6D. This well has 30 ppb of PCE and 3 ppb of xylene. However, the levels on site and immediately downgradient of the site are still above the New York State Standard of 5 ppb each for PCE; 1,1,1 TCA; DCA; and DCE.

3.2 Interim Remedial Measures:

Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) are conducted at sites when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before completion of the RI/FS. Based on the data collected during the Phase II investigation, such a measure was

proposed to remove the contamination in four of the on site storm drains. The samples collected from these storm drains, (SD-4, SD-5, SD-6 and SD-7), are summarized in Table 1. Although, the levels detected in SD-4 are much lower than the other storm drains, these sediments were also targeted for removal as this storm drain has an overflow pipe from SD-5.

On July 12, 1995, the responsible party under the oversight of the NYSDEC removed the sediments from the referenced storm drains. Approximately 10,000 gallons of storm water present in the storm drains were removed by a vacuum truck and disposed of at the Suffolk County Department of Public Work's (SCDPW) Bergen Point publicly-owned treatment works. The underlying sediments were then removed with a Vactor truck and placed into two 20 cubic yard rolloff bins. Each of the bins was equipped with a plastic liner and kiln dust to stabilize the sediments. The sediments were then transported to and disposed of at the Athens-Hocking Reclamation Center located in Logan, Ohio.

To document the effectiveness of the IRM, samples were collected from the sediments remaining in SD-4, SD-6 and SD-7. No sample was collected from SD-5 as it has a concrete bottom and no sediment was present after the removal.

The results of the samples collected after the IRM showed that the remaining sediments do not contain any volatile organic compounds above SCGs.

3.3 Summary of Human Exposure Pathways:

This section describes the types of human exposures that may present added health risks to persons at or around the site. A more detailed discussion of the health risks can be found in Section 8.3 of the RI Report.

An exposure pathway is how an individual may come into contact with a contaminant. The five elements of an exposure pathway are 1) the source of contamination; 2) the environmental media and transport mechanisms; 3) the point of exposure; 4) the route of exposure; and 5) the receptor population. These elements of an exposure pathway may be based on past, present, or future events.

Two types of exposure pathways are evaluated; a completed exposure pathway exists when the criteria for all five elements of an exposure pathway are documented; a potential exposure pathway exists when the criteria for any one of the five elements comprising an exposure is not met. A suspected exposure pathway is considered to be eliminated when any one of the five elements comprising an exposure has not existed in the past, does not exist in the present and will never exist in the future.

Presently, there are no completed pathways at the site. The area downgradient of the site is serviced by public water. Pathways which may exist at the site in the future if additional remedial action is not undertaken are limited to the consumption of the contaminated groundwater beneath the site and immediately downgradient of the site.

3.4 Summary of Environmental Exposure Pathways:

This section summarizes the types of environmental exposures which may be presented by the site. The Fish and Wildlife Impact Assessment included in the RI presents a more detailed discussion of the potential impacts from the site to fish and wildlife resources. Presently, there are no completed pathways associated with the site. Pathways which may exist at the site in the future if additional remedial action is not undertaken are limited to exposure with the contaminated groundwater underneath the site and immediately downgradient of the site.

The closest significant environmental resource to the site is the head waters of the Orowoc Creek, about two miles from the site. Orowoc Creek originates approximately one mile north of the intersection of the Southern State Parkway and Commack Road and flows in a southerly direction to Orowoc Lake and eventually into the Great South Bay. Orowoc Creek is designated as a Significant Fish and Wildlife Habitat by New York State as it is only one of six known locations on Long Island with a naturally reproducing brook trout population. However, no impact to this resource is expected as it is approximately 2 miles to the extreme east of the site and the groundwater flows in a south, south easterly direction.

SECTION 4: ENFORCEMENT STATUS

The following is the chronological enforcement history of this site.

The NYSDEC and the property owner, Mr. Howard Rapps, entered into a Consent Order on October 5, 1993. The Current Order obligates the responsible party to conduct a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study. Upon issuance of the Record of Decision the PRP will implement the selected remedy under an Order on Consent.

Orders on Consent

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3/7/96	W1-0743-95-12	RD\RA

SECTION 5: SUMMARY OF THE REMEDIATION GOALS

Goals for the remedial program have been established through the remedy selection process stated in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.10. The overall

remedial goal is to meet all Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs) and be protective of human health and the environment.

At a minimum, the remedy selected should eliminate or mitigate all significant threats to the public health and to the environment presented by the hazardous waste disposed at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

The goals selected for this site are:

- *Eliminate any further impacts to the groundwater and the public health.*
- *Attain SCGs for groundwater if technically feasible.*

SECTION 6: SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The selected remedy should be protective of human health and the environment, be cost effective, comply with statutory laws and utilize permanent solutions, alternative technologies or resource recovery technologies to the maximum extent practicable.

A summary of the detailed analysis follows. As used in the following text, the time to implement reflects only the time required to implement the remedy, and does not include the time required to design the remedy, procure contracts for design and construction or to negotiate with responsible parties for implementation of the remedy.

6.1: Description of Alternatives

Since there is no contamination remaining in the on site sediments or soils above SCGs, the potential remedies are intended to address the contaminated groundwater at the site.

Alternative 1: No Further Action

Present Worth:	\$ 150,000
Capital Cost:	\$ 0,000
Annual O&M:	\$ 13,500
Time to Implement	15 years

This alternative recognizes remediation of the site completed under the previously detailed IRM. Only continued monitoring at the site would be necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the remediation completed under the IRM. This monitoring would include the quarterly sampling of monitoring wells MW-1, MW-3S, MW-4S, MW-4D, MW-6S, MW-6D, and MW-9. This alternative would leave the site in its present condition and would not provide any additional protection to human health or the environment.

Alternative 2: Soil Vapor Extraction and Air Sparging

Present Worth:	\$ 123,000
Capital Cost:	\$ 74,500
Annual O&M:	\$ 40,900
Time to Implement	12 - 18 months

As envisioned, the air sparging and soil vapor extraction (AS/SVE) system would consist of seven air sparge points installed in a staggered line parallel to the southern property line of the site. The exact number and locations would be determined during the remedial design. Please refer to Figure 7. Each point would inject air into the groundwater to volatilize the contaminants of concern out of the groundwater. The contaminants would then be captured by the soil vapor extraction (SVE) system. This system would be installed in the same boreholes as the air sparging (AS) points. This system would also further reduce any remaining contamination in the surrounding unsaturated soils. The extracted air and VOCs would then be passed through a granulated activated carbon filter to remove the volatile organic compounds. This air would then be discharged to the atmosphere. This discharge

would be monitored weekly by the PRP's engineering consultant to assure the system is operating properly. Additionally, monitoring wells MW-1, MW-3S, MW-4S, MW-4D, MW-6S, MW-6D and MW-9 would be sampled on a quarterly basis for VOCs.

The remedy would be continued until the quarterly monitoring for two consecutive quarters shows the groundwater on-site and downgradient of the site meets SCGs, or is equal to or better than the groundwater in the upgradient wells, or the NYSDEC concludes that further operation of the system would result in no further improvement in groundwater quality. Once the operation of the remedy is considered complete the site would continue to be monitored for at least four quarters to confirm the effectiveness of the remedy. If the groundwater quality deteriorates by more than 15 ppb of total volatile organic compounds during this time, the need to restart the remedial program would be reevaluated.

The above costs only include one year of post remediation monitoring.

Alternative 3: Limited Pump and Treatment

Present Worth:	\$ 308,000
Capital Cost:	\$ 118,000
Annual O&M:	\$ 52,300
Time to Implement	3 to 5 years

As envisioned, the limited pump and treat system would consist of 3 pumping wells installed in a line parallel to the southern property line of the site. The exact number and locations of these wells would be determined during the remedial design. These wells would be used to extract the contaminated groundwater, which would then be passed through an air stripper. The air stripper would volatilize the contaminants out of the groundwater and the vapors would then be captured by a granulated activated carbon filter. The treated groundwater would then be returned to the ground by an injection well or an

infiltration gallery. The system would be inspected weekly by the PRP's engineering consultant to assure the system was operating properly. Additionally, monitoring wells MW-1, MW-3S, MW-4S, MW-4D, MW-6S, MW-6D and MW-9 would be sampled on a quarterly basis for VOCs.

The remedy would be continued until the quarterly monitoring for two consecutive quarters shows the groundwater on-site and downgradient of the site meets SCGs, or is equal to or better than the groundwater in the upgradient wells, or the NYSDEC concludes that further operation of the system would result in no further improvement in groundwater quality. Once the operation of the remedy is considered complete the site would continue to be monitored for at least four quarters to confirm the effectiveness of the remedy. If the groundwater quality deteriorates by more than 15 ppb of total volatile organic compounds during this time, the need to restart the remedial program would be reevaluated.

The above costs only include one year of post remediation monitoring.

6.2 Evaluation of Remedial Alternatives

The criteria used to compare the potential remedial alternatives are defined in the regulation that directs the remediation of inactive hazardous waste sites in New York State (6NYCRR Part 375). For each of the criteria, a brief description is provided followed by an evaluation of the alternatives against that criterion.

The first two evaluation criteria are termed threshold criteria and must be satisfied in order for an alternative to be considered for selection.

1. Compliance with New York State Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs). Compliance with SCGs addresses whether or not a remedy

will meet applicable environmental laws, regulations, standards, and guidance.

The no further action alternative is unacceptable as the groundwater would continue to exceed New York State Standards, Criteria and Guidance.

Alternatives 2 and 3 may also not achieve compliance with all state standards, criteria, and guidance, due to contamination from upgradient sources. However, they would greatly improve the overall groundwater quality and eliminate any additional deterioration of the groundwater quality due to the site.

2. Protection of Human Health and the Environment. This criterion is an overall evaluation of the health and environmental impacts to assess whether each alternative is protective.

The no further action alternative would not be protective of the environment and human health as the potential to be exposed to groundwater with volatile organic contamination will continue to exist.

Alternatives 2 and 3 would be protective of human health and environment with respect to the site.

3. Short-term Effectiveness. The potential short-term adverse impacts of the remedial action upon the community, the workers, and the environment during the construction and/or implementation are evaluated. The length of time needed to achieve the remedial objectives is also estimated and compared against the other alternatives.

The no further action alternative would not be effective in the short term as no action would be taken to address the contaminated groundwater. Even though the contamination at the site has decreased dramatically, the groundwater would still be in exceedance of SCGs.

Alternatives 2 and 3 would involve no activities that would have any adverse impacts upon the on site workers, the environment or the local community. Additionally, health and safety procedures would be implemented to mitigate any situations that may potentially arise. It is anticipated that the AS/SVE system would remediate the site in 12 to 18 months. The limited pump and treat system would take longer, 3 to 5 years, due to this system's lower contaminant removal efficiency.

4. Long-term Effectiveness and Permanence. This criterion evaluates the long-term effectiveness of the remedial alternatives after implementation. If wastes or treated residuals remain on site after the selected remedy has been implemented, the following items are evaluated: 1) the magnitude of the remaining risks, 2) the adequacy of the controls intended to limit the risk, and 3) the reliability of these controls.

The no further action alternative may be effective in the long term. Historical data shows the contamination is naturally attenuating at the site. However, the groundwater contamination would be expected to remain above standards for several years, possibly decades.

Alternatives 2 and 3 would also be effective in the long term.

All of the alternatives represent permanent remedies.

5. Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility or Volume. Preference is given to alternatives that permanently and significantly reduce the toxicity, mobility or volume of the wastes at the site.

The no further action alternative would not reduce the toxicity, mobility or volume of the wastes.

Alternatives 2 and 3 would permanently reduce the mobility, toxicity and volume of the wastes

by removing the waste into activated carbon filters.

6. Implementability. The technical and administrative feasibility of implementing each alternative are evaluated. Technical feasibility includes the difficulties associated with the construction and the ability to monitor the effectiveness of the remedy. For administrative feasibility, the availability of the necessary personnel and material is evaluated along with potential difficulties in obtaining specific operating approvals, access for construction, etc.

All of the alternatives are implementable. The material and personnel necessary for each alternative should be readily available at reasonable costs in this region. The only technical difficulty would be in the siting of the reinjection wells or infiltration gallery that would be necessary for the limited pump and treatment alternative.

7. Cost. Capital and operation and maintenance costs are estimated for each alternative and compared on a present worth basis. Although cost is the last balancing criterion evaluated, where two or more alternatives have met the requirements of the remaining criteria, cost effectiveness can be used as the basis for the final decision. The costs for each alternative are presented in Table 5.

This final criterion is considered a modifying criterion and is taken into account after evaluating those above. It is focused upon after public comments on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan have been received.

8. Community Assessment - Concerns of the community regarding the RI/FS reports and the Proposed Remedial Action Plan were evaluated. A "Responsiveness Summary" that describes public comments received and how the Department has or will address the concerns is attached as Appendix A.

The remedy in this Record of Decision (ROD) is identical to the remedy presented in the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) which was presented at the February 11, 1996 public meeting. The only change in this Record of Decision has been in the refinement of the language describing the conditions that will be used in the evaluation of the air sparging and soil vapor extraction system's remediation of the groundwater contamination.

SECTION 7: SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

Based upon the results of the RI, OSGI, and the evaluation presented in Section 7, the NYSDEC is selecting Alternative 2, the AS/SVE system the PRP has proposed, as the remedy for this site.

This selection is based upon the faster and more effective remediation that Alternative 2 would provide in comparison to Alternative 3.

Alternative 1 was not selected as this alternative would not be protective and would not meet SCGs. Both alternatives 2 and 3 satisfied these threshold criteria. These alternatives would also be equally effective in the long term, have no significant short term impacts, and would equally reduce the toxicity, mobility, and volume of the waste at the site. However, Alternative 2 will be more easily implemented than Alternative 3 and will result in a faster and more complete remediation of the site at a lower cost. Since this alternative will also satisfy the other criteria, including the threshold criteria, it is the selected alternative.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is \$123,000. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$74,500 and the estimated average annual operation and maintenance cost for 12 to 18 months is 40,900.

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

1. A brief remedial design program to verify the components of the conceptual design and provide the details necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program.
2. The installation and operation of an air sparging and soil vapor extraction system to remediate the volatile organic contamination in the groundwater at the site.
3. The operation of the air sparging/soil vapor extraction system will continue until the quarterly monitoring for two consecutive quarters shows the groundwater on-site and downgradient of the site meets SCGs, or it is equal to or better than the groundwater in the upgradient wells, or until the NYSDEC concludes that further operation of the system will result in no further improvement in groundwater quality.
4. Once the operation of the remedy is considered complete, the site will continue to be monitored for four quarters to confirm the effectiveness and permanence of the remedy. If the groundwater quality deteriorates by more than 15 ppb of total volatile organic compounds during this time, the need to restart the remedial program will be reevaluated, otherwise, the remedial program will be considered complete.

Since the remedy results in low levels of untreated hazardous waste remaining at the site, a long term monitoring program will be instituted. This program will allow the effectiveness of the selected remedy to be monitored and will be a component of the operation and maintenance for the site.

Table 1

SUMMARY OF COMPOUNDS QUANTIFIED IN STORM DRAINS/LEACHING POOLS

Volatiles	SD-1	SD-2	SD-3	SD-4	SD-5	SD-6	SD-7	L.P.	Field Blank	Trip Blank	Method Blank	Dilutions			Method Blank
												SD-5(DL)	SD-6(DL)	SD-7(DL)	
Methylene Chloride	11B	8B	6B	11B	17B	17B	20B	6JB	5B	4J	5J	150	17JB	86	5U
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	10B	12B	6B	70B	900B	160B	540B	7JB	7B	10U	5J	930	430B	710	5U
Tetrachloroethene	5J	5J	--	11	280	850B	130	--	5U	10U	10U	900	1100	170	5U
Toluene	2J	--	2J	4J	6J	3J	46	7J	5U	5U	5U	32J	25J	75	5U
Acetone	--	55B	--	--	34B	13JB	90B	--	11B	10U	9J	1200	810	910	10U
1,1-Dichloroethane	--	2J	--	--	8J	13	44	--	5U	5U	5U	620	19J	50	5U
2-Butanone	--	9J	--	--	--	--	12J	--	10U	10U	10U	--	--	910	10U
Trichloroethene	--	--	--	--	8J	2J	19	--	5U	5U	5U	28J	17J	30J	5U
Carbon Disulfide	--	--	--	--	--	7J	6J	--	5U	5U	5U	--	16J	450	5U
1,2-Dichloroethene	--	--	--	--	--	--	4J	--	5U	5U	5U	--	--	450	5U
Ethylbenzene	--	--	--	--	--	--	7J	--	5U	5U	5U	--	--	14J	5U

Pesticides/PCBs

Aldrin	--	3J	--	--	--	--	--	--	NA	NA	8U				
Endosulfan I	--	5J	2J	--	--	7J	--	--	NA	NA	8U				
4,4'-DDE	--	--	--	5J	23J	--	7J	--	NA	NA	16U				
Heptachlor	--	--	--	--	7J	4J	--	7J	NA	NA	8U				
Heptachlor Epoxide	--	--	--	--	7J	--	5J	--	NA	NA	8U				
4-4'-DDD	--	--	--	--	10J	--	--	--	NA	NA	16U				
Gamma-BHC (Lindane)	--	--	--	--	--	--	11J	--	NA	NA	8U				

Miscellaneous Analytical Tests

Total Solids (X)	81.0	74.0	85.0	75.0	50.0	54.0	61.0	85.0	NA	NA	NA				
Cyanide (mg/kg)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	NA	NA	NA				
Phenols	432	--	118	400	700	648	820	176	NA	NA	NA				
TOX (mg/kg)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	NA	NA	NA				

LEGEND:

All results reported in ug/kg except as noted.

SD = Storm drain

B = Found in blank

LP = Leaching pool

J = Estimated value - lower than detection limit.

NA = Not analyzed

D = Outside calibration range; diluted and re-analyzed.

-- = Not detected

U = Not detected; detection limits in blanks.

Table 2

SUMMARY OF COMPOUNDS QUANTIFIED IN SURFACE SOILS

Compounds Quantified in Soil:		Dilutions									
Volatiles	B-1 (18")	B-22% (18")	B-24 (18")	B-64 (18")	B-74 (18")	B-75 (18")	Field Blank	Trip Blank	Method Blank	Dilutions	
										B-24(DL)	Blank
Acetone	11B	28B	28B	26B	74B	21B	20B	6JB	7J	1000B	11
2-Butanone	--	7JB	4JB	4JB	13B	10JB	57B	8JB	5J	950JB	5J
Methylene Chloride	26	40	36	19	40	42	11	8	5U	810B	15
2-Hexanone	--	--	--	--	3J	--	10U	2J	10U	--	10U
Trichloroethene	--	--	4J	--	7	4J	5U	5U	5U	6500	5U
Tetrachloroethene	3J	11	1800B	5J	260	240	5U	5U	5U	3800	5U
Toluene	12	16	3J	7	10	5J	5U	5U	5U	6500	5U
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	--	--	--	--	10	--	5U	5U	5U	--	5U
Benzene	--	--	--	--	2J	--	5U	5U	5U	--	5U
Xylenes (Total)	--	--	--	--	2J	--	5U	5U	5U	--	5U
Pesticides/PCBs											
Endosulfan I	--	--	--	2JB	6JB	--	NA	NA	5J	--	--
4,4'-DDT	4J	25	1B	4J	10J	--	NA	NA	16U	--	--
Heptachlor	--	--	2J	--	--	--	NA	NA	8U	--	--
4,4'-DDE	--	--	2J	--	--	--	NA	NA	16U	--	--
Aldrin	--	2J	--	--	--	--	NA	NA	8U	--	--
Miscellaneous Inorganics											
Total Solids (%)	98	100	96	99	93	89	NA	NA	NA	--	--
Cyanide (mg/kg)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	NA	NA	--	--
Phenols	--	250	--	--	269	--	--	NA	NA	--	--
TOX (mg/kg)	--	--	--	--	--	--	NA	NA	NA	--	--

LEGEND:

All concentrations reported in ug/kg except as noted.

< = Less than

B = Found in blank

DL = Diluted sample

J = Estimated value - lower than detection limit

NA = Not analyzed

D = Outside calibration range; diluted and re-analyzed

-- = Not detected

U = Not detected; detection limits in blanks

Table 3

SUMMARY OF COMPOUNDS QUANTIFIED IN GROUNDWATER

<u>Volatiles</u>	<u>MW-1</u>	<u>MW-2</u>	<u>MW-3</u>	<u>MW-4</u>	<u>MW-5</u>	<u>Field Blank</u>	<u>Trip Blank</u>	<u>Method Blank</u>	<u>MW-3DL Dilution</u>	<u>MW-4DL Dilution</u>	<u>Method Blank</u>
Methylene Chloride	--	--	2JB	--	138	5U	2JB	2J	180JB	--	3J
1,1-Dichloroethene	--	--	12	120	--	5U	5U	5U	--	12000	5U
1,1-Dichloroethane	--	--	3J	3200	5	5U	5U	5U	5000	12000	5U
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	--	--	11000	42000	40	2J	5U	5U	14000	23000	5U
Trichloroethene	--	--	15	5900	--	5U	5U	5U	170J	330J	5U
Tetrachloroethene	--	--	2100	19000	16	5U	5U	5U	2200	1500	5U
Chloroethane	--	--	--	8J	--	10U	10U	10U	--	25000	10U
1,2-Dichloroethene	--	--	--	21000	2J	5U	5U	5U	--	990J	5U
<u>Pesticides/PCBs</u>											
Dieldrin	0.02J	--	--	--	--	0.10U	NA	0.10U			
Endosulfan I	--	0.04J	0.03J	0.07	--	0.03J	NA	0.05U			
4-4'-DDT	--	0.12	0.14	0.18	--	0.12	NA	0.10U			
Aldrin	--	--	--	--	0.04J	0.05U	NA	0.05U			
<u>Miscellaneous Analytical Tests</u>											
Cyanide	--	--	--	--	--	--	NA	NA			
Phenols	--	--	--	--	--	--	NA	--			
TOX	109	308	333	297	156	<50	NA	NA			

LEGEND:

All results in ug/l

DL = Diluted sample

NA = Not analyzed

-- = Not detected

B = Found in blank

J = Estimated value - lower than detection limit.

D = Outside calibration range; diluted and re-analyzed.

U = Not detected; detection limits in blanks.

Table 4
Nature and Extent of Contamination

MEDIA	CLASS	CONTAMINANT OF CONCERN	CONCENTRATION RANGE (ppb) 1983-1988	CONCENTRATION RANGE (ppb) 1994-1995	SCG (ppb)
Groundwater	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	Tetrachloroethane	2,200 - ND	260 - ND	5
		1,1,1 Trichloroethane	23,000 - ND	13 - ND	5
		Trichloroethylene	330 - ND	12 - ND	5
		1,2 Dichloroethene	990 - ND	41 - ND	5
		1,1 Dichloroethene	1,200 - ND	8J - ND	5
Storm Drain Sediments	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	Tetrachloroethane	1,100 - ND	ND*	1,400
		1,1,1 Trichloroethane	930 - 6B	ND* - 2J	800
		Trichloroethylene	30 J- ND	ND*	700
Soils	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	Tetrachloroethane	22,000 - ND	ND - 410	1,400
		1,1,1 Trichloroethane	14,000 - ND	ND - 25	800
		Trichloroethylene	650 - ND	ND - 15	700

* Post IRM Samples

Table 5
Remedial Alternative Costs

Remedial Alternative	Capital Cost	Annual O&M	Total Present Worth
No Action	\$0	\$13,500	\$150,000
Air sparging/soil vapor extraction	\$74,500	\$40,900	\$123,000
Limited pump and treatment	\$118,000	\$52,300	\$308,000

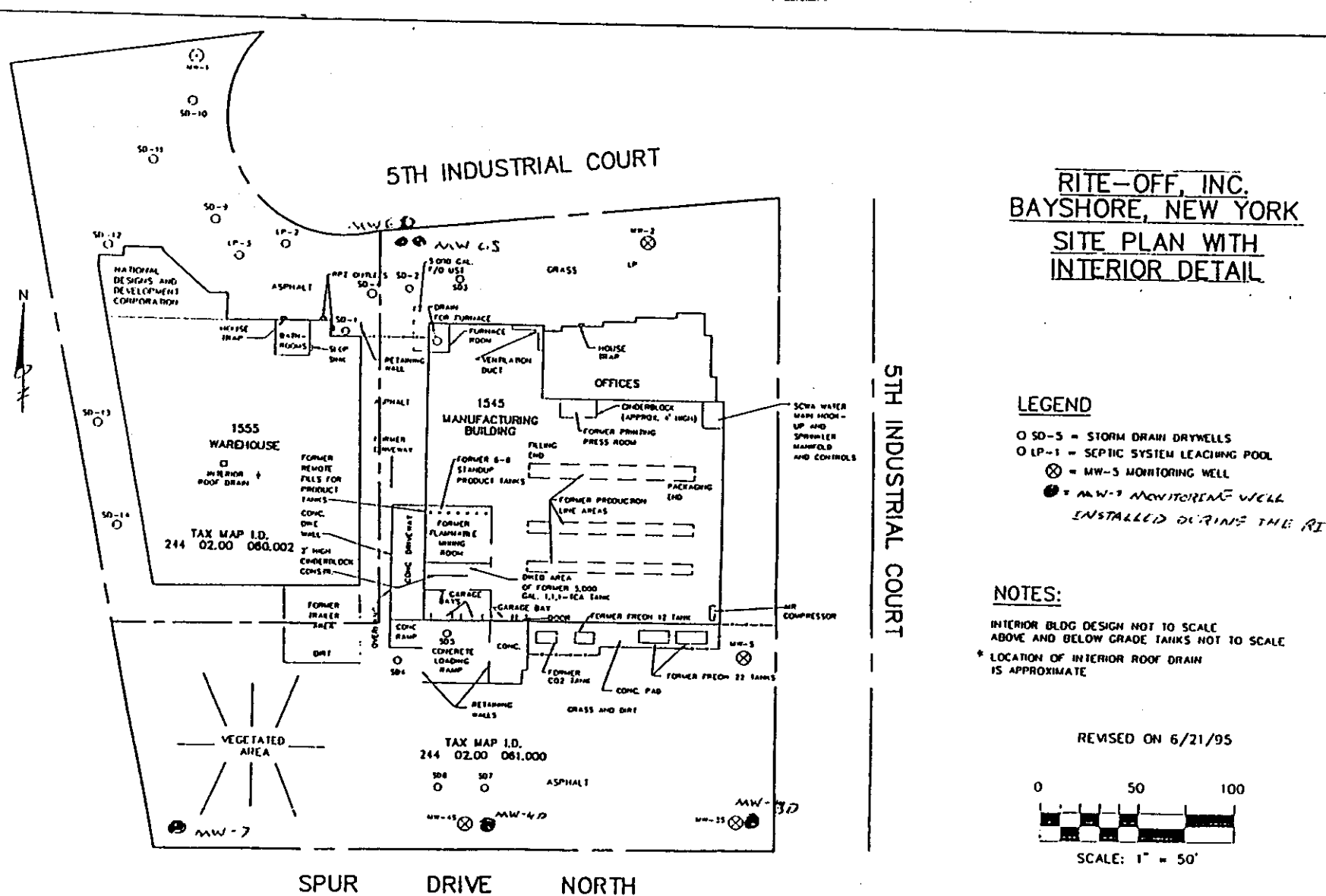
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LOCATION MAP
RITE-OFF, REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION
LOCATION MAP WITH SCWA FACILITIES

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Figure 2



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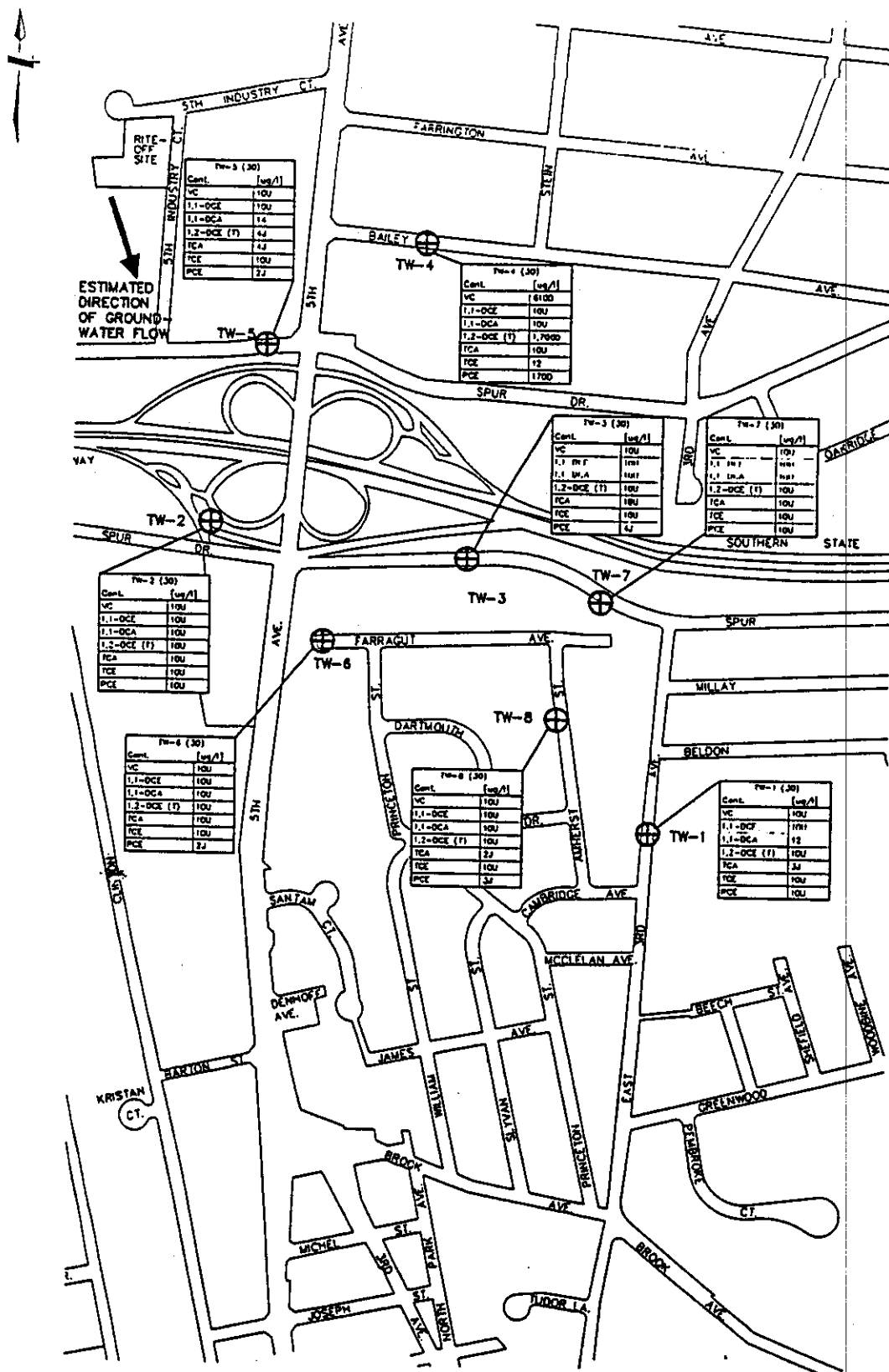
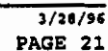


Figure 3

RITE-OFF OSGI
HALOGENATED VOC CONCENTRATIONS IN THE
30 FOOT GROUNDWATER SAMPLES

SCALE: 1" = 400'



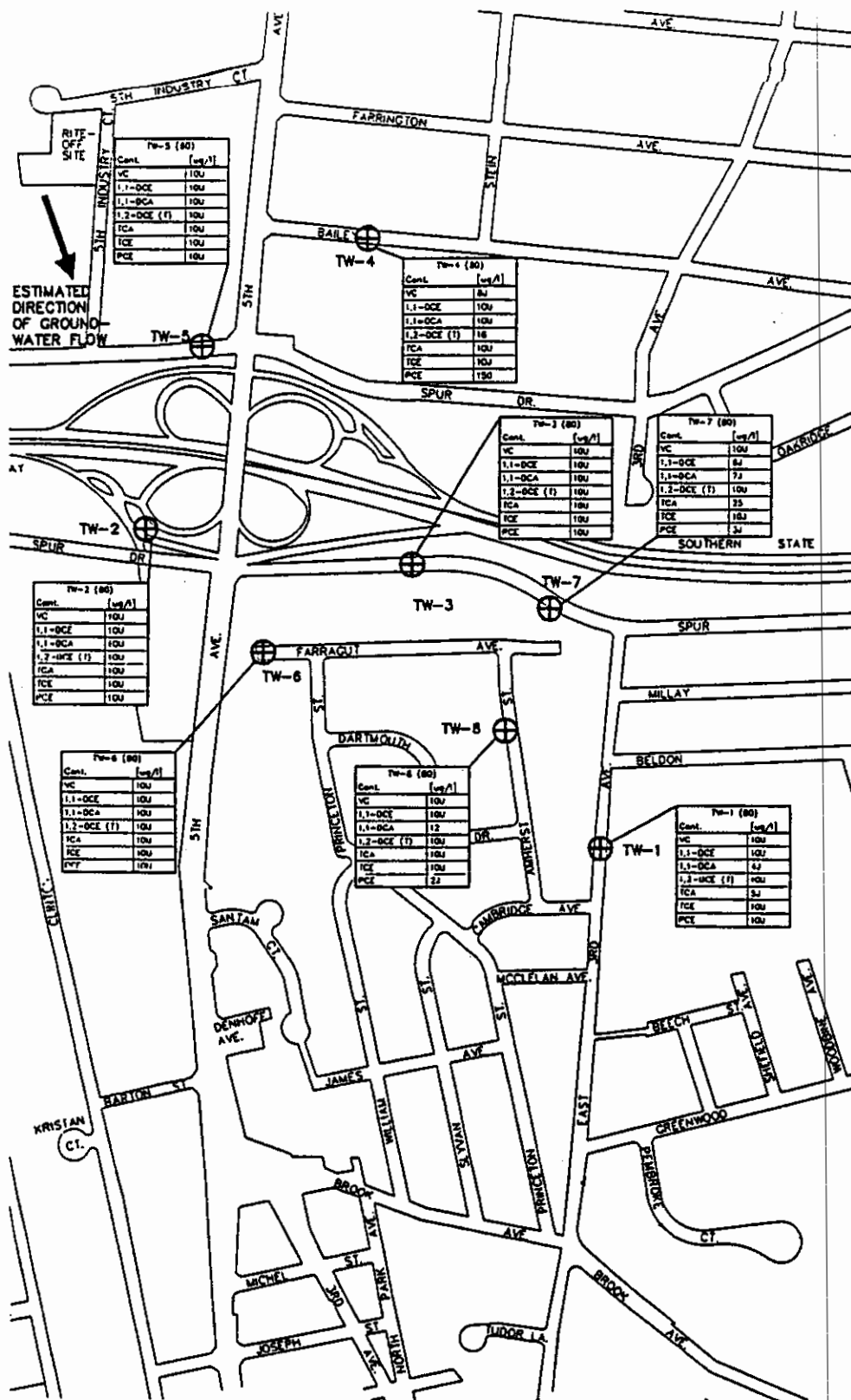
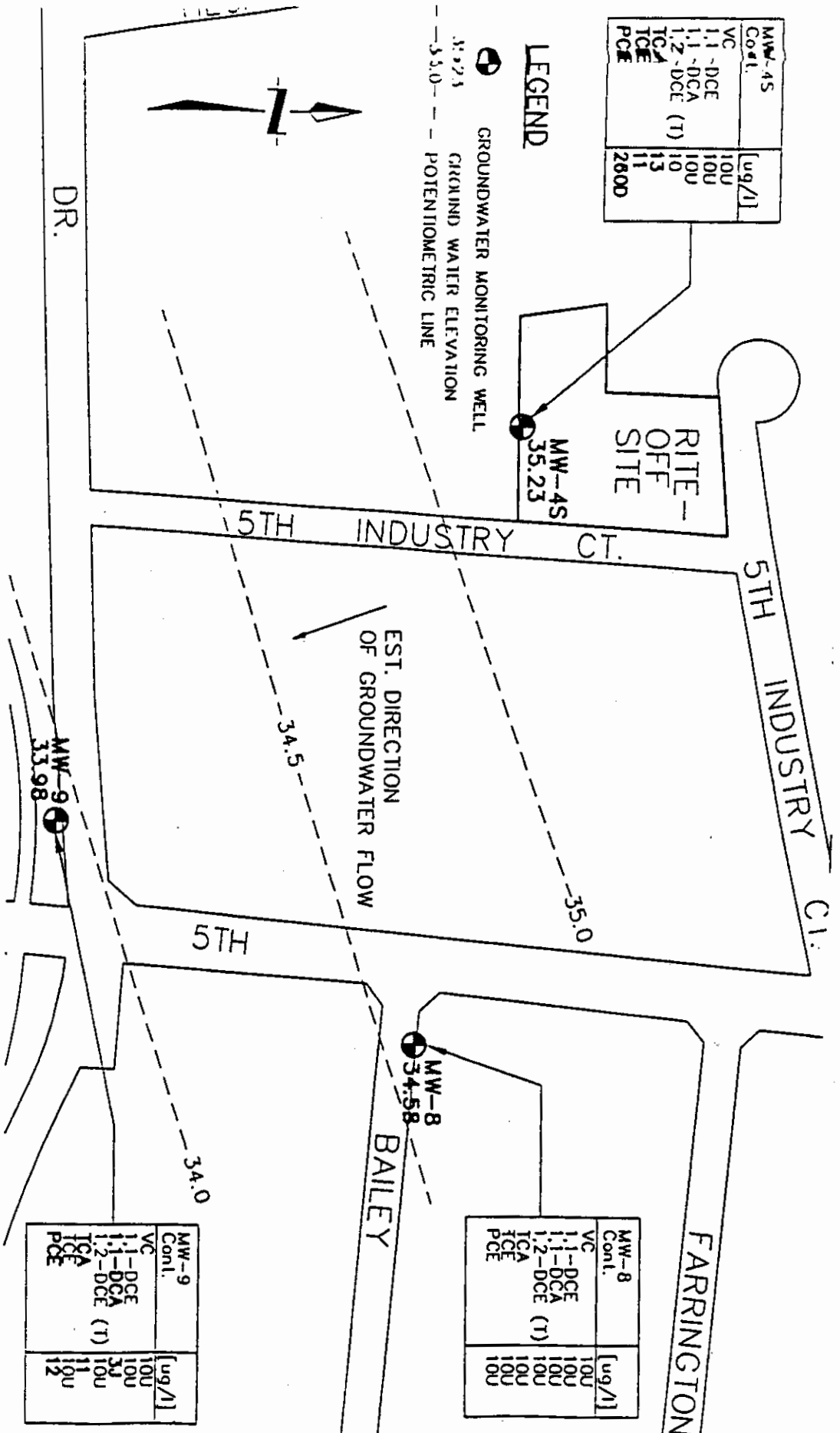


Figure 5

RITE-OFF OSGI
HALOGENATED VOC CONCENTRATIONS IN THE
80 FOOT GROUNDWATER SAMPLES

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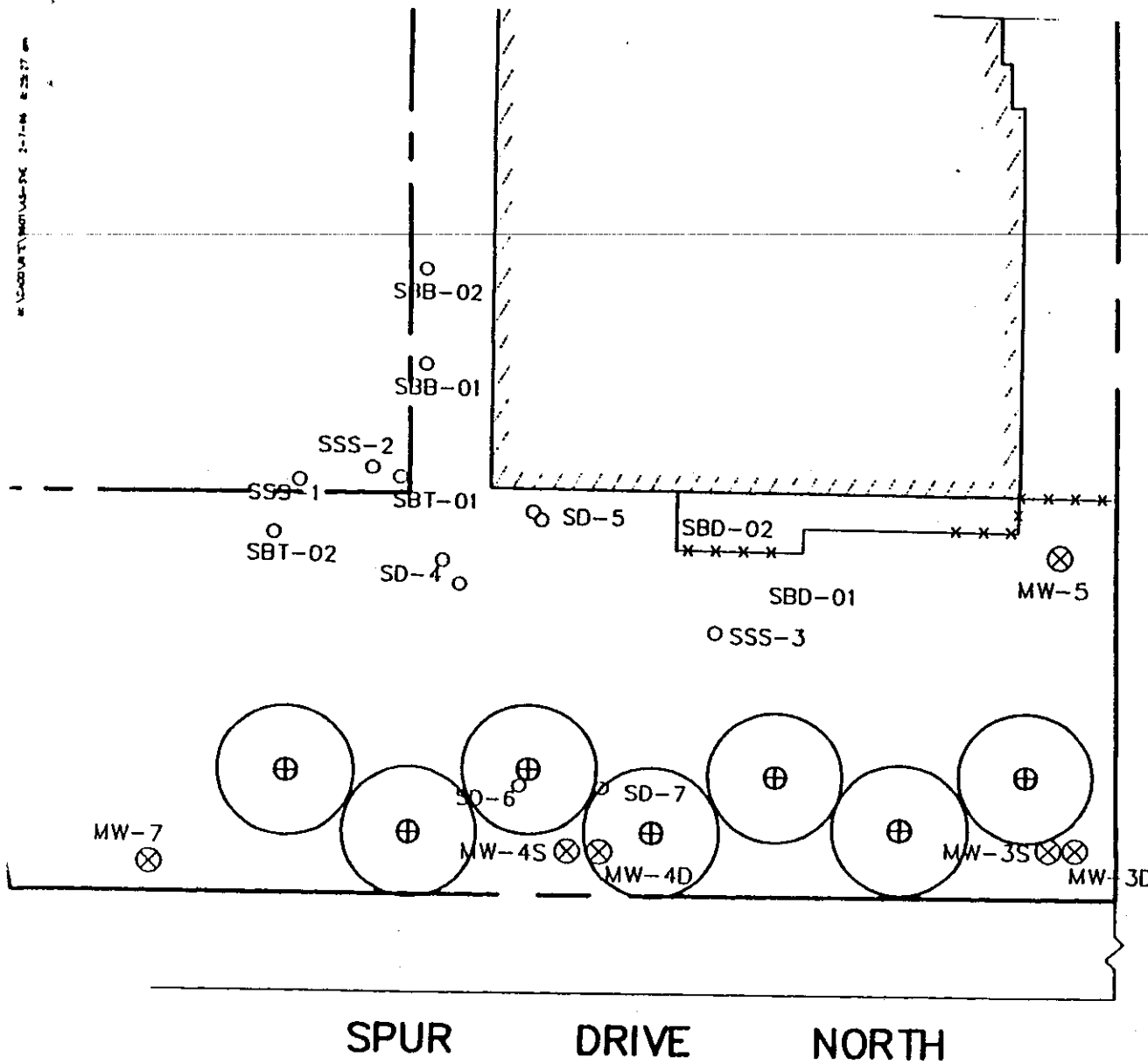
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RITE-OFF OSGI
POTENTIOMETRIC SURFACE MAP
OF THE SHALLOW-UPPER GLACIAL AQUIFER ON
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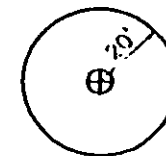
SCALE: 1" = 200'

Figure 1



5TH INDUSTRIAL COURT

LEGEND:



PROPOSED
AS/SVE POINT

**RITE-OFF
AS/SVE SYSTEM
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN**

SCALE: 1" = 50'-0"

Appendix A

Responsiveness Summary

Rite Off Site

Site ID: 1-52-129

This document summarizes the comments and questions received by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) regarding the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Rite Off inactive hazardous waste site. A public comment period was held between February 24, 1996 to March 25, 1996 to receive comments on the PRAP. A public meeting was also held on March 11, 1996 at the Bay Shore Public Library to present the results of the Remedial Investigation, the Off Site Groundwater Investigation, and to present the PRAP.

This Responsiveness Summary is comprised of verbal comments and questions voiced during the March 11, 1996 public meeting. No written comments were received during the comment period.

The following comments and questions are paraphrased from the comments voiced during the public meeting.

- 1C. Would the sump on the end of Fifth Industrial Court affect the contaminated groundwater flow direction?
- R. To affect the natural direction of groundwater flow, a large withdrawal or recharge of groundwater would have to occur. Any unusual groundwater flow patterns would have been apparent in the water level elevations in our on-site monitoring wells and the off-site monitoring wells we installed during the off site groundwater investigation. These wells indicated that this recharge basin was not having a significant affect on the groundwater flow.
- 2C. I am offended with the portrayal of the contaminants at the site as not being a problem.
- R. The Department never intended to minimize the contamination at the site. However, the soil sampling results verify that the soil contaminant levels remaining at the site are below NYS guidelines, criteria and guidelines and do not pose a significant risk to the public health or the environment. The contaminant levels currently at the site are much lower than levels that were found in the past.

3C. Where did the contamination go?

R. Some of the contamination was removed by the Interim Remedial Measure that removed the contaminated sediments from the storm drains at the backside of the property (SD-4, SD-5, SD-6, SD-7). The remainder of the contamination has either biodegraded, volatilized or dissolved into the groundwater.

4C. What about the contamination that went into the groundwater, where did it go and does it pose a risk to the local residents?

R. The purpose of the Off Site Groundwater Investigation was to determine the answer to these questions. During that investigation the PRP's consultant utilized groundwater modeling and hydropunch points to sample the groundwater downgradient of the site. This investigation found that there was neither a contaminant plume nor significant levels of contamination downgradient of the site. The levels of contaminants dropped off dramatically as the groundwater flowed away from the site and as we sampled deeper in the aquifer. This is consistent with the biodegradation and dilution that often occurs with these compounds in similar geologic settings when these compounds are present at low levels and the sources of the contaminants are removed.

Although these levels are still above NYS Standards, Criteria and Guidelines, they do not pose a public health risk to local residents, since the area downgradient of the site is served by public water and these residents are not coming into contact with this groundwater.

APPENDIX B

Rite Off Inc. Site
ID: 1-52-129

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

1. Phase II Investigation, Rite-Off Inc. Site, H2MGroup, July 1989.
2. Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Workplan, Rite-Off Inc. Site, H2MGroup, April 1994.
3. Letter dated February 28, 1995, from Richard J. Baldwin (H2MGroup) to John Helmeset (New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation), Re: 1555 Fifth Industrial Court - Rite-Off Inc., Delisting Petition. Letter pertains to the reclassification of the 1555 portion of the site.
4. Letter dated April 20, 1995, from Richard J. Baldwin (H2MGroup) to John Helmeset (New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation), Re: Rite-Off Inc., Order on Consent Index #WI-0661-93-09. Letter pertains to the workplan for an Interim Remedial Measure at the site.
5. Remedial Investigation Report, Rite-Off Inc. Site, Volume I, H2MGroup, June 1995.
6. Remedial Investigation Report, Rite-Off Inc. Site, Volume II, H2MGroup, June 1995.
7. Letter dated September 29, 1995, from Richard J. Baldwin (H2MGroup) to John Helmeset (New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation), Re: Rite-Off Inc., Order on Consent Index # WI-0661-93-09. Letter pertains to Interim Remedial Measure conducted on July 12, 1995.
8. Final Off-Site Groundwater Investigation Workplan, Rite-Off Inc., H2MGroup, October 1995.
9. Letter dated January, 31, 1996, from Richard J. Baldwin (H2MGroup) to John Helmeset (New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation), Re: Rite-Off Inc., Order on Consent Index # WI-0661-93-09. Letter pertains to request to waive the requirement for a Feasibility Study and enact an active remediation of the site.
10. Letter dated February 6, 1996, from Richard J. Baldwin (H2MGroup) to John Helmeset (New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation), Re: Rite Off Inc., 1545

Fifth Industrial Court. Letter pertains to results of the Off Site Groundwater Investigation.

11. Letter dated February 7, 1996, from Richard J. Baldwin (H2MGroup) to John Helmeset (New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation), Re: Rite-Off Inc., 1545 Fifth Industrial Court. Letter pertains to conceptual remedy for the site.