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**Record of Decision**  
**Quanta Resources Site**  
**(a.k.a. Review Avenue Development II)**  
**Long Island City, Queens, New York**  
**Site Number 2-41-005**

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**February 2007**

## **DECLARATION STATEMENT - RECORD OF DECISION**

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### **Quanta Resources Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site (a.k.a. Review Avenue Development II) Long Island City, Queens, New York Site No. 2-41-005**

#### **Statement of Purpose and Basis**

The Record of Decision (ROD) presents the selected remedy for the Quanta Resources site, a Class 2 inactive hazardous waste disposal site. The selected remedial program was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law 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 Quanta Resources inactive hazardous waste disposal site, and the public's input to the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) 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.

#### **Assessment of the Site**

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

#### **Description of Selected Remedy**

Based on the results of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Quanta Resources site and the criteria identified for evaluation of alternatives, the Department has selected LNAPL recovery via a combination of single phase, vacuum-enhanced, and localized soil heating LNAPL recovery methods; demolition and removal of buildings and tanks, and site regrading; covering all vegetated areas with clean soil and all non-vegetated areas with either concrete or a paving system; and development of a site management plan to address residual contamination and any use restrictions.

The components of the remedy are as follows:

1. A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program;

2. Construction of an area wide LNAPL recovery system using a combination of single-phase, vacuum enhanced recovery and localized soil heating methods. The operation of the components of the remedy will continue until the remedial objectives have been achieved, or until the NYSDEC determines that continued operation is technically impracticable or not feasible.
3. The buildings and tanks on site will be demolished, removed, and the demolition debris properly disposed.
4. The site will be covered by a paving system at least 6 inches in thickness. A 2 foot soil cover will be constructed over all vegetated areas (if any) to prevent exposure to contaminated soils. The two foot thick cover will consist of clean soil underlain by an indicator such as orange plastic snow fence to demarcate the cover soil from the subsurface soil. The top six inches of soil will be of sufficient quality to support vegetation. Clean soil will constitute soil with no analytes in exceedance of NYSDEC TAGM 4046 soil cleanup objectives, or local site background, as determined by the procedure in NYSDEC Division of Environmental Remediation draft DER-10 Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation ("Technical Guidance").
5. Development of a site management plan to: (a) address residual contaminated soils that may remain on site or off site during future redevelopment. The plan will require soil characterization and, where applicable, disposal/reuse in accordance with NYSDEC regulations; (b) evaluate the potential for vapor intrusion for any buildings developed on the Quanta Resources site, including provision for mitigation of any impacts where warranted; (c) identify any use restrictions; and (d) provide for the operation and maintenance of the components of the remedy.
6. Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement that will (a) require compliance with the approved site management plan; (b) limit the use and development of the property to commercial or industrial uses only; (c) restrict the use of groundwater as a source of potable water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by NYSDOH; and (d) require the property owner to complete and submit to the NYSDEC periodic certifications.
7. The property owner will provide periodic certifications, prepared and submitted by a professional engineer or such other expert acceptable to the NYSDEC, until the NYSDEC notifies the property owner in writing that this certification is no longer needed. This submittal will contain certification that the institutional and engineering controls are still in place, allow the NYSDEC access to the Quanta Resources site, and that nothing has occurred that will impair the ability of the control to protect public health or the environment, or constitute a violation or failure to comply with the site management plan.
8. Since the remedy may result in some untreated hazardous waste remaining at the Quanta Resources site, a long term monitoring program will be instituted. This program will allow the effectiveness of the area wide LNAPL recovery system to be monitored and will be a component of the operation, maintenance, and monitoring for the property.

9. An investigation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion off-site will be completed during the remedial design phase. The results will be evaluated in accordance with appropriate guidance and if needed, appropriate actions recommended.

**New York State Department of Health Acceptance**


The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) concurs that the remedy selected 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.

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# **RECORD OF DECISION**

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## **SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF THE RECORD OF DECISION**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has selected this remedy for the Quanta Resources Site. The presence of hazardous waste has created significant threats to human health and/or the environment that are addressed by this remedy. As more fully described in Sections 3 and 5 of this document, improper storage of waste oil and spillage of waste oil during oil recycling operations have resulted in the disposal of hazardous wastes, including volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds, and petroleum hydrocarbons. These wastes have contaminated the soil and groundwater at the site, and have resulted in:

- a significant threat to human health associated with potential exposure to gases in the soil vapor.
- a significant environmental threat associated with the impacts of contaminants to groundwater and soil from the hydrocarbon compounds in the light non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL) on the watertable.

To eliminate or mitigate these threats, the NYSDEC has selected the following remedy:

- A remedial design program to provide the details necessary to implement the remedial program.
- LNAPL recovery via a combination of single phase, vacuum-enhanced, and localized soil heating LNAPL recovery methods.
- Demolition and removal of buildings and tanks, and site regrading.
- Covering all vegetated areas with clean soil and all non-vegetated areas with either concrete or a paving system.
- Development of a site management plan to address residual contamination and any use restrictions.

- Imposition of an environmental easement.
- Periodic certification of the institutional and engineering controls.
- Long term monitoring.
- An investigation of the potential for off-site soil vapor intrusion and mitigation if necessary.

The selected remedy, discussed in detail in Section 8, is intended to attain the remediation goals identified for this site in Section 6. The remedy must conform with officially 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.

## **SECTION 2: SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION**

The Quanta Resources Site is an approximately 1.8 acre parcel located at 37-80 Review Avenue, within a highly industrialized area of Long Island City, Queens, New York. Zoning in this area is designated as heavy manufacturing.

The site is bounded on the northeast by Review Avenue and on the southwest by the Southern Line of the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR). On the northwest it is bounded by an alley (Preston Street) that runs from Review Avenue to the LIRR tracks. On the southeast it is bounded by the property currently owned by Phoenix Beverages (an imported beer distributor). Farther to the northeast, across Review Avenue, is Calvary Cemetery. Farther to the northwest, across the alley, is the "North Capasso" property, also referred to as Review Avenue Development I (RADI). Farther to the southwest, across the LIRR tracks is the "South Capasso" property. Newtown Creek lies beyond the South Capasso property farther to the southeast approximately 450 feet from the site. Fencing bounds the property on all sides.

Figure 1 is a site location map.

## **SECTION 3: SITE HISTORY**

### **3.1: Operational/Disposal History**

The Quanta Resources property and surrounding properties have been used for a variety of industrial purposes since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. A Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from 1898 indicates that the site was partially occupied by vacant and dilapidated brick wrecks of an oil refinery. Available information indicates the earliest recorded actual owner of the property was American Agricultural Chemical Company. In 1931 the property was transferred to Triplex Oil. Triplex Oil used the property for refining of used crank case oil for approximately 40 years. From 1972 until 1980 the facility was operated by several different owners including Pentalic Corporation, Sea Lion Corporation, Ag-met Oil Service, Inc., Hudson Oil Refining Corp., and Portland Holding Corp. In 1980 Quanta Resources acquired the property, and used the property for the re-refining of used

crankcase oil and other liquid recycling before filing for bankruptcy on October 6, 1981. The property was abandoned in November 1981.

A number of potential LNAPL source areas existed on the Quanta Resources Site throughout its operational history, however, the primary suspected source area is the tank farm area located in the northeastern portion of the site.

It is believed that most of the contamination at the site resulted from leaking pipes and improper storage of waste oils.

### **3.2: Remedial History**

In June 1980, the site was listed on the New York State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (the Registry). The site was listed as "Hudson Oil Refinery/Newtown Refinery" as a Code B site. A Code B site is the equivalent of what would be currently listed as a Class 2a site. Class 2a is a temporary classification assigned to a site that has inadequate and/or insufficient data for inclusion in any of the other classifications.

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) completed an Emergency Removal Action in 1982 to address the immediate risks posed by the Site, due to the various waste materials left behind in tanks and related structures. Over 500,000 gallons of liquids and approximately 900 cubic yards of solids were removed from the site. Portions of the material removed were impacted with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), chlorinated solvents, heavy metals and/or cyanide. Following the removal, above ground storage tanks (ASTs), underground storage tanks (USTs), piping, separators, and the buildings were decontaminated. After the initial removal action, an environmental investigation was conducted, with the results presented in a report prepared for the NYCDEP dated January 7, 1983. In 1983 the site's classification was changed to a Class 3. A Class 3 site is a site which does not pose a threat to public health or the environment, and action may be deferred. Following a Phase I investigation performed for the NYSDEC in 1984, the site's classification was changed to a Class 2a. The Phase I and NYCDEP Reports were supplemented by a Phase II investigation conducted by the NYSDEC. Investigatory work was conducted from 1988 through 1990 and reported similar contamination, soil and groundwater data as was reported previously.

As a result of the Phase II Investigation the site's classification was changed from a Class 2a site to a Class 2 site on the Registry. A Class 2 site is a site where hazardous waste presents a significant threat to the public health or the environment and action is required.

Based on the site reclassification, a Remedial Investigation (RI) was initiated to define the nature and extent of contamination.

## **SECTION 4: 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

NYSDEC has identified a number of PRPs associated with the Site. These parties make up the Quanta Site Administrative Group (QSAG).

The NYSDEC and the QSAG entered into a Consent Order in May 2002 to conduct the RI/FS. In June 2005, the site was conveyed to DMJ Associates, LLC. The site was subsequently conveyed to 37-80 Review, LLC. DMJ Associates, LLC, 37-80 Review, LLC, and Cresswood Environmental Consultants, LLC are Volunteer Applicants to the BCP for the former Quanta Resources property (referred to as Review Avenue Development II or RADII). A Brownfields Cleanup Agreement (BCA # C241005), executed on December 2, 2005, requires the Applicant to remediate the RADII property. In addition, Cresswood Environmental Consultants, LLC, DMJ Associates, LLC, and Review Railroad, LLC are Volunteer Applicants to the BCP for the former North Capasso property (referred to as Review Avenue Development I or RADI). A Brownfields Cleanup Agreement (BCA # C241089), executed on December 2, 2005, requires the Volunteer to remediate the RADI property.

A parking lot is proposed for the Quanta Resources Site.

## **SECTION 5: SITE CONTAMINATION**

A remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) has been conducted to evaluate the alternatives for addressing the significant threats to human health and the environment.

### **5.1: 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.

In the fall of 2003, the NYSDEC approved a Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS) Work Plan, prepared by the PRPs, to define the nature and extent of any contamination resulting from previous activities at the Quanta Resources Site. The RI was completed in two phases: Phase I (approved RI/FS Work Plan and addendum's No. 1 and 2); and Phase II (Work Plan approved in February 2005). The RI field activities commenced on October 13, 2003 and were completed on April 17, 2005. Addendum No. 2 work was performed to better understand and define the distribution and behavior of the LNAPL in the subsurface and included a LNAPL removal system pilot study to better understand the recoverability of the LNAPL in the subsurface. The Phase II RI work was then conducted to address data gaps.

A Supplemental RI, completed in September 2005, confirmed the RI conclusion that groundwater downgradient from the site is not significantly impacted from the Quanta Resources Site contamination. The field activities and findings of the investigation are described in the RI Report dated June 2005 and Supplemental RI Report dated November 2005.

The RI work included the following activities:

- Research of historical information;
- Site preparation and reconnaissance;

- Installation of 30 on-site and off-site LNAPL monitoring wells for analysis of soils and LNAPL on groundwater;
- Installation of 10 on-site and off-site groundwater monitoring wells for analysis of soils and groundwater as well as physical properties of soil and hydrogeologic conditions;
- Hydrogeologic testing of the monitoring wells to collect data to determine hydraulic conductivity of the glacial deposits;
- Installation of 16 soil borings in addition to the borings completed for the monitoring well installation and analysis of soils and as well as physical properties of soil;
- Surveying to precisely locate the elevation and location of all monitoring wells and sample locations;
- Sampling of 46 new and existing monitoring wells;
- LNAPL baildown testing to determine the mobility and recoverability of the LNAPL,
- Groundwater modeling to predict groundwater movement and contaminant transport;
- Collection and analysis of 5 surface soil samples;
- Collection and analysis of 10 soil vapor samples;

The RI work also included the installation of 2 LNAPL observation wells and performance of an LNAPL Recovery Pilot Study to further assess the recoverability of the LNAPL. The LNAPL recovery system was operated from April 2004 through July 2004.

Figure 2 is a site map with the Remedial Investigation monitoring points. The Remedial Investigation (RI) Report, Feasibility Study (FS) Report, and Supplemental RI Report are available in the document repository.

To determine whether the surface soil, subsurface soil, groundwater, or soil vapor contain contamination at levels of concern, data from the investigation were compared to the following regulatory standards, criteria, and guidance values (SCGs):

- Groundwater, drinking water, and surface water SCGs are based on NYSDEC "Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values" and Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code.
- Soil SCGs are based on the NYSDEC "Technical and Administrative Guidance Memorandum (TAGM) 4046; Determination of Soil Cleanup Objectives and Cleanup Levels". Site-specific cleanup levels for metals were determined using Eastern United States background values, New York State background values, and values from boring GAGW-04

located on the west side of Review Avenue next to Calvary Cemetery. Using this data, site specific Recommended Soil Cleanup Objectives (RSCOs) for metals were determined.

- Background soil and groundwater samples were taken from four locations on the west side of Review Avenue next to Calvary Cemetery that are upgradient of the Quanta Resources property. These locations were unaffected by historic or current operations at site. Monitoring wells were installed at three of these locations to monitor groundwater quality downgradient of Roehr Chemical, a facility located to the northwest, on the other side of Calvary Cemetery, during an off-site investigation of the facility. Samples were collected and analyzed for VOCs, SVOCs, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and metals. The results of the analysis were compared to data from the RI (Table 1).

Based on the RI results, in comparison to the SCGs and potential public health and environmental exposure routes, certain media and areas of the site require remediation. These are summarized below. More complete information can be found in the RI report.

#### **5.1.1: Site Geology and Hydrogeology**

The site is underlain by urban fill which ranges from about 3 to 16 feet thick. The urban fill generally consists of a mixture of heterogenous soil intermixed with various debris including brick fragments, glass, asphalt, wire and plastic. The fill overlies unconsolidated glacial deposits, predominately interbedded fine to coarse sand with some discrete and laterally discontinuous horizons of silt and silty clay. The glacial sand deposit can be subdivided into two distinct units based on color, but the units have essentially the same hydraulic characteristics. These deposits overlie a laterally continuous clay unit ( the Raritan clay) which occurs at depths ranging from 71 to 85 feet below grade.

The Quanta Resources site lies between a local topographic high area to the northeast (Calvary Cemetery) and Newtown Creek (a tidally influenced regional groundwater discharge area).

Groundwater occurs at a depth of about 15 to 20 feet below the ground surface across the site. The general direction of groundwater flow is to the south-southwest, toward Newtown Creek. Horizontal hydraulic gradients are nearly flat (0.0015 ft/ft) and vertical gradients are minimal suggesting nearly horizontal flow. A viscous light non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL) is present at the watertable over the entire site.

A localized groundwater mound exists just southwest of the site on the South Capasso property. This groundwater mound is presumed to be caused by a discontinuous clay lens in the shallow glacial interbedded sands. The mound results in localized radial flow of shallow downgradient groundwater which may help to prevent migration of the LNAPL.

Figure 3 depicts a generalized conceptual hydrogeologic model for the site area. Groundwater flow direction is also depicted in Figure 4.

### **5.1.2: Nature of Contamination**

As described in the RI report, many soil, groundwater, LNAPL and soil gas samples were collected to characterize the nature and extent of contamination. As summarized in Table 1, the main categories of contaminants that exceed their SCGs are volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and inorganics (metals).

Weathered petroleum oil is at this site in the form of a dense, oily liquid that does not readily dissolve in water. Materials such as this are typically found at old oil terminals and are referred to as nonaqueous phase liquids or NAPL. Since this NAPL is less dense than water, it is also referred to as light NAPL or LNAPL. LNAPL can coincide with high VOC and SVOC concentrations in soil, groundwater, and soil gas.

The VOCs of concern related to the site include aromatic hydrocarbons such as benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, and xylene present in the LNAPL. Total VOC concentrations in the LNAPL range up to 2,205 ppm off site on the North Capasso Property. The LNAPL present on the Quanta Resources Site contains lower concentrations of VOCs and numerous unspecified aliphatic hydrocarbons. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) comprise nearly 100 % of the SVOCs identified, and included benzo(a)anthracene, chrysene, and pyrene. The VOCs detected are often very mobile in groundwater.

The LNAPL is presumed to be mostly from spills and leaks during the used crankcase oil re-refining operations. A considerable volume of LNAPL has been delineated. A large portion of the mass of LNAPL is non-recoverable. It is a viscous weathered and heterogeneous petroleum material made up of predominantly high boiling point and low solubility petroleum hydrocarbons. The source of the LNAPL was removed from the site 24 years ago when the site was decommissioned in 1982. This fact combined with the high viscosity of the LNAPL and possibly the effects of the downgradient groundwater mound have limited the downgradient migration of the LNAPL. The majority of the LNAPL mass appears to be stable, and to some extent is being naturally contained to the site. LNAPL migration does not pose a significant threat to Newtown Creek.

Groundwater at or in the vicinity of the site is not used as a source of drinking water.

The RI report concluded that the low solubility of LNAPL constituents and the ongoing natural attenuation of these constituents in groundwater are effectively mitigating potential chemical impacts to groundwater from LNAPL.

### **5.1.3: Extent of Contamination**

This section describes the findings of the investigation for all environmental media that were investigated.

Radial flow from the tank farm area appears to be the primary cause of the presence of LNAPL upgradient to the northeast. An additional source of LNAPL having more volatile and lower viscosity characteristics is expected from the North Capasso property. Given that the LNAPL sources have



been removed, the low groundwater gradient and high viscosity of the LNAPL, further radial expansion of LNAPL is not expected.

As is stated in Section 5.1.1 above and is indicated on Figure 3 and Figure 4, groundwater flow from the Quanta Resources property is to the south-south west toward the Newtown Creek with a very low (nearly horizontal) gradient. The Newtown Creek is classified as a Class SD surface water which is the lowest classification for saline surface water in New York State. Based on the RI Report contaminants from the site are not impacting the Newtown Creek.

Table 1 summarizes the range of concentrations for the contaminants of concern (COCs) in soil and groundwater and compares the data with the SCGs for the Site. Chemical concentrations are reported in parts per billion (ppb) for water, parts per million (ppm) for waste, soil, and sediment, and micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) for air samples. For comparison purposes, where applicable, SCGs are provided for each medium. The following are the media which were investigated and a summary of the findings of the investigation.

### **Waste Materials (LNAPL)**

As previously discussed, light nonaqueous phase liquid (LNAPL) is present on the watertable under the entire site and the property to the north, the North Capasso property. The LNAPL is not present at locations 100 feet downgradient to the southwest, on the other side of the Long Island Railroad tracks.

Considerable effort during the RI was devoted to characterizing the LNAPL. As stated previously, the LNAPL on the Quanta Resources site generally has a higher viscosity than the LNAPL on the North Capasso property. This could be indicative of different sources of the LNAPL under the two properties.

Although free product was found at the watertable throughout the site, apparent product thicknesses were greatest in the southwestern portion of the Quanta Resources Site. An apparent thickness of 8 feet of LNAPL was measured in LNAPL monitoring well GAL-07. LNAPL saturation is variable depending on a number of site-specific factors including soil type, hydrogeological conditions, and LNAPL properties. The measured apparent thickness of LNAPL in a monitoring well is influenced by a number of these same factors as well as by groundwater elevation fluctuations. Therefore, the measured apparent thickness of LNAPL in a well may not be representative of the total volume of LNAPL present in soil at a given location. A more realistic expression of the volume of LNAPL in soil is called the "specific free-product volume." This is defined as the volume of product per unit of surface area. When expressed in cubic feet, it is the volume of LNAPL contained in a 1 foot by 1 foot area. The specific free-product volume of LNAPL ranges from 0.096 to 1.327 cubic feet across the Quanta Resources Site.

Although sampling in 1982 by NYCDEP indicated 143 ppm of PCBs in the LNAPL, sampling during the RI indicated PCBs only in the southwestern portion of the site with concentrations of PCBs ranging from 7.1 ppm to 80 ppm. Metals detected in the LNAPL above guidance values were barium, calcium, chromium, iron, manganese and zinc.

Table 1 contains a description of the distribution, characterization, and mobility, and provides a range for observed LNAPL viscosity, specific free-product volume measurements and total concentrations of total VOCs, total SVOCs, and total PCBs.

### **Surface Soil**

Five surface soil samples were collected at depths of 0 to 2 inches below ground surface (bgs) from unpaved areas at the Quanta Resources Site. These samples showed five PAH compounds above TAGM 4046 guidance values including benzo(a)anthracene (0.25 to 1.4 ppm), benzo(a)pyrene (0.28 to 0.94 ppm), benzo(k)fluoranthene (0.29 to 1.2 ppm), chrysene (0.3 to 1.3 ppm), and dibenz(a,h)anthracene (not detected (ND) to 0.14 ppm).

Only one of the five samples had PCBs above the 1 ppm guidance value for surface soil with SS-01 containing 15 ppm of the PCB aroclor 1260. The metals calcium, chromium, copper, lead, magnesium, nickel, and zinc were detected in the surface soils on RADII property above average background levels.

Table 1 contains a summary of concentrations of constituents of concern for surface soil.

### **Subsurface Soil**

The TAGM 4046 soil clean up guidance values for organic chemicals are based upon the lower of two criteria: the groundwater protection criteria or the USEPA health based criteria.

For heavy metals, they are based on the lower of the USEPA health based criteria or background. Eleven VOCs were detected above TAGM 4046 values that were based on protection of groundwater. These VOCs were acetone (ND to 8.4 ppm), benzene (ND to 0.63 ppm), 1,2 dichlorobenzene (ND to 11 ppm) 1,1-dichloroethane (ND to 13 ppm), ethylbenzene (ND to 11 ppm), methylene chloride (ND to 1.1 ppm), tetrachloroethene (ND to 5.5 ppm), toluene (ND to 6.9 ppm), trichloroethene (ND to 3.5 ppm), vinyl chloride (ND to 1.7 ppm), and xylenes (ND to 33 ppm). None of the VOCs that were detected in subsurface soil exceeded guidance values that were generated based on USEPA health based criteria.

Twelve SVOC compounds were detected at concentrations above TAGM 4046 objectives. The three SVOC compounds that were detected at the highest concentrations were 2-methylnaphthalene (ND - 56 ppm), benzo(a)pyrene (ND - 52 ppm), and bis 2-ethylhexyl-phthalate (ND - 120 ppm). Only 1 subsurface soil sample, SB-14, which contained a concentration of 10.2 ppm at a depth of 5 feet bgs, exceeded the TAGM 4046 soil objective of 10 ppm for PCBs.

Several metals, including antimony, arsenic, cadmium, calcium, chromium, magnesium, mercury, nickel, selenium and zinc, were detected in the urban fill above TAGM 4046 background objectives, however, these concentrations are consistent with those typically associated with urban fill. Given the ubiquitous distribution of urban fill across the RADII property and adjacent properties, restoration to background is not believed to be a realistic objective. Several chemicals in the urban fill were detected above TAGM 4046 objectives based on groundwater protection. Given the presence of LNAPL below the urban fill and the minimal impacts to groundwater beneath the Quanta Resources site, leaching of contaminants from the urban fill into groundwater is not expected to be significant.

A summary of concentrations of constituents of concern in subsurface soil can be seen on Table 1.

### **Groundwater**

A total of seven VOCs were detected in groundwater at concentrations above groundwater standards. These VOCs include benzene (maximum observed concentration during the RI of 7.8 ppb, exceeding the guidance value of 1 ppb), chloroform (7.9 ppb, exceeding the guidance value of 7 ppb), cis-1,2, dichloroethene (5.1 ppb, exceeding the guidance value of 5 ppb), trichloroethene (21 ppb, exceeding the guidance value of 5 ppb), vinyl chloride (2.1 ppb, exceeding the guidance value of 2 ppb), and MTBE (270 ppb, exceeding the guidance value of 10 ppb). Three VOCs, benzene, ethylbenzene and xylene, were detected in upgradient wells along Review Avenue at or slightly above guidance values. These wells were installed as downgradient monitoring wells for the Roehr Chemical property investigation.

Xylene and MTBE have been detected in upgradient groundwater samples along Review Avenue. The primary contaminant from the Roehr Chemical facility, located about 900 feet north of the Quanta Resources site, is xylene. Downgradient groundwater samples from well GAGW-09D indicate the presence of MTBE (250 ppb) and trichloroethene (16 ppb) deep in the glacial aquifer just above the Raritan clay. MTBE is a relatively recent gasoline additive, and its presence is not attributable to the past waste oil recycling activities at the Quanta Resources site. MTBE and TCE were detected in groundwater upgradient and downgradient of the Quanta Resources site. In addition to MTBE and TCE, chloroethane (20 ppb) and benzene (7 ppb) were detected in downgradient groundwater above SCGs.

Five SVOC compounds were detected at concentrations that slightly exceed groundwater standards including chrysene, benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene, and indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene on the Quanta Resources site. The TOGS Criteria for all of these compounds are less than 1 ppb. Each of these constituents was detected at a concentration exceeding the criteria but below 1 ppb. There were no exceedances in downgradient wells GAGW-09S and 9D.

Metals detected in groundwater above guidance values were antimony, iron, magnesium, manganese, and sodium. These metals are all naturally occurring. No PCBs were detected in groundwater.

Table 1 contains a summary of concentrations of constituents of concern. A summary of the groundwater exceedances is shown on Figure 4.

### **Soil Gas/Sub-Slab Vapor/Air**

Soil vapor sampling was completed on December 15, 2005. Ten samples were collected for analysis, along the perimeter of the site, at a depth of approximately five to six feet below grade surface.

Benzene in soil vapor samples was observed at concentrations ranging between non-detect (ND) and 260  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for soil vapor sampling locations SV1 through SV9. A concentration of 6,100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  was observed at location SV10. Tetrachloroethene in soil vapor samples was observed at concentrations ranging between ND and 48  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for soil vapor sampling locations SV1 through SV9. A

concentration of 11,000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  was observed at SV10, located off the northeast corner of the old above ground tanks. Trichloroethene in soil vapor samples was observed at concentrations ranging between ND and 190  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for soil vapor sampling locations SV1 through SV9. A concentration of 30,000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  was observed at SV10. Vinyl chloride in soil vapor samples was observed at concentrations ranging between ND and 1600  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

In addition to the soil vapor sampling, soil vapor sampling points were screened with a combustible gas indicator.

Table 1 contains a summary of concentrations of constituents of concern in soil vapor.

## **5.2: 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 completion of the RI/FS.

As discussed in Section 3.2, Remedial History, the NYCDEP and NYSDEC completed an Emergency Removal Action in 1982. The only other IRM conducted during the RI was the removal of approximately 140 gallons of LNAPL from the concrete sump on site.

## **5.3: 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 Quanta Resources site. A more detailed discussion of the human exposure pathways can be found in Appendix A of the FS Report.

An exposure pathway describes the means by which an individual may be exposed to contaminants originating from a site. An exposure pathway has five elements: [1] a contaminant source, [2] contaminant release and transport mechanisms, [3] a point of exposure, [4] a route of exposure, and [5] a receptor population.

The source of contamination is the location where contaminants were released to the environment (any waste disposal area or point of discharge). Contaminant release and transport mechanisms carry contaminants from the source to a point where people may be exposed. The exposure point is a location where actual or potential human contact with a contaminated medium may occur. The route of exposure is the manner in which a contaminant actually enters or contacts the body (e.g., ingestion, inhalation, or direct contact). The receptor population is the people who are, or may be, exposed to contaminants at a point of exposure.

An exposure pathway is complete when all five elements of an exposure pathway exist. An exposure pathway is considered a potential pathway when one or more of the elements currently does not exist, but could in the future.

A potential future exposure pathway exists at the Quanta Resources site. Elevated levels of VOCs exist in soil vapor at the site.

Surface soil samples show PAH, PCB and metal contamination at levels above TAGM 4046. Contact is possible since contamination exists in soil at depths of 0 to 2 inches below ground surface. Receptors could come into direct contact with contaminated surface soils and incidentally ingest the contaminated media. Current exposures have been eliminated by fencing the site and limiting access to only those individuals necessary for investigatory field work.

Subsurface soils are contaminated with VOCs, SVOCs, and metals. However, exposure is not likely since the contaminated soil is below ground surface.

Groundwater at the site is contaminated with VOCs, SVOCs and metals. This pathway is incomplete because there is no exposure point at which people may come in contact with the contamination. Currently, groundwater at the site is not used for drinking because a public water supply serves the area.

#### **5.4: Summary of Environmental Impacts**

This section summarizes the existing and potential future environmental impacts presented by the site. Environmental impacts include existing and potential future exposure pathways to fish and wildlife receptors, as well as damage to natural resources such as aquifers and wetlands.

The following environmental exposure pathways and ecological risks have been identified:

- LNAPL has impacted the groundwater resource in the shallow aquifer at the site.

The site is located approximately 450 feet away from the Newtown Creek in a highly industrialized area. No impacts to fish and wildlife receptors could be attributed to site contaminants. Although it is possible that contaminants in the urban fill and surface soils could impact invertebrates living in the soil or small mammals such as mice and moles, none were identified. Any detrimental impacts to fish and wildlife could be linked more to destruction of habitat in the area than to contaminants from site activities.

Most of the contamination associated with the site is contained in the LNAPL which is present on the watertable underlying the site. Because of the localized downgradient shallow groundwater mound and the thick viscous nature of the LNAPL, the LNAPL has not migrated far downgradient. Groundwater monitoring wells installed between the site and the Newtown Creek show MTBE and trichloroethene in groundwater at depth. MTBE is a gasoline additive which is highly mobile when dissolved in groundwater. Site contamination has only slightly impacted the groundwater resource in the unconsolidated glacial sand aquifer. The unconsolidated glacial sand aquifer is no longer used as a water supply in the vicinity of the site and the degradation of this resource is more of a regional issue.

### **SECTION 6: 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. At a minimum, the remedy selected must eliminate or mitigate all

significant threats to public health and/or the environment presented by the hazardous waste disposed at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

The remediation goals for this site are to eliminate or reduce to the extent practicable:

- the presence of LNAPL as a potential source of soil, groundwater, and soil gas contamination;
- potential further migration of LNAPL that could result in soil, groundwater, or soil gas contamination;  
exposures of persons at or around the site to VOCs or explosive gas in soil vapor;
- the potential for ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil;
- the release of contaminants from the urban soil and LNAPL into groundwater that may create exceedances of groundwater quality standards over time.

Further, the remediation goals for the site include attaining to the extent practicable:

- ambient groundwater quality standards and
- SCGs for soil.

The remedial goals included in this Proposed Remedial Action Plan for LNAPL removal include the Quanta Resources site and off site areas. Off site areas include other sources of contamination on the RADI property to the northwest. A separate Data Gap Investigation, which will investigate soil vapor conditions at the RADI property, and an Interim Remedial Measure, which will involve the removal of underground storage tanks and contaminated soil, are being undertaken on the RADI property. The Remedial Alternatives evaluated for the Quanta Resources site will also address the off-site LNAPL contamination found on the adjacent RADI property.

## **SECTION 7: SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

The selected 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. Potential remedial alternatives for the Quanta Resources Site were identified, screened and evaluated in the FS report which is available at the document repositories established for this site.

A summary of the remedial alternatives that were considered for this site are discussed below. The present worth represents the amount of money invested in the current year that will 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 will cease after 30 years if remediation goals were not achieved.

## 7.1: Description of Remedial Alternatives

An initial screening process was used to determine a list of reasonable alternatives for LNAPL recovery at the Quanta Resources and RADI properties. Based on a thorough review of all possible remedial approaches in the feasibility study, there are no viable remedial technologies that will effectively address all of the free-phase and residual LNAPL and thus achieve a “pre-release condition”. A large portion of the estimated 475,000 gallons of LNAPL is non-recoverable (non-mobile) residual LNAPL trapped within the soil pore spaces. This non-recoverable portion is held in place by surface tension and can not be extracted using LNAPL removal technologies. Because of the viscous nature of the recoverable LNAPL located in the subsurface of the RADI and the Quanta Resources sites, enhanced recovery techniques will be expected to provide some benefit. The theoretical volume of LNAPL that could be recovered through each remedial alternative is shown on Table 2.

Complete excavation with off site disposal or treatment is not a viable alternative for the RADI property due to the long remediation time, difficult logistics associated with deep excavation adjacent to buildings and active railroad tracks, and the enormous cost for excavation to depths that will remove all residual LNAPL and disposal of the excavated material. Excavation below the water table would generate large volumes of water and excavated material would require dewatering and treatment. The cost of complete excavation of the RADI property to remove all LNAPL is estimated at approximately 250 to 350 million dollars.

The following viable potential remedies evaluated in detail in the FS report would address the LNAPL, soil, groundwater, and soil gas at the RADI property and the Quanta Resources site.

### **Alternative A: No Further Action**

Annual OM&M:

(Years 1-5): .....	\$94,000
(Years 6-30): .....	\$14,000

The No Further Action alternative recognizes remediation of the Quanta Resources site conducted under the previously completed IRM. To evaluate the effectiveness of the remediation completed during the IRM, only continued monitoring is necessary.

Alternative A would leave the site in its present condition and would involve the imposition of institutional and engineering controls, in the form of environmental easements and deed restrictions, for the protection of human health.

### **Alternative B : Perimeter LNAPL Recovery via Single-Phase LNAPL Extraction**

Present Worth: .....	\$6,143,000
Capital Cost: .....	\$4,323,000
Annual OM&M:	
(Years 1-5): .....	\$138,000
(Years 6-30): .....	\$45,200

Alternative B would provide perimeter LNAPL recovery by installing a series of single-phase LNAPL recovery wells along the downgradient boundaries of the Quanta Resources site and the property to the north, the North Capasso property. Pneumatic specific gravity skimmer pumps would be installed in each perimeter well to remove free LNAPL entering the well. LNAPL flow into each single phase recovery well would be induced by the local gradient between the lowered LNAPL in the extraction well and the higher LNAPL immediately outside the well. The skimmer pumps would be designed to pump only LNAPL, thereby eliminating the need for water handling and treatment systems.

Recovered LNAPL would be pumped through underground conveyance lines to an aboveground facility for storage prior to off-site disposal or reuse. Some treatment, such as oil/water separation and filtration may be performed prior to storage. Any LNAPL with PCBs greater than 50 ppm would be segregated for incineration in accordance with the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

The results of the pilot study conducted during the RI indicated effective recovery of LNAPL with different viscosities at two locations. LNAPL recovery rates at the end of the pilot study ranged between 10 and 25 gallons per day (gpd). These rates would be expected to decrease over time. Both the radius of influence and the recovery rate are expected to vary across the property due to varying conditions such as LNAPL viscosity, LNAPL volume in soil, and hydraulic conductivity.

The theoretical maximum removal of LNAPL is estimated at 17,000 gallons over a 30 year operating period. The majority of LNAPL recovery would be expected to occur during the first 2 years of operation, declining asymptotically thereafter.

#### **Alternative C : Area-Wide LNAPL Recovery via Single-Phase LNAPL Extraction**

Present Worth: .....	\$10,090,000
Capital Cost: .....	\$6,860,000
Annual OM&M:	
(Years 1-5): .....	\$204,000
(Years 6-30): .....	\$88,400

Alternative C combines the same remedial elements as Alternative B with area-wide recovery of LNAPL via single-phase recovery wells on the Quanta Resources site and the North Capasso property. Alternative C would collect LNAPL via 100 LNAPL recovery wells from three conceptual recovery zones (Figure 5).

The theoretical maximum removal of LNAPL is estimated at 50,000 gallons over a 30 year operating period. As with Alternative B, the majority of LNAPL recovery would be expected to occur during the first 2 years of operation, declining asymptotically thereafter.

#### **Alternative D : Area-Wide LNAPL Recovery via Vacuum-Enhanced Recovery**

Present Worth: .....	\$13,100,000
Capital Cost: .....	\$9,950,000
Annual OM&M:	
(Years 1-5): .....	\$618,000



(Years 6-30): ..... \$2,400

Alternative D would provide perimeter containment and area-wide removal of LNAPL via vacuum-enhanced recovery (VER) from an array of VER wells at the Quanta Resources site and the North Capasso property. Vacuum enhanced pumping creates a cone of reduced pressure (vacuum) around the well, resulting in a pressure induced gradient. When LNAPL levels decline in the well, a drop tube draws in vapor (vapor extraction) and promotes air movement and aerobic biodegradation processes (bioventing) in the vadose zone. When the vacuum creates a slight localized mounding in the shallow groundwater table elevation, some water is collected in the drop tube. The cycling between vapor and liquid removal creates a slurping sound, thus the term “bioslurping” is used to describe this technology. The VER system is highly flexible because it could target the zone where vacuum could be applied; could be adjusted to minimize the inadvertent collection of groundwater; could address vapors in the unsaturated zone; and could be converted to a soil vapor recovery system at the end of the LNAPL recovery phase.

Extracted vapors would be separated from the liquids and treated using activated carbon. Extracted liquids would be separated and treated. As with alternatives B and C, recovered product would be collected in above ground storage tanks for characterization and off site disposal.

The theoretical maximum removal of LNAPL is estimated at 175,000 gallons over a 5 year operating period. As with Alternative B, the majority of LNAPL recovery would be expected to occur during the first 2 years of operation, declining asymptotically thereafter.

#### **Alternative E : Area-Wide LNAPL Recovery via Vacuum-Enhanced Recovery and Localized Soil Heating**

Present Worth: ..... \$13,600,000  
Capital Cost: ..... \$10,930,000  
Annual OM&M:  
(Years 1-5): ..... \$522,000  
(Years 6-30): ..... \$2,400

Alternative E would combine Alternative D with the application of localized soil heating in recovery zone 1 to thermally enhance the recovery of the high viscosity LNAPL. Heating included with Alternative E would only be applied to the extent necessary to overcome potential technical limitations associated with applying the vacuum enhanced recovery explained in Alternative D within recovery Zone 1 (see Figure 5).

The LNAPL exists in essentially three phases- mobile, immobile, and residual. Heating the soil will reduce viscosity and will therefore increase the amount of mobile LNAPL while reducing the amount of immobile and residual LNAPL.

Soil heating would be accomplished by using electrical conductive heating to achieve soil temperatures of 60 degrees Celsius over an approximately 25,000 sq. ft. area within the conceptual LNAPL recovery zone 1.

The theoretical maximum removal of LNAPL that could be recovered by Alternative E. is estimated at 180,000 gallons.

**Alternative F : Area-Wide LNAPL Recovery via a Combination of Single-Phase,Vacuum-Enhanced Recovery and Localized Soil Heating Enhancement Methods**

Present Worth: .....	\$15,650,000
Capital Cost: .....	\$12,280,000
Annual OM&M:	
(Years 1-5): .....	\$530,000
(Years 6-30): .....	\$28,800

Alternative F would provide the greatest design flexibility for efficient LNAPL recovery technology in specific portions of the Quanta Resources site. It includes several possible configurations and combinations of the various LNAPL recovery technologies described in Alternatives C, D, and E. The specific LNAPL recovery configuration would be determined during remedial design.

Engineering and institutional controls, in the form of environmental easements and deed restrictions, for the long-term protection of human health would be implemented.

The theoretical maximum removal of LNAPL that could be recovered by Alternative F is estimated at 195,000 gallons. The majority of LNAPL recovery would be expected to occur during the first 2 years of operation, declining asymptotically thereafter.

## **7.2 Evaluation of Remedial Alternatives**

The criteria to which potential remedial alternatives are compared are defined in 6 NYCRR Part 375, which governs the remediation of inactive hazardous waste disposal sites in New York State. A detailed discussion of the evaluation criteria and comparative analysis is included in the FS report.

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

1. Protection of Human Health and the Environment. This criterion is an overall evaluation of each alternative’s ability to protect public health and the environment.

All five alternatives provide protection of public health except Alternative A which does not provide any additional protection to human health or the environment.

2. Compliance with New York State Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs). Compliance with SCGs addresses whether a remedy will meet environmental laws, regulations, and other standards and criteria. In addition, this criterion includes the consideration of guidance which the NYSDEC has determined to be applicable on a case-specific basis.

The next five “primary balancing criteria” are used to compare the positive and negative aspects of each of the remedial strategies.

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.

None of the alternatives are expected to pose substantial adverse impacts to the community, workers or the environment. Thermal enhancement included in Alternatives E and F will result in the greatest potential adverse effects. Alternatives D, E, and F all have the capability of completing recovery at the site in 5 years or less. A portion of Alternative F may have an operational life of 30 years should single-phase recovery be utilized as one of the remedial elements. Alternatives A, B, and C all have major technology components that may require operation for 30 years or more.

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 engineering and/or institutional controls intended to limit the risk, and 3) the reliability of these controls.

Alternatives D, E, and F offer the highest level of LNAPL recovery and as such afford the highest degree of long-term effectiveness and permanence. Laboratory tests and pilot studies are required to verify the effectiveness of Alternative D for high viscosity LNAPL and to verify whether the thermal enhancements provided by Alternative E are necessary and will be effective for lowering LNAPL viscosity. In general, pilot tests are required to verify the effectiveness and/or provide design details for each LNAPL recovery technology.

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 multi-phase LNAPL removal provided by vacuum enhanced recovery (VER) in Alternatives D, E, and F provide the highest level of treatment to reduce the toxicity, mobility and volume.

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

No specialized equipment, methods or materials are required for implementation of any of the proposed alternatives, with the exception of the electrical conductive heating included in Alternatives E and F. Field-scale pilot testing will be required to finalize the design for all LNAPL recovery technologies, in particular VER and localized soil heating components proposed under Alternatives D, E, And F. There are no administrative feasibility issues associated with any of the alternatives.

7. Cost-Effectiveness. Capital costs and operation, maintenance, and monitoring costs are estimated for each alternative and compared on a present worth basis. Although cost-effectiveness is the last balancing criterion evaluated, where two or more alternatives have met the requirements of the other

criteria, it can be used as the basis for the final decision. The costs for each alternative are presented in Table 2.

This final criterion 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.

8. Community Acceptance - Concerns of the community regarding the RI/FS reports and the PRAP have been evaluated. The responsiveness summary (Appendix A) presents the public comments received and the manner in which the NYSDEC addressed the concerns raised.

The only comments received were written comments provided on behalf of an adjacent property owner. The comments primarily involved potential impacts to the adjacent property, and do not contest the selection of Area-Wide LNAPL Recovery as the most effective alternative for removal of the LNAPL on site. An investigation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion off-site will be completed during the remedial design phase. This investigation will be required early on during the remedial design phase to fully evaluate the concerns that were raised.

## **SECTION 8: SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY**

Based on the Administrative Record (Appendix B) and the discussion presented below, the Department has selected Alternative F, Area-Wide LNAPL Recovery via a Combination of Single-Phase, Vacuum-Enhanced Recovery and Localized Soil Heating Enhancement Methods, as the remedy for this site. The selected remedy is based on the results of the RI and the evaluation of alternatives presented in the FS. The elements of this remedy are described at the end of this section. The principal reasons for selecting Alternative F are as follows:

- It provides a high degree of protection of public health and the environment and will achieve all remedial goals, including maximum removal of all LNAPL to the extent technically and practically feasible. It is estimated that 195,000 gallons of LNAPL could be removed;
- It provides a high degree of long-term effectiveness and provides components that achieve permanent treatment. It adequately addresses exposures from wastes remaining at the site utilizing reliable institutional and engineering controls;
- It provides a high degree of reduction of toxicity, mobility, and volume and satisfies the statutory preference for treatment as a principle element;
- Except for the potential use of thermal enhancement, it does not cause any adverse short-term impacts to workers, the community, or the environment that cannot be easily managed using standard Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) health and safety and engineering practices. It will provide short recovery completion time-frames for the majority of the LNAPL at the site (on the order of 3 - 5 years);

It is implementable and, except for the potential use of thermal enhancement components, utilizes services and materials that are readily available. There are no administrative restrictions associated with the alternative that will make it administratively infeasible;

- While its predicted costs are at the high end of the range of costs for all of the alternatives evaluated, it provides the greatest potential to improve cost-effectiveness during the remedial design process;

It offers the most design flexibility in applying the appropriate technology to specific Site conditions that vary across the site; and,

Alternative F allows for several possible configurations and combinations of the various LNAPL recovery technologies described in Alternatives C, D, and E. For example, based solely on the technical considerations of viscosity, volume and efficiency, single-phase LNAPL extraction could be applied in the lower viscosity and lower LNAPL volume area (Figure 5, zone 3). VER could be applied in the more moderate viscosity and volume area (Figure 5, zone 2), and soil heating and VER could be applied in the higher viscosity and volume area (Figure 5, zone 1). The most effective configuration will be determined through pilot testing and through remedial design.

It should be clarified that local soil heating will only be used to overcome potential technical limitations for implementing VER in high viscosity areas (if necessary based on pilot test results) and/or possibly to reduce recovery completion time-frames to accommodate redevelopment schedules. In addition, soil heating should be implemented with caution as its effectiveness for reducing LNAPL viscosity needs to be verified and there are potential concerns with soil heating resulting in undesired vertical and horizontal migration of LNAPL and increases in chemical concentrations in groundwater due to increased soil temperatures. These factors will need to be carefully considered during pilot testing and remedial design.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is approximately \$15,560,000. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$12,350,000 and the estimated average annual operation, maintenance, and monitoring costs for the first 5 years is \$530,000 per year and \$28,800 per year thereafter.

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

1. A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program;
2. Construction of an area wide LNAPL recovery system using a combination of single-phase, vacuum enhanced recovery and localized soil heating methods. The operation of the components of the remedy will continue until the remedial objectives have been achieved, or until the NYSDEC determines that continued operation is technically impracticable or not feasible.
3. The buildings and tanks on site will be demolished, removed, and the demolition debris properly disposed.

4. The site will be covered by a paving system at least 6 inches in thickness. A 2 foot soil cover will be constructed over all vegetated areas (if any) to prevent exposure to contaminated soils. The two foot thick cover will consist of clean soil underlain by an indicator such as orange plastic snow fence to demarcate the cover soil from the subsurface soil. The top six inches of soil will be of sufficient quality to support vegetation. Clean soil will constitute soil with no analytes in exceedance of NYSDEC TAGM 4046 soil cleanup objectives, or local site background, as determined by the procedure in NYSDEC Division of Environmental Remediation draft DER-10 Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation ("Technical Guidance").
5. Development of a site management plan to: (a) address residual contaminated soils that may remain on site or off site during future redevelopment. The plan will require soil characterization and, where applicable, disposal/reuse in accordance with NYSDEC regulations; (b) evaluate the potential for vapor intrusion for any buildings developed on the Quanta Resources site, including provision for mitigation of any impacts where warranted; (c) identify any use restrictions; and (d) provide for the operation and maintenance of the components of the remedy.
6. Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement that will (a) require compliance with the approved site management plan; (b) limit the use and development of the property to commercial or industrial uses only; (c) restrict the use of groundwater as a source of potable water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by NYSDOH; and (d) require the property owner to complete and submit to the NYSDEC periodic certifications.
7. The property owner will provide periodic certifications, prepared and submitted by a professional engineer or such other expert acceptable to the NYSDEC, until the NYSDEC notifies the property owner in writing that this certification is no longer needed. This submittal will contain certification that the institutional and engineering controls are still in place, allow the NYSDEC access to the Quanta Resources site, and that nothing has occurred that will impair the ability of the control to protect public health or the environment, or constitute a violation or failure to comply with the site management plan.
8. Since the remedy may result in some untreated hazardous waste remaining at the Quanta Resources site, a long term monitoring program will be instituted. This program will allow the effectiveness of the area wide LNAPL recovery system to be monitored and will be a component of the operation, maintenance, and monitoring for the property.
9. An investigation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion off-site will be completed during the remedial design phase. The results will be evaluated in accordance with appropriate guidance and if needed, appropriate actions recommended.

## **SECTION 9: HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

As part of the remedial investigation process, a number of Citizen Participation activities were undertaken to inform and educate the public about conditions at the site and the potential remedial alternatives. The following public participation activities were conducted for the site:

- Repositories for documents pertaining to the site were established.  
  
A public contact list, which included nearby property owners, elected officials, local media, community boards, and other interested parties, was established.
- A fact sheet announcing the start of the Remedial Investigation field work was sent in October, 2003.
- A fact sheet and public meeting invitation announcing the issuance of the Proposed Remedial Action Plan, public comment period, and public meeting was sent in June 2006.
- A public meeting was held on June 28, 2006 at the NYSDEC Annex Building in Long Island City to present and receive comment on the PRAP.  
  
A responsiveness summary (Appendix A) was prepared to address the comments received during the public comment period for the PRAP.

# **TABLES**





TABLE 1  
Nature and Extent of Contamination  
September 2003 - December 2005

<b>GROUNDWATER – Unfiltered – 3 Wells (Upgradient)</b>	<b>Constituents of Concern</b>	<b>Concentration Range Detected (ppb)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>SCG<sup>1</sup> (ppb)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Frequency of Exceeding SCG</b>
<b>VOCs</b>	MTBE	1 – 240	10	2 of 3
	TCE	ND – 21	5	2 of 3
<b>Metals</b>	Iron	73.9 – 4,370	300	2 of 3
	Manganese	48,700 – 63,100	300	3 of 3
	Sodium	145,000 – 213,000	20,000	3 of 3

<b>GROUNDWATER – Unfiltered – 5 Wells (RADII Property)</b>	<b>Constituents of Concern</b>	<b>Concentration Range Detected (ppb)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>SCG<sup>1</sup> (ppb)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Frequency of Exceeding SCG</b>
<b>VOCs</b>	Chloroform	ND - 7.9	7	1 of 5
	1,2-dichloroethene	ND – 5.1	5	1 of 5
	MTBE	1.4 - 270	10	4 of 5
	Trichloroethene	ND - 17	5	1 of 5
	Vinyl Chloride	ND – 2.1	2	1 of 5
<b>SVOCs</b>	Benzo(a)pyrene	ND - 0.3	0.0	1 of 5
	Benzo(b)fluoranthene	ND - 0.3	0.002	1 of 5
	Benzo(k)fluoranthene	ND – 0.4	0.002	1 of 5
	Chrysene	ND - 0.3	0.002	1 of 5
	Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	ND - 0.3	0.002	1 of 5
<b>Metals</b>	Iron	266 – 19,200	300	4 of 5
	Magnesium	17,700 - 66,600	35,000	4 of 5
	Manganese	277 – 1,100	300	4 of 5
	Sodium	74,300 - 205,000	20,000	4 of 5

**TABLE 1**  
**Nature and Extent of Contamination (Continued)**

<b>GROUNDWATER – Unfiltered – 2 Wells (Downgradient)</b>	<b>Constituents of Concern</b>	<b>Concentration Range Detected (ppb)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>SCG<sup>1</sup> (ppb)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Frequency of Exceeding SCG</b>
<b>VOCs</b>	Benzene	ND – 7.8	1	1 of 2
	Chloroethane	ND – 20	5	1 of 2
	MTBE	14 – 250	10	2 of 2
	TCE	ND – 16	5	1 of 2
<b>Metals</b>	Antimony	7.1 – 9.5	3	2 of 2
	Iron	631 – 28,900	300	2 of 2
	Manganese	977 – 1,040	300	2 of 2
	Sodium	43,400 – 172,000	20,000	2 of 2

<b>SURFACE SOIL – (0-2- Inches)</b>	<b>Constituents of Concern</b>	<b>Concentration Range Detected (ppm)<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>SCG<sup>2</sup> (ppm)<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Frequency of Exceeding SCG</b>
<b>PAH's (SVOCs)</b>	Benzo(a)anthracene	0.25 - 1.4	0.224	5 of 5
	Benzo(a)pyrene	0.28 – 0.94	0.0609	5 of 5
	Benzo(k)fluoranthene	0.29 - 1.2	1.1	1 of 5
	Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	ND – 0.14	0.0143	1 of 5
	Chrysene	0.3 - 1.3	0.4	4 of 5
<b>PCB/Pesticides</b>	Total PCBs	ND - 15	1	1 of 5
<b>Inorganic Compounds</b>	Calcium	1,640 - 76,100	35,000	2 of 5
	Chromium	13.6 - 43.3	40	1 of 5
	Copper	25.3 - 388	50	3 of 5
	Lead	46.1 - 913	608	1 of 5
	Magnesium	1,520 - 22,000	5,000	3 of 5
	Nickel	11.7 - 27.3	25	2 of 5
	Zinc	66.2 - 294	50	5 of 5

**TABLE 1**  
**Nature and Extent of Contamination (Continued)**

<b>SUBSURFACE SOIL (&gt; 5 Feet)</b>	<b>Constituents of Concern</b>	<b>Concentration Range Detected (ppm)<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>SCG<sup>2</sup> (ppm)<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Frequency of Exceeding SCG</b>
<b>VOCs</b>	Acetone	ND - 8.4	0.11	12 of 46
	Benzene	ND - 0.63	0.06	9 of 46
	1,2-Dichlorobenzene	ND - 11	7.9	1 of 46
	1,1-Dichloroethane	ND - 13	0.2	3 of 46
	Ethylbenzene	ND - 11	5.5	3 of 46
	Methylene Chloride	ND - 1.1	0.1	2 of 46
	Tetrachloroethene	ND - 5.5	1.4	1 of 46
	Toluene	ND - 6.9	1.5	4 of 46
	Trichloroethene	ND - 3.5	0.7	3 of 46
	Vinyl Chloride	ND - 1.7	0.12	3 of 46
	Xylene (total)	ND - 33	1.2	16 of 46
<b>SVOCs</b>	2-Methylnaphthalene	ND - 56	36.4	2 of 46
	4-Methylphenol	ND - 2.3	0.9	1 of 46
	<b>Benzo(a)anthracene</b>	ND - 21	0.224	39 of 46
	Benzo(a)pyrene	ND - 52	0.0609	28 of 46
	Benzo(b)fluoranthene	ND - 7.8	1.1	13 of 46
	bis(2-Ethylhexyl)phthalate	ND - 120	435.0	1 of 46
	Chrysene	ND - 29	0.4	43 of 46
	Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	ND - 14	0.0143	28 of 46
	Dibenzofuran	ND - 6.4	6.2	1 of 46
	<b>Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene</b>	ND - 12	3.2	3 of 46
	Naphthalene	ND - 36	13	2 of 46
	<b>Phenol</b>	<b>ND - 3.7</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>3 of 46</b>
<b>PCB/Pesticides</b>	<b>Total PCBs</b>	<b>ND - 10.2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1 of 46</b>
<b>Inorganic</b>	<b>Antimony</b>	<b>ND - 76.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>7 of 46</b>
<b>Compounds</b>	<b>Arsenic</b>	<b>ND - 332</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>12 of 46</b>

**TABLE 1**  
**Nature and Extent of Contamination (Continued)**

<b>SUBSURFACE SOIL (&gt; 5 Feet)</b>	<b>Constituents of Concern</b>	<b>Concentration Range Detected (ppm)<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>SCG<sup>2</sup> (ppm)<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Frequency of Exceeding SCG</b>
	Beryllium	ND – 6.5	1.75	2 of 46
	Cadmium	ND - 16	1	5 of 46
	Calcium	187 – 37,800	35,000	2 of 46
	Chromium	1.4 – 57.1	40	1 of 46
	Copper	2.2 – 1,130	50	9 of 46
	Magnesium	88.2 – 11,800	5,000	4 of 46
	Mercury	ND - 27	0.2	5 of 46
	Nickel	ND - 98.3	25	4 of 46
	Selenium	ND - 125	3.9	1 of 46
	Zinc	ND – 1,310	50	14 of 46

<b>Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL)</b>		
	<b>Distribution</b>	In total, 10 pre-existing wells, and 29 wells that were installed as part of the RI (June 2005,) were utilized to determine the nature and extent of the LNAPL. The majority of the LNAPL mass is located on the Quanta Resources property. The extent of LNAPL diminishes significantly to the north and east. LNAPL was not detected on the South Capasso property which is located southwest (downgradient) of the Quanta Resources property.
	<b>Characterization</b>	The LNAPL detected on the Quanta Resources property is generally characterized as a viscous, weathered, and heterogeneous petroleum material predominately made up of high boiling point and low solubility petroleum hydrocarbons. This same characterization was also observed north (upgradient), east, and west of the Quanta Resources property.

**TABLE 1**  
**Nature and Extent of Contamination (Continued)**

<b>Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL)</b>		
	<b>Mobility</b>	<p>The primary suspected LNAPL source area is the tank farm located in the northern portion of the Quanta Resources property. An additional source of LNAPL having more volatile and lower viscosity characteristics is also expected to be present on the North Capasso property. All primary sources of LNAPL were removed when the facility was decommissioned in 1982.</p> <p>The majority of the LNAPL mass is considered to be stable because of the high LNAPL viscosities, low LNAPL gradients, a diminished driving force that has resulted from source removal, and a transient groundwater mound located downgradient of the LNAPL on the South Capasso property.</p>
<b><u>Quanta Resources Property</u></b>	<b>Viscosity<sup>3</sup></b>	30.72 – 117.6 cSt (Average – 60.17 cSt)
	<b>Specific Free Product Volume<sup>4</sup></b>	0.096 – 1.327 feet
	<b>Total PCBs</b>	0 – 88 ppm
	<b>Total VOCs</b>	134 – 1,816 ppm (Average – 568 ppm)
	<b>Total SVOCs</b>	1,026 – 2,227 ppm (Average – 1,440 ppm)
<b><u>North Capasso Property - West</u></b>	<b>Viscosity<sup>3</sup></b>	21.81 – 54.99 cSt (Average – 35.15 cSt)
	<b>Specific Free Product Volume<sup>4</sup></b>	0.0 – 0.397 feet
	<b>Total PCBs</b>	0 – 34 ppm
	<b>Total VOCs</b>	245 – 2,205 ppm (Average – 1,516 ppm)
	<b>Total SVOCs</b>	1,112 – 2,327 ppm (Average – 1,907 ppm)
<b><u>Phoenix Beverages Property - East</u></b>	<b>Viscosity<sup>3</sup></b>	49.56 – 58.99 cSt (Average – 52.47 cSt)
	<b>Specific Free Product Volume<sup>4</sup></b>	0.0 – 0.193 feet
	<b>Total PCBs</b>	0 ppm
	<b>Total VOCs</b>	105 – 160 ppm (Average – 135 ppm)
	<b>Total SVOCs</b>	1,195 – 1551 ppm (Average – 1,437 ppm)
<b><u>South Capasso Property - South</u></b>	LNAPL was not detected downgradient of the Quanta Resources property.	

**TABLE 1**  
**Nature and Extent of Contamination (Continued)**

Soil Vapor	Constituents of Concern	Concentration Range Detected (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	SCG <sup>5</sup>	Frequency of COC Detection
	Benzene	ND – 260 (6,100)*	NA	6 of 10
	Tetrachloroethene	ND – 48 (11,000)*	100	4 of 10
	Trichloroethene	ND – 190 (30,000)*	5	6 of 10
	Vinyl chloride	ND - 1,600	NA	9 of 10

\*Ten soil vapor samples were at the RADII property. Concentrations of constituents of concern in soil vapor for samples collected at SV10, which is located immediately south of the western portion of the above ground tank field on the RADII property, are anomalous. Field observations indicate the localized presence of LNAPL at a depth of approximately 6 ft below ground surface (bgs). In addition, the integrity of the sample may have been compromised by the presence of LNAPL in contact with the soil vapor sampling implant. The concentrations of benzene, tetrachloroethene, and trichloroethene observed in soil vapor at SV-10 are significant higher than the concentrations of these compounds observed in the nine other soil vapor samples collected at the RADII property. The concentration range for constituents of concern provided above indicates the concentration range for soil vapor samples SV1 through SV9, with the concentration observed at SV-10 in parentheses.

**Notes:**

(a) ppb = parts per billion, which is equivalent to micrograms per liter, µg/L, in water;

(b) ppm = parts per million, which is equivalent to milligrams per kilogram, mg/kg, in soil

ND – Non-Detect – Indicates the constituent was not detected as qualified by a “U” or “UJ”.

SCG – Standards, Criteria, and Guidance Values

- (1) Groundwater: The TOGS 1.1.1 GA criteria include constituents that have a groundwater standard in 6 NYCRR Part 703, as well as constituents that have NYSDEC guidance values. Based on a review of the TOGS 1.1.1 GA criteria documentation, Class GA standards based on the protection of the use of groundwater as drinking water. However, groundwater in the near vicinity of the Quanta Resources property is not utilized for drinking water purposes. In fact, the nearest groundwater source used for drinking is expected to lie several miles from the Quanta Resources property. Therefore, comparing the on-property and off-property groundwater sample analysis results to the TOGS 1.1.1 GA criteria (groundwater as drinking water) is not applicable to the Quanta Resources property. Further, it should be noted that off-property sources have contributed to the VOCs detected on the Quanta Resources property, as discussed below for MTBE and TCE.

MTBE was detected at concentrations that exceeded the TOGS 1.1.1 GA criteria in deep wells GAGW-01, GAGW-02, and GAGW-05, and the shallow well GAGW-06I on the Quanta Resources property. However, as discussed in the RI Report (Section 5.1), MTBE was also detected in the North Capasso property deep wells GAGW-07 and GAGW-08 (150 ug/l and 240 ug/l, respectively) that are upgradient and / or crossgradient of the Site and upgradient wells MW-14S (21 ug/l) and at well MW-16 (170 ug/l) located along Review Avenue at concentrations exceeding TOGS 1.1.1 GA groundwater criteria.

TABLE 1  
Nature and Extent of Contamination (Continued)

TCE was detected in the North Capasso property deep wells GAGW-07 and GAGW-08 (9.3 ug/l and 21 ug/l, respectively) that are upgradient and / or crossgradient of the Quanta Resources property and at upgradient well MW-14D (14 ug/l and 9 ug/l) located along Review Avenue at concentrations exceeding TOGS 1.1.1 GA groundwater criteria. TCE was also detected in Quanta Resources property well GAGW-05 at concentrations lower than in North Capasso well GAGW-08.

- (2) **Surface Soil and Subsurface Soil:** The TAGM 4046 soil objectives are based on the criterion that produces the most stringent value using basis A, B, and C for organic chemicals, and basis A, B, and D for metals. If basis A and/or B are below basis D for a metal, its background value (basis D) should be used as the cleanup objective. Cleanup objectives developed using this approach are, at a minimum, set above the method reporting limit (MDL) and it is preferable to have the TAGM 4046 soil cleanup objectives above the Contract Required Quantitation Limit (CRQL) as defined by NYSDEC.

Basis A, B, and C are conservative for the current and projected future use of the Quanta Resources property. Basis A and B consider a residential exposure scenario, which is not applicable to the Quanta Resources property. The current use of the Quanta Resources and surrounding properties is industrial and the future use of the Quanta Resources property will remain industrial as future commercial/light industrial development is being planned and deed restrictions will prohibit residential development. In addition, current land zoning for the Quanta Resources property is heavy manufacturing. Therefore, since the Quanta Resources property will not be used for residential purposes (Basis A and B) and groundwater will not be used for drinking purposes (Basis C), the exposure pathways on which the TAGM 4046 soil objectives are based do not apply to the Quanta Resources property. Nonetheless, the TAGM 4046 soil objectives are used for comparison to the surface and subsurface fill/soil sample analyses results as a conservative screening step.

- (3) **cSt – Centistokes – Viscosity** measured at 15 degrees C (59 degrees F) which was the average temperature of the LNAPL as measured during the RI. Petroleum products at 15 degrees C and 0% weathering have the following viscosity: Diesel Fuel – 1.5 cSt; #4 Fuel Oil – 33 to 79 cSt; and, Motor Oil – 256 cSt (Environmental Contaminants Encyclopedia, National Parks Service, July 1997).
- (4) Based on the American Petroleum Institutes (API) “multiphase” conceptualization, the measured thickness of LNAPL in a well may not be representative of the total volume of LNAPL in the soil at that location. In fact, the volume of LNAPL in the formation is often much less than the measured LNAPL thickness at a monitoring well might suggest (API, 2004). A better, more realistic expression of the volume of LNAPL in soil at a well location has been developed by the API and is called the “specific free-product volume.” The specific free-product volume is defined as the total volume of LNAPL per unit area in the vicinity of a monitoring well. This total volume comprises a non-mobile portion (residual phase or residual LNAPL) that is bound within the soil matrix and a potentially mobile portion (free phase or free LNAPL). It is important to note that while a free phase LNAPL may exist at a well, it is not necessarily mobile, since a driving force is necessary for LNAPL migration to occur. Appendix L of the RI Report (June 2005) provides a more detailed discussion on estimation of specific free product volume.
- (5) **Soil Vapor :** SCGs for trichloroethene (TCE) and tetrachloroethene (PCE) are derived from Table 3.1 of the draft NYSDOH CEH BEEI Soil Vapor Intrusion Guidance (February 2005).





**TABLE 2**  
**REMEDIAL ALTERNATIVE COSTS**  
**QUANTA RESOURCES SITE**  
**LONG ISLAND CITY, NEW YORK**

Remedial Alternative	Capital Cost	Average Annual OM&M <sup>1</sup> (Year 1-5)	Average Annual OM&M <sup>1</sup> (Year 5-30)	Total Present Worth	Theoretical Volume of LNAPL Recovered <sup>2</sup> (gallon)
A - No Further Action	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
B - Perimeter LNAPL Recovery via Single-Phase LNAPL Extraction	\$4,323,000	\$138,000	\$45,200	\$6,143,000	17,000
C - Area-Wide LNAPL Recovery via Single-Phase LNAPL Recovery	\$6,860,000	\$204,000	\$88,400	\$10,090,000	50,000
D - Area-Wide LNAPL Recovery via Vacuum Enhanced Recovery	\$9,950,000	\$618,000	\$2,400	\$13,100,000	175,000
E - Area-Wide LNAPL Recovery via Vacuum Enhanced Recovery and Localized Heating	\$10,930,000	\$522,000	\$2,400	\$13,600,000	180,000
F - Area-Wide LNAPL Recovery via a Combination of Single-Phase, Vacuum-Enhanced Recovery and Localized Soil Heating	\$12,280,000	\$530,000	\$28,800	\$15,650,000	195,000

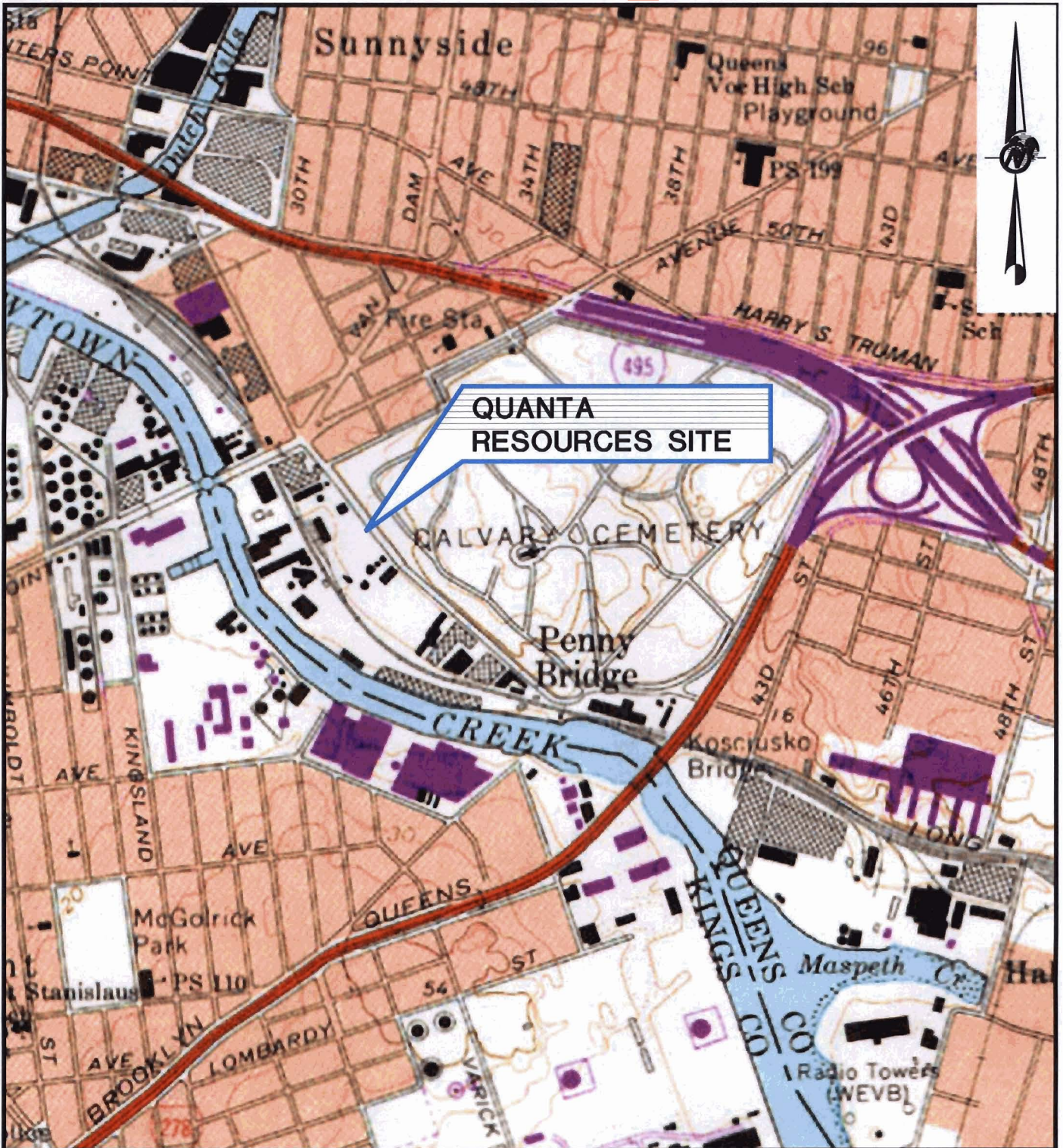
**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> - OM&M cost includes a 5% discount rate.

<sup>2</sup> - The theoretical amount recovered by an alternative is a gross estimate based on Golder Associates' experience at other sites and site conditions. The actual amount recovered by an alternative may vary considerably from what is estimated based on the technology's limitations and local site conditions. Therefore, these amounts have only been provided as one of several means to evaluate and compare the alternatives under consideration and should not be used as performance standards or goals for a given alternative.

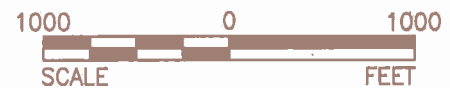


## FIGURES



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REVIEW AVENUE DEVELOPMENT II  
SITE NUMBER 2-41-005**

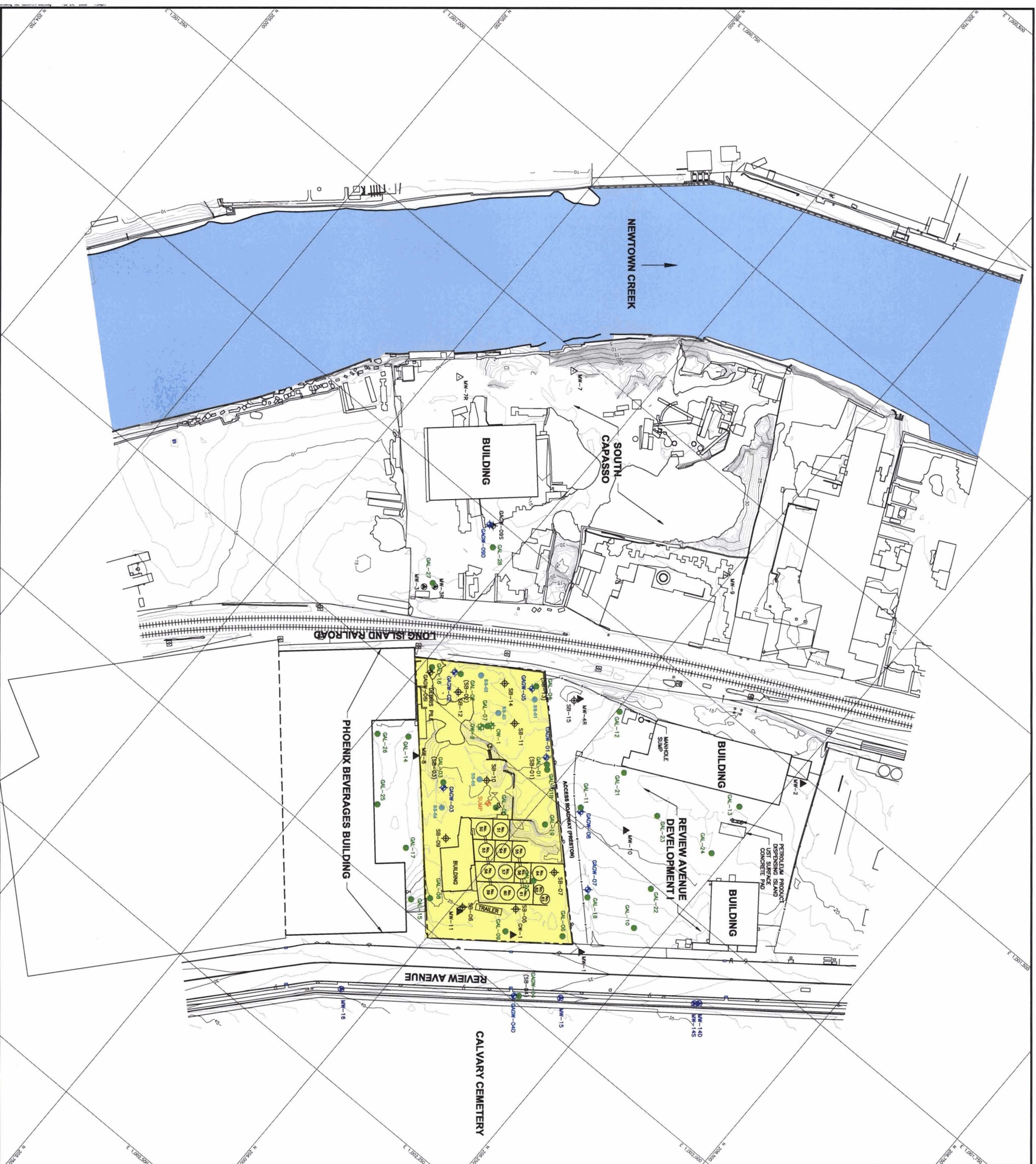
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**QUANTA RESOURCES SITE**

**FIGURE 1**





### **LEGEND**

- REVIEW AVENUE DEVELOPMENT II
- SURFICIAL SOIL SAMPLE LOCATIONS
- LUMPY MONITORING WELL  
(GOLDER ASSOCIATES 2003/2004/2005)  
(SEE REFERENCE 2)
- SHALLOW GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL  
(GOLDER ASSOCIATES 2004 AND 2005) (SEE REFERENCE 2)
- DEEP GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL  
(GOLDER ASSOCIATES 2003/2004/2005)  
(SEE REFERENCE 2)
- SOIL BORING (GOLDER ASSOCIATES 2003/2004)  
(SEE REFERENCE 2)
- ROGER CHEMICAL INVESTIGATION WELL LOCATION  
(WOMELDER 2000) (SEE REFERENCE 2)
- EXISTING ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE MONITORING WELL LOCATION  
(SEE REFERENCE 2)
- EXISTING OFF-SITE MONITORING WELL LOCATION  
(LOCATION APPROXIMATE)
- SLUMP (SEE REFERENCE 2)
- LUMPY PLANT TEST STUDY OBSERVATION WELL  
(GOLDER ASSOCIATES 2004) (SEE REFERENCE 2)
- EXISTING OFF-PROPERTY MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS  
(SEE REFERENCES 5 AND 6)
- EXISTING ABOVE GROUND TANK (REPORTED TO BE EMPTY AND  
DECOMMISSIONED)
- QUARRY PROPERTY BOUNDARY (SEE REFERENCE 2)
- RAILROAD
- FENCE LINE
- 5 FOOT CONTOUR LINE (71'-MSL)
- 1 FOOT CONTOUR LINE (71'-MSL)

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- 1.) BASE MAP TAKEN FROM DIGITAL FILE 2148.049, ENTITLED "TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF QUANTA RESOURCES SUPERFUND SITE, LIND ISLAND CTRY., NY, PROVIDED BY GEO CORPORAION, DATED JANUARY 11, 2004.
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- 3.) PROPERTY BOUNDARY TAKEN FROM DIGITAL FILE 2148. Boundary.dwg, TITLED "WATER BOUNDARY OF BLOCK 312 LOT 699, DATED APRIL 29, 2004, PROVIDED BY GEO CORP.
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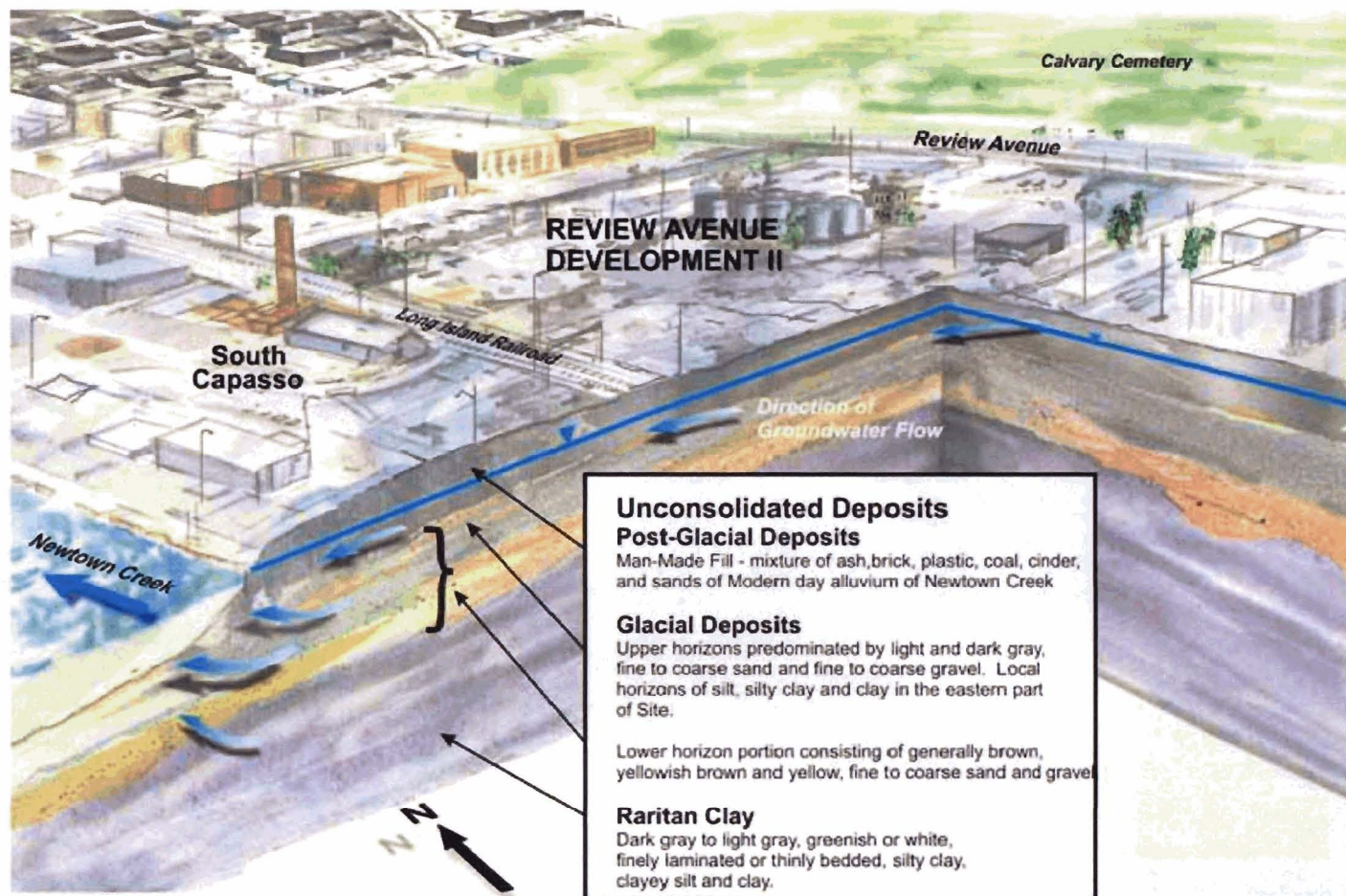
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## FIGURE 2



## CONCEPTUAL SITE HYDROGEOLOGIC MODEL



**FIGURE 3**

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### CONCEPTUAL SITE HYDROGEOLOGIC MODEL

PROJECT

QUANTA RESOURCES  
REVIEW AVENUE DEVELOPMENT II  
SITE NUMBER 2-41-005  
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LEGEND

- SURFICIAL SOIL SAMPLE LOCATIONS
- LW-1 MONITORING WELL (GOLDER ASSOCIATES 2003/2004/2005) (SEE REFERENCE 2)
- SHALLOW GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL (GOLDER ASSOCIATES 2004) (SEE REFERENCE 2)
- DEEP GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL (GOLDER ASSOCIATES 2003/2004) (SEE REFERENCE 2)
- SOIL BORING (GOLDER ASSOCIATES 2003/2004) (SEE REFERENCE 2)
- RORAR CHEMICAL INVESTIGATION WELL LOCATION (NOVEMBER 2000) (SEE REFERENCE 2)
- EXISTING ON-PROPERTY AND OFF-PROPERTY MONITORING WELL LOCATION (SEE REFERENCE 2) (LOCATION APPROXIMATE)
- EXISTING OFF-PROPERTY MONITORING WELL LOCATION (LOCATION APPROXIMATE)
- SWMP (SEE REFERENCE 2)
- LW-6 PILOT TEST STUDY OBSERVATION WELL (SEE REFERENCE 2)
- EXISTING OFF-PROPERTY MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS (SEE REFERENCES 5 AND 6)
- EXISTING ABOVE GROUND TANK (REPORTED TO BE EMPTY AND DECONTAMINATED)

- QUANTA PROPERTY BOUNDARY (SEE REFERENCE 3)
- ==== RAILROAD
- FENCE LINE
- 20 — 5 FOOT CONTOUR LINE (FT--MSL)
- 1 FOOT CONTOUR LINE (FT--MSL)
- APPROXIMATE OUTLINE OF CONTAMINANT BOUNDARY

- LW-1 NOT PRESENT (SEE NOTE 1)
- MEASURED LW-1 THICKNESS ONLY 0.3 FEET AS MEASURED ON APRIL 17, 2003. SPECIFIC FREE-PRODUCT VOLUME ONLY 0.019 FEET
- CONCEPTUAL LW-1 RECOVERY ZONE 1 (SEE NOTE 2)
- CONCEPTUAL LW-1 RECOVERY ZONE 2 (SEE NOTE 2)
- CONCEPTUAL LW-1 RECOVERY ZONE 2 (SEE NOTE 2)
- CONCEPTUAL LW-1 RECOVERY ZONE 2 (SEE NOTE 2)
- APPROXIMATE AREA WITHIN AN ESTIMATED 25 FOOT RADIUS OF INFLUENCE FOR A SINGLE VACUUM ENHANCED RECOVERY WELL

NOTES

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- 3.) PROPERTY BOUNDARY TAKEN FROM DIGITAL FILE 2148 Boundary.dwg, TITLED "MAP DEED CORP."
- 4.) DEBRIS PILE BOUNDARY DERIVED PER FIELD OBSERVATIONS MADE BY GOLDER ASSOCIATES PERSONNEL DURING SITE VISITS.
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CONCEPTUAL RECOVERY ZONES

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**FIGURE 5**





# **APPENDIX A**

## **Responsiveness Summary**





# **RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY**

## **Quanta Resources**

**(a.k.a. Review Avenue Development II)**

**Long Island City, Queens, New York**

**Site No. 2-41-005**

The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Quanta Resources 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 June 12, 2006. The PRAP outlined the remedial measure proposed for the contaminated LNAPL at the Quanta Resources site.

The release of the PRAP was announced by sending a notice to the public contact list, which included the media, local Community Boards, elected officials and adjacent property owners, informing the public of the opportunity to comment on the proposed remedy.

A public meeting was held on June 28, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the NYSDEC Annex Building in Long Island City. The public meeting provided an opportunity for citizens and adjacent property owners to discuss their concerns, ask questions and comment on the proposed remedy. No one attended the public meeting other than NYSDEC staff, NYSDOH staff, the site owners, and consultants for the Quanta Group.

The public comment period for the PRAP ended on August 3, 2006. The only comments received were received in writing on August 3, 2006 from Phoenix Beverages, Inc., an adjacent property owner. These comments were contained in a letter from Steven L. Humphreys to Brian H. Davidson dated August 3, 2006, and an attached letter from Kelly R. McIntosh to Brian Davidson dated August 2, 2006. The following are the comments received, with the Department's responses:

### **Response to technical comments prepared by Kelly R. McIntosh (Geomatrix) to Brian Davidson dated August 2, 2006:**

#### **COMMENT 1:**

a.) The RI/FS did not determine the nature and extent of contamination which has migrated onto Phoenix Beverages' Property. Specifically monitoring well MW-8 located on Phoenix Property contained 6 feet of LNAPL and monitoring well GAL-14, located further downgradient, contained 4 feet of LNAPL in April 2005. The extent of LNAPL further south of these wells was not investigated in the RI or considered in the FS or the PRAP.

b.) Monitoring well GAL-26, located east of MW-8 & GAL-14 and adjacent to the Phoenix Building, contained 0.30 to 0.38 feet of LNAPL in April 2005. This suggests the "hydraulic mound" condition south of the Quanta Site may have resulted in LNAPL migration toward the

east on the Phoenix Beverages Site. This was not investigated in the RI or considered in the FS or the PRAP.

c.) The nature and extent of dissolved phase contamination (including chlorinated organic chemicals) at the Phoenix property was not investigated other than at MW-8. Benzene, MTBE, PCE, and TCE are potentially site related chemicals that could be present in a dissolved phase plume. The PRAP does not consider the potential presence of dissolved phase groundwater contamination on Phoenix property.

d.) The potential for contaminant migration along drain pipes leading from the Quanta Site to the retaining wall along the boundary between the Quanta Site and Phoenix Beverages was not considered in the RI/FS or PRAP.

e.) The groundwater flow regime has not been characterized sufficiently to support classifying monitoring wells GAGW-07 and GAGW-08 as upgradient.

#### RESPONSE 1:

a.) To the degree practicable, and following protracted discussions with Phoenix Beverages for access to the property, the RI characterized the nature and extent of contamination that originated from the Quanta Resources (RADII) Property and may have migrated onto Phoenix Beverages' Property. Specifically, five (5) shallow monitoring wells were installed in the narrow driveway of Phoenix Beverages adjacent to the Quanta Resources Property, including GAL 14, 15, 17, 25, and 26. During the RI, although MW-8 and GAL-14 contained LNAPL, LNAPL monitoring wells GAL 15, 25, and 26 showed little to no LNAPL (see Table 5 of the RI Report), which illustrates that the eastern extent of the LNAPL plume that originated from the Quanta Resources Property has been fully characterized. As is discussed in the RI and PRAP, the measured apparent thickness of LNAPL in a well may not be representative of the total volume of LNAPL present in soil at a given location. A more realistic expression of the volume of LNAPL in soil is called the "specific free-product volume." More details with regard to the distribution of material on the Phoenix Beverages Property that originated from the Quanta Resources Property, including the use of specific free product volume versus apparent product thickness observed in a monitoring well, may be found in Section 7.1.3 and Figure 25 of the RI Report.

b.) LNAPL transport to the east and west, including any effects from a groundwater mound located south of the Quanta Resources Property, was investigated in the RI and considered by the FS and the PRAP. It is expected that, because of the very low mobility characteristics of the LNAPL and the location of the groundwater mound, any effects from the groundwater mound on LNAPL transport would likely be limited to the area south of the Quanta Resources Property. This matter is further discussed in Sections 4 and 7 of the RI Report and in Figure 3 of the Supplemental RI Report.

c.) As indicated in the RI, FS, and Supplemental RI Reports, several COCs are present upgradient in groundwater and did not originate on the Quanta Resources Property, creating an area wide conceptual model that illustrates a regional concern with regard to the origin of certain chemicals in groundwater. Thorough discussions of the groundwater flow regime as well as any effects on

dispersion of the LNAPL and dissolved phase constituents are provided in Sections 4 and 5 of the RI Report and in the Supplemental RI Report. For reasons provided in the RI, FS, and Supplemental RI Reports, LNAPL plume constituents, as well as any residual soil contamination that originated from the Quanta Resources Property, have not been observed to contribute significantly to groundwater contamination, primarily because of the low concentrations of volatile organics observed in the LNAPL. Non-recoverable residual contaminants that will remain in soil following the implementation of the remedy will be immobile, bound to soil particles.

d.) Based on historical information and general site knowledge, the Department is not aware of any subsurface drains that discharge directly onto the Phoenix Property other than drains that may be intended to relieve hydrostatic pressure along the retaining wall between the Quanta Resources and Phoenix Beverages' Property. Any such drains would be expected to be shallow, above the LNAPL smear zone, and would not result in the introduction of any potentially contaminated material from the Quanta Property to the Phoenix Property. The Department has no information that would indicate that any material from Quanta has been introduced to the Phoenix Property through these drains and is not aware of any significant transport mechanism or preferential pathway involving any other subsurface drains that discharge directly onto the Phoenix Property.

At the start of the Design Phase of the remedy, the Department would be prepared to respond specifically to any additional information unknown to the Department which Phoenix Beverages may have regarding additional subsurface drains. If a condition exists that requires mitigation of runoff, the Department will require a response as part of the remedial design storm water management and erosion control plan.

e.) Monitoring wells GAGW-07 and GAGW-08 are considered upgradient or crossgradient of monitoring wells GAGW-01 and GAGW-05 based on interpreted groundwater flow contour maps that were created using groundwater elevation monitoring results from July 2004 and April 2005 (see Figures 11 and 12 of the RI Report). See also Response to Geomatrix Comment #2.

#### COMMENT 2:

The groundwater flow regime has not been adequately characterized. PRAP Figure 4 implies that a shallow "groundwater mound" sits atop a deeper flow zone with southwesterly flow. However, no hydraulic head measurements, which would be indicative of two separate flow zones, are included in Figure 4 (there are no deep measurements below the "mound"). Therefore PRAP Figure 4 is not helpful in assessing what portions of the Phoenix property are downgradient from the Quanta site. Furthermore, the tidal influences on dispersion of the LNAPL and dissolved phase plumes have not been considered.

#### RESPONSE 2:

The groundwater flow regime was adequately characterized during the RI. Ten (10) groundwater monitoring wells were installed as part of the RI; two (2) shallow wells (GAGW 06I and GAGW 09S) and eight (8) deep wells, including GAGW -01, 02, 03, 04D, 05, 07, 08, and 09D. Two (2) of these monitoring wells, GAGW 09S, GAGW 09D, as well as GAL-27 and GAL-28, were

utilized during the RI and Supplemental RI in characterizing both shallow and deep groundwater regimes in the area of the localized water table mounding. Both GAGW 09S and GAGW 09D are screened below the groundwater mound. GAL-27 and GAL-28 are screened across the water above the groundwater mound. Hydraulic head measurements from these wells illustrate the two flow regimes (see Figure 4 of the PRAP, Table 5 of the RI, and Table 3 of the Supplemental RI). Hydraulic head measurements and tidal influences were considered with regard to shallow and deep groundwater flow direction during the RI and FS. Tidal influences on dispersion of the LNAPL and dissolved phase plumes were also considered. Please also see Response to Geomatrix' Comment 1c.

COMMENT 3:

Vapor intrusion guidance was not followed. The potential for and risks of vapor intrusion at the Phoenix property was not considered. Potential health risks associated with vapor intrusion on the Phoenix property were not investigated in the RI or considered in the PRAP.

RESPONSE 3:

Soil vapor samples were collected on the Quanta Resources Property consistent with NYSDEC and NYSDOH guidance and direction. Investigation of off-site soil vapor intrusion has been added to fully address this concern. With the cooperation of Phoenix Beverage, an investigation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion off-site will be completed during the remedial design phase. The results will be evaluated in accordance with appropriate guidance and if needed, appropriate actions recommended.

COMMENT 4:

The RI/FS did not include soil vapor, as soil vapor sampling was not conducted until after both reports had been completed. No map of soil vapor sampling locations was provided in the PRAP. The concentration of TCE detected at SV-10 could indicate a potential for migration of TCE onto Phoenix property. The presence of TCE at this location was dismissed as "anomalous" without explanation. Follow-up sampling should have been performed to verify the concentration and/or determine the extent of TCE in soil vapor in this area.

RESPONSE 4:

The Department's approval of the RI Report was given contingent upon approval of a soil vapor sampling work plan and completion of soil vapor sampling consistent with this work plan. This work has been completed and is set forth in the PRAP. SV-10 is not in the northeast portion of the Quanta Resources Property but rather is located on the western side of the Quanta Resources Property south of the above ground storage tank area and in close proximity to the alleyway and parking lot located on the North Capasso (RADI) Property.

During the soil vapor sampling event referenced above in the Response to Geomatrix Comment #3, field observations at SV-10 indicated the possible localized presence of liquids, which appeared to be LNAPL, at a shallow depth of 6 ft bgs. This localized and surficial condition is

believed to be the cause of the higher soil vapor concentrations that were observed, including TCE concentrations, and not indicative of the general subsurface vapor conditions. Soil vapor samples SV-3, SV-4, SV-5, and SV-6 collected along the eastern side of the Quanta Resources Property contain significantly lower TCE concentrations, ranging between ND and 190 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. Therefore, the concentration of TCE and other COCs observed at SV-10 are considered anomalous with regard to general subsurface vapor conditions on the Quanta Resources Property.

When the buildings and tanks are demolished, and the site is re-graded, some limited localized excavation can be done in the vicinity of SV-10 to identify and remove any shallow pocket of LNAPL or other perched contaminants on site.

A map of the soil vapor locations is attached.

COMMENT 5:

Residual soil contamination (smear zone) on Phoenix property is not addressed particularly with respect to the risks and environmental impact of any future soil excavations that Phoenix Beverage may conduct as necessary for purposes such as construction, utility work, or facility expansion.

RESPONSE 5:

The top of the smear zone is at a depth of about 10 feet below grade along the Phoenix Beverage/Quanta Resources property line. It is unlikely that excavation for utilities would require excavation to that depth. As is discussed in the FS Report, complete and total removal of all soil within the smear zone would be technically impracticable. Soil contamination in the smear zone on the Phoenix property will be reduced by the implementation of the remedy as the radius of influence of LNAPL recovery wells installed along the Phoenix Beverage/Quanta Resources property line will extend out into the Phoenix property. In the unlikely event that soil within the smear zone is excavated in the future on Phoenix Beverage Property, proper disposal of this soil and any potential threat to human health would have to be evaluated and addressed at that time. As with any excavation, if contaminated soils are encountered, they should be properly disposed of in accordance with all appropriate regulations.

COMMENT 6:

The PRAP does not address the potential for residual soil contamination (on the Phoenix Site and elsewhere) to act as an ongoing source of groundwater contamination.

RESPONSE 6:

See Response to Geomatrix Comment 1c.

COMMENT 7:

The PRAP indicates that residual LNAPL will remain after completion of the remedy. Institutional



controls, which may be enforced to limit use of Phoenix property, should be identified and discussed.

**RESPONSE 7:**

The Phoenix Beverage property is zoned commercial/industrial. Based on the existing data, current zoning, and current land uses, the Department does not foresee a need to require off-site parcel specific institutional controls. The LNAPL Recovery System will be designed to maximize LNAPL Recovery. With the cooperation of Phoenix Beverage, this may include the evaluation of alternative means of addressing the presence of Quanta related material on Phoenix Beverage Property during the Remedial Design. The site management plan will address residual Quanta related material that may remain on site or off site during future redevelopment.

**COMMENT 8:**

The PRAP does not consider any alternatives to remediate the contamination on the Phoenix Beverages Property. The FS and PRAP should have considered limited excavation of soils containing LNAPL.

**RESPONSE 8:**

Additional remedial alternatives, including various excavations, were considered during a pre-screening process and were eliminated from the alternatives analysis for reasons that are identified in Appendix B (Technical memorandum – Feasibility Study Technologies) of the FS.

The Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs) included in the FS report are designed for the protection of public health and the environment. The RAOs were developed for groundwater, soil vapor, and free and residual LNAPL identified on the Quanta Resources Property and the adjacent Phoenix Beverage and North Capasso Properties.

The selected remedy is designed to meet RAOs regarding any material that originated from the Quanta Resources Property, as determined by the RI. During the remedial design phase appropriate measures will be taken and described in a remedial project operations plan to maximize and monitor performance with regard to the recovery of any material on the Phoenix Property that originated from the Quanta Resources Property.

**Response to comments from Steven L. Humphreys to Brian H. Davidson dated August 3, 2006:**

**COMMENT 9:**

The Department has failed to require the Quanta Site Administrative Group to properly characterize the nature and extent of contamination that has migrated onto or beneath the Phoenix Beverage property.

RESPONSE 9:

See Response to Geomatrix' Comment 1a, Comment 3, and Comment 5.

COMMENT 10:

A qualitative exposure assessment was not performed and the full extent of potential health and safety impacts associated with contamination at and emanating from the site has not been addressed.

RESPONSE 10:

A qualitative exposure assessment was performed consistent with all state and federal guidelines, including NYSDOH Qualitative Human Health Exposure Assessment guidelines (Appendix 3B of the NYSDEC Technical Guidance Document (DER-10)). This exposure assessment, attached as Appendix A (Exposure Assessment) of the FS Report, concludes that the selected remedial approach, including institutional and engineering controls, is protective of human health and the environment. However, soil vapor sampling had not yet been conducted at the time of the exposure assessment. Additional investigation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion off-site is needed and with the cooperation of Phoenix Beverage will be done during the Remedial Design. The results will be evaluated in accordance with appropriate guidance. Appropriate actions, if any, will be recommended.

COMMENT 11:

The PRAP fails to comply with the requirements of the ECL that the PRAP be based on a proper RI/FS, as significant potential impacts caused by contamination emanating from the site have not been adequately addressed in the RI. These impacts include a plume of LNAPL and dissolved phase organics whose lateral and vertical dimensions have not been delineated or assessed, the potential health risks associated with possible vapor intrusion in the buildings on the Phoenix Property, continuing migration pathways such as subsurface drains onto Phoenix Property, and the need for any engineered or institutional controls due to the continued presence of contamination that will be left in place.

RESPONSE 11:

See Response to Geomatrix' Comment 1a, Comment 3, Comment 5, Comment 6, and Comment 7.

COMMENT 12:

There is a series of subsurface drains which discharge from the Site directly onto Phoenix Property, all of which constitute a potential off-site migration pathway. These underground made-made potential preferential migration pathways were not investigated or addressed.

RESPONSE 12:

See Response to Geomatrix' Comment 1d.

COMMENT 13:

LNAPL, similar in character to that identified at the Site, was detected in MW-8 and GAL-14, as well as GAL-26, which is immediately adjacent to a fully functional warehouse. Potential volatilization of LNAPL constituents presents a clear exposure pathway that must be considered given the potential for adverse impacts to human health. Failure to address these potential impacts is contrary to the Draft NYSDOH Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion.

RESPONSE 13:

See Response to Geomatrix' Comment 3.

COMMENT 14:

The PRAP is premised on the assumption that subsurface contaminant migration will occur in the direction of groundwater flow. Due to several potentially confounding factors, including the heterogeneous nature of the fill, man-made passageways, the relatively flat groundwater gradient, and the down gradient groundwater mound, spilled contaminants would not necessarily migrate in the direction of groundwater flow. In addition, potential tidal influences on the regional groundwater flow and permeable fill zones have not been adequately considered.

RESPONSE 14:

See Response to Geomatrix' Comment 1b.

COMMENT 15:

Institutional controls referenced in the PRAP are not described. Long term costs of implementing, maintaining, monitoring and enforcing such controls, or analysis to support a conclusion that effective implementation, maintenance, monitoring and enforcement of such controls can be reasonably expected, or whether financial assurance is required to ensure their continued effectiveness and, if so, what the amount of the financial assurance should be are not described as required by the ECL. The State also has not secured the permission of Phoenix Beverage to employ any institutional controls at its property as may be required.

RESPONSE 15:

See Response to Geomatrix' Comment 7.

COMMENT 16:

NYSDEC TAGM #4030 requires that if contamination is left in place at a site, potential future land use and economic loss attributable to such use be calculated and included as a cost of the remedial

alternative. In addition, TAGM 4030 requires that the relative costs of remedial alternatives take into consideration the loss in value to surrounding properties associated with the presence of contamination at a remediated site where contamination is left in place. These values are not incorporated into the costs associated with the PRAP remedial alternatives.

RESPONSE 16:

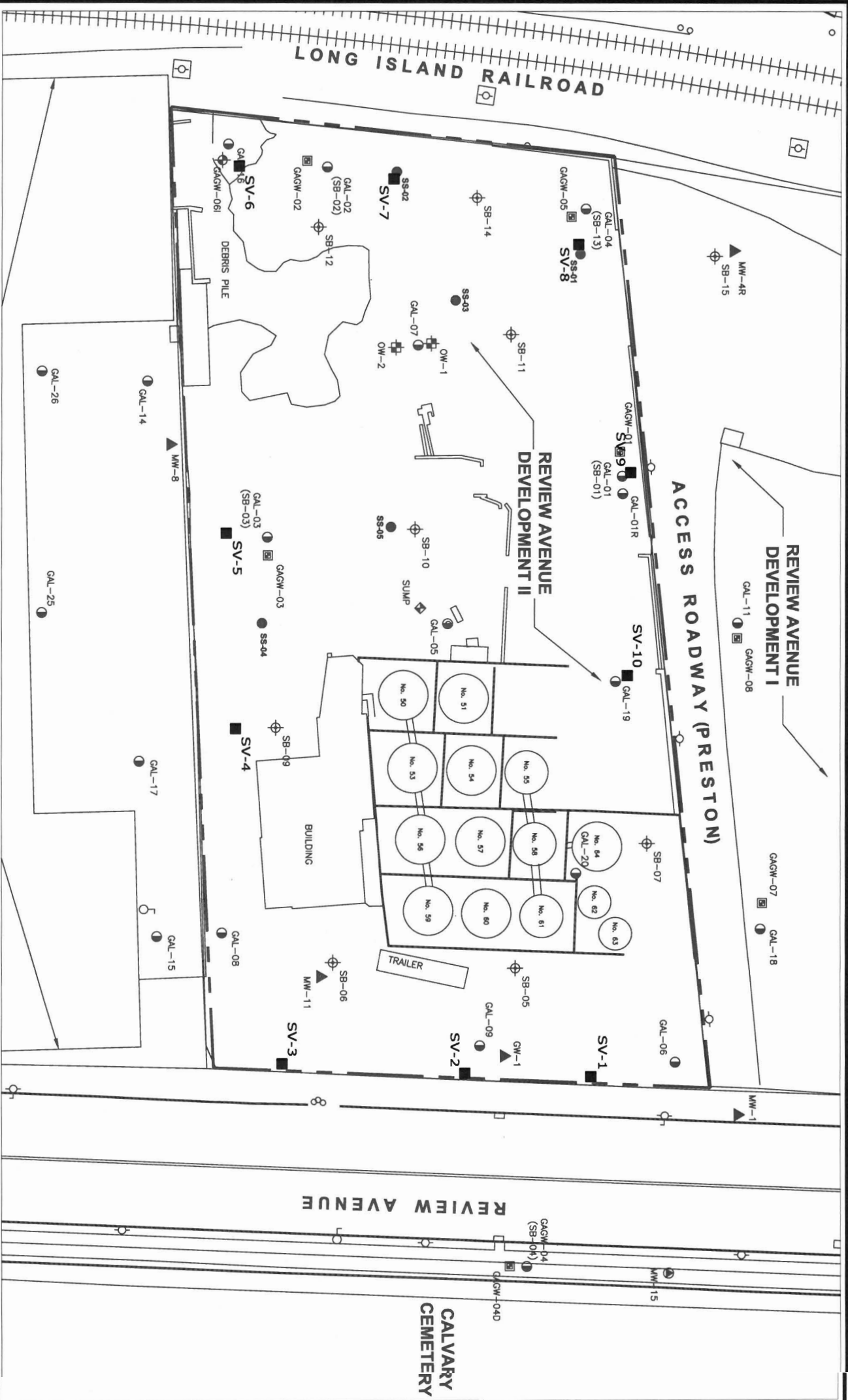
TAGM #4030 was considered as a guidance document with regard to the selection of a remedy for the Quanta Resources Property. The Department's discretion was exercised consistent with the guidance as it relates to the specific conditions observed at, and property uses in close proximity to, the Quanta Resources Property.

COMMENT 17:

The PRAP fails to comply with 6 NYCRR Part 375 in that it does not identify all available remedial alternatives to address contamination at the Site and emanating from the Site to the Phoenix property.

RESPONSE 17:

The Department applied remedy selection criteria, as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 375, and applied proper scientific and engineering principles, in preparing the PRAP. See also Responses to prior Geomatrix' Comments.



**LEGEND**

- PROPERTY BOUNDARY
- RAILROAD TRACKS
- FENCE
- SV-1
- SOIL VAPOR SAMPLING LOCATION AND ID
- SURFICIAL SOIL SAMPLE LOCATIONS
- LNAPL MONITORING WELL  
(GOLDER ASSOCIATES 2003/2004/2005)
- SHALLOW GROUND WATER MONITORING WELL  
(GOLDER ASSOCIATES 2004)
- DEEP GROUND WATER MONITORING WELL  
(GOLDER ASSOCIATES 2003/2004)
- SOIL BORING (GOLDER ASSOCIATES 2003/2004)
- ROEHR CHEMICAL INVESTIGATION WELL  
LOCATION (NOVEMBER 2000)
- EXISTING ON-PROPERTY AND OFF-PROPERTY  
MONITORING WELL LOCATION
- EXISTING OFF-PROPERTY MONITORING WELL  
LOCATION (APPROXIMATE)
- SUMP
- LNAPL PILOT TEST STUDY OBSERVATION WELL
- EXISTING OFF-PROPERTY MONITORING WELL  
LOCATIONS
- EXISTING ABOVEGROUND TANK  
(REPORTED TO BE EMPTY AND  
DECONTAMINATED)

**NOTES:**

1. ALL SAMPLING DEPTHS WERE  
APPROXIMATELY 5'-6' BELOW GROUND  
SURFACE.



TITLE:

SOIL VAPOR SAMPLING LOCATIONS

LOCATION:

REVIEW AVENUE DEVELOPMENT II  
37-80 REVIEW AVENUE  
LONG ISLAND CITY, QUEENS, NEW YORK

DATE:

10/11/06

FILENAME:

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LAYOUT:

SVLOC

**SOURCE:**  
1. SITE INFORMATION TAKEN FROM PLAN  
TITLED "REMEDIATION INVESTIGATION  
MONITORING POINTS", FIG. 4, PREPARED BY  
GOLDER ASSOCIATES, DATED 6/20/05.

## APPENDIX B

### **Administrative Record**

