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Division of Environmental Remediation

RECORD OF DECISION

Bausch & Lomb

Frame Center Site

Chili, Monroe County, New York

Site Number 8-28-061

February 1998

DECLARATION STATEMENT - RECORD OF DECISION

Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center Chili, Monroe County, New York Site No. 8-28-061

Statement of Purpose and Basis

The Record of Decision (ROD) presents the selected remedial action for the Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center Inactive Hazardous Waste Site, chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL). The remedial program selected is not inconsistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan of March 8, 1990 (40CFR300).

This decision is based upon the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for the Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center Inactive Hazardous Waste Site and upon public input to the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) prepared by the NYSDEC. A bibliography of the documents included as part of the Administrative Record is included in Appendix B of the ROD.

Assessment of the Site

Actual or threatened release of hazardous waste constituents from this site will be addressed by remedial construction activities to be completed as specified in this ROD.

Description of the Selected Remedy

The polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals present in the on-site State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Streambed Area (SSA) were addressed through the IRM. No-further actions for the SSA will be implemented. The selected remedial action provides for the protection of human health and the environment by reducing the mass of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in site soils and the groundwater beneath the site. The Remedial Plan is technically feasible and it complies with statutory requirements. Briefly, the selected remedial action plan includes the following:

- A pre-design field investigation will be implemented;
- If on-site soil treatment is found to be appropriate based on the results of the pre-design field work, a treatability study may be performed during design to identify the most effective application of bioremediation and vapor extraction for degrading the VOCs present in site soil.

- A total of approximately 3850 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the three source areas that have been identified will be excavated and either treated on-site or properly disposed of off-site.
- Groundwater encountered during excavation activities will be removed. This groundwater will either be pre-treated on-site (as necessary) and discharged to the POTW or treated on-site prior to discharge to a surface water body.
- Monitoring wells will be installed downgradient of the plume and upgradient of the property boundary.
- The need for the implementation of institutional controls will be evaluated prior to the site being considered for reclassification or deed transfer.
- A long term groundwater monitoring program will be instituted.

New York State Department of Health Acceptance

The New York State Department of Health concurs with the remedy selected for this site as being 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 technology to the maximum extent practicable, and satisfies the statutory preference for remedies that reduce toxicity, mobility or volume as a principal element.

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SECTION 1: SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The Bausch & Lomb Frame Center is an 89 acre property located south of Paul Road in Chili, New York (see Figure 1). This site is currently listed as a class 2 site on the New York State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites.

The Frame Center facility is comprised of one main building (Building 40) located in the northern portion of the property and a smaller building (Building 41) located adjacent to and south of Building 40 (see Figure 2). Building 40 is approximately 354,000 square feet in size and houses the production area, along with office, cafeteria and other associated facilities.

Portions of the site not covered by buildings, parking areas or roadways are generally well vegetated. The area immediately north of Building 40 and south of Paul Rd. is grassed or covered with landscape vegetation, and the area immediately south of Building 40 and east of Building 41 is lawn.

Based on topography, the surface water flow at the 89 acre property is dominated by two general flow patterns. The storm drains and surface water discharge system dominate the surface water flow in the northern and western portions of the property, while the southeastern portion of the property appears to drain to the east. Water from building roof drains, surface water from the paved areas of the site and the facilities permitted non-contact cooling water is discharged under a NYSDEC State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit to the SPDES Streambed Area (SSA) (see Figure 2).

SECTION 2: SITE HISTORY

2.1: Operational/Disposal History

The Frame Center was constructed in 1961 and enlarged in approximately 1966. Operations at the facility include production of plastic and metal eyeglass frames. A variety of materials including solvents and plating metals have been used and are still used at the facility in connection with the production of frames.

At the time of the construction of the original facility in 1966 until approximately 1980, solvent and acid storage vaults were used at the facility. These vaults were used for storage of solvents, oils, caustics and acid. The vaults had floor drains that discharged to a dry well located south and outside of the southern margin of the original facility. The floor drains were sealed with concrete in 1980.

The SPDES Streambed Area (SSA) is a prominent site drainage feature and was constructed concurrent with the Frame Center to accommodate storm water runoff and plating rinse waters from the facility. From 1961 until approximately 1973, plating rinse waters from the on-site metal plating operations were discharged to the SSA. Since approximately 1973, the rinse waters have been treated and discharged to the municipal sanitary sewer. Storm water runoff and non-contact cooling water continue to be discharged to the SSA under a NYSDEC SPDES permit. In 1982, a No. 6 fuel oil release to the SSA was reported to have occurred by way of the storm drain system. The release resulted from a leak in the heating and condensation lines in the fuel oil tank.

2.2: Remedial History

In 1981 Bausch & Lomb retained Aware, Inc. to conduct a preliminary groundwater quality investigation. This investigation was completed to evaluate whether groundwater or soil at the site had been impacted from potential releases from the dry well. Three groundwater monitoring wells were installed at the site. At that time, no indication of a release to the subsurface was observed. During follow-up sampling in August 1984 and 1985, chlorinated solvents were detected in two of the wells.

The Bausch & Lomb Frame Center was listed on the NYS Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites as a class 2 site after sampling in September 1982, January 1983 and November 1983 indicated elevated levels of heavy metals and oil and grease in sediment associated with the SSA. The SSA sediment/soil showed elevated concentrations of chromium, copper, iron, nickel, lead and zinc. The dry well area was added to the class 2 listing after the August 1984 and 1985 sampling detected chlorinated solvents in groundwater.

SECTION 3: CURRENT STATUS

In response to a determination that the presence of hazardous waste at the Site presents a significant threat to human health and the environment, Bausch & Lomb recently completed a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS).

3.1: Summary of the Remedial Investigation

The purpose of the RI was to define the nature (type) and extent (location) of any contamination resulting from previous activities at the site.

The RI was conducted in five (5) phases:

- Phase I: September 1990 - July 1991
- Phase II: February 1992 - May 1992
- Phase III: February 1994 - July 1994
- Phase IV: April 1995 - July 1995
- Phase V: December 1996 - February 1997

The following reports have been prepared describing the field activities and findings of these phases of the RI:

- Remedial Investigation Report, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York dated January 1993, revised October 1993
- Remedial Investigation Addendum Report, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York dated September 1994, revised June 1995
- Remedial Investigation Addendum Supplement Report, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York dated February 1996
- Source Area Delineation Program, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York dated May 1997

The RI included the following activities:

- Magnetometer survey to identify buried metal or magnetic anomalies.
- Ground-Penetrating Radar survey to determine the presence of buried objects in the area of magnetic anomalies and to access the location of the dry well.
- Soil gas survey to identify potential source areas (a soil gas survey samples the air trapped between soil particles and analyzes the air for contaminants).
- Excavation and sampling of test pits to evaluate magnetometer and soil gas anomalies.
- Installation of soil borings and monitoring wells for analysis of soil and groundwater as well as to determine physical properties of soil and hydro-geologic conditions.
- Videotaping the storm drain to evaluate a groundwater depression identified in the Phase I RI.
- Collection of sediment/soil samples from the SSA.

- Collection of soil samples to evaluate potential source areas.
- Collection (using a Geoprobe) and on-site analysis of groundwater samples to identify potential source areas of contamination.

To determine which media (soil, groundwater, etc.) contain contamination at levels of concern, the RI analytical data were compared to environmental Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs). Groundwater, drinking water and surface water SCGs identified for the Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center site were based on NYSDEC Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values and Part V of NYS Sanitary Code. Soil SCGs identified for the site were developed from NYSDEC Technical and Administrative Guidance Memorandum (TAGM) 4046 "Determination of Soil Cleanup Objectives and Cleanup Levels" using guidelines for the protection of groundwater, background conditions, and risk-based remediation criteria. The Division of Fish and Wildlife Technical Guidance for Screening Contaminated Sediments was used for surface water sediments.

Based upon the results of the remedial investigation in comparison to the SCGs and potential public health and environmental exposure routes, certain areas and media of the site require remediation. Sediments in the SSA were of concern, but were already removed by Bausch & Lomb (See Section 3.2). There are also three discrete areas of groundwater that are of concern and that warrant remediation. These are summarized below. More complete information can be found in the RI reports.

Chemical concentrations are reported in parts per billion (ppb) or parts per million (ppm). For comparison purposes, SCGs are given for each medium.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology:

The site is underlain by siltstone of the Silurian Vernon Formation. The siltstone is overlain in most areas by glaciolacustrine sediments. These sediments, composed predominantly of silt and clay, were deposited in glacial lakes present along the retreating ice margin. With continued glacial retreat, the lakes changed in shape and size as lower lake outlets became ice-free. The lakes eventually drained as the remaining ice unblocked the preglacial drainage pathways to the northeast.

Numerous re-advances of the ice front have been documented in areas west of the site. Based on the boring logs obtained during this investigation, re-advances may have also occurred in the site area. This is indicated by multiple units of till, separated by lacustrine sediments. The general compact nature of the lacustrine sediments also suggest that they may have been overridden and compacted by the re-advancing glacier.

Groundwater flow is generally from the north to the south, across the site towards Black Creek. Flow patterns, however, deviate in various areas within the site.

3.1.1 Nature of Contamination:

As described in the RI Reports, many soil, groundwater and sediment samples were collected at the Site to characterize the nature and extent of contamination.

The primary sediment contaminants found in the SSA were metals such as cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury, nickel, silver and zinc. Metals are widely used in industry as part of electroplating operations. Many metals are quite toxic including cadmium, chromium and nickel, which are known or suspected carcinogens. In addition to metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) such as acenaphthene, phenanthrene, fluoranthene were also found in the sediment of the SSA. PAHs are a group of chemicals that are derived from oil, are a major component of asphalt and often form through the incomplete combustion of coal, oil and gas, garbage or other organic substances. Phenanthrene is a known carcinogen.

The primary groundwater contaminants are chlorinated solvents such as Trichloroethene (TCE), 1,1,1 Trichloroethane, cis-1,2 Dichloroethene, and Vinyl Chloride. Many chlorinated solvents are widely used in industry for degreasing and cleaning. They are typically clear colorless liquids which are heavier than water. Vinyl Chloride is a known carcinogen.

3.1.2 Extent of Contamination

Tables 1, 2 and 3 summarize the extent of contamination for the contaminants of concern in sediment and compare the data with the proposed remedial action levels for the Site. Tables 4 and 5 summarize the extent of contamination for the contaminants of concern in groundwater and compare the data with the proposed remedial action levels for the Site. The following is a summary of the findings of the investigation.

Sediments

Twenty sediment samples were collected from the on-site (on Bausch & Lomb's property) SSA prior to the IRM (See Section 3.2). The constituents of concern for the SSA included: cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury, nickel, silver, zinc and PAHs. The results from these samples indicated that some metals and PAH concentrations were above NYSDEC Division of Fish and Wildlife sediment screening levels. Sediment containing PAHs and metals concentrations above NYSDEC Division of Fish and Wildlife sediment screening levels were removed from the on-site SSA by Bausch & Lomb through an IRM (See Section 3.2). Pre-removal and post-removal concentrations of contaminants in the on-site SSA and a comparison to NYSDEC sediment screening levels can be found in Tables 1 and 2.

Eleven sediment samples were collected from a combination of Black Creek and the off-site (down stream of Bausch & Lomb's property) SSA (two samples from Black Creek and 9 samples from the off-site SSA). Zinc was detected in both samples from Black Creek at concentrations above NYSDEC Division of Fish and Wildlife sediment Lowest Effect Level (LEL) screening levels. However, the zinc concentration in Black Creek's sediment upstream of Black Creek's junction with the SSA was greater than the zinc concentration downstream of Black Creek's junction with the SSA. Therefore the zinc concentrations in Black Creek sediment cannot be attributed to the SSA. Only chromium, nickel and zinc were detected in the off-site SSA at concentrations above NYSDEC Division of Fish and Wildlife sediment Lowest Effect Level (LEL) screening levels: of these nickel and chromium were found above Severe Effect Level (SEL) in one sample located approximately 1000 feet south of the Bausch & Lomb property line. Concentrations of contaminants in the off-site SSA and Black Creek and a comparison to NYSDEC sediment screening levels can be found in Table 3.

The IRM (See Section 3.2) effectively addressed the impacted soil/sediment within the on-site SSA, thereby eliminating the potential for future migration of contaminants of concern above NYSDEC approved cleanup goals into the off-site SSA. No-further remedial action (RA) for the SSA was considered in the PRAP.

Groundwater

Thirty two (32) monitoring wells are currently installed on-site. Twenty (20) of the monitoring wells are used to monitor the shallow overburden (soil above bedrock) groundwater and the other twelve monitoring wells are used to monitor the base of overburden/top of bedrock interface zone groundwater.

Sample results from these monitoring wells (See Tables 4 and 5) show that volatile organic compounds (VOCs) concentrations are locally above NYS Class GA Groundwater Standards in both the shallow overburden and the base of overburden/top of bedrock interface zones.

To further define the groundwater contamination present at the site a Geoprobe investigation was performed. A total of 366 groundwater and/or ponded surface water samples were collected and analyzed on-site. Results from these samples identified soil source areas for the two (2) shallow overburden and one (1) base of overburden/top of bedrock interface groundwater contaminant plumes (the relative locations of these plumes are shown on Figure 3).

The three source areas are: the BL-16S source area (130,000 parts per billion (ppb) TCE), the BL-9S source area (200,000 ppb TCE) and the BL-11D source area (110,000 ppb TCE). Given the elevated dissolved concentrations of VOCs measured in these source areas, it is believed that VOCs are present in the soil in these source areas in the form of residual pockets of dense non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL) in the subsurface at these locations. Furthermore it is believed that residual DNAPL represents an on-going long-term source of groundwater contamination.

3.2 Interim Remedial Measures:

Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) are conducted at sites when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before completion of the RI/FS.

Based on the SSA RI results, an IRM was performed in November 1995. The IRM consisted of the removal and off-site disposal of sediment/soil from the on-site SSA which contained concentrations of contaminants in excess of the NYSDEC Division of Fish and Wildlife sediment screening levels. Approximately 1,175 cubic yards of material were removed from the on-site SSA.

Upon completion of the initial excavation, verification samples were collected and analyzed. If the verification samples' analytical results were above SCGs, additional sediment/soil was excavated and additional confirmatory samples were collected and analyzed. This sequence was repeated until the verification samples' results were below SCGs with one exception (See Table 2). One sample contained concentrations of nickel above NYSDEC Division of Fish and Wildlife sediment screening levels (Sample IRM-12: 22.3 parts per million (ppm) nickel exceeded the low effect level (LEL) of 16 ppm). As this sample was collected from approximately 42 inches below the original ground surface, its nickel concentration was only slightly elevated compared to LEL, its nickel concentration was below the severe effect level (SEL) and its nickel concentration was below site background concentrations, it was determined that no additional excavation was necessary.

To prevent erosion and sedimentation, the on-site SSA was restored. Rip-rap was placed in the area of the excavation within the on-site SSA to match adjacent grades and to restore the profile of the SSA to pre-IRM conditions. Additional information about the IRM can be found in the Final Engineering Report On-Site Interim Remedial Measure, dated January 1996.

The PAHs and metals present in the on-site SSA were addressed through the IRM. No-further RA for the SSA was considered in the PRAP based on the following:

- The concentrations of PAHs and metals detected in the off-site SSA were orders of magnitude lower than those detected in the on-site SSA.
- The concentrations, of PAHs and metals, detected in the off-site SSA (with the exception of one sample (see Table 3)) were below the Severe Effect Level presented in the NYSDEC Division of Fish and Wildlife Technical Guidance for Screening Contaminated Sediments.
- No metals or PAHs concentrations were detected above background concentrations (levels found in the surrounding area) in either the furthest downstream SSA sample location or in samples from Black Creek (the SSA drains into Black Creek).

- The IRM effectively addressed the impacted soil/sediment within the on-site SSA, thereby eliminating the potential for future migration of contaminants of concern above NYSDEC approved cleanup goals into the off-site SSA.

3.3 Summary of Human Exposure Pathways:

This section describes the types of human exposures that may present added health risks to persons at or around the site. A more detailed discussion of the health risks can be found in Section 7.2 of the RI Report and Section 6.0 of the RI Addendum Report.

An exposure pathway is how an individual may come into contact with a contaminant. The five elements of an exposure pathway are 1) the source of contamination; 2) the environmental media and transport mechanisms; 3) the point of exposure; 4) the route of exposure; and 5) the receptor population. These elements of an exposure pathway may be based on past, present, or future events.

Completed or potential pathways which are known to or may exist at the site include:

- Potential exposure of on-site workers to volatile organics and fugitive dust emissions during possible future construction activities.
- Potential future exposure of residents to volatile organics in groundwater due to inhalation, ingestion or dermal contact. Such exposure could occur 3 ways:
 1. If contaminated groundwater or soil vapor migrates off-site into the basements of homes;
 2. If local residents install and use a shallow well (e.g., for drinking water, gardens, etc.); and
 3. If residences are built on the site at some point in the future with a shallow well or a basement.

The human health risk assessment completed as part of the RI found that no unacceptable risks were estimated to occur at the site under present conditions for workers, nearby residents, recreationists or hunters/trespassers who might come in contact with on-site soils or streambed sediments in the SSA or Black Creek. In addition the risk assessment addendum conducted as part of the RI Addendum estimated no unacceptable chronic risks for a hypothetical future excavation worker at the site. The risk assessment addendum did indicate the possibility for adverse health effects or elevated potential for carcinogenic effects for hypothetical future residential exposure to groundwater at the site. This estimation is extremely conservative and assumes that shallow

overburden groundwater would be utilized as a residential supply well, even though the area is served by a municipal supply.

3.4 Summary of Environmental Exposure Pathways:

This section summarizes the types of environmental exposures which may be presented by the site. The Fish and Wildlife Impact Assessment included in the RI presents a more detailed discussion of the potential impacts from the site to fish and wildlife resources. The following pathway for environmental exposure has been identified:

- Ongoing contamination of Class GA groundwater at the site.

SECTION 4: ENFORCEMENT STATUS

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

The NYSDEC and the Bausch & Lomb entered into a Consent Order on September 10, 1990. The Order obligates the responsible parties to implement a RI/FS remedial program. This Order was amended on June 5, 1995 to allow Bausch & Lomb to propose the interim remedial measure (IRM). Upon issuance of the Record of Decision the NYSDEC will approach the PRPs to implement the selected remedy under an Order on Consent.

The consent order is referenced as follows:

Date: 9/10/90 as amended 6/5/95

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Subject of Order: In the Matter of the Development and Implementation of a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study for an Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Under Article 27, Title 13 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York (the "ECL") by Bausch & Lomb Incorporated.

SECTION 5: SUMMARY OF THE REMEDIATION GOALS

Goals for the remedial program have been established through the remedy selection process stated in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.10. The overall remedial goal is to meet all Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs) and be protective of human health and the environment.

At a minimum, the remedy selected should eliminate or mitigate all significant threats to the public health and to the environment presented by the hazardous waste disposed at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

The goals selected for this site are:

- Reduce the mass of contaminants of concern present in the on-site shallow overburden and overburden/bedrock interface groundwater flow zones to the extent practicable; and
- Mitigate the potential migration of groundwater that contains contaminants of concern in excess of the New York State Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards.

SECTION 6: SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The selected remedy should be protective of human health and the environment, be cost effective, comply with other statutory laws and utilize permanent solutions, alternative technologies or resource recovery technologies to the maximum extent practicable. Potential remedial alternatives for the Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center site were identified, screened and evaluated in a Feasibility Study. This evaluation is presented in the report entitled Feasibility Study Report, Bausch & Lomb Frame Center, dated October, 1997.

A summary of the detailed analysis follows. As used in the following text, the time to implement reflects only the time required to implement the remedy, and does not include the time required to design the remedy, procure contracts for design and construction or to negotiate with responsible parties for implementation of the remedy.

6.1: Description of Alternatives

The potential remedies are intended to address the contaminated groundwater and soil at the site.

Alternative 1 - No Action

The no action alternative is evaluated as a procedural requirement and as a basis for comparison. This alternative would leave the site in its present condition and would not provide any additional protection to human health or the environment.

Present Worth:	\$ 0
Capital Cost:	\$ 0
Annual O&M:	\$ 0
Time to Implement	No time required

Alternative 2 - Natural Attenuation and Groundwater Monitoring

This alternative includes groundwater monitoring of five existing monitoring wells along with the installation and monitoring of four new monitoring wells. Samples collected during the long term monitoring would be submitted for laboratory analysis of VOCs. These sample results would be used to:

- Determine whether the VOCs, at concentrations greater than New York State Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards, are approaching the downgradient site boundary; and
- Monitor the degradation and natural attenuation of VOCs contaminants of concern in the areas where they have been previously encountered.

If it is determined that VOCs concentrations greater than SCGs are approaching the downgradient site boundary, hydraulic control or groundwater extraction and treatment technologies would be implemented. These contingencies would be implemented to insure that VOCs concentrations, above SCGs, would not migrate off-site. The need for the implementation of institutional controls would be evaluated prior to the site being considered for reclassification or deed transfer.

Present Worth:	\$ 610,000
Capital Cost:	\$ 123,000
Annual O&M: (years 1-30)	\$ 39,120
Time to Implement	6 months - 1 year

Alternative 3 - Groundwater Removal and Treatment

This alternative consists of the long term extraction of contaminated groundwater and then either discharging the groundwater to the sanitary sewer for off-site treatment at the publicly owned treatment works (POTW) or treating the groundwater on-site as necessary prior to discharge to a nearby surface water (e.g., the on-site SSA). Under this alternative, overburden and/or overburden/bedrock interface extraction wells were assumed to be the groundwater removal technology implemented. The actual technology may be either withdrawal trenches or extraction wells (or a combination thereof) and would be determined based on the results of a pumping test. The need for the implementation of institutional controls would be evaluated prior to the site being considered for reclassification or deed transfer.

Present Worth:	\$ 1,260,000
Capital Cost:	\$ 331,765
Annual O&M: (years 1-30)	\$ 75,000
Time to Implement	6 months - 1 year

Alternative 4 - Mass Reduction and Natural Attenuation

This alternative consists of VOCs mass removal in the three areas of elevated groundwater concentrations, combined with natural attenuation of the associated VOCs plume. The VOCs mass reduction technology would be source area soil excavation and off-site disposal at a permitted landfill and/or ex-situ treatment by biological degradation and/or soil vapor extraction. Prior to the implementation of this alternative, a pre-design field investigation would be implemented to address limited data gaps and provide additional VOCs data necessary to confirm the limits of the source areas requiring excavation. In addition the pre-design field work would help to determine whether the excavated soil would be disposed of off-site or treated on-site. If the results of the pre-design field investigation indicate that on-site treatment of the excavated soil is the best option, a treatability study would be completed to support the most effective design for the soil treatment.

Based on current data, this alternative consists of excavating approximately 3,850 cubic yards of soil from the identified source areas where the highest concentrations of VOCs have been observed.

Groundwater encountered during impacted soils excavation activities will be aggressively dewatered and pumped from the excavation to maximize source removal and treated, as necessary, prior to discharge to either the sanitary sewer for off-site treatment at the POTW or to a nearby surface water. The need for the implementation of institutional controls would be evaluated prior to the site being considered for reclassification or deed transfer.

Present Worth:	\$ 1,630,000*
Capital Cost:	\$ 1,105,000
Annual O&M:	Ex-Situ Soil Bio Remediation
(years 1-3)	\$60,000
	Groundwater Monitoring
(years 1-15)	\$39,120
Time to Implement	6 months - 1 year

* The estimated present worth assumes ex-situ anaerobic/aerobic biodegradation, this cost should be the maximum cost and may be reduced if off-site disposal or ex-situ aerobic biodegradation and vapor extraction is found to be appropriate during the pre-design work.

6.2 Evaluation of Remedial Alternatives

The criteria used to compare the potential remedial alternatives are defined in the regulation that directs the remediation of inactive hazardous waste sites in New York State (6 NYCRR Part 375). For each of the criteria, a brief description is provided followed by an evaluation of the

alternatives against that criterion. A detailed discussion of the evaluation criteria and comparative analysis is contained in the Feasibility Study.

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

1. Compliance with New York State Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs).
Compliance with SCGs addresses whether or not a remedy will meet applicable environmental laws, regulations, standards, and guidance.

The main SCG that has been identified for this site is New York State Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards (6 NYCRR Parts 700-705).

Alternative 1 would not comply with New York State Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards. Because this alternative does not include any remedial action associated with site groundwater, this alternative would not mitigate the potential for migration of VOCs at concentrations in excess groundwater quality standards. In addition, the time frame for the groundwater at the site to meet New York State Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards, is expected to be very long.

Alternative 2 would not comply with New York State Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards. Because this alternative does not include any active remedial action associated with site groundwater, this alternative would not mitigate the potential for migration of VOCs at concentrations in excess groundwater quality standards. The time frame for the groundwater at the site to meet groundwater quality standards, with this alternative is expected to be 30 years or greater.

Alternative 3 would be effective in meeting New York State Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards. The contaminants of concern in groundwater would be hydraulically controlled and their concentrations eventually reduced, through the withdrawal and treatment of groundwater. The time frame for the groundwater at the site to meet groundwater quality standards, with this alternative is expected to be significantly less than Alternative 2. However, given the uncertainties associated with possible residual DNAPL contamination at the site 30 years was used a conservative estimate for costing purposes.

Alternative 4 would be effective in meeting New York State Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards. The VOCs concentrations in groundwater would be reduced in two ways by this alternative. First, contaminants of concern in soil would be excavated and treated. This would remove the continuing source of VOCs to groundwater. In addition, groundwater that is encountered during the excavation would be removed from the excavation, as necessary and treated and/or stored and used to aid in the treatment of the soil portion of this remedy and/or disposed of off-site. Given the dual treatment in this alternative it is assumed that groundwater

standards will be met site-wide within 15 years and much sooner for the areas subject to excavation.

2. Protection of Human Health and the Environment. This criterion is an overall evaluation of the health and environmental impacts to assess whether each alternative is protective.

Alternative 1 would not be protective of the environment. Because this alternative does not contain, actively treat or destroy contaminants in the groundwater at the site, presently uncontaminated groundwater at the site would continue to be contaminated by contaminants of concern.

Alternative 2 would not be protective of human health and the environment. As with *Alternative 1*, this alternative would not contain, actively treat or destroy contaminants in the groundwater at the site and presently uncontaminated groundwater at the site would continue to be contaminated by contaminants of concern.

Alternative 3 would be protective of human health and the environment over the long term. This alternative would provide for the hydraulic control of the contaminants of concern within the on-site shallow overburden and at the overburden/bedrock interface. In addition, the use of institutional controls would be evaluated, once this alternative is in place, to insure protection of human health.

Alternative 4 would be fully protective of human health and the environment and would achieve this status significantly sooner than would *Alternative 3*. The soil excavation and treatment and the groundwater removal and treatment components of this alternative would significantly reduce the mass of VOCs at the site. After this mass reduction, natural attenuation would further decrease the VOCs concentrations at the site. This alternative would also include long term monitoring to ensure protection of human health and the environment and the contingency for the institution of hydraulic controls if the contamination approaches the downgradient property boundary.

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

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

Alternative 1: Because no remedial actions are associated with this alternative, there would be no short-term impacts to the community or the environment.

Alternative 2: There would be very little short-term environmental impacts or risks posed to the community by installing, developing or sampling wells.

Alternative 3: This alternative would include some short-term impacts to the environment or risks to the community. These impacts and risks would be associated with the installation of groundwater extraction wells and would be very minor and easily controlled.

Alternative 4: This alternative would include some short-term impacts to the environment or risks to the community. These impacts and risks would be associated with the excavation and soil treatment activities, and potential air emissions from the soil and groundwater treatment systems. OSHA regulations regarding construction practices, training requirements and safety procedures to be followed during work associated with hazardous waste operations would apply to excavation, construction, maintenance, and monitoring well installation and sampling activities. In addition, if the off-site disposal option is chosen to deal with the excavated soil, approximately 200 twenty (20) yd³ dump trucks would have to leave the site and travel to the landfill.

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

Alternative 1: This alternative would have no long-term effectiveness. Under this alternative, the contaminants of concern in the groundwater would not be addressed. As such, the long-term effectiveness and reliability of this alternative are low.

Alternative 2: This alternative would include no active treatment of the VOCs in groundwater, however the contingencies for hydraulic controls or groundwater removal and treatment would insure that the contamination does not migrate off-site. As such, the long-term effectiveness and reliability of this alternative are moderate.

Alternative 3: This alternative would be considered a permanent remedy. The system would continue to operate for as long as constituents of concern persist in groundwater at concentrations above NYS Class GA Groundwater Quality Standards. In addition this alternative would mitigate the potential for off-site migration of contaminated groundwater. As such, the long-term effectiveness and reliability of this alternative are high. An assessment of potential air emissions associated with possible on-site treatment would need to be performed as part of this alternative and if necessary an air pollution control system would need to be installed to insure compliance with applicable air emission standards.

Alternative 4: This alternative would be considered effective in the long-term for the following reasons: 1. The excavation and treatment of saturated soils from the identified source areas would

remove the areas with the highest VOCs concentrations, 2. Natural Attenuation would continue to reduce the concentrations of residual VOCs present in the groundwater after the source excavation activities have been completed. In addition long term monitoring and contingencies would insure that contaminated groundwater does not migrate off-site. As such, the long-term effectiveness and reliability of this alternative are high. An assessment of potential air emissions associated with the treatment systems would need to be performed as part of this alternative and if necessary an air pollution control system would be installed to insure compliance with applicable air emission standards.

5. Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility or Volume. Preference is given to alternatives that permanently and significantly reduce the toxicity, mobility or volume of the wastes at the site.

Alternative 1: This alternative would not actively treat the impacted groundwater, therefore there would be no reduction in the toxicity, mobility or volume of the constituents of concern in the near term.

Alternative 2: This alternative would not include implementation of an active groundwater treatment process and would rely on naturally occurring physical, chemical and biological processes to decrease the toxicity and volume of the contaminants of concern. There would be no significant reduction in the mobility of contaminants in the near term with this alternative.

Alternative 3: This alternative would slowly reduce the mass of VOCs in the groundwater beneath the site by extracting and treating contaminated groundwater. In addition, this alternative would reduce the mobility of VOCs in the groundwater beneath the site by hydraulically controlling the migration of the contaminants.

Alternative 4: This alternative would quickly reduce the mass of VOCs in site soils and the groundwater beneath the site by excavating and treating contaminated soil (the continuing source of groundwater contamination) along with the removal and treatment of groundwater encountered during the soil excavation. Although the mass of contamination would be greatly reduced, there would be no significant reduction in the mobility of the residual contaminants in the near term with this alternative.

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

Alternative 1: This alternative would not require the implementation of any remedial activities. Therefore, this alternative is technically feasible and could be easily implemented at this site.

Alternative 2: The installation of groundwater monitoring wells and the collection of groundwater samples are common monitoring techniques, therefore, this alternative is technically feasible and could be easily implemented at this site.

Alternative 3: Groundwater extraction and treatment is a fully developed remedial alternative and is used at many sites throughout the U.S.. Although this alternative requires some construction, implementation would be easily accomplished at the site.

Alternative 4: This alternative would be more difficult to implement than any of the other alternatives. There would be several issues associated with the implementation of the excavation portion of this alternative. Specifically, the volatilization of VOCs during excavation and material handling, the potential spreading of VOCs and, potential health and safety issues during excavation activities. These concerns would be addressed in the RA Workplan and could be effectively controlled using readily available construction techniques and due diligence.

7. **Cost.** Capital and operation and maintenance costs are estimated for each alternative and compared on a present worth basis. Although cost is the last balancing criterion evaluated, where two or more alternatives have met the requirements of the remaining criteria, cost effectiveness can be used as the basis for the final decision. The costs for each alternative are presented in Table 2.

Alternative 1 would cost nothing.

Capital costs for *Alternative 2* are estimated at \$123,000. Annual O&M would be \$39,120. Thirty years of O&M would bring the O&M present worth to \$485,440. The total present worth of this alternative is estimated to be \$610,000.

Capital costs for *Alternative 3* are estimated at \$331,765. Annual O&M would be \$75,000. Thirty years of O&M would bring the O&M present worth to \$930,675. The total present worth of this alternative is estimated to be \$1,260,000.

Capital costs for *Alternative 4* are estimated at \$1,105,000. Annual O&M for the Ex-Situ Bio-Remediation would be \$60,000. Three years of O&M would bring the Ex-Situ Bio-Remediation O&M present worth to \$157,000. Annual Groundwater Monitoring O&M would be \$39,120. Fifteen years of O&M would bring the Groundwater Monitoring O&M present worth to \$356,305. The total present worth of this alternative is estimated to be \$1,630,000. (The estimated present worth assumes ex-situ anaerobic/aerobic biodegradation, this cost should be the maximum cost and may be reduced if off-site disposal or ex-situ aerobic biodegradation and vapor extraction is found to be a more effective treatment.)

This final criterion is considered a modifying criterion and is taken into account after evaluating those above. It is focused upon after public comments on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan have been received.

8. **Community Acceptance** - Concerns of the community regarding the RI/FS reports and the Proposed Remedial Action Plan were evaluated. A "Responsiveness Summary" that describes public comments received and the Department's responses is included as Appendix A. The "Responsiveness Summary" responds to the questions and comments raised at the January 8, 1998 public meeting. No written comments were received during the public comment period. In general the comments received were supportive of the selected remedy.

SECTION 7: SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

Based upon the results of the RI/FS, and the evaluation presented in Section 6, the NYSDEC has selected Alternative 4 Mass Reduction and Natural Attenuation as the remedy for this site.

This selection is based upon the following: Alternatives 1 and 2 would not meet SCGs nor would they be adequately protective of human health or the environment. Alternatives 3 and 4 would both meet threshold criteria, however Alternative 4 would meet SCGs sooner and with a higher degree of certainty than Alternative 3. Alternatives 3 and 4 would be expected to be equally effective and protective over a sufficiently long term. Both Alternatives 3 and 4 would be readily implementable however Alternative 4 would have more potential short-term impacts associated with the soil excavation and treatment activities. Short term impacts associated with both of these alternatives would be easily mitigated using commonly available precautions and due diligence. Both Alternatives 3 and 4 would reduce the mass of VOCs in soils and groundwater at the site, however Alternative 4 would remove significantly more contamination by directly addressing the source areas. Alternative 3 would be lower in cost than Alternative 4. However, it is anticipated the time required to meet SCGs with Alternative 4 would be greatly reduced, and since it equally satisfies the other criteria, including the threshold criteria, it is the preferred alternative.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is \$1,630,000. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$1,105,000 and the estimated average annual Ex-Situ Bio-Remediation operation and maintenance cost for three (3) years will be \$60,000. In addition, the estimated average annual Groundwater Monitoring operations and maintenance for fifteen (15) years will be \$39,120.

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

1. Prior to implementation of this alternative a pre-design field investigation will be implemented to address limited data gaps, provide additional VOCs data necessary to confirm the limits of the source areas requiring excavation and determine whether off-site

disposal or on-site treatment is appropriate and the most effective way to deal with the excavated soil.

2. If on-site soil treatment is found to be appropriate based on the results of the pre-design field work, a treatability study may be performed during design to identify the most effective application of bioremediation and vapor extraction for degrading the VOCs present in site soil. In addition, this treatability study will evaluate ways to enhance in-situ bio-degradation of any residual contamination remaining in place at the site. The actual scope of the treatability study will be determined during the pre-design phase of the project in conjunction with the NYSDEC.
3. Soil from the three source areas that have been identified will be excavated and either treated on-site or properly disposed of off-site. Based on current site data, a total of approximately 3,850 yds.³ of contaminated soil will be excavated for treatment from three areas on-site. Approximately 1,900 yds.³ of soil will be removed for treatment from the BL-9S source area (the approximate limits of this excavation are shown on figure 4). Approximately 1,150 yds.³ of soil will be removed for treatment from the BL-16S source area (the approximate limits of this excavation are shown on figure 5). Approximately 800 yds.³ of soil will be removed for treatment from the BL-11D source area (the approximate limits of this excavation are shown on figure 6). The excavations will be backfilled with clean fill material that is already available on-site. If on-site treatment is implemented, once the concentrations of VOCs in the treated soil has reached cleanup numbers, the soil may be spread over the previously excavated areas or other areas of the site.
4. Groundwater encountered during excavation activities will be removed. This groundwater will either be pre-treated on-site (as necessary) and discharged to the POTW or treated on-site prior to discharge to a surface water body.
5. Monitoring wells will be installed at the site at least 200 ft. upgradient of the site southern and eastern downgradient property boundary and 100 ft. from the western downgradient property boundary. These monitoring wells will allow for sufficient time to implement contingency plans if groundwater monitoring indicates that VOCs are present at these locations and migrating off-site.
6. The need for the implementation of institutional controls will be evaluated prior to the site being considered for reclassification or deed transfer.
7. Since the remedy may result in small quantities of untreated hazardous waste remaining at the site, a long term groundwater monitoring program will be instituted. This program will assess biological conditions to provide information about the natural attenuation of VOCs at the site. In addition, this program will provide information about the effectiveness of the selected remedy.

SECTION 8: HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

As part of the remedial investigation process, a number of citizen participation activities were undertaken by the NYSDEC and Bausch & Lomb, in an effort to inform and educate the public about conditions at the site and the potential remedial alternatives. The following citizen participation activities were conducted:

- Document repositories were established for public review of project related materials
- A site mailing list was established which included nearby property owners, local political officials, local media and other interested parties.
- A Citizen Participation Plan was prepared in October 1989 and revised in June 1993.
- A fact sheet was distributed to the mailing list by Bausch & Lomb, on August 29, 1990 describing the RI Workplan.
- An availability session was held on September 10, 1990 to provide additional information on the RI Workplan.
- A fact sheet was distributed to the mailing list, by Bausch & Lomb, on May 4, 1994 describing the initial findings of the RI.
- A fact sheet was distributed to the mailing list, by Bausch & Lomb, on October 12, 1995 describing the results of the RI, describing the Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) that was about to be implemented and announcing the availability of the NYSDEC IRM Decision Document for the IRM.
- A fact sheet announcing the availability of the PRAP and the public meeting was distributed to the mailing list on December 22, 1997.
- A public comment period was held from December 22, 1997 through January 23, 1998 to receive public input on the PRAP.
- A public meeting was held on January 8, 1998 to present the PRAP and discuss and answer questions regarding the proposed remedy and the RI/FS.
- In February 1998 a Responsiveness Summary was prepared and made available to the public in this ROD to address the comments received during the public comment period for the PRAP.

Table 1
Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center
Record of Decision (ROD)
Nature and Extent of Contamination

Pre-IRM On-Site Sediment

CLASS	CONTAMINANT OF CONCERN	CONCENTRATION RANGE (ppm)	FREQUENCY of SAMPLE RESULTS EXCEEDING SCG _s	SCG (ppm)
Metals	Cadmium	.45 to 12	7 of 20	.6*
	Chromium	9.53 to 9,600	13 of 20	26*
	Lead	.06 to 968	10 of 20	31*
	Mercury	.11 to 12.3	9 of 20	.15*
	Nickel	7.41 to 2,290	14 of 20	16*
	Silver	.25 to 45.4	11 of 20	1*
	Zinc	23.3 to 1,510	9 of 20	120*
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)	Acenaphthene	.062 to 30	7 of 17	.7***
	Phenanthrene	.1 to 230	10 of 17	.6***
	Fluoranthene	.1 to 290	9 of 17	5.1***

ppm - Parts Per Million

SCGs - Standards, Criteria, and Guidance

* Concentration presented is the Lowest Effect Level.

*** Concentration presented is the chronic toxicity sediment criteria for protection of benthic aquatic life, normalized using an estimated total organic carbon content of 5,000 ppm.

Table 2
Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center
Record of Decision (ROD)
Nature and Extent of Contamination
Post IRM On-Site Sediment

CLASS	CONTAMINANT OF CONCERN	CONCENTRATION RANGE (ppm)	FREQUENCY of SAMPLE RESULTS EXCEEDING SCGs	SCG (ppm)
Metals	Cadmium	ND	0 of 10	.6*
	Chromium	5.2 to 21.9	0 of 8	26*
	Lead	3.4 to 15.2	0 of 8	31*
	Mercury	ND	0 of 8	.15*
	Nickel	4.4 to 22.3	1 of 8	16*
			0 of 8	50**
	Silver	ND	0 of 8	1*
	Zinc	18.9 to 74	0 of 8	120*
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	ND	0 of 9	10

ppm - Parts Per Million

SCGs - Standards, Criteria, and Guidance

ND - Compound not detected

* Concentration presented is the Lowest Effect Level.

** Concentration presented is the Severe Effect Level.

Table 3
Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center
Record of Decision (ROD)
Nature and Extent of Contamination

Off -Site Sediment

CLASS	CONTAMINANT OF CONCERN	CONCENTRATION RANGE (ppm)	FREQUENCY of SAMPLE RESULTS EXCEEDING SCGs	SCG (ppm)
Metals	Cadmium	ND to .49	0 of 11	.6*
			6 of 11	26*
	Chromium	10.6 to 434	1 of 11	110**
	Lead	.03 to 12.7	0 of 11	31*
	Mercury	ND	0 of 11	.15*
			7 of 11	16*
	Nickel	10.4 to 174	1 of 11	50**
	Silver	ND	0 of 11	1*
			4 of 11	120*
	Zinc	41.2 to 230	0 of 11	270**
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)	Acenaphthene	ND	0 of 9	.7***
	Phenanthrene	ND to .17	0 of 9	.6***
	Fluoranthene	ND to .51	0 of 9	5.1***

ppm - Parts Per Million

SCGs - Standards, Criteria, and Guidance

ND - Compound not detected

* Concentration presented is the Lowest Effect Level.

** Concentration presented is the Severe Effect Level.

*** Concentration presented is the chronic toxicity sediment criteria for protection of benthic aquatic life, normalized using an estimated total organic carbon content of 5,000 ppm.

Table 4
Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center
Record of Decision (ROD)
Nature and Extent of Contamination
Shallow Overburden Groundwater

CLASS	CONTAMINANT OF CONCERN	CONCENTRATION RANGE (ppb)	FREQUENCY of SAMPLE RESULTS EXCEEDING SCGs	SCG (ppb)
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	Benzene	ND to 92	10 of 70	0.7
	1,1-Dichloroethane	ND to 9	2 of 70	5
	1,2-Dichloroethylene	ND to 26,000	10 of 70	5
	Tetrachloroethylene	ND to 460	2 of 66	5
	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ND to 11,000	15 of 70	5
	Trichloroethylene	ND to 62,000	22 of 70	5
	Vinyl Chloride	ND to 3,600	4 of 70	2
	Freon 113	ND to 980	9 of 50	5

ppb - Parts Per Billion

SCGs - Standards, Criteria, and Guidance

ND - Compound not detected

Table 5
Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center
Record of Decision (ROD)
Nature and Extent of Contamination

Overburden/Bedrock Interface Groundwater

CLASS	CONTAMINANT OF CONCERN	CONCENTRATION RANGE (ppb)	FREQUENCY of SAMPLE RESULTS EXCEEDING SCGs	SCG (ppb)
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	Benzene	ND to 1	1 of 31	0.7
	1,1-Dichloroethane	ND to 23	1 of 31	5
	1,2-Dichloroethylene	ND to 1,200	5 of 31	5
	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ND to 2,600	2 of 31	5
	Trichloroethylene	ND to 7,900	5 of 31	5
	Freon 113	ND to 1,100	3 of 29	5

ppb - Parts Per Billion

SCGs - Standards, Criteria, and Guidance

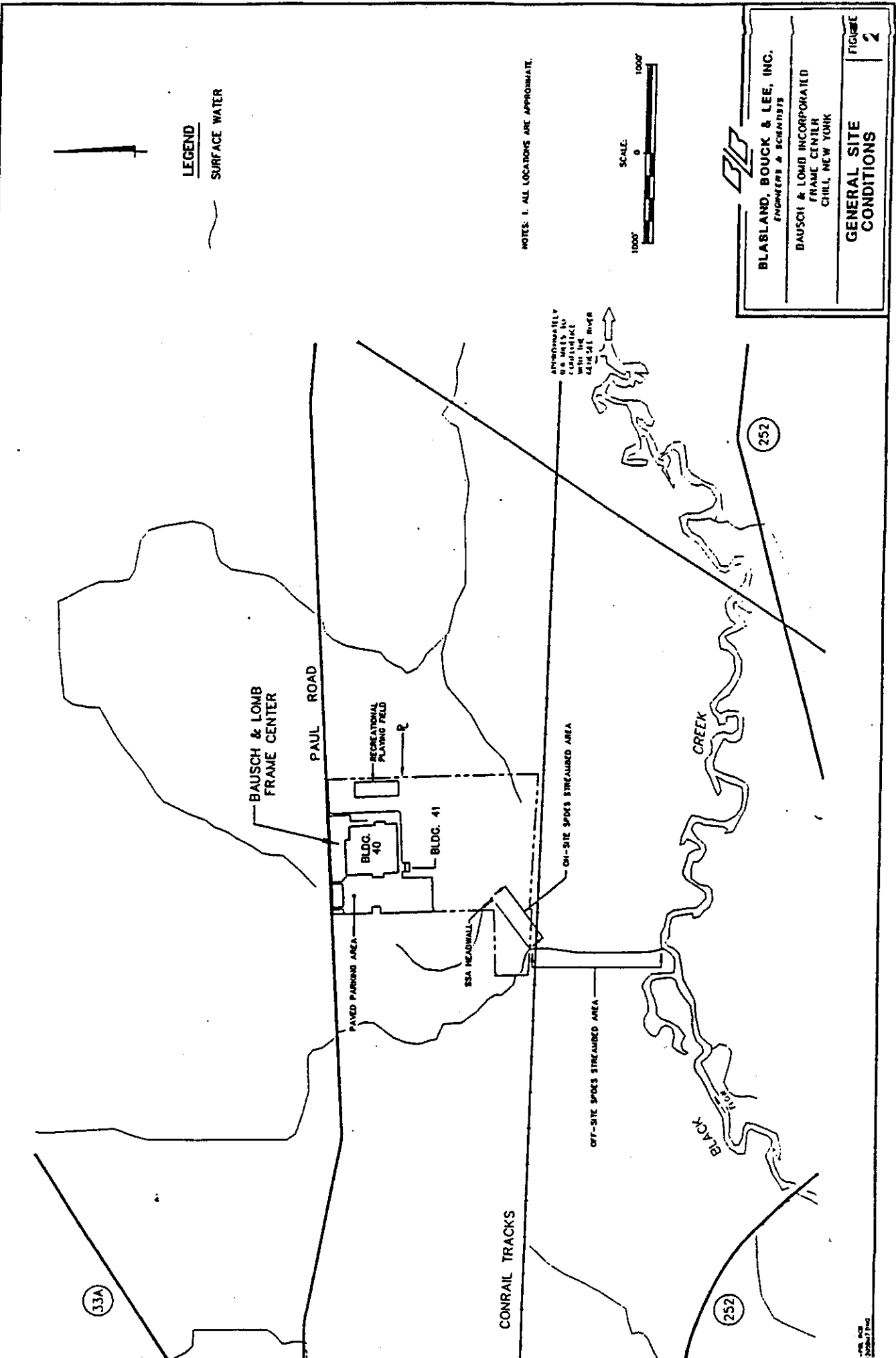
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Table 6
Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center
Record of Decision (ROD)

Remedial Alternative Costs

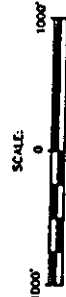
Remedial Alternative	Capital Cost	Annual O&M	Total Present Worth
Alternative 1 - No Action	\$0	\$0	\$0
Alternative 2 - Natural Attenuation and Groundwater Monitoring	\$123,000	\$39,120	\$610,000
Alternative 3 - Groundwater Removal and Treatment	\$331,765	\$75,000	\$1,260,000
Alternative 4 - Mass Reduction and Natural Attenuation	\$1,105,000	Ex-Situ Soil Bio Remediation O&M (years 1-3) \$60,000 Groundwater Monitoring O&M (years 1-15) \$39,120	\$1,630,000*

*The estimated present worth assumes ex-situ anaerobic/aerobic biodegradation, this cost should be the maximum cost and may be reduced if off-site disposal or ex-situ aerobic biodegradation and vapor extraction is found to be appropriate during the pre-design work.



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 SURFACE WATER

NOTES: 1. ALL LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE.

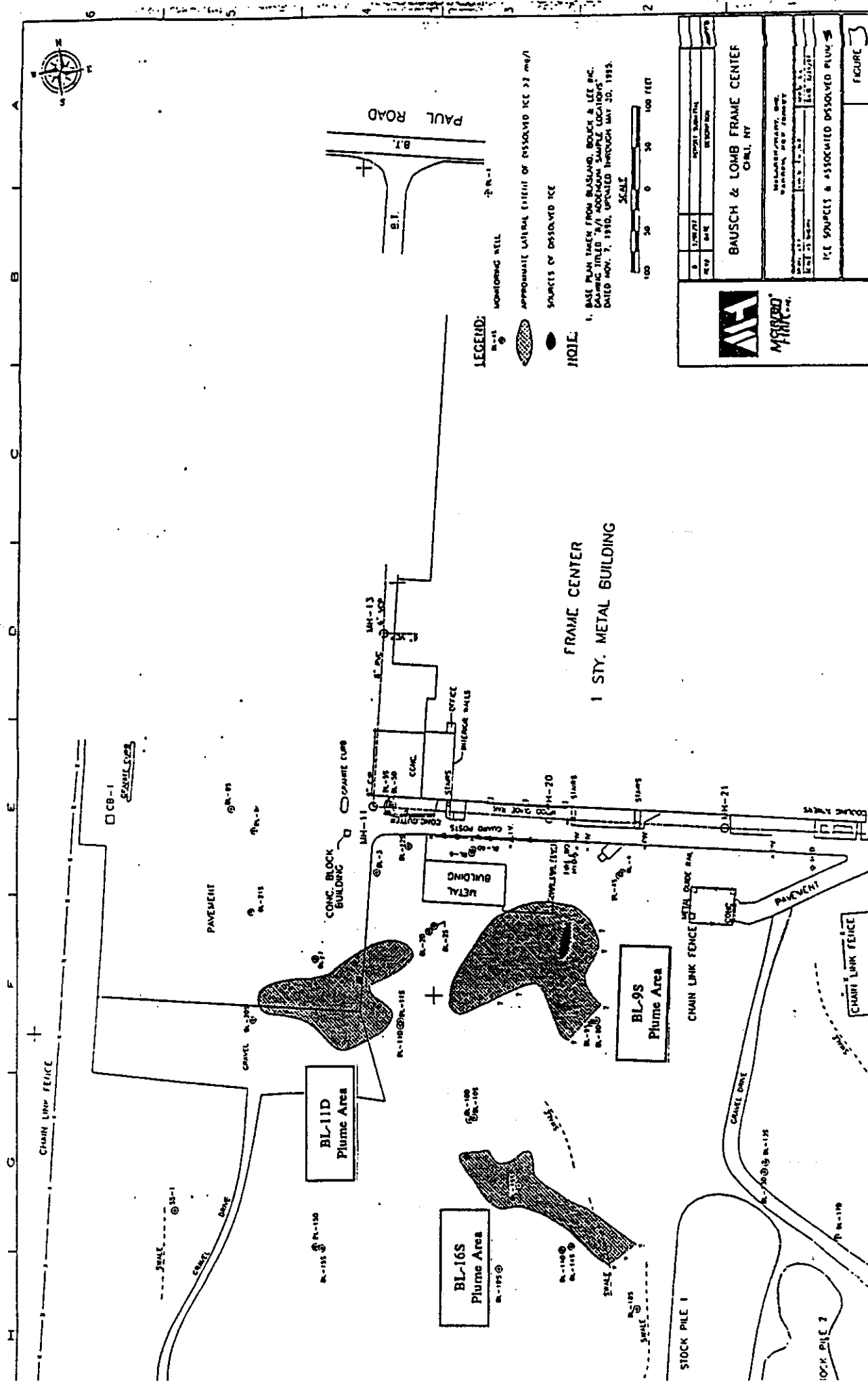


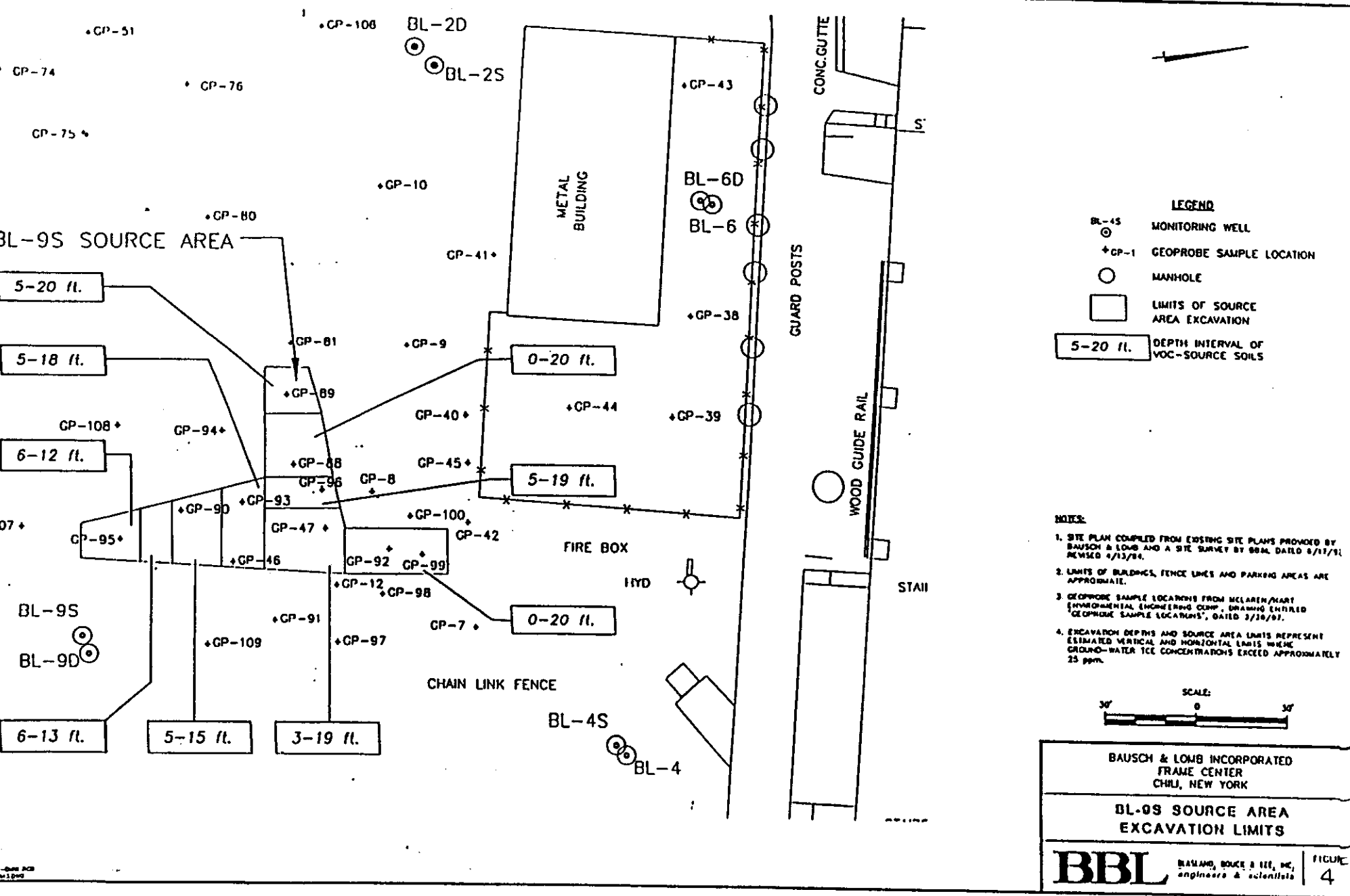
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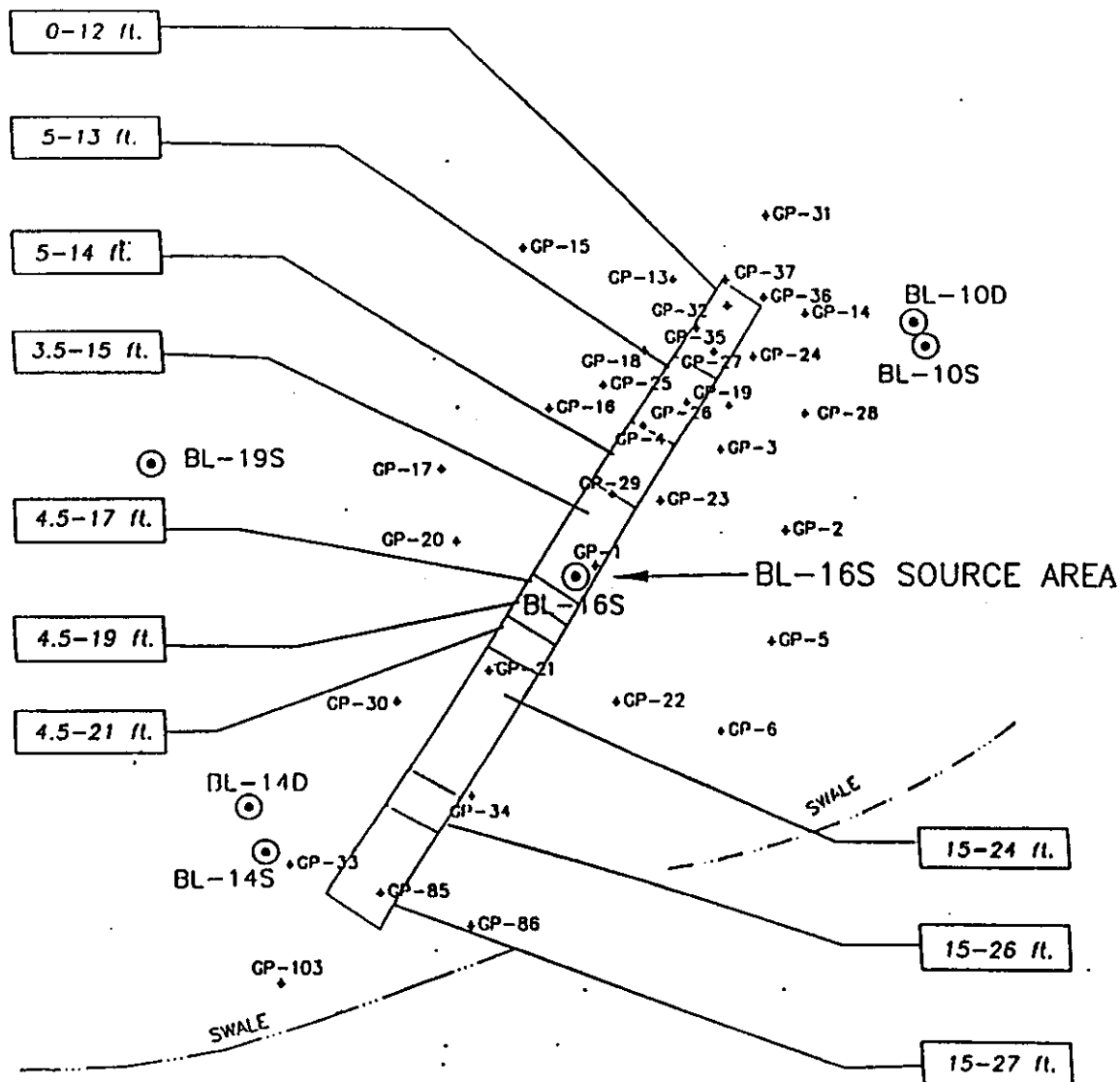
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GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS

FIGURE 2



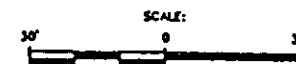




- LEGEND**
- BL-15 MONITORING WELL
 - +GP-1 GEOPROBE SAMPLE LOCATION
 - MANHOLE
 - LIMITS OF SOURCE AREA EXCAVATION
 - 15-27 ft. DEPTH INTERVAL OF VOC-SOURCE SOILS

NOTES:

1. SITE PLAN COMPILED FROM EXISTING SITE PLANS PROVIDED BY BAUSCH & LOMB AND A SITE SURVEY BY BBL DATED 6/17/92, REVISED 4/13/94.
2. LIMITS OF BUILDINGS, FENCE LINES AND PARKING AREAS ARE APPROXIMATE.
3. GEOPHONE SAMPLE LOCATIONS FROM MELARENHART ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING CORP., DRAWING ENTITLED "GEOPHONE SAMPLE LOCATIONS", DATED 3/28/92.
4. EXCAVATION DEPTHS AND SOURCE AREA LIMITS REPRESENT ESTIMATED VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL LIMITS WHERE GROUND-WATER ICE CONCENTRATIONS EXCEED APPROXIMATELY 25 ppm.

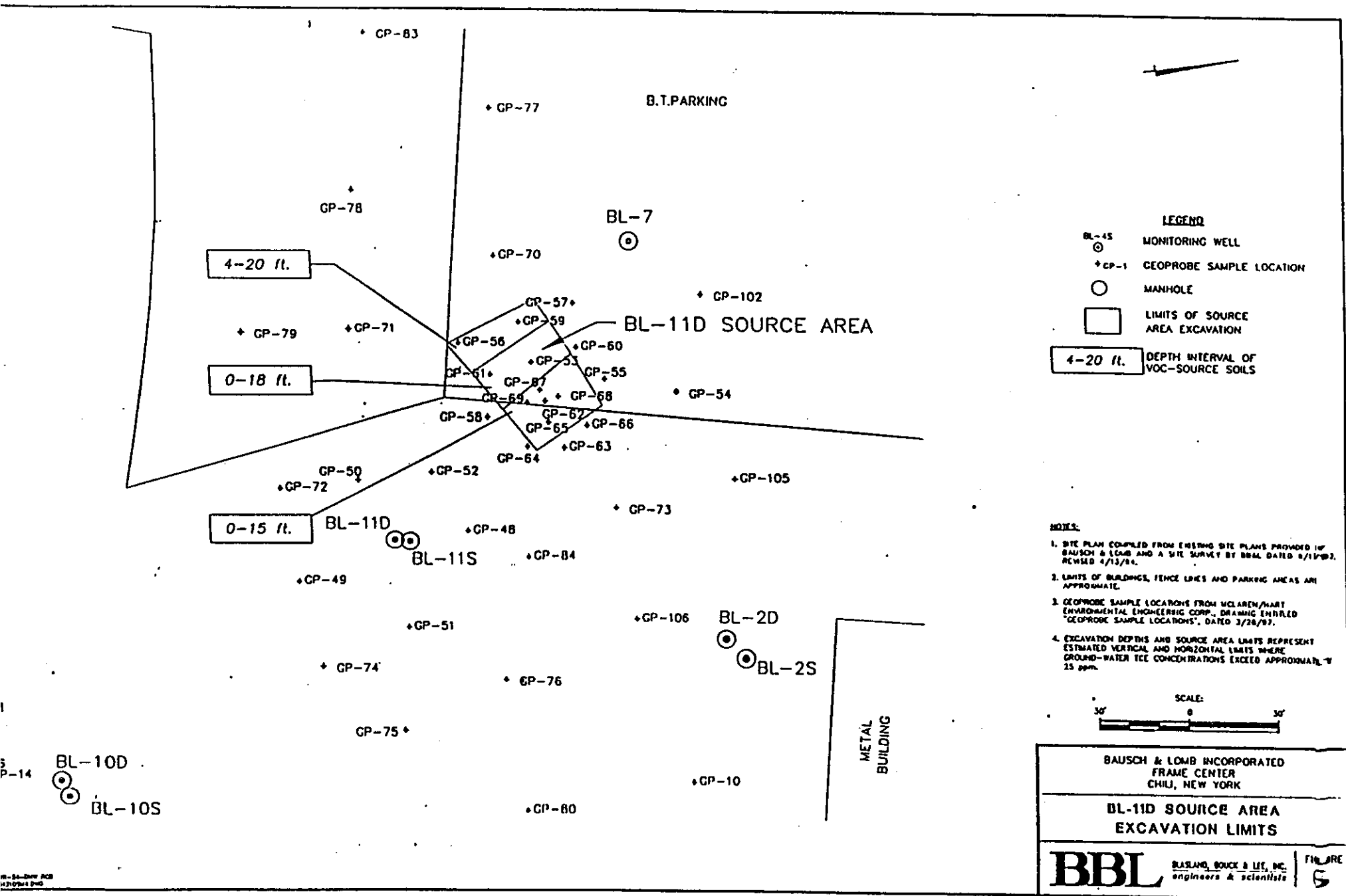


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BL-10S SOURCE AREA
EXCAVATION LIMITS

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FIGURE
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APPENDIX A
RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY
Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center
RECORD OF DECISION

Chili, Monroe County
Site No. 8-28-061

The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center Site was prepared by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) with input from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and issued to the public on December 22, 1997. This Plan outlined the basis for the recommended remedial action at the Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center Site and provided opportunities for public input prior to final remedy selection. The selected remedy consists of mass removal and natural attenuation.

A public meeting was held on January 8, 1998, and included a presentation of the RI and the FS as well as a discussion of the PRAP. The meeting provided an opportunity for citizens to discuss their concerns and to ask questions and comment on the proposed decision. The public was also encouraged to provide written comments on the RI/FS and PRAP. The public comment period closed on January 23, 1998.

This Responsiveness Summary responds to the questions and comments raised at the January 8, 1998 public meeting. No written comments were received during the public comment period.

Question 1: Who pays for the cleanup?

Answer 1: After the Record of Decision is signed, the NYSDEC will approach Bausch & Lomb about entering into a Consent Order with the NYSDEC, which will obligate Bausch & Lomb to implement the selected remedial alternative. The NYSDEC has already received a verbal commitment from Bausch & Lomb to implement and pay for the selected remedy. Additionally, the NYSDEC expects to recover costs from Bausch & Lomb that were incurred by the state during oversight of the remedial program.

Question 2: What was the source of the solvents? Was it probably just an open spill at some point? Did they bury drums?

Answer 2: The initial source of the solvent contamination at the Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center has not been determined. However, given the nature of the contaminant plumes it is likely that the cause was individual disposal events such as spills.

Despite active efforts to determine if any drums are present, no evidence exists which suggests that Bausch & Lomb buried drums of solvents at the Frame Center. However, as with any remedial program, should any buried drums be encountered during the implementation of the selected remedy, those drums will be removed and properly disposed of off-site.

Question 3: For the plumes as delineated on the map, is that their complete extent?

Answer 3: The complete downgradient extent of the BL-16S plume and the BL-9S plume have not been fully defined. As shown on Figure 3, the southern and southeastern extents of these plumes have not been defined. Part of the pre-design field investigation (see Section 7: Summary of the Selected Remedy) will address the limited data gaps and provide additional VOCs data necessary to confirm the limits of the source areas requiring excavation.

Question 4: What is the depth to groundwater at the site?

Answer 4: The depth to groundwater varies across the site and seasonally. The groundwater depth below the ground's surface at monitoring well BL-9S was 0.12 ft. in April 1994. While the groundwater depth below the ground's surface at monitoring well BL-6S was 9.99 ft in July 1995.

Question 5: What is the range of horizontal movement of contaminated groundwater in terms of numbers versus downward migration? Is it an issue of concern when the contamination hits the bedrock interface?

Answer 5: The vertical migration of groundwater may be either upward or downward and depends on local vertical hydraulic gradient. The vertical hydraulic gradient observed at the site ranges from 0.298 feet/foot up to 0.298 feet /foot down. This does not indicate that vertical migration is a major transport mechanism at this site.

Though vertical migration does not appear to be a major transport mechanism, the vertical migration of the contaminants is an issue of concern. The shallow overburden groundwater flow velocity is given in the RI Report as ranging from 5.5 feet/year to 7.6 feet/year, while the Base of Overburden/Top of Bedrock groundwater flow velocity is reported as ranging from 28 feet/year to 62 feet/year. Given the difference between the horizontal migration rates of the shallow overburden and the Base of Overburden/Top of Bedrock, if additional contamination was to enter the Base of Overburden/Top of Bedrock zone the horizontal migration rate of the contaminants would have the potential to increase by an order of magnitude.

The horizontal and vertical migration of the contaminants will be monitored during the long-term groundwater monitoring using the existing monitoring wells and the proposed sentinel wells.

Question 6: What is the rate of natural attenuation of contaminants? Is the rate going to be established during monitoring?

Answer 6: The rate of natural attenuation of the contaminants at the site has not been established. Part of the long-term groundwater monitoring program that will be established will include characterization activities to assess biological conditions at select monitoring wells to provide information regarding the natural attenuation of the contaminants.

Question 7: Will the rate of movement of the contaminant plume be provided to the public on a yearly basis or at some other regular interval? Our concern as property owners is if we're going to sell our property, we don't want this situation to turn into bad press. If there's a trail of information homeowners could use, it would help.

Answer 7: Bausch & Lomb will be required to implement a long term groundwater monitoring program. As part of the long term groundwater monitoring program Bausch & Lomb will be required to submit reports to the NYSDEC. Once each of these reports are approved the NYSDEC will place a copy of the report in the document repositories that have been established for this site.

Question 8: For the on-site soil treatment option, I'm concerned about the noise that might be created. We don't want to hear compressors going 24 hours a day. Is off-site disposal of soil out of the question?

Answer 8: Off-site disposal of the excavated soil is still being considered. During the Remedial Design Bausch & Lomb, with the concurrence of the NYSDEC, will make a determination of whether it is more cost effective to dispose of the excavated soil off-site or to treat the excavated soil on-site.

Given the stated concern about the noise that might be created with the on-site soil treatment option, if on-site soil treatment is selected, the NYSDEC will make sure that necessary noise reduction measures are considered during the design.

Question 9: I've been reading about treatment systems at the library in your reports. It mentioned air strippers as a treatment option for groundwater. What does that involve? When you take the groundwater and put it through the stripper, would the air released be considered unsafe?

Answer 9: Air stripping involves the mass transfer of volatile contaminants from water to air. This process is typically conducted in a packed tower. The typical packed tower air stripper includes a spray nozzle at the top of the tower to distribute contaminated water over the packing in the column, a fan to force air countercurrent to the water flow, and a sump at the bottom of the tower to collect decontaminated water. Auxiliary equipment that can be added to the basic air stripper includes an air heater to improve removal efficiencies; automated control systems with sump level switches and safety features, such as differential pressure monitors, high sump level switches, and explosion-proof components. Packed tower air strippers are installed either as permanent installations on concrete pads or on a skid or a trailer.

Air strippers can be operated continuously or in a batch mode where the air stripper is intermittently fed from a collection tank. The batch mode ensures consistent air stripper performance and greater energy efficiency than continuously operated units because mixing in the storage tanks eliminates any inconsistencies in feed water composition.

If, during the Remedial Design, an air stripper is chosen to treat the groundwater that is removed from the excavations, Bausch & Lomb will be required to estimate the concentrations of contaminants that will be released into the air. The estimated contaminant concentrations will be compared to NYSDEC air guidance values. If air guidance values are exceeded, the NYSDEC will require that air emission controls, such as activated carbon units, catalytic oxidizers, or thermal oxidizers be added to the air stripper.

Question 10: I read that some water may be sent to the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) for treatment. Is there any chance there will be enough volume to affect drainage in nearby homes? I know when the sewers are flushed, we get notified.

Answer 10: If water from the site is sent to the POTW it will be under a permit. This permit would control the volume of water that Bausch & Lomb would be allowed to discharge to the POTW at any given time. This would prohibit the discharge from the site affecting the drainage in nearby homes.

Question 11: We request that the yearly monitoring reports include maps clearly defining the boundaries of the groundwater contamination plumes.

Answer 11: Bausch & Lomb will be required to implement a long term groundwater monitoring program. As part of the long term groundwater monitoring program Bausch & Lomb will be required to submit reports to the NYSDEC. The reports will include an evaluation on whether the residual plume areas are changing and how. Once

each of these reports are approved the NYSDEC will place a copy of the report in the document repositories that have been established for this site.

Question 12: You mention allowable part per million levels for metals in sediment. Are these levels for residential or industrial areas? Is there any difference in acceptable levels for these two areas?

Answer 12: The sediment criteria used in the Record of Decision (ROD) are neither residential nor industrial levels. The concentrations are based on NYSDEC Division of Fish and Wildlife sediment screening levels. These criteria are based on two levels of protection. The Lowest Effect Level (LEL), this is the concentration of a specific metal that can be tolerated by the majority of benthic organisms (bottom dwelling), but still causes toxicity to a few species. The Severe Effect Level (SEL) is the concentration of a specific metal which is expected to be toxic to most benthic organisms.

Question 13: What is the purpose of the monitoring well on the north side of the site, and why is there only one well on the north side? Is there any concern that contamination could be or could move onto the north side?

Answer 13: The monitoring well on the northern side of the site is an upgradient monitoring well. This well was installed to assess whether any contamination was coming onto the Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center from upgradient of the site. Since this well was clean there was no need to install additional wells upgradient of the plant buildings. Given the overall flow direction of the groundwater at the site there is no reason to suspect that contamination could be or would move towards the north side of the site.

Question 14: Are there any concerns there could be problems in other areas of the site? I noticed in the reports in the library that the monitoring wells and contamination seem to be focused in certain areas. How were these areas chosen for investigation? Was it based on historical information?

Answer 14: The NYSDEC feels that the site has been very well investigated and that there is no reason to believe that other areas of the site are contaminated.

The original wells were installed at the site to evaluate the dry well located south and outside the original facility. At the time of construction of the facility until approximately 1980, solvent and acid storage vaults were used at the facility. These vaults had floor drains that discharged to the dry well. After the original wells were found to be contaminated the Department and Bausch & Lomb used information including groundwater flow direction and site topography to install

additional wells downgradient of those wells to determine the downgradient extent of the contamination.

Question 15: The NYSDEC's initial expectation was that contamination was only in and around the building?

Answer 15: The NYSDEC's initial expectation was that the source of the groundwater contamination at the site was a dry well located south and outside the original facility. At the time of construction of the facility until approximately 1980, solvent and acid storage vaults were used at the facility. These vaults had floor drains that discharged to the dry well. Though this area was the original area of concern, the investigations were not limited to just this area.

Question 16: I noticed a tank on the western boundary by the parking lot. What is the tank for?

Answer 16: The tank on the western boundary of the Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center stores clean water that can be used in case of a fire.

Question 17: What about contaminated air particles (dust) rising up during the soil excavation?

Answer 17: Given the shallow groundwater table at the site, the site soil is very moist and therefore it is not anticipated that dust will be a problem during the soil excavation. However, one of the things that will be included in the Remedial Design is a Community Health and Safety Plan. This plan will include a requirement for particulate (dust) monitoring and a list of engineering controls which will be implemented if too much dust is being generated.

Question 18: I spoke to an engineer who did the Black Creek subdivision excavation. They had to put in lots of monitoring wells. Did the other new subdivisions (including Carriage House) have to put in monitoring wells?

Answer 18: Before the Carriage House subdivision was built, 2 overburden monitoring wells were installed. These 2 wells along with an existing well at the old Carriage House were monitored and sampled. No contaminants related to the Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center were detected in any of these samples. The report that was filed with the Monroe County Health Department also concluded that no shallow groundwater from the Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center is entering the subdivision because the groundwater is flowing east.

Question 19: You mentioned that some of the sample analysis was done at the site. Is it normal for the responsible party to do the testing? Is it normal for the State not to do the testing?

Answer 19: It is preferred that private parties bear the cost of the analyses needed for site investigations. The NYSDEC typically takes split samples from a small portion of the samples from hazardous waste sites as one of several quality checks. The majority of samples from hazardous waste sites are sent to independent laboratories certified under the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP). On this site, for the Source Area Delineation Program, it was necessary to use an on-site laboratory so that the results of the analyses could be obtained quickly and the results used to decide where to sample next. Once the results of all of the samples from the Source Area Delineation Program were received, the NYSDEC Quality Assurance Unit reviewed all of the raw analytical data and the quality control procedures from the on-site laboratory and determined that the data was valid and usable.

Question 20: Do you have a map to show locations of contamination on Bausch & Lomb property compared to the location of residential properties near by? I want to know how close the contamination is to nearby houses.

Answer 20: Figure 3, in the ROD, shows the three groundwater plume areas and the chain link fence which approximates the western boundary of the site.

Based on the data provided in the RI/FS, the nearest edge of groundwater contamination is approximately 300 ft. east of the closest house.

Question 21: Which way is groundwater flowing? Using Conrail as the southern boundary, which way is the contaminant plume and groundwater moving?

Answer 21: The general groundwater flow direction across the site is from the north to the south. Specifically, groundwater in the northern portion of the site the groundwater tends to flow directly south. Just south of Building 40 there is a localized area of groundwater flow where contamination tends to move radially. South of this flat area the ground water flow direction turns slightly east with the major component continuing south.

Question 22: Has there been a groundwater evaluation of off-site property, perhaps in Carriage House Estates or as far away as Paul Road School?

Answer 22: The Monroe County Health Department has required groundwater investigations at proposed subdivisions near the site. Specifically, before the Carriage House and Black Creek subdivisions were built, 2 overburden monitoring wells and six monitoring wells were install, respectively, and sampled. None of the results from any of this sampling and analysis indicated that groundwater contamination has migrated off-site and everything we now know about the site strongly suggests off-

site contamination is unlikely. Regardless, as a matter of normal precaution, additional monitoring wells will be installed between the contamination and the Bausch & Lomb property lines. If contamination is detected in these monitoring wells, additional actions will be taken as necessary to insure that contamination does not migrate off-site.

Question 23: With the information you have about the site, what are the health risks for people living in the area from the contamination?

Answer 23: At the present time there are no direct exposure pathways for people to come in contact with the contamination present at the site. Therefore, there are no health risks from the contamination for people who live in the area.

Question 24: If the on-site treatment method is chosen to treat soils, where will the piles of soil be located on the site? What monitoring will be done?

Answer 24: If the on-site treatment method is chosen to treat soil, the exact location of the soil piles would not be decided until the remedial design. The NYSDEC and NYSDOH would both insist that the treatment operations and any contaminated soil piles be kept well away from areas frequented by people, particularly the residential area.

During the operation of the treatment cells the concentrations of contaminants present in the soil being treated and any air emissions from the treatment cells will be monitored.

Question 25: I read that the Bausch & Lomb property will be sold after the plant closes. Will Bausch & Lomb still have to do monitoring? Will they have to provide security for the remedial equipment & the site?

Answer 25: After the Record of Decision is signed, the NYSDEC will approach Bausch & Lomb about entering into a Consent Order with the NYSDEC, which will obligate Bausch & Lomb to implement the selected remedial alternative. This consent order will require Bausch & Lomb to implement a long term groundwater monitoring program and provide any necessary security for the remedial measure for as long as needed regardless of ownership. The NYSDEC has already received a verbal commitment from Bausch & Lomb to implement the needed long term efforts.

Question 26: You talked hypothetically about how the contamination could have gotten to where it is. It looks like a lot more than someone just washing out a drum with a bit of chemical in it.

Answer 26: The groundwater standards that are used in the RI/FS were measured in parts per billion (ppb). PPB are very small quantities (i.e., one drop of chocolate syrup in 10,000 gallons or 160,000 glasses of milk), therefore a small amount of chemical can contaminate a large volume of groundwater at relatively high concentrations. It is likely that the 3 plume areas were caused by a volume of chemical no larger than a few drums.

Question 27: You talked about getting rid of contamination through natural attenuation. You also stated the contamination has probably been there since the plant was very new. Natural attenuation hasn't gotten rid of the contamination to date, so why do you think it will happen in the future?

Answer 27: Natural attenuation can be an effective plume remediation mechanism.. It is generally only effective once the source of the contamination has been removed or contained. The selected remedy will remove the continuing sources of groundwater contamination and then allow natural attenuation to remediate the plumes that remain. As part of the selected remedy, monitoring wells will be installed between the contaminated areas and the Bausch & Lomb property lines and Bausch & Lomb will be required to implement a long term groundwater monitoring program. If this monitoring program indicates that natural attenuation is not taking place or that contamination is approaching the site boundaries additional remedial actions may be implemented.

Question 28: I am not comfortable that the State doesn't have more say in what happens. The State shouldn't be saying, "Bausch & Lomb, you created the problem; how are you going to fix it?"

Answer 28: State statute requires the site owner to implement the needed remedial work when possible. The NYSDEC and Bausch & Lomb entered into a Consent Order on September 10, 1990 obligating Bausch & Lomb to implement a RI/FS. Bausch & Lomb has submitted all of the data and reports that have been generated as a result of this remedial program to the NYSDEC for review and approval. On numerous occasions the NYSDEC has requested additional data or evaluations so that the full extent of the site problems are defined. After months of back and forth discussions and revisions, the NYSDEC agreed the remedial alternative recommended in the Bausch & Lomb's Feasibility Study was adequate and proposed this remedial alternative in the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP). If the NYSDEC did not agree with this alternative, the NYSDEC would have proposed a different remedy in the PRAP and selected a different remedy in the ROD.

Question 29: Why did it take so long to get to the cleanup? What took place during all that time?

Answer 29: The site was listed as a class 2 site in December 1987. From December 1987 until September 1990 the NYSDEC and Bausch & Lomb negotiated the original RI/FS workplan for this site and the RI/FS consent order. After the consent order was signed in September 1990, Bausch & Lomb initiated the Remedial Investigation. Because of the complex nature of the site and the results of the investigations, it was necessary to implement four (4) additional phases of investigation work. During this time the sediment removal IRM was also developed and implemented. Remedial Investigation fieldwork was completed in February 1997.

Question 30: What is the time period for the remedy to be finalized and implemented?

Answer 30: Bausch & Lomb has indicated to the NYSDEC that they are prepared to implement the selected remedy as soon as possible. To accomplish this, the NYSDEC and Bausch & Lomb must first execute a second consent order for design and construction of the remedy. Presuming this is completed quickly, Bausch & Lomb and the NYSDEC hope that this remedy can be designed in the spring of 1998 and constructed in the summer 1998.

APPENDIX B
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD
Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center
RECORD OF DECISION

Chili, Monroe County
Site No. 8-28-061

The following documents constitute the administrative record for the Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center Inactive Hazardous Waster Disposal Site Record of Decision:

Responsiveness Summary for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and Proposed Remedial Action Plan (Appendix A of ROD), February 1998

Proposed Remedial Action Plan, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, prepared by NYSDEC, December 1997

Feasibility Study Report, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York, prepared by Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc., dated October 1997

Source Area Delineation Report, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York, prepared by McLaren/Hart, Inc., April 1997

Remedial Investigation Addendum Supplement Report, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York, prepared by Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc., dated February 1996

Final Engineering Report, On-Site SSA Interim Remedial Measure, Volumes I and II, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York, prepared by Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc., dated January 1996

On-Site SSA Interim Remedial Measure Workplan, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York, prepared by Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc., dated March 1995 revised June and September 1995

Order on Consent #B8-0173-87-02, September 10, 1990 as amended June 5, 1995

Remedial Investigation Addendum Report, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York, prepared by Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc., dated September 1994 revised June 1995

Letter to Andrew Fleck, NYSDEC from Juliana Potter, Bausch & Lomb, subject Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Site #828061, dated January 10, 1994

Letter to Andrew Fleck, NYSDEC from Juliana Potter, Bausch & Lomb, subject Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Site #828061, dated December 20, 1993

Letter to Andrew Fleck, NYSDEC from Juliana Potter, Bausch & Lomb, subject Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Site #828061, dated December 10, 1993

Workplan Remedial Investigation Addendum, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York, prepared by Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc., dated November 1993

Remedial Investigation Report, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York, prepared by Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc., dated January 1993 revised October 1993

Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan Modification and Supplement, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York, prepared by Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc., dated June 1991 revised November 1991

Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan, Bausch & Lomb, Frame Center, Chili, New York, prepared by Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc., dated May 1990