# Initial Site Safety Work Plan (ISSWP) for Site Investigation for Radiological Impacts Former Mt. Kisco Wastewater Treatment Plant Site Morgan Drive Mt. Kisco, Westchester County, New York



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### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

LiRo Engineers Inc. (LiRo) has prepared this Initial Site Safety Work Plan (ISSWP) supporting the Site Investigation for Radiological Impacts pursuant to Task Order No. 12 of Contract DEL-378C on behalf of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The purpose of work described herein is to restrict access to undeveloped parcels within the site and to provide for the implementation of radon testing in buildings at or adjacent to the Former Mt. Kisco Wastewater Treatment Plant Site, located near the Kisco River (the Site). The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) operated from early 1913 until September 1964 when sewage was diverted to the Yonkers WWTP. The plant was maintained in standby mode from 1964 until at least 1976 for emergency use during high rainfalls and flood conditions. The property was sold to the Village of Mt. Kisco in 1985.

This work is being performed pursuant to Order on Consent No. 3-20180709-131, effective date September 15, 2018, between DEP and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

All work shall be monitored by CoPhysics Corporation, a firm licensed as a New York State Department of Health Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) consultant, experienced in the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Multi Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM) process, with documented experience in conducting radiological site characterizations.

### **1.1 Background Information**

The Former Mt. Kisco WWTP Site was located on the north and south sides of Morgan Drive and situated south of the Kisco River in the Village and Town of Mt. Kisco (Figure 1) on properties currently owned by Creme de la Creme (Mt Kisco), Radio City Ventures, LLC, Frito-Lay Sales, the United States Postal Service, and the Village of Mt. Kisco. The WWTP was owned by the City of New York until 1985 when the property was sold to the Village of Mt. Kisco. The Village of Mt. Kisco subdivided and sold approximately 15.6 acres of the property to a developer which was subsequently subdivided again and currently is four (4) separately owned parcels, two (2) of which are developed and two (2) that are undeveloped. The four separately owned parcels along with the parcel held by the Village establish the Site at listed below:

Parcel	Occupant/Owner		
1 Morgan Drive	Frito-Lay Sales, LLP		
2 Morgan Drive	Radio City Ventures		
3 Morgan Drive	U.S. Postal Service		
6 Morgan Drive	Crème de la Crème (Mt. Kisco)		
Section of 1 Lexington Ave.	Village of Mt. Kisco		

According to the Westchester County Geographical Information System (WCGIS), the two (2) adjoining undeveloped lots located north of Morgan Drive are identified as 2 Morgan Drive (Section 80.55, Block 1 and Lot 2.1/4) which is approximately 5.7 acres in size and 6 Morgan Drive (Section 80.55, Block 1 and Lot 2.1/3) which is approximately 3.8 acres in size (Figure 2).

Radio City Ventures is the current owner of 2 Morgan Drive and Crème de la Crème is the current owner of 6 Morgan Drive.

A historic site plan from 1960 and the available historical aerial photographs from WCGIS, indicate the 6 Morgan Drive parcel had numerous structures including filter beds, chlorination building, and chlorine contact tank/pump house. In June 2010, Crème de la Crème Inc. voluntarily entered into a Brownfield Cleanup Agreement (BCA) with NYSDEC to investigate and address residual soil contamination on the 6 Morgan Drive parcel. A Certificate of Completion was issued by NYSDEC on December 30, 2014. As part of the BCA, the property has an Environmental Easement and a Site Management Plan that addresses the means for implementing institutional controls and engineering controls required by the Environmental Easement.

The 2 Morgan Drive parcel also had numerous structures including filters beds, sludge drying beds, sprinkling filter beds, primary and secondary clarifiers, and storage building. In June 2015, Radio City Ventures entered into an Order on Consent with NYSDEC to complete a site characterization and implement remedial measures as related to residual hazardous substances. Implementation of remedial measures under the Order on Consent are on-hold pending the outcome of the site radiological characterization study.

The 1 Morgan Drive parcel is located on the south side of Morgan Drive. The parcel is owned by Frito-Lay Sales, LLP and is situated on the corner of Morgan Drive and Radio Circle Drive. The approximately 2-acre parcel is the site of an active food distributing facility and is substantially developed and paved. A historic site plan from 1961 and the available historical aerial photographs from WCGIS indicate that the 1 Morgan Drive parcel was historically utilized for sand filter beds.

The 3 Morgan Drive parcel is owned by the United States Postal Service and operated as a public post office. The parcel is located on the south side of Morgan Drive and is situated on approximately 3.5-acres of paved and developed land. A historic site plan from 1961 and the available historical aerial photographs from WCGIS indicate that the 3 Morgan Drive parcel was historically utilized for sand filter beds.

The section of 1 Lexington Avenue that is included in the site characterization study is approximately 5-acres in size. The undeveloped parcel was retained by the Village of Mt. Kisco after the subdivision of the WWTP property. The parcel is located north of the Crème de la Crème and Radio City Ventures properties and south of the Kisco River. A historic site plan from 1961 and the available historical aerial photographs from WCGIS indicate that the access road to the WWTP was located on the 1 Lexington Avenue parcel.

There are three (3) currently planned phases of data gathering at the Former Mt. Kisco Wastewater Treatment Site including:

- 1. Initial Site Visit,
- 2. Initial Site Safety Site Investigation (described by this work plan), and
- 3. Site Characterization.

#### Initial Site Visit

An Initial Site Visit (ISV) is tentatively scheduled for mid-October 2018. The ISV includes preliminary data gathering from the site and preparatory work for the activities to be performed under this ISSWP. The activities for the ISV are described in the Initial Site Visit Work Plan, which was approved by the NYSDEC in correspondence to the DEP dated September 7, 2018 and is attached as Appendix A.

The ISV activities includes:

- Conducting a site reconnaissance of physical conditions to develop the scope for full site brush cutting and potential select tree removals (size of trees needed to determine if permits are required), to determine material/equipment needs for brush cutting/tree removal and to identify staging area for materials;
- Evaluating site conditions to help formalize scope of work as related to radiological assessment of site structures, land areas, soils pile, and ponds and stormwater retention basins per MARSSIM, and to identify potential obstacles and/or concerns;
- Performing a plot survey and stake out of the property line for fence installation;
- Performing limited brush clearing at the property line to allow survey team access for survey/flagging;
- Performing a preliminary gamma scan and contamination monitoring of personnel and equipment as needed during plot survey and fence stake out;
- Performing a gamma scan where the fence will be placed to determine Health and Safety (H&S) considerations for fence installation;
- Performing preliminary gamma scans of the 2 Morgan Drive Extension and unpaved access road which is partially located on the 2 Morgan Drive parcel and partially located on the Village of Mt. Kisco parcel;
- Sampling three (3) 1" diameter monitoring wells on the 2 Morgan Drive property; and
- Performing data validation of collected samples and submitting the analytical results to the NYSDEC EQuIS database.

#### **1.2** Initial Site Safety Site Investigation Scope of Work

The initial site safety site investigation for radiological impacts consists of:

- Developing this Initial Site Safety Work Plan (ISSWP) to define and control all site work;
- Securing the undeveloped parcels which includes erecting fencing in accessible areas;

- Evaluating the presence of Radon at three structures including the Karafin School (40-1 Radio Circle), Frito-Lay Incorporated (1 Morgan Drive), and the United States Postal Service building (3 Morgan Drive). The Karafin School is not part of the original WWTP site but is situated immediately adjacent to 2 Morgan Drive to the east-southeast;
- Performing a preliminary gamma scan;
- Contamination monitoring of personnel and equipment as needed during field activities; and
- Reporting results.

The EPA MARSSIM will be followed to conduct the work at the site. All work shall be overseen by health physicist from CoPhysics Corporation (CPC).

#### **1.3 Project Organization**

An organizational chart for the contractors working at the Site for this project is presented below:



Firm	Relationship	Role	
LiRo Engineers Inc.	Contracted to NYCDEP	Engineering / Environmental Sampling	
CoPhysics	Subcontracted to LiRo Radiological Monito		
GEOD Corporation	Subcontracted to LiRo	Locational Surveying	
CTR	Contracted to NYCDEP	Fence Installation, Brush Clearing	
Environmental Health Associates	Contracted to NYCDEP	Building Radon Testing	

Other subcontractors to LiRo Engineers performing work off-site include:

- Pace Analytical Laboratories (laboratory analysis)
- Vali-Data of WNY, LLC (laboratory data validation)

### 2.0 SITE LOCATION, DESCRIPTION, AND CURRENT USE

The area of interest for this ISSWP consists of the two (2) adjoining undeveloped lots north of Morgan Drive (2 and 6 Morgan Drive), a section of the Village of Mt. Kisco property (1 Lexington Avenue), the two developed properties on the south side of Morgan Drive (1 and 3 Morgan Drive), and the Karafin School property (40-1 Radio Circle) located south-southeast and adjacent to 2 Morgan Drive. The properties are shown on Figure 2.

The 2 Morgan Drive parcel consists of 5.7 acres with approximately 415 feet of frontage along Morgan Drive. The parcel also has access to Lexington Avenue north of Morgan Drive. This area can be referred to as the 2 Morgan Drive Extension area and is present between private residences and the Village of Mt. Kisco property. The parcel is generally flat; most of the property is an open field with brush and small trees. A portion of the site is overgrown and densely wooded. Several structures from the former WWTP remain on the property including numerous filters beds, sludge drying beds and sprinkling filter beds.

The 6 Morgan Drive parcel consists of 3.8 acres with approximately 256 feet of frontage that includes the terminus of Morgan Drive at a cul-de-sac. The parcel is generally flat, with a few areas of stockpiled material (i.e. several soil piles and one imported material stockpile). Much of the property is open field with brush and small trees; however, there are overgrown portions and densely wooded and seasonally wet areas near the Kisco River. The property is partially controlled with a fence along Morgan Drive.

The section of 1 Lexington Avenue that is included in the site characterization study is approximately 5-acres in size. The undeveloped parcel was retained by the Village of Mt. Kisco after the subdivision of the WWTP property. The parcel is located north of the Crème de la Crème and Radio City Ventures properties and south of the Kisco River. The historical access road to the WWTP is located on this parcel and appears to still be utilized by the Village to access a sewage pump station located near the Saw Mill River Parkway.

The 1 Morgan Drive parcel is owned by Frito-Lay Sales, LLP and is situated on the corner of Morgan Drive and Radio Circle Drive. The approximately 2-acre parcel is the site of an active food distributing facility and is substantially developed and paved.

The 3 Morgan Drive parcel is owned by the United States Postal Service and operated as a public post office. The parcel is situated on approximately 3.5-acres of paved and developed land.

#### 2.1 **Previous Investigations**

In 2017, Great Lakes Environmental and Safety Consultants, Inc. (GLESC) conducted a radiological walkover survey and sampling of 2 Morgan Drive parcel. A report titled "Radiological Survey & Sampling Results Morgan Drive Lot 3, Mt. Kisco, NY" was issued in October 2017.

The purpose of the survey and sampling was to identify potential radioactivity hotspots associated with historical use of the site as a WWTP. The survey and sampling was completed on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

GLESC used field measurement instruments to conduct a gamma walkover survey to detect the presence of gamma emitting radionuclides and their progeny at former Sludge Drying Bed #1, Sludge Drying Bed #2 and Sprinkling Bed.

A total of 14 surficial soil samples were collected from distributed locations onsite from the following locations:

- Sludge Drying Bed #1- four (4) samples of filter media
- Pond #1 one (1) sediment sample from bottom of pond
- Pond #2 two (2) sediment samples obtained from bottom of pond
- Sludge Drying Bed #2 four (4) samples of filter media
- Hot spots three (3) samples of three (3) hotspots identified during the gamma walkover

The soil cleanup objectives published in 40 CFR 192 Part B establish a threshold of 5 pCi/g average residual (above background) concentration. Background Radium-226 levels were estimated at approximately 2 pCi/g based on a United States Geological Survey, therefore a threshold of 7 pCi/g was used as a reporting level. The three (3) hot spot samples exhibited elevated levels of the isotope Radium-226 ranging from 25.53 pCi/g to 65.04 pCi/g. A total of six (6) of the 11 remaining soil samples analyzed exhibited elevated levels of the isotope Radium-226 ranging from 13.24 pCi/g to 21.05 pCi/g.

Two (2) water samples were collected from the following areas in which water accumulated:

- Pond #1 one (1) composite aqueous sample from the pond
- Pond #2 one (1) composite aqueous sample from the pond

Primary Tank #2 and Primary Tank #1 were inaccessible due to safety concerns and not sampled.

Gross alpha counts from the Pond #1 sample (P1-W1) were detected at 317 pCi/L, which exceeds the threshold of 15 pCi/L established in the New York Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Water Technical and Operational Guidance Series (1.1.1), *Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values and Groundwater Effluent Limitations*. The sample also exhibited elevated levels of the isotope Radium-226 (11.3 pCi/L), the threshold for which is established at 3 pCi/L in the same publication. The sample aliquots collected from Pond #1 were turbid because the pond water level was very low at the time of sampling. It was reported that suspended and/or dissolved solids present in the Radium-226 sample aliquot were filtered out during analysis and the results were not impacted by the turbidity. The analysis of the sample aliquot for gross alpha and gross beta, however, may have been affected by the presence of solids in the turbid sample, since filtering is not part of the method.

The Pond #2 sample (P2-W1) did not exceed the established threshold values.

Gamma walkovers of remaining structural components of the WWTP observed average activity levels not significantly greater than background levels. Samples were taken from Soil Drying Bed #1, Soil Drying Bed #2, and Sprinkling Filter Bed #2, the results of which indicated some activity greater than background.

The site wide gamma walkover of accessible areas observed average activity levels not significantly greater than background levels. Significantly elevated activity levels were observed, however, in three hotspots taken from areas between the Primary Tank and Sprinkling Filter Bed (HS-1), an area on the northwestern edge of Pond #2 (HS-2) and an area along the northwestern boundary of the site between Pond #1 and Pond #2 (HS-3). Biased samples obtained from these three hotspots confirmed significantly greater activity than background, specifically for the Radium-226 radionuclide.

GLESC recommended a remedial action plan be developed to address the removal and disposal of soil in areas identified with elevated radioactivity.

On December 20, 2017, the NYSDEC conducted a limited survey to confirm the results of the Great Lakes survey at 2 Morgan Drive and a limited gamma walkover of accessible areas on the adjacent property, 6 Morgan Drive to assess for impacts. The Great Lakes results were confirmed for 2 Morgan Drive and readings elevated above background were detected on 6 Morgan Drive property.

On April 9, 2018, both NYSDEC and Great Lakes collected groundwater samples from 4 existing wells located on the 6 Morgan Drive property. The May 9, 2018 Groundwater Sampling report from Great Lakes indicates that their sample results were below the NYS groundwater standard of 3 pCi/L for Ra-226. Also on April 9<sup>th</sup>, NYSDEC performed a limited gamma walkover survey of areas of interest on an around the Morgan Drive properties. Additional readings above background were detected to the north of the access road between the 6 Morgan Drive property and the Kisco River. Elevated readings were also detected on 2 Morgan Drive near the edge of Morgan Drive.

### 2.2 Site and Regional Topographic Setting

Based upon the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Mount Kisco Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Series from 2016, the elevation at the Site ranges from approximately 285 to 305 feet above mean sea level (Figure 1). The overall slope of the Site is generally toward the northwest and the Kisco River. The dominant topographic feature of the Site is a slight earthen rise that bisects the Site and is located to the east of the shared property line of the two (2) undeveloped parcels (Figure 2). The slope is gradual to the west of the aforementioned property line and a bit more steep to the east rising a total of 10 feet in elevation.

### 2.3 Site and Regional Geology

Inwood Marble runs through the center of Mt. Kisco, the Site located east of the center in the Fordham Gneiss Geologic Unit, which is a metamorphic rock of sedimentary and volcanic origin. Surficial geology of the site is predominately kame deposits of coarse to fine sand and/or gravel on the east side of the site and outwash sand and gravel on the west side of the Site. Based on the

Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey of Putnam and Westchester Counties, New York, the predominant soil type at the Site is reported to consist of Fredon silt loam, with a typical sequence of brown/gray silt loam from the surface to 13" below, followed by gray fine sandy loam to 24" below ground. The substratum from 24"-60" is typically gray very gravelly loamy sand.

Based on information provided in the "Remedial Investigation Report, Undeveloped Parcel Site, Site No. C360112", dated March 2014, as summarized in the Site Management Plan for 6 Morgan Drive (Carlin-Simpson & Associates, December 2014), the site geology consist of the following layering:

*Topsoil* - The surface layer in a few areas consists of brown topsoil that is approximately two (2) to four (4) inches in thickness.

*Fill* - Beneath the topsoil and at the surface in the remainder of the site is existing fill that is generally comprised of loose to medium dense brown or gray brown coarse to fine sand, trace (to some) silt, trace (to little) coarse to fine gravel with minor amounts of concrete, wood, coal, and brick in areas of the site. During the RI, the fill was encountered to depths ranging from 3'0" to 12'0" below the existing ground surface.

*Sand* - Beneath the fill in the sand filter bed areas is a sand layer that consists of loose to medium dense brown or gray coarse to fine sand, trace silt, trace medium to fine gravel and is approximately 1'0" to 4'0" in thickness.

*Gravel* - Below the sand layer in select locations is loose to medium dense coarse to fine gravel, trace (to little) coarse to fine sand. The gravel ranges from a few inches to approximately 1'0" in thickness.

*Organic Silt and Peat* - Underlying the existing fill, sand, and gravel in several locations is soft dark brown organic silt or organic silt with peat that varies from approximately 0'6" to 6'0" in thickness. In select locations, organic silt lenses or seams were also encountered within the underlying soil stratum.

*Sandy Silt or Silty Sand* - Beneath the sand, gravel, and organic silt and peat layers is medium dense brown, gray brown, or gray coarse to fine sand, little (to and) Silt, trace (to little) coarse to fine Gravel or medium stiff silt, trace (to and) coarse to fine Sand, trace coarse to fine Gravel. Most of the explorations from the Remedial Investigation were terminated in this stratum at final depths ranging from 12'0" to 16'0" beneath the ground surface.

*Dense Till or Weathered Bedrock* - Based on two borings extended to refusal, which was encountered at depths of 26'6" and 31'0", respectively, dense till material or weathered bedrock may underlie the sequence 25-35 feet beneath the ground surface.

### 2.4 Site and Regional Hydrogeology

The depth to the water table varies but generally follows topography. Based on the Site and surrounding topography, groundwater flow is expected to be to the north-northwest. Estimated

groundwater levels and/or flow direction(s) are likely controlled by the local topography and by the changing elevation of the Kisco River. The Remedial Investigation encountered groundwater in the 6 Morgan Drive parcel from 3 to 9 feet below the existing ground surface (Carlin-Simpson & Associates, December 2014).

#### 2.5 Chemicals of Potential Concern and Investigation Focus

Based on the findings of the radiological survey (GLESC, 2017), radionuclide contaminated waste material appears to be present at elevated concentrations, likely in select "Hot Spot" areas of the Former Mt. Kisco Wastewater Treatment Site. Therefore, from the historical results, the contaminants of potential concern for the overall Site are *Radium-226* and *Radium-228*. In addition, the following parameters will investigated (under the ISV) per request by the NYSDEC: *Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)* and *1,4-dioxane*.

As related to occupied structures, the primary chemical of potential concern for this Initial Site Safety Site Investigation is *Radon*. Radon occurs naturally in minute quantities as an intermediate step in the normal radioactive decay chains. Radon is the immediate decay product of radium and is gaseous under normal conditions. Radon contaminated air is the media of concern in the developed areas of the site.

### 3.0 WORK PROGRAM

The purpose of work described herein is to restrict access to undeveloped parcels within the site and to provide for the implementation of radon testing in buildings.

The fieldwork includes the following elements:

- 1. Installation of a perimeter security fence and gates in accessible areas of the undeveloped parcels;
- 2. Evaluating the presence of Radon at three structures including the Karafin School (40-1 Radio Circle), Frito-Lay Incorporated (1 Morgan Drive), and the United States Postal Service building (3 Morgan Drive); and
- 3. Performing a preliminary gamma scan and contamination monitoring of personnel and equipment as needed during field activities.

A Qualified Environmental Professional shall oversee these tasks and all radiological work shall be performed by CoPhysics, which is licensed as a NYSDOH D&D consultant.

Additional details on the above activities are included in the subsequent sections.

#### **3.1 Perimeter Fence Installation**

During the ISV, LiRo and GEOD Corporation will establish the property boundary of the perimeter of vacant Parcels 2 & 3 (2 and 6 Morgan Drive), or a modified shape that omits a portion of the parcels based on site conditions as directed by DEP. Field activities and personnel will be monitored for radiation by a technician from CoPhysics. Pending preliminary gamma scans by CoPhysics of the 2 Morgan Drive Extension planned for the ISV, the fence will be installed as depicted on Figure 3.

A 6-foot high galvanized steel chain link fence and gates will be installed, generally around the undeveloped portion of the site. The building code for the Village/Town of Mount Kisco limits fence height along road frontage to 4-feet high, however Mount Kisco has determined that a variance is not required for this project and a 6-foot high fence will be installed along Morgan Drive. A full determination has not been made regarding the need for other permits from the Village such as tree removal or work within a wetlands setback. An assessment will be made during the ISV.

In coordination with the NYSDEC, the perimeter fencing may be extended if radiation is detected in the 2 Morgan Drive Extension. Also, it is anticipated that the wetlands and the Kisco River will be used as the perimeter barrier on the northwest end of the site rather than fencing. Conditions in the northwest end of the site will be verified during the ISV. Snow fencing will be installed on Village of Mount Kisco property (1 Lexington Avenue) to restrict off-path traversing on the access path adjacent to the Former Mt. Kisco Wastewater Treatment Site. Fencing details are shown on Figures 4 and 5.

#### **3.2 Radon Evaluation**

Environmental Health Associates of 15 Weldon Way, Warwick, New York will perform radon testing of three buildings (shown on Figure 2) including:

- Frito-Lay Incorporated, 1 Morgan Drive
- United States Postal Service, 3 Morgan Drive
- Karafin School, 40-1 Radio Circle

Environmental Health Associates is listed by the NYSDOH as a Certified Radon Tester for Westchester County. The building specific radon sampling plans will be developed as access to the buildings are granted by the property owner. An ELAP certified lab will be utilized to perform radon sample analysis. The work will be performed in a manner consistent with *ANSI/AARST MALB 2014 Protocol for Conducting Measurements of Radon and Radon Decay Products in Schools and Large Buildings*. The DEC/DOH accepted sampling plan for the Karafin School is included in Appendix B; sampling was completed at the Karafin School on August 29, 2018. A report summarizing the results of the radon testing at the Karafin School is to be provided under separate cover.

#### **3.3** Gamma Scan and Contamination Monitoring of Personnel and Equipment

Contamination monitoring and decontamination procedures are included as Appendix C. Radiation monitoring instruments are used both for area monitoring and for individual monitoring. The instruments used for measuring radiation levels are referred to as area survey meters (or area monitors) and the instruments used for recording the equivalent doses received by individuals working with radiation are referred to as personal dosimeters (or individual dosimeters). A technician from CoPhysics Corporation will conduct the radiological monitoring during all work on the undeveloped portion of the site:

- To assess workplace conditions and individual exposures,
- To ensure acceptably safe and satisfactory radiological conditions in the workplace, and
- To keep records of monitoring.

All monitoring results and meteorological data (e.g., temperature range, wind speed, wind direction, etc.) will be recorded in the field notebook and will be transferred to Instrument Reading Logs.

Instruments must be calibrated in terms of the appropriate quantities used in radiation protection. A Geiger–Müller (GM) counter will be utilized to perform the monitoring (Ludlum Model 3 or equivalent). GM counters exhibit strong energy dependence at low photon energies and are considered indicators of radiation, whereas ionization chambers are used for measurements that are more precise. The Model 3 is a portable radiation survey instrument with four linear ranges used with exposure rate or cpm (counts per minute) meter dials, or a combination of both exposure rate and count rate (referred to as "combo") meter face dials. To assure proper operation of the instrument and detectors(s) between calibrations, an instrument operational check including battery test and instrument test will be performed at least daily or prior to use, whichever is less frequent.

Background (radiation) readings will be measured prior to initiating site activities. Background radiation may come from:

- Naturally occurring radioactive materials which have not been technologically enhanced,
- Cosmic sources,
- Global fallout as it exists in the environment (such as from the testing of nuclear explosive devices),
- Radon and its progeny in concentrations or levels existing in buildings or the environment which have not been elevated as a result of current or prior activities, and
- Consumer products containing nominal amounts of radioactive material or producing nominal amounts of radiation.

Radiation above background (0.01-0.02 mrem/hr.) signifies a possible presence, which must be monitored. For the purposes of establishing an action level for the project site activities it shall be defined as 0.01 mrem/hr. above background level. Radiation above 2 mrem/hr. indicates a potential hazard-evacuate site until controlled.

#### 3.4 Proposed Work Schedule

Task	Target Timeline
<i>Commencement of Initial Site Visit</i> (establish property boundary, gamma survey, well sampling).	Within 14 days of obtaining all needed access agreements (Radio City, Crème, and Village).
<i>Radon Testing</i> – submittal of building specific sampling plan to DEC/DOH for approval	Within 14 days of obtaining needed access agreement for a target building.
Radon Testing – site sampling	Within 14 days of DEC/DOH approval of building specific sampling plan.
<i>Commencement of Securing of Site</i> (procuring materials, site fence line clearing*, and installation).	Within 30 days of DEC approval of ISSWP including any needed modifications based on the ISV.
Reporting	Within 60 days of completion of work plan.

\* - the need to obtain permits (i.e. tree removal or village wetlands) may slow process.

### 4.0 **REPORTING**

Environmental Health Associates will provide letter reports of results from the radon sampling at each of the three (3) subject buildings and DEP will provide these results to NYSDEC. The results will also be included as an appendix in the overall Site Characterization Report that will be completed following the third phase of data collection at the site.

### 5.0 **REFERENCES**

- Carlin-Simpson & Associates, *Site Management Plan* for NYSDEC Site Number: C360112, dated December 16, 2014.
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- Soil Conservation Service, Soil Survey of Putnam and Westchester Counties, New York, issued September 1994.

United States Geological Survey (USGS) Mount Kisco Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Series, 2016.

## **FIGURES**

1 SITE LOCATION MAP 2 STUDY AREA PROPERTIES 3 PROPOSED PERIMETER FENCE 4 6 FOOT FENCE AND GATE DETAILS 5 SNOW FENCE DETAILS



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EXTENSION

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FORMER MT. KISCO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE STUDY AREA PROPERTIES

VILLAGE OI MT. KISCO

2 MORGAN DRIVE



LiRo Engineers, Inc. 3 Aerial Way Syosset, New York





Environmental Protection

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LiRo Engineers, Inc.

DISTANCE FIGURES ARE APPROXIMATE. SEE DWG. 28290 FINAL PLAT LOT LINE CHANGE DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2009

THE PLACEMENT OF THE FENCE ALONG THE NORTHERN PERIMETER OF 6 MORGAN DRIVE WILL BE EVALUATED BASED ON CONDITIONS (TERRAIN, GROUND CONDITION) ENCOUNTERED DURING THE INITIAL SITE VISIT. ANY ADJUSTMENT FROM THE PLACEMENT SHOWN WILL BE COORDINATED WITH NYSDEC PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

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# **APPENDIX** A

### INITIAL SITE VISIT WORK PLAN

(Text & Figures)

# Initial Site Visit Work Plan (ISV) For Site Investigation for Radiological Impacts Former Mt. Kisco Wastewater Treatment Site Morgan Drive

# Mt. Kisco, Westchester County, New York



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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

LiRo Engineers Inc. (LiRo) has prepared this Initial Site Visit Work Plan (ISV) for Site Investigation for Radiological Impacts pursuant to Task Order No. 12 of Contract DEL-378C on behalf of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The purpose of this investigation is to become familiar with the site, assess conditions and obtain data to secure the site perimeter at the Former Mt. Kisco Wastewater Treatment Site, located near the Kisco River. The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) ceased operation in the mid-1980s.

All work shall be monitored by CoPhysics Corporation, a firm licensed as a New York State Department of Health Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) consultant, experienced in the EPA Multi Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM) process, with documented experience in conducting radiological site characterizations.

#### **1.1 Background Information**

The Former Mt. Kisco WWTP Site is located on the north and south sides of Morgan Drive and situated south of the Kisco River in the Village and Town of Mt. Kisco (Figure 1) on properties owned by Creme de la Creme (Mt Kisco), Radio City Ventures, LLC, Rolling Frito-Lay Sales, the United States Post Office, and the Village of Mt. Kisco. The WWTP was initially built and operated by the City of New York until 1985 when it was sold to the Village of Mt. Kisco. The Village of Mt. Kisco sold approximately 15.6 acres of the property to a developer which was subsequently subdivided and currently is four (4) separately owned parcels, two (2) of which are developed and two (2) that are vacant and establish the Subject Site.

The area of interest for this ISV work plan are the two vacant parcels north of Morgan Drive as well as a portion of the property owned by the Village of Mt. Kisco. According to the Westchester County Geographical Information System (WCGIS), the two (2) adjoining lots located north of Morgan Drive are identified as 2 Morgan Drive (Section 80.55, Block 1 and Lot 2.1/4) which is approximately 5.7 acres in size and 6 Morgan Drive (Section 80.55, Block 1 and Lot 2.1/3) which is approximately 3.8 acres in size (Figure 2). A historic site plan from 1960 and the available historical aerial photographs from WCGIS, indicate the 6 Morgan Drive parcel had numerous structures including filter beds, chlorination building, and chlorine contact tank/pump house. The 2 Morgan Drive parcel also had/has numerous structures including filters beds, sludge drying beds, sprinkling filter beds, primary and secondary clarifiers, and storage building.

#### 1.2 Scope of Work

The scope of the initial site visit consists of:

- Developing this Initial Site Visit Work Plan (ISV) and Health & Safety Plan (HASP);
- Providing training in radiation awareness and site conditions for LiRo, DEP, and any subcontractors as appropriate for workers involved in intrusive or sampling activities;

- Pre-survey monitoring of the radiation levels of equipment and/or personnel during site activities;
- Conducting a site reconnaissance of physical conditions to develop scope for full site brush cutting and potential select tree removals (size of trees need to be noted to determine if permits are needed), to determine material/equipment needs for brush cutting/tree removal and to identify staging area for materials;
- Evaluating site conditions to help formalize scope of work as related to radiological assessment of site structures, land areas, soils pile, and ponds and stormwater retention basins per MARSSIM and to identify any potential obstacles and/or concerns;
- Performing a plot survey and stake out of the property line for fence installation;
- Performing limited brush clearing at property line to allow survey team access for survey/flagging;
- Performing a preliminary gamma scan and contamination monitoring of personnel and equipment as needed during plot survey and fence stake out;
- Performing a gamma scan where the fence will be placed to determine Health and Safety (H&S) considerations for fence installation;
- Performing preliminary gamma scans of the 2 Morgan Drive Extension (shown of Figure 2) and unpaved access road;
- Sampling three (3) 1" diameter wells on the 2 Morgan Drive property; and
- Performing data validation of collected samples and submitting the analytical results to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) EQuIS database.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM) will be followed to conduct the work at the site. All work shall be overseen by a health physicist from CoPhysics Corporation.

CoPhysics Corporation will provide a full time radiation technician to monitor radiation levels of equipment and/or personnel during preliminary site investigations including brush cutting and perimeter fence stake out.

#### 2.0 SITE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

#### 2.1 Site Location, Description and Current Use

The area of interest for this ISV consists of the two (2) adjoining lots north of Morgan Drive and a portion of the Village of Mt. Kisco property. The 2 Morgan Drive parcel consists of 5.7 acres with approximately 415 feet of frontage along Morgan Drive. The parcel also has access to Lexington Avenue north of Morgan Drive. This area can be referred to as the 2 Morgan Drive Extension area and is present between private residences and the Village of Mt. Kisco property. The parcel is generally flat; most of the property is an open field with brush and small trees. A portion of the site is overgrown and densely wooded. Several structures from the former WWTP remain on the property including numerous filters beds, sludge drying beds and sprinkling filter beds.

The 6 Morgan Drive parcel consists of 3.8 acres with approximately 256 feet of frontage that includes the terminus of Morgan Drive at a cul-de-sac. The parcel is generally flat, with a few areas of stockpiled material (i.e. several soil piles and one imported material stockpile). Much of the property is open field with brush and small trees, however there are overgrown portions and densely wooded and seasonally wet areas near the Kisco River. The property is partially controlled with a fence along Morgan Drive.

The Site limits and survey map for the purposes of this ISVWP are shown on Figure 2.

#### 2.2 **Previous Investigations**

In 2017, Great Lakes Environmental and Safety Consultants, Inc. (GLESC) conducted a radiological walkover survey and sampling of 2 Morgan Drive, the 5.7 acre parcel, titled "Radiological Survey & Sampling Results Morgan Drive Lot 3, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549".

The purpose of the survey and sampling was to identify potential radioactivity hotspots associated with historical use of the site as a WWTP. The survey and sampling was completed on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

GLESC used field measurement instruments to conduct a gamma walkover survey to detect the presence of gamma emitting radionuclides and their progeny at former Sludge Drying Bed #1, Sludge Drying Bed #2 and Sprinkling Bed.

A total of 14 surficial soil samples were collected from distributed locations onsite from the following locations:

- Sludge Drying Bed #1- four (4) samples of filter media
- Pond #1 one (1) sediment sample from bottom of pond
- Pond #2 two (2) sediment samples obtained from bottom of pond
- Sludge Drying Bed #2 four (4) samples of filter media
- Hot spots three (3) samples of three (3) hotspots identified during the gamma walkover

The soil cleanup objectives published in 40 CFR 192 Part B establish a threshold of 5 pCi/g average residual (above background) concentration. Background Radium-226 levels were estimated at approximately 2 pCi/g based on a United States Geological Survey, therefore a threshold of 7 pCi/g was used as a reporting level. The three (3) hot spot samples exhibited elevated levels of the isotope Radium-226 ranging from 25.53 pCi/g to 65.04 pCi/g. A total of six (6) of the 11 remaining soil samples analyzed exhibited elevated levels of the isotope Radium-226 ranging from 13.24 pCi/g to 21.05 pCi/g.

Two (2) water samples were collected from the following areas in which water accumulated:

- Pond #1 one (1) composite aqueous sample from the pond
- Pond #2 one (1) composite aqueous sample from the pond

Primary Tank #2 and Primary Tank #1 were inaccessible due to safety concerns and not sampled.

Gross alpha counts from the Pond #1 sample (P1-W1) were detected at 317 pCi/L, which exceeds the threshold of 15 pCi/L established in the New York Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Water Technical and Operational Guidance Series (1.1.1), *Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values and Groundwater Effluent Limitations*. The sample also exhibited elevated levels of the isotope Radium-226, the threshold for which is established at 3 pCi/L in the same publication.

The Pond #2 sample (P2-W1) did not exceed the established threshold values.

Gamma walkovers of remaining structural components of the WWTP observed average activity levels not significantly greater than background levels. Samples were taken from Soil Drying Bed #1, Soil Drying Bed #2, and Sprinkling Filter Bed #2, the results of which indicated some activity greater than background.

The sitewide gamma walkover of accessible areas observed average activity levels not significantly greater than background levels. Significantly elevated activity levels were observed, however, in three hotspots taken from areas between the Primary Tank and Sprinkling Filter Bed (HS-1), an area on the northwestern edge of Pond #2 (HS-2) and an area along the northwestern boundary of the site between Pond #1 and Pond #2 (HS-3). Biased samples obtained from these three hotspots confirmed significantly greater activity than background, specifically for the Radium-226 radionuclide.

GLESC recommended a remedial action plan be developed to address the removal and disposal of soil in areas identified with elevated radioactivity.

On December 20, 2017, the NYSDEC conducted limited gamma walkover survey to verify the result of the Great Lakes survey. Readings elevated above background were detected on 6 Morgan Drive property. On April 9, 2018, the NYSDEC returned to perform a limited gamma walkover survey of areas of interest on an around the Morgan Drive properties. Additional readings above

background were detected to the north of the access road between the 6 Morgan Drive property and the Kisco River. Elevated readings were also detected along the edge of Morgan Drive.

#### 2.3 Site and Regional Topographic Setting

Based upon the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Mount Kisco Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Series from 2016, the elevation at the Site ranges from approximately 285 to 305 feet above mean sea level (amsl). The overall slope of the Site is generally toward the northwest and the Kisco River. The dominant topographic feature of the Site is a slight earthen rise that bisects the Site and is located to the east of the shared property line of the two (2) parcels (Figure 2). The slope is gradual to the west of the aforementioned property line and a bit more steep to the east rising a total of 10 feet in elevation.

#### 2.4 Site and Regional Geology

Inwood Marble runs through the center of Mt. Kisco, the Site located east of the center in the Fordham Gneiss Geologic Unit, which is a metamorphic rock of sedimentary and volcanic origin. Surficial geology of the site is predominately kame deposits of coarse to fine sand and/or gravel on the east side of the site and outwash sand and gravel on the west side of the Site. Based on the Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey of Putnam and Westchester Counties, New York, the predominant soil type at the Site is reported to consist of Fredon silt loam, with a typical sequence of brown/gray silt loam from the surface to 13" below, followed by gray fine sandy loam to 24" below ground. The substratum from 24"-60" is typically gray very gravelly loamy sand.

Based on information provided in the "Remedial Investigation Report, Undeveloped Parcel Site, Site No. C360112", dated March 2014, as summarized in the Site Management Plan for 6 Morgan Drive (Carlin-Simpson & Associates, December 2014), the site geology consist of the following layering. Topsoil - The surface layer in a few areas consists of brown topsoil that is approximately two (2) to four (4) inches in thickness. Fill - Beneath the topsoil and at the surface in the remainder of the site is existing fill that is generally comprised of loose to medium dense brown or gray brown coarse to fine sand, trace (to some) silt, trace (to little) coarse to fine gravel with minor amounts of concrete, wood, coal, and brick in areas of the site. During the RI, the fill was encountered to depths ranging from 3'0" to 12'0" below the existing ground surface. Sand -Beneath the fill in the sand filter bed areas is a sand layer that consists of loose to medium dense brown or gray coarse to fine sand, trace silt, trace medium to fine gravel and is approximately 1'0" to 4'0" in thickness. Gravel - Below the sand layer in select locations is loose to medium dense coarse to fine gravel, trace (to little) coarse to fine sand. The gravel ranges from a few inches to approximately 1'0" in thickness. Organic Silt and Peat - Underlying the existing fill, sand, and gravel in several locations is soft dark brown organic silt or organic silt with peat that varies from approximately 0'6" to 6'0" in thickness. In select locations, organic silt lenses or seams were also encountered within the underlying soil stratum. Sandy Silt or Silty Sand - Beneath the sand, gravel, and organic silt and peat layers is medium dense brown, gray brown, or gray coarse to fine sand, little (to and) Silt, trace (to little) coarse to fine Gravel or medium stiff silt, trace (to and) coarse to fine Sand, trace coarse to fine Gravel. Most of the explorations from the Remedial Investigation were terminated in this stratum at final depths ranging from 12'0" to 16'0" beneath the ground surface. Dense Till or Weathered Bedrock - Based on two borings extended to refusal, which was

encountered at depths of 26'6" and 31'0", respectively, dense till material or weathered bedrock may underlie the sequence 25-35 feet beneath the ground surface.

#### 2.5 Site and Regional Hydrogeology

The depth to the water table varies but generally follows topography. Based on the Site and surrounding topography, groundwater flow is expected to be to the north-northwest. Estimated groundwater levels and/or flow direction(s) are likely controlled by the local topography and by the changing elevation of the Kisco River. The depth to groundwater is likely within a few feet of the surface near the western end of the Site, and possibly 20 - 30 feet or more below ground surface in the eastern portion of the Site. The Remedial Investigation encountered groundwater in the 6 Morgan Drive parcel from 3 to 9 feet below the existing ground surface (Carlin-Simpson & Associates, December 2014).

#### 2.6 Chemicals of Potential Concern and Investigation Focus

Based on the findings of the radiological survey (GLESC, 2017), radionuclide contaminated waste material appears to be present at elevated concentrations, likely in select "Hot Spot" areas of the Site. Therefore from the historical results, the contaminants of potential concern for this investigation are: *Radium-226* and *Radium-228* In addition, the following parameters will investigated per request by the NYSDEC: *Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)* and *1,4-dioxane*.

### 3.0 INVESTIGATION PROGRAM

The nature and extent of radionuclide contaminated waste material on the Site was not adequately identified or delineated by the previous radiological and groundwater surveys. Significant areas of the site were inaccessible during the surveys due to the overgrowth of vegetation. Also, three wells were not sampled during the prior investigation because of their small diameter.

The present investigation program focuses primarily on both subject parcels (2 Morgan Drive and 6 Morgan Drive) and will be completed following the clearing of the overgrown vegetation at the Site. The goals of the ISV are to conduct preliminary gamma surveys to support perimeter fence design and installation, to gather logistical reconnaissance for the main investigation phases, and to collect groundwater data for the contaminants of concern.

#### 3.1 **Pre-Investigation Activities**

All radiological work will be performed by CoPhysics Corporation, which possesses a NYSDOH radioactive materials license for D&D.

Additional details on the initial Site activities are included in the subsequent sections.

#### 3.1.1 Radiation Safety Training

Site-Specific Radiation Awareness Training was provided to field personnel to by a Certified Health Physicist from CoPhysics Corporation on May 7, 2018. The following training topics were addressed:

- Atomic Structure and Radioactivity
- Type of Radiation (Demonstration)
- Sources of Radiation
- Radiation Health Risks and Biological Effects
- Radiation Limits
- Radiation Protection
- Measurement of Radiation
- Conducting Radiation Surveys
- Overview of the MARSSIM

At least one of the three personnel who attended the training session should be present for any LiRo field activity. Both the SHSP and PHSO received the training.

#### 3.1.2 Pre-Survey

CoPhysics Corporation will provide a full time radiation technician to monitor radiation levels of equipment and/or personnel during preliminary site activities including brush cutting and perimeter fence stake out.

The radiation technician will monitor radiation levels emitted from equipment (in & out) and areas of soil disturbance during preliminary site activities including brush cutting and perimeter fence stake out using GM and gamma scintillation survey meters. The fence will be installed under the Initial Site Safety Work Plan (ISSWP) activities, installation plans will be finalized after this ISV.

The 2 Morgan Drive Extension (shown on Figure 2) may be less impacted that the main portions of 2 Morgan Drive and 6 Morgan Drive. Ideally, this narrow area would be excluded from the controlled and fenced portion of the site, but only if it can be demonstrated that it has not been significantly impacted. Therefore, a gamma survey will be conducted of this extension prior to the determination of the final fence configuration. The survey area is shown on Figure 3.

The 2 Morgan Drive Extension is present between private residences and Village property. The 2 Morgan Drive Extension survey area will be accessed from the path present partially on the subject parcel and partially on Village property.

A procedure for the Pre-Survey of the 2 Morgan Drive Extension, prepared by CoPhysics is included as Appendix A. The Pre-Survey of the 2 Morgan Drive Extension will be conducted by a qualified technician from CoPhysics and the results will be compiled into a letter report. DEP will coordinate with the DEC regarding the survey scheduling at least one (1) week prior to its execution. The survey will not be undertaken until an access agreement with the owner of the parcel has been secured.

Because NYSDEC has reported possible elevated radiation hot spots north of the unpaved access way on Town/Village property, the gamma Pre-Survey will include survey of the road (road and 5-feet on either side) from Lexington Avenue to its terminus at the Pump Station near the Saw Mill River Parkway.

#### **3.1.3** Fence Survey and Stakeout

LiRo and it subcontractor, GEOD Corporation, will establish the property boundary of the perimeter of 2 Morgan Drive and 6 Morgan Drive. The surveyor may require two visits to the site, first to establish control locations and the basis for the legal boundaries then to stake/mark the boundary and fence line physically in the field. The preliminary fence plan is shown on Figure 2. A New York licensed surveyor will supervise the work. LiRo, GEOD, and DEP will agree to the frequency and nature of the markings prior to their establishment, mindful of any access agreements between the property owners and DEP. The fieldwork and field personnel will be monitored by a technician from CoPhysics Corporation. Brush clearing support, will be provided by CTR under contract directly to DEP. Contamination Monitoring and Decontamination Procedures are included as Appendix B.

### **3.1.4 Perimeter Security Fence**

LiRo has prepared draft plans (plot plan and details) and specifications for a 6-foot high chain link security fence around the perimeter of the site and three vehicle gates. LiRo will modify the design documents as necessary to address DEP and Village/Town comments.

The fence line will be surveyed and staked out under this ISV. The fence will be installed under the Initial Site Safety Work Plan (ISSWP) fieldwork, installation plans will be finalized after this ISV has been completed.

#### 3.1.5 Brush Cutting

Mechanical brush clearing will occur along the Property Line and 2 Morgan Drive Extension as needed to allow the Survey Team access for survey and stake out of the perimeter fence. The brush will be mechanically cleared with no or minimal disturbance of the soil surface. Substantial trees with a diameter greater than 9" will be avoided..

#### 3.2 Gamma Scans

The following Gamma Scan is to be completed as part of Site investigative activities:

1. Site Exterior including the 2 Morgan Drive Extension, unpaved access road and fence line boundary

Radiological survey work shall be performed by CoPhysics Corporation.

CoPhysics personnel will conduct a gamma walkover survey with a gamma scintillation system (Ludlum 2221 meter with 44-10 probe or equivalent). The entire designated area will be surveyed, as access allows. Based on the results of the survey and in accordance with industry practice, fence post locations will be surveyed and staked out, with stake locations scanned and conditions recorded to assess Health and Safety considerations in effect during actual fence post foundation installation.

### 3.3 Environmental Sampling

Collection of groundwater samples from three (3) 1" dia. pre-existing wells will be performed by qualified experienced LiRo personnel. An SOP for Groundwater Sampling is included in this Initial Site Work Plan in Appendix C. Sampling for PFAS requires particular care to avoid contamination by sampling equipment and personnel. For example, all clothing worn by sampling personnel must have been laundered multiple times and the sampler must wear nitrile gloves while filling and sealing the sample bottles. For this sampling event, sampling personnel will follow all the requirements for PFAS sampling for sampling of all parameters. NYSDEC sample protocols for Collection of Groundwater Samples for Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorinated Compounds (PFCs) from Monitoring Wells is included in Appendix C.

The samples will be analyzed by Pace Analytical Laboratories, a NYSDOH Analytical Services Protocol (ASP) certified laboratory for analysis. The laboratory will provide Category B data deliverables. The sampling schedule is presented below:

#### **Table 1 - Summary of Environmental Samples**

Analyte	Primary Samples	Field Duplicate Samples	Matrix Spikes	Equipment Blanks	Total Analyses
Radium-226 (USEPA 903.1)	6*	1	1	0	8
PFAS (USEPA 537)	3	0	1	1	5
1,4-dioxane (USEPA 522)	3	0	1	1	5
Radium-228 (USEPA 904.0)	6*	1	1	0	8

\* Includes filtered & unfiltered samples.

Analytical samples will be collected, cooled to 4°C, preserved per the method requirements, packaged, and transmitted under chain-of-custody to Pace Analytical Laboratories. The samples will be dropped off at the nearest lab facility (in Long Island) each day of sampling for transmittal by the local lab to the certified testing laboratory. Pre-cleaned sampling containers will be supplied by the laboratory. Sampling containers supplied by the laboratory will contain preservatives appropriate to the analysis to be performed.

#### **3.4 Equipment Decontamination Procedures**

All equipment which comes into direct contact with potentially contaminated soil, sediment or groundwater shall be decontaminated prior to leaving the sampling location.

Sampling equipment decontamination procedures will consist of the following:

- 1. Physically remove packed dirt and debris with a stiff bristle long handle brush and water.
- 2. Clean all potentially contaminated surface areas.
- 3. Scrub all potentially contaminated surface areas with a water/industrial detergent soap solution.
- 4. Rinse with clean, potable water to remove any soap.
- 5. Apply a thorough final rinse of deionized water.
- 6. Allow to drip and air dry.

#### 3.5 Sample Labeling

Each sample will be labeled with a unique sample identification number as described below:

#### **Groundwater Samples:**

Site - Matrix Code - Location Code [example: MK-WWTP-RAD 226-01]

Example: The Site (MK-WWTP) refers to Mt. Kisco – WWTP Site The Matrix Code (RAD 226) refers to the matrix being sampled Location Code (01) refers to the well location being sampled

Matrix Codes: RAD 226 - Radium 226 Groundwater PFAS - PFAS Groundwater 1,4-d – 1,4-dioxane Groundwater RAD 228 – Radium 228 Groundwater Field Duplicate and samples will be designated with "DUP"

#### **3.6** Investigation Derived Waste

Gloves, plastic sleeves, tubing and other disposable sampling equipment will be screened using a GM survey meter and visually examined. Any items exhibiting visual, olfactory, or radionuclide evidence of contamination will be drummed for off-site disposal. Otherwise, it will be collected in contractor grade plastic bags and properly disposed as municipal trash.

#### 3.7 Sampling Point Location

LiRo will conduct a thorough site walkover at the beginning of the investigation to identify and mark the locations of the three Groundwater Monitoring Wells on-site. Groundwater wells are shown on Figure 3.

At the completion of activities, groundwater monitoring well locations will be surveyed in Global Positioning System (GPS) format. Horizontal accuracy will be within 1-foot. Vertical accuracy for the groundwater wells will be sufficient to enable the determination of site-specific groundwater flow direction.

#### **3.8 Equipment Calibration**

Portable field instruments shall be calibrated at a licensed calibration facility within the previous year using National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) traceable sources. Instrument functional checks will be performed at least daily when in use. Background and source check readings will be performed as part of the daily instrument check and compared with the normal QC acceptance range for each specific instrument and site conditions.

#### 4.0 **DOCUMENTATION**

Gamma readings of boundary areas and selected ancillary areas of the 16-acre area Site will be performed with a gamma scintillation system. Tables and maps depicting the results will be produced.

A written record documenting daily activities during the Site Investigation shall be maintained in a logbook. Information in this logbook shall include summary of work in progress or work completed each day, quality control information, materials shipped and received, weather conditions, factors affecting productivity, and descriptions of field issues and solutions.

The field activities including the time of collection of each groundwater sample, the sample description, and other pertinent observations will also be documented in a field notebook. In addition, well purging logs will be prepared and provided as appropriate. These forms are presented in Appendix D.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) health and safety training records (e.g., 40-hour, 8-hour, and medical) shall be maintained onsite for personnel who potentially might be exposed to contaminated soil. Operator training and certification documentation for heavy equipment operators shall be verified and maintained onsite. DEP personnel shall be kept informed daily of the status of the investigation activity.

#### 5.0 **REPORTING**

LiRo will prepare a draft completion report that is consistent with industry practice and MARSSIM terminology. Upon DEP acceptance, the completion report will be finalized. The Report will include the following items:

- ✓ Consistency of the data with the site history;
- $\checkmark$  Consistency of the data with regard to previous data rounds;
- ✓ Evaluation of blanks for potential field or laboratory contamination;
- ✓ Evaluation of duplicates for representativeness;
- ✓ Evaluation of the data characteristics (i.e., precision, accuracy, representativeness, comparability, completeness and defensibility) and justification for the use of both compliant and non-compliant data.

Laboratory records, including chain-of-custody documentation for all samples shipped to an offsite laboratory for analysis and test results, shall be reported. All investigation data will be presented in summary tables and shown graphically on scaled site plans as appropriate to the investigation.

The Pre-Survey of the 2 Morgan Drive Extension and unpaved access road will be conducted by a qualified technician from CoPhysics and the results will be compiled into a letter report.

#### 6.0 **REFERENCES**

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- United States Geological Survey (USGS) *Mount Kisco Quadrangle* 7.5 Minute Series, dated 2016.

# FIGURES

Site Location Map
Proposed Perimeter Fence
Site Visit Scope



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DISTANCE FIGURES ARE APPROXIMATE. SEE DWG. 28290 FINAL PLAT LOT LINE CHANGE DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2009

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# **APPENDIX B**

## **BUILDING SPECIFIC RADON SAMPLING PLANS**



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#### SUBJECT: KARAFIN SCHOOL – 40-1 Radio Circle, Mt Kisco, NY Radon Sampling Plan

#### Sampling Plan

The purpose of this sampling plan is to delineate the procedures necessary to conduct sampling at the referenced address. Sampling will be performed from 1300 Hours on 8/24/18 to 1300 Hours on 8/27/18. The method selected for this survey is a modified Protocol for Conducting Measurements of Radon and Radon Decay Products in Schools and Large Buildings (ANSI/AARST MALB 2014). The modification excludes building HVAC evaluation, as requested by DEC/DEP, and expedites sampling according to Section 4.4.2 of the ANSI method, Simultaneous Test Option. Due to the deviation from the ANSI standard of time allowed for building evaluation, the report will clearly state that consistent with the Standard 7.1 we could only assume that the HVAC is in proper working order.

The simultaneous test option provides for data of sufficient quality to allow for both an assessment as well as mitigation decisions, as necessary. Section 4.4.2.1.1 states that the number of blanks should be equal to 5% of the testing locations, thus we are placing 5 Blanks at the location as well as traveling with 2 "Trip" Blanks, which will not enter the testing location.

Sampling devices will be placed in the approximate locations identified in the attached sampling diagram by Certified Radon Measurement Technicians. Each device will be placed in accordance with the short term testing protocols of minimum location off of floor and away from windows, etc. Devices are each individually marked and numbered with a bar code that will be matched up to the room numbers and numbered dots on the floor plan provided. The devices will be secured with tamper evident tape. The devices will be analyzed by RTCA located in Elmsford NY - NY ELAP approved laboratory, lab certification # 10806 (NRSB ARL0001). Results will be verbally reported upon receipt, generally between 48 and 72 hours after receipt and analysis by the laboratory and then followed up by a hard copy report.

Section 3.1 states that Bathrooms and Hallways are generally not tested however, in this case also under Section 3.1, testing should be conducted in all areas in contact with the ground. In this scenario, the bathrooms contain perforations/drains that provide openings through the slab in contact with the



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ground through which radon can infiltrate. Under Section 3.7 – When in doubt test the area. This is being applied to the rationale of the Hallway testing. Due to the urgency of this testing being performed, and the location being an educational facility, thorough testing is viewed as imperative as it will again alleviate the need for long term testing and allow for mitigation decisions to be made if necessary.

The HVAC will be left running during the weekend testing because we are trying to mimic the conditions which the building exhibits during its occupied times, which is while school is in session Monday through Friday.

If there are any questions regarding the placement or analysis of the sampling devices please contact us to discuss them.

Thank you,

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ATTACHMENT 1 SAMPLING DIAGRAM

KARAFIN SCHOOL 40-1 Radio Circle Mt. Kisco, NY



Dots indicate approximate location of duplicate short term sample devices

Orange Dots indicate approximate location of Blanks which will correspond to the room number or Hallway area.

# **APPENDIX C**

### CONTAMINATION MONITORING AND DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURE



# Contamination Monitoring and Decontamination Procedure

## **1. Introduction**

The types of radiological decontamination to be addressed for this project are:

- <u>Equipment and Materials</u>. To remove contamination from equipment to ensure compliance with release criteria.
- <u>Vehicles.</u> To remove contamination from vehicles to prevent spread of contamination and ensure compliance with release criteria.
- <u>*Personnel.*</u> To remove contamination from clothing or personnel to prevent personnel exposure to radiation and prevent the spread of contamination.

Contamination limits to be used for unrestricted release of equipment and materials are provided in Table 5-1 - Acceptable Surface Contamination Limits. Contamination limits for personnel must be non-detectable. Personnel decontamination and evaluation are addressed in detail in the following subsections.

### 2. Definitions

- 1. **CPM**: Counts per minute
- 2. **DPM**: Disintegrations per minute
- 3. **Equipment and Material**: Any item used in a Restricted Area to support work activities (i.e., hand tools, heavy equipment, plastic, etc.).\
- 4. LAW: Large Area Wipe
- 5. **Unrestricted Release**: Release of equipment and / or material to the general public. The equipment and / or material is deemed to meet site release criteria for both total and removable contamination.
- 6. **Frisking**: Scanning of hands, feet and other parts of the body and clothing to ensure that no contamination resides on personnel upon exiting a controlled area. Frisking may also refer to a scan of tools and equipment upon being removed from a controlled area.
- 7. MDA: Minimum Detectable Activity
- 8. **MDC:** Minimum Detectable Concentration
- 9. **HP:** Health Physicist



## 3. Equipment and Supplies

- 1. Personal protective equipment (PPE) including disposable gloves and eye protection. Refer to the Health and Safety Plan for PPE requirements.
- 2. GM Survey meter: Ludlum 44-9 probe and ratemeter reading in cpm (other instruments such as alpha scintillation detectors may be specified by the HP depending on project conditions and objectives)
- 3. Survey forms
- 4. Check Sources
- 5. Paper filter smears such as Whatman #1 or #2
- 6. Masslinn<sup>™</sup> type cloths

### 4. General Instructions

- 1. Prior to conducting any release surveys consult with the HP or designee to ensure that the proper types of instrumentation are used and that the proper set of release criterion will be applied.
- 2. Ensure that all survey instrumentation has been response checked, is operating within control limits, and has not been removed from service.
- 3. Background readings are to be performed prior to use at the point of use.
- 4. Verify that that MDA has been calculated for the background at the point of use and is less than the applicable site release criteria. Refer to the MDA calculation later in this SOP.

## 5. Types of Measurements

#### 5.1. Direct Scans

1. Surfaces shall be dry and cleaned, to the extent practicable, prior to performing direct alpha or beta measurements.

2. Alpha or beta detectors should be placed within <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch of the surface to be surveyed. Use caution to not contaminate or damage the detector surface.

3. Perform a scanning survey of the item. Concentrate survey measurements on areas most likely to be contaminated. The fraction of the total area scanned is subjective, based on the surveyor's experience, or an item's use history. Typically, the scan frequency is a minimum of 10% of accessible surface areas, 100% in many cases.

4. Typically, a scan survey will suffice to free-release an item or to perform personnel frisking. Documentation of the scan may be an indication that the entire surfaced scanned was less than a certain instrument count rate (ensure that the maximum count rate corresponds to a surface contamination level less than the release criteria).



5. Record the measurement on the appropriate survey form(s). The use of diagrams or sketches is recommended. In simple cases, documentation could be a log notation that an item was checked and was < a certain reading.

6. Measurements results should be recorded in units of "dpm" (such as "dpm/100 cm<sup>2</sup>" or "dpm/probe."). However, raw cpm may be recorded if the proper action levels are listed corresponding to the release criteria.

#### 5.2. Static Measurements

1. Static measurements are those with the detector stationary over an area of interest either in scaler (count) mode or in rate mode held for time sufficient to obtain a stable meter reading.

2. Surfaces shall be dry and cleaned, to the extent practicable, prior to performing direct alpha or beta measurements.

3. Alpha or beta detectors should be placed within <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch of the surface to be surveyed. Use caution to not contaminate or damage the detector surface.

4. Static measurements may be used at locations with the highest potential for contamination or to investigate elevated scan readings. The number of survey points selected is subjective, based on surveyor's experience or an item's use history.

5. Static measurement count times shall be appropriate for desired MDAs. Typical count times are 1minute for digital scalers and until a meter reading stabilizes for analog ratemeters.

6. Record and identify all locations surveyed on the appropriate survey form(s). The use of diagrams or sketches is recommended.

7. Measurements results should be recorded in units of "dpm" (such as "dpm/100 cm<sup>2</sup>" or "dpm/probe."). However, raw cpm may be recorded if the proper action levels are listed corresponding to the release criteria.

### **5.3.** Removable Contamination Surveys

1. Cloth or filter paper smears or cotton swabs may be used for smear surveys depending on the nuclide, roughness of the surface to be surveyed, and instrument specifications. Do not use cloth smears for liquid scintillation analysis.

2. A notation (e.g., smear number, date, time, location, etc.) should be made on the smear envelopes to ensure tracking. Smears may also be numbered using a pen or marker prior to use.

3. Using moderate pressure, swipe an area of 100 cm<sup>2</sup> (4-inch square area or equivalent) of the surface at the selected location. Smear surveys should be performed at the same location that direct surveys were performed.

4. Large Area Wipes (LAW), also commonly referred to by the trade name "Masslinn," may be used to supplement smear surveys for removable contamination. The use of LAWs should be documented on the survey form with the notation "LAW" or equivalent.

5. Ensure each used swipe (i.e., smear or large area wipe) is handled, stored, and transferred in such a fashion as to prevent to loss of sampled material or cross-contamination with other personnel and other swipe samples.



6. Smear samples should be counted using available scintillation or gas flow proportional laboratory counters, when practicable. Field instruments may be used for smear counting as the discretion of the HP.

7. LAW samples should be assessed by holding them under the field instrument probe. The use of laboratory counters is inappropriate.

8. Removable contamination survey results shall be reported in units of "dpm" unless otherwise directed by the HP. Examples include "dpm/100cm<sup>2</sup>" and "dpm/LAW."

9. Ensure all results are documented on the appropriate survey form. Lab printouts may be attached and referenced on the survey form.

### **5.4.** Performance of Release Surveys

#### 5.4.1. Release of Equipment and Materials for Unrestricted Use

1. Surveys for both total and removable contamination shall be performed on all equipment, materials, debris slated for disposal to clean landfills, and vehicles which have either been in a Restricted Area or which may be potentially contaminated. However, removable contamination surveys may be disregarded, with HP approval, provided that direct survey measurements and instrument MDAs are below site removable contamination limits for release.

2. The HP may authorize the short-term relocation or staging of equipment / vehicles for direct measurements in any portion of the Controlled Area. This is provided that the item has been verified to be clean of removable contamination prior to removal from a Restricted Area and fixed contamination producing general area dose rates greater than 0.2 mrem/hr is not anticipated.

3. The HP or its designee will determine which items located outside a Restricted Area may be potentially contaminated based on their use, site history, or previous survey data. The potential for these objects to have become contaminated by airborne radioactivity or other pathways must be considered. This could include items that are used to support site activities, such as office equipment, cleaning devices, furniture, trailers, etc., even though direct contact may not have occurred.

4. Items that have a potential for internal contamination of inaccessible surfaces shall be evaluated by the HP or designee prior to release.

5. All items to be released shall be surveyed in such a manner as to fully demonstrate that accessible surfaces comply with surface contamination release per limits.

6. Items that do not meet release criteria shall be decontaminated until release criteria are met or shall be disposed of as radioactive waste.

7. Air intakes / filters on motorized equipment should be surveyed as an indicator of potential internal contamination.

8. To the extent practicable, visible dirt and mud or other material shall be removed from surfaces prior to survey taking care that the dirt itself is free of contamination.

9. The HP or designee, shall review all survey data prior to the release from the Controlled Area.



#### 5.4.2. Personnel Monitoring Upon Leaving the Controlled Area (Frisking)

- 1. Personnel monitoring is normally performed by scanning the hands (both sides) and bottom of shoes (after PPE removal) using the GM detector. Other areas of the body that may have contacted contamination, such as the head, knees, etc., should also be scanned.
- 2. Any scan count rate above background is cause to perform a static measurement of the spot.
- 3. If the static measurement confirms an "above background" reading, the item of clothing shall be removed and decontaminated or disposed. If the elevated reading is of exposed skin, then the skin shall be washed with soap and water and then re-scanned. If contamination persists, contact the HP who will specify additional cleaning methods.



#### 5.4.3. Application of Release Criteria

#### Materials, Equipment, and Vehicles

The release values presented in Table 5-1 below shall be used to determine eligibility for release of materials and equipment for unrestricted use (e.g. tools, trucks, and machinery coming out of the controlled zone, containers, etc.). The NYS values are similar to Regulatory Guide 1.86/USACE EM 385-1-80, Table 1 which are considered standard industry practice.

#### **Table 5-1: Acceptable Surface Contamination Levels**

From NYS Title 10 Part 16

#### APPENDIX 16-A

#### TABLE 7

Application	Alpha (dj	om/100cm <sup>°</sup> )	Beta/Gamma <sup>1</sup>				
	Total	Removable	Total (mR/hr)	Removable (dpm/100cm <sup>*</sup> )			
Controlled area							
Basic guide	25,000 Max. 5,000 Av.	500	1.0	5,000			
Clean area	1,000	100	0.5	1,000			
Non-controlled area							
Skin, personal clothing	500	N.D.ª	0.1	N.D.²			
Release of material or facilities	2,500 (Max.) 500 (Av.)	100	0.2	1,000			

#### RADIOACTIVE SURFACE CONTAMINATION LIMITS

<sup>1</sup> Measured at 1 cm from the surface.

<sup>2</sup> N.D.–non-detectable.

Note: Skin, personal clothing limits to be used for Mt. Kisco WWTP are non-detecable



# 6. Decontamination

### 6.1. Personnel Decontamination

Contamination may be removed from personnel clothing by patting the affected area with tape and resurveying to determine if additional decontamination is necessary. If contamination cannot be reduced to levels below the applicable levels and ALARA, the clothing will be removed from service for disposal as low-level radioactive waste. Where radon progeny contamination is suspected, HP personnel may remove and secure the clothing to allow time to ventilate and decay, then re-survey at a later time to determine if contamination is below applicable levels and ALARA.

Only HP personnel and qualified medical personnel are permitted to decontaminate personnel with skin contamination. The following protocols will be adhered to when performing skin decontamination:

- 1. Survey the affected area and record the types and initial levels of contamination.
- 2. If possible, remove particles of contamination with tape and save the particles for evaluation.
- 3. Attempt localized washing with warm water and soap, ensuring the contamination is not spread to uncontaminated parts of the body. Resurvey the affected area to determine if the contamination has been reduced to levels below the applicable levels and ALARA.
- 4. If contamination persists, decontamination attempts and resurveys may be repeated multiple times but should stop if these methods are ineffective or skin irritation occurs.
- 5. Contaminated wounds of any kind will be decontaminated under the supervision of the project HP. Severe wounds will be decontaminated under the supervision of medical personnel.
- 6. Personnel skin contamination must be reported to the project HP to determine if a skin dose assessment must be performed.
- 7. The results of bodily contamination must be recorded on an Incident Report. At a minimum, the information provided in this report will consist of:
  - Employee name, date, employer, project number, project, supervisor,
  - When contamination occurred, description of the cause, where happened/what specific task,
  - How could contamination have been prevented/corrective actions,
  - Survey data surveyor, instrument information, pre-decontamination, after each decontamination attempt, radionuclide/form, decontamination method(s), whole body results (if applicable),
  - A human figure (front and back views) to locate contamination,
  - Affected employees, Project Manager, and project HP signatures with signature dates
  - A comments/additional information section.

The information requested in this report must be provided as completely and accurately as possible for evaluation of subsequent actions, personnel dose, and for required documentation. This report shall be maintained in the employee's radiation exposure file.

Emergency medical care should be administered immediately for injuries affected by radioactive materials. Medical treatment of injuries shall take precedence over radiological considerations. The staff will provide medical personnel with any necessary radiological support in regards to contamination



control and monitoring of the patient and medical staff. The treatment of radiologically contaminated injuries should include:

- Treatment of contaminated wounds by medically qualified individuals,
- Monitoring of wounds, bandages, and medical instruments and equipment for contamination, and
- Radionuclide identification.

### 6.2. Equipment Decontamination

Contamination may be removed from equipment by simple soap and water cleaning as follows:

- 1. Upon detection of contamination on equipment, determine if simple cleaning with a hand scraper, spray soap and paper towels will suffice to clean a small object or area.
- If a large object is contaminated (e.g., backhoe tracks or truck tires), use a bermed, lined spray down area and power washer for low level soil contamination. If high level surface contamination has occurred, do not use water as a cleaning agent due to possible spread of contamination – contact the HP for an elevated level of contamination control.
- 3. Clean and resurvey the affected area to determine if the contamination has been reduced to levels below the applicable levels and ALARA.
- 4. If contamination persists, decontamination attempts and resurveys may be repeated multiple times but should stop if these methods are ineffective contact the HP for elevated level of decontamination methods.
- Minor cleaning need not be documented. However, the occurrence of significant contamination should be documented along with survey data, decontamination method used, radionuclide, surveyor name, equipment type and owner.

## 7. Documentation

- 1. Release surveys may be documented in wide range of degrees. Simple frisking of tools leaving a controlled area shall be noted in a log. A more in-depth survey form can be used including a sketch of the item with the locations of readings and the results shown. Any abnormal readings and decontaminations performed shall be noted.
- 2. Personnel frisking is usually documented by a log with the individual's name, the time of frisking and the result ("< XX" where XX is the background reading of the instrument). Any abnormal readings and decontaminations performed must be noted.
- 3. Documentation shall include an identification of the instrument used, and the initials or name of the person performing the measurements. Instrument identification may refer to the daily instrument check-in log containing pertinent serial number and calibration information.
- 4. If smears or LAW's are used, lab results, printouts, diagrams, or other supporting documentation shall be attached.
- 5. If a survey form is used, it shall be submitted to the HP or designee, for final review and approval signature.



6. Survey documentation shall be maintained according to established document control and retention requirements.

## 8. References

- 1. NYSDOH Sanitary Code Title 10 Part 16
- 2. 10 CFR 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."
- 3. EM 385-1-80 "Radiation Protection Manual," United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
- 4. NRC Regulatory Guide 1.86.



### **Appendix A – Calculations**

#### A. Sample Activity - for scaler count instruments

$$DPM/100cm2 = \left(\begin{array}{c} TotalSampleCounts\\ SampleCountTime\end{array}\right) - \left(\begin{array}{c} TotalBkgCounts\\ BkgCountTime\end{array}\right)$$

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Where:

- E = Instrument Efficiency
- A = Area correction factor, if applicable equals actual divided by area used to generate efficiency.

#### B. Minimum Detectable Activity (MDA) - for scaler count instruments

The following MDA equation is to be used for a background count time equal to the sample count time:

MDA = 
$$\left( \frac{(3+4.65\sqrt{(B*T)})}{(E)(A)(Ts)} \right)$$

Where:

T's = Sample count time E = Instrument efficiency

A = Area correction factor, if applicable

B = Background cpm

The following equation is to be used for a background count time equal to 5 or more times the sample count time:

MDA = 
$$\left( \frac{(3+3.29\sqrt{B^*T})}{(E)(A)(Ts)} \right)$$



#### C. Minimum Detectable Concentration for Scanning Instruments (MDCscan)

The following MDC equation is to be used for a count rate based scan:

MDC<sub>scan</sub> = 
$$\left(\frac{MDCR}{\sqrt{pEiEs(A/100cm2)}}\right)$$

Where:

MDCR = Minimum Detectable Count Rate =si x (60/i)

 $si = 1.38 x \sqrt{bi}$ 

*bi* =bkg counts in the observation interval

i =observation interval-the time a source remains under the probe (~1or 2 sec)

Ei = Instrument efficiency

*Es* = Surface efficiency (re: self sbsorption)

P =Surveyor efficiency (assume 0.5)

A = Probe Area, if applicable