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SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED PLAN

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is proposing 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 proposed by this Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP). The disposal of hazardous wastes at this site, as more fully described in Section 6 of this document, has contaminated various environmental media. The proposed remedy is intended to attain the remedial action objectives identified for this site for the protection of public health and the environment. This PRAP identifies the preferred remedy, summarizes the other alternatives considered, and discusses the reasons for the preferred 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 Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York; (6 NYCRR) Part 375. This document is a summary of the information that can be found in the site-related reports and documents in the document repository identified below.

SECTION 2: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The Department seeks input from the community on all PRAPs. This is an opportunity for public participation in the remedy selection process. The public is encouraged to review the reports and documents, which are available at the following repository:

Yates Community Library Attn: Emily Cebula 15 North Main Street PO Box 485 Lyndonville, NY 14098

Phone: 585-765-9041

A public comment period has been set from:

12/22/2015 to 1/22/2016

A public meeting is scheduled for the following date:

1/7/2016 at 6:30 PM

Public meeting location:

Lyndonville Village Hall

At the meeting, the findings of the remedial investigation (RI) and the feasibility study (FS) will be presented along with a summary of the proposed remedy. After the presentation, a question-and-answer period will be held, during which verbal or written comments may be submitted on the PRAP.

Written comments may also be sent through 1/22/2016 to:

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The Department may modify the proposed remedy or select another of the alternatives presented in this PRAP based on new information or public comments. Therefore, the public is encouraged to review and comment on the proposed remedy identified herein. Comments will be summarized and addressed in the responsiveness summary section of the Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD is the Department's final selection of the remedy for this site.

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 Monroe Electronics site is located at 100 Housel Avenue in Lyndonville, a small village along Route 63 in rural Orleans County approximately 4 miles south of Lake Ontario. The site is situated on a 10.1-acre parcel (Orleans County Tax Map ID 24.16-1-2) at the end of Housel Avenue.

Site Features: The developed portion of the property contains two structures, a one-story manufacturing building (occupied by Monroe Electronics) and a one-story residential building (occupied by a tenant) to the south of the manufacturing building. Gravel parking areas surround these structures and a gravel access driveway extends south to Housel Avenue. The on-site area along either side of the driveway is vacant, cleared land. Along the northern property boundary (between Monroe Electronics and the Bowman Apple facility) there is a drainage swale, oriented east-west.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The site is currently zoned Light Industrial. Current use of the property is primarily for manufacturing (light machining, component assembly, and testing). The small residential structure on the property is leased and is currently occupied.

Land use surrounding the site consists of commercial apple processing and storage operations to the north (Bowman Apple and H.H. Dobbins, Inc.), L.A. Webber Middle-High School to the south, and agricultural land abutting the site to the east and west.

Past Use of the Site: Monroe Electronics has been at this location since 1972 involved in the manufacture of electrostatic measuring instruments and other electronic devices. Before Monroe Electronics operated here, the property was the site of the former DuPont/Barre Lime and Sulfur Company where various pesticide sprays and dust mixtures were formulated. Based on historic photographs, a significant portion of the property and surrounding land was used for apple orchards.

In September 1986, Monroe Electronics submitted a Hazardous Waste Disposal Questionnaire as a requirement of the Community Right-to-Know survey. In the survey, Monroe Electronics indicated that they dumped 1 to 4 tons of 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA) at their Housel Avenue facility. TCA is a volatile organic compound (VOC) and industrial solvent used for cleaning and degreasing components in the manufacturing process. The dumping area and resulting contamination source were not indicated on the survey form, however, conversations with the owner/plant manager during the RI indicate that dumping occurred outside a former exterior door at the west end of the original building in the early 1970s. A metal-sided addition to the building was constructed after the material was disposed. The owner also indicated that TCA and waste oil was spread along the driveway on the east side of the building.

Another Registry site located nearby is the Lyndonville-West Avenue site (Site No. 837002). This site originally included the Monroe Electronics property before its boundaries were modified and Monroe Electronics became a separate site. The contaminants of concern at the Lyndonville-West Avenue site were pesticides and arsenic originating from the former DuPont/Barre plant. Pesticide and arsenic contamination was confirmed in a nearby landfill and drainage ditch during the

Lyndonville-West Avenue RI (completed by Dupont), however, these investigations did not show consequential amounts of pesticide and/or arsenic on the Monroe Electronics property and it was subsequently removed from the Lyndonville-West Avenue site. Subsequent investigations by the NYSDEC did confirm the presence of chlorinated solvents on the Monroe Electronics property (unrelated to Lyndonville-West Avenue), which led to its listing on the Registry in 2002.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: The site is located in the gently sloping plains of the Central Lowland Physiographic Province between the Lockport Escarpment and Lake Ontario. Overburden deposits beneath the study area from the surface down to bedrock include a medium-fine sand (5 to 15 ft thick), lacustrine clay (8 to 9 ft thick), glacial till (3 to 4 ft thick), and weathered red shale (5 ft thick). Bedrock was encountered 22 to 32 feet below ground surface (bgs) and is described as brown to red siltstone overlying a gray shale. In general, bedrock was largely competent with relatively few fractures and consists of Queenston Shale, a highly impermeable formation.

Three distinct water-bearing units were observed. A perched water-bearing zone was encountered above the clay unit. Water was also encountered within the weathered shale and bedrock units. Depth to groundwater ranges from 3 to 6 ft bgs in shallow wells and from 3 to 11 ft bgs in bedrock wells. Based on water level measurements the predominant groundwater flow direction in the shallow overburden and bedrock is toward the north.

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, alternatives (or an alternative) that restrict(s) the use of the site to commercial use (which allows for industrial use) as described in Part 375-1.8(g) are/is being evaluated in addition to an alternative which would allow for unrestricted use of the site.

A comparison of the results of the investigation to the appropriate standards, criteria and guidance values (SCGs) for the identified land use and the unrestricted use 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:

Monroe Electronics

100 Housel Avenue LLC

Robert E. Vosteen

Barre Lime and Sulfur Company

E.I. Du Pont De Nemours and Company

Robert T. Vosteen and William E. Vosteen

The present owners and operators at the site declined to implement a remedial program when requested by the Department. After the remedy is selected, the PRPs will be contacted to assume responsibility for completing 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:

- groundwater
- drinking water
- soil
- 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 at this site is/are:

trichloroethene (TCE)

1,1 dichloroethene

1,1,1-trichloroethane

1,1,2-TCA

chloroethane

arsenic

1,2-dichloroethene

1,1-dichloroethane

trans-1,2-dichloroethene

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

- groundwater
- 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.

There were no IRMs performed at this site during the RI.

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.

Based upon the resources and pathways identified and the toxicity of the contaminants of ecological concern at this site, a Fish and Wildlife Resources Impact Analysis (FWRIA) was deemed not necessary for OU 01.

Nature and Extent of Contamination: The RI included testing of surface soil and subsurface soil samples for VOCs, semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), pesticides, polychlorinated

biphenyls (PCBs), and metals. Groundwater and air/vapor samples were analyzed for VOCs. Based upon investigations conducted to date, the primary contaminants and media of concern at the site are chlorinated VOCs (CVOCs) in groundwater and arsenic in surface soil.

Groundwater:

Based on the results of groundwater sampling conducted to date, the overburden and bedrock aquifers beneath the site are contaminated by CVOCs (most notably TCA, TCE, and their degradation products). CVOCs were detected in several monitoring wells outside the manufacturing building at levels exceeding NYSDEC Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values for Class GA water (Class GA values), in some cases by two orders of magnitude. The highest concentrations of volatile contaminants were measured in bedrock wells nearest the western and southeastern portions of the building where historic disposal occurred and which are suspected to be primary contaminant source areas. The dissolved contaminants in bedrock, though widespread, are undergoing reductive dechlorination and, as a result, the extent of CVOC contamination in bedrock groundwater is not expected to extend off-site far beyond West Avenue. The same group of CVOCs were detected in a limited number of shallow overburden wells above groundwater standards but appear to be localized and, with the exception of a sample of standing water collected from the drainage ditch (subject to groundwater recharge), were not detected off-site in shallow groundwater. The only private water supply well located near the site was sampled and no site-related contaminants were detected.

In bedrock wells, the highest concentrations of total CVOCs in groundwater were detected west of the manufacturing building in MW-3B (1,055 ppb), north of the manufacturing building in MW-5B (1,130 ppb), and northeast of the manufacturing building in MW-105B (1,185 ppb). The concentrations of total CVOCs detected in wells located downgradient of the site (along West Avenue) are approximately an order of magnitude less than the concentrations of CVOCs in bedrock monitoring wells near the northern site boundary.

Soil:

In surface soil, the only metal detected at concentrations above the commercial use SCO of 16 ppm was arsenic, which was exceeded in 9 of the 16 samples. Concentrations of arsenic in surface soil ranged from 2.7 ppm to 124 ppm. The analytical results suggest that the highest concentrations of arsenic in surface soil are localized on the eastern side of the property around soil sample SS-7. No VOCs, PCBs, or pesticides were detected above commercial use SCOs in surface soil. In subsurface soil, the VOC 1,2-dichloroethane (a degradation product of TCA) was detected above the protection of groundwater SCO in 2 of the 38 subsurface soil samples collected. No SVOCs, metals, PCBs, or pesticides were measured in subsurface soil above SCOs for commercial use or for the protection of groundwater. It is not anticipated that site-related contamination associated with historic operations at the facility extends off-site in soil.

Sub-Slab Vapor and Indoor Air:

Soil vapor intrusion (SVI) samples, consisting of sub-slab vapor and ambient indoor and outdoor air, were collected at the Monroe Electronics facility and the on-site residence in 2011 and 2012. Site-related VOCs were detected at levels of concern in sub-slab vapor samples from the facility building. The maximum concentrations of TCE and TCA were 600 ug/m3 and 2,000 ug/m3, respectively. The highest TCE concentrations were detected near the southeastern corner of the

building while the highest concentrations of TCA was measured in a soil vapor sample at the western end of the building. TCA and TCE degradation products were also detected. The findings indicate that soil vapor beneath the building has been impacted. While concentrations of VOCs in indoor air are within background ranges and do not exceed NYSDOH guidelines, SVI is a potential concern in the on-site facility building due to elevated sub-slab concentrations. VOCs were not detected at levels of concern in either sub-slab or indoor air samples from the on-site residential structure.

In 2014, SVI samples were collected at two structures located off-site to the north. The sampling results indicate that SVI is not a concern for the two off-site buildings.

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*.

People are not drinking the contaminated groundwater because the area is served by a public water supply that obtains water from a different source not affected by this contamination. People who enter the site may come into contact with contaminants in soil. 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. The potential exists for people to inhale site contaminants in indoor air due to soil vapor intrusion in the on-site manufacturing building. Environmental sampling indicates that soil vapor intrusion is not a concern for the on-site residence or off-site 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.

Soil

RAOs for Public Health Protection

Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.

RAOs for Environmental Protection

• Prevent migration of contaminants that would result in groundwater or surface water contamination.

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 PROPOSED 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 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 proposed remedy is set forth at Exhibit D.

The proposed remedy is referred to as the Enhanced In-Situ Bioremediation/Chemical Reduction and Soil Cover remedy.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is \$1,720,000. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$670,000 and the estimated average annual cost is \$42,700.

The elements of the proposed 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:

- Considering the environmental impacts of treatment technologies and remedy stewardship over the long term;
- Reducing direct and indirect greenhouse gases and other emissions;
- Increasing energy efficiency and minimizing use of non-renewable energy;
- Conserving and efficiently managing resources and materials;
- Reducing waste, increasing recycling and increasing reuse of materials which would otherwise be considered a waste;
- Maximizing habitat value and creating habitat when possible;
- Fostering green and healthy communities and working landscapes which balance ecological, economic and social goals; and
- Integrating the remedy with the end use where possible and encouraging green and sustainable re-development.

2. Enhanced Bioremediation

Enhanced in-situ bioremediation (EISB) will be employed to treat CVOCs (primarily TCA, TCE, and associated daughter compounds) in overburden and bedrock groundwater in the area downgradient of the suspected source area located beneath the manufacturing building. Groundwater exhibiting concentrations of total CVOCs greater than 1,000 ug/L will be targeted. The treatment area will be confirmed during the remedial design investigation. The biological breakdown of contaminants through anaerobic reductive dechlorination, which is already occurring naturally, will be enhanced by the injection of a controlled-release carbon source (e.g. lactate or emulsified vegetable oil), electron donor (sulfate), and pH buffer to stimulate microbial growth. In addition to these bioamendments, bacterial cultures (bioaugments) will be injected into the subsurface via injection wells to "seed" the aquifer with appropriate microbes necessary for complete metabolization of CVOCs. The method and depth of injection will be determined during the remedial design. Multiple injections of bioamendments and bioaugments may be required to achieve RAOs.

3. In-Situ Chemical Reduction

In-situ chemical reduction (ISCR) will be implemented to supplement the bioremediation groundwater remedy to further treat CVOCs in overburden and bedrock groundwater. A chemical reducing agent (e.g., zero-valent iron particles in solution) will be injected into the subsurface following or concurrent with the introduction of bioamendments and bioaugments (described in remedy element 2) to boost the rate of abiotic dechlorination of CVOCs in groundwater. The method and depth of injection will be determined during the remedial design.

4. Cover System

A cover system will be required to allow for commercial use of the site. The cover will consist either of the structures such as buildings, pavement, and sidewalks comprising the site development or a soil cover in areas where the upper one foot of exposed surface soil will exceed the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs). The extent of impacted soil as well as the areas to be covered will be determined during the remedial design. Where the soil cover is required it will be a minimum of one foot of soil placed over a demarcation layer, with the upper six inches of soil of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetative layer. Soil cover material, including any fill material brought to the site, will meet the SCOs for cover material as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d).

Any site redevelopment will maintain the site cover, which consists either of the structures such as buildings, pavement, sidewalks or the soil cover.

5. Institutional Control

Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement for the controlled property which will:

- Require the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls in accordance with Part 375-1.8 (h)(3);
- Allow the use and development of the controlled property for commercial use as defined by Part 375-1.8(g), although land use is subject to local zoning laws;
- Prohibit use of the on-site house for residential purposes;
- Restrict the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or County DOH; and
- Require compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan.

6. Site Management Plan

A Site Management Plan is required, which includes the following:

- a) an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site and details the steps and media-specific requirements necessary to ensure the following institutional and/or engineering controls remain in place and effective:
 - Institutional Controls: The environmental easement discussed in Paragraph 6 above; and
 - Engineering Controls: The soil cover discussed in Paragraph 5 above.

This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- o an Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;
- o a provision for further investigation and remediation should large scale redevelopment occur, if any of the existing structures are demolished, or if the subsurface is otherwise made accessible. The nature and extent of contamination in areas where access was previously limited or unavailable will be immediately and thoroughly investigated pursuant to a plan approved by the Department. Based on the investigation results and the Department determination of the need for a remedy, a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) will be developed for the final remedy for the site, including removal and/or treatment of any source areas to the extent feasible. Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) activities will continue through this process. Any necessary remediation will be completed prior to, or in association with, redevelopment.
- o descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use or groundwater use restrictions;
- o a provision for evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion in the existing on-site facility building and future buildings developed on the site, including provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion;
- o provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;
- o maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
- o the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.

- b) a Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy. The plan includes, but may not be limited to:
 - o monitoring of groundwater to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy;
 - o a schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the Department; and
 - o monitoring for vapor intrusion for any occupied existing or future buildings developed on the site, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.

Exhibit A

Nature and Extent of Contamination

This section describes the findings of the Remedial Investigation 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. Figure 2 is a site plan that shows the sample locations in relation to the site features.

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 contaminants are arranged into four categories: volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), pesticides, and metals. For comparison purposes, the SCGs are provided for each medium that allows for unrestricted use. For soil, if applicable, the Restricted Use SCGs identified in Section 4 and Section 6.1.1 are also presented.

Groundwater

Over the course of several years and multiple sampling events, groundwater was sampled from more than 30 shallow overburden, deep overburden, and bedrock monitoring wells. Based on the results of groundwater sampling conducted to date, the overburden and bedrock aquifers beneath the site are contaminated by chlorinated VOCs (most notably 1,1,1-trichloroethane [TCA], trichloroethene [TCE], and their degradation products). As shown on Table 1, VOCs were detected in several monitoring wells at levels exceeding NYSDEC Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values for Class GA water (Class GA values), in some cases by two orders of magnitude. No SVOCs, PCBs, pesticides, or metals were detected in groundwater at concentrations exceeding Class GA values.

The highest concentrations of VOCs were measured in bedrock wells nearest the western and southeastern portions of the building where historic disposal occurred and which are suspected to be primary contaminant source areas. VOCs detected in the shallow overburden above groundwater standards appear localized and are not detected site wide. Figure 3 is a cross-section showing the geology beneath the Site and total VOC concentrations measured in representative wells.

Based on the inferred groundwater flow direction, the groundwater contamination present in the off-site bedrock monitoring wells (located approximately 400 feet to the north) can be attributed to migration of contamination from the Monroe Electronics site. Additionally, there is a downward vertical gradient in the wells in the vicinity of the manufacturing building, supporting the concept that shallow groundwater contamination likely migrated downward into the bedrock aquifer. Fortunately these dissolved contaminant plumes are undergoing reductive dechlorination and as a result, the extent of chlorinated VOC (CVOC) contamination in bedrock groundwater appears to be limited and likely does not extend off-site far beyond West Avenue.

Among the shallow wells (generally screened across the water table at 5 to 15 ft below grade), the highest concentrations of total CVOCs (the sum total of all individual CVOCs detected in a groundwater sample) east of the manufacturing building were observed in MW-6 (86.9 ppb) and MW-9 (183.7 ppb). West of the building, the highest total CVOC concentrations in shallow wells were measured in MW-2 (53.5 ppb) and in MW-101 (59.6 ppb). TCA was detected at concentrations above the Class GA values in those two wells (MW-2 and MW-101) and in a sample of standing water collected from the drainage ditch (subject to groundwater recharge), while TCE was detected above the Class GA value in the two shallow wells closest to the east end of the building (MW-6 and

MW-9). The remaining CVOCs detected at concentrations above the Class GA values in the groundwater samples collected from the shallow wells and drainage ditch are primarily degradation products of TCE and TCA. There were no CVOCs detected at concentrations above the Class GA Values in the three shallow monitoring wells located north of the Site along West Avenue.

In the two deep overburden monitoring wells (MW-2D and MW-10D) located east and west of the manufacturing building respectively, TCA and TCE were either not detected or were detected at concentrations below the Class GA values. Degradation products of TCA (most notably 1,1-dichloroethane [1,1-DCA] and chloroethane) were detected in MW-2D at concentrations above the Class GA values and higher than the concentrations detected in the associated bedrock or shallow well (MW-2 and MW-2B). These degradation products were also detected in MW-10D at concentrations above the Class GA values but generally consistent with or lower than the concentrations detected in the associated bedrock or shallow well (MW-10 and MW-10B).

In bedrock wells, the highest concentrations of total CVOCs in groundwater were detected west of the manufacturing building in MW-3B (1,055 ppb), north of the manufacturing building in MW-5B (1,130 ppb), and northeast of the manufacturing building in MW-105B (1,185 ppb). Individual CVOCs were detected at concentrations above Class GA values in two of the three bedrock monitoring wells (MW-103B and MW-104B) downgradient of the site along West Avenue. However, the concentrations of total CVOCs detected in MW-103B and MW-104B are approximately an order of magnitude less than the concentrations of CVOCs in bedrock monitoring wells near the northern site boundary. TCA was detected at a concentration above the Class GA value in one bedrock well (MW-3B) located west of the manufacturing building. The remaining CVOCs detected at concentrations above the Class GA values in the groundwater samples collected from the bedrock wells are degradation products of TCE and TCA.

Groundwater grab samples were also collected at various depths beneath the slab during the direct-push boring investigation inside the manufacturing building. Total CVOC concentrations in these grab samples were consistent with levels observed in the nearby bedrock wells (greater than 1,000 ppb). TCA, identified as the primary compound historically disposed at the site, was detected in groundwater collected from SB-102 and SB-105 at concentrations well above the Class GA value. TCE was detected in only one groundwater sample at a concentration above the Class GA value. The remaining CVOCs detected at concentrations above the Class GA values in the direct-push groundwater samples are degradation products.

A well receptor survey completed in 2013 resulted in the identification of one private water supply well located approximately a quarter mile northwest of the site. The well water was tested by the NYSDOH in April 2013. No contaminants of concern related to the Monroe Electronics site were detected in the drinking water sample.

Table 1 - Groundwater

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppb) ^a	SCG ^b (ppb)	Frequency Exceeding SCG
VOCs			
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	0.63 - 530	5	16/139
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.28 - 1.3	1	2/139
1,1-Dichloroethane	0.15 - 2000	5	87/139
1,1-Dichloroethene	0.31 - 160	5	41/139
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.28 - 150	0.6	78/139
Chloroethane	0.58 - 490	5	57/139
Chloroform	0.29 - 16	7	5/139

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppb) ^a	SCG ^b (ppb)	Frequency Exceeding SCG
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.72 - 69	5	13/139
Methylene Chloride	0.23 - 28	5	4/139
Toluene	0.5 - 11	5	1/139
Trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	1.3 - 100	5	10/139
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	0.16 - 270	5	13/139
Inorganics			
Arsenic	0.0059 - 0.087	25	0/49

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

Based on the findings of the RI, the past disposal of hazardous waste has resulted in the contamination of groundwater. Figures 4 and 5 depict the distribution of CVOCs in the shallow and bedrock aquifers, respectively, based on data collected in 2014. 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: TCA, 1,1-DCA, chloroethane, and TCE.

Soil

As part of NYSDEC's preliminary site investigation conducted in May 2000 (prior to the Site being listed), surface soil samples were collected at 4 locations in the vicinity of the drainage ditch behind the main facility building and analyzed for the full Target Compound List (VOCs, SVOCs, metals, PCBs, and pesticides). Surface soil samples were collected from a depth of 0 to 2 inches below the vegetated layer to assess direct human exposure. Two of the four sample locations (SS-03 and SS-04) contained concentrations above unrestricted and commercial SCOs for a number of compounds. A few SVOCs were detected but only one compound slightly exceeded the unrestricted and commercial SCOs in a single sample (SS-04). Two pesticides were detected in one sample (SS-03) at levels exceeding the unrestricted SCOs. Arsenic was detected in both samples (24.8 and 419 ppm) above unrestricted and commercial SCOs. Lead was also detected above unrestricted and commercial SCOs in one sample (SS-04). It should be noted that samples SS-03 and SS-04 were within an area associated with the drainage ditch that was excavated and backfilled with clean soil as part of the remediation of the Lyndonville West Avenue site in 2005.

During the RI at Monroe Electronics (2001 to 2014), 16 surface samples were collected across the Site and analyzed for pesticides and metals. Two metals (arsenic and lead) were detected in surface soil at concentrations above unrestricted SCOs. The only metal detected above the commercial use SCO of 16 ppm was arsenic, which was exceeded in 9 of the 16 samples collected during the RI and ranged from 2.7 ppm to 124 ppm. The analytical results suggest that the highest concentrations of arsenic remaining in surface soil are localized on the eastern side of the property around soil sample SS-7. Figure 6 shows the soil sampling locations and concentrations of arsenic. In addition, six pesticides were detected at levels above unrestricted SCOs in surface soil. No pesticides were detected above commercial use SCOs in surface soil.

Table 2 summarizes the surface soil sampling results from 2000 to 2014.

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).

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Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) ^a	Unrestricted SCG ^b (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCG	Restricted Use SCG ^c (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Restricted SCG
VOCs					
None detected					
SVOCs					
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.498 – 1.470	1	1/4	1	1/4
Inorganics					
Arsenic	2.7 - 419	13	13/20	16	11/20
Lead	10.8 - 864	63	5/15	1000	0/15
Pesticides/PCBs					
Beta BHC	0 - 0.038	0.036	1/15	3	0/15
Dieldrin	0.0055 - 0.089	0.005	4/15	1.4	0/15
Endosulfan Sulfate	0.0081 - 0.030	2.4	3/15	200	0/15
Endrin	0.020 - 0.088	0.014	2/15	89	0/15
P,P'-DDD	0.0026 - 0.520	0.0033	7/15	92	0/15
P,P'-DDE	0.010 - 32	0.0033	11/15	62	0/15
P,P'-DDT	0.010 - 48	0.0033	6/6	47	1/15

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

In May 2000, 14 subsurface soil samples were obtained from soil borings installed at 7 direct push boring locations (B-1 to B-7) across the Site and analyzed for VOCs, SVOCs, metals, PCBs, and pesticides. Continuous macro core sleeve samples were collected from approximately 1 to 12 feet below ground surface (near the top of the clay layer). During the RI, an additional 38 subsurface soil samples were collected and analyzed for VOCs, metals, and pesticides (no samples were analyzed for SVOCs during the RI). Subsurface soil samples were collected from 35 soil borings installed at various depths (from 4 feet to a maximum of 24 feet below ground surface) to assess soil contamination impacts to groundwater and the nature and extent of subsurface soil contamination. Four borings were also installed inside the manufacturing building through the foundation slab. Among the 52 subsurface soil samples collected by the NYSDEC, only two VOCs, two metals, and two pesticides were detected at concentrations above unrestricted SCOs. No VOCs, SVOCs, metals, or pesticides were measured in subsurface soil above commercial SCOs.

Table 3 summarizes the subsurface soil sampling results from 2000 to 2014.

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

c - SCG: Part 375-6.8(b), Restricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives for the Protection of Public Health for Commercial Use, unless otherwise noted.

Table 3 - Subsurface Soil

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) ^a	Unrestricted SCG ^b (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCG	Restricted Use SCG ^c (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Restricted SCG
VOCs					
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA)	0.0064 - 0.022	0.68	0/52	0.68 ^d	0/52
1,1-Dichloroethane	0.0029 - 0.072	0.27	0/52	0.27 ^d	0/52
1,1-Dichloroethene	0.0013 - 0.025	0.33	0/52	0.33 ^d	0/52
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.0051 - 0.057	0.02	2/52	0.02 ^d	2/52
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	0.0017 - 0.32	0.47	0/52	0.47 ^d	0/52
Acetone	0.0051 - 0.32	0.05	6/52	0.05 ^d	6/52
SVOCs					
None detected					
Inorganics					
Arsenic	2.2 - 14.4	13	1/19	16	0/19
Copper	7 - 150	50	1/19	270	0/19
Pesticides/PCBs					
P,P'-DDE	0.0066 - 0.16	0.0033	3/17	17 ^d	0/17
P,P'-DDD	0.0018 - 0.013	0.0033	2/17	14	0/17
P,P'-DDT	0.00078 - 0.12	0.0033	4/17	47 ^d	0/17

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

The primary soil contaminants are metals in surface soil associated with the historical manufacture of dust mixtures containing inorganic pesticides and the application of pesticides in apple orchards which formerly existed in the immediate vicinity of the site. Based on the findings of the RI, the presence of these heavy metals has resulted in the contamination primarily of surface soil. The site contaminant identified in soil which is considered to be the primary contaminant of concern to be addressed by the remedy selection process is arsenic.

Soil Vapor

The evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion (SVI) resulting from the presence of site-related soil or groundwater contamination was evaluated by the sampling of soil vapor, sub-slab soil vapor under structures, indoor air inside structures, and outdoor air. At this site, due to the presence of occupied buildings in the impacted area, a full suite of samples was collected to evaluate whether actions are needed to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion.

SVI samples were collected at the Monroe Electronics facility and on-site residence in 2011 and again in 2012. Site-related VOCs were detected at levels of concern in sub-slab vapor samples from the main building. The maximum concentrations of TCE and TCA were 600 ug/m3 and 2,000 ug/m3, respectively. The highest TCE

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c - SCG: Part 375-6.8(b), Restricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives for the Protection of Public Health for Commercial Use, unless otherwise noted.

d - SCG: Part 375-6.8(b), Restricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives for the Protection of Groundwater.

concentrations were detected in sub-slab vapor near the southeastern corner of the building while the highest concentrations of TCA were measured in sub-slab vapor near the western end of the building. TCA and TCE degradation products were also detected. The findings indicate the soil vapor beneath the building has been impacted and that SVI is a potential concern in the on-site manufacturing building. VOCs were not detected at levels of concern in samples from the on-site residential structure.

In 2014, SVI samples were collected at two structures located off-site to the north. The sampling results indicate that SVI is not a concern for the two off-site buildings.

Based on the concentrations detected, and in comparison with the NYSDOH Soil Vapor Intrusion Guidance, the site contaminants that are considered to be the primary contaminants of concern and which will drive the remediation of soil vapor are TCA and TCE. These contaminants were found in soil vapor beneath the manufacturing building. A soil vapor intrusion investigation in the on-site residence did not detect site-related contamination in indoor air or in the crawlspace air beneath the house. Likewise, the SVI investigation of the two off-site properties did not indicate site-related contaminants. Therefore, appropriate action(s) are recommended for the on-site manufacturing building. No further action is needed to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion at the on-site residential structure or the two off-site properties.

Exhibit B

Description of Remedial Alternatives

The following alternatives were considered based on the remedial action objectives (see Section 6.5) to address the contaminated media identified at the site as described in Exhibit A.

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.

Present Worth:	\$15,000
Capital Cost:	\$0
Annual Costs:	

Common Element

As a common element to each of the remedial action alternatives described below, implementation of an indoor air monitoring program as part of the Site Management Plan (SMP) is proposed to address soil vapor intrusion into the on-site manufacturing building. Indoor air and/or sub-slab vapor samples would be collected on an annual basis during the heating season and the analytical results evaluated in accordance with NYSDOH guidance. If necessary, additional actions to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion will be implemented. An Institutional Control (IC) in the form of an environmental easement will be placed on the property that will require the party responsible for completing the remedy to implement provisions of the SMP including the SVI monitoring program for the manufacturing building and evaluation of the potential for vapor intrusion for any new buildings developed on the site (and implementation of additional actions, as required). The environmental easement will also prohibit use of the on-site residential building for purposes other than commercial or industrial and prohibit on-site groundwater extraction and use.

Present Worth:	\$62,000
Capital Cost:	\$0
Annual Costs:	

Action Alternatives

Alternative 2: Soil Cover

This alternative would include placement of a soil cover above all surface soil exceeding the commercial use SCO for arsenic. Arsenic-impacted soil will be contained by placing a one-foot thick layer of clean fill and topsoil cover. After placement, the topsoil would be seeded, and fertilizer and mulch would be added to promote growth of a uniform stand of perennial grasses. A geotextile demarcation layer would be installed between the clean fill layer and the arsenic-impacted soil to indicate underlying residual contaminated soil. The horizontal and vertical extents of contamination, and area to be covered, would be verified as part of a pre-design investigation.

Currently, the area of concern is estimated to be approximately 80,000 square feet; the estimated volume of soil to be imported to the Site is 3,000 cubic yards (refer to Figure 6).

Additionally, this alternative would include a groundwater monitoring component to monitor changes in contaminant distribution and attenuation over time. Refer to Figures 4 and 5 for estimated extents of total CVOC concentrations in the shallow and bedrock aquifers. Groundwater monitoring at the Site will involve long-term groundwater monitoring performed on a periodic basis.

Present Worth:	\$590,000
Capital Cost:	\$190,000
Annual Costs:	\$19,300 (avg. years 1-30)

Alternative 3: EISB/ISCR and Soil Cover

This alternative includes Enhanced Is-Situ Bioremediation (EISB) and In-Situ Chemical Reduction (ISCR) technologies for treating CVOCs in the bedrock aquifer beneath the manufacturing building. Alternative 3 also includes placement of a one-foot thick soil cover to address surface soil (described in Alternative 2). EISB involves the injection of bio-stimulating and chemical reduction amendments and bio-augmentation cultures into the aquifer to enhance the biological and abiotic reductive dechlorination of CVOCs in groundwater. Existing data indicate that the CVOCs in the groundwater are being naturally degraded under existing Site conditions, but at limited rates. These data suggest the existing aquifer conditions alone would not support complete reductive dechlorination of TCE. Therefore, amendments would be selected and employed to change these limiting conditions and promote a vigorous population of appropriate degrading bacteria.

EISB/ISCR injections would be limited to outside the existing manufacturing building along its northern and western perimeter and around monitoring well MW-105B, as shown on Figure 7. This focused EISB and ISCR remedy will be implemented by injecting a liquid phase reducing agent (e.g., zero-valent iron) mixed with a controlled-release carbon source for EISB. EISB/ISCR injection wells will be used to inject the reducing agent/carbon source mixture to the targeted remediation areas and depths. Zero-valent iron (or similar) abiotically dechlorinates CVOCs, and the controlled-release carbon acts as a bioamendment to enhance the biological reductive dechlorination concurrently with chemical reduction. Bioaugmentation cultures will be injected subsequently or concurrently. Commercially-available EISB/ISCR mixtures typically have an effective longevity of up to four to five years. It is anticipated that four rounds of EISB/ISCR injections would be required.

Groundwater sampling and analysis would be performed during the first year as part of the injection program. Data generated as a result of the sampling would be used to evaluate the effectiveness of injection, and enhancements to the remedial approach may be considered as conditions warrant.

Long-term groundwater monitoring would also be performed on a periodic basis to monitor changes in contaminant distribution and attenuation in overburden groundwater downgradient of the Site.

Present Worth:	\$1,720,000
Capital Cost:	\$670,000
Annual Costs:	\$42,700 (avg. years 1-30)

Alternative 4: Expanded EISB and ISCR, and Shallow Soil Excavation

This alternative includes expansion of the EISB/ISCR injection area to target the bedrock aquifer directly beneath the western portion of the building. It should be noted that implementation of Alternative 4 would require either the demolition of a portion of the manufacturing building or use of specialty drilling techniques for installation of injection wells inside the building. Similar to Alternative 3, groundwater sampling and analysis would be performed during the first year as part of the injection program. Data generated as a result of the sampling would be used to evaluate the effectiveness of injection, and enhancements to the remedial approach may be considered as conditions warrant. Long-term groundwater monitoring would be performed to monitor ISCR and EISB performance as described for Alternative 3.

Another element of Alternative 4 is excavation and off-Site disposal of arsenic-impacted surface soil. The soil remediation elements of Alternative 4 would target arsenic concentrations exceeding the commercial use SCO in the upper 1 foot of soil. It is anticipated that the average excavation depth would be 0.5 feet. The area of concern is estimated to be approximately 80,000 square feet, and, applying a depth of 0.5 feet, the estimated volume of soil to be removed is 1,500 cubic yards. The horizontal and vertical extents of contamination will be verified as part of a pre-design investigation.

Present Worth:	\$2,570,000
Capital Cost:	\$1,000,000
Annual Costs:	\$62,800 (avg. years 1-30)

Alternative 5: In-Situ Thermal Remediation and Soil Excavation

This alternative includes In-Situ Thermal Remediation (ISTR) to destroy or volatilize CVOCs dissolved in groundwater and adsorbed to the formation. The vaporized CVOCs are removed from the overlying unsaturated soil using a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system. It is assumed that collected vapors will require treatment prior to being discharged to the atmosphere using granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment or other technology. It is expected that implementation of Alternative 5 would require either the demolition of a portion of the manufacturing building or use of specialty drilling techniques for installation of electrodes inside the building.

Electrical resistance heating (ERH) is the thermal remediation technology proposed for the geologic conditions encountered at the Site (clays and sedimentary bedrock). ERH uses arrays of electrodes to create a concentrated flow of current toward a central neutral electrode. Resistance to this electric current in the formation generates heat and increases the temperature up to the boiling point of water (approximately 100°C), producing steam and vaporizing contaminants. Other thermal technologies (e.g., thermal conductive heating) may be considered during remedial design if implementation of ERH is determined to not be viable because of physical properties of the soil or rock.

Following the heating phase, periodic groundwater monitoring will be performed to monitor ISTR performance.

Another element of Alternative 5 is excavation and off-Site disposal of contaminated soil to achieve NYSDEC unrestricted use SCOs. The horizontal and vertical extents of contamination will be verified as part of a predesign investigation. The RI Report indicates that metals other than arsenic and pesticides were detected in surface soil at concentrations above the unrestricted use SCOs. As part of this alternative, pre-design investigation and post-excavation samples would be analyzed for constituents detected above the unrestricted use SCOs. It is

expected that excavation to depths of 2 or 3 feet may be required to achieve these levels. Based on existing data, the area of concern is estimated to be approximately 232,000 square feet, and the estimated volume of soil which would be removed is 21,500 cubic yards.

This alternative achieves all of the SCGs discussed in Section 6.1.1 and Exhibit A and soil meets the unrestricted soil clean objectives listed in Part 375-6.8 (a).

Present Worth:	\$13,500,000
Capital Cost:	\$8,240,000
Annual Costs:	\$22,200 (avg. years 1-5)

Exhibit C

Remedial Alternative Costs

Remedial Alternative	Capital Cost (\$)	Annual Costs (\$)	Total Present Worth (\$)
1. No Action	0	0	0
2. Soil Cover	190,000	19,300	590,000
3. EISB and ISCR, Soil Cover	670,000	42,700	1,720,000
4. Expanded EISB and ISCR, and Shallow Soil Excavation	1,000,000	62,800	2,570,000
5. In-Situ Thermal Remediation and Soil Excavation	8,240,000	22,200	13,500,000

Exhibit D

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED REMEDY

The Department is proposing Alternative 3, EISB and ISCR with Soil Cover and Groundwater MNA, as the remedy for this site. Alternative 3 would achieve the remediation goals for the site by injecting an engineered suite of bioamendments /bioaugments and chemical reducing agents into the subsurface designed to enhance the rate of biological and abiotic dechlorination of CVOCs in groundwater. The remaining remediation goals will be achieved by restricting groundwater use until SCGs are achieved, covering arsenic-contaminated surface soils with one foot of clean soil to prevent exposure, managing residual contamination, and implementing a long-term groundwater and SVI monitoring program, as well as actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion. The elements of this remedy are described in Section 7. The proposed remedy is depicted in Figure 7.

Basis for Selection

The proposed 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. <u>Protection of Human Health and the Environment.</u> This criterion is an overall evaluation of each alternative's ability to protect public health and the environment.

The proposed remedy (Alternative 3, EISB/ISCR and Soil Cover) would satisfy this criterion by enhancing the degradation and ultimate destruction of contaminants in groundwater and preventing direct contact with contaminated surface soil. Alternative 1 (No Action) does not provide any additional protection to public health and the environment and will not be evaluated further. Alternative 2 meets the threshold criteria with respect to soil, soil vapor, and groundwater exposure, but does not include active groundwater remediation. Alternative 3 does include active groundwater remediation and provides greater protectiveness of the environment than Alternative 2. Alternative 4 provides greater protectiveness than Alternative 3 due to the increased area targeted for active groundwater treatment and the removal of arsenic-impacted soil from the Site. However, given the limitations of Alternatives 3 and 4 with respect to achieving RAOs, their overall protectiveness of the environment is only nominally greater than Alternative 2. Alternative 5 provides the highest level of protectiveness of the public health and the environment since it includes all the elements of Alternative 2 and represents the most rigorous approach to soil and groundwater remediation and restores the site to unrestricted use.

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

Alternative 3 complies with SCGs to the extent practicable. It addresses groundwater contamination and creates the conditions necessary to restore groundwater quality within a reasonable timeframe. Alternative 2 will generally result in compliance with SCGs with respect to vapor intrusion and surface soil, but would rely on

natural attenuation with respect to achieving groundwater SCGs and entail an extended remedial timeframe. Alternatives 3 and 4 may result in compliance with groundwater SCGs in a shorter period of time, within the targeted treatment zones. Alternatives 4 and 5 result in greater compliance with soil SCGs due to the removal of arsenic-impacted surface soil from the Site. Alternative 5 is most likely to result in compliance with groundwater SCGs in the quickest timeframe but at a significantly higher cost.

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

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

The soil cover and soil vapor intrusion components of Alternative 2, while not considered permanent remedies, would address potential exposure to contaminants in soil and soil vapor in the long-term. Alternative 3 would result in the permanent degradation of contaminants in groundwater and would be equally effective as Alternative 2 in the long-term with respect to addressing soil vapor intrusion and soil contamination. Alternative 4 would be somewhat more effective than Alternative 3 with respect to soil and groundwater contamination. Alternative 5 would be the most effective in the long-term and would permanently address COCs in soil, soil vapor, and groundwater, to the greatest extent.

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

The soil cover component of Alternatives 2 and 3 provides reduction in the potential mobility of contaminants in soil by erosion alone, but provides no reduction in toxicity or volume. The excavation and disposal component of Alternatives 4 and 5 reduces the potential mobility of contaminants in soil by transfer to a controlled disposal site. Alternative 2 provides no reduction of toxicity, mobility, or volume of groundwater contaminants other than through naturally occurring attenuation processes. Alternatives 3 and 4 would reduce the toxicity, mobility, and volume of contaminants in groundwater via degradation to less toxic substances. Alternative 5 would reduce the mobility and volume of contaminants in groundwater at the Site via extraction and treatment, and transport off-Site for disposal.

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

Alternatives 2 through 5 all have short-term impacts which could easily be controlled. Soil cover and soil vapor intrusion components of Alternative 2 would be effective in the short-term and would have limited short-term impacts. Alternative 2 would not be effective in the short-term with respect to groundwater contamination (although ICs would minimize potential for exposure). Alternative 3 would be equal to Alternative 2 with respect to soil vapor intrusion and soil contamination. Alternative 4 would be somewhat more effective in the short-term with respect to groundwater contamination and surface soil than Alternative 3, but would cause greater impacts (soil excavation, CAMP, and interference with manufacturing operations to install wells indoors or demolish the

building). Alternative 5 would be the most effective in the short-term but would result in the greatest short-term impacts. Short-term impacts include air emissions associated the ISTR system and increased soil excavation.

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

Alternatives 2 and 3 are equally implementable as neither would require any specialized procedures or significantly impact active manufacturing operations. Implementation of either Alternative 4 or 5 would be challenging considering the requirements for installation of active remediation system components within the building footprint. Additionally, although ISTR technology (Alternative 5) is readily available from vendors and the technology has been successfully implemented at other similar sites, there is a limited number of vendors capable of implementing ISTR and due to high demand, procurement of a qualified ISTR vendor can be challenging.

7. <u>Cost-Effectiveness</u>. Capital costs and annual operation, maintenance, and monitoring costs are estimated for each alternative and compared on a present worth basis. Although cost-effectiveness is the last balancing criterion evaluated, where two or more alternatives have met the requirements of the other criteria, it can be used as the basis for the final decision.

The costs of the alternatives vary significantly. Alternatives 2, 3, 4, and 5 are progressively more expensive. The estimated total present value cost of Alternative 5 is over two times greater than the estimated total present value cost of Alternative 4. A summary comparison of the remedial alternative costs is presented in *Table x*.

8. <u>Land Use.</u> When cleanup to pre-disposal conditions is determined to be infeasible, the Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonable anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings in the selection of the soil remedy. The current and anticipated future land use of the Site is Manufacturing which is consistent with the local zoning (Light Industrial). Alternatives 2, 3, and 4 would remediate (either by covering or removing) arsenic-impacted soil exceeding commercial SCOs, resulting in some residual contamination that would be controllable with implementation of a Site Management Plan and an environmental easement. With Alternative 5, all of the impacted soil exceeding unrestricted use SCOs would be removed, groundwater contamination would be treated to SCGs, and restrictions on the Site use would not be necessary.

The final criterion, Community Acceptance, is considered a "modifying criterion" and is taken into account after evaluating those above. It is evaluated after public comments on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan have been received.

9. <u>Community Acceptance.</u> Concerns of the community regarding the investigation, the evaluation of alternatives, and the PRAP are evaluated. A responsiveness summary will be prepared that describes public comments received and the manner in which the Department will address the concerns raised. If the selected remedy differs significantly from the proposed remedy, notices to the public will be issued describing the differences and reasons for the changes.

Alternative 3 is being proposed because, as described above, it satisfies the threshold criteria and provides the best balance of the balancing criterion.













