

RECORD OF DECISION

Bianchi/Weiss Greenhouses
State Superfund Project
East Patchogue, Suffolk County
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DECLARATION STATEMENT - RECORD OF DECISION

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Statement of Purpose and Basis

This document presents the remedy for the Bianchi/Weiss Greenhouses site, a Class 2 inactive hazardous waste disposal site. The remedial program was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (6 NYCRR) Part 375, and is not inconsistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan of March 8, 1990 (40CFR300), as amended.

This decision is based on the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) for the Bianchi/Weiss Greenhouses site and the public's input to the proposed remedy presented by the Department. A listing of the documents included as a part of the Administrative Record is included in Appendix B of the ROD.

Description of Selected Remedy

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

Based on the results of the investigations at the site, the IRMs that have been performed, and the evaluation presented here, the Department is proposing Excavation and Off-site Disposal to Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives, Connection to Public Water, Upgrade Basement Sumps and Groundwater Monitoring. This remedy also includes the implementation of Institutional and Engineering Controls (ICs/ECs). The Department believes that this remedy is protective of human health and the environment and satisfies the remediation objectives described in Exhibit B.

1. A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program. Green remediation principles and techniques will be implemented to the extent feasible in the design, implementation, and site management of the remedy as per DER-31. The major green remediation components are as follows:

- Conserving and efficiently managing resources and materials;
- Fostering green and healthy communities and working landscapes which balance ecological, economic and social goals; and
- Integrating the remedy with the end use where possible and encouraging green and sustainable re-development.

2. On-site soils which exceed the residential Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) for alpha-chlordane gamma-chlordane and lead and off-site soils which exceed the unrestricted use SCOs for alpha-chlordane and gamma-chlordane will be excavated to a depth to achieve the SCO. Excavated soil will be transported off-site for disposal at an approved facility. Approximately 46,000 tons of soil will be removed. Clean fill that complies with 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d) will then be brought in to replace the excavated soil and establish the designed grades.

3. Properties with potable wells located within or near the chlordane groundwater plume and impacted by chlordane that exceeds 1 ppb will be offered connection to public water.

4. Occupied residential and commercial structures located within the shallow portion of the chlordane contaminated groundwater will be evaluated and where appropriate, property owners will be offered the option of having foundation cracks sealed and filters placed on the sump pump discharges to remove chlordane to acceptable discharge levels.

5. The irrigation wells located on-site will be abandon.

6. Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement for the controlled property that:

- Requires the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls in accordance with Part 375-1.8 (h)(3);
- Allows the use and development of the controlled property for residential, restricted residential, commercial and industrial uses as defined by Part 375-1.8(g), although land use is subject to local zoning laws;
- Restricts the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or County DOH;
- Prohibits the installation of basement beneath on-site structures;
- Prohibits raising live stock or producing animal products for human consumption; and
- Requires compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan.

7. A Site Management Plan is required, which includes the following:

an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site and details the steps and media-specific requirements necessary to ensure the following institutional and/or engineering controls remain in place and effective:

Institutional Controls: The Environmental Easement discussed in Paragraph 6 above.

Engineering Controls: The sump pumps and filters discussed in Paragraph 3 above.

This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- Descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use and groundwater use restrictions;

- Provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;
- Maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
- The steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.

A Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy. The plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- Monitoring of groundwater to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy;
- Monitoring of potable and private wells; and
- A schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the Department.

An Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan to ensure continued operation, maintenance, monitoring, inspection, and reporting of any mechanical or physical components of the remedy. The plan includes, but is not limited to:

- Compliance monitoring of treatment systems to ensure proper O&M as well as providing the data for any necessary permit or permit equivalent reporting;
- Maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
- Providing the Department access to the site and O&M records.

New York State Department of Health Acceptance

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) concurs that the remedy for this site is protective of human health.

Declaration

The selected remedy is protective of human health and the environment, complies 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 toxicity, mobility, or volume as a principal element.

January 20, 2012

Date



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SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has selected a remedy for the above referenced site. The disposal of hazardous wastes at the site has resulted in threats to public health and the environment that would be addressed by the remedy. The disposal or release of hazardous wastes at this site, as more fully described in this document, has contaminated various environmental media. The remedy is intended to attain the remedial action objectives identified for this site for the protection of public health and the environment. This Record of Decision (ROD) identifies the selected remedy, summarizes the other alternatives considered, and discusses the reasons for selecting the remedy.

The New York State Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Remedial Program (also known as the State Superfund Program) is an enforcement program, the mission of which is to identify and characterize suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites and to investigate and remediate those sites found to pose a significant threat to public health and environment.

The Department has issued this document in accordance with the requirements of New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 375. This document is a summary of the information that can be found in the site-related reports and documents.

SECTION 2: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The Department seeks input from the community on all remedies. A public comment period was held, during which the public was encouraged to submit comment on the proposed remedy. All comments on the remedy received during the comment period were considered by the Department in selecting a remedy for the site. Site-related reports and documents were made available for review by the public at the following document repositories:

Patchogue-Medford Library
54-60 East Main Street
Patchogue, NY 11772
Phone: 631-654-4700

South Country Library
22 Station Road
Bellport, NY 11713
Phone: 631-286-0818

A public meeting was also conducted. At the meeting, the findings of the remedial investigation (RI) and the feasibility study (FS) were presented along with a summary of the proposed remedy.

After the presentation, a question-and-answer period was held, during which verbal or written comments were accepted on the proposed remedy.

Comments on the remedy received during the comment period are summarized and addressed in the responsiveness summary section of the ROD.

Receive Site Citizen Participation Information By Email

Please note that the Department's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) is "going paperless" relative to citizen participation information. The ultimate goal is to distribute citizen participation information about contaminated sites electronically by way of county email listservs. Information will be distributed for all sites that are being investigated and cleaned up in a particular county under the State Superfund Program, Environmental Restoration Program, Brownfield Cleanup Program, Voluntary Cleanup Program, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program. We encourage the public to sign up for one or more county listservs at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html>

SECTION 3: SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

Location: The Bianchi/Weiss Greenhouses site is located at 25 Orchard Road in East Patchogue, Suffolk County. The site is approximately 300 feet north of the intersection of Orchard Road and South Country Road in a suburban area.

Site Features: The site is flat and undeveloped. The main features on the site are the fence that is located along the perimeter of the site and portions of building foundations that were not removed during demolition activities. Woods are located in the northern portion of the site.

Current Zoning/Use(s): The site covers approximately 14 acres and is presently zoned for residential use. Residential properties border each side of the site.

Historic Use(s): The property was used as a nursery for commercial growing purposes from 1929 to 2005. Site operations were initially performed by the Bianchi family and Bianchi Orchards until 1992 when the property was purchased by several members of the Weiss family and Kirk Weiss Greenhouses. The current owner demolished the buildings on the site as part of the redevelopment of the property.

During the site demolition, concerned neighbors contacted local officials about potential health concerns. In March 2005, the current owner conducted initial soil sampling activities at the site and in April 2006, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) collected groundwater samples in the vicinity of the site. In December 2006, the site was included on the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites. Remedial investigation and feasibility study activities have been performed under the State Superfund Program.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: Site geology consists primarily of fine to coarse sand with some silt and gravel. Groundwater ranges from 1 to 13 feet below ground surface and flows to the south-southwest.

A site location map is attached as Figure 1.

SECTION 4: LAND USE AND PHYSICAL SETTING

The Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonably anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings when evaluating a remedy for soil remediation. For this site, alternatives (or an alternative) that restrict(s) the use of the site to residential use (which allows for restricted-residential use, commercial use and industrial use) as described in Part 375-1.8(g) were/was evaluated in addition to an alternative which would allow for unrestricted use of the site.

A comparison of the results of the RI to the appropriate standards, criteria and guidance values (SCGs) for the identified land use and the unrestricted use SCGs for the site contaminants is included in the Tables for the media being evaluated in Exhibit A.

SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT STATUS

Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) are those who may be legally liable for contamination at a site. This may include past or present owners and operators, waste generators, and haulers.

The PRPs for the site, documented to date, include:

Henron Development Corporation

Bianchi Family and Bianchi Orchards

Weiss Family and Kirk Weiss Greenhouses

The potential responsible parties (PRPs) for the site declined to implement a remedial program when requested by the Department. After the remedy is selected, the PRPs will again be contacted to assume responsibility for the remedial program. If an agreement cannot be reached with the PRPs, the Department will evaluate the site for further action under the State Superfund. The PRPs are subject to legal actions by the state for recovery of all response costs the state has incurred.

SECTION 6: SITE CONTAMINATION

6.1: Summary of the Remedial Investigation

A Remedial Investigation (RI) has been conducted. The purpose of the RI was to define the nature and extent of any contamination resulting from previous activities at the site. The field activities and findings of the investigation are described in the RI Report.

The following general activities are conducted during an RI:

- Research of historical information,
- Geophysical survey to determine the lateral extent of wastes,
- Test pits, soil borings, and monitoring well installations,
- Sampling of waste, surface and subsurface soils, groundwater, and soil vapor,
- Sampling of surface water and sediment,
- Ecological and Human Health Exposure Assessments.

6.1.1: Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs)

The remedy must conform to promulgated standards and criteria that are directly applicable or that are relevant and appropriate. The selection of a remedy must also take into consideration guidance, as appropriate. Standards, Criteria and Guidance are hereafter called SCGs.

To determine whether the contaminants identified in various media are present at levels of concern, the data from the RI were compared to media-specific SCGs. The Department has developed SCGs for groundwater, surface water, sediments, and soil. The NYSDOH has developed SCGs for drinking water and soil vapor intrusion. The tables found in Exhibit A list the applicable SCGs in the footnotes. For a full listing of all SCGs see: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html>

6.1.2: RI Information

The analytical data collected on this site includes data for:

- groundwater
- surface water
- drinking water
- soil
- sediment

The data have identified contaminants of concern. A "contaminant of concern" is a hazardous waste that is sufficiently present in frequency and concentration in the environment to require evaluation for remedial action. Not all contaminants identified on the property are contaminants of concern. The nature and extent of contamination and environmental media requiring action are summarized in Exhibit A. Additionally, the RI Report contains a full discussion of the data. The contaminant(s) of concern identified at this site is/are:

chlordan

lead

As illustrated in Exhibit A, the contaminant(s) of concern exceed the applicable SCGs for:

- groundwater
- soil

6.2: Interim Remedial Measures

An interim remedial measure (IRM) is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before issuance of the Record of Decision.

The following IRM(s) has/have been completed at this site based on conditions observed during the RI.

Secure the Site and Limit Migration of Site Contamination

Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) were conducted at the site to limit off-site exposures and impacts to the environment. The IRM activities consisted of:

- Inspection and upgrades to fencing along perimeter of the site to prevent access to the site.
- Inspection and upgrades to silt fencing placed along the perimeter of the site.
- Placement of mulch on the site to limit surface runoff of soils and dust migration.
- Removal of stockpiles that consisted of contaminated soils and debris.
- Removal of contaminated soil from impacted dry wells.

6.3: Summary of Human Exposure Pathways

This human exposure assessment identifies ways in which people may be exposed to site-related contaminants. Chemicals can enter the body through three major pathways (breathing, touching or swallowing). This is referred to as *exposure*.

Since the site is fenced and covered by mulch, asphalt, concrete or vegetation, people will not come into contact with site-related soil contamination unless they dig below the surface. Access to contaminated soils off-site is unrestricted, however contact with contaminated soil is unlikely unless people dig below the grass surface. For areas above the shallow groundwater plume, people may come into contact with contaminated groundwater if the groundwater infiltrates into their basements or if they encounter temporary ponds created by either the upwelling of groundwater or from surface discharge of sump water. People served by a public water supply are not drinking the contaminated groundwater because the supply is not affected by this contamination. Homes southwest of the site that are serviced by a private water well have been tested and while site-related contamination has been detected, the levels are below drinking water standards.

6.4: Summary of Environmental Assessment

This section summarizes the assessment of existing and potential future environmental impacts presented by the site. Environmental impacts may include existing and potential future exposure pathways to fish and wildlife receptors, wetlands, groundwater resources, and surface water.

Based upon the resources and pathways identified and the toxicity of the contaminants of ecological concern at this site, a Fish and Wildlife Resources Impact Analysis (FWRIA) was deemed not necessary for OU 01.

Nature and Extent of Contamination: Based upon investigation conducted to date, the primary contaminants of concern include total chlordane, alpha-chlordane, gamma-chlordane, and lead.

Soil: Chlordane was primarily detected in the soils within the former greenhouse footprints and within the wooded area on the northern part of the site. Alpha and gamma chlordane were detected up to 31 and 26 parts per million (ppm), respectively, in the on-site surface soils. Alpha- and gamma-chlordane were also detected up to 3.3 and 1.3 ppm, respectively, in off-site surface soils. These concentrations are above the unrestricted soil cleanup objective of 0.094 ppm for alpha-chlordane and residential soil cleanup objectives of 0.91 ppm and 0.54 ppm for alpha-chlordane and gamma-chlordane, respectively. Soil contamination extends to the groundwater table on-site. Lead was detected on-site in the surface soils up to 2,350 ppm and up to 5 ppm in subsurface soils. Surface soil concentrations exceeded the unrestricted and residential soil cleanup objectives of 63 ppm and 400 ppm, respectively. Lead was detected off-site up to 397 ppm.

Groundwater: Chlordane was detected within the shallow groundwater on-site and extends 2,900 feet downgradient of the site at a depth of 60 feet below ground surface. Concentrations of chlordane were detected up to 12.1 parts per billion (ppb) on-site and up to 25.1 ppb in off-site locations; these levels are above the groundwater standard of 0.05 ppb and drinking water standard of 2 ppb. Lead was not detected in monitoring wells above groundwater standards.

SECTION 7: SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

To be selected the remedy must be protective of human health and the environment, be cost-effective, comply with other statutory requirements, and utilize permanent solutions, alternative technologies or resource recovery technologies to the maximum extent practicable. The remedy must also attain the remedial action objectives identified for the site, which are presented in Exhibit B. Potential remedial alternatives for the Site were identified, screened and evaluated in the feasibility study (FS) report.

A summary of the remedial alternatives that were considered for this site is presented in Exhibit C. Cost information is presented in the form of present worth, which represents the amount of money invested in the current year that would be sufficient to cover all present and future costs associated with the alternative. This enables the costs of remedial alternatives to be compared on a common basis. As a convention, a time frame of 30 years is used to evaluate present worth costs for alternatives with an indefinite duration. This does not imply that operation, maintenance, or monitoring would cease after 30 years if remediation goals are not achieved. A summary of the Remedial Alternatives Costs is included as Exhibit D.

The basis for the Department's remedy is set forth at Exhibit E.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is \$7,890,000. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$7,200,000 and the estimated average annual cost is \$55,600.

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Exhibit A

Nature and Extent of Contamination

This section describes the findings of the Remedial Investigation for all environmental media that were evaluated. As described in Section 6.1.2, samples were collected from various environmental media to characterize the nature and extent of contamination.

For each medium, a table summarizes the findings of the investigation. The tables present the range of contamination found at the site in the media and compares the data with the applicable SCGs for the site. The contaminants are arranged into pesticides, inorganics (metals), and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs). For comparison purposes, the SCGs are provided for each medium that allows for unrestricted use. For soil, if applicable, the Restricted Use SCGs identified in Section 6.1.1 are also presented.

Soil

Surface and subsurface soil samples were collected at the site during the RI. Surface soil samples were collected from a depth of 0-2 inches to assess direct human exposure. Subsurface soil samples were collected from a depth of 1 – 8 feet below ground surface to assess soil contamination impacts to groundwater. The on-site results indicate that soil exceeds Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) for pesticides, metals and SVOCs for unrestricted and/or residential use SCO. The off-site results indicate that soil exceeds the unrestricted SCOs for pesticides and metals and residential SCGs for pesticides. Table 1 presents a summary of the analytical data for on-site soil and Table 2 presents a summary of the analytical data for off-site soil.

Table 1 - On-site Soil

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) ^a	Unrestricted SCO ^b (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCO	Residential Use SCO ^c (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Restricted SCO
Pesticides					
4,4-DDE	ND - 1	0.0033	30/47	1.8	0/47
4,4-DDT	ND – 0.85	0.0033	23/47	1.7	0/47
alpha-chlordane	ND - 31	0.094	80/279	0.91	41/279
gamma-chlordane	ND - 26	0.54	46/279	0.54	46/279
alpha-chlordane ^e	ND – 16.8	0.094	13/47	0.91	10/47
alpha-chlordane ^f	ND - >0.6	0.094	419/778	0.91	214/778
Metals					
arsenic	ND – 24.4	13	1/47	16	1/47
lead	2.08 – 2,350	63	21/47	400	7/47
mercury	ND – 0.343	0.18	4/45	0.81	0/45
zinc	7.38 - 422	109	16/47	2,200	0/47

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) ^a	Unrestricted SCO ^b (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCO	Residential Use SCO ^c (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Restricted SCO
Semi-Volatile Organics					
benzo(a)anthracene	ND – 6.7	1	3/38	1	3/38
benzo(a)pyrene	ND - 7	1	3/38	1	3/38
benzo(b)fluoranthene	ND - 11	1	4/38	1	4/38
benzo(k)fluoranthene	ND – 4.1	0.8	2/38	1	1/38
chrysene	ND – 9.2	1	3/38	1	3/38
dibenz(a,h)anthracene	ND - 1	0.33	1/38	0.33	1/38
indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	ND – 4.8	0.5	4/38	0.5	4/38

a - ppm: parts per million, which is equivalent to milligrams per kilogram, mg/kg, in soil;

b - SCO: Part 375-6.8(a), Unrestricted Soil Cleanup Objectives.

c - SCO: Part 375-6.8(b), Commissioner Policy 51, Restricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives for the Protection of Public Health for Residential Use, unless otherwise noted.

d – ND: not detected.

e – The alpha chlordane concentrations presented are based on laboratory total chlordane concentrations that were adjusted by applying a site percentage for alpha-chlordane (20 percent of total chlordane).

f – The alpha chlordane concentrations presented are based on field test total chlordane concentrations that were adjusted by applying a site percentage for alpha-chlordane (20 percent of total chlordane).

Table 2 - Off-site Soil

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) ^a	Unrestricted SCO ^b (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCO	Residential Use SCO ^c (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Restricted SCO
Pesticides					
dieldrin	ND – 0.29	0.005	6/19	0.039	3/19
4,4-DDE	ND – 1.7	0.0033	16/19	1.8	0/19
4,4-DDD	ND – 0.063	0.0033	3/19	2.6	0/19
4,4-DDT	ND – 3.2	0.0033	15/19	1.7	1/19
alpha-chlordane	ND – 3.3	0.094	8/19	0.91	2/19
gamma-chlordane	ND – 1.3	0.54	1/19	0.54	1/19
heptachlor epoxide	ND – 1.1	0.077	4/19	0.077	4/19
Metals					
lead	25 – 397	63	6/13	400	0/13
zinc	29.1 - 228	109	5/13	2,200	0/13

a - ppm: parts per million, which is equivalent to milligrams per kilogram, mg/kg, in soil;

b - SCO: Part 375-6.8(a), Unrestricted Soil Cleanup Objectives.

c - SCO: Part 375-6.8(b), Commissioner Policy 51, Restricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives for the Protection of Public Health for Residential Use, unless otherwise noted.

d – ND: not detected.

The primary site related soil contaminants are pesticides, identified as alpha-chlordane and gamma-chlordane, which were located within the wooded area and the greenhouse footprints. Concentrations of alpha-chlordane and gamma-chlordane were significantly above SCOs within the surface soils and decreased with depth. In general the chlordane contamination extended to 6 feet below ground surface. Typically the alpha-chlordane contamination was greater than the gamma-chlordane contamination. An extensive surface soil and subsurface soil sampling program was conducted, which consisted of 345 laboratory analyses and 778 field analyses, to determine the extent of alpha-chlordane above unrestricted SCG and residential use SCG as illustrated on Figures 2 and 3, respectively. Site related chlordane contamination was detected above SCOs within surface soils at an adjacent property to the south and were slightly above unrestricted use SCOs at 8 inches below ground surface.

Lead was detected above unrestricted SCGs, but is not considered a primary contaminant as lead was mostly located within the extent of chlordane contamination with the highest detections located within the greenhouse footprint (see Figure 4). Lead likely originated from paint applied to the buildings that were demolished. The remaining pesticides, metals and SVOCs identified in Tables 1 and 2 are not site specific contaminants of concern. 4,4-DDT was a common insecticide used to control mosquitoes and breaks down to 4,4-DDE and 4,4-DDD and the highest concentrations of these contaminants were detected off-site. Dieldrin and heptachlor epoxide were insecticides that were not detected on-site. The remaining metals detected above unrestricted SCGs, are not primary contaminants as they were sporadically detected and/or not significantly above the SCGs. The detections of SVOCs are attributable to the paved areas located near the sampling locations.

Based on the findings of the Remedial Investigation, the presence of pesticides and lead have resulted in the contamination of soil. Lead contamination is primarily located within the extents of the alpha-chlordane and gamma-chlordane contamination above SCOs. The site contaminants identified in soil which are considered to be the primary contaminants of concern, to be addressed by the remedy selection process are, alpha-chlordane and gamma-chlordane.

Groundwater

Groundwater samples were collected from overburden monitoring wells. The samples were collected to assess groundwater conditions on and off-site. The results indicate that contamination in shallow groundwater at the site exceeds the SCGs for pesticides. The results indicate that contamination in the groundwater off-site exceeds the SCGs for pesticides and metals. Table 3 presents a summary of the analytical data for groundwater.

A well survey and a well search have been completed to identify potable wells in the vicinity of the site. Four private wells in the vicinity of the site were sampled. Chlordane was not detected above Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code (2 ppb). The Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) collected water samples from five private wells in the vicinity of the site. SCDHS results have not detected chlordane above 2 ppb.

Table 3 - Groundwater

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppb) ^a	SCG ^b (ppb)	Frequency Exceeding SCG
Pesticides			
chlordane	ND – 25.1	0.05	31/70
dieldrin	ND – 0.015	0.004	4/70
Metals			
chromium	ND – 53.8	50	1/22
iron	ND – 26,800	300	13/22
lead	ND – 146	25	1/22
magnesium	1,530 – 167,000	35,000	6/22
manganese	5.34 -2,800	300	11/22
sodium	3,870 – 1,800,000	20,000	9/22
zinc	13.5 – 2,470	2,000	1/22

a - ppb: parts per billion, which is equivalent to micrograms per liter, ug/L, in water.

b - SCG: Standard Criteria or Guidance - Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values (TOGs 1.1.1), 6 NYCRR Part 703, Surface water and Groundwater Quality Standards, and Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code (10 NYCRR Part 5).

c - ND: not detected.

During the remedial investigation severe weather conditions (i.e. periods of heavy rain) occurred and resulted in groundwater upwelling/temporary ponding and infiltrating into basements downgradient of the site. Table 4 presents a summary of additional samples that were collected from the temporary ponding on-site where groundwater daylighted and within basements of adjacent properties where groundwater infiltrated through the foundation. The Part 5 of the New York Sanitary Code value was included in Table 4 for comparison of temporary ponding and basement water results.

Table 4 - Temporary Ponding and Basement Water

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppb) ^a	SCG ^b (ppb)	Frequency Exceeding SCG
Pesticides/PCBs			
Chlordane (temporary ponding)	ND – 2.7	2	1/2
Chlordane (basement water)	1.9 – 6.1	2	1/2

a - ppb: parts per billion, which is equivalent to micrograms per liter, ug/L, in water.

b - SCG: Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code (10 NYCRR Part 5)

c - ND: not detected.

The primary groundwater contaminant is chlordane. As noted on Figure 5, the primary groundwater contamination originates from the site and migrates south approximately 2,900 feet. Contamination was detected in the shallow groundwater near the site and in the plume area, to a depth of 60 feet below ground surface near Abets Creek, see Figure 6. The shallow water table is influenced by inclement weather (i.e. heavy rains and snow melt), resulting in

groundwater rising into basements and low-lying lands. Chlordane was detected in water collected from two basements located adjacent to the site, as well as from an on-site temporary pond. During inclement weather chlordane contaminated groundwater may infiltrate additional basements or daylight downgradient of the site. The use of chlordane within residential homes for termite control is well documented and likely to have occurred in this area as the upgradient monitoring well (MW-41) also detected chlordane above SCGs, but below site concentrations.

Chlordane was also detected above SCGs within the shallow groundwater near Abets Creek (MW-33S), but this is not believed to be from the site as the hydrogeology in this area has a downward vertical gradient, which would not permit the upward movement of contaminants, and the chlordane concentration at MW-33S is higher than chlordane concentrations found at four monitoring wells (WO-27, WO-28, WO-30, and WO-31) located upgradient of MW-33S, but downgradient of the site. An upward vertical gradient is present further downgradient (MW-39 cluster), which indicates that groundwater discharges to Abets Creek or Patchogue Bay. Dieldrin was detected above SCGs at select locations off-site; however, the origin of the contamination is from another source since dieldrin was not detected on-site. The iron, magnesium, manganese, and sodium are not considered primary contaminants of concern as they are naturally occurring elements and the highest concentrations were located off-site. Chromium, lead, and zinc were detected above SCGs at locations off-site near Abets Creek; therefore, not site related.

Based on the findings of the RI, the presence of elevated concentrations of pesticides in site soils has resulted in the contamination of groundwater. The site contaminant that is considered to be the primary contaminant of concern which will drive the remediation of groundwater to be addressed by the remedy selection process is chlordane.

Surface Water

Surface water samples were collected during the RI from Abets and Moss Creeks. The samples were collected to assess the surface water conditions off-site. No exceedances were noted in surface water as summarized in Table 5.

Table 5 - Surface Water

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppb) ^a	SCG ^b (ppb)	Frequency Exceeding SCG
Pesticides/PCBs			
chlordane	ND	0.00002	0/6

a - ppb: parts per billion, which is equivalent to micrograms per liter, ug/L, in water.

b - SCG: Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values (TOGs 1.1.1) and 6 NYCRR Part 703: Surface Water and Groundwater Quality Standards.

c - ND: not detected.

No site-related surface water contamination of concern was identified during the RI. Therefore, no remedial alternatives need to be evaluated for surface water at Abets and Moss Creeks.

Sediment

Sediment samples were collected during the RI from Abets and Moss Creeks. The samples were collected to assess the potential for impacts to wetland and river sediment from the site. Table 6 presents a summary of the analytical data for off-site sediment samples.

Table 6 - Sediment

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppb) ^a	SCG ^b Human Health Bioaccumulation (ppb)	Frequency Exceeding SCG	SCG ^b Wildlife Bioaccumulation (ppb)	Frequency Exceeding SCG
Pesticides					
4,4-DDD	ND – 6.8	0.5489	1/5	54.89	0/5
4,4-DDE	ND - 3	0.5489	1/5	54.89	0/5

a - ppb: parts per billion, which is equivalent to micrograms per kilogram, ug/kg, in sediment;

b - SCG: The Department's "Technical Guidance for Screening Contaminated Sediments."

c – ND: not detected.

No site-related sediment contamination of concern was identified during the RI. Therefore, no remedial alternatives need to be evaluated for sediment.

The 4,4-DDD and 4,4-DDE detected in sediments is not site related and is likely a result of insecticide application as previously discussed. Therefore, 4,4-DDD and 4,4-DDE in sediment is not considered a site specific contaminant of concern.

Exhibit B

SUMMARY OF THE REMEDIATION OBJECTIVES

The objectives for the remedial program have been established through the remedy selection process stated in 6 NYCRR Part 375. The goal for the remedial program is to restore the site to pre-disposal conditions to the extent feasible. At a minimum, the remedy shall eliminate or mitigate all significant threats to public health and the environment presented by the contamination identified at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

The remedial objectives for this site are:

Soil

RAOs for Public Health Protection

- Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.
- Prevent inhalation of contaminated dust.

RAOs for Environmental Protection

- Prevent migration of contaminants that would result in groundwater contamination.
- Prevent impacts to biota from ingestion/direct contact with soil causing toxicity or impacts from bioaccumulation through the terrestrial food chain.

Groundwater

RAOs for Public Health Protection

- Prevent ingestion of groundwater with contaminant levels exceeding drinking water standards.
- Prevent contact with contaminated groundwater.

RAOs for Environmental Protection

- Remove the source of groundwater or surface water contamination.
- Restore groundwater aquifer to pre-disposal/pre-release conditions, to the extent practicable.

Exhibit C

Description of Remedial Alternatives

The following alternatives were considered based on the remedial action objectives (see Exhibit B) to address the contaminated media identified at the site as described in Exhibit A:

Alternative 1: No Further Action

The No Further Action Alternative recognizes the remediation of the site completed by the IRMs described in Section 6.2. This alternative leaves the site in its present condition and does not provide any additional protection of the environment.

Alternative 2: No Further Action with Site Management

The No Further Action with Site Management Alternative recognizes the remediation of the site completed by the IRMs described in Section 6.2 and requires site management, groundwater monitoring, engineering controls (i.e. fencing, mulch cover, hay bales), and institutional controls (i.e. environmental easement restricting land use and groundwater use) to provide minimal protection to public health and the environment.

Present Worth:	\$552,000
Capital Cost:	\$25,000
Annual Costs:	\$34,300

Alternative 3: Excavation and Off-site Disposal to Unrestricted Soil Cleanup Objectives, Connection to Public Water, Upgrade Basement Sumps, and Install a Groundwater Extraction and Treatment System

This alternative achieves all of the SCGs discussed in Section 6.1.1 and Exhibit A and soil meets the unrestricted soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) listed in Part 375-6.8 (a). This alternative includes: excavation and off-site disposal of 74,000 tons of chlordane contaminated soil above unrestricted use SCOs from on-site as well as off-site (see Figure 2) to be hauled to a permitted facility, connection of properties with private wells located within or near the chlordane contaminated groundwater to public water would be offered where chlordane levels exceed 1 ppb, upgrading sump pumps in basements would be offered to properties located within the chlordane contaminated shallow groundwater, construction of an on-site groundwater extraction and treatment system to capture contaminated groundwater at extraction wells installed downgradient of the site, and placement of institutional controls (i.e. environmental easement restricting groundwater use) and engineering controls to require continued operation of the systems and compliance with periodic certifications and a Site Management Plan. Excavation of chlordane contaminated soils and source material to achieve unrestricted SCO. Clean fill material would be imported to backfill excavations. This alternative would require 12 months to design, 10 months to implement the remedies, and 15 years to restore groundwater to drinking water standards.

Present Worth:	\$13,800,000
Capital Cost:	\$12,100,000
Annual Costs:	\$167,000

Alternative 4: Excavation and Off-site Disposal to Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives, Connection to Public Water, Upgrade Basement Sumps, and Groundwater Monitoring

This alternative includes, excavation of approximately 46,000 tons of chlordane contaminated soil to be hauled to a permitted facility, removal of soils above residential use SCO from on-site, removal of soils above unrestricted use SCO from off-site (see Figure 7), connection of properties with private wells located within or near the chlordane contaminated groundwater to public water would be offered where chlordane levels exceed 1 ppb, upgrading sump pumps in basements would be offered to properties located within the chlordane contaminated shallow groundwater, placement of institutional controls that restrict use of the site (i.e. environmental easement restricting land use and groundwater use) and engineering controls that maintains the upgraded basement sump pumps and treatment systems, and requires compliance with periodic certifications and a Site Management Plan. Groundwater is expected to improve naturally as the source of groundwater contamination (i.e. chlordane contaminated soils) would be removed to achieve residential SCO. Clean fill material would be imported to backfill excavations. This alternative would require 12 months to design, 10 months to implement the remedies, and 20 years to restore groundwater to drinking water standards.

Present Worth: \$7,890,000
Capital Cost: \$7,200,000
Annual Costs: \$55,600

Alternative 5: In-situ Bioremediation to Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives, Connection to Public Water, Upgrade Basement Sumps, and Groundwater Monitoring

This alternative includes, an in-situ bioremediation technology (e.g., Daramend) applied to approximately 45,000 tons of chlordane contaminated soil above residential use SCO from on-site as well as off-site (see Figure 7), connection of properties with private wells located within or near the groundwater plume to public water would be offered where chlordane levels exceed 1 ppb, upgrading sump pumps in basements would be offered to properties located within the chlordane contaminated shallow groundwater, placement of institutional controls that restrict use of the site (i.e. environmental easement restricting land use and groundwater use) and engineering controls that maintains the upgraded basement sump pumps and treatment systems, and requires compliance with periodic certifications and a Site Management Plan. Daramend is a technology consisting of organic amendments that are mixed with contaminated soil in 2 ft lifts and at a specified moisture content with tilling equipment, which triggers microbiological activity and reduction in contaminant concentrations. Three lifts are required to treat down to 6 feet below ground surface and the number of treatment cycles per lift is based on the soil concentrations. Restore site conditions using treated material. Groundwater is expected to improve naturally as the source of groundwater contamination (i.e. chlordane contaminated soils) would be removed to achieve residential SCO. This alternative would require 12 months to design, 18 months to implement the remedies, and 20 years to restore groundwater to drinking water standards.

Present Worth: \$10,400,000
Capital Cost: \$9,710,000
Annual Costs: \$55,600

Alternative 6: On-site Incineration to Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives, Connection to Public Water, Upgrade Basement Sumps, and Groundwater Monitoring

This alternative includes, on-site incineration of approximately 45,000 tons of chlordane contaminated soil above residential use SCOs from on-site as well as off-site (see Figure 7), connection of properties with private wells located within or near the groundwater plume to public water would be offered where chlordane levels exceed 1 ppb, upgrading sump pumps in basements would be offered to properties located within the chlordane contaminated shallow groundwater, placement of institutional controls that restrict use of the site (i.e. environmental easement restricting land use and groundwater use) and engineering controls that maintains the upgraded basement sump pumps and treatment systems, and requires compliance with periodic certifications and a Site Management Plan. Restore site conditions using treated material. Groundwater is expected to improve naturally as the source of groundwater contamination (i.e. chlordane contaminated soils) would be removed to achieve residential SCOs. This alternative would require 12 months to design, 17 months to implement the remedies, and 20 years to restore groundwater to drinking water standards.

Present Worth: \$10,800,000
Capital Cost: \$10,100,000
Annual Costs: \$55,600

Exhibit D**Remedial Alternative Costs**

Remedial Alternative	Capital Cost (\$)	Annual Costs (\$)	Total Present Worth (\$)
1. No Action	0	0	0
2. No Further Action with Site Management	25,000	34,300	552,000
3. Excavation and Off-site Disposal to Unrestricted Soil Cleanup Objectives, Connection to Public Water, Upgrade Basement Sumps, and Install a Groundwater Extraction and Treatment System	12,100,000	167,000	13,800,000
4. Excavation and Off-site Disposal to Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives, Connection to Public Water, Upgrade Basement Sumps, and Groundwater Monitoring	7,200,000	55,600	7,890,000
5. In-situ Bioremediation to Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives, Connection to Public Water, Upgrade Basement Sumps, and Groundwater Monitoring	9,710,000	55,600	10,400,000
6. On-site Incineration to Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives, Connection to Public Water, Upgrade Basement Sumps, and Groundwater Monitoring	10,100,000	55,600	10,800,000

Exhibit E

SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

The Department selected Alternative 4, Excavation and Off-site Disposal to Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives, Off-site connection to Public Water, Upgrade Basement Sumps, and Groundwater Monitoring as the remedy for this site. The elements of this remedy are described in Section 7.

Basis for Selection

The selected remedy is based on the results of the RI and the evaluation of alternatives. The criteria to which potential remedial alternatives are compared are defined in 6 NYCRR Part 375. A detailed discussion of the evaluation criteria and comparative analysis is included in the FS report.

Alternative 4 is being selected because, as described below, it satisfies the threshold criteria and provides the best balance of the balancing criterion described in Exhibit C. Alternative 4 achieves the remediation goals for the site by removing chlordane and lead contaminated soils above anticipated land use soil cleanup objectives (residential) from on-site and off-site locations, which is the most significant threat to public health and the environment. This alternative removes the source of groundwater contamination (i.e. chlordane contaminated soils on-site) and creates the conditions necessary to restore groundwater quality to the extent practicable. This alternative protects public health from contaminated groundwater off-site by monitoring of potable wells/connection to public water when necessary and upgrades to sump pumps/foundations to prevent chlordane contaminated groundwater intrusion near the site until groundwater conditions improve. This alternative is as effective as restoration to pre-disposal conditions, yet will be implemented at a considerably lower cost.

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

Protection of Human Health and the Environment

Alternative 1 does not provide any protection to public health and the environment and will not be evaluated further. Alternative 2 provides minimum protection to public health and the environment. Alternatives 3, 4, 5, 6 obtain the remedial action objectives presented in Exhibit B and are all protective of public health and the environment.

Alternatives 3, 4, 5, and 6 eliminates contact with contaminated soils above residential SCOs, prevents ingestion and contact with site impacted groundwater by connecting properties with contaminated potable wells to public water and upgrading foundations and sump pumps for buildings located within the shallow portion of the chlordane plume where groundwater infiltrates into the basements. Alternatives 3 and 4 further protect public health by removing off-site soils contaminated with chlordane above unrestricted use. Monitoring groundwater trends will be performed to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedial action and to determine if future actions are warranted to protect public health and the environment.

Compliance with New York State Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs)

Alternative 2 does not attain the SCGs for alpha-chlordane in soil and will not be evaluated further. Alternative 3 meets the threshold criteria as this alternative includes removal of site related contamination (alpha-chlordane and gamma-chlordane) above the unrestricted SCOs and actively removes chlordane from groundwater. Alternatives 4, 5 and 6 also comply with this criteria but to a lesser degree or with lower certainty as these alternatives include

removal of site contamination above the residential SCO's and rely on source removal to permit groundwater to naturally attenuate. Because Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 satisfy the threshold criteria, the remaining criteria are particularly important in selecting a final remedy for the site.

Alternatives 3 and 4 would remove elevated lead contamination within the surface soils on-site. The on-site treatment techniques applied for Alternatives 5 and 6 are unable to remove lead from the soil.

Short-term Effectiveness

Alternatives 3 through 6 have short-term impacts to the community and the workers, which need to be considered during the design of the remedy. These risks include the generation of dust when the contaminated soil is excavated. Workers may be protected by careful planning and personal protective equipment. Engineering controls would be needed to protect the community. The engineering controls could include maintaining the fencing, air monitoring, and water trucks equipped with sprayers to limit generation of dust. Alternative 5 is the most likely to cause dust as multiple applications using a cultivator are required for each lift to reduce chlordane concentrations.

Alternatives 3 through 6 require access to private land as each alternative includes connection of potable wells to public water and basement and sump pump upgrades. Alternative 3 has significant impact to the residences located south of the site as construction of the groundwater extraction system requires installation of extraction wells along Roosevelt Boulevard and Summit Street. Alternatives 3 and 4 involve hauling material in trucks along Orchard Road and South Country Road. Trucks hauling materials will be covered. Minimal construction activities will be performed at night and on weekends. Alternatives 5 and 6 would have the least impact due to trucking as limited truck traffic would be required.

The time needed to conduct the initial remediation activities is the shortest for Alternatives 4 and 6. Alternatives 3 and 5 would take the longest to achieve the remediation goals. Alternative 3 requires additional soils be removed and installation of a groundwater extraction system. Alternative 5 requires multiple applications and time for each lift of treatment. Each alternative requires access to private properties to switch from potable wells to public water when necessary and upgrade basement sumps near the site where contaminated groundwater intrusion occurs.

Long-term Effectiveness and Permanence

Alternatives 3 through 6 present permanent remedies that address significant threats to public health and the environment by removing contaminated soil and preventing contact with contaminated groundwater. Long-term effectiveness is best accomplished by Alternative 3, which removes additional contaminated soils to achieve unrestricted use and actively removes contaminated groundwater. Alternatives 4 through 6 have similar effectiveness as Alternative 3, but do not incorporate an active groundwater remedy to reduce groundwater contamination. Groundwater conditions will improve for Alternatives 4 through 6 as the source of groundwater contamination (contaminated soils) will be removed, which will permit groundwater conditions to improve naturally. Post treatment testing is required for Alternatives 5 and 6 to verify success of the treatment systems. Each alternative requires an environmental easement and long-term groundwater monitoring to assess long term success of the remedial action.

Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility or Volume

Alternatives 5 and 6 reduce the toxicity, mobility and volume of soil contamination by on-site incineration or biological degradation, respectively. Alternatives 3 and 4 reduce the toxicity and mobility of soil contaminants by transferring the material to an approved off-site location, but the volume of material would not be reduced unless the

disposal facility had an active treatment system capable of reducing chlordane. Only Alternative 3 actively reduces the toxicity, mobility and volume of groundwater contamination, whereas Alternatives 4 through 6 depend on contaminated soil removal and natural attenuation to reduce groundwater concentrations.

Implementability

Alternative 4 is readily implementable. Although Alternative 3 is implementable a pilot study is necessary for the design of the treatment system, permits are necessary for work conducted in the roadways and operation of the groundwater treatment system. Alternatives 5 and 6 require pilot studies prior to implementation to confirm that the alternative is capable of obtaining the remediation goals and Alternative 6 requires an air permit.

Cost-Effectiveness

Alternative 3 has the highest present work cost, but removes the most chlordane contamination from the environment. Alternative 4 has the lowest present work cost, and is capable of meeting the remediation goals. Alternatives 5 and 6 are more expensive than Alternative 4.

Land Use

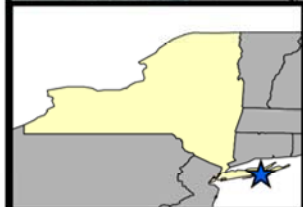
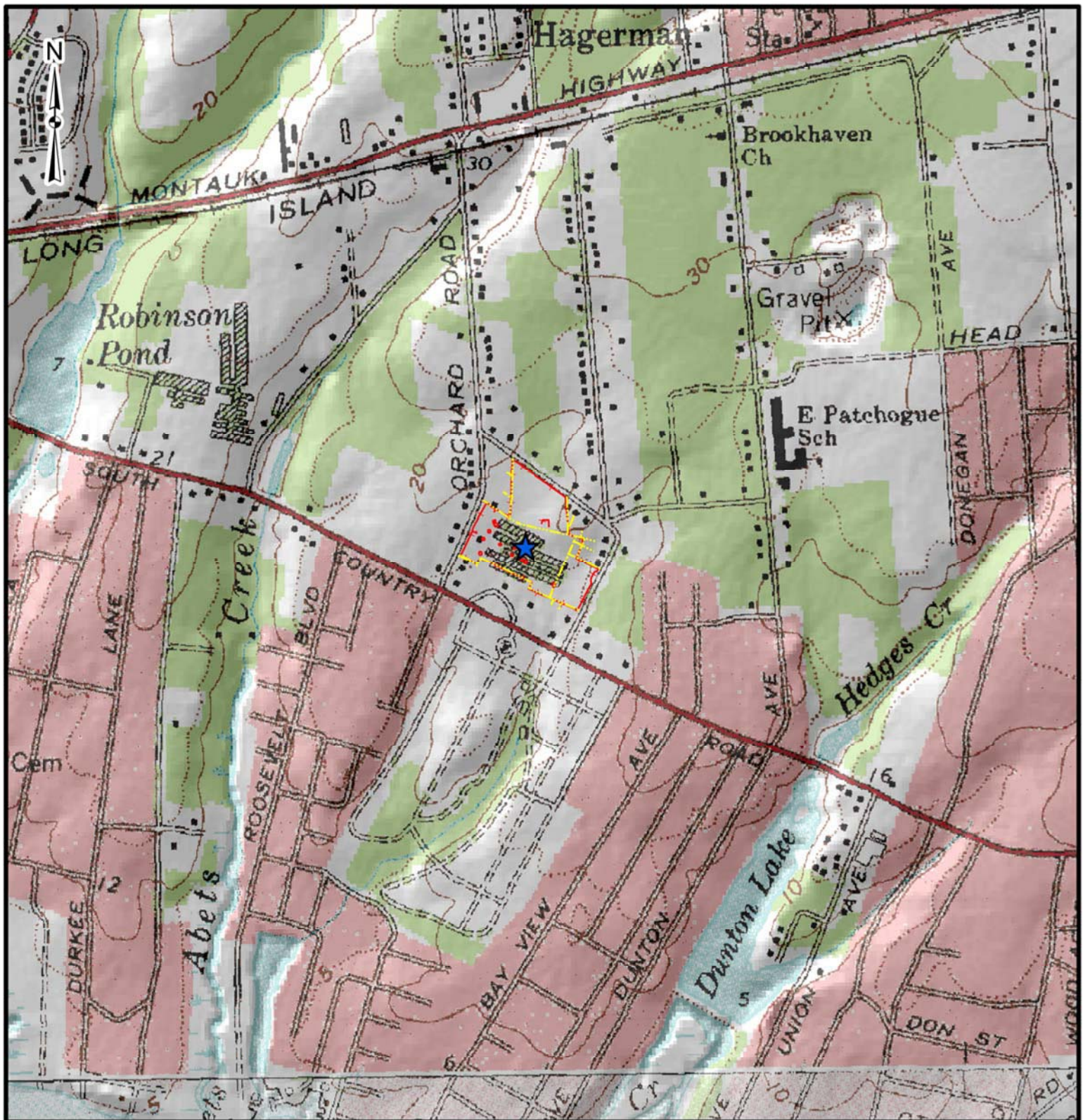
Alternatives 3 through 6 meet the current residential zoning designation for the site.

The final criterion, Community Acceptance, is considered a “modifying criterion” and is taken into account after evaluating those above. It is evaluated after public comments on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan have been received.

Community Acceptance

Concerns of the community regarding the investigation, the evaluation of alternatives, and the Proposed Remedial Action Plan are evaluated. A responsiveness summary has been prepared that describes public comments received and the manner in which the Department will address the concerns raised.

Alternative 4 has been selected because, as described above, it satisfies the threshold criteria and provides the best balance of the balancing criterion.

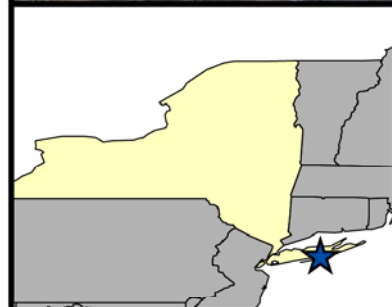
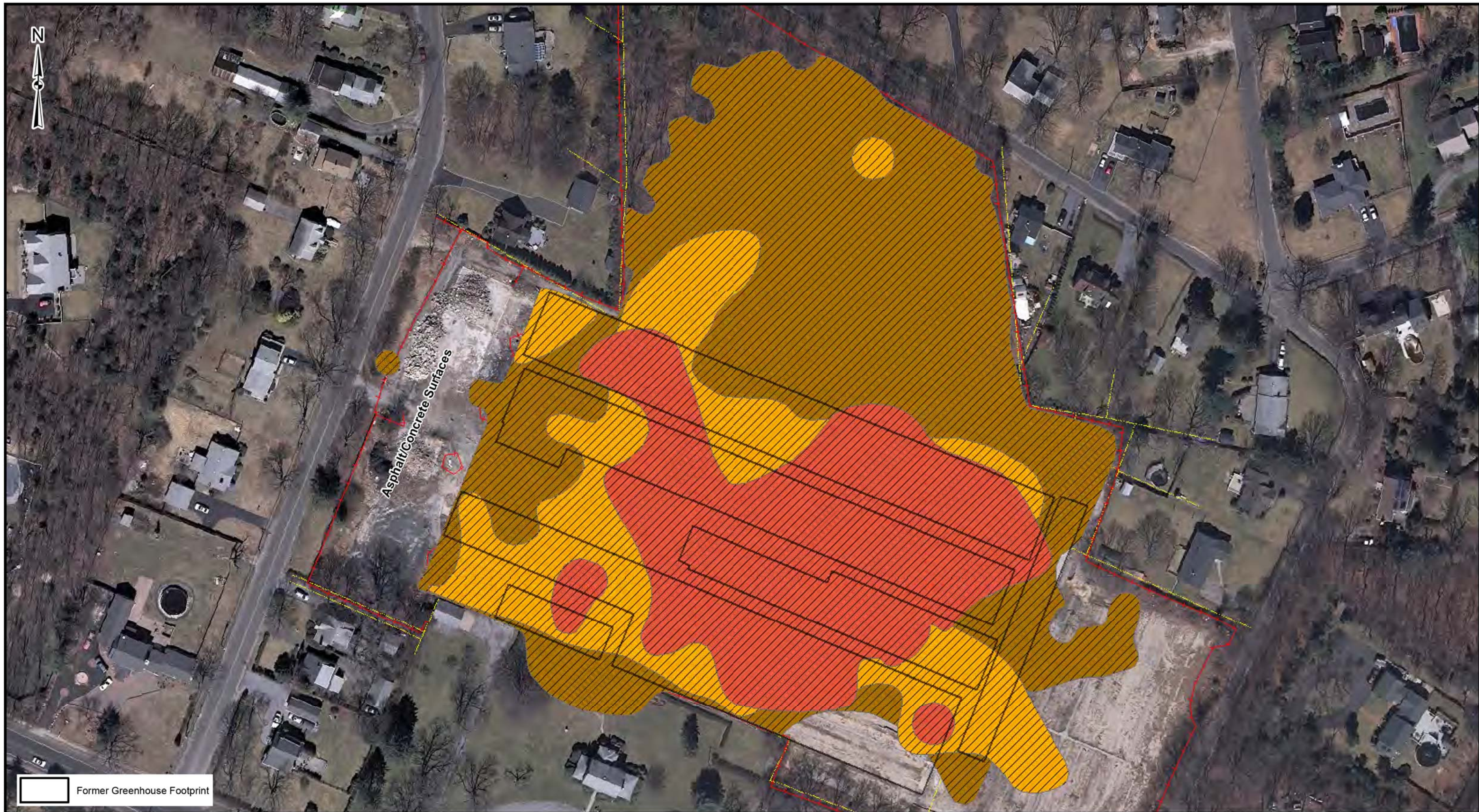


- Legend**
- ★ Site Location
 - Property Boundaries
 - Fenceline

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet
1 inch = 1,000 feet

Source: NYS-GIS Clearinghouse; USGS

FIGURE 1
BIANCHI WEISS GREENHOUSES
SITE NO. 152209
SITE LOCATION MAP



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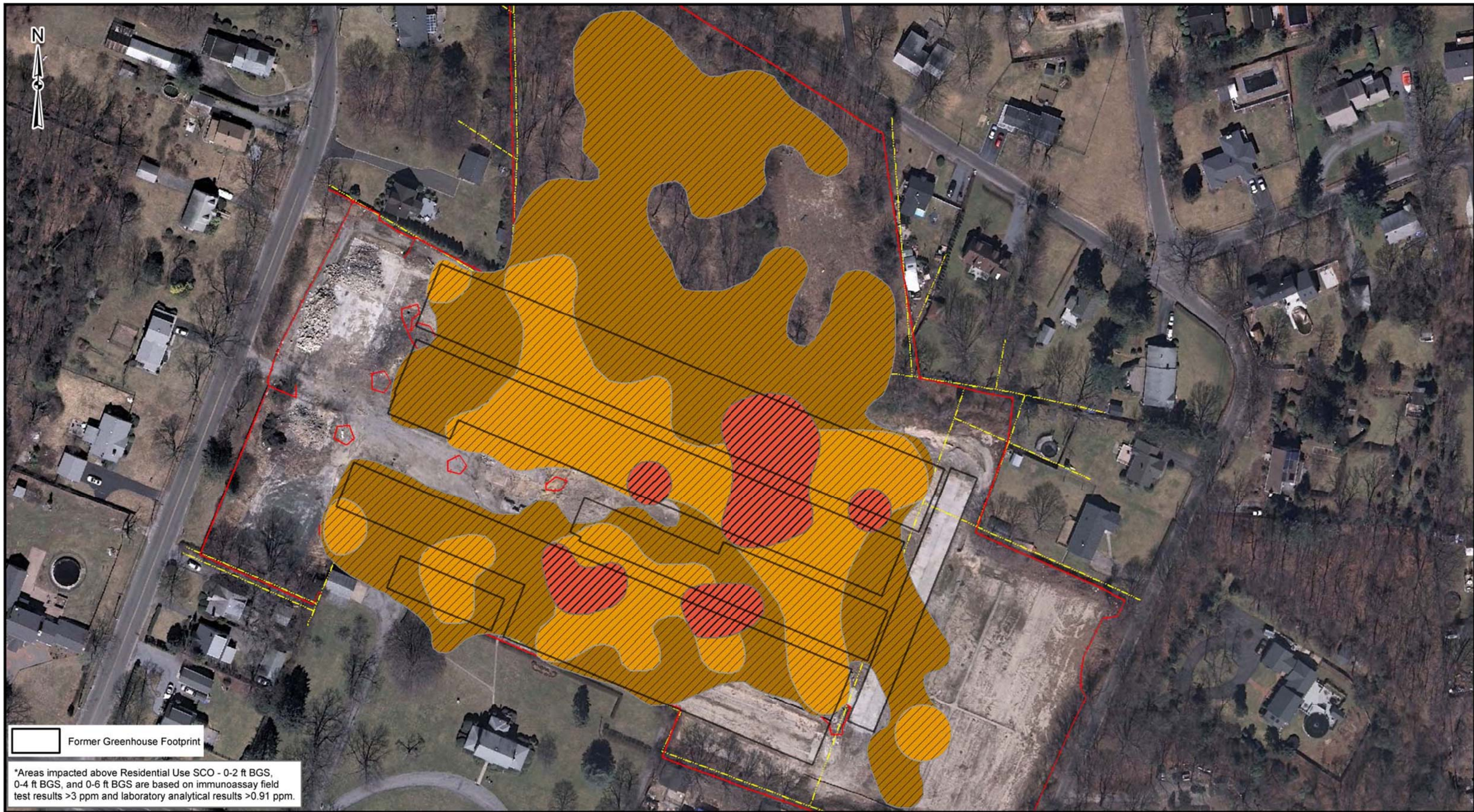
alpha-Chlordane - Depth of Impacts (Approximate)

- Areas Impacted above Unrestricted Use SCO - 0-2 ft bgs
- Areas Impacted above Unrestricted Use SCO - 2-4 ft bgs
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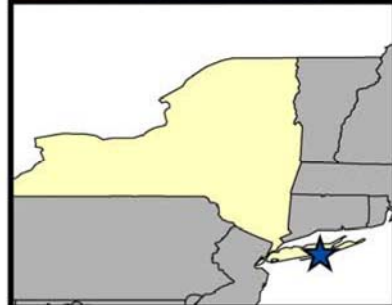
FIGURE 2
BIANCHI WEISS GREENHOUSES
SITE NO. 152209
DEPTH OF ALPHA CHLORDANE IMPACTS ABOVE UNRESTRICTED USE SCOs - 2009

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Former Greenhouse Footprint

*Areas impacted above Residential Use SCO - 0-2 ft BGS, 0-4 ft BGS, and 0-6 ft BGS are based on immunoassay field test results >3 ppm and laboratory analytical results >0.91 ppm.



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alpha-Chlordane - Depth of Impacts (Approximate)

	- Areas Impacted above Residential Use SCO - 0-2 ft bgs
	- Areas Impacted above Residential Use SCO - 0-4 ft bgs
	- Areas Impacted above Residential Use SCO - 0-6 ft bgs*

Source: NYS GIS Clearing House



FIGURE 3
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SITE NO. 152209
DEPTH OF ALPHA CHLORDANE IMPACTS ABOVE RESIDENTIAL USE SCOs - 2009

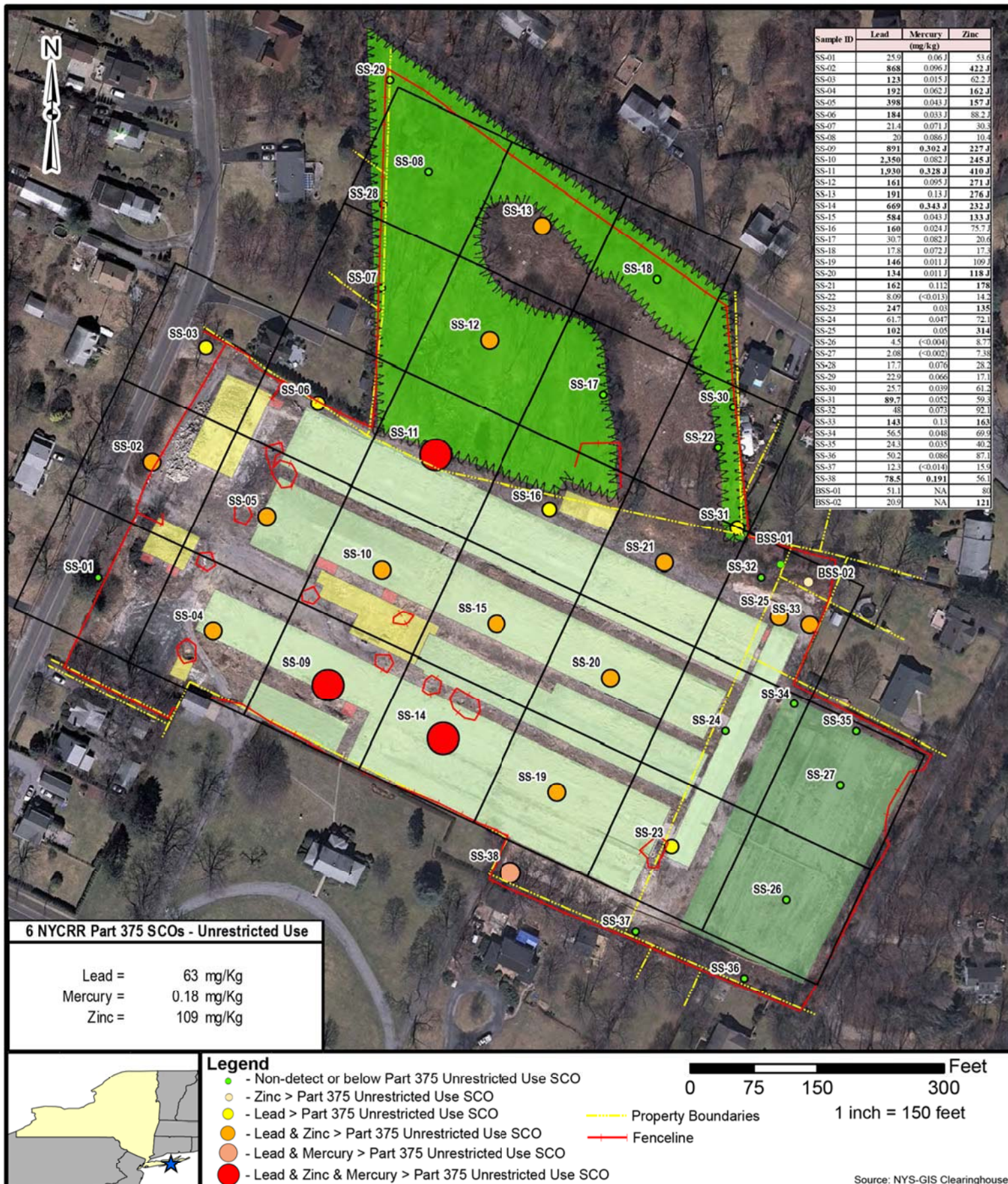


FIGURE 4
 BIANCHI WEISS GREENHOUSES
 SITE NO. 152209
 SURFACE SOIL SAMPLING METAL RESULTS - DECEMBER 2009



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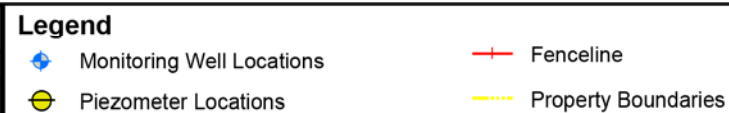
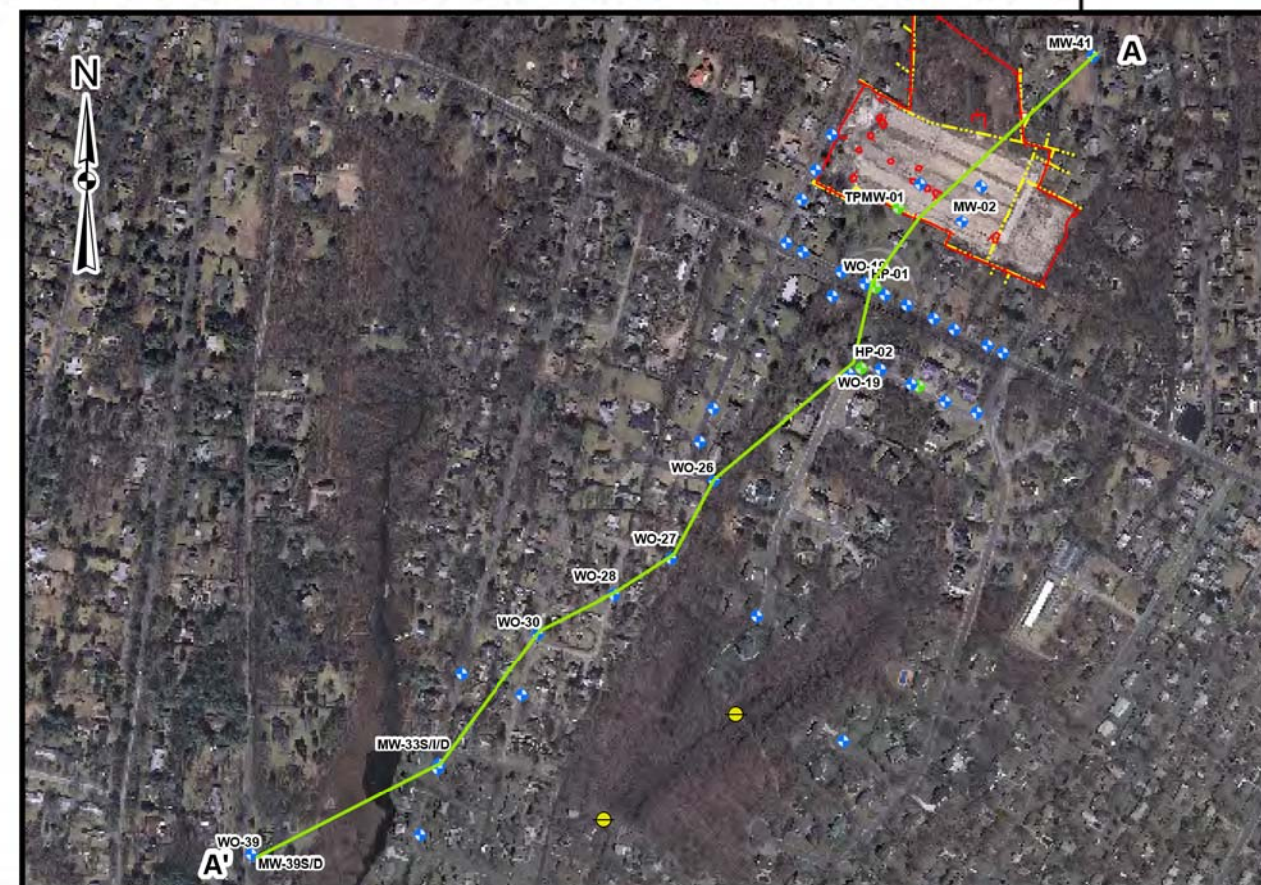
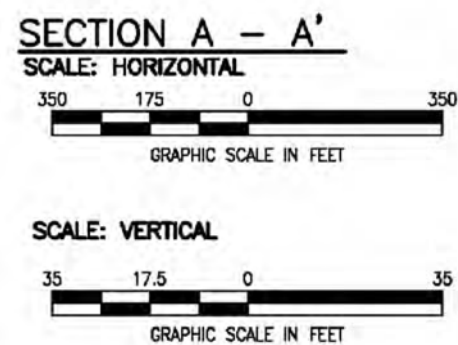
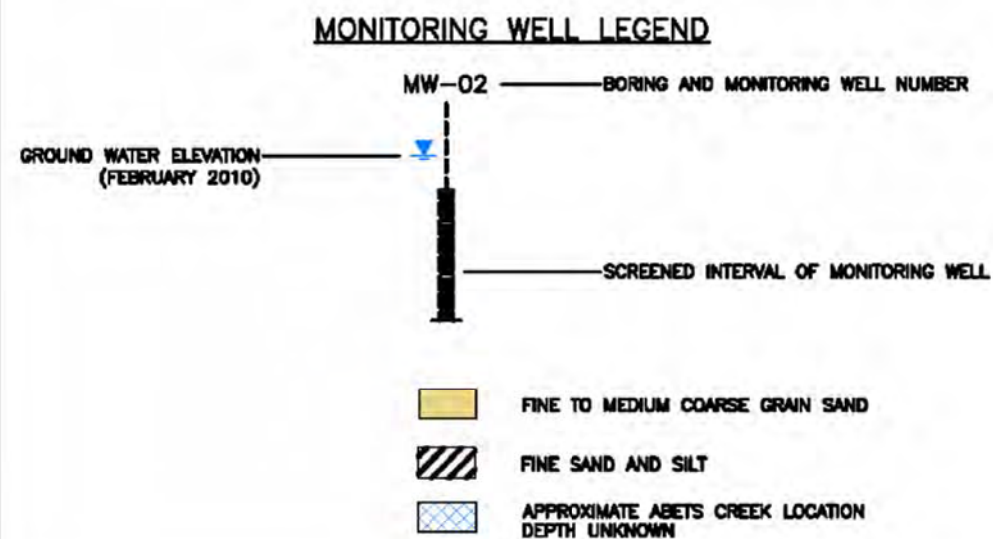
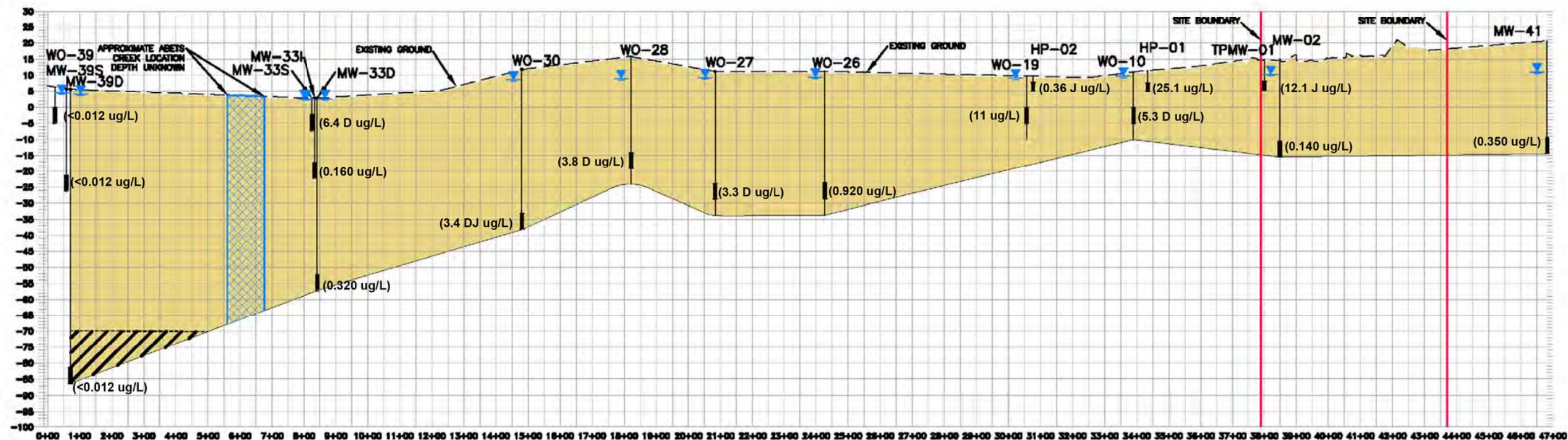
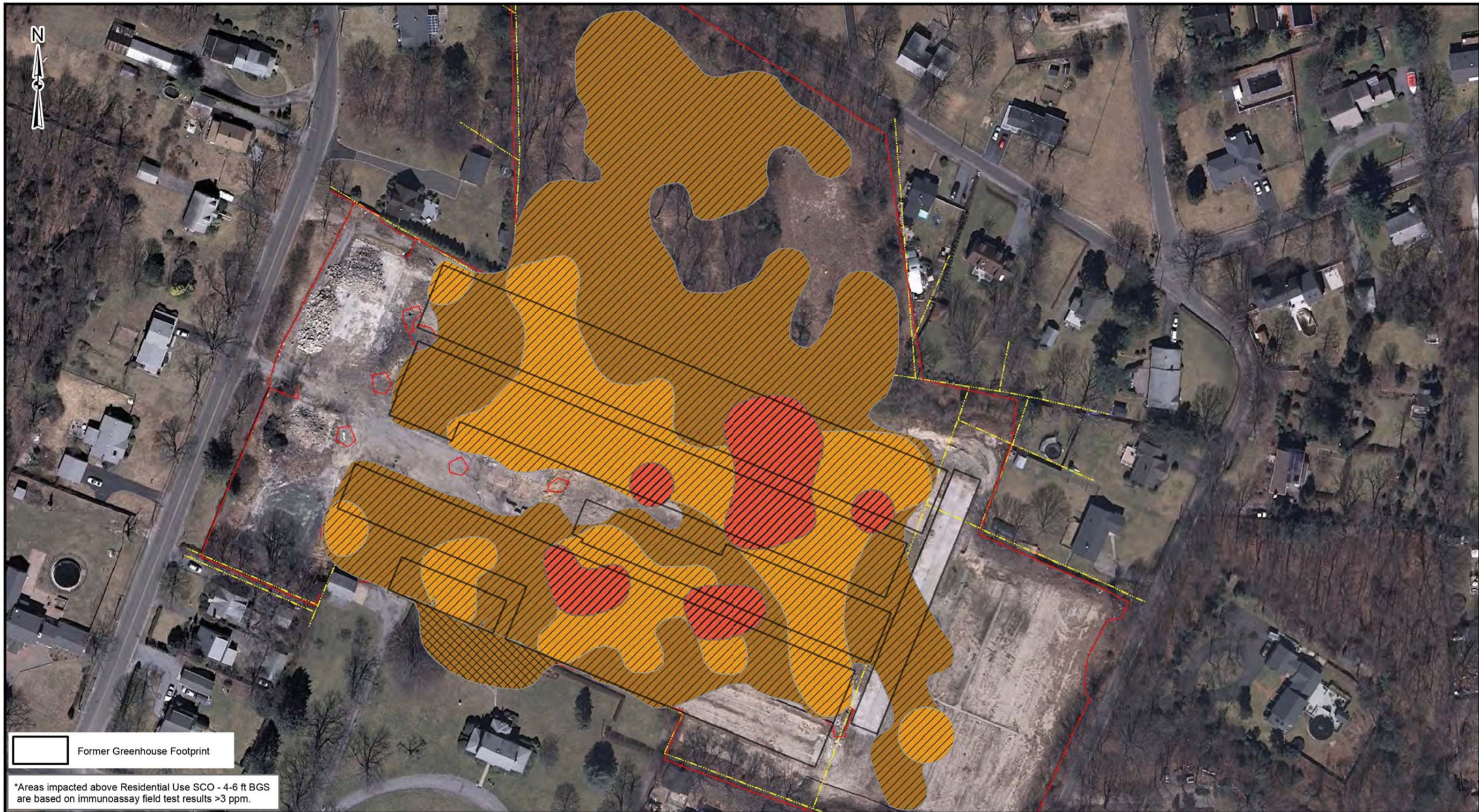


FIGURE 6
 BIANCHI WEISS GREENHOUSES
 SITE NO. 152209
 VERTICAL CHLORDANE GROUNDWATER CONCENTRATIONS - 2009



Former Greenhouse Footprint

*Areas impacted above Residential Use SCO - 4-6 ft BGS are based on immunoassay field test results >3 ppm.

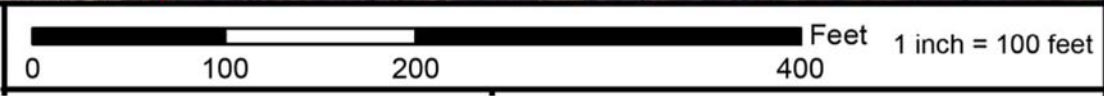


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alpha-Chlordane - Depth of Impacts (Approximate)

- Areas Impacted above Unrestricted Use SCO - 0-2 ft bgs
- Areas Impacted above Residential Use SCO - 0-2 ft bgs
- Areas Impacted above Residential Use SCO - 0-4 ft bgs
- Areas Impacted above Residential Use SCO - 0-6 ft bgs*

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FIGURE 7
BIANCHI WEISS GREENHOUSES
SITE NO. 152209
EXCAVATION FOR CHLORDANE



APPENDIX A

Responsiveness Summary RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

**Bianchi/Weiss Greenhouses
State Superfund Project
East Patchogue, Suffolk County, New York
Site No. 152209**

The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Bianchi/Weiss Greenhouses site, was prepared by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and was issued to the document repositories on October 28, 2011. The PRAP outlined the remedial measure proposed for the contaminated soil and groundwater at the Bianchi/Weiss Greenhouses site.

The release of the PRAP was announced by sending a notice to the public contact list, informing the public of the opportunity to comment on the proposed remedy.

A public meeting was held on November 14, 2011, which included a presentation of the remedial investigation feasibility study (RI/FS) for the Bianchi/Weiss Greenhouses site as well as a discussion of the proposed remedy. The meeting provided an opportunity for citizens to discuss their concerns, ask questions and comment on the proposed remedy. These comments have become part of the Administrative Record for this site. The public comment period was to have ended on December 1, 2011, however it was extended to December 16, 2011, at the request of the public. A public availability session was held on December 8, 2011 to permit the public to ask additional questions regarding the site and provide additional comments regarding the PRAP. This responsiveness summary responds to all questions and comments raised during the public comment period. The following are the comments received, with the Department's responses:

COMMENT 1: Is Chlordane in the drinking water? Are we exposed when showering?

RESPONSE 1: The majority of the homes in the area surrounding the Bianchi-Greenhouses State Superfund site obtain their water from a public water supply system which is not affected by site-related contamination. Regarding homes not served by public water, a well survey was conducted in November 2008 and the Suffolk County Water Authority was contacted to determine which properties receive water bills. Based on the findings of these tasks, the Department contacted and sampled four private wells (2 potable wells and 2 irrigation wells). Chlordane was not detected above the New York State drinking water standards in water samples collected from the private water supply wells. If additional private wells are identified in the future that are located in the area of the groundwater plume, the Department will request to sample the wells.

COMMENT 2: Not everyone in the community is on public water. It is an important point to mention.

RESPONSE 2: See Response 1.

COMMENT 3: If you are walking on your own lawn and it is wet, would that water be considered contaminated?

RESPONSE 3: General precipitation or dew is not contaminated. It takes a significant amount of precipitation for groundwater to rise and daylight above the ground surface. Only the low-lying areas closest to the southern property boundary of the site may occasionally have site-related contaminated groundwater “daylight” to the ground surface.

COMMENT 4: Off-site soil samples were collected in the pouring rain and from soaked soils. Are these results accurate since it was pouring rain?

RESPONSE 4: Chlordane in soil binds to silt or organic material. The analytical results provided by the laboratory were representative of area soil levels.

COMMENT 5: What happens to the surface water from the site?

RESPONSE 5: The surface water referenced is a result of precipitation which collects in low lying areas on-site and infiltrates into the ground, but may move off the site to adjacent properties. Hay bales and silt fencing have been placed in low lying areas along the perimeter of the site which remove site contaminants bound to silt or organic material prior to surface water migrating off-site. This system will remain in place until remediation is complete.

COMMENT 6: Isn't Chlordane water soluble, which makes the hay and other site control methods useless?

RESPONSE 6: Chlordane is not soluble in water and binds to silt or organic material. As a result silt fencing and hay bales are techniques that can be used effectively to prevent chlordane from migrating off-site via surface water runoff.

COMMENT 7: When the basement floods, we can get mold. Should we be concerned about this?

RESPONSE 7: Information on mold and indoor air concerns is available in a NYSDOH publication titled “Information on Mold” which can be obtained from the NYSDOH webpage at www.health.ny.gov/publications/7287.

COMMENT 8: Everyone in this area has health issues. They must be related to this site.

RESPONSE 8: In order for there to be a health effect from a site, there must be contact with a chemical contaminant. Exposure can occur through direct contact, ingestion or inhalation of a chemical. Exposure to a chemical does not necessarily mean that health effects will occur. Whether or not a person experiences health effects depends on several factors, including the length of exposure (short-term or acute versus long-term or chronic), the amount of exposure (i.e., dose), the frequency of exposure, the toxicity of the chemical and the individual's sensitivity to the chemical. Therefore, it is difficult to determine if certain health outcomes are related to a specific environmental concern or to the natural incidences of disease within a general

population. For this site, adverse health effects are not expected from incidental ingestion or direct contact with site related contamination because the contamination identified during the remedial investigation was not found at levels that would represent a health concern. For information on how exposures are being prevented at this site, see Response to Comment 31.

COMMENT 9: Are there any recommendations for how people should handle gardens, basements, yard activities in the contaminated area?

RESPONSE 9: Where contamination was detected in soil above residential use objectives, the maintenance of the grass cover will prevent direct contact with the soil until remediation can take place. Where site-related contamination was not detected above unrestricted land use objectives, no restrictions for land use are needed. People at properties that overlie the shallow contaminated groundwater plume may come into contact with potentially contaminated groundwater if it rises into yards and/or infiltrates basements or sumps. As this water may contain other unknown contaminants and/or bacteria from other sources, the NYSDOH recommends following flood water advice to minimize exposure to these contaminants (i.e. avoiding wading in wet areas unless using protective clothing, such as rubber boots and gloves; following basic hygiene practices, such as washing hands and soiled clothing after contact with any flood waters). For information regarding healthy gardening practices, a copy of the NYSDOH Healthy Gardening brochure can be obtained at www.health.ny.gov/publications/1301.

COMMENT 10: How long will the cleanup take?

RESPONSE 10: It will take approximately 7 months to excavate the soils and approximately 20 years to restore groundwater to prelease conditions.

COMMENT 11: While excavating, what is protecting the public from dust and dirt being kicked up?

RESPONSE 11: A Community Air Monitoring Program (CAMP) will be implemented, which establishes the threshold for the amount of dust permitted in the air during remedial activities when compared to background conditions. The air monitoring data will be evaluated as the remedial activities are conducted and, when necessary, remedial work will be adjusted to reduce dust migration or will be shut down until corrective measures are in place and effective. Water trucks and other measures will be used to wet the soils or otherwise control dust.

COMMENT 12: What's the remediation plan for the water that will be used to keep the dust down? Won't the water used to keep the dust down be contaminated and make it into the community?

RESPONSE 12: The water used to keep the dust down will be applied in the areas of the excavation activities. The majority of the dust control water is anticipated to infiltrate into the ground. Should any dust control water flow towards the edge of the site boundary, it will be

filtered by the silt fence and hay bales.

COMMENT 13: Although the premise is quite anecdotal, the greenhouse did not have plants outside the building. Since the building has been demolished, hasn't the contamination spread from beyond the footprint of the greenhouse?

RESPONSE 13: The investigation covered the entire site, including areas beyond the footprint of the greenhouses. Soil contamination was detected to the north, south, and southeast of the greenhouses.

COMMENT 14: The northern part of the property where there is contamination is where baskets of orchids were dumped by the Bianchi's, it was their mulch pile. The Weiss' constructed a loading dock at the end of the southern greenhouse, they dumped soil from this construction in the vicinity of the southeastern contamination.

RESPONSE 14: Comment noted.

COMMENT 15: The survey was two years ago. What happens if the remediation does not cover newly migrated contaminated material?

RESPONSE 15: The extent of contamination anticipated will be removed and confirmation samples will be collected to verify that the required soil cleanup objective has been obtained. Additional excavation may occur based on the confirmation sample results.

COMMENT 16: Are there problems with the levels of metals in the soil? The report shows very high levels of lead. Isn't this a problem?

RESPONSE 16: Lead was detected on-site, but only within the surface soils near the greenhouses. These detections are likely due to lead paint that was on the buildings that were demolished. While the excavation for the remedy was based on chlordane concentrations, the identified area also includes the areas with elevated concentrations of lead. The excavation will address both chlordane and lead-impacted soils at the site.

COMMENT 17: Are there any comparable sites with similar remediation efforts that have been conducted here on Long Island? Any proof that this remedy will work in the Long Island area?

RESPONSE 17: Excavation and removal of contaminated soils has been successfully used at multiple sites on Long Island and across the State. Soil removal will definitely remove the soil contamination and will have a positive effect on groundwater as the "source" material causing the groundwater contamination will be removed.

COMMENT 18: Long Island is unique in our aquifers, hydrology and soils. Our basements are like springs and sump pumps are overwhelmed when there is heavy rain fall. Filling cracks in foundation walls will do little to stop groundwater from infiltrating into the basement.

RESPONSE 18: A survey of the basements in the area of the shallow groundwater plume will be performed to evaluate the sump, sump pumps, foundation drains and cracks. Based on this information a plan will be developed for each building and reviewed with the property owner.

COMMENT 19: Even if you dig up the contaminated soil, contaminated ground water will be left that will just recontaminate the clean soil with rain events and tidal cycles.

RESPONSE 19: The highest groundwater concentration of chlordane detected is 25.1 parts per billion and is not capable of contaminating the clean fill material above the residential use soil cleanup objective of 910 parts per billion.

COMMENT 20: Please clarify, why does the State have to clean up when we know Weiss and Bianchi are responsible for the contamination? Why aren't their bank accounts being frozen and money being collected to pay for this?

RESPONSE 20: The Department did try to get the potential responsible parties (PRPs) who are the former owners and current owners of the site to perform the remedial investigation, but they declined to participate. The Department will again contact the PRPs to determine if they will conduct the selected remedial action. If the PRPs do not step forward the site will be referred to the State Superfund Program to conduct the selected action. The Attorney General's office will seek to recover costs for conducting the remedial investigations and activities under the State Superfund Program from the PRPs.

COMMENT 21: After the property is cleaned up, what will happen if the property owners want to develop the site? Can this be stopped?

RESPONSE 21: The property owner will be required to comply with the site management plan and the environmental easement, which will identify any restrictions and requirements to be met for site redevelopment. The Department will provide feedback as appropriate regarding the proposed development.

COMMENT 22: The fence from the greenhouse opposite my property and Rose Grubers property on the south side 56 Hedges Road is down and protruding towards the Road should be removed. Fence that was placed behind that is not strong enough to prevent kids from getting in.

RESPONSE 22: The fence along the perimeter of the site will be inspected and the necessary repairs to strengthen the fence, secure gates, close gaps in the fence, etc. will be performed.

Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) submitted a letter dated November 23, 2011,

which included the following comments:

COMMENT 23: CCE also believes that the standards of Chlordane in the water should not be at a 1ppb standard, but a 0.5ppb standard which is the EPA's standard for children who are constantly drinking the water.

RESPONSE 23: Both the New York State and US EPA standard (2011 Edition of the Drinking Water Standards and Health Advisories) for chlordane in public water supply systems is two parts per billion (2 ppb), which is protective for both children and adults.

COMMENT 24: Homes on well water need to be given highest priority and should be immediately hooked up to public water.

RESPONSE 24: At this time, chlordane has not been detected in any sampled potable well warranting connection to public water. If the New York State Department of Health identifies a well is above the applicable standards for site related contaminants, the property owner would be provided an offer to connect to public water. Also see Response 1.

COMMENT 25: The Department needs to remove and properly dispose of 74,000 tons of contaminated soil.

RESPONSE 25: The Department evaluated Alternative 3, which would remove 74,000 tons of contaminated soils to obtain the chlordane unrestricted use soil cleanup objective of 0.094 parts per million (ppm) as part of the feasibility study. Based upon the evaluation of nine evaluation criteria, Alternative 4, which will remove 46,000 tons of contaminated soil to achieve the chlordane residential use soil cleanup objective of 0.91 ppm, was selected. This will allow the development of the site for residential use and allow vegetable gardens. Alternative 4 meets the current zoning of the site for residential use and includes an environmental easement to prevent raising livestock or producing animal products for human consumption.

COMMENT 26: The Department needs to be aggressive in addressing the groundwater plume and should install a pump and treat system.

RESPONSE 26: The excavation and off-site disposal of chlordane contaminated soils above the residential use soil cleanup objective will remove the "source" feeding the groundwater contamination. The remaining contamination at the site will be less than 0.91 ppm, which is below the soil cleanup objective for protection of groundwater (2.9 ppm). At this time chlordane has not been detected in potable wells at levels warranting connection to public water or detected in the sediments or surface water of Abets or Moss Creeks. Limited additional protection of public health and/or the environment would be achieved by installing a groundwater extraction and treatment system. Groundwater and surface water conditions will be monitored to evaluate the "source" removal and any newly identified potable wells in the vicinity of the chlordane plume and all known potable wells in use will be monitored as recommended by the Department of Health. Alternative 4 meets the remedial objective of protecting public health and the

environment.

COMMENT 27: The Department should implement a timeline for remediation that includes regularly scheduled meeting for community members to receive updates on the progress of treatment. This remediation schedule should have benchmarks associated with timelines for achieving clean up goals.

RESPONSE 27: A formal schedule has not been developed at this time, but will take into account this comment. A Citizens Participation Plan is available at the Document Repositories, which details when public meetings will be held and when fact sheets will be released.

COMMENT 28: CCE is compelled to state that the owners of Bianchi/Weiss Greenhouses should be held accountable and should be held responsible for all clean-up costs and the costs of connections for residents to public water supplies. The Department needs to mandate payment from this former company regardless of the fact that the owner was a member of the New York State Assembly.

RESPONSE 28: See Response to Comment 20.

Ms. Young submitted an email dated November 28, 2011, which included the following comments:

COMMENT 29: How do I get my basement tested?

RESPONSE 29: See Response 18.

COMMENT 30: How do you know if you have been affected by exposures?

RESPONSE 30: See Response 8.

COMMENT 31: How are you stopping exposures?

RESPONSE 31: People are not drinking groundwater impacted by site contamination because the majority of properties are connected to public water (see Response to Comment 1). However, for properties that have a private water supply well located near/within the site's groundwater plume, routine monitoring will be conducted and if site-related chlordane is detected at or above one half of the NYS drinking water standard (1 ppb), the State will offer to connect the property to a public water supply line.

The site itself is fenced which prevents access to contaminated soils unless someone trespasses on the site. Once the remedial action plan is implemented, contaminated soils both on and off-

site will be excavated and disposed of at an appropriate receiving facility, eliminating exposure concerns.

Continued infiltration of contaminated groundwater into basements and subsequent discharge to ground surfaces via sump pumps may result in levels of contaminants that would represent a health concern. To prevent these potential exposures, a survey will be conducted and appropriate actions will be performed as indicated in Section 7 of the Record of Decision and Response 18.

COMMENT 32: Why is the site condemned if not dangerous?

RESPONSE 32: The site is not condemned.

COMMENT 33: When will you do a current survey to find out where contaminants have migrated?

RESPONSE 33: The remedial investigation is a current survey of the nature and extent of contamination. Groundwater monitoring will be performed as part of the site management plan, which will begin after the on-site soil removal.

COMMENT 34: Where can we find property value statistics, now that the area abutting our property has been condemned?

RESPONSE 34: The Department does not have information regarding property value statistics. Also see Response 32.

COMMENT 35: Why does the CCE recommend Alternative 3 rather than 4 and are you taking this into consideration?

RESPONSE 35: CCE comments and responses are included above. All comments are taken into consideration.

COMMENT 36: Will there be an extended period of time to ask more questions?

RESPONSE 36: The comment period was extended to December 16, 2011.

Kleinfelder, the consultant representing Mr. Icilio William Bianchi Jr., submitted a letter dated December 16, 2011, which included the following comments:

COMMENT 37: Remove children of Mr. William Bianchi and specifically Mr. I. William Bianchi, Jr. off the Potential Responsible Party list.

RESPONSE 37: The Department's Office of General Council will determine the responsible parties. The Department will take the supporting information submitted into consideration when making this determination.

COMMENT 38: Not consider unrestricted live-stock land use scenario when selecting the final Site clean-up remedy.

RESPONSE 38: The goal of the inactive waste site remedial program is to return the site to predisposal conditions to the extent feasible, title 6 of New York Codes, Rules and Regulations Part 375-2.8(a). Pre-disposal conditions is equated to unrestricted use and includes the raising of livestock, necessitating its evaluation.

COMMENT 39: Refine the restricted use remedial alternative to include a shallower excavation and disposal of chlordane contaminated soil and employ engineering controls (paved Site improvements).

RESPONSE 39: The suggested change would not meet the requirements of Part 375-1.8(f) since soil contamination in the subsurface soils would be above soil cleanup objectives for the current zoning for the site, which is residential.

COMMENT 40: Provide technical justification for the transport of suspended solids through the regional aquifer and discharge to Abets Creek.

RESPONSE 40: Based upon the remedial investigation, it has been determined that the majority of the chlordane groundwater contamination in the plume migrating towards Abets Creek is from the site. Department guidance requires unfiltered samples be collected and used to evaluate the extent of groundwater contamination. Field filtered samples were also collected to evaluate the suspended solids transport mechanism, as chlordane typically does not dissolve in water and could be bound to very small particles of organic, mineral, or clay particles, which are known as colloids. The unfiltered samples detected chlordane, but samples that were filtered prior to analysis did not. Based on this technical finding the current transport of chlordane from the site to Abets Creek is due to colloid transport. Characteristics of colloids permit these particles to stay in suspension and move through voids in the sand aquifer via groundwater flow. Historical application of chlordane at the site likely used a surfactant or solvent to dissolve chlordane, which may have also aided in the movement of chlordane through the aquifer.

COMMENT 41: Conduct an off-site chlordane point source investigation to assess if the off-site contaminated suspended solids in groundwater is a background condition caused by multiple historic point sources.

RESPONSE 41: The majority of the chlordane groundwater contamination originates from the site due to the significant amount of soil contamination on-site, highest groundwater concentrations at or immediately down-gradient of the site, the defined chlordane groundwater

contamination originating from the site and extending to the southwest towards Abets Creek and the flow of groundwater towards the southwest. The Department recognizes that chlordane was used on Long Island and some of the detections may not be site related.

APPENDIX B

Administrative Record

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**Bianchi/Weiss Greenhouses
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1. *Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Bianchi/Weiss Greenhouses site*, dated October 2011, prepared by the Department.
2. “Citizen Participation Plan”, September 2008, prepared by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
3. “Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan”, September 2008, prepared by EA Engineering, P.C. and Its Affiliate EA Science and Technology (EA).
4. “Final Interim Remedial Measures Summary Report”, August 2009, prepared by EA.
5. “Final Remedial Investigation Report”, August 2011, prepared by EA.
6. “Feasibility Study”, September 2011, prepared by EA.