

# RECORD OF DECISION

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Former Kenco Chemical Company, Inc.  
Operable Unit Number 02: Source Area  
State Superfund Project  
Glenville, Schenectady County  
Site No. 447039  
March 2015



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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: Source Area of the Former Kenco Chemical Company, Inc. site, a Class 2 inactive hazardous waste disposal site. The remedial program was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (6 NYCRR) Part 375, and is not inconsistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan of March 8, 1990 (40CFR300), as amended.

This decision is based on the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) for Operable Unit Number: 02 of the Former Kenco Chemical Company, Inc. site and the public's input to the proposed remedy presented by the Department. A listing of the documents included as a part of the Administrative Record is included in Appendix B of the ROD.

## **Description of Selected Remedy**

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

### **1. Remedial Design**

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

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## **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.

March 31, 2015

Date

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Robert W. Schick, P.E., Director  
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## **SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE**

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

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

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

## **SECTION 2: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

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

Glenville Public Library  
Attn: Reference Librarian  
20 Glenridge Rd  
Glenville, NY 12302  
Phone: 518-386-2243

A public meeting was also conducted. At the meeting, the findings of the remedial investigation

(RI) and the feasibility study (FS) were presented along with a summary of the proposed remedy. After the presentation, a question-and-answer period was held, during which verbal or written comments were accepted on the proposed remedy.

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

### **Receive Site Citizen Participation Information By Email**

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

### **SECTION 3: SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY**

**LOCATION:** The Former Kenco Chemical Company (the site) is located at 107 Freemans Bridge Road, in a primarily commercial area, with adjacent farmland and some residential properties nearby. The Site is approximately 0.86 acres in size.

**SITE FEATURES:** The main site features include a large warehouse building, a small wooden shed, several concrete slabs/tank supports, and an unnamed creek with associated wetlands, between the site and railroad tracks.

**CURRENT ZONING AND LAND USE:** The site is a commercial property, with mixed commercial and residential use in the area. As a warehouse location, the on-site buildings are occupied sporadically. The site is zoned General Business and the surrounding area is zoned General Business and Research/Development/Technology.

**PAST USE OF THE SITE:** The site was used for chemical distribution and warehousing by Kenco Chemical Company Inc. and Voelker Sales Inc. until approximately 1999. The chemicals handled on-site included swimming pool chemicals and dry cleaner chemicals (tetrachloroethene, a.k.a. perc or PCE). The site was purchased by Ultimate, LLC in 1999, and the property has been used for general storage and warehousing since that time.

**OPERABLE UNITS:** The site was divided into two operable units, namely OU 01 Off-site Contamination and OU 02 Source Area. An operable unit represents a portion of a remedial program for a site that for technical or administrative reasons can be addressed separately to investigate, eliminate or mitigate a release, threat of release or exposure pathway resulting from the site contamination.

**SITE GEOLOGY AND HYDROGEOLOGY:** Soils consist primarily of silt, sands and clayey layers, with two or more sandy zones divided by clays in many areas across the surrounding area. Depth to bedrock is generally more than 40 feet below ground surface. Depth to water ranges from 3-15 feet below ground surface. The groundwater flows generally south and southeast from the site. An unnamed tributary to Warner Creek runs through the site.

Operable Unit (OU) Number 02 is the subject of this document.

A Record of Decision will be issued for OU 01 in the future.

A site location map is attached as Figure 1.

#### **SECTION 4: LAND USE AND PHYSICAL SETTING**

The Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonably anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings when evaluating a remedy for soil remediation. For this site, an alternative which allows for unrestricted use of the site was evaluated.

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

#### **SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT STATUS**

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

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

Ultimate, LLC

Estate of Kenneth K. Cochrane

Kenco Chemical Company Inc.

Voelker Sales Inc.

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

## **SECTION 6: SITE CONTAMINATION**

### **6.1: Summary of the Remedial Investigation**

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

The following general activities are conducted during an RI:

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

The analytical data collected on this site includes data for:

- air
- groundwater
- surface water
- soil
- sediment
- soil vapor
- indoor air
- sub-slab vapor

#### **6.1.1: Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs)**

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

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



### **6.1.2: RI Results**

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

cis-1,2-Dichloroethene  
TRICHLOROETHENE (TCE)

TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE)  
VINYL CHLORIDE

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

- groundwater
- surface water
- soil
- soil vapor intrusion

### **6.2: Interim Remedial Measures**

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

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

#### **On-Site Surface Water and Groundwater Collection and Treatment**

An unnamed tributary to Warner Creek flows along the northern property boundary of the site, then crosses the site and becomes contaminated. The contaminated surface water is collected from a sump along the piped section of the creek, before it carries contamination off-site. Contaminated groundwater is extracted from a recovery well immediately downgradient from the site. Since 2009, a remedial system treats the collected groundwater and surface water near the site, and treated water is discharged, approximately 1000 feet away, to an another unnamed tributary to Warner Creek.

#### **IRM - EPA Emergency Removal Action**

In 2010-2011, USEPA properly disposed of chlorinated solvent and other chemical containers from the on-site buildings. In conjunction with this removal work, USEPA performed a substantial environmental sampling program for the on-site soils and downgradient soil vapor. (As part of operable unit OU 01 activities, USEPA's emergency actions included: sampling over 100 private supply wells approximately 0.60 miles downgradient of the site; installing three point-of-entry (POET) treatment systems on impacted private wells; and installing sub-slab depressurization systems on two buildings impacted by soil vapor intrusion.)

### **6.3: 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 Resources Impact Analysis (FWRIA) for OU 02, 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.

The Source Area, which is the subject of operable unit OU 02, is the origin (source) of the Former Kenco groundwater contaminant plume. The Source Area is defined as the property boundaries of 107 Freemans Bridge Road (the site) and adjacent, downgradient parcels which contain the highest soil and groundwater contaminant concentrations. The Source Area acts as a continuous source of groundwater contamination, which migrates further off-site. Unsaturated zone soils, saturated zone soils and groundwater are contaminated with chlorinated solvents (tetrachloroethene (PCE) and breakdown products trichloroethene (TCE), cis-1,2-dichloroethene (DCE) and vinyl chloride (VC)). These contaminants impact a creek, an unnamed tributary to Warner Creek, that flows through the Source Area. Sampling results in soils and groundwater established the presence of free-phase liquid solvent globules or concentration amounts indicative of free-phase liquids.

Surface Water - Warner Creek and its unnamed tributaries contain site-related chlorinated solvents, with the maximum PCE concentration of 800 parts per billion (ppb) near the site.

Groundwater - Groundwater contamination extends south-southeasterly from the site towards the Sunnyside Road neighborhood, approximately 0.60 miles away. The maximum groundwater concentrations discovered in OU 02 (Source Area) for PCE, TCE, DCE and VC are 71,000 ppb, 6,700 ppb, 7,600 ppb and 240 ppb respectively. PCE, TCE and DCE each have a groundwater standard of 5 ppb, while VC has a groundwater standard of 2 ppb.

Soil - Soil concentrations for the site were investigated extensively by USEPA in 2010, identifying PCE as the most prevalent contaminant. Soil contaminated with PCE, TCE and/or DCE has been found across the entire Former Kenco property, except for the northeastern portion, and extends to more than 20 feet below the ground surface. Unsaturated zone soil contamination extends off-site within OU 02. Saturated soil contamination extends beyond the site and Source Area boundaries. (Saturated soil contamination beyond the OU 02 Source Area is being managed as part of operable unit OU 01 Off-site Contamination.) The maximum soil concentration for PCE within OU 02 is 72,000 parts per million (ppm), with evidence of free-phase solvent globules in several sampling locations.

Soil Vapor - Soil vapor concentrations on-site were measured by field instruments, while soil vapor laboratory data was generated off-site within and beyond the OU 02 designated area, as part of a USEPA Emergency Removal Action. Based on the USEPA's data set, the maximum

sub-slab soil vapor concentrations within OU 02 for PCE, and TCE were 920 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and 35 µg/m<sup>3</sup> respectively.

Sediment - Sediment sampling from the on-site wetland areas demonstrated that no site-related impacts are present for the OU 02 Source Area sediments.

Special Resources Impacted/Threatened: Warner Creek and unnamed tributaries have shown detectable levels of site-related chlorinated solvents.

#### **6.4: Summary of Human Exposure Pathways**

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

The site is not fenced and persons who enter the site could contact contaminants in the soil by walking on the soil, digging or otherwise disturbing the soil. People may come into contact with contaminated groundwater through private wells used for drinking water. Volatile organic compounds in the groundwater may move into the soil vapor (air spaces within the soil), which in turn may move into overlying buildings and affect the indoor air quality. This process, which is similar to the movement of radon gas from the subsurface into the indoor air of buildings, is referred to as soil vapor intrusion. Because the site is vacant, the inhalation of site related contaminants due to soil vapor intrusion does not represent a current concern at the on-site building. Sub-slab depressurization systems (systems that ventilate/remove the air beneath the building) have been installed in off-site buildings to prevent the indoor air quality from being affected by the contamination in soil vapor beneath the buildings.

#### **6.5: 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 action objectives for this site are:

##### **Groundwater**

###### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Prevent ingestion of groundwater with contaminant levels exceeding drinking water standards.
- Prevent contact with, or inhalation of volatiles, from contaminated groundwater.

###### **RAOs for Environmental Protection**

- Restore ground water aquifer to pre-disposal/pre-release conditions, to the extent practicable.

- Prevent the discharge of contaminants to surface water.
- Remove the source of ground or surface water contamination.

### **Soil**

#### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.
- Prevent inhalation of or exposure from contaminants volatilizing from contaminants in soil.

#### **RAOs for Environmental Protection**

- Prevent migration of contaminants that would 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.

### **Surface Water**

#### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Prevent ingestion of water impacted by contaminants.
- Prevent contact or inhalation of contaminants from impacted water bodies.

#### **RAOs for Environmental Protection**

- Restore surface water to ambient water quality criteria for the contaminant of concern.
- Prevent impacts to biota from ingestion/direct contact with surface water causing toxicity and impacts from bioaccumulation through the marine or aquatic food chain.

### **Soil Vapor**

#### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Mitigate impacts to public health resulting from existing, or the potential for, soil vapor intrusion into buildings at a site.

## **SECTION 7: SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY**

To be selected the remedy must be protective of human health and the environment, be cost-effective, comply with other statutory requirements, and utilize permanent solutions, alternative technologies or resource recovery technologies to the maximum extent practicable. The remedy must also attain the remedial action objectives identified for the site, which are presented in Section 6.5. Potential remedial alternatives for the Site were identified, screened and evaluated in the feasibility study (FS) report.

A summary of the remedial alternatives that were considered for this site is presented in Exhibit B. Cost information is presented in the form of present worth, which represents the amount of money invested in the current year that would be sufficient to cover all present and future costs associated with the alternative. This enables the costs of remedial alternatives to be compared on a common basis. As a convention, a time frame of 30 years is used to evaluate present worth costs for alternatives with an indefinite duration. This does not imply that operation,

maintenance, or monitoring would cease after 30 years if remediation goals are not achieved. A summary of the Remedial Alternatives Costs is included as Exhibit C.

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

The selected remedy is referred to as the Excavation and Thermal Treatment remedy.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is \$20,500,000. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$20,100,000 and the estimated average annual cost is \$89,000.

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## **Exhibit A**

### **Nature and Extent of Contamination**

This section describes the findings of the Remedial Investigation (RI) for all environmental media that were evaluated. As described in Section 6.1, samples were collected from various environmental media to characterize the nature and extent of contamination, including surface and subsurface soil, groundwater, surface water, sediment and limited off-site sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air.

For each medium for which contamination was identified, 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 primary contaminants that exceed SCGs are volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The contaminants are arranged into four categories; VOCs, semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), pesticides/ polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and inorganics (metals and cyanide). For comparison purposes, the SCGs are provided for each medium that allows for unrestricted use.

### **Waste/Source Areas**

As described in the RI report, waste/source materials were identified at the site and are impacting groundwater, soil, surface water, and soil vapor.

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 where substantial quantities of contaminants are found which can migrate and release significant levels of contaminants to another environmental medium.

The RI confirmed the presence of hazardous waste on-site in the form of dissolved, adsorbed, and free-phase chlorinated solvent chemicals that had been discharged to the surface/subsurface, although the specifics of the historical release(s) are not known. Between 1965 and 1991, tetrachloroethene (PCE, perchloroethylene) was stored on-site in a bulk aboveground storage tank (AST) that utilized buried transfer piping. The Former Kenco Chemical Company property includes the following at or near surface features: the former tank/piping area, the shed, concrete storage pad, loading dock, and the buried surface water drainage pipe. The OU 02 Source Area, which extends under the on-site buildings and off-site onto downgradient parcels, includes subsurface soil in excess of SCGs and dense non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL), present at approximately 20 feet below grade. Figures 2 and 3 depict the location of these features. The OU 02 Source Area contamination has resulted in VOC impacts to other environmental media, from PCE and its breakdown products, including trichloroethene (TCE), cis-1,2-dichloroethene (DCE) and vinyl chloride (VC).

The waste/source areas identified will be addressed in the remedy selection process. Chemical containers within the site warehouse and shed were removed via IRM emergency response actions

(by USEPA) as described in Section 6.2. No evidence was found to indicate that these containers had contributed to site impacts.

## Groundwater

Between 2009 and 2013, multiple groundwater samples were collected to assess groundwater conditions on-site (Former Kenco Chemical Company property) and for nearby adjacent parcels. The samples were collected from a network of overburden monitoring wells installed as part of the RI along with existing monitoring wells that were installed during earlier site investigations. Grab groundwater samples were collected using direct push technology at select locations to fill data gaps. As shown on Table 1, the results indicate that contamination in shallow and deep water-bearing zones within OU 02 exceeds the SCGs for chlorinated VOCs. Refer to Figure 4 for VOC results in shallow groundwater (5 to 15 feet below grade) and Figure 5 for results in deep groundwater (25 to 40 feet below grade).

**Table 1 - Groundwater**

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppb) <sup>a</sup>	SCG <sup>b</sup> (ppb)	Frequency Exceeding SCG
<b>VOCs</b>			
1,1-Dichloroethene	ND – 29	5	7 out of 50
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	ND – 6	5	1 out of 50
1,2-Dichloropropene	ND – 3.1	5	3 out of 50
Cis-1,2-dichloroethene (DCE)	ND – 7,600	5	32 out of 50
Trans-1,2-dichloroethene	ND – 63	5	7 out of 50
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	ND – 71,000	5	39 out of 50
Trichloroethene (TCE)	ND – 6,700	5	30 out of 50
Toluene	ND – 12	5	1 out of 50
Vinyl Chloride (VC)	ND – 240	2	13 out of 50
<b>Inorganics</b>			
Iron (Dissolved)	31.7 to 1,360	300	4 out of 7
Sodium (Dissolved)	22,300 to 115,000	20,000	7 out of 7

a - ppb: parts per billion, which is equivalent to micrograms per liter, µg/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).

ND = Not Detected



Based on the findings of the RI, the past disposal of hazardous waste has resulted in the contamination of shallow and deep groundwater as it travels through impacted source material on-site. The site contaminants that are considered to be the primary contaminants of concern which will drive the remediation of groundwater to be addressed by the remedy selection process are: PCE, TCE, DCE, and VC. Figures 6 and 7 show the extent of impacts for the shallow and deep water-bearing zones, respectively. The two naturally-occurring metals present above SCGs (iron and sodium) are not considered site-related contaminants.

On-site groundwater was also sampled and analyzed for SVOCs, PCBs, pesticides, and cyanide; however, no SCGs were exceeded.

As discussed in Section 6.2, one groundwater recovery well is in operation as part of an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) for contaminated surface water and groundwater.

## Soil

Surface and subsurface soil samples were collected at the site during the RI. Surface soil samples were collected from a depth of 0 to 2 inches to assess direct human exposure. Subsurface soil samples were collected from a depth of 0.5 - 40 feet to assess soil contamination impacts to groundwater. The results indicate that surface soils at the site exceed the unrestricted SCGs for VOCs. These results are summarized in Table 2a. Refer to Figure 8 for the VOC concentrations in surface soil.

**Table 2a - Surface Soil**

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	Unrestricted SCG <sup>b</sup> (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCG
<b>VOCs</b>			
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	ND – 1.7	1.3	1 of 13
<b>SVOCs</b>			
Benzo(a)anthracene	ND – 1.9	1	1 of 8
Benzo(a)pyrene	ND – 2.2	1	1 of 8
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	ND – 3.0	1	1 of 8
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	ND – 3.0	0.8	2 of 8
Chrysene	ND – 2.3	1	1 of 8
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	ND – 1.7	0.5	1 of 8
<b>Inorganics</b>			
Arsenic	4.1 – 41.1	13	1 of 8

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	Unrestricted SCG <sup>b</sup> (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCG
Copper	11.7 – 84.7	50	1 of 8
Lead	9.3 – 264	63	1 of 8
Mercury	0.021 – 0.2	0.18	1 of 8
Zinc	40.3 - 392	109	3 of 8
<b>Pesticides/PCBs</b>			
4,4-DDD	ND – 0.12	0.0033	1 of 8
4,4-DDT	ND – 0.18	0.0033	1 of 8
Aroclor 1260	ND – 0.46	0.1	1 of 8
Dieldrin	ND – 0.077	0.005	1 of 8

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

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

VOC contamination was detected above SCGs in an off-site location associated with the historical discharge of contaminated surface water prior to interception and treatment via the IRM remedial system. The site contaminant identified in surface soil which is considered to be the primary contaminant of concern, to be addressed by the remedy selection process, is PCE. Surface soil impacts were identified above the Unrestricted Use SCOs for SVOCs, Inorganics, and Pesticides/PCBs. Many of these compounds were identified in only one sample and they are not considered site-related contaminants.

**Table 2b – Subsurface Soil**

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	Unrestricted SCG <sup>b</sup> (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCG
<b>VOCs</b>			
Acetone	ND – 0.081	0.05	1 of 58
Cis-1,2-dichloroethene (DCE)	ND – 2.5	0.25	2 of 58
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	ND – 72,000	1.3	22 of 58
Trichloroethene (TCE)	ND - 45	0.47	4 of 58
Toluene	ND – 4.7	0.7	1 of 58

a - ppm: parts per million, which is equivalent to milligrams per kilogram, mg/kg, in soil;  
b - SCG: Part 375-6.8(a), Unrestricted Soil Cleanup Objectives.

The results indicate that subsurface soils within OU 02 exceed the unrestricted SCGs for VOCs. These results are summarized in Table 2b. Refer to Figure 9 for the VOC concentrations in subsurface soil. The primary soil contaminants are chlorinated VOCs associated with the release(s) of solvent on-site. The extent of VOC impacts to soil are represented on Figure 10.

Based on the findings of the RI, the past disposal of hazardous waste has resulted in the contamination of subsurface soil. The site contaminants identified in subsurface soil which are considered to be the primary contaminants of concern, to be addressed by the remedy selection process are, PCE, TCE, and DCE. Removal of source materials will address the presence of other reported VOCs.

### Surface Water

Surface water samples were collected during the RI to assess the surface water conditions on and off-site. The results indicate that contaminants in surface water at the site exceed the Department's SCGs for the four site COCs. The sample locations and results are shown on Figure 11.

**Table 3 - Surface Water**

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppb) <sup>a</sup>	SCG <sup>b</sup> (ppb)	Frequency Exceeding SCG
<b>VOCs</b>			
Cis-1,2-dichloroethene (DCE)	ND – 120	5	2 of 3
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	ND – 440	0.7	1 of 3
Trichloroethene (TCE)	ND – 80	5	1 of 3
Vinyl Chloride (VC)	ND - 7	0.3	2 of 3

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

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

Based on the findings of the RI, the disposal of hazardous waste has resulted in the contamination of surface water. As noted on Figure 12, the primary surface water contamination is in the vicinity of the buried drainage pipe on the western property margin. The site contaminants that are considered to be the primary contaminants of concern which will drive the remediation of surface water to be addressed by the remedy selection process are, PCE, TCE, DCE, and VC. Exposure to surface water contamination was temporarily mitigated via the groundwater and surface water treatment IRM described in Section 6.2; however the selected remedy will need to address surface water impacts.

### Sediments

Sediment samples were collected during the RI from the on-site wetlands to assess the potential for site-related impacts. No VOCs were detected above Freshwater Sediment Guidance Values (Screening and Assessment of Contaminated Sediment, June 2014). Sediment results are provided along with surface water results on Figure 12. Since no site COCs were encountered above SCGs, no media-specific remedial alternatives were evaluated for sediment.

### **Soil Vapor**

No soil vapor intrusion sampling occurred at on-site structures; however, adjacent buildings within OU 02 were assessed and further monitoring and/or mitigation was performed as warranted. The evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion resulting from the presence of site-related soil or groundwater contamination was evaluated by the sampling of sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air under/inside accessible off-site structures by USEPA in 2010-2011. The USEPA results indicate that PCE and TCE were detected in sub-slab soil vapor within OU 02 and beyond the OU 02 boundaries. No media-specific remedial alternatives were evaluated; however, the source of the soil vapor impacts (contaminated soil and/or groundwater) will be addressed via the remedy selection process.

Off-site soil vapor intrusion issues identified during the RI were addressed as an IRM, as discussed in Section 6.2. Operation and maintenance of the vapor mitigation systems are being managed under the Operable Unit OU 01 Off-site Contamination.

## Exhibit B

### **DESCRIPTION OF REMEDIAL ALTERNATIVES**

For each remedial alternative, other than the No Action alternative, the on-site building will be removed prior to implementation of the remedial alternative. The building presents an obstacle to successful implementation of each remedial alternative by inhibiting access to underlying contamination; any plans to access underlying contamination by drilling through the building foundation would require such significant abatement of the dilapidated building for worker safety that it would be more cost effective to simply remove the building. Also, to facilitate the remedial alternatives described below, the surface water stream currently entering the source property will be temporarily re-routed. This will prevent the stream from contacting contamination on site, prevent further contaminant migration, and facilitate implementation of the remedial action. Contaminated soils which are excavated during the creek re-routing construction activities will be disposed off-site. Following successful source area remediation, the creek will be restored to its natural flow path. The estimated cost of building removal and surface water re-routing is included in the capital cost of each remedial alternative.

#### **Alternative 1 – No Action**

The No Action Alternative is evaluated as a procedural requirement and as a basis for comparison. This alternative leaves the site in its present condition and does not provide any additional protection to public health and the environment.

#### **Common Element**

A presumptive remedy of In-Situ Chemical Treatment will be implemented as a common element, to be implemented in addition to each of the remedial action alternatives described below, to address the most significantly contaminated off-site shallow groundwater and saturated zone soil contamination. This common element of the alternatives is depicted in Figure 16.

#### **Off-Site In-Situ Chemical Oxidation – Common Element**

A chemical oxidant will be injected into the subsurface to destroy the contaminants in an approximately 52,000-square feet area (see Figure 16) via injection wells screened from approximately 4 to 25 feet. The byproducts of the ISCO process are non-toxic. It is estimated that approximately 140 injection points will be installed to inject permanganate during two separate events over several months.

*Present Worth:* .....\$6,480,000

Capital Cost:.....\$6,270,000  
Annual Costs:.....\$48,000 (years 1-5)

### **Action Alternatives**

#### **Alternative 2 – Excavation with Off-Site Disposal and In-Situ Chemical Oxidation**

All on-site soils from the ground surface to the clay aquitard which exceed unrestricted SCO, as defined by 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.8, will be excavated and transported off-site for disposal. All immediately adjacent (off-site) soils which exceed unrestricted SCO for the site contaminants (i.e., PCE, TCE, DCE and VC), as defined by 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.8, will be excavated and transported off-site for disposal. Approximately 32,000 cubic yards of soil will be excavated from an area measuring approximately 38,000 square feet (see Figure 7) to a depth of 25 feet. On-site soil which does not exceed SCO for the use of the site and/or the protection of groundwater may be used to backfill the excavation to the extent that a sufficient volume of on-site soil is available. Clean fill meeting the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d) will be brought in to replace the excavated soil or complete the backfilling of the excavation and establish the designed grades at the site. Alternative 2 is depicted on Figure 12.

In-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO) will be implemented to treat contaminants in deep groundwater. A chemical oxidant will be injected into the subsurface to destroy the contaminants in an approximately 35,500-square foot area (see Figure 10) via injection wells screened from approximately 25 to 40 feet. The byproducts of the ISCO process are non-toxic. It is estimated that approximately 70 deep injection points will be installed to inject permanganate during two separate events over several months

Present Worth:.....\$19,900,000  
Capital Cost:.....\$19,300,000  
Annual Costs:.....\$61,000 (years 1-30)

#### **Alternative 3 – Excavation with On-Site Treatment and In-situ Chemical Oxidation**

On-site soils from the ground surface to the clay aquitard which exceed unrestricted use SCO, and immediately adjacent (off-site) soils which exceed unrestricted SCO for the site contaminants (i.e., PCE, TCE, DCE and VC), will be excavated and subjected to thermal desorption on-site to remove contaminants from the soil matrix. The soil will be heated, usually to about 900 degrees Celsius, to cause the contaminants to change into vapor form and evaporate from the soil. The vapors will be collected and treated prior to discharge to the atmosphere. Approximately 32,000 cubic yards of soil will be excavated from an area measuring approximately 38,000 square feet to an approximate depth of 25 feet. Following treatment, soil that meets unrestricted use will receive a beneficial use determination and will be reused on-site as backfill material. Alternative 3 is depicted on Figure 12.

ISCO will be implemented to treat contaminants in deep groundwater. A chemical oxidant will be injected into the subsurface to destroy the contaminants in an approximately 35,500-square foot area (see Figure 10) via injection wells screened from approximately 25 to 40 feet. The byproducts of the ISCO process are non-toxic. It is estimated that approximately 70 deep injection points will be installed to inject permanganate during two separate events over several months

*Present Worth:* .....\$11,800,000  
*Capital Cost:* .....\$11,200,000  
*Annual Costs:* .....\$61,000 (years 1-30)

#### **Alternative 4 – Thermal Treatment**

In-Situ Thermal Treatment will be implemented to destroy or volatilize volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the area indicated on Figure 13 to a depth of approximately 40 feet, to remediate contaminated soil extending to approximately 25 feet deep and contaminated groundwater extending to approximately 40 feet deep. The gases produced by the thermal treatment will be collected by vapor extraction wells and treated in an ex-situ treatment unit. Electrical resistance heating (ERH) will be utilized to perform the treatment. An electrical current will be produced in the treatment area between electrodes installed underground. Heat will be generated as movement of the current meets resistance from the soil. This alternative includes excavation and off-site disposal of site soil from 0-2 feet. Excavation of the surface soil is necessary to accommodate the installation of the vapor collection network, and sampling has demonstrated that significant portions of the surface soil is contaminated with site-related contaminants, thus necessitating off-site disposal at a permitted facility. Alternative 4 is depicted on Figure 13.

*Present Worth:* .....\$14,000,000  
*Capital Cost:* .....\$13,800,000  
*Annual Costs:* .....\$41,000 (years 1-5)

#### **Alternative 5 – In-situ Chemical Oxidation**

ISCO will be implemented to treat contaminants in soil and groundwater. A chemical oxidant will be placed into the subsurface to destroy the contaminants in an approximately 38,000-square foot area (see Figure 9) to a depth of 25 feet by direct mixing of the chemical in the soil with an excavator or auger. The byproducts of the ISCO process are non-toxic.

ISCO will be implemented to treat contaminants in deep groundwater. A chemical oxidant will be injected into the subsurface to destroy the contaminants in an approximately 35,500-square foot area (see Figure 14) via injection wells screened from approximately 25 to 40 feet. The byproducts

of the ISCO process are non-toxic. It is estimated that approximately 70 deep injection points will be installed to inject permanganate during two separate events over several months. Alternative 5 is depicted on Figure 14.

Prior to the full implementation of this technology, a bench-scale treatment study would be conducted to determine the optimum chemical and dosage for treatment.

*Present Worth:* .....\$8,760,000  
*Capital Cost:* .....\$8,120,000  
*Annual Costs:* .....\$61,000 (years 1-30)

### **Alternative 6 – Containment**

A physical barrier will be installed around the on-site contamination using a vertical barrier (e.g., slurry wall) and impermeable cap (e.g., HDPE, clay or asphalt). The limits of the vertical barrier and cap will cover the majority of the site and some immediately adjacent property, amounting to approximately 37,000 square feet (see Figure 15). The slurry wall will extend at least 2 feet into the confining clay layer located at approximately 20 feet below ground surface. The slurry wall will be constructed using a bentonite and/or cement mixture with the existing native soils. The impermeable cap will be constructed of a 2 feet thick clay layer with 6 inches of top soil and a vegetated top. To reverse a downward hydraulic gradient from the shallow water-bearing unit to the deep water-bearing unit and to prevent horizontal migration of contamination within the deep water-bearing unit, a groundwater extraction system will be required. To capture the contamination that has already migrated to the deep groundwater, extraction wells will be extended below the aquitard. Treated water will be discharged to the constructed drainage swale along the railroad right-of-way. As contamination will remain on-site, an environmental easement will be required to restrict future use of the site and a Site Management Plan will be required. Alternative 6 is depicted on Figure 15.

*Present Worth:* .....\$5,530,000  
*Capital Cost:* .....\$2,970,000  
*Annual Costs:* .....\$166,000 (years 1-30)



Exhibit C

	<b>Remedial Alternative</b>	<b>Capital Cost (\$)</b>	<b>Annual Cost (\$)</b>	<b>Total Present Worth (\$)</b>
1	No Action	0	0	0
2	Excavation with Off-Site Disposal and In-Situ Chemical Treatment	22,900,000	61,000	23,500,000
3	Excavation with On-Site Treatment and In-Situ Chemical Treatment	13,200,000	61,000	13,900,000
4	Thermal Treatment	13,800,000	41,000	14,000,000
5	In-Situ Chemical Treatment	10,200,000	61,000	10,900,000
6	Containment	2,950,000	166,000	5,510,000
CE	Off-Site In-Situ Chemical Oxidation/Reduction Injections	6,270,000	48,000	6,480,000

NOTE: Cost estimates for Alternatives 2-6 above include the common work elements of removal of on-site structures, excavation of top 2 feet of soil, and re-routing of surface water.

## **Exhibit D**

### **SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY**

The Department has selected Alternative 4, Excavation and Thermal Treatment With In-situ Chemical Treatment as the remedy for OU 02 Source Area. Alternative 4 would achieve the remediation goals for OU 02 by thermally treating the subsurface soils and groundwater down to 40 feet below grade to volatilize the VOCs. The VOCs will then be captured through vapor extraction and treated prior to release to the atmosphere. The elements of this remedy are described in Section 7. The selected remedy is depicted on Figures 13 and 16.

### **Basis for Selection**

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

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

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

The selected remedy Alternative 4 would satisfy this criterion by removing the contamination from both the soil and groundwater from the interval of 0 to 40 feet below grade. Alternative 1 (No Action) does not provide any protection to public health and the environment and will not be evaluated further. Alternatives 2 and 3, by removing all soil contaminated above the unrestricted use soil cleanup objectives, meet the threshold criteria. Alternatives 4 and 5 also comply with this criterion but to a lesser degree or with lower certainty. Alternatives 2, 3, 5 and 6 rely on a restriction of groundwater use at the site to protect human health. Alternative 4 will require a short-term restriction on groundwater use. The potential for soil vapor intrusion will be significantly reduced by Alternatives 2, 3, 4 and 5 and to a somewhat lesser extent by Alternative 6.

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

Alternative 4 complies with SCGs to the extent practicable. It addresses source areas of contamination and complies with the unrestricted use soil cleanup objectives at the surface through

the removal of the top 2 feet of soil and thermally treating the soil below 2 feet down to a depth of 40 feet. It also creates the conditions necessary to restore groundwater quality to the extent practicable. Alternatives 2, 3, 5 and 6 also comply with this criterion but to a lesser degree or with lower certainty. Because Alternatives 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 satisfy the threshold criteria, the remaining criteria are particularly important in selecting a final remedy for OU 02. It is expected Alternative 4 will achieve groundwater SCGs in less than 5 years, while groundwater contamination above SCGs will remain on-site under Alternatives 2, 3, 5 and 6 for many years.

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

3. Long-term Effectiveness and Permanence. This criterion evaluates the long-term effectiveness of the remedial alternatives after implementation. If wastes or treated residuals remain within OU 02 after the selected remedy has been implemented, the following items are evaluated: 1) the magnitude of the remaining risks, 2) the adequacy of the engineering and/or institutional controls intended to limit the risk, and 3) the reliability of these controls.

Alternatives 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 would all be designed to be an effective long term solution to the soil contamination. Alternative 2, 3, 4 and 5 physically remove or treat the contamination from the site, with Alternative 2 providing the highest long-term effectiveness since all contaminated soil would be removed from the site. Alternatives 3 and 4 would provide the next highest effectiveness since these soils would be treated with a higher degree of certainty rather than Alternative 5, where effectiveness is directly related to the ability to have the chemical oxidant or reducing agent in direct contact with the contamination. Alternative 6 leaves the main source area of contamination in place and relies on a low permeability slurry wall and pumping system to contain the contamination on-site. In the event the pumping system is no longer operational, contamination could migrate beyond the site. Alternatives 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 would reduce the potential for soil vapor intrusion, with Alternatives 2, 3, 4 and 5 providing the most confidence the pathway would be removed since a majority of the contaminant mass will be removed.

4. Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility or Volume. Preference is given to alternatives that permanently and significantly reduce the toxicity, mobility or volume of the wastes for OU 02.

Alternatives 2, 3, 4 and 5 physically remove or treat the contamination from the site, thus reducing the volume, mobility and toxicity at the site. Alternative 2 would result in no reduction in contamination, only relocation of contamination to a secure landfill. Alternative 3 would require treatment of soil on-site and the contamination would be transferred to the vapor phase where it would be treated. Alternative 4 would destroy most of the contamination through oxidation or transfer it to the vapor phase where it would be treated. Alternative 5 would chemically treat the

contamination, though the effectiveness would be directly linked to the ability to get the chemical oxidant or reducing agent in contact with the contamination. Alternative 6 leaves the main source area of contamination in place and relies on a low permeability slurry wall and pumping system to contain the contamination on-site. In the event the pumping system is no longer operational or a breach in the slurry wall occurs, contamination could migrate beyond the treatment zone.

5. Short-term Impacts and Effectiveness. The potential short-term adverse impacts of the remedial action upon the community, the workers, and the environment during the construction and/or implementation are evaluated. The length of time needed to achieve the remedial objectives is also estimated and compared against the other alternatives.

Alternatives 2 through 6 all have short-term impacts which could be controlled through engineering solutions; however, Alternative 4 would have the least impact. Alternative 2 would have the greatest impact due to the large number of truck trips needed to remove the contaminated soil and bring in clean fill. The duration of on-site construction activities ranging from shortest to longest is: Alternative 4, 6, 2, 5 and 3. The time needed to achieve the remediation goals is the shortest for Alternative 4 and longer for Alternative 2, 3, 5 and 6 given the potential for groundwater impacts to exist after the remedies have been implemented.

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

Alternatives 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are favorable in that they are implementable, though each will have administrative or technical requirements. Alternative 2 will require the handling, transporting and disposing of hazardous waste to permitted facilities. Alternative 3 will require the construction of a temporary structure to handle the vapors emitted during the treatment of the excavated soils; workers would also require more stringent personal protective equipment for working in the structure. Alternatives 4 and 5 have limited number of contractors who can do thermal treatment and in-situ chemical treatment auger mixing, which could affect the procurement process. Alternative 6 requires that the remedy will require contamination to be left in place, which may require more difficulty in getting an environmental easement in place.

7. Cost-Effectiveness. 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.

Costs estimates for Alternatives 2, 3, 4 and 5 are within 30% of each other, which is within the margin of error (-20%/+50%) typically applied to these estimates. The present worth costs of these alternatives can be ranked in the following order: Alternative 3, 4, 5 and 2. Alternative 6 is significantly less; however, this alternative leaves a majority of contamination in place. Alternative 2 requires the disposal of hazardous waste soils at a permitted facility and the costs will be highly dependent of the volume of soil being classified as hazardous waste. Alternative 3 will require the handling and treatment of the soil within a temporary structure with air handling capabilities, which will affect costs. The cost of implementing Alternative 4 is better defined since the volume and mass of contaminated materials are better defined. The cost associated with Alternative 5 is dependent on the natural oxidant demand, which can be determined through bench scale testing.

8. Land Use. 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.

Alternatives 2, 3, 4 and 5 will not likely inhibit current or intended future use of the site. Alternative 6 may limit future use of the site with maintaining a soil cap and also having a treatment system located on the property. Alternatives 2, 3 and 4 and possibly 5 will provide the most likely chance of meeting the unrestricted soil cleanup objectives and thus limit any soil restrictions. Alternative 4 will have the most likely success of meeting the ambient groundwater standards, with Alternatives 2, 3 and 5, providing slightly less treatment efficacy. Alternative 6 will likely not meet soil or groundwater standards within 30 years.

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.

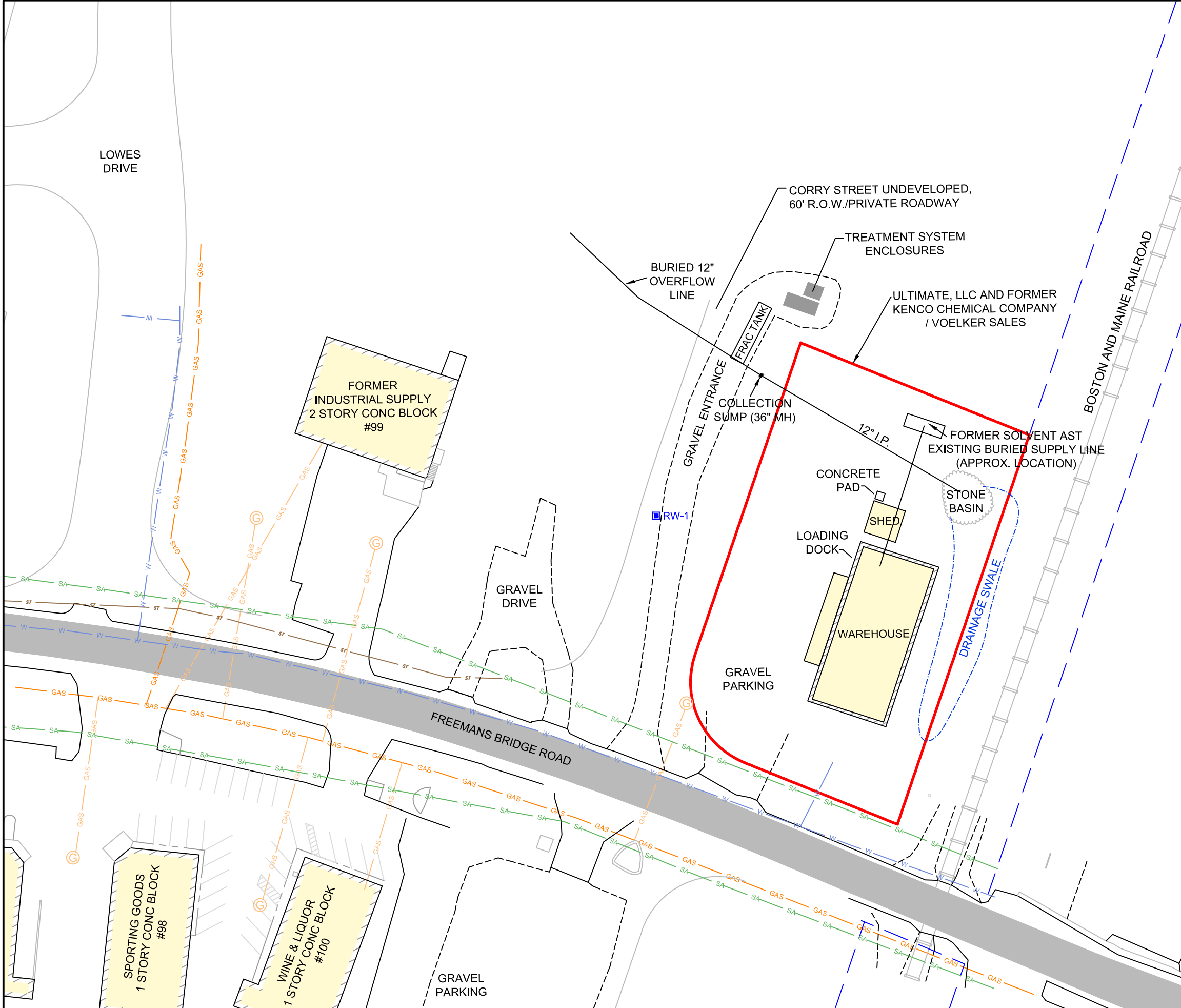
9. Community Acceptance. Concerns of the community regarding the investigation, the evaluation of alternatives, and the PRAP were evaluated. A responsiveness summary was prepared that describes public comments received and the manner in which the Department addressed the concerns raised.

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







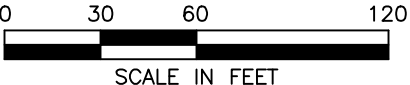


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- SA SA SANITARY LINE (APPROXIMATE)
- ST ST STORM SEWER LINE (APPROXIMATE)
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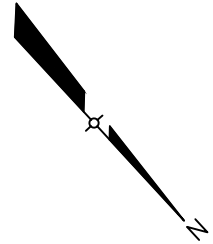
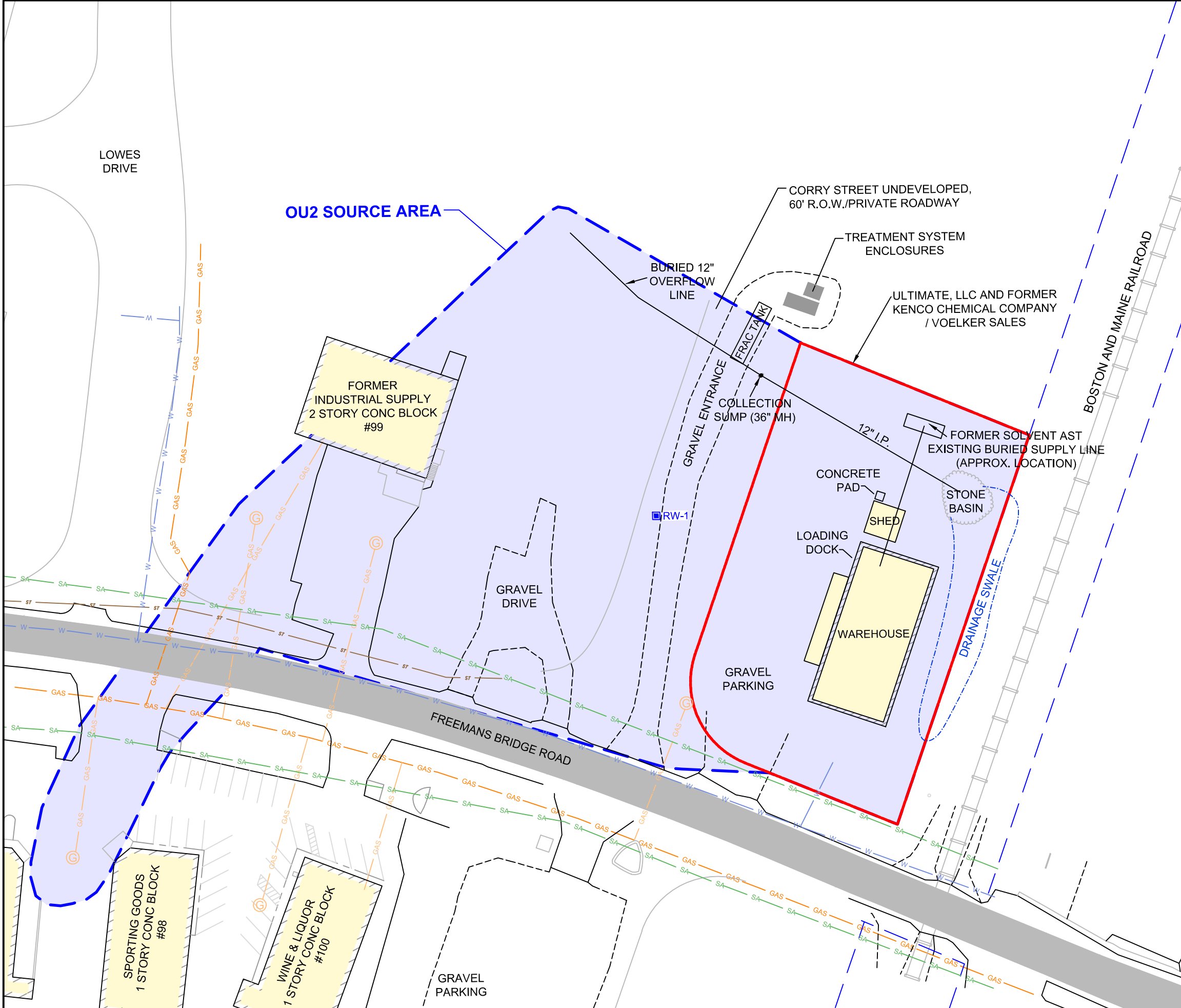


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FIGURE 2  
OU2 SITE PLAN

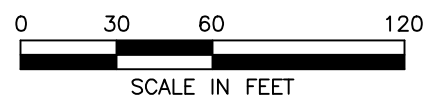
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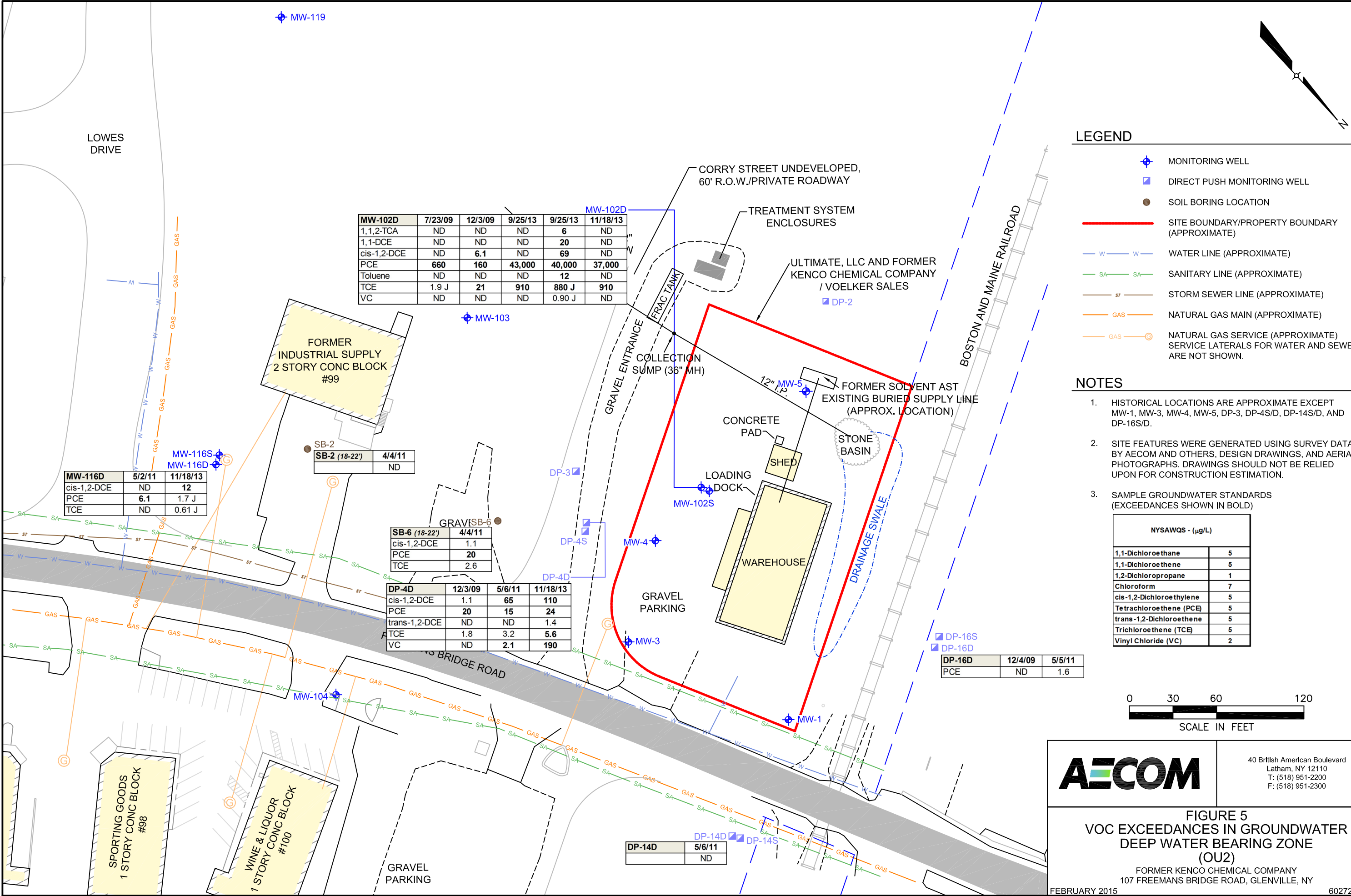


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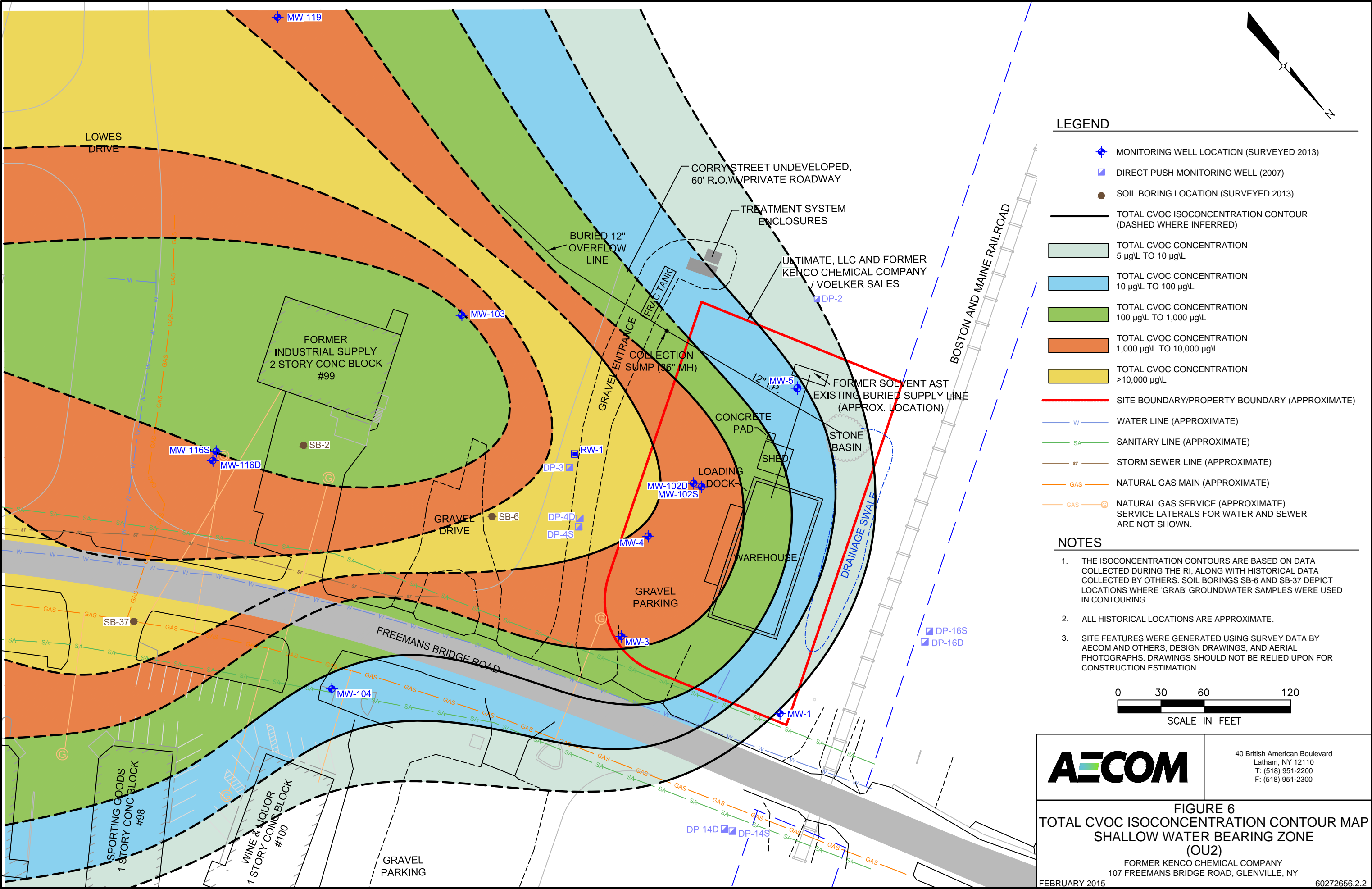
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**OU2 SOURCE AREA**

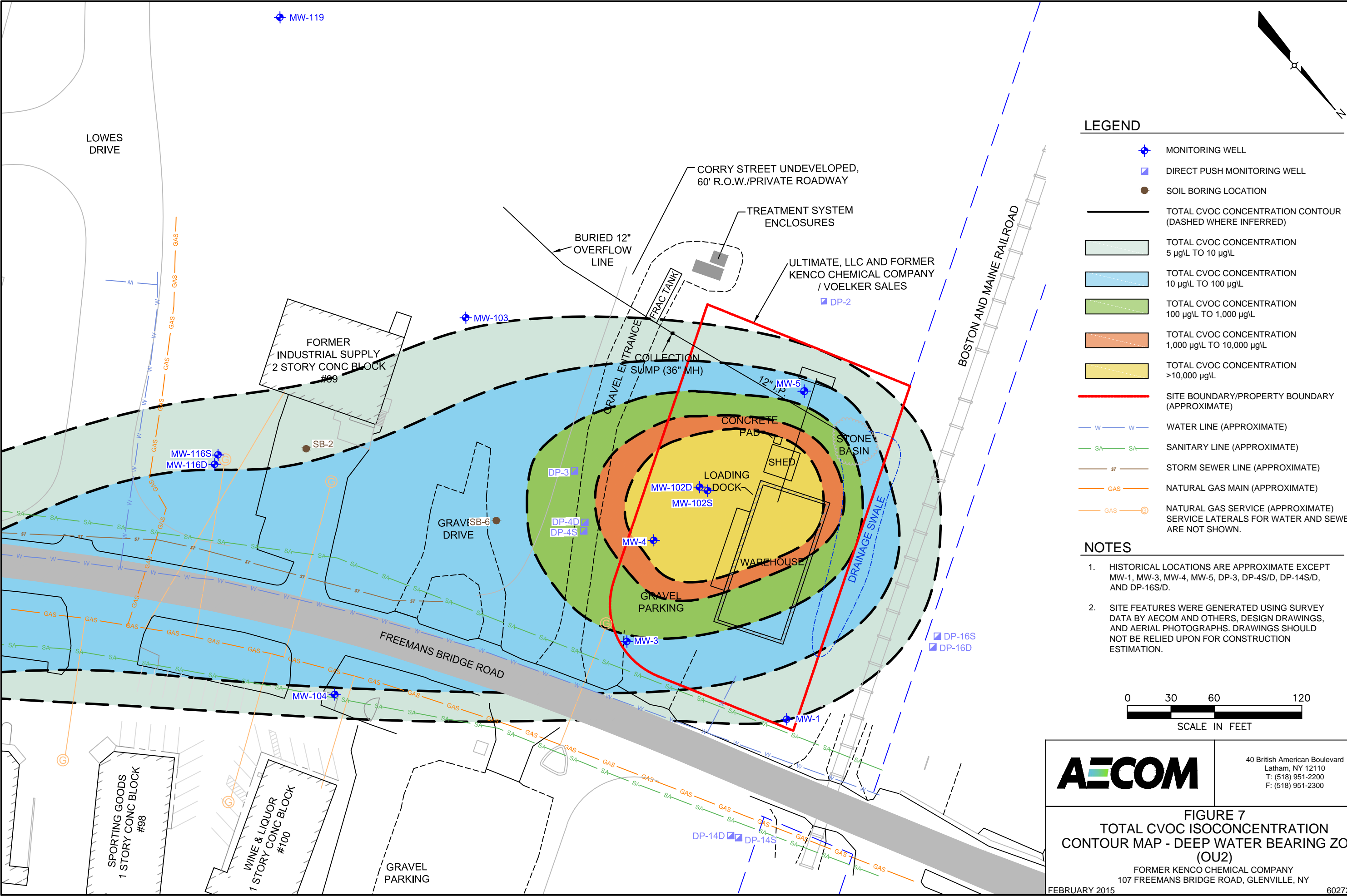




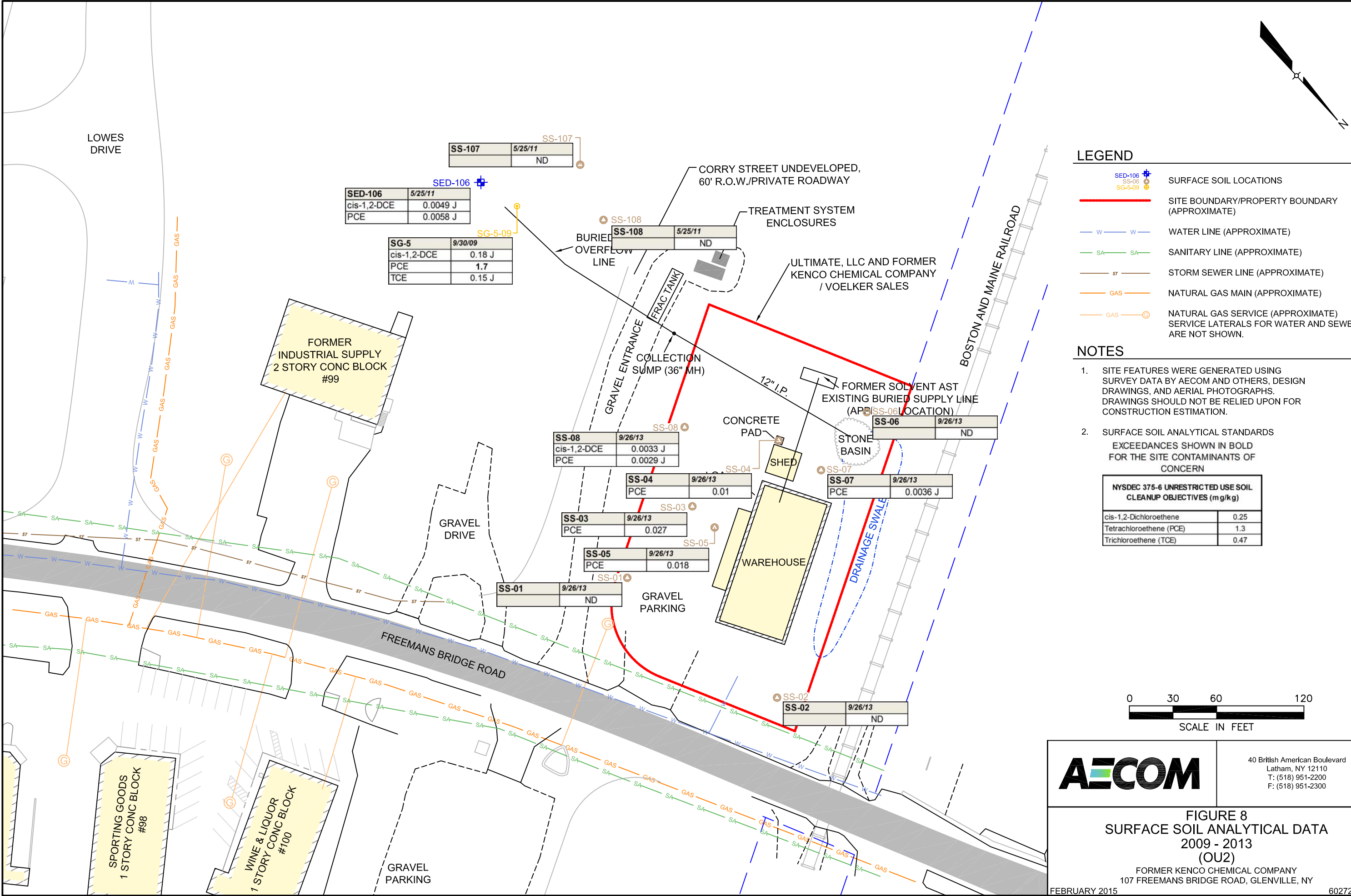






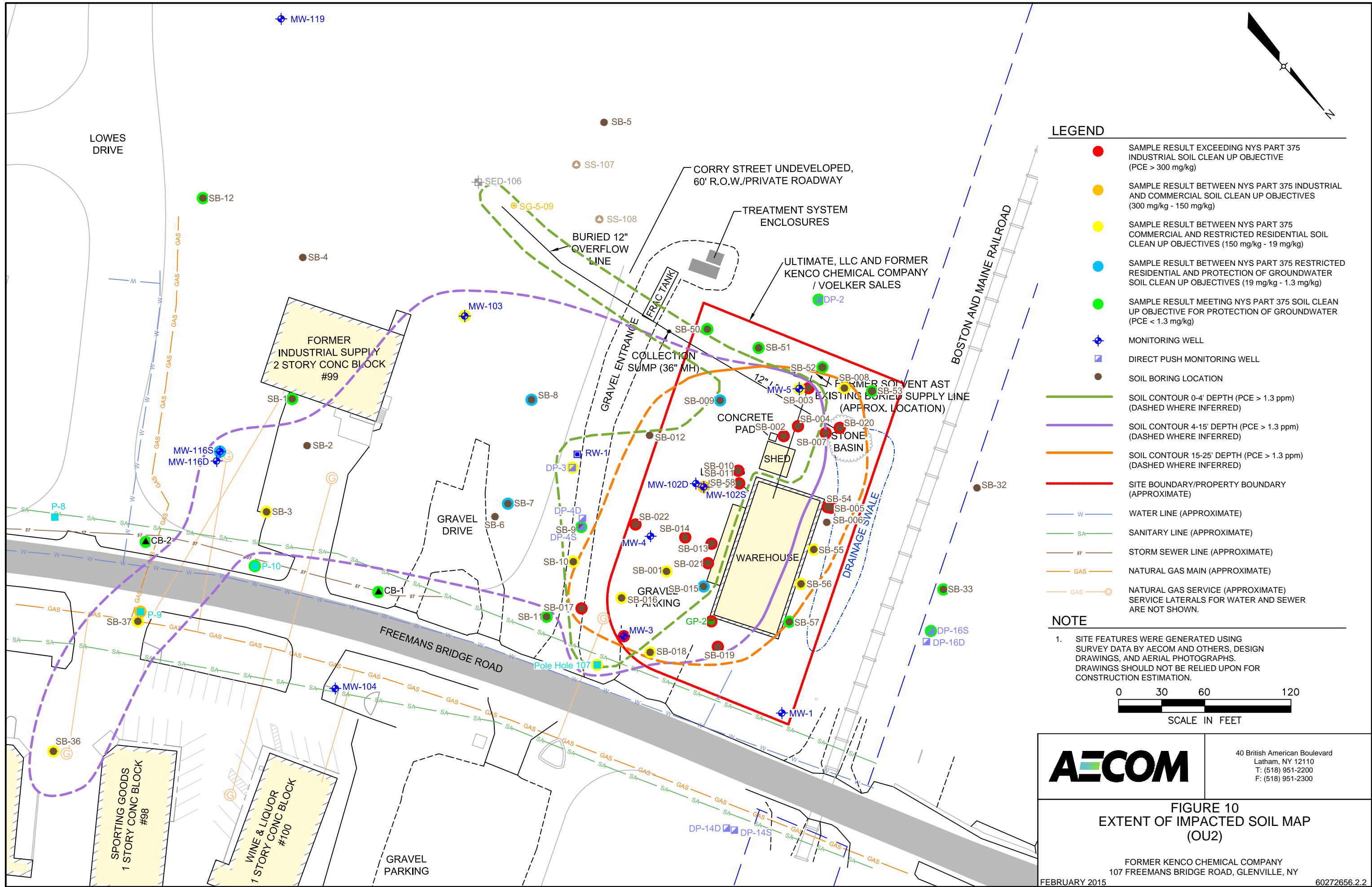


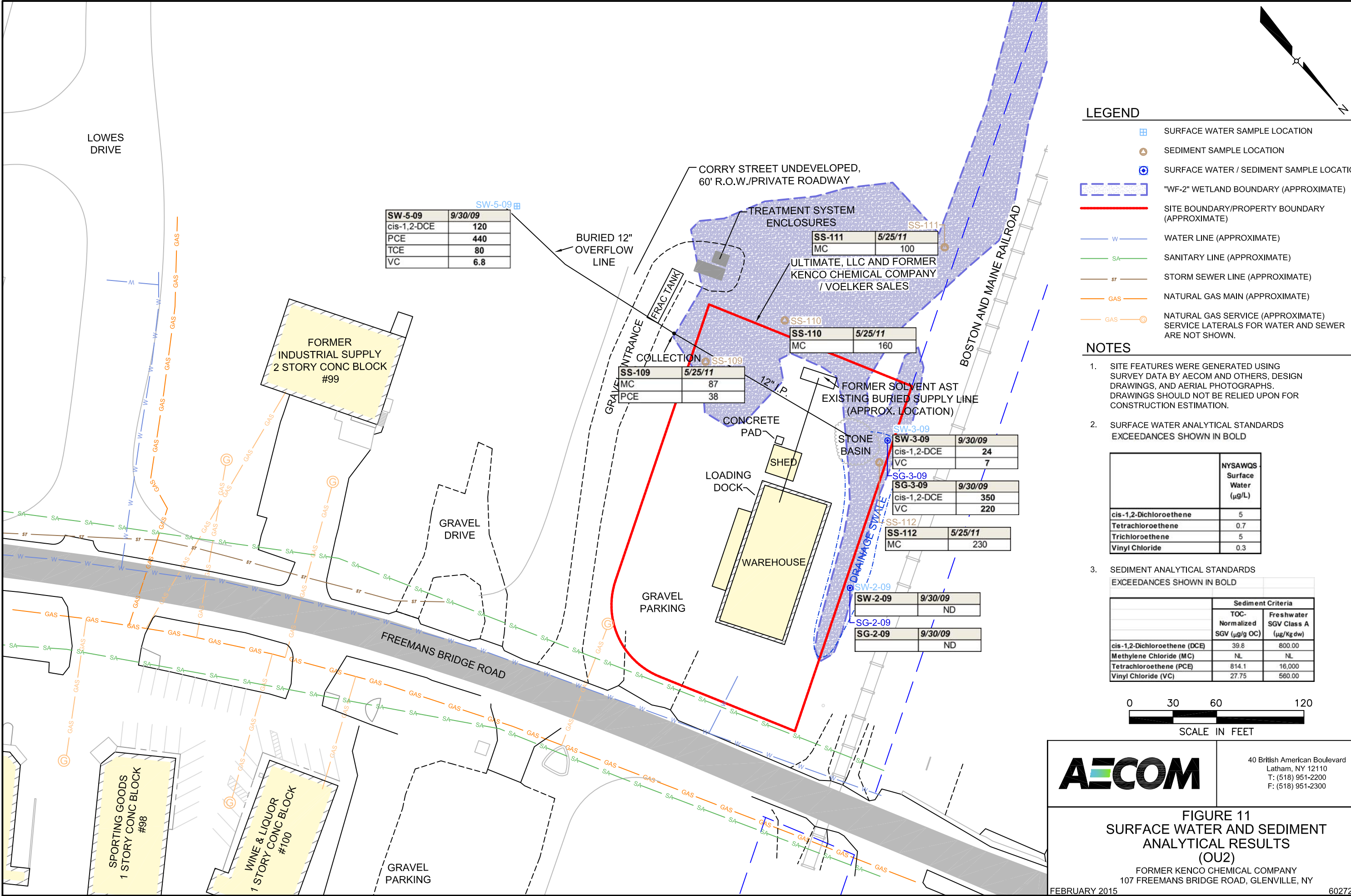




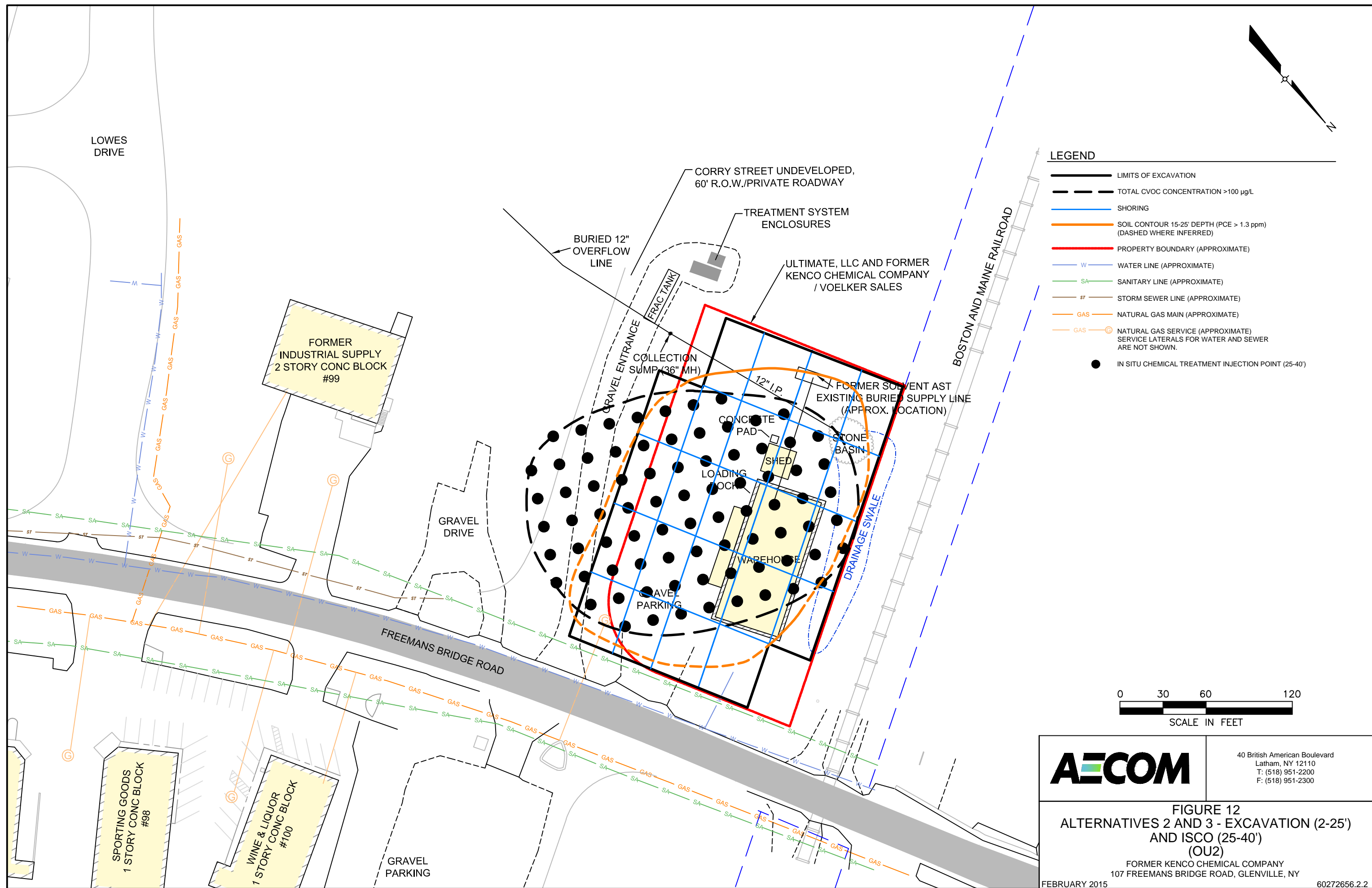


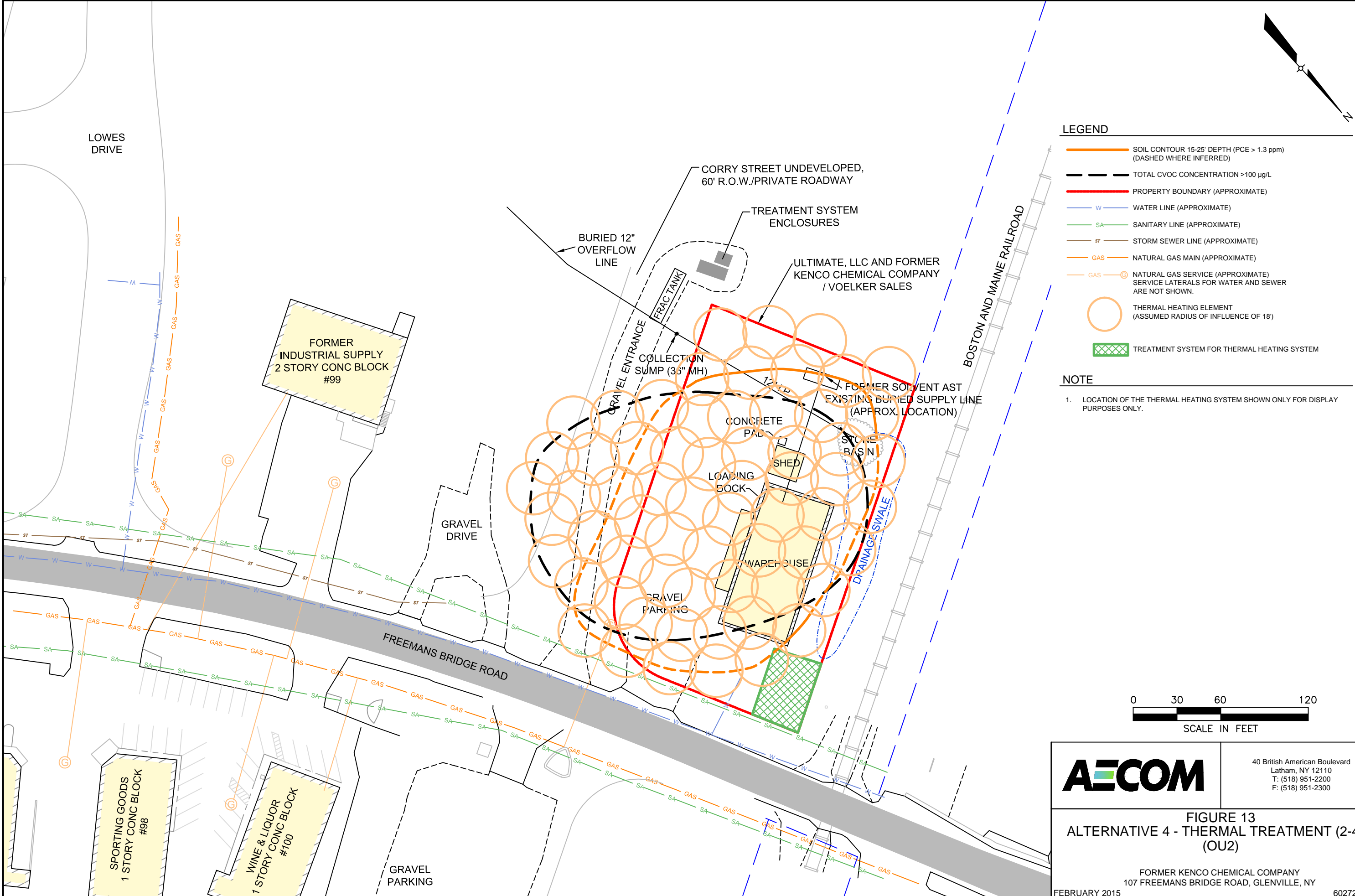












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- SOIL CONTOUR 15-25' DEPTH (PCE > 1.3 ppm) (DASHED WHERE INFERRED)
- TOTAL CVOC CONCENTRATION >100 µg/L
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- THERMAL HEATING ELEMENT (ASSUMED RADIUS OF INFLUENCE OF 18')
- TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR THERMAL HEATING SYSTEM

**NOTE**

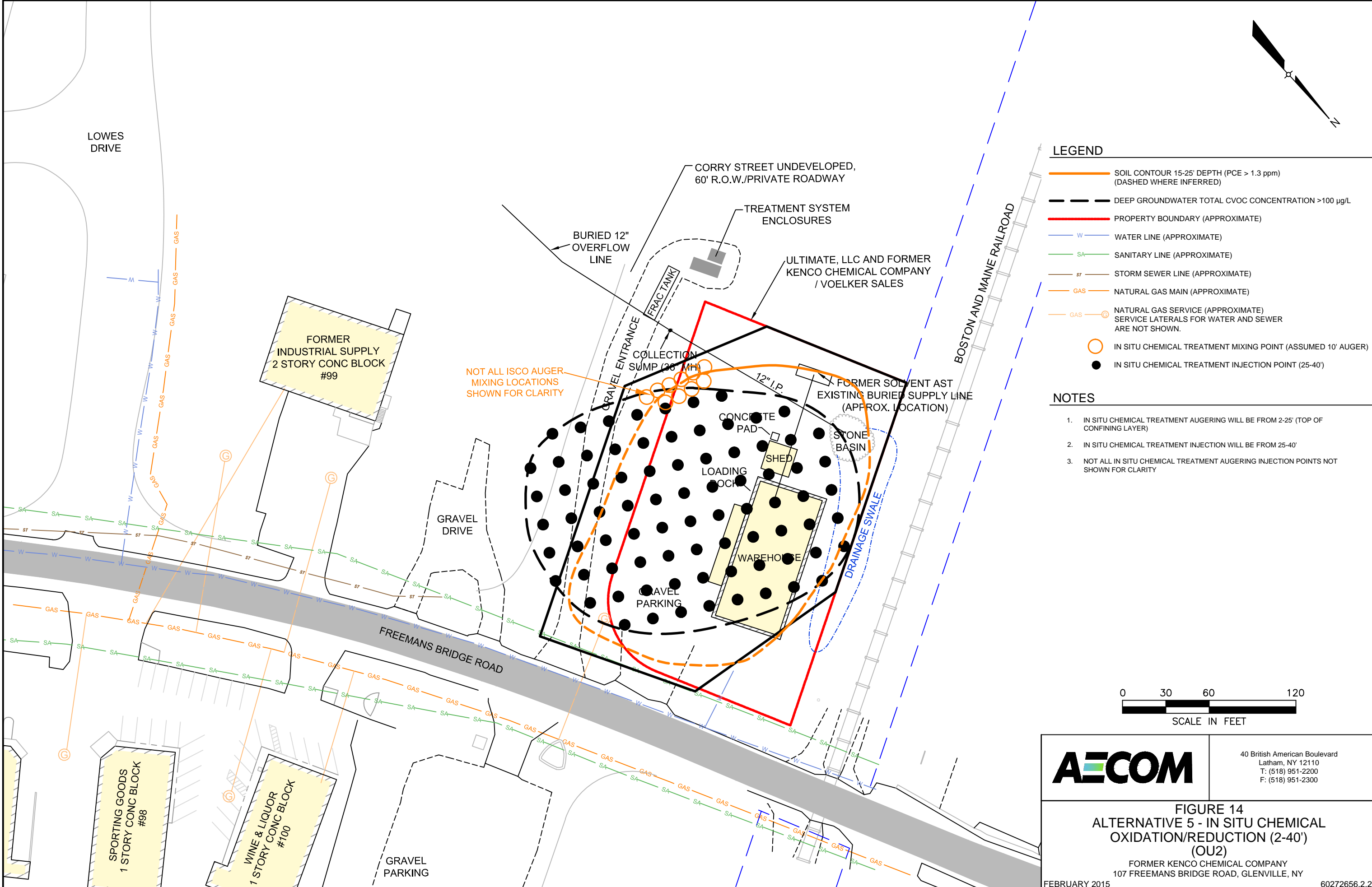
1. LOCATION OF THE THERMAL HEATING SYSTEM SHOWN ONLY FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES ONLY.

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**FIGURE 13**  
**ALTERNATIVE 4 - THERMAL TREATMENT (2-40')**  
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**LEGEND**

- SOIL CONTOUR 15-25' DEPTH (PCE > 1.3 ppm) (DASHED WHERE INFERRED)
- DEEP GROUNDWATER TOTAL CVOC CONCENTRATION >100 µg/L
- PROPERTY BOUNDARY (APPROXIMATE)
- W WATER LINE (APPROXIMATE)
- SA SANITARY LINE (APPROXIMATE)
- ST STORM SEWER LINE (APPROXIMATE)
- GAS NATURAL GAS MAIN (APPROXIMATE)
- GAS NATURAL GAS SERVICE (APPROXIMATE) SERVICE LATERALS FOR WATER AND SEWER ARE NOT SHOWN.
- IN SITU CHEMICAL TREATMENT MIXING POINT (ASSUMED 10' AUGER)
- IN SITU CHEMICAL TREATMENT INJECTION POINT (25-40')

**NOTES**

- IN SITU CHEMICAL TREATMENT AUGERING WILL BE FROM 2-25' (TOP OF CONFINING LAYER)
- IN SITU CHEMICAL TREATMENT INJECTION WILL BE FROM 25-40'
- NOT ALL IN SITU CHEMICAL TREATMENT AUGERING INJECTION POINTS NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY

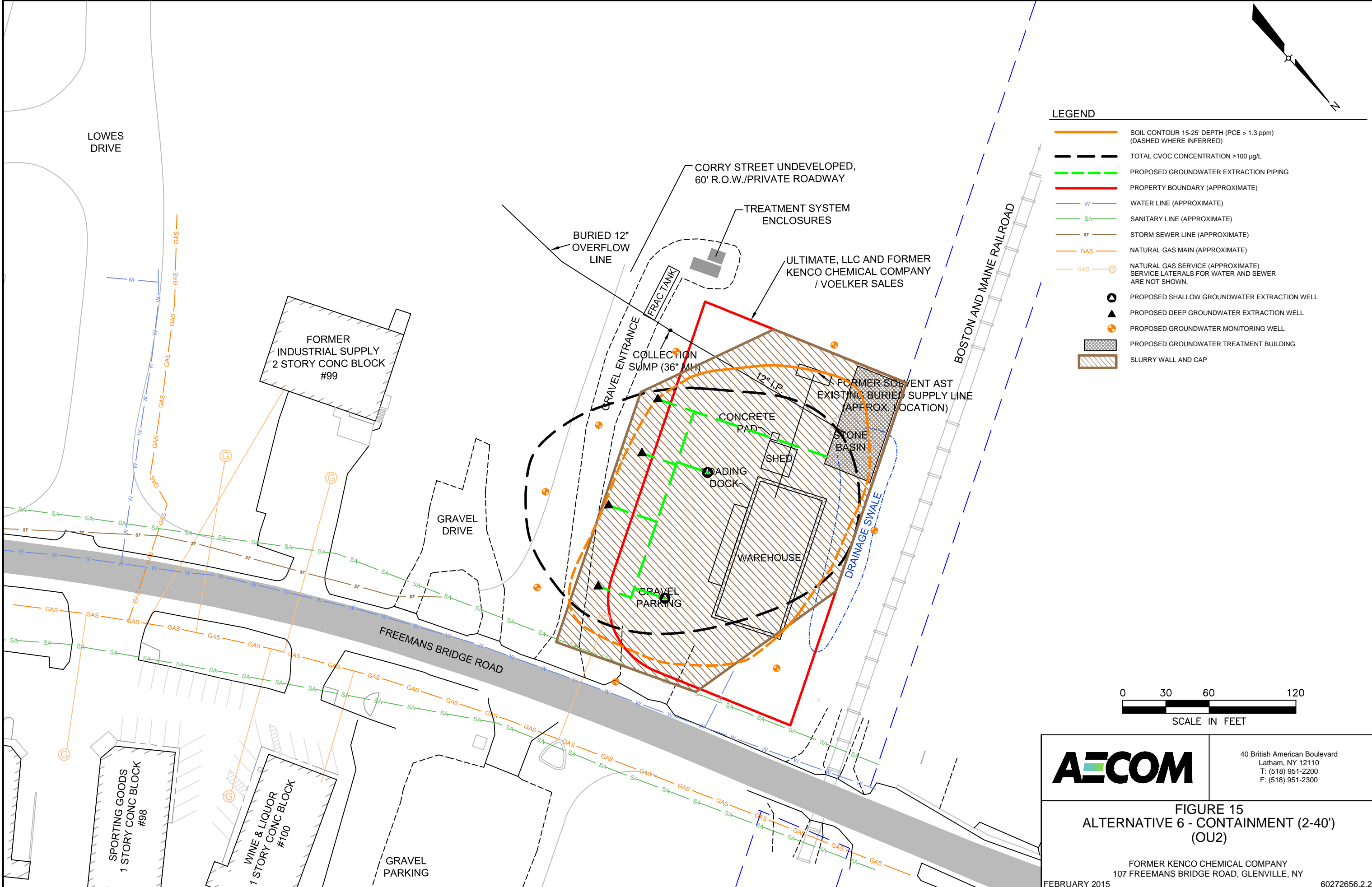
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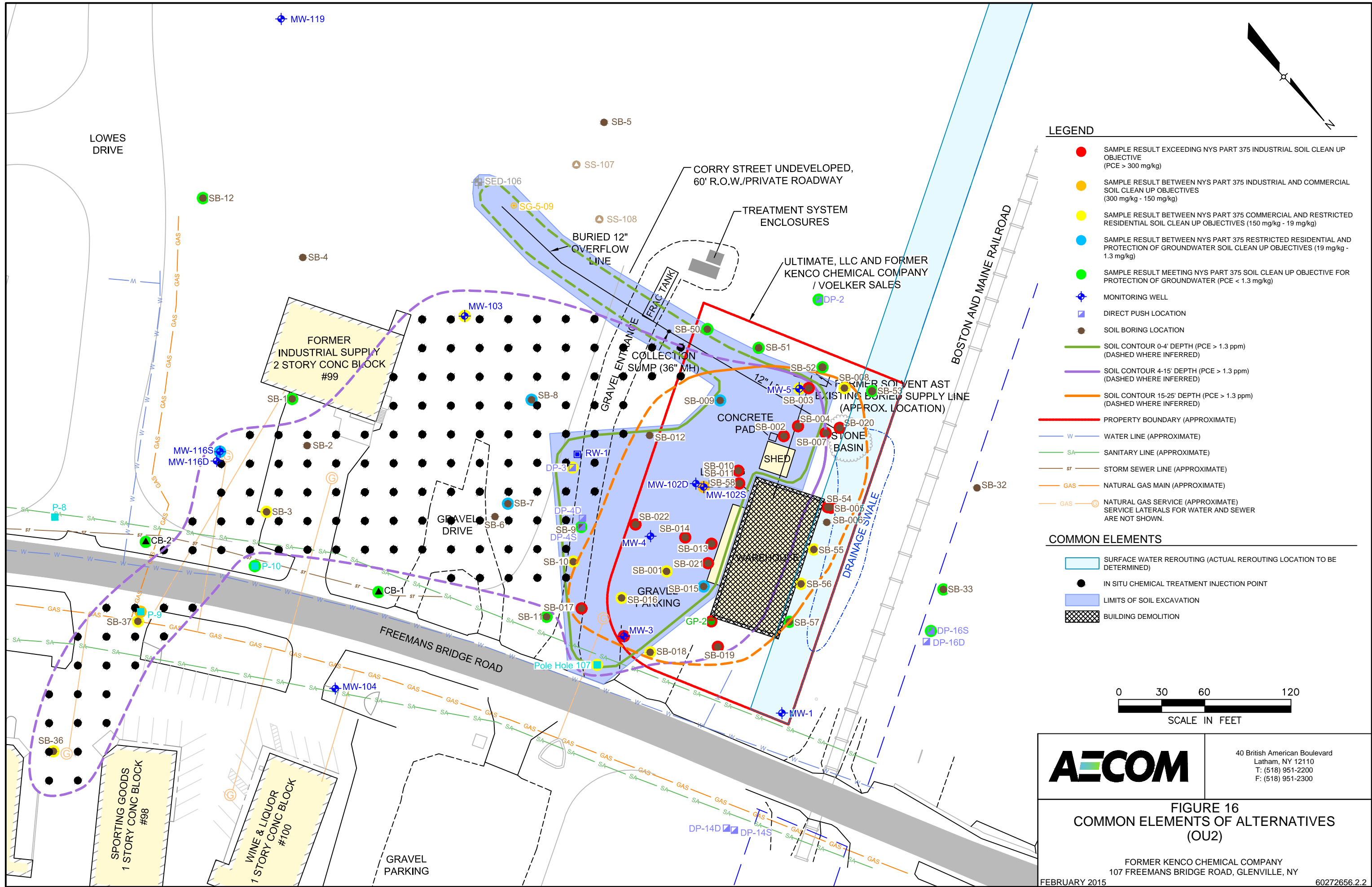
**FIGURE 14**  
**ALTERNATIVE 5 - IN SITU CHEMICAL**  
**OXIDATION/REDUCTION (2-40')**  
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# **APPENDIX A**

## **Responsiveness Summary**

# **RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY**

**Former Kenco Chemical Company  
Operable Unit No. 02: Source Area  
State Superfund Project  
Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, New York  
Site No. 447039**

The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Operable Unit 02 for the Former Kenco Chemical Company site was prepared by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and was issued to the document repositories on February 27, 2015. The PRAP outlined the remedial measure proposed for the contaminated soil, groundwater, surface water and soil vapor within OU 02 for the Former Kenco Chemical Company site.

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

A public meeting was held on March 18, 2015, which included a presentation of the remedial investigation feasibility study (RI/FS) for the Former Kenco Chemical Company as well as a discussion of the proposed remedy. The meeting provided an opportunity for citizens to discuss their concerns, ask questions and comment on the proposed remedy. These comments have become part of the Administrative Record for this site. The public comment period for the PRAP ended on March 30, 2015.

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

**COMMENT 1:** Where does the stream (on-site creek) go?

**RESPONSE 1:** The on-site creek runs westerly along the railroad tracks from Freemans Bridge Road, and currently cuts across the western portion of the site within a make-shift underground pipeline. The creek will be re-routed during the remedial action project to avoid having it run through the site during our work. After the OU 02 remedial action is completed, the creek will be returned to its natural path. Specifically, it will run westerly along the railroad tracks, into a tributary flowing in from behind WalMart, and then enter Warner Creek. Warner Creek runs southward toward Sunnyside Road and then easterly under Freemans Bridge Road and ultimately into the Mohawk River.

**COMMENT 2:** Are there medium or long term plans for monitoring close to the site to make sure you've gotten it all?

**RESPONSE 2:** The selected remedy in the ROD includes monitoring during the remedial action and after the active treatment period is completed to ensure the remedy works as designed and planned.

**COMMENT 3:** How long of a period will there be after remediation is done when that property can be utilized?

**RESPONSE 3:** During active remedial work, the site will be fenced and secured to prevent any use other than implementation of the remedy itself. However, the site should be available for development and re-use almost immediately upon successful completion of the selected remedy. Although there may be some concurrent post-remedy monitoring necessary at the site, this should not hinder site re-use. A rough estimate of three years is being considered for completion of the remedy after initiation of the remedial design.

**COMMENT 4:** After the site is cleaned up, will it go back to the current owner?

**RESPONSE 4:** Property ownership is an independent issue from the cleanup. Even during the investigation and remedial action, the State does not take ownership of the property.

**COMMENT 5:** Are you saying roughly three years before you can build again on the site?

**RESPONSE 5:** Yes, the site should be available for re-use roughly three years from the time of the referral from the Department's legal staff to the Remediation Unit indicating that the remedy can go forward using the State Superfund. The remedial design, when complete, will include a better estimate of the schedule for remedy implementation and completion.

**COMMENT 6:** Do you anticipate any cost recovery dollars?

**RESPONSE 6:** The Department refers all State Superfund projects to the Attorney General's Office for cost recovery efforts. The availability of PRPs with assets is probably limited based on previous experience. However, should viable PRPs be identified, they will be given an opportunity to implement the selected remedy in the ROD pursuant to an agreement with the Department. Should no PRPs agree to implement the selected remedy, the Department will implement the selected remedy and will seek to recover costs from identified PRPs, if possible.

**COMMENT 7:** In all the options you presented are there any effects that you would think about that would affect potentially the OU 01 part of the site. Meaning, you are diverting waterways, we are seeing increasing levels in the Sunnyside Road area, would any of this increase the levels at the Sunnyside Road part of the project?

**RESPONSE 7:** By aggressively attacking the source area as OU 02, just the opposite is expected to occur. The reduction or elimination of the contamination available for migration downgradient toward the Sunnyside Road area could dramatically reduce the contamination levels southward from the site toward the Sunnyside Road area.

**COMMENT 8:** Do you return three or four years from now and test the wells to see if the project was successful?



**RESPONSE 8:** The selected remedy includes monitoring of groundwater wells during the remedial work and monitoring will continue for a period of time to confirm that the project was successful.

**COMMENT 9:** On your diagram you showed that part of the plume has gone under Freemans Bridge Road. Is that migrating further where the plume has seeped across the road?

**RESPONSE 9:** The OU 02 selected remedy includes a section on the eastern side of Freemans Bridge Road where a significant level of contamination has been discovered. This contamination is migrating southerly on the eastern side of Freemans Bridge Road. The downgradient extent is part of the OU 01 Off-Site Contamination on-going remedial investigation, and will be addressed in a subsequent feasibility study and proposed remedy.

**COMMENT 10:** Will the contaminated groundwater on the eastern side of Freemans Bridge Road be chemically treated also?

**RESPONSE 10:** The contamination on the eastern side of Freemans Bridge Road that is part of the selected OU 02 remedy will be chemically treated. The downgradient contamination on the eastern side of Freemans Bridge Road that is not being treated in OU 02 will be evaluated for a proposed remedy as part of the OU 01 remedial investigation report, feasibility study, and proposed remedy.

**COMMENT 11:** What is the possibility of contamination to the air during the OU 02 cleanup? Is there any possible air contamination during the OU 02 work?

**RESPONSE 11:** The selected remedy for OU 02 includes excavation of the top 2 feet of soil, re-routing of the creek, and demolition of on-site structures. The ambient air will be monitored under the remedial plan's Community Air Monitoring Plan and actions taken to minimize any air impacts during these operations. The in-situ thermal treatment portion of the selected remedy will include a vapor collection and treatment system which will extract contaminant vapors before they reach the ground surface, and treat the vapors before they are discharged to the atmosphere. The vapor collection and treatment system will have a monitoring program associated with its operation.

**COMMENT 12:** The stench from a near-by remedial project, performed several years ago, was horrible and we had health reactions to the odors.

**RESPONSE 12:** The feasibility study for OU 02 considered the ex-situ treatment of excavated soil similar to what was done several years ago at the near-by site. The lack of acreage and proximity of residents to the Kenco site, which may have resulted in similar impacts during remediation, are some of the reasons that option was not proposed for the Former Kenco site work.

**COMMENT 13:** How deep will you go with the thermal treatment?

**RESPONSE 13:** The exact depth will be determined during the remedial design phase of the OU 02 remedy. We have estimated a depth of 40 feet based on the data currently available.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Administrative Record**

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**Former Kenco Chemical Company  
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Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, New York  
Site No. 447039**

1. “Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Former Kenco Chemical Company site, Operable Unit No.02”, dated February 2015, prepared by the Department.
2. Referral Memorandum dated December 3, 2008 for Superfund Referral: Former Kenco Chemical Co., Inc., Site #447039.
3. “Work Plan, 107 Freeman’s Bridge Road, Site Number: 447039”, June 2009, prepared by AECOM Technical Services Northeast, Inc.
4. “AECOM MIP Visualization Report”, August 2009, prepared by Zebra Environmental.
5. “Citizen Participation Plan for Former Kenco Chemical Company”, August 2010, prepared by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.
6. “Work Plan, Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, Former Kenco Chemical Company, 107 Freemans Bridge Road Site, Site Number: 447039”, January 2011, prepared by AECOM Technical Services Northeast, Inc.
7. “EPA Removal Assessment and Removal Action Final Summary Report, Kenco Site, (a.k.a. Former Kenco Chemical Company Site)”, September 2011, prepared by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II.
8. “Former Kenco Chemical Company OU2 Source Area, Remedial Investigation Report”, April 2015, prepared by AECOM Environment.
9. “Former Kenco Chemical Company OU2 Source Area, Feasibility Study Report”, April 2015, prepared by AECOM Environment.