

Technical Memorandum

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Re: 400 Food Center Drive (Krasdale) Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) – Preliminary Data
 BCP Site No. C203101
 Bronx, NY
Project No.: 2303627

GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI) has prepared this memorandum on behalf of New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) to provide preliminary results of soil sample data collected during implementation of the 400 Food Center Drive (FCD) Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) on March 22, 2025. IRM excavation and sampling activities were performed in accordance with the IRM Work Plan (IRMWP) approved by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) on November 18, 2024.

The specific issue that is subject to this IRM is the replacement of a completely corroded and unserviceable sanitary waste line that originates in a bathroom located in the elevated, second-story office area on-site. In addition to the second story bathroom plumbing that has completely failed, the restroom sanitary connection in one first floor bathroom has also failed due to the corrosion of the ductile iron piping. Currently, the entire second floor is not being utilized (and has not been able to be used for over a year) because there are no other restroom facilities available in that space, and this space is needed by the Krasdale team for day-to-day operations. Since performing the excavation in the first floor bathroom, this is also fully out of service.

The first floor bathroom required excavation beneath the floor in an area presumed to contain Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) waste and this IRM sampling and monitoring effort was focused on gathering information and data while simultaneously completing the repair rather, than performing an investigation before the repair. This was necessary because all work was being performed in a very small area within the bathroom facilities. Therefore, the conditions being addressed under this IRM are considered emergency and essential to the continued operation of the facility, and are not elective, desired upgrades or repairs.

This memorandum specifically presents the data from the Area “A” Excavation (which was in the first floor bathroom area) as a significant amount of purifier waste was expected to be present and was confirmed in the bathroom area beginning at approximately 3 feet below the tiled floor surface. Sampling locations are provided in the Appendix A figure and an excavation/boring log is presented in Appendix C.

Data Summary

Data for all excavation “A” samples including the duplicate of sample “A6” are provided in Appendix B. At this time, only preliminary results for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs), metals, and cyanide are included, as these are the primary constituents of concern (COCs) for the site. Analytical data for the excavation “B” samples as well as Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides and Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) for all samples, will be provided in the IRM Summary Report.

Following review of the preliminary data, notes of importance are:

- SVOCs appear within the range of prior purifier waste samples collected within the larger 400 FCD site (outside of the building footprint). Historically, samples of waste material are typically less than 500 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) for Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs).
- VOCs show typical carbon disulfide levels are present in single digit part per million (ppm), which also comports with the groundwater/drainage pipe data showing carbon disulfide present in the drain pipe at a concentration of 43 milligrams per liter (mg/l) while flushing was occurring during the tidal cycle (Site Characterization Report, Consolidated Edison Company, May 2013).
- Cyanide concentrations range from 200 to 5500 mg/kg. Samples were collected above the water table and have essentially been preserved with no rain or precipitation, air exchange, sunlight, etc.
- BAPE concentrations range from 17 mg/kg to 152 mg/kg.

Recommended Actions

Due to the significant presence of purifier waste and odors that were encountered during excavation, GEI recommends that the excavation is backfilled and re-sealed with concrete as soon as possible. While the excavation is currently lined and sealed with plastic sheeting, and no odors or detections of VOCs, hydrogen cyanide (HCN) or hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) have been noted since sealing of the excavation and keeping the fume extractor/fan running continuously in the bathroom, a more permanent seal is necessary. It should be noted that during the actual excavation, monitoring was performed continuously and readings were not noted to be above actionable levels. This waste material has been sequestered beneath the floor since the building was constructed in and around 1970, and so the conditions are likely to show purifier waste in something that could be considered close to original condition since no rain or precipitation has fallen on it, and it has not been exposed to the atmosphere since the floor was poured approximately 55 years ago.

The plumbing repairs were completed on March 25, 2025, and the excavation is ready to be backfilled in order to bring the bathroom back in operable service. Restoration of the floor will re-establish a more permanent seal, thus reducing the risk of potentially exposing Krasdale employees to gases/vapors. The preliminary data indicates the presence of VOCs, SVOCs, metals, and cyanide in exceedance of Part 375 Commercial and/or Protection of Groundwater Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) in the sampled purifier waste, which further supports the recommendation to close the excavation. Given that the excavation is located within a pile supported operating food distribution warehouse and office space, it is not feasible to further expand the excavation, remove additional material and/or delineate the waste material. The waste was anticipated to be beneath the floor in this area based on the evaluation of historical aerials

combined with multiple field investigations and delineation efforts for both the adjacent Parcel D Brownfield Cleanup Program (BSP) site, as well as the 400 FCD BCP site.

GEI also recommends repouring the concrete floor with the addition of multiple poly liners being placed within the current excavation area. This will replace the floor that has been 100% effective in preventing vapors and odors from entering the building since they were originally constructed. While the vapors that were monitored during the excavation did not exceed action levels, the odor is very noticeable and could create a worker exposure concern should the floor be temporarily covered and if that cover was tampered with. GEI considers this as human health and exposure prevention.

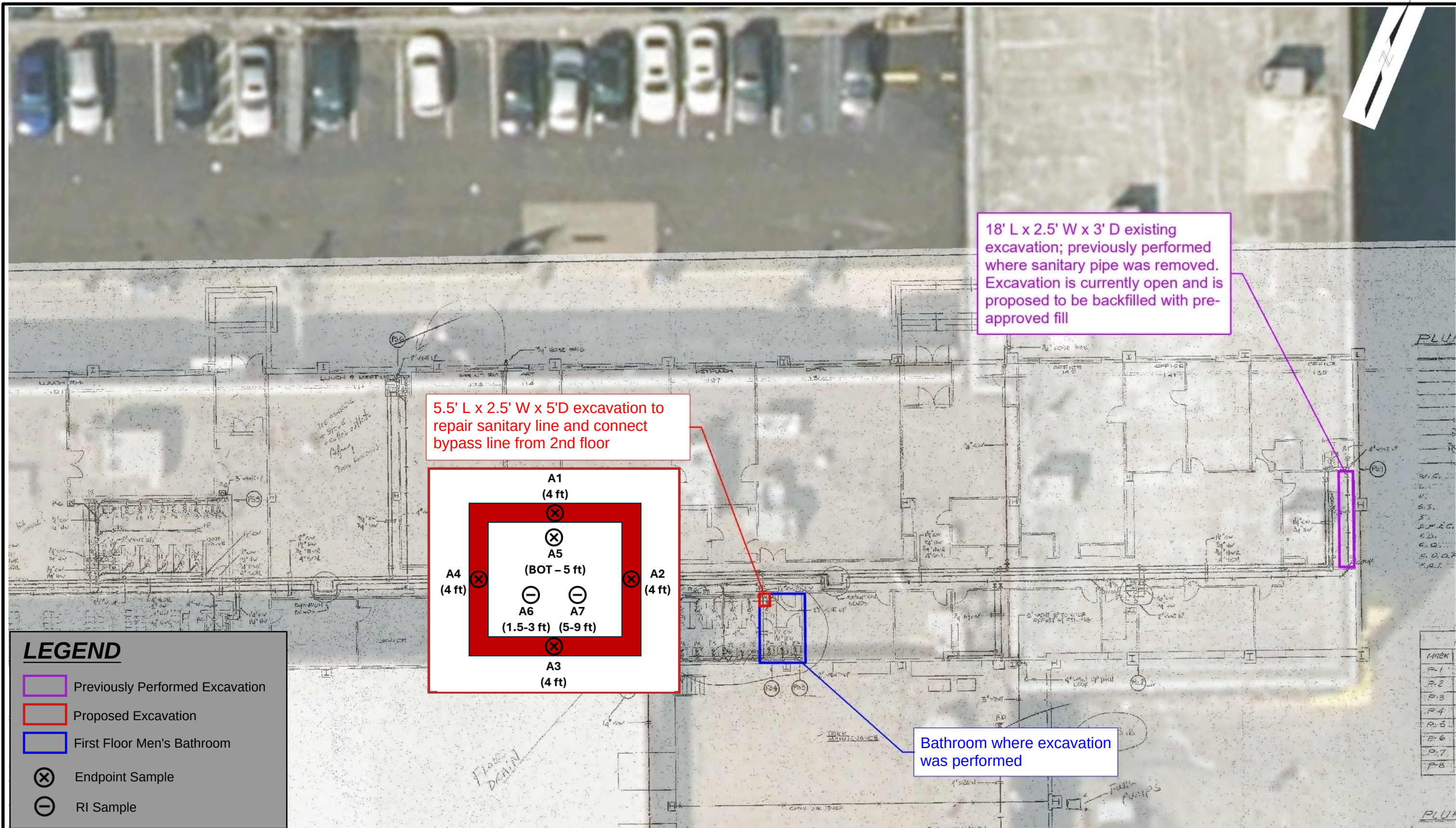
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Appendices

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Appendix A Figure



Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan
400 Food Center Drive (BCP Site No. C203101)
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AREA "A" EXCAVATION
SOIL SAMPLING PLAN

March 2025

Fig. 1

Appendix B Laboratory Data Tables

B.1. Excavation “A” Sample Data – VOCs, SVOCs, Metals and Cyanide

B.2. Benzo(a)pyrene Equivalent (BAPE)

Table 1. Excavation "A" Sample Data - VOCs, SVOCs, Metals and Cyanide

		CLIENT ID: LAB ID: COLLECTION DATE: SAMPLE MATRIX: SAMPLE UNITS:	A1 AD50474-015 3/22/2025 Soil mg/Kg	A2 AD50474-014 3/22/2025 Soil mg/Kg	A3 AD50474-013 3/22/2025 Soil mg/Kg	A4 AD50474-012 3/22/2025 Soil mg/Kg	A5 AD50474-011 3/22/2025 Soil mg/Kg	A6 AD50474-008 3/22/2025 Soil mg/Kg	DUP AD50474-010 3/22/2025 Soil mg/Kg	A7 AD50474-009 3/22/2025 Soil mg/Kg								
	CAS#	Analyte	Result	RL	Result	RL	Result	RL	Result	RL	Result	RL	Result	RL				
	56-55-3	Benzo[a]anthracene	21	0.94	5.4	0.17	42	2.6	36	1.6	20	0.56	32	1.5	52	2.6	22	0.94
	50-32-8	Benzo[a]pyrene	14	0.94	3.7	0.17	23	2.6	26	1.6	12	0.56	19	1.5	31	2.6	14	0.94
	205-99-2	Benzo[b]fluoranthene	26	0.94	6.8	0.17	49	2.6	44	1.6	24	0.56	37	1.5	62	2.6	25	0.94
	207-08-9	Benzo[k]fluoranthene	11	0.94	2.2	0.17	17	2.6	17	1.6	10	0.56	15	1.5	23	2.6	8.8	0.94
	218-01-9	Chrysene	21	0.94	5.9	0.17	42	2.6	36	1.6	22	0.56	32	1.5	53	2.6	22	0.94
	53-70-3	Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene	3.4	0.94	0.91	0.17	5.7	2.6	5.8	1.6	3.7	0.56	4.4	1.5	7.5	2.6	3.6	0.94
	193-39-5	Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene	11	0.94	3.0	0.17	18	2.6	17	1.6	11	0.56	16	1.5	23	2.6	12	0.94
		BAPE	68		17		117		114		63		95		152		66	

Benzo(a)pyrene (BAP) equivalent is calculated using the following formula: BAPE= 1 x conc. Benzo(a)pyrene + 0.1 x [conc. Benzo(a)anthracene + conc. Benzo(b)fluoranthene + conc. Benzo(k)fluoranthene + conc. Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene + conc. Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyr

Appendix C “A” Excavation/Boring Log



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EXCAVATION/BORING
LOG

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GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION (FT):	--	LOCATION:	400 Food Center Drive
NORTHING:	--	EASTING:	--
OBSERVED BY:	Carole Lakrout	TOTAL LENGTH:	5.5'
CHECKED BY:	Stacey Ng	TOTAL WIDTH:	2.5'
EQUIPMENT:	Jack Hammer, Shovel, Hand Auger	TOTAL DEPTH:	5'
WEATHER:	Sunny, High 60F, S 5 mph	DATUM VERT. / HORZ.:	--
		DATE START / END	3/22/2025

DEPTH FT.	PID (ppm)	ANALYZED SAMPLE ID	SOIL DESCRIPTION
0.8	0.0		(0.0 - 0.8') CONCRETE.
1.4	0.0		(0.8' - 1.4') Air, gap/void between bottom of concrete slab and top of soil/fill.
2.91	0.0	A6, DUP	(1.4' - 2.9') Clayey sand with fine to coarse gravel; brown to black; wet; no odor.
3.83			(2.9' - 3.83') Purifier waste with coal ash; gray-brown fine to medium wood chips; 10% fine black coal ash; wet; strong sulfur odor.
5	0.0	A1, A2, A3, A4 (Sidewall Samples at approx. 4 ftbgs) A5 (Bottom Sample at 5 ftbgs)	(3.83' - 5.0') Purifier waste with coal ash; gray-brown fine to medium wood chips; 10% fine black coal ash; wet; strong sulfur odor.
9.0	5.3	A7 (Collected via hand auger/boring)	(5.0' - 9.0') Purifier waste with coal ash; dark gray to black, fine to medium wood chips; moist to wet; strong sulfur odor.

NOTES:

PID = photoionization detector
ppm = parts per million
ft = feet
bgs = below ground surface



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PHOTOGRAPH

Photo 1: Purifier Waste (5-9 ftbgs)



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