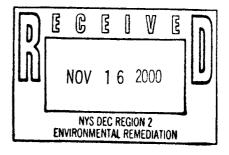


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Re Phase II Soil Sampling Results in Support of Construction of the New Engine House and Related Track, Sunnyside Yard, Queens, New York

Dear Mr. Mohlenhoff:

This letter report is provided to AMTRAK as a summary of the Phase II Soil Sampling program conducted by Roux Associates, Inc. on September 9, 1996. As presented in the July 12, 1996 proposal, the sampling and analysis, which supports the New Engine House Construction Project (Project), was designed in two phases to allow the Project to proceed with minimal disruption of operations while identifying the need to manage construction derived materials as hazardous prior to construction.

The scope of work for Phase II soil sampling to support construction of the New Engine House and related track consisted of the completion of nine soil borings, EH-11 through EH-18 and EH-22 (Figure 1), and the collection of soil samples. Samples from the 0 to 2 foot interval below the bottom of ballast at all locations were collected and submitted to IEA Laboratory, Inc. of Monroe, Connecticut to be analyzed for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPHs) using Method 418.1 and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) using Method 8081.

Additionally, samples from the 2 to 4 foot interval below the bottom of ballast at locations EH-11 and EH-12 (within the footprint of the proposed building) and a duplicate sample from location EH-15 (for quality control) were collected to be analyzed for the same parameters.

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Results and Discussion

The sediments which comprise the 0 to 2 foot interval are typically brown to black, fine to coarse sand with traces of ballast, coal, ash, cinders and gravel. From 2 to 4 feet below the bottom of the ballast layer the sediments typically consist of tan, fine to coarse sand with traces of gravel.

The analytical results are presented in Table 1. TPH concentrations ranged from less than 13.5 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) in EH-11 (2-4) to 4,050 mg/kg in sample EH-17 (0-2). The average TPH concentration for all 12 samples is approximately 1,450 ppm. PCB concentrations ranged from 37 micrograms per kilogram (μ g/kg) in sample EH-11 (2-4) to 13,400 μ g/kg in EH-13 (0-2). Of the PCBs, only Aroclors 1254 and 1260 were detected. All PCB concentrations are well below the 50 ppm cleanup level suggested by the Toxic Substances Control Act. Note that one μ g/kg is equivalent to one part per billion or ppb, and that one mg/kg is equivalent to one part per million or ppm.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this summary report please do not hesitate to call me at (516) 232-2600.

Sincerely Yours,

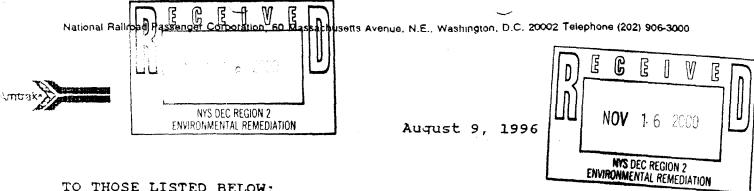
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Table 1. Summary of Polychlorinated Biphenyl Compounds and Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon Concentrations Detected in Soil Samples from the Proposed New Engine House Construction Project Area, Sunnyside, Queens, New York.

Sample Designation: Sample Depth: Sample Date:	EH-11 0-2 9/9/96	EH-11 2-4 9/9/96	EH-12 0-2 9/9/96	EH-12 2-4 9/9/96
(Concentrations in µg/kg)			17 All Sales	
Aroclor-1016	33 U	33 U	33 U	33 U
Aroclor-1221	67 U	67 U	67 U	67 U
Aroclor-1232	33 U	33 U	33 U	33 U
Aroclor-1242	33 U	33 U	33 U	33 U
Aroclor-1248	33 U	33 U	33 U	33 U
Aroclor-1254 Aroclor-1260	600 J	13 J 24 J	560	36
Arocior-1260	2100	24 J	1200	62
TPH (Concentrations in mg/kg)	462	<13.5	466	15.9
Sample Designation: Sample Depth: Sample Date:	EH-13 0-2 9/9/96	EH-14 0-2 9/9/96	EH-15 0-2 9/9/96	EH-15DUP 0-2 9/9/96
(Concentrations in μg/kg)				
Aroclor-1016	33 U	33 U	33 U	33 U
Aroclor-1221	67 U	67 U	67 U	67 U
Aroclor-1232	33 U	33 U	33 U	33 U
Aroclor-1242	33 U	33 U	33 U	33 U
Aroclor-1248	33 U	33 U	33 U	33 U
Aroclor-1254	6300	270	2800	3000
Aroclor-1260	7100	540	4800	5100
TPH (Concentrations in mg/kg)	1100	2990	1520	1360
Sample Designation:	EH-16	EH-17	EH-18	EH-22
Sample Depth:	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Sample Date:	9/9/96	9/9/96	9/9/96	9/9/96
(Concentrations in µg/kg)				
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Aroclor-1242	33 U	33 U	33 U	33 U
Aroclor-1248	33 U	33 U	33 U	33 U
Aroclor-1254	1000	1900	870	160
Aroclor-1260	3500	5400	2000	370
TPH (Concentrations in mg/kg)	3400	4050	1410	648



TO THOSE LISTED BELOW:

Re: Notice Regarding Proposed Construction at Amtrak's Sunnyside Rail Yard in Queens, New York

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Amtrak's Sunnyside Rail Yard has been declared an Inactive Hazardous Waste Site by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Its registry number is 241006. Notice is being given pursuant to Section 375-1.6 of the State's regulations regarding Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites.

A new Engine Shop is planned to be constructed at the Sunnyside Rail Yard for the service and inspection of locomotives. This Shop will consist of a 6,200 square foot building. So that a track may lead to this new Shop, the current Employee Welfare Building will be demolished and its facilities relocated. A site plan is enclosed showing the locations of the new Engine Shop and of the current Employee Welfare Building.

Sincerely,

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