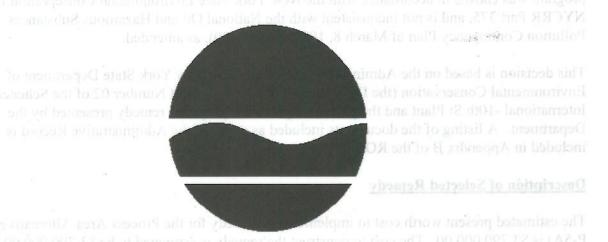
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DECLARATION STATEMENT - RECORD OF DECISION

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Statement of Purpose and Basis

This document presents the remedy for Operable Unit Number 02 of the Schenectady International -10th St Plant site, a Class 2 inactive hazardous waste disposal site. The remedial program was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, 6 NYCRR Part 375, and is not inconsistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan of March 8, 1990 (40CFR300), as amended.

This decision is based on the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) for Operable Unit Number 02 of the Schenectady International -10th St Plant and the public's input to the proposed remedy presented by the Department. A listing of the documents included as a part of the Administrative Record is included in Appendix B of the ROD.

Description of Selected Remedy

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy for the Process Area Alternative P-5A) is \$3,790,000.00. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$3,790,000.00 and the estimated average annual cost is \$0.00. The annual cost is \$0.00 because this cost is part of the remedy for Operational Unit Number 1.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy for the Fill Area (Alternative F-3) is \$500,000.00. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$500,000.00 and the estimated average annual cost is \$0.00. The annual cost is \$0.00 because this cost is part of the remedy for Operational Unit Number 1.

The elements of the proposed remedy are as follows:

Process Area Alternative P-5A (Thermally-Enhanced SVE):

1. A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance and monitoring of the remedial program. Selection of the soil heating technology will be made with the approval of the Department based on its effectiveness. If the heating technology is not effective, thermal desorption (Alternative P-7A) will be implemented.

- 2. In order to facilitate in-situ treatment of impacted soils on the Site, it will be necessary to first remove existing surface slabs, building footings, and other surface obstructions present in the Process Area. The portion of concrete is estimated to be on the order of 170 cubic yards of concrete.
- 3. In order to backfill areas where concrete and associated soil is removed, approximately 2,500 tons of clean fill will be imported to the Process Area. Backfill material imported to the site will meet the requirements for commercial use as set forth in 6NYCRR part 375-6.7(d).
- 4. Thermally enhanced SVE using conduction or convective technology will be installed using Geoprobe™ or conventional drilling techniques. SVE units will be installed to a minimum depth of 12 feet and will likely be extended an additional two to three feet into the groundwater.
- 5. A dewatering system will be required to lower the water level 2 to 3 feet to maximize the total column of unsaturated soil and allow treatment of the total area.
- 6. It is also anticipated that after an initial period of continuous heating and vacuum extraction, the system will be modified to cyclic pulsing of alternating extraction and injection (biosparging) to optimize for bioremediation of SVOCs.
- 7. A thermally-enhanced SVE system will require treatment of VOCs in the air/off-gases emitted from the SVE system. Carbon adsorption or equivalent technology, in which pollutants are removed from the soil vapor extracted from the ground, has been used for estimating purposes and will require additional piping and treatment units on-site during remedial activities.
- 8. The level of cleanup will be monitored. Based on the success of remediation, SI Group may be able to request termination of the groundwater collection in the Process Area. It has been estimated that the Groundwater Collection System (GWCS) will remain in operation for approximately fifteen years following remediation. However, it will not terminate until protection of groundwater SCOs are achieved.
- 9. Figure 7 lays out the boundaries of the area to be subject to in-situ treatment...

Fill Area Alternative F-3 (Permeable Cap and Natural Attenuation):

- 10. In order to facilitate the implementation of this alternative, it will be necessary to first remove existing surface slabs, the loading dock and other surface obstructions present in the Fill Area. Product or other man made materials will be removed, tested and disposed of off-site.
- 11. In order to backfill areas where concrete is removed, approximately 50 yd³ of clean fill will need to be imported to the Fill Area.

- 12. A permeable cover system will be installed over the Fill Area to further contain the contamination present in the waste mass while also encouraging the maximum amount of surface water to flow through the waste mass to the GWCS. The cap will be installed to tie into the existing Fill Area features (i.e. the Treatment Facility) and topography to the extent possible. Following the installation of the cover system, it will be necessary to modify existing monitoring/pumping wells.
- 13. It is expected that monitoring wells will be used to monitor the attenuation of the residual contamination; however, the contaminant concentrations are not expected to reach the cleanup goals for a minimum of 30 years across the entire Fill Area.
- 14. Figure 7 lays out the boundaries of the permeable cap.

The following applies to the entire site:

- 15. A site cover will be installed in areas not addressed by the permeable cap to allow for industrial use of the site. The cover will consist either of the structures such as buildings, pavement, sidewalks comprising the site development or a soil cover in areas where the upper one foot of exposed surface soil exceeds the industrial soil cleanup objectives (SCOs). Where the soil cover is required it will be a minimum of one foot of soil, meeting the SCOs for cover material as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d). The soil cover will be placed over a demarcation layer. The upper six inches of the soil will be of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetation layer. Non-vegetated areas (buildings, roadways, parking lots, etc.) will be covered by either a paving system or concrete at least 6 inches thick
- 16. The operation of the components of the remedy will continue until the remedial objectives have been achieved, or until the Department determines that continued operation is technically impracticable or not feasible.
 - 17. To maximize the net environmental benefit, green remediation and sustainability efforts will be considered in the design and implementation of the remedy to the extent practicable, including:
 - energy efficiency
 - reducing green house gas emissions
 - encouraging low carbon technologies
 - conserve natural resources
 - increase recycling and reuse of clean materials
 - preserve open space and working landscapes
 - design cover systems to be usable for habitat or recreation
 - 18. The Department will impose institutional controls in the form of an environmental easement that:

- (a) requires the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls in accordance with Part 375-1.8 (h)(3).
- (b) land use is subject to local zoning laws, the remedy allows the use and development of the controlled property for industrial use only.
- (c) restricts the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the Department, NYSDOH or County DOH;
- (d) prohibits agriculture or vegetable gardens on the controlled property;
- (e) requires compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan;
- 19. Since the remedy results in contamination remaining at the site that does not allow for unrestricted use, a Site Management Plan is required, which includes the following:
 - (a) an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site and details the steps and media-specific requirements necessary to assure the following institutional and/or engineering controls remain in place and effective:

Institutional Controls:

The Environmental Easement discussed in Paragraph 19 above.

Engineering Controls:

The soil cover discussed in Paragraph 16.

This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- (i) Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;
- (ii) descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use, and groundwater use restrictions;
- (iii) provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;
- (iv) maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
- (v) the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls;
- (b) a Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy. The plan includes, but is not limited to:

- (i) monitoring of groundwater to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy and the attenuation of the residual contamination;
 - (ii) schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the Department; and
 - (iii) provision to evaluate the potential for soil vapor intrusion for existing buildings if building use changes significantly or if a vacant building become occupied and for any buildings developed on the site, including provision for mitigation of any impacts identified.
 - (c) an Operation and Maintenance Plan to assure continued operation, maintenance, monitoring, inspection, and reporting of for any mechanical or physical components of the remedy. The plan includes, but is not limited to:
 - (i) compliance monitoring of treatment systems to assure proper O&M as well as providing the data for any necessary permit or permit equivalent reporting;
 - (ii) maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
 - (iii) providing the Department access to the site and O&M records.

New York State Department of Health Acceptance

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

Declaration

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

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Division of Environmental Remediation

RECORD OF DECISION

Schenectady International -10th St Plant Schenectady, Schenectady County Site No. 447007 October 2010

SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has selected a remedy for the above referenced site. The disposal of contaminants at the site has resulted in threats to public health and the environment that will be addressed by the remedy. The disposal or release of contaminants at this site, as more fully described in this document, has contaminated various environmental media. Contaminants include hazardous waste and/or petroleum.

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

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

SECTION 2: SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

The SI Group plant at Congress Street and Tenth Avenue is a former chemical manufacturing facility located at this location since 1910 in the City of Schenectady, Schenectady County. It is Site No. 447007 on the NYS Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (Registry). The site is approximately 7.0 acres in size and is located southwest of the intersection of 10th Street and Congress Street. Residences in a suburban neighborhood are 400 feet to the north and east of the site. The facility sits on a steep embankment. At the bottom of this embankment is Cowhorn Creek, a Class C stream (suitable for fish survival and propagation). Railroad tracks and a service road lie south of the site and outside of the security fence. A spur from the railroad and an area that previously contained tanks are uphill (partly up the embankment) from the swale and inside the security fence. In July 1996, the Department made the decision to split the site into two operable units. An operable unit represents a portion of the site remedy that for technical or administrative reasons can be addressed separately to eliminate or mitigate a release, threat of release or exposure pathway resulting from the site contamination. The first operable unit, (OU1), addressed terminating the pathways by which the contaminants were being released offsite. The ROD for OU1, issued in March 1998, required the installation of groundwater

extraction wells and a treatment system. The system is currently active. Operable Unit (OU) No. 2 consists of the Fill area that is an area in the southwest corner of the facility where materials from the operations were placed, and the Process area that is the area on-site that was historically used for chemical processing, storage and handling. From the early 1900's to 1997, SI Group manufactured insulating coatings and other chemical products at their Congress Street facility. Spills, ranging from a few gallons to a few hundred gallons, over the period of operation have contaminated a significant volume of soils. Contaminated soils are beneath the former process buildings, in transportation areas, southwest of the process buildings and up to the "swale area" between the facility and the railroad tracks.

Operable Unit (OU) Number 02, which is the subject of this document, consists of the Fill area that is an area in the southwest corner of the facility where materials from the operations were placed, and the Process area that is the area on-site that was historically used for chemical processing, storage and handling.

A site location map is attached as Figure 1.

SECTION 3: LAND USE AND PHYSICAL SETTING

The Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonable anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings when assessing the nature and extent of contamination. For this site, alternatives that may restrict the use of the site to criteria as described in Part 375-1.8(g) were evaluated in addition to unrestricted SCGs.

A comparison of the appropriate SCGs for the identified land use against the unrestricted use SCGs for the site contaminants is available in the RI/FS.

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 PRP for the site, documented to date, is SI Group Inc.

The Department and SI Group entered into a Consent Order (#R-0888-90-12) in August 22, 1997. The Order obligates the responsible parties to implement a full remedial program.

SECTION 5: SITE CONTAMINATION

5.1: Summary of the Remedial Investigation

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

The following general activities are conducted during an RI:

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

5.1.1: Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs)

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

To determine whether the contaminants identified in various media are present at levels of concern, the data from the RI were compared to media-specific SCGs. The Department has developed SCGs for groundwater, surface water, sediments, and soil. The NYSDOH has developed SCGs for drinking water and soil vapor intrusion. The tables found in Exhibit A list the applicable SCG in the footnotes. For a full listing of all SCGs see: http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2393.html

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The data has identified contaminants of concern. A "contaminant of concern" is a hazardous waste that is sufficiently present in frequency and concentration in the environment to require evaluation for remedial action. Not all contaminants identified on the property are contaminants of concern. The nature and extent of contamination and environmental media requiring action are summarized in section 5.4. Additionally, the RI Report contains a full discussion of the data. The contaminant(s) of concern identified at this site is/are:

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total cresols and acrylic acid) (F004) xylene, acetone and ethylbenzene (F003) phenols (U188) naphthalene based compounds (U165)

As illustrated in Exhibit A, the contaminant(s) of concern exceed the applicable standards, criteria and guidance for:

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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 issuance of the Record of Decision.

Product (a mixture of naphthalene, xylene and toluene) floating on the groundwater table was found in several groundwater monitoring wells. This Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL) originated from releases that had occurred in the Process area including a tank spill circa 1974. Beginning in July 2008, extraction by bailer was conducted on a weekly, then monthly and now on a quarterly basis to remove as much LNAPL as possible before a final remedy for OU2 is implemented.

5.3: Summary of Human Exposure Pathways

This section describes the current or potential human exposures to persons at or around the site that may result from the contamination. A more detailed discussion of the human exposure pathways can be found in the RI Report (or appropriate document) available at the document repository. 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.

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.

Contaminated surface water in a ditch which receives runoff from the site was accessible to local residents. A fence has been installed around this area. The Cowhorn Creek, which receives the ditch outfall, is not contaminated. Groundwater contamination has been confirmed. However,

ingestion of contaminated groundwater is not expected because residents in the area are served by a public water supply source.

5.4: Summary of Environmental Assessment

This section summarizes the assessment of existing and potential future environmental impacts presented by the site. Environmental impacts may include existing and potential future exposure pathways to fish and wildlife receptors, wetlands, groundwater resources, and surface water. The Fish and Wildlife Impact Analysis (FWIA), which is included in the RI report, presents a detailed discussion of the existing and potential impacts from the site to fish and wildlife receptors.

Soils are contaminated with various organic compounds. A report received in March 1988 confirmed ethylbenzene, xylene, naphthalene, and phenolic contamination in groundwater.

A Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for Operable Unit 1 was completed in 1998, and a Record of Decision (ROD) was signed in March 1999. The ROD required: installation of a groundwater collection trench, installation of groundwater recovery wells (in areas outside the capture zone of the collection trench), and construction of a groundwater pump and treat (p&t) system for the collected groundwater.

Cowhorn Creek is located along the southern and western boundaries of the SI Group Congress Street facility and represents the primary receptor for contaminants migrating from the site (Figure 2). The Groundwater Collection System (OU1) addresses the migration of contaminants offsite and is monitored daily and evaluated quarterly to assure that the system is operating as designed.

The extent of contaminated soils under the buildings (which have been demolished) have been addressed by a supplemental RI to fill in the data gaps. The final results of a pilot test (at the RJ facility) have determined that a thermally enhanced SVE system is a viable technology for these remaining soils.

SECTION 6: SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

To be selected the remedy must be protective of human health and the environment, be costeffective, 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 Site were identified, screened and evaluated.

A summary of the remedial alternatives that were considered for this site is presented in Exhibit B. Cost information is presented in the form of present worth, which 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 are not achieved.

6.1: Evaluation of Remedial Alternatives

The criteria to which potential remedial alternatives are compared are defined in 6 NYCRR Part 375. A detailed discussion of the evaluation criteria and comparative analysis is included in the Feasibility Study 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. <u>Protection of Human Health and the Environment.</u> This criterion is an overall evaluation of each alternative's ability to protect public health and the environment.
- 2. <u>Compliance with New York State Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs).</u> 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 Department has determined to be applicable on a case-specific basis.

The next six "primary balancing criteria" are used to compare the positive and negative aspects of each of the remedial strategies.

- 3. <u>Long-term Effectiveness and Permanence.</u> 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.
- 4. <u>Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility or Volume.</u> Preference is given to alternatives that permanently and significantly reduce the toxicity, mobility or volume of the wastes at the site.
- 5. <u>Short-term Impacts and Effectiveness.</u> 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.
- 6. <u>Implementability</u>. 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.
- 7. <u>Cost-Effectiveness</u>. Capital costs and annual 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.

- 8. <u>Land Use.</u> When cleanup to pre-disposal conditions is determined to be infeasible, the Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonable anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings in the selection of the soil remedy. The final criterion, Community Acceptance, is considered a "modifying criterion" and is taken into account after evaluating those above. It is evaluated after public comments on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan have been received.
- 9. <u>Community Acceptance.</u> Concerns of the community regarding the investigation, the evaluation of alternatives, and the PRAP are evaluated. A responsiveness summary will be prepared that describes public comments received and the manner in which the Department will address the concerns raised. If the selected remedy differs significantly from the proposed remedy, notices to the public will be issued describing the differences and reasons for the changes.

6.2: Elements of the Remedy per printed live medges II ve become the action of the Remedy

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

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy for the Process Area (Alternative P-5A) is \$3,790,000.00. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$3,790,000.00 and the estimated average annual cost is \$0.00. The annual cost is \$0.00 because this cost is part of the remedy for Operational Unit Number 1.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy for the Fill Area (Alternative F-3) is \$500,000.00. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$500,000.00 and the estimated average annual cost is \$0.00. The annual cost is \$0.00 because this cost is part of the remedy for Operational Unit Number 1.

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

Process Area Alternative P-5A (Thermally-Enhanced SVE):

- 1. A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance and monitoring of the remedial program. Selection of the soil heating technology will be made with the approval of the Department based on its effectiveness. If the heating technology is not effective, thermal desorption (Alternative P-7A) will be implemented.
 - 2. In order to facilitate in-situ treatment of impacted soils on the Site, it will be necessary to first remove existing surface slabs, building footings, and other surface obstructions present in the Process Area. The portion of concrete is estimated to be on the order of 170 cubic yards of concrete.
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- 5. A dewatering system will be required to lower the water level 2 to 3 feet to maximize the total column of unsaturated soil and allow treatment of the total area.
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- 7. A thermally-enhanced SVE system will require treatment of VOCs in the air/off-gases emitted from the SVE system. Carbon adsorption or equivalent technology, in which pollutants are removed from the soil vapor extracted from the ground, has been used for estimating purposes and will require additional piping and treatment units on-site during remedial activities.
- 8. The level of cleanup will be monitored. Based on the success of remediation, SI Group may be able to request termination of the groundwater collection in the Process Area. It has been estimated that the Groundwater Collection System (GWCS) will remain in operation for approximately fifteen years following remediation.

 However, it will not terminate until protection of groundwater SCOs are achieved.
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Fill Area Alternative F-3 (Permeable Cap and Natural Attenuation):

- 10. In order to facilitate the implementation of this alternative, it will be necessary to first remove existing surface slabs, the loading dock and other surface obstructions present in the Fill Area. Product or other man made materials will be removed, tested and disposed of off-site.
- 11. In order to backfill areas where concrete is removed, approximately 50 yd³ of clean fill will need to be imported to the Fill Area.
- 12. A permeable cover system will be installed over the Fill Area to further contain the contamination present in the waste mass while also encouraging the maximum amount of surface water to flow through the waste mass to the GWCS. The cap will be installed to tie into the existing Fill Area features (i.e. the Treatment Facility) and topography to the extent possible. Following the installation of the cover system, it will be necessary to modify existing monitoring/pumping wells.

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- 14. Figure 7 lays out the boundaries of the permeable cap.

The following applies to the entire site:

- 15. A site cover will be installed in areas not addressed by the permeable cap to allow for industrial use of the site. The cover will consist either of the structures such as buildings, pavement, sidewalks comprising the site development or a soil cover in areas where the upper one foot of exposed surface soil exceeds the industrial soil cleanup objectives (SCOs). Where the soil cover is required it will be a minimum of one foot of soil, meeting the SCOs for cover material as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d). The soil cover will be placed over a demarcation layer. The upper six inches of the soil will be of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetation layer. Nonvegetated areas (buildings, roadways, parking lots, etc.) will be covered by either a paving system or concrete at least 6 inches thick
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 - energy efficiency
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- 18. The Department will impose institutional controls in the form of an environmental easement that:
 - (a) requires the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls in accordance with Part 375-1.8 (h)(3).
 - (b) land use is subject to local zoning laws, the remedy allows the use and development of the controlled property for industrial use only.

- restricts the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the Department, NYSDOH or County DOH;
 - (d) prohibits agriculture or vegetable gardens on the controlled property;
 - (e) requires compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan;
 - 19. Since the remedy results in contamination remaining at the site that does not allow for unrestricted use, a Site Management Plan is required, which includes the following:
 - (a) an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site and details the steps and media-specific requirements necessary to assure the following institutional and/or engineering controls remain in place and effective:

Institutional Controls:

The Environmental Easement discussed in Paragraph 19 above.

Engineering Controls:

The soil cover discussed in Paragraph 16.

This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- (i) Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;
- (ii) descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use, and groundwater use restrictions;
- (iii) provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;
- (iv) maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
- (v) the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls;
- (b) a Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy. The plan includes, but is not limited to:
 - (i) monitoring of groundwater to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy and the attenuation of the residual contamination;
 - (ii) schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the Department; and

- (iii) provision to evaluate the potential for soil vapor intrusion for existing buildings if building use changes significantly or if a vacant building become occupied and for any buildings developed on the site, including provision for mitigation of any impacts identified.
- (c) an Operation and Maintenance Plan to assure continued operation, maintenance, monitoring, inspection, and reporting of for any mechanical or physical components of the remedy. The plan includes, but is not limited to:
 - (i) compliance monitoring of treatment systems to assure proper
 O&M as well as providing the data for any necessary permit or permit equivalent reporting;
 - (ii) maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
 - (iii) providing the Department access to the site and O&M records.

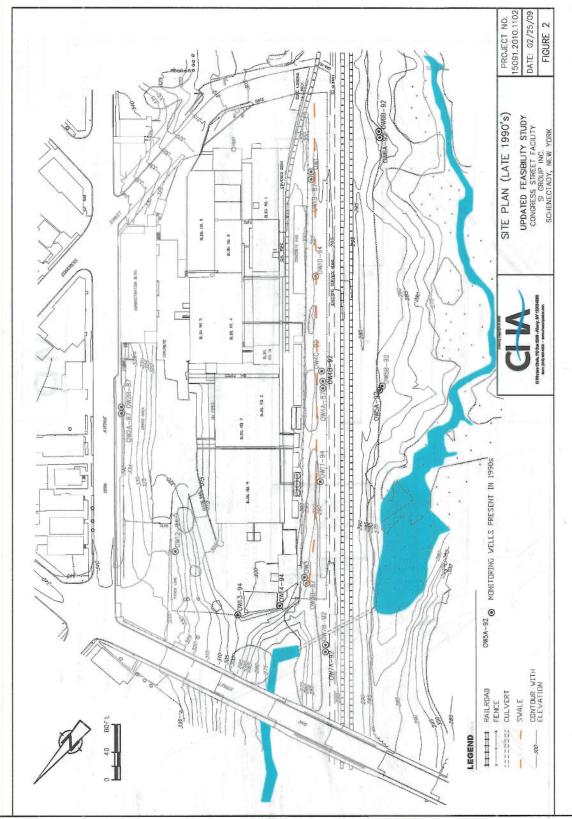


Figure 2: SI Group Congress Street Facility (before demolition).

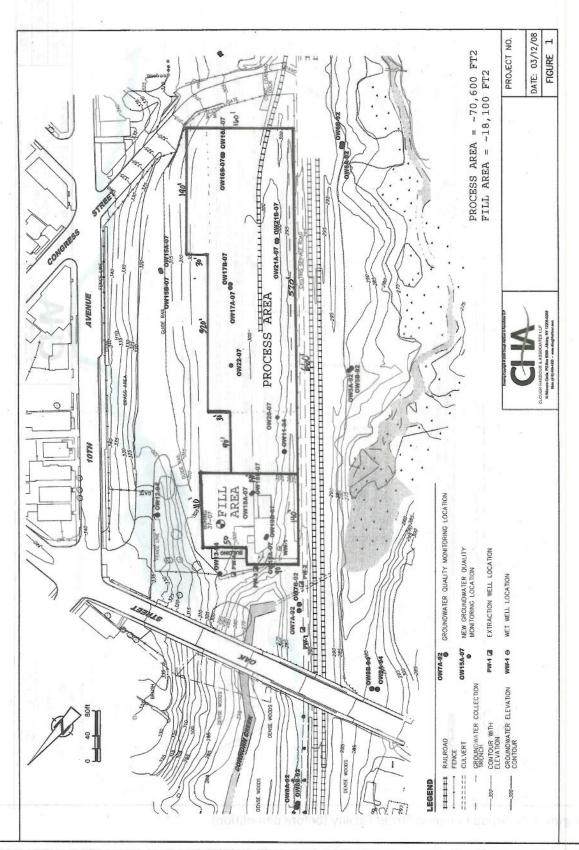


Figure 3: Areas of Concern for Operational Unit 2

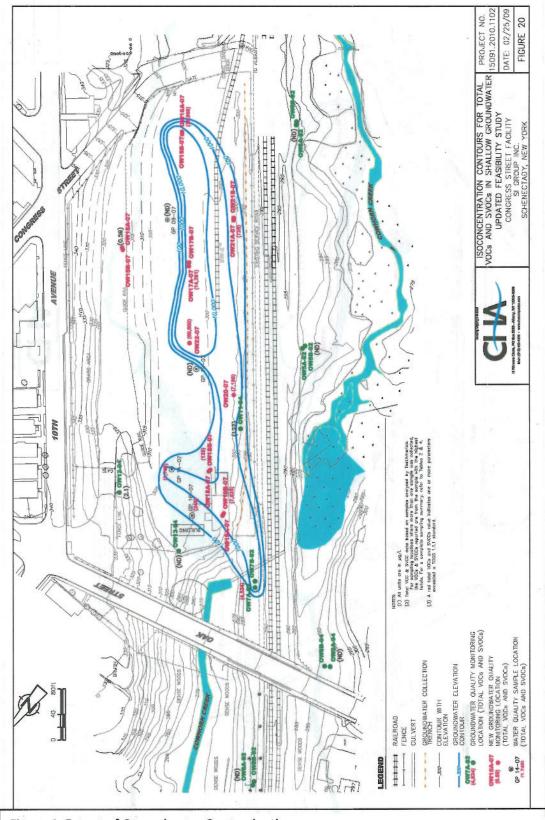
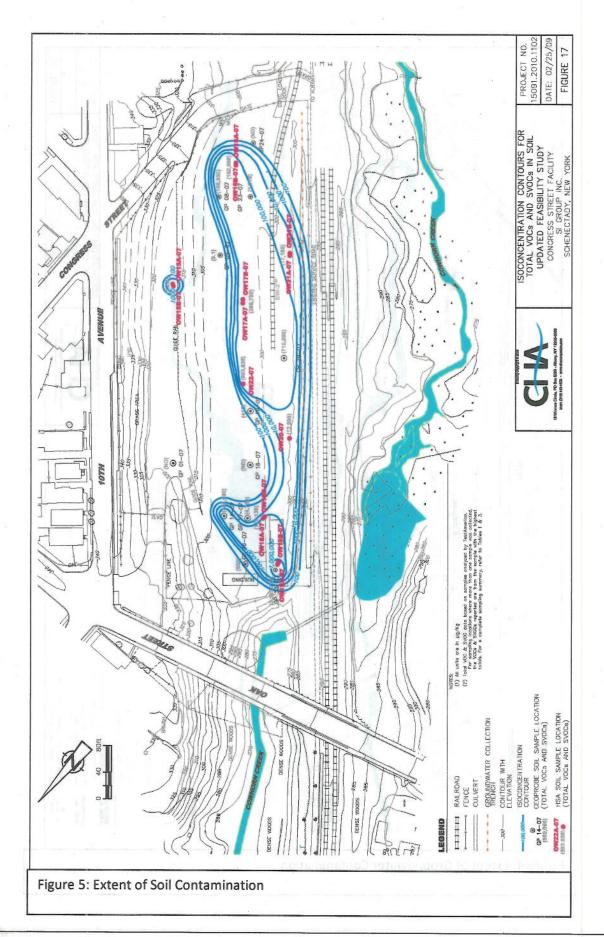
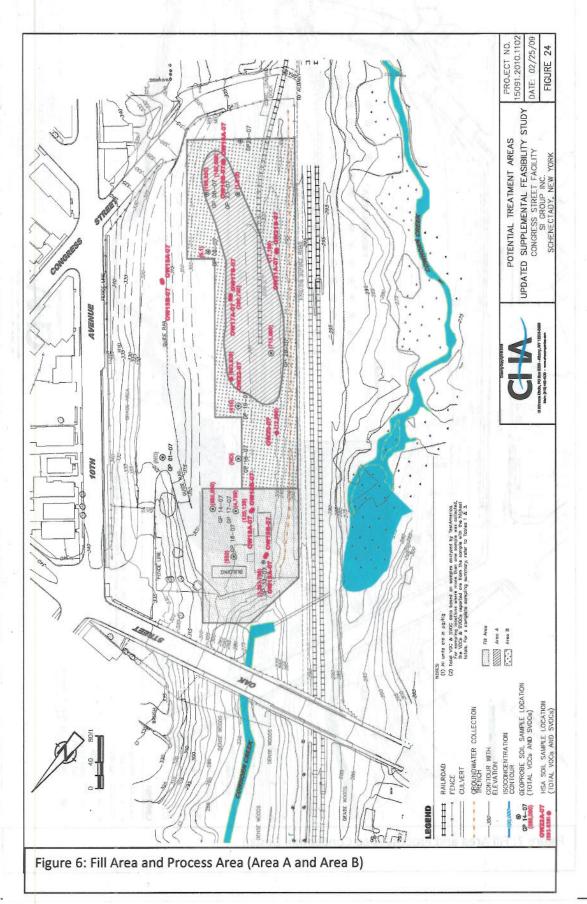


Figure 4: Extent of Groundwater Contamination





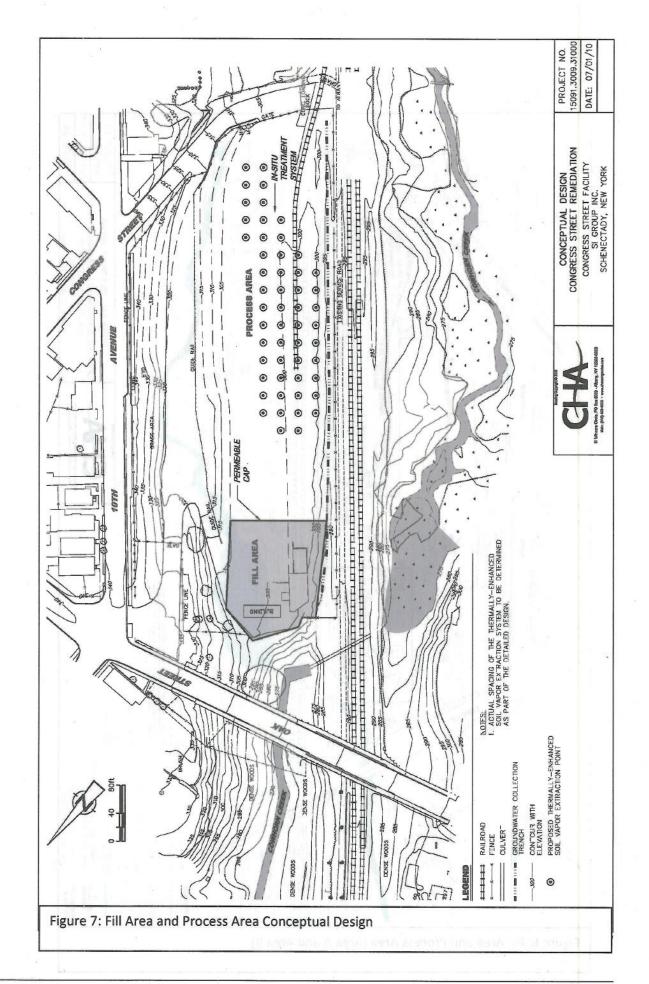


Exhibit A

Nature and Extent of Contamination

This section describes the findings of the Remedial investigation. As described in the RI report, waste/ source materials were identified at the site and are impacting groundwater, and soil.

Waste/Source Areas

Wastes are defined in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.2 (aw) and include solid, industrial and/or hazardous wastes. Source Areas are defined in 6 NYCRR Part 375 (au). Source areas are areas of concern at a site were substantial quantities of contaminants are found which can migrate and release significant levels of contaminants to another environmental medium. Wastes and Source areas were identified at the site include product (a mixture of naphthalene, xylene and toluene) floating on the groundwater table in the Process area; and a black tar-like material (cresols) found in the subsurface of the Fill area and under and between concrete slabs in the Process area (Figure 2).

Certain of the waste/source areas identified at the site were addressed by the IRM(s) described in Section 5.2. The remaining waste/source area(s) identified during the RI will be addressed in the remedy selection process.

This section describes the findings for all environmental media that were evaluated. As described in the RI report, groundwater, soil, and soil vapor intrusion samples were collected to characterize the nature and extent of contamination.

For each media, a table summarizes the findings of the investigation. The tables present the range of contamination found at the site in the media and compares the data with the applicable SCGs for the site. The contaminants are arranged into four categories; volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), pesticides/ polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and inorganics (metals). For comparison purposes the SCGs are provided for each medium that allows for unrestricted use. For soil, if applicable, the Restricted Use SCG identified in Section 3 are also presented.

Groundwater

Groundwater samples were collected from monitoring wells and the direct push/Geoprobe® drilling program. The samples were collected to assess groundwater conditions onsite for the purpose of selecting a remedy for OU2. Contaminants detected above the groundwater standards are shown in Table #1.

	Table #1 - Groundwater		
Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected	SCG ^b (ppb)	Frequency Exceeding SCG
VOCs	ouching groundwa	if the site and are imp	waste source materials were identified a
Benzene	.35-31	1	8 of 45
Ethylbenzene	3.8-14,000	5	17 of 45
Toluene	.77-10,000	YCER Part 375 7 (au)	12 of 45
Total Xylenes	.59-45,000	n is 5 sansament i is 5 sansament i i	19 of 45
SVOCs	inslene, kytene se like material teres	a (a mistage of na ar- mea, and a black far-	war graemmed at the site atomes; produc on the atomic water table in the Process i
2,4-Dimethyphenol	1.8-990	between concerns sl	15 of 45
Methylnapthalene	1.4-1700	50	4 of 45
2-Methylphenol	1.9-420	o area(s) identifiq d	9 of 45
4-Methylphenol	.46-2500	1	12 of 45
Acenaphthene	.63-190	20 (1900) 100	4 of 45
Benzo(A)Anthracen e	36	.002	1 of 45 materials to the residence of
Di-N-Butylphthalate	1000 T nobegi	indungs of the 65 csl	1 of 45 manual older a paiform there were
Fluoranthene	52	50	1 of 45
Fluorene Harrisoldov	1.2-120	C compounds (02 D	1 of 45
Napthalene	.65-3100	10 100 101 121	12 of 45
Phenanthrene	1.9-200	50	1 of 45
Phenol	.89-150	1 _{minwhamoro}	8 of 45
Pyrene	63.3	50	1 of 45

a - ppb: parts per billion, which is equivalent to micrograms per liter, ug/L, in water.
b- SCG: Standard Criteria or Guidance - Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values (TOGs 1.1.1), 6
NYCRR Part 703, Surface water and Groundwater Quality Standards, and Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary
Code (10 NYCRR Part 5).

The primary groundwater contaminants are benzene, toluene, xylene, naphthalene and phenol. The extent of the shallow groundwater contamination (above 15 feet) is shown in Figure 4. There is little deep groundwater contamination (below 15 feet).

Based on the findings of the Updated RI, the disposal of hazardous waste (spills) has resulted in the contamination of groundwater. Migration of contaminated groundwater offsite is controlled by the Groundwater Extraction System installed as part of the remedy for OU1.

Soil

Soil samples were collected from the surface down to the water table throughout the site during the RI. Little to no contamination was detected below the water table. Contaminants detected above the unrestricted SCG's are shown in Table #2. There were no exceedences of metal SCOs.

		Table #2 - Soil		Cd)Pyrene	
Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) ^a	Unrestricted SCG ^b (ppm)	Restricted Industrial Use SCG ^c (ppm)		
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Acetone	0.01-2.8	0.05	1000	5 of 24	
Benzene	0.003-0.89	0.06	89	3 of 24	
Ethylbenzene	0.002-190	feet in confu	780 led Lemon alone	7 of 24	
Methylene Chloride	0.004-0.220	0.05	1000	1 of 24	
Toluene	2-240	0.7 minim 19	en located belo 0001	5 of 24 mi elomody	
Total Xylenes	0.12-710	0. 26	1000	10 of 24	
SVOCs		8			
2-Methylnapthalene	0.073-63	36.4	s of the Remedial mae of soil	1 of 24	
2-Methylphenol	0.11-100	0.1		4 of 24	
2-Nitroaniline	130	0.4		1 of 24	
4-Methylphenol	0.057-580	or inbusic 2.0°	potential for soil vaso	4 of 24	
Benzo(A)Anthracene	0.12-6.1	anu yo nauautay ani yo nauautay	communication was re	2 of 24	
Benzo(A)Pyrene	0.096-4.1	1		6 of 24	
Benzo(B)Fluoranthene	0.13-7.1	co con rapora further inve l ts	ns at levels requiring		
Benzo(K)Fluoranthene	0.078-2.8	0.8	l vapor intrusion if bli	1 of 24	
Dibenzo(A,H)	0.072-2.3	0.33		4 of 24	

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Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) ^a	Unrestricted SCG ^b (ppm)	Restricted Industrial Use SCG ^c (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCG
Anthracene	water table through	ice down to the	Meeted from the surf	Soil samples were in
Di-N-Butylphthalate	0.35-120	8.1 Ca slag 1.8	d SCO's are shown i	2 of 24
Indeno(1,2,3-Cd)Pyrene	0.074-7	0.5 lio2 - SaoidaT		1 of 24
Napthalene	0.086-180	12		5 of 24
Phenol	0.12-210	0.33	Concentration Range Detected	5 of 24

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

The primary soil contaminants are benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, xylene, naphthalene and phenols. Figure 5 shows the extent of the contamination. The majority of the soil contamination in the Fill area is phenols located below 15 feet in contrast to the Process area where the contamination is benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, xylene, naphthalene located above 15 feet. Comparing the soil contamination to the groundwater contamination we have concluded that the phenols in the Fill area located below 15 feet minimally contribute to the site's total groundwater contamination. The Process area soil contamination therefore contributes most of the groundwater contamination.

Based on the findings of the Remedial Investigation, the disposal of hazardous waste has resulted in the contamination of soil.

Soil Vapor Intrusion

The evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion resulting from the presence of site related soil and groundwater contamination was evaluated by the sampling of soil vapor. At this site no buildings were present in impacted areas, so only soil vapor was evaluated.

Based on the soil vapor results, contaminated soil vapor does not appear to be migrating from the site to off-site locations at levels requiring further investigations. However, there is a potential for exposures via soil vapor intrusion if buildings are constructed on-site in the future.

A site management plan developed for the site shall include an evaluation for the potential that

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

c - SCG: Part 375-6.8(b), Restricted Industrial Use Soil Cleanup Objectives; For the compounds that do not have a listed soil cleanup objective, the Department may develop cleanup standards using the Technical Support Document.

soil vapor intrusion might occur in any buildings constructed on-site in the future. (See Section 6.2).

SUMMARY OF THE IGMEDIATION OBJECTIVES

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

The remedial objectives for this site are:

Public Health Protection

Prevent people from drinking groundwater with contaminant levels exceeding drinking

Prevent contact with contaminated groundwater:

Prevent misalation of contaminants from groundwater.

Prevent ingestion direct contact with contaminated soil

Prevent inhalation of contaminants volatilizing from the soil

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Restore the groundwater againer to meet ambient groundwater quality criteria, to the extent leasible.

Prevent discharge of contaminated moundwater to surface water

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Prevent angration of contaminants that will result in groundwater or surface water contamination

Prevent impacts to brota from ingestion/direct contact with soil causing toxicity or impacts from inoncentialion through the terrestrial food chain

Exhibit B

SUMMARY OF THE REMEDIATION OBJECTIVES

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

The remedial objectives for this site are:

Public Health Protection

Groundwater

- Prevent people from drinking groundwater with contaminant levels exceeding drinking water standards.
- Prevent contact with contaminated groundwater.
- Prevent inhalation of contaminants from groundwater.

Soil

- Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.
- Prevent inhalation of contaminants volatilizing from the soil.

Environmental Protection

Groundwater

- Restore the groundwater aquifer to meet ambient groundwater quality criteria, to the extent feasible.
- Prevent discharge of contaminated groundwater to surface water.

Soil

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

Exhibit C

Description of Remedial Alternatives

The following alternatives were considered based on the remedial action objectives (see Exhibit B) to address the contaminated media identified at the site as describe in Section 5:

Due to distinct soil and engineering concerns the site is divided into two areas for remediation purposes: Process and Fill Areas (Figure 3). Alternatives are presented for each area and designated with "P" for Process Area and "F" for Fill Area.

*Note: For all the remedial alternatives the Groundwater Collection System (OU1) will continue to operate, providing hydraulic containment of the contaminated groundwater. The annual cost for OU1 is \$194,000 and the present worth assuming 30 years of operation and a 5% discount rate is \$2,980,000 (Table 20 of Updated FS). The annual costs (if any) for OU2 are included in the Capital Cost for each alternative.

The following alternatives were considered to address the contaminated media identified for the Process Area:

Alternative P-1: No Further Action

The No Further Action Alternative recognizes the remediation of the site completed by the IRM(s) described in Section 5.2. This alternative leaves the site in its present condition and does not provide any additional protection of the environment.

Alternative P-2: Permeable Soil Cover with Site Management

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- Installation of a Permeable Soil Cover over the Process Area Agencies of the Coldan answered
- Institutional/Engineering Controls and a state of the s
- Natural Attenuation on the being recovered scattered in informed adjusted like the most a becomes
- Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring
- Site Management Plan

This alternative consists of the excavation of all concrete slabs and footings and installation of a one foot thick permeable soil cover system across the Process Area. Natural attenuation of the contaminated soils will occur in conjunction with the Groundwater Collection System (OU1).

This alternative is expected to achieve industrial SCOs for the Process Area.

Present Worth:	\$1,426,000*
Capital Cost:	\$1,426,000
Annual Costs:	

Alternative P-3: Excavation (Restoration to Pre-Disposal or Unrestricted Conditions)

This alternative achieves all of the SCGs discussed in Section 5.1.1 and soil meets the unrestricted soil clean objectives listed in Part 375-6.8 (a). This alternative will include:

- · Excavation of Impacted Soils in Process Area, Off-site Disposal
- Institutional/Engineering Controls purpleses. Process and Fill Arens (Figure 3). Alternatives are presented for each area and designated

Under this alternative all on-site debris and soils located in the vadose zone (above the water table) of the Process Area, which exceed the unrestrictive SCOs will be excavated and transported off-site for disposal. Approximately 91,500 cubic yards of soil and debris will be removed. Clean fill will then be brought in to replace the excavated soil and establish the designed grades at the site. There is no contamination below the vadose zone.

This alternative is expected to achieve unrestricted SCOs and protection of groundwater SCOs for the Process Area.

Capital Cost: \$56,290,000

Alternative P-4: Limited Excavation

This alternative will include: 10 to 1000 to 1

- Limited Excavation of Impacted Soils in Process Area, Off-site Disposal not recyrde any additional protection of the environment.
- Institutional/Engineering Controls
- · Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring
- Site Management Plan

Under this alternative the most contaminated debris and soils located in the vadose zone (above the water table) of the Process Area, which exceed the unrestricted SCOs will be excavated and transported off-site for disposal. Approximately 14,570 cubic yards of soil and debris will be removed. Clean fill will then be brought in to replace the excavated soil and establish the designed grades at the site. Approximately 96% of the contamination will be removed with the remainder of the soil remediated by natural attenuation during the operational period of the Groundwater Collection System (OU1).

This alternative is expected to achieve unrestricted SCOs for the Process Area.

Present Worth: \$12,160,000* Capital Cost: \$12,160,000 Annual Costs: \$0*

Alternative P-5: Thermally-Enhanced Soil Vapor Extraction

This alternative will include:

- In-Situ Treatment in Process Area Using Thermally-Enhanced SVE
- Bioventing/Biosparging
- · Removal of Slabs, Surface Obstructions and Building Footings
- Institutional/Engineering Controls
- · Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring
- Site Management Plan

Soil vapor extraction (SVE) is an in-situ technology used to treat volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil. The process physically removes contaminants from the soil by applying a vacuum to a SVE well that has been installed into the vadose zone (the area below the ground but above the water table). The vacuum draws air through the soil matrix which carries the VOCs from the soil to the SVE well. The air extracted from the SVE wells is then run through an activated carbon treatment canister or equivalent system to remove the VOCs before the air is discharged to the atmosphere.

Thermally enhanced SVE uses conduction (e.g., using hot water in pipes) or convection (e.g., hot-air injection) to transmit heat through the unsaturated zone to increase the volatilization rate of both volatiles and semi-volatiles and to facilitate extraction. Both heating technologies were tested at SI Group's Rotterdam Junction facility (RJ) for two years and found to be equally effective. Since the soils and contamination at Rotterdam Junction are similar to that at SI Group's Congress Street facility, the results of this study are being used in this document.

Using the extraction wells already in place, SVE is followed by bioventing or biosparging to promote natural biodegradation of semi-volatile organics (SVOCs), which are not as effectively removed by SVE as volatiles. Bioventing provides oxygen to stimulate naturally occurring soil microorganisms to degrade compounds in unsaturated zones. Biosparging is the cyclic pulsing of alternating air extraction and injection to optimize for the bioremediation of SVOCs.

Cost estimates for the treatment of two different areas have been prepared for the Process Area (Figure 6). Alternative P-5A treats only Area A (26,260 ft2) and is expected to address approximately 96% of the contaminant mass in the Process Area. Alternative P-5B treats Areas A and B of the designated Process Area and is expected to address approximately 98% of the contamination in the Process Area. These variations were prepared to enable the comparison with both Alternative 4, which treats a limited area, and Alternative 3, which addresses the entire Process Area. The relative costs to treat the additional area will also be applicable to Alternatives P-6 and P-7.

This alternative is expected to achieve industrial SCOs for the Process Area.

Alternative P-5A

Present Worth: \$3,790,000*

Capital Cost: \$3,790,000

Annual Costs: \$0*

Alternative P-5B

Present Worth: \$7,050,000*

Capital Cost: \$7,050,000

Annual Costs: \$0*

Alternative P-6: Multi-Phase Extraction

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- In-Situ Treatment in Process Area Using Multi-Phase Extraction
- Removal of Slabs, Surface Obstructions and Building Footings
- Institutional/Engineering Controls
- · Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring
- Site Management Plan

Multi-phase extraction (MPE) involves removal of contaminated groundwater, free-phase product contamination, and soil vapors from a common extraction well under vacuum conditions. Essentially, MPE is the coupling of soil vapor extraction (SVE) and groundwater pump and treat. Groundwater recovery is achieved by pumping at or below the water table. The applied vacuum extracts soil vapor and enhances groundwater recovery.

A network of SVE/dewatering wells will be installed to a minimum depth of 12 feet and will likely be extended an additional 2 to 3 feet below the groundwater. In order to effectively remove contaminant mass, the groundwater will be lowered 2 to 3 feet to allow the remediation of the entire area by SVE. It is anticipated that a dual-pump multi-phase extraction unit will be used. This method of remediation will allow for removal of the VOCs and an appreciable fraction of the SVOCs. The enhanced air flow through the subsurface will increase the volume and percentage of oxygen available in the subsurface to aid in biodegradation of the organics that are not removed. It is anticipated that the system will operate continuously for up to two years. After this, it is expected that vapor concentrations may decline to a level that post extraction treatment is not necessary. At that time, it is anticipated that the system will be modified to a cyclic pulsing of alternating air extraction and injection to optimize for bioremediation of SVOCs or to passive bioventing.

This system is expected to achieve the restricted industrial SCOs for the Process Area.

A	Alternative P-6A (Area A)	
\boldsymbol{F}	Present Worth:	\$3,480,000*
	Capital Cost:	
A	Innual Costs:	\$0*

Alternative P-6B (Area A and B)	
Present Worth:	
Capital Cost:	
Annual Costs:	\$0*

Alternative P-7: In-Situ Treatment Using ISTD

This alternative will include:

- In-Situ Treatment Using in-situ thermal desorption (ISTD)
- · Removal of Slabs, Surface Obstructions and Building Footings
- Institutional/ Engineering Controls
- Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring
- Site Management Plan

Soils and waste containing VOCs and SVOCs will be remediated by in-situ thermal desorption (ISTD). In ISTD, soil is heated in-situ to higher temperatures than typically used for thermally-enhanced SVE (Alternative P5). Volatile and semi-volatile contaminants are vaporized and rise to the unsaturated zone where they are removed by vacuum extraction and then run through an activated carbon treatment canister or equivalent system to remove the VOCs before the air is discharged to the atmosphere.

Benefits of ISTD include the ability to treat and/or destroy a wide range of contaminants. In addition, ISTD can treat free product in the form of LNAPL. However, costs associated with this technology are high due to the energy required and extensive operation and maintenance costs. Furthermore, SVOCs are not as readily treated as VOCs.

Alternative P-7 includes installation of vertical ISTD heaters at approximately 12 ft spacing for a total of approximately 250 heater-only wells for Area A and 640 for Areas A and B (Figure 6). Vapors will be extracted from approximately 50 or 125 vertical multi-phase extraction wells, respectively. The heaters will extend to a minimum depth of 12 feet and will likely be extended an additional two to three feet into the groundwater. Off-gas treatment will include an un-heated vapor collection manifold, a condensing front end prior to vapor treatment, and liquid separation with granular-activated carbon (GAC) for condensate and groundwater treatment. The non-condensable vapors will be treated by a thermal oxidizer.

These alternatives are expected to achieve the restricted industrial SCOs for the Process Area.

Alternative P-7A (Area A)	Annual Costs
Present Worth:	\$6,220,000*
Capital Cost:	

Annual Costs:	
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Alternative P-7B (Area A and B)	Present Worth:
Present Worth:	\$10,430,000*
Capital Cost:	\$10,430,000
Annual Costs:	

The following alternatives were considered to address the contaminated media identified for the Fill Area:

Alternative F-1: No Further Action

The No Further Action Alternative recognizes the remediation of the site completed by the IRM(s) described in Section 5.2. This alternative leaves the site in its present condition and does not provide any additional protection of the environment.

Alternative F-2: Capping with Site Management

This alternative includes:

- Installation of an Impervious Cap over the Fill Area
- Institutional/Engineering Controls
- Long-Term Groundwater Hydraulic Containment, On-site Treatment
- Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring
- Site Management Plan

The installation of an impermeable cap, with continued operation of the GWCS, will reduce the current level of risk to human health and the environment associated with the Fill Area by further isolating the waste mass and associated contamination. The cap will restrict the infiltration of precipitation and surface water and will be installed over most existing concrete slabs and asphalt. Based on the known presence of landfill materials (construction/demolition debris, etc.) as well as the tar-like contamination identified during the Updated RI, it is anticipated that restricting the infiltration of surface water will reduce the leaching of contaminants into the groundwater.

This alternative is expected to achieve industrial restricted SCOs for the Fill area.

Present Worth:	\$280,000*
Capital Cost:	\$280,000
Annual Costs:	

Alternative F-3: Permeable Cap and Natural Attenuation

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- Institutional/Engineering Controls and design the personal and application of applications and applications and applications and applications are applications and applications are applicated and appli
- Installation of a Permeable Cap over the Fill Area
- Long-Term Groundwater Hydraulic Containment, On-site Treatment
- Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring
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Natural attenuation is a remedial method that reduces the mass and concentration of contaminants in the environment without human intervention. Long-term monitoring of the site conditions is needed to confirm whether or not the contaminants are being degraded at reasonable rates to ensure protection of human health and the environment. Site data should clearly indicate whether concentrations of contaminated media are being adequately reduced without active remediation.

The installation of a permeable cap, with continued operation of the GWCS, will reduce the current level of risk to human health and the environment associated with the Fill Area by further isolating the waste mass and associated contamination. The permeable cap will promote the infiltration of precipitation and surface water, enhancing natural soil flushing and thus removing contaminants at a higher rate. Based on the known presence of landfill materials (construction/demolition debris, etc.) as well as the black tar-like contamination identified during the Updated RI, it is anticipated that enhancing the infiltration of surface water will increase the leaching of contaminants into the groundwater, which will then be removed and treated by the Alternative F-5 is the partial excavation and removal of the contaminated material above. 20WD

Atternative F-5: Limited Excavation

This alternative is expected to achieve industrial restricted SCOs for the Fill area.

Present Worth:	\$500,000*	
Capital Cost:	\$500,000	
Annual Costs:	80*	

Alternative F-4: Restoration to Pre-Disposal or Unrestricted Conditions.

This alternative will include:

- · Excavation of Impacted Soils in Fill Area, Off-site Disposal
- Relocation of Treatment Facility
- Institutional/Engineering Controls
- Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring

Under this alternative all on-site soils located in the vadose zone (above the water table) of the Fill area which exceed Unrestricted SCOs will be excavated and transported off-site for disposal. Approximately 40,400 cubic yards of soil and debris will be removed. Clean fill will then be brought in to replace the excavated soil and establish the designed grades at the site.

Engineering and institutional controls will be used during remediation of the Fill Area. The GWCS will continue to be operated until the groundwater meets the RAOs. An extensive stabilization system will need to be implemented to facilitate waste and soil excavation given the inherent slope instability.

This alternative is expected to achieve unrestrictive SCOs and protection of groundwater SCOs for the Fill Area.

Capital Cost: \$29,810,000

Alternative F-5: Limited Excavation

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- Limited Excavation of Impacted Soils in Fill Area, Off-site Disposal
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- Institutional/Engineering Controls
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Alternative F-5 is the partial excavation and removal of the contaminated material above unrestricted SCOs in the Fill Area. The excavation will use conventional benching and shoring techniques. Upon completion of the excavation, a permeable cap will be placed over the waste mass remaining in place. Engineering and institutional controls will be used to restrict disturbance of the Fill Area. The GWCS will continue to be operated in the long-term to control groundwater migration from the area. A long-term groundwater and surface water monitoring program will be maintained to ensure containment of the Fill Area. Alternative F-5 is similar to Alternative F-4, but will not remove all of waste mass in the Fill Area.

This alternative is expected to achieve unrestricted SCOs for the Fill area.

 Present Worth:
 \$6,690,000*

 Capital Cost:
 \$6,690,000

 Annual Costs:
 \$0*

Alternative F-6: Soil Vapor Extraction and Capping

This alternative includes:

• In-Situ Treatment in Fill Area Using Conventional SVE

- Installation of a Permeable Cap over the Fill Area
- Removal of Slabs, Surface Obstructions and Building Footings (excepting Treatment Facility)
- Institutional/Engineering Controls
- Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring
- Site Management Plan

Alternative F-6 is the in-situ treatment of the Fill Area using conventional soil vapor extraction (SVE) technology (see Alternative P-5). Following removal of the VOCs, the system will be converted to biosparging to promote bioremediation of the waste mass. A permeable cap (see Alternative F-3) will be placed over the Fill Area since the SVE system will only remove a small component of the waste mass. Engineering and institutional controls will be used to restrict disturbance of the Fill Area since contamination and solid waste materials will remain. The GWCS will continue to be operated in the long term to control groundwater migration from the area and to remove contaminated groundwater from the Fill Area. A groundwater and surface water monitoring program will be maintained to ensure containment of the Fill Area. In addition, Alternative F-6 includes the removal of surface slabs, the loading dock, and other surface obstructions as well as in-situ treatment using conventional SVE and biosparging.

This technology will not address contamination present within the black tar-like material observed in the Fill Area, as demonstrated during the treatability analyses conducted by SI Group (see Section 2.7.3.1 of the Updated FS), nor will it address solid waste materials. Therefore, while the technology will remove some contamination in the short term, the GWCS will need to continue operating in order to remove and treat contaminated groundwater.

This alternative is expected to achieve industrial restricted SCOs for the Fill Area.

Present Worth:	\$6,040,000*
Capital Cost:	
Annual Costs:	\$0*

Alternative F-7: Thermally-Enhanced In-Situ Treatment

This alternative includes:

- In-Situ Treatment in Fill Area Using Thermally-Enhanced SVE
- Bioventing/Biosparging
- Installation of Permeable Cap over the Fill Area
- Removal of Slabs, Surface Obstructions and Building Footings (excepting Treatment Facility)

A network of SVE dewatering wells will be installed to depths ranging from 15 to 28 feet

- Institutional/Engineering Controls
- Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring
- Site Management Plan

Alternative F-7 is the in-situ treatment of some contamination in the Fill Area using thermally-enhanced SVE followed by biosparging (see Alternative P-5). A permeable cap will be placed over the Fill Area since the SVE system will only remove a small portion of the waste mass.

Engineering and institutional controls will be used to restrict disturbance of the Fill Area since contamination and solid waste materials will remain. The GWCS will continue to be operated in the long term to control groundwater migration from the area and to remove contaminated groundwater from the Fill Area. A long term groundwater and surface water monitoring program will be maintained to ensure containment of the Fill Area.

This technology will not address contamination present within the black tar-like material observed in the Fill Area, as demonstrated during the treatability analyses conducted by SI Group (see Section 2.7.3.1), nor will it address solid waste materials. Therefore, while the technology will remove some additional contamination in the short-term, the GWCS will need to continue operating in order to remove and treat contaminated groundwater.

This alternative is expected to achieve industrial restricted SCOs for the Fill Area.

Present Worth:		
Capital Cost:	sena noitemiautanos semblas tos. Ilive vac	\$6,600,000
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Alternative F-8: Multi-Phase Extraction

This alternative includes:

- In-Situ Treatment in Fill Area Using Multi-Phase Extraction
- Bioventing/Biosparging
- Installation of Permeable Cap over the Fill Area
- · Removal of Slabs, Surface Obstructions and Building Footings (excepting Treatment Facility)
- Institutional/Engineering Controls
- · Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring
- Site Management Plan

Alternative F-8 includes the in-situ treatment of some contamination in the Fill Area using multiphase extraction technology (see Alternative P-6).

Following removal of the VOCs, the system will be converted to biosparging to promote bioremediation of the waste mass. A permeable cap will be placed over the Fill Area since the MPE system will only remove a small portion of the contamination in the waste mass. Engineering and institutional controls will be used to restrict disturbance of the Fill Area since contamination and solid waste materials will remain.

A network of SVE/dewatering wells will be installed to depths ranging from 15 to 28 feet depending on location within the Fill Area. Wells will be installed on a 25-foot grid to maximize

efficiency of the system. This method of remediation will allow for removal of the volatile organic compounds. The enhanced air flow through the subsurface will increase the volume and percentage of oxygen available in the subsurface to aid in biodegradation of the waste. Lowering the groundwater will increase the area available for treatment.

This technology will not address contamination present within the black tar-like material observed in the Fill Area, as demonstrated during the treatability analyses conducted by SI Group (see Section 2.7.3.1 of RI), nor will it address solid waste materials. Therefore, while the technology will remove some contamination in the short-term, the GWCS will continue to operate, removing and treating contaminated groundwater. The majority of contamination, as well as the solid waste materials, will remain in the Fill Area and will thus require that a permeable cover system be installed. It is expected that the monitoring program will continue to monitor the reduction in contaminant levels in the Fill Area.

This alternative is expected to achieve industrial restricted SCOs for the Fill Area.

Present Worth:	\$6,070,000*
Capital Cost:	
Annual Costs:	

P-7B; ISTD Area A and B [10,430,000 | 50*

Fill Area Remedial Alternative Costs

Remedial Alternative		Annual Costs (S)	Total Present Worth (8)
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	280,000		
F-3: Permeable Cap and Natural. Attenuation	500,000		
		\$0*	28,940,000*
F-6: Conventional SVE			
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Table 3

Remedial Alternative Costs

Process Area Remedial Alternative Costs

Remedial Alternative	Capital Cost (\$)	Annual Costs (\$)	Total Present Worth (\$)
P-1: No Action de slide soldstadt.	soud waste materous	\$0* 10 Him non (0	\$0*
P-2: Capping molecules to vino	1,426,000	\$0*soo garias	1,426,000*
P-3: Excavation	55,420,000	\$0*	55,420,000*
P-4: Limited Excavation	12,160,000	\$0* of Imminumpoo	12,160,000*
P-5A: Thermal SVE Area A	3,790,000	\$0*	3,790,000*
P-5B: Thermal SVE Area A and B	7,050,000	\$0*	7,050,000*
P-6A: Multi-Phase Area A	3,480,000	\$0*	3,480,000*
P-6B: Multi-Phase Area A and B	6,750,000	\$0*	6,750,000*
P-7A: ISTD Area A	6,220,000	\$0*	6,220,000*
P-7B: ISTD Area A and B	10,430,000	\$0*	10,430,000*

Table 4
Fill Area Remedial Alternative Costs

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F-1: No Action	0	\$0*	\$0*
F-2: Capping	280,000	\$0*	280,000*
F-3: Permeable Cap and Natural Attenuation	500,000	\$0*	500,000*
F-4: Excavation	28,940,000	\$0*	28,940,000*
F-5: Limited Excavation	6,690,000	\$0*	6,690,000*
F-6: Conventional SVE	6,040,000	\$0*	6,040,000*
F-7: Thermal SVE	6,600,000	\$0*	6,600,000*
F-8: Multi-Phase	6,070,000	\$0*	6,070,000*

Exhibit E

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED REMEDY

The Department is proposing Alternative F-3 (Permeable Cap) for the Fill Area and for the Process area P-5A (In-Situ Treatment of Area A Using Enhanced Soil Vapor Extraction and Biosparging and Natural Attenuation of Area B of the Process Area) with Alternative P-7A as a contingency if the results from P-5A are deemed unsatisfactory by the Department. The elements of each remedy are described in section 6.2.

Basis for Selection

The proposed remedies are based on the results of the RI and the evaluation of alternatives.

Process Area:

<u>Threshold criteria</u> - Alternative P-1 (No Further Action) provides no additional protection to public health and the environment and will not be evaluated further. All of the other alternatives for the process area meet these criteria.

Long-term Effectiveness and Permanence – Alternative P-2 (Physical Containment via a Permeable Cap) does not remove any waste and relies on natural attenuation; thus, this alternative does not have much long-term effectiveness or permanence. Alternative P-3 has the most effectiveness and permanence, since it calls for the complete removal of the contamination. Alternatives P-4 through P-7 will not remove all of the contamination, but the magnitude of remaining risks will be low, the engineering controls will limit the risks and the reliability of the controls is good.

Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility or Volume – Alternative P-2 does not remove any waste and relies on natural attenuation; thus, the reduction of toxicity or volume of contamination will be minimal, while the mobility of the contamination could potentially increase. Alternative P-3 (Excavation) will result in the greatest reduction of toxicity, mobility and volume, since it calls for the complete removal of the contamination. Alternatives P-4 through P-7 will not remove all of the contamination, but will permanently and significantly reduce in varying degrees the toxicity, mobility and volume of the current contamination; at a minimum, all of these alternatives will reduce the contamination down to at least industrial soil SCOs.

Short-term Impacts and Effectiveness – Alternative P-2 will have a minimal short-term impact and will only take a few months to complete. Alternative P-3 will have a large short-term impact because of the amount of material to be removed and the number of trucks needed to remove that soil; this alternative will last only a few months. Alternative P-4 (Partial Excavation) is similar to the impacts and time of Alternative P-3, but will have smaller impacts and take less time. Alternatives P-5 through P-7 will have small short-term impacts because the small amount of soil to be removed and the control of any air emissions, but could take several years to complete.

<u>Implementability</u> - All of the Alternatives should have little technical or administrative difficulties, although Alternative P-3 will require a large amount of removal equipment and trucks.

<u>Cost-Effectiveness</u> – The costs for each Alternative are laid out in Table 3 above. Of all of the Alternatives, Alternative P-5A (Treatment of Area A and Natural Attenuation of Area B) is the most cost effective because it is less expensive; will have significant long-term effectiveness and permanence through the removal of approximately 96% of the contamination in the Process Area and the remediation of the remaining contamination through pump & treat and natural attenuation; will have little short-term impact; and is easily implemented.

<u>Land Use</u> – Other than Alternative P-3, the unrestricted SCOs may not be achieved. Current zoning of the property will only allow industrial use. It is expected that Alternatives P-2, and P-4 through P-7 will clean up the soils to industrial SCOs.

<u>Community Acceptance</u> – The community appears to accept this proposed remedy with some minor comments.

Fill Area:

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Long-term Effectiveness and Permanence – Alternative F-2 (Impervious Cap) does not remove any waste and relies on natural attenuation; thus, this alternative does not have much long-term effectiveness or permanence. Alternative F-3 (Pervious Cap) has some long-term effectiveness/permanence because it does allow precipitation to penetrate the cap and mobilize the contaminants, so that they can be removed by the groundwater pump and treat system of OU1. Alternative F-4 (Excavation) has the most effectiveness and permanence, since it calls for the complete removal of the contamination. Alternatives F-5 through F-8 will not remove all of the contamination, but the magnitude of remaining risks will be low, the controls will limit the risks and the reliability of the controls is good.

Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility or Volume – Alternative F-2 does not remove any waste and relies on natural attenuation; thus, the reduction of toxicity or volume of contamination will be minimal, while the mobility of the contamination could potentially increase. Alternative F-3 does not remove any waste, but, since it will allow the penetration of precipitation and will funnel the contaminants to the groundwater pump and treat system, it will reduce the toxicity and volume of waste. Alternative F-4 will result in the greatest reduction of toxicity, mobility and volume, since it calls for the complete removal of the contamination. Alternatives F-5 through F-8 will not remove all of the contamination, but will permanently and significantly reduce in varying degrees the toxicity, mobility and volume of the current contamination; at a minimum, all of these alternatives will reduce the contamination down to at least industrial soil SCOs.

Short-term Impacts and Effectiveness – Alternatives F-2 and F-3 will have a minimum short-term impact and will only take a few months to complete. Alternative F-4 will have a large short-term impact because of the amount of material to be removed and the number of trucks needed to remove that soil; this alternative will last only a few months. Alternative F-5 (Limited excavation) is similar to the impacts and time of Alternative F-4, but smaller impacts and less time. Alternatives F-6 through F-8 will have small short-term impacts because the small amount of soil to be removed and the control of any air emissions, but could take several years to complete.

Implementability - Alternatives F-2, F-3 and F-6 through F-8 should have little technical or administrative difficulties. Alternatives F-4 and F-5 will require a large amount of specialized removal equipment because the contaminants are located 15 feet below ground; a large number of trucks because the amount of material to be removed is large; and be difficult to accomplish because it impact on the nearby structure.

Cost-Effectiveness – The costs for each Alternative are laid out in Table 4 above. Of all of the Alternatives, Alternative F-3 (Installation of a Permeable Cap and Natural Attenuation) is the most cost effective because it is less expensive; will have long-term effectiveness and permanence by funneling the contamination to the pump & treat where they will be removed and natural attenuation; will have little short-term impact; and is easily implemented.

<u>Land Use</u> – Other than Alternative F-4, the unrestricted SCOs may not be achieved. SIG has indicated that they want the property to be used only for industrial purposes. It is expected that Alternatives F-2 through F-7 will clean up the soils to industrial SCOs.

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APPENDIX A

Schenectady International - 10th St. Plant

Responsiveness Summary

State Superfund Project.

City of Schenectady, Schenectady County, New York, Site No. 447007

The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Schenectady International -10th St Plansate, 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 assued to the document repositories on September 15, 2010. The PRAP outlined the remedial measure proposed for the contaminated soil, and groundwater at the Schenectady international 10th St Plant site.

The release of the PRAP was announced by sending a notice to the public contact list, informing the public of the opportunity to comment on the proposed remetly. A public meeting was held or experiment 2.2010, which included a presentation of the namedial investigation and feasibility study (RIFS) for the Schenectady international -10th St Plant as well as a discussion of the proposed remedy. The meeting provided an opportunity for citizens to discuss their concernt, ask questions and comment on the proposed remedy. These comments have become part of the Administrative Record for this site. The public comment period for the PRAP ended on October 15, 2010.

This responsiveness summary responds to all questions and comments raised during the public comment period. The following are the comments received, with the Department's responses:

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RESPONSE

Excavation to remove the bulk of the contamination was evaluated by the Feasibility Study and it was determined that this is not the best option. Excavation has impacts beyond the monetary cost. Short term impacts such as increased truck maffic and noise would be greatly increased for an extended period of time to implement the removal alternative. The risk for autisance odors is also increased because an open excavation of contaminated soil would be exposed for an extended time. Also, the full removal would require significant shoring and bracing of existing buildings and measures to maintain the stability of the slopes in the area to be excavated. The in-situ treatment remedy selected will achieve similar cleanup levels resulting in a comparable degree of protection of public

RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

Schenectady International – 10th St. Plant
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COMMENT 1: Why can't we excavate and remove all the contamination regardless of cost?

RESPONSE 1:

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COMMENT 2: Why hurry the cleanup? Why not let nature take its course?

RESPONSE 2: Some of the contamination will be remediated using "natural" attenuation and the existing groundwater treatment system. However for the most heavily contaminated soils use of in-situ treatment will speed up the cleanup of the site significantly, allowing groundwater and soil to meet applicable SCGs in a more timely manner. The Department believes that the selected remedy will achieve the cleanup goals while achieving the best balance of costs, effectiveness, implementability, and reduction of toxicity, mobility, and volume of the hazardous wastes.

COMMENT 3: Why didn't some of the people near SI Group's facility receive the fact sheet and the notice for this meeting?

RESPONSE 3: The mailing list that was used for this PRAP was the one prepared for the PRAP for OU1 which includes nearby residents. Based on this comment, the Department will modify this list to ensure that all attendees are added.

QUESTION 4: Is there or was there any contamination going into our neighborhood?

RESPONSE 4: The residences along 10th Avenue and Congress Street are located upgradient of the groundwater flow direction and therefore we do not expect contamination from the site to migrate toward homes or other buildings on these streets. Soil vapor points on the perimeter of the site nearest 10th Avenue were also sampled and did not indicate the presence of contaminated soil vapor that could represent a health concern or warrant further investigations.

QUESTION 5: Is the excavation and off-site removal of contaminated soil not being considered because it is too hazardous/dangerous for the surrounding community?

No. The selected remedy of limited excavation, capping and treatment of soils in place (in situ) using a combination of heating and vacuum extraction of soil gases and natural biological biodegredation will require similar measures to minimize the off-site migration of site related contaminants to the nearby community. Such measures, at a minimum, will include monitoring of air and dust at the site's perimeter, utilizing odor and dust suppression techniques, covering truck beds of trucks transporting contaminated soil off-site, and if needed washing of truck tires before trucks exit the site. If the soil excavation for off-site disposal was the selected remedy, similar measures would also be taken to ensure that the surrounding community is protected, however the added volume of excavation would add significant additional time for these measures to

be in place with limited additional protection as a result of these short term impacts (also see Response 1).

QUESTION 6:

How do you know that this remedy will work?

RESPONSE 6:

The in-situ treatment component of the remedy is expected to work based on lab scale and pilot testing. However, should it not prove successful, the ROD includes a contingent remedy which could then be implemented.

QUESTION 7:

Why didn't I know that this was a contaminated site? I have lived right next door for nine years.

RESPONSE 7:

The contamination is not readily apparent at the surface of the site, rather it is located below ground and was only discovered after collecting and analyzing groundwater and soil samples from below the surface. Residents are notified when a site is identified and at decision points as a site is cleaned up. In this case residents were notified in 2001 when the initial cleanup was done and in 2010 for the current cleanup. At no time has there been an immediate threat to the surrounding community due to the presence of the site.

QUESTION 8:

Is SI Group responsible for the cleanup at the site? How do we know they will do it right? Do they make all the final decisions on what needs to be done here? Will SI Group do the cleanup themselves?

RESPONSE 8:

SI Group is responsible for cleaning up this site. However, they are not responsible for deciding how to clean up the site. They have proposed several alternative ways of cleaning up this site and it is the Department, after evaluating these alternatives using the criteria listed in the PRAP, which decides which technologies to use to clean up this site.

The Department will be approving the design of the remedy and overseeing the clean-up activities SI Group will conduct. The Department oversight will ensure that the cleanup is done in accordance with the approved plans. In addition, SI Group will have to submit a certification to the Department that states that the cleanup was done in accordance with the approved plans. SI Group will be using contractors to do the actual cleanup.

QUESTION 9:

Who is responsible for trash dumped along the street (that goes behind the site?)

RESPONSE 9:

Trash dumped on the road or in the public right-of-way is beyond the scope of this ROD

APPENDIX B

Schenectady International - 10th St. Plant

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