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Re: Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan  
1675 Apartments  
1675 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, New York

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached is the Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) for the 1675 Apartments site located at 1675 Westchester Avenue in the Bronx, New York. The Draft RIWP is being submitted concurrently with a BCP Application for the property.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit this Draft RIWP on behalf of 1675 JV Associates LLC and look forward to moving ahead with this program under the BCP. If you have any questions or need any additional detail, please feel free to contact me at (646) 388-9544.

Sincerely,  
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Enc: Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan

# **1675 APARTMENTS**

**1675 WESTCHESTER AVENUE  
BRONX, NEW YORK**

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## **Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan**

**NYSDEC BCP Site #: TBD  
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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) has been prepared by AKRF, Inc. (AKRF) on behalf of 1675 JV Associates LLC (Applicant) for the property located at 1675 Westchester Avenue in the Bronx, New York, hereafter referred to as “the Site”. The Site is identified on the New York City Tax Map as Bronx Borough Tax Block 3870, Lot 1. The Site is an approximately 32,000-square foot “L-shaped” lot developed with an approximately 12,275-square foot, vacant commercial building with a cellar fronting Westchester Avenue and adjacent asphalt-paved and landscaped areas to the north and east. The Site is bounded by: residential buildings to the north; Westchester Avenue and the elevated 6 Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) subway tracks to the south, followed by a commercial shopping center; a commercial building, followed by Fteley Avenue to the east; and Metcalf Avenue, followed by the Bronx River Parkway to the west. A Site Location map is provided as Figure 1.

This RIWP is being submitted concurrently with a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) Application. The Applicant plans to enter the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) as a Volunteer. A November 2017 Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation Report prepared by AKRF for the Site and east-adjacent property (Block 3870, Lot 51) concluded that there are elevated concentrations of metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in soil, and petroleum- and chlorinated solvent-related compounds in soil vapor at the Site.

This RIWP describes the procedures to be used to define the nature and extent of contamination at the Site. The data compiled from the Remedial Investigation (RI) described herein will be used to prepare an RI Report (RIR). All work will be completed in accordance with this RIWP, which includes a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (Appendix A) and a Health and Safety Plan (HASP) (Appendix B). The Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) detailed in the HASP will be implemented during all subsurface disturbance activities at the Site, including, but not limited to, soil boring advancement, soil sampling, and backfilling of boreholes.

## 2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

### 2.1 Site Description and Surrounding Land Use

The Site is an approximately 32,000-square foot “L-shaped” lot developed with an approximately 12,275-square foot, vacant commercial building with a cellar fronting Westchester Avenue with adjacent asphalt-paved and landscaped areas to the north and east. The Site is bounded by: residential buildings to the north; Westchester Avenue and the elevated 6 Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) subway tracks to the south, followed by a commercial shopping center; a commercial building, followed by Fteley Avenue to the east; and Metcalf Avenue, followed by the Bronx River Parkway to the west. The Site is located in a primarily residential and commercial area. Surrounding land usage is shown on Figure 2.

### 2.2 Site Geology, Hydrogeology, and Subsurface Characteristics

Surface topography at the Site and in the immediately surrounding area is generally level, except the Bronx River Parkway west of the Site, which slopes down. Based on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), New York 2011 Quadrangle Map, the Site is approximately 10 feet above the North American Datum of 1988 (an approximation of mean sea level).

Based on AKRF’s November 2017 Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation Report conducted by AKRF, subsurface materials consisted of historic fill (sand with silt, gravel, concrete, brick, wood, and ceramics) from the surface to depths ranging between 10 and 20 feet below grade across the Site. The fill material was underlain by apparent native sand, silt, gravel, and peat in some boring locations.

Groundwater was measured between approximately 9 and 12 feet below grade during the Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation and likely flows in a southwesterly direction toward the Bronx River, approximately 0.6 mile southwest of the Site. However, actual groundwater flow direction in the Bronx is difficult to ascertain without measurements from on-site wells and can be affected by many factors, including subsurface openings or obstructions such as basements, utilities, bedrock geology, and various other factors. There are no surface water bodies or streams on or immediately adjacent to the Site.

### 2.3 Site History

Historic records indicate that the Site was undeveloped prior to 1964 when the current Site building was constructed. The building was formerly occupied by several commercial uses until approximately 2012. The Site has remained vacant since that time.

### 3.0 PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment – 1675 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, New York, Environmental Investigations, LLC, July 2014

Environmental Investigations, LLC (EI) prepared a Phase I ESA report of the Site in July 2014. The Phase I ESA identified a fill line and a vent pipe north-adjacent to the Site building. EI recommended an investigation to determine whether an underground storage tank (UST) was present, its location, and whether or not it had leaked.

Phase II Environmental Site Assessment – 1675 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, New York, Cider Environmental, October 2014

Cider Environmental, Inc. (CE) prepared a Subsurface (Phase II) Environmental Site Assessment Report of the Site in October 2014. The investigation was conducted to investigate the potential presence of a UST, based on EI's July 2014 Phase I ESA. The investigation included a geophysical survey, the installation of three soil borings adjacent to the suspect UST, the collection and laboratory analysis of three soil samples, and the collection and laboratory analysis of one groundwater sample. Groundwater was reportedly encountered at approximately 12 feet below grade. Laboratory analytical results identified several fuel oil- related volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs) at levels above applicable standards.

Based on the findings, CE recommended that a spill be reported to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and that the UST be closed and removed, along with any contaminated soil, in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal laws. CE also recommended installation of a groundwater monitoring well network at the Site to determine the extent of the groundwater contamination. NYSDEC Spill No. 1407300 was assigned to the Site, which was closed in October 2014.

Tank Closure Report – 1675 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, New York, Cider Environmental, December 2014

CE prepared a Tank Closure Report for the Site in December 2014. According to the report, 756 gallons of waste oil and 55.59 tons of petroleum-contaminated soil were disposed of off-site. The tank was cut, cleaned, and removed from the Site. In addition, five endpoint soil samples were collected for laboratory analysis of Commissioner's Policy (CP)-51 VOCs and SVOCs. The results of the sampling indicated that benzo(a)pyrene was detected above 6 NYCRR Restricted Commercial Soil Cleanup Objectives (CSCOs). All other compounds analyzed were detected below CSCOs. The excavation area was backfilled with imported fill. Spill No. 1407300 was closed in October 2014.

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment – 1675 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, New York, Cider Environmental, February 2017

CE prepared a Phase I ESA Report for the Site in February 2017. The Phase I ESA identified no recognized environmental conditions (RECs). The report identified closed-status NYSDEC Spill No. 1407300 as a Historical Recognized Environmental Condition (HREC) and the active dry cleaner east-adjacent to Lot 1 (Lot 51) as a vapor encroachment condition (VEC). The dry cleaner was also listed in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) with no reported violations. CE did not provide any recommendations.

Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation Report – 1675-1679 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, New York, AKRF, Inc., November 2017

AKRF prepared a Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation Report of the Site and the east-adjacent property (Block 3780, Lot 51) in November 2017. The investigation was conducted to determine whether current and/or former on-site or off-site activities had adversely affected the Site's subsurface. The investigation included the advancement of 6 soil borings with the collection and laboratory analysis of 12 soil samples, the installation of 3 temporary groundwater wells with the collection and laboratory analysis of 3 groundwater samples, and the installation of 3 temporary soil vapor points with the collection and laboratory analysis of 3 soil vapor samples and 1 ambient air sample at the Site. Groundwater was reportedly encountered between approximately 9 and 12 feet below grade. Laboratory analytical results identified concentrations of select SVOCs, pesticides, and metals in soil; select metals in groundwater; and elevated concentrations of solvent and petroleum-related VOCs in soil vapor and ambient air above applicable standards. The report indicated similar findings for the east-adjacent (and likely upgradient) property (Lot 51).

Based on the findings, AKRF recommended preparing a Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) and conducting a Remedial Investigation (RI) at the Site to further define the extent of contamination, inclusive of a geophysical survey, and soil, groundwater, and soil vapor sampling; and indicated that the Site was scheduled for redevelopment. The report indicated that remediation was slated to be completed in the BCP. AKRF also recommended the proper registration and/or closure and removal of any tank(s) and associated piping, and provided protocols for future disturbance of building materials and/or subsurface materials in accordance with applicable regulations.

Figures showing Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation soil sample concentrations detected above UUSCOs and/or RRSCOs, groundwater sample concentrations above Ambient Water Quality Standards (AWQSs), and soil vapor detections are provided as Figures 3, 4, and 5, respectively.

## 4.0 FIELD PROGRAM

The RI field program will focus on collecting soil, groundwater, and soil vapor data to further define the nature and extent of Site contamination and to assist with determining the appropriate remedial action. The RI field program will be implemented in two phases; the sampling locations outside of the current building footprint will be completed immediately following NYSDEC approval of this RIWP and the sampling locations within the current building footprint will be completed following building demolition in the spring or summer 2018.

### 4.1 Field Program Summary

A geophysical survey will be conducted across all accessible portion of the Site to investigate the presence of potential USTs and underground utilities, and to clear the proposed sampling locations. The field sampling scope of work consists of: the advancement of 12 soil borings with the collection and laboratory analysis of at least 2 soil samples from each boring, the installation of 4 permanent groundwater monitoring wells with the collection and laboratory analysis of 4 groundwater samples, and the installation of 5 soil vapor points with the collection and laboratory analysis of 5 soil vapor samples and 1 ambient air sample. The proposed sample locations are shown on Figure 6, with the exception of the ambient air sample, the location of which will be determined in the field. The soil boring and soil vapor point locations will be surveyed using a Global Positioning System (GPS) and will be measured off of fixed points in the field. The groundwater monitoring wells will be surveyed by a New York State-licensed surveyor. Any field evidence of contamination [visual, olfactory, or elevated photoionization detector (PID) readings]



will be recorded. All sampling equipment (e.g., drilling rods and casing, macrocore samplers and probe rods) will be either dedicated or decontaminated between sampling locations.

The following sections describe the methods that will be used to complete the aforementioned scope of work.

#### 4.2 Geophysical Survey

A geophysical survey, including ground-penetrating radar (GPR) and magnetometry, will be performed across the Site to investigate the presence of potential USTs and underground utilities, and to clear the proposed sampling locations. GPR uses electromagnetic wave propagation and scattering to image and identify changes in electrical and magnetic properties in the ground. Magnetometers measure irregularities in the magnetic field in a given area. Any anomalies indicative of UST(s) will be marked in the field and surveyed using a GPS.

#### 4.3 Soil Boring Installation and Soil Sampling

A Rotosonic drill rig will be used to advance soil borings RI-SB-1 through RI-SB-4 and a Geoprobe™ direct-push drill rig will be used to advance soil borings RI-SB-5 through RI-SB-12 at the approximate locations shown on Figure 6. For soil borings drilled using a Geoprobe™, soil cores will be collected in four-foot long, two-inch diameter, stainless steel macrocore piston rod samplers fitted with internal, dedicated acetate liners. For soil borings drilled using a Rotosonic drill rig, soil cores will be collected in four-foot long, four-inch diameter, dedicated plastic liners. Soil samples will be inspected by AKRF field personnel for evidence of contamination (e.g., odors, staining, etc.), screened for the presence of VOCs with a PID, and logged using the modified Burmister soil classification system. The PID will be calibrated at the beginning of each work shift in accordance with manufacturer’s specifications.

The rationale for the proposed soil sample locations is summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1  
 Proposed Soil Sample Rationale**

Sample Location	Sample Intervals (feet below grade)	Location	Rationale
RI-SB-1	0-2', 2-3', and 3-5'	Northwestern portion of Site	To assess soil quality in the northwestern portion of the Site within the proposed crawl space
RI-SB-2	0-2', 2-4', 4-6', 6-8', 8-10', and 10-12*	Central portion of Site	To assess soil quality in the central portion of the Site within the proposed cellar
RI-SB-3	0-2', 2-3', and 3-5'	South-central portion of Site	To assess soil quality in the south-central portion of the Site within the proposed crawl space
RI-SB-4	0-2', 2-3', and 3-5'	East-central portion of Site	To assess soil quality in the east-central portion of the Site within the proposed crawl space
RI-SB-5	0-2', 2-3', and 3-5'	Southeastern portion of Site	To assess soil quality in the southeastern portion of the Site within the proposed crawl space
RI-SB-6	0-2', 2-4', 4-6', 6-8', 8-10', and 10-12*	Southwestern portion of the Site	To assess soil quality in the southwestern portion of the Site within the proposed cellar
RI-SB-7	0-2', 2-3', and 3-5'	Northern portion of Site	To assess soil quality in the northern portion of the Site within the proposed crawl space

Sample Location	Sample Intervals (feet below grade)	Location	Rationale
RI-SB-8	0-2', 2-4', 4-6', 6-8', 8-10', and 10-12*	Northern portion of Site	To assess soil quality in the northern portion of the Site within the proposed cellar
RI-SB-9	0-2', 2-4', 4-6', 6-8', 8-10', and 10-12*	North-central portion of Site	To assess soil quality in the north-central portion of the Site within the proposed cellar
RI-SB-10	0-2', 2-4', 4-6', 6-8', 8-10', and 10-12*	Central portion of Site	To assess soil quality in the central portion of the Site within the proposed cellar
RI-SB-11	0-2', 2-4', 4-6', 6-8', 8-10', and 10-12*	Central portion of Site	To assess soil quality in the south-central portion of the Site within the proposed cellar
RI-SB-12	0-2', 2-4', 4-6', 6-8', 8-10', and 10-12*	Eastern portion of Site	To delineate elevated concentrations of select PAHs and metals identified during the Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation
<b>Notes:</b>			
* Samples will be collected in two-foot intervals until saturated soils are reached.			

Soil borings RI-SB-1, RI-SB-3, RI-SB-4, RI-SB-5, RI-SB-7, and RI-SB-12 will be advanced across the Site within the proposed footprint of the proposed new building crawlspaces. At RI-SB-1, RI-SB-3, RI-SB-4, and RI-SB-7, one soil sample will be collected from grade to approximately 2 feet below grade and a second soil sample will be collected from approximately 3 to 5 feet below grade. Additional soil samples will be collected from 2 to 3 feet below grade in each boring and will be placed on hold pending laboratory analytical results of the 0 to 2 foot and 3 to 5 foot samples. At RI-SB-12, soil samples will be collected at each 2-foot interval between grade and the saturated zone, expected to be encountered between approximately 9 and 12 feet below grade.

Soil borings RI-SB-2, RI-SB-6, and RI-SB-8 through RI-SB-11 will be advanced across the Site within the footprint of the proposed new building cellar. At each of these locations, one soil sample will be collected from grade to approximately 2 feet below grade and a second soil sample will be collected from the two-foot interval directly above the saturated zone, expected to be encountered between approximately 9 and 12 feet below grade. Additional soil samples will be collected from each two-foot interval between 2 feet and the 2-foot interval above the saturated zone in each soil boring (i.e., 2 to 4 feet below grade, 4 to 6 feet below grade, etc.) and will be placed on hold pending laboratory analytical results of the analyzed samples.

Soil samples slated for laboratory analysis (including samples placed on hold) will be labeled and placed in laboratory-supplied containers and shipped to the laboratory via courier with appropriate chain of custody documentation in accordance with appropriate United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) protocols to a New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP)-certified laboratory.

Soil samples collected from soil borings RI-SB-1 through RI-SB-11 will be analyzed for VOCs by EPA Method 8260, SVOCs by EPA Method 8270, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) by EPA Method 8082, pesticides by EPA Method 8081, Target Analyte List (TAL) metals by EPA Method 6000/7000 series, and hexavalent chromium by EPA Method 7196A. Soil samples collected from RI-SB-12 will be analyzed for PAHs by EPA Method 8270; and lead, barium, and mercury by EPA Method 6000/7000 series. Category B deliverables will be requested from the laboratory.

After each boring is completed, the soil boring holes will be filled with on-site materials (if not noticeably contaminated) and patched with asphalt or concrete to match existing surface conditions. Soil cuttings to be managed will be containerized in properly labeled Department of Transportation (DOT)-approved 55-gallon drums for future off-site disposal at a permitted

facility. Boreholes that require drill cutting disposal would be filled with bentonite chips (hydrated). Disposable sampling equipment that come in contact with environmental media will be double bagged and disposed of as municipal trash in a facility trash dumpster as non-hazardous refuse.

#### 4.4 Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation and Development

Four permanent monitoring wells (denoted as RI-MW-1 through RI-MW-4) will be installed using a Rotasonic drill rig at the proposed locations shown on Figure 6. The rationale for the proposed soil sample locations is summarized in Table 2.

**Table 2**  
**Proposed Groundwater Sample Rationale**

<b>Groundwater Monitoring Well ID</b>	<b>On-Site Location</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
RI-MW-1	Northwestern portion of Site	To assess groundwater quality in the northwestern portion of the Site and determine Site-specific groundwater flow direction and elevation
RI-MW-2	West-central portion of Site	To assess groundwater quality at the western Site boundary and determine Site-specific groundwater flow direction and elevation
RI-MW-3	South-central portion of Site	To assess groundwater quality at the southern Site boundary and determine Site-specific groundwater flow direction and elevation
RI-MW-4	East-central portion of Site	To assess groundwater quality at the eastern Site boundary, evaluate potential off-site exposures, and determine Site-specific groundwater flow direction and elevation

To collect the proposed groundwater samples, the wells will be constructed with 10 feet of 2-inch diameter 0.002-inch slotted polyvinyl chloride (PVC) well screen straddling the water table, expected to be encountered between approximately 9 and 12 feet below grade. The wells will be constructed with 2-inch diameter solid PVC riser installed to the ground surface.

At each well, a No. 2 morie sandpack will be installed to 2 feet above the well screen. The annular space around the solid well riser will be sealed with approximately two feet of bentonite and a non-shrinking cement mixture to approximately one foot below grade. Each of the wells will be finished with locking j-plugs and a flush-mounted protective locking well cover. Well construction logs will be prepared and included as an appendix to the RIR.

Following installation, each groundwater monitoring well will be developed via pumping and surging to remove any accumulated fines and establish a hydraulic connection with the surrounding aquifer. Development will continue until turbidity within the well is less than 50 nephelometric turbidity units (NTUs) for three successive readings and until water quality indicators have stabilized to within 10% for pH, temperature and specific conductivity for three successive readings, or until at least three well volumes have been purged from the well. Well development details will be noted on groundwater development logs, included as an appendix to the RIR.

#### 4.5 Groundwater Elevation Survey

The monitoring wells will be surveyed by a New York State-licensed surveyor to determine their accurate location and elevation. Two elevation measurements will be taken at each well location: the at-grade elevation; and the elevation of the top of PVC casing (north side at marking), to facilitate preparation of a groundwater contour map and to determine the direction of groundwater flow. The elevation datum for the sampling points will be based on NVAD 88 Elevation Datum with the horizontal datum being based on NYS Plane Coordinates Long Island Zone. The groundwater elevation survey will be included as an appendix to the RIR.

#### 4.6 Groundwater Sampling

In accordance with EPA low-flow sampling protocols, the wells will be sampled one to two weeks following their development. Prior to sampling, an electronic interface meter will be used to measure water levels and thickness of separate phase product, if any. The purge water will be monitored for turbidity and water quality indicators (i.e., pH, dissolved oxygen, oxidation-reduction potential, temperature, and specific conductivity) with measurements collected approximately every five minutes. The criteria for stabilization will be three successive readings within  $\pm 10\%$  for pH, temperature, and specific conductivity. Purge water needing to be managed on-site will be containerized in properly labeled, DOT-approved 55-gallon drums for off-site disposal at a permitted facility.

Groundwater samples slated for laboratory analysis will be placed in laboratory-supplied containers and shipped in accordance with appropriate EPA protocols to a NYSDOH ELAP-certified laboratory. The samples will be analyzed for VOCs by EPA Method 8260, SVOCs by EPA Method 8270, PCBs by EPA Method 8082, pesticides by EPA Method 8081, and total and dissolved TAL metals by EPA Method 6000/7000 series using Category B deliverables. Filtering will occur in the field. Well sampling details will be noted on groundwater sampling logs, included as an appendix to the RIR.

#### 4.7 Sub-Slab/Soil Vapor and Ambient Air Sampling

Five sub-slab/soil vapor samples (denoted as RI-SV-1 through RI-SV-5) and one ambient air sample (RI-AA-1) will be collected from five temporary vapor monitoring points at the approximate locations shown on Figure 6. The rationale for the proposed soil vapor and ambient air sample locations is summarized in Table 3.

**Table 3**  
**Proposed Sub-Slab/Soil Vapor and Ambient Air Sample Rationale**

Vapor Point ID	On-Site Location	Rationale
RI-SV-1	Northwestern portion of Site	To evaluate the potential for off-site exposures to the west and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-2	West-central portion of Site	To evaluate the potential for off-site exposures to the west and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-3	South-central portion of Site	To evaluate the potential for off-site exposures to the south and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-4	East-central portion of Site	To evaluate the potential for off-site exposures to the east and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-5	Southeastern portion of Site	evaluate the potential for off-site exposures to the east and complete the significant threat determination
RI-AA-1	To Be Determined	To establish comparative ambient conditions at the time of vapor sampling

Sub-slab/soil vapor sampling will be performed in accordance with the guidelines provided in the NYSDOH document entitled, "Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion in the State of New York, October 2006". At proposed soil vapor points RI-SV-3, RI-SV-4, and RI-SB-5, if groundwater is not encountered within approximately one foot of the bottom of the slab, the soil vapor points will be installed immediately below the slab. If groundwater is observed, the points will not be installed. At proposed soil vapor points RI-SV-1 and RI-SV-2, the soil vapor points will be installed approximately 5 feet below grade.

The temporary soil vapor points will be installed by advancing an expendable drive point using a Geoprobe™ direct-push drill rig to the target sampling depth, depending on Site conditions at the proposed sampling location. At each monitoring point, a six-inch stainless steel screen implant, connected to Teflon™ tubing will be installed through the drilling rods and threaded into the drive point. The sampling tubing will extend from the end of the screen to above grade. The push probe rods will then be removed and the boring will be backfilled with clean silica sand to approximately 3 to 6 inches above the screen. Hydrated bentonite will be used to fill the remaining void around the sampling tubing to the ground surface.

The soil vapor samples will be collected over a 2-hour time period from each monitoring point using a 6-liter (6L), batch-certified SUMMA® canister equipped with a vacuum gauge and flow regulator set at a maximum rate of 0.2 liters per minute. Prior to sample collection, the sampling points will be purged of three sample volumes using a peristaltic pump. During purging, an inverted 5-gallon bucket will be placed over the sampling point and helium gas will be introduced through a small hole in the bucket to saturate the atmosphere around the sample port with helium gas. Purged vapors will be collected into a Tedlar™ bag and field-screened for organic vapors using a PID. The purged air will also be monitored using a portable helium detector to check for short-circuiting of ambient air into the vapor sampling point. If the purged soil vapor contains greater than 10% helium, additional bentonite will be used to enhance the surface seal, and the point will be retested.

Following purging, a soil vapor sample will be collected using the vacuum from the SUMMA® canister. Immediately after opening the flow control valve equipped with a 2-hour regulator, the initial SUMMA® canister vacuum (inches of mercury) will be noted. After two hours, the flow

controller valve will be closed, the final vacuum noted, and the canister placed in a shipping carton for delivery to the laboratory.

One ambient air sample (denoted as RI-AA-1) will be collected for quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) purposes and to provide a general assessment of ambient air quality in the Site vicinity. The ambient sample will be collected over a two-hour period using 6L batch-certified SUMMA<sup>®</sup> canisters.

The soil vapor/sub-slab vapor and ambient air samples will be analyzed for VOCs by EPA Method TO-15 by a NYSDOH ELAP-certified laboratory with Category B deliverables. Samples will be shipped to the laboratory with appropriate chain of custody documentation.

#### **4.8 Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC)**

Additional analysis will be included for quality control measures, as required by the Category B sampling techniques. The QA/QC samples for soil and groundwater will include at least one field blank, one trip blank, one matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate (MS/MSD), and one blind duplicate sample at a frequency of at least one sample per 20 field samples per media. The field blank, blind duplicate, and MS/MSD samples will be analyzed for VOCs by EPA Method 8260, SVOCs by EPA Method 8270, pesticides by EPA Method 8081, PCBs by EPA Method 8082, and TAL metals by EPA Method 6000/7000s series (plus hexavalent chromium by EPA Method 7196 for soil, and total and dissolved metals for groundwater) using Category B deliverables. The laboratory-prepared trip blanks will be submitted for analysis of VOCs only to determine the potential for cross-contamination. The QA/QC sample for soil vapor will include the collection of one ambient air sample analyzed for VOCs by EPA Method TO-15. The QAPP describes the QA/QC protocols and procedures that will be followed during implementation of this RIWP. The QAPP is included as Appendix A.

#### **4.9 Decontamination Procedures**

All non-dedicated sampling equipment (e.g., submersible pumps and oil/water interface probe) will be decontaminated between sampling locations using the following procedure:

1. Scrub equipment with a bristle brush using a tap water/Alconox<sup>®</sup> solution.
2. Rinse with tap water.
3. Scrub again with a bristle brush using a tap water/Alconox<sup>®</sup> solution.
4. Rinse with tap water.
5. Rinse with distilled water.
6. Air-dry the equipment.

#### **4.10 Management of Investigation-Derived Waste (IDW)**

IDW that does not exhibit evidence of contamination (e.g., staining, presence of ash, oily sheens, odors, etc.) will be used to fill in the corresponding soil boring hole. Soil and groundwater IDW exhibiting evidence of contamination will be containerized in Department of Transportation (DOT)-approved 55-gallon drums. The drums will be sealed at the end of each work day and labeled with the date, the well or boring number(s), the type of waste (i.e., drill cuttings, decontamination fluids, development water, or purge water) and the name of an AKRF point-of-contact. All drums will be labeled "pending analysis" until laboratory data is available. All IDW will be disposed of or treated according to applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

## 5.0 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

### 5.1 Remedial Investigation Report (RIR)

Upon completion of all field work and receipt of laboratory analytical results, an RIR will be prepared that will: document field activities; present field and laboratory data; evaluate exposure pathways in an exposure assessment; and discuss conclusions and recommendations drawn from the results of the investigation.

#### 5.1.1 Description of Field Activities

This section of the RIR will describe the field methods used to characterize the Site conditions, including: sampling techniques; field screening equipment; drilling and excavation equipment; monitoring well installation procedures; and management of IDW.

#### 5.1.2 Soil Boring Assessment

The RIR will include a section that presents field and laboratory data for soil results. The section will include a description of soil characteristics and figures will be provided that illustrate soil boring locations. Field and laboratory analytical results will be presented in the body of the report, summarized in tables and figures, and the detected concentrations will be compared to regulatory standards and/or guidance values. Soil boring logs and laboratory analytical reports will be provided as attachments. Category B deliverables will be provided by the laboratory and a third-party Data Usability Summary Report (DUSR) will be prepared.

#### 5.1.3 Groundwater Assessment

The RIR will include a section that presents field and laboratory data from the groundwater monitoring results. The section will include a description of groundwater characteristics and figures will be provided that illustrate monitoring well locations. Well survey data and water level measurements will be used to create a groundwater contour map and determine groundwater flow direction. Field and laboratory analytical results will be presented and compared with regulatory standards and/or guidance values. Well construction, well development, and low-flow groundwater sampling logs and laboratory analytical reports will be provided as attachments. Category B deliverables will be provided by the laboratory and a third-party DUSR will be prepared.

#### 5.1.4 Sub-Slab/Soil Vapor and Ambient Air Assessment

The RIR will include a section that presents field and laboratory data from the soil vapor and ambient air results. The section will include a description of soil vapor characteristics and will provide a comparison of soil vapor and ambient air sample analytical data. Figures will be provided that illustrate the soil vapor point and ambient air locations. Field and laboratory analytical results will be presented and compared with regulatory standards and/or guidance values. Soil vapor and ambient air logs and laboratory analytical reports will be provided as attachments. Category B deliverables will be provided by the laboratory and a third-party DUSR will be prepared.

#### 5.1.5 Qualitative Human Health Exposure Assessment (QHHEA)

A QHHEA will be performed in accordance with DER-10 Section 3.3. The assessment will be included in the RIR.

## 6.0 CERTIFICATION

I, Deborah Shapiro, QEP, certify that I am currently a Qualified Environmental Professional as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 375 and that this Remedial Investigation Work Plan was prepared in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations and in substantial conformance with the DER Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation (DER-10).



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Deborah Shapiro, QEP

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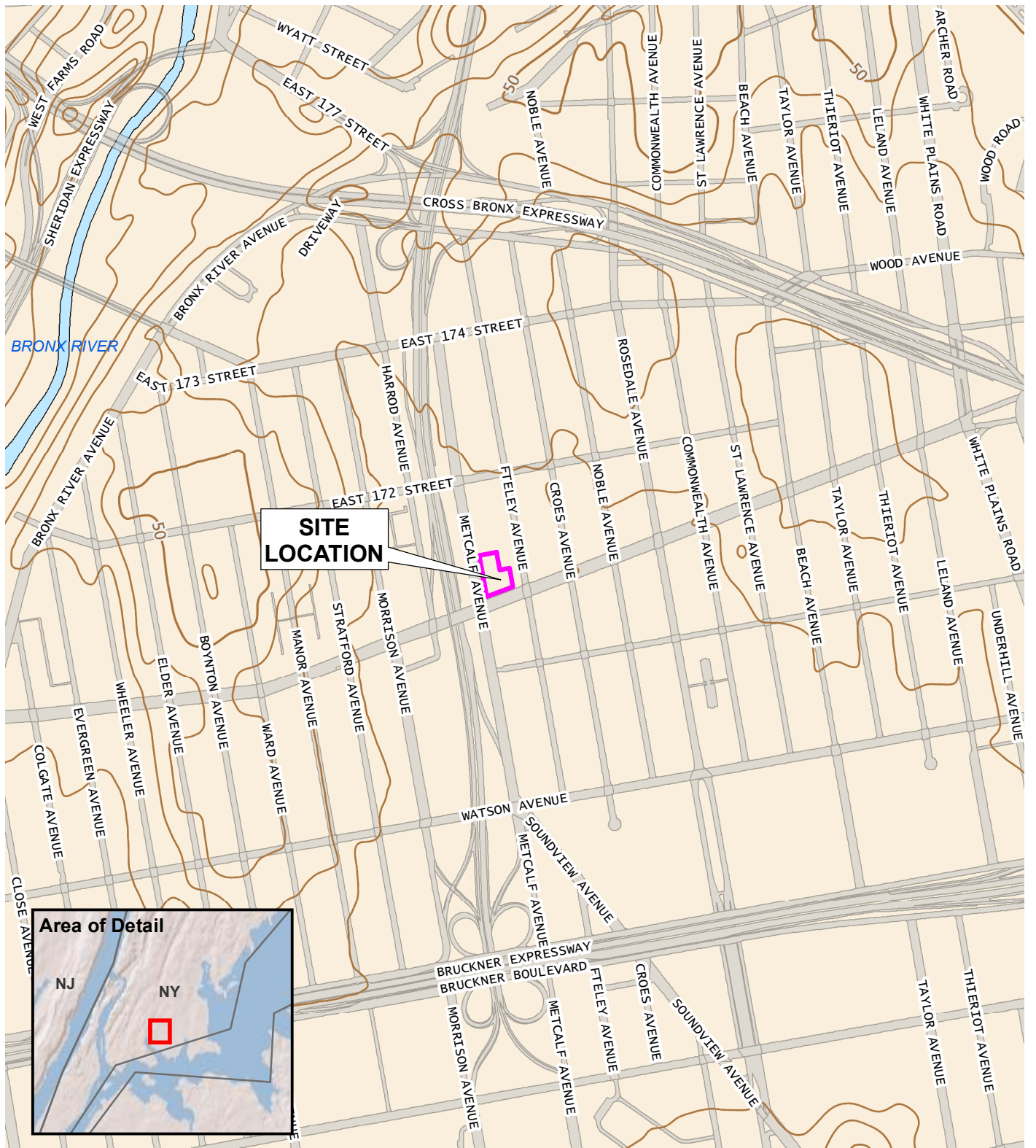


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## FIGURES

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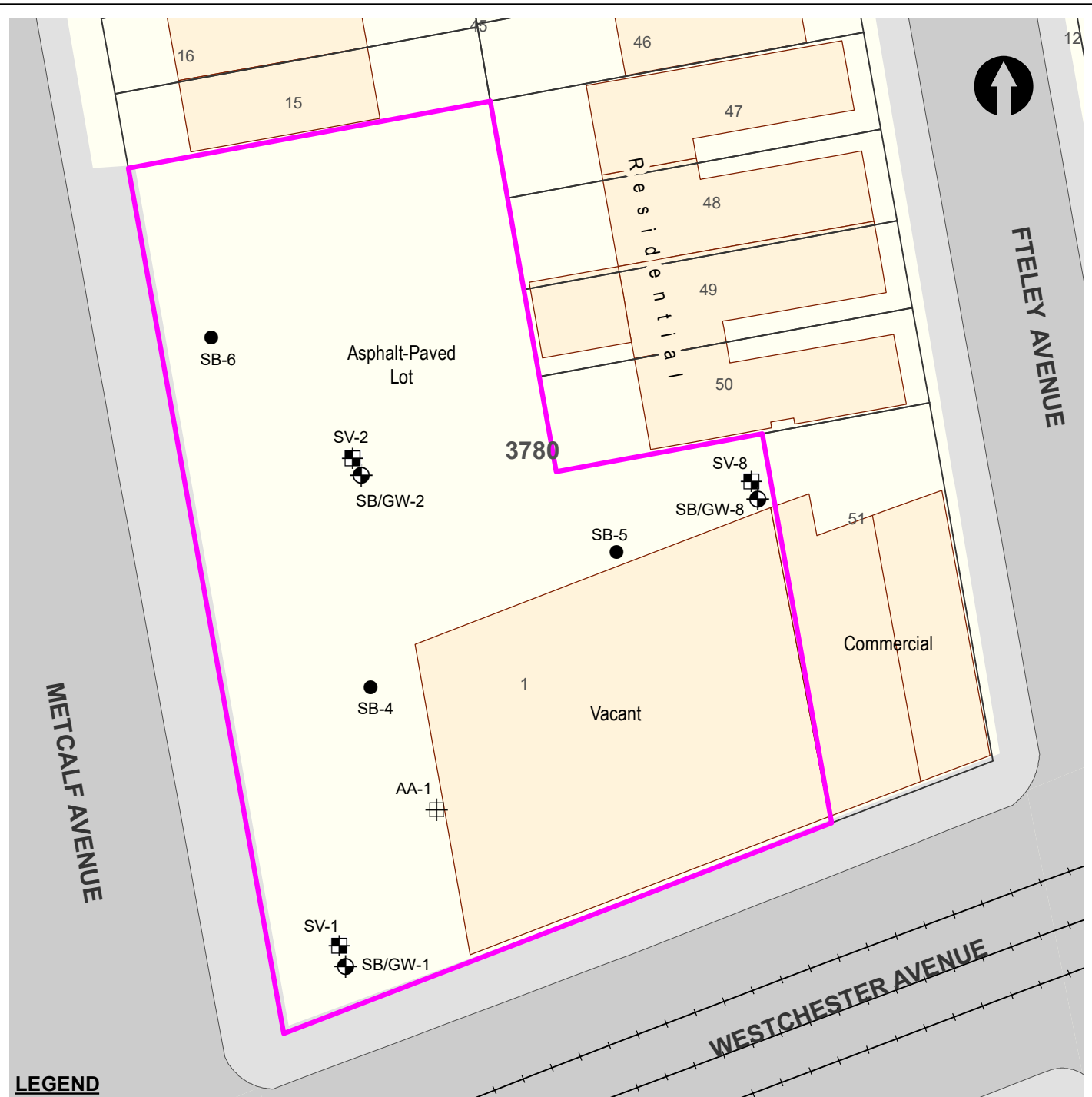
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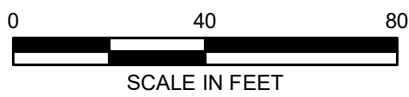


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- NYCT ELEVATED SUBWAY

- SUBSURFACE (PHASE II) INVESTIGATION AMBIENT AIR SAMPLE LOCATION (2017)
- SUBSURFACE (PHASE II) INVESTIGATION SOIL BORING/TEMPORARY GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL LOCATION (2017)
- SUBSURFACE (PHASE II) INVESTIGATION SOIL BORING LOCATION (2017)
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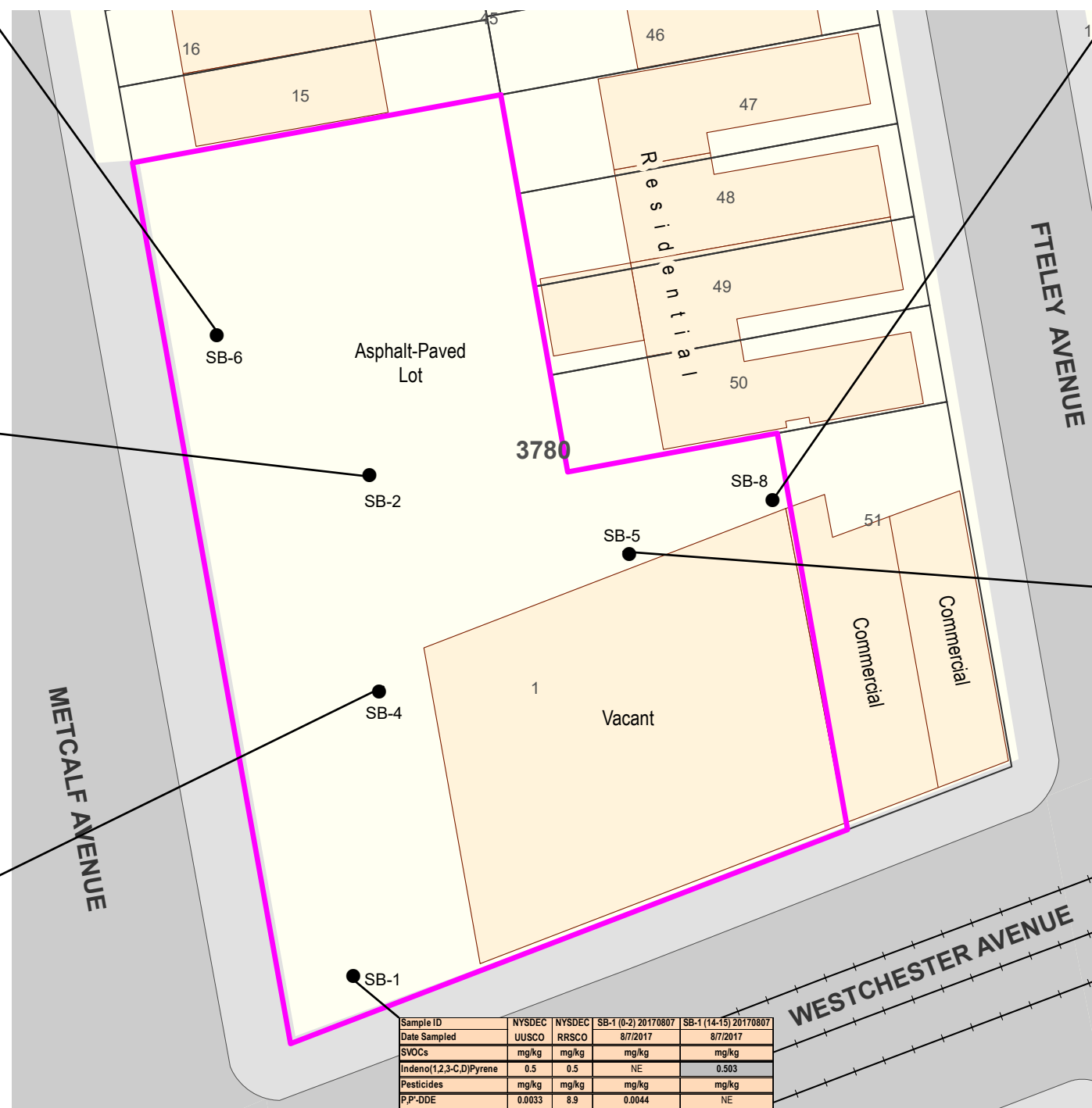
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Sample ID	NYSDEC UUSCO	NYSDEC RRSCO	SB-6 (0-2) 20170807 8/7/2017	SB-6 (13-15) 20170807 8/7/2017
Date Sampled				
SVOCs	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Benzo(A)Anthracene	1	1	1.42	1.12
Benzo(A)Pyrene	1	1	1.5	NE
Benzo(B)Fluoranthene	1	1	1.79	1.11
Chrysene	1	3.9	1.4	1.1
Indeno(1,2,3-C,D)Pyrene	0.5	0.5	1.05	0.627
Pesticides	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Dieldrin	0.005	0.2	NE	0.0053
P,P'-DDE	0.0033	8.9	NE	0.0099
P,P'-DDT	0.0033	7.9	0.0074	0.0251
PCBs	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Total PCBs	0.1	1	NE	0.472
Metals	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Copper	50	270	61.6	NE
Lead	63	400	280	1,520 D
Mercury	0.18	0.81	0.62	1.2 D
Zinc	109	10,000	248	287

Sample ID	NYSDEC UUSCO	NYSDEC RRSCO	SB-2 (0-2) 20170807 8/7/2017	SB-2 (3-5) 20170807 8/7/2017
Date Sampled				
VOCs	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Acetone	0.05	100	NE	0.0681
SVOCs	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Benzo(A)Anthracene	1	1	25.2 D	1.57
Benzo(A)Pyrene	1	1	21.5 D	1.85
Benzo(B)Fluoranthene	1	1	24.5 D	2.11
Benzo(K)Fluoranthene	0.8	3.9	9.63 D	NE
Chrysene	1	3.9	22.3 D	1.7
Dibenz(A,H)Anthracene	0.33	0.33	3.01 D	0.335
Indeno(1,2,3-C,D)Pyrene	0.5	0.5	13.1 D	1.32
Pesticides	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
P,P'-DDD	0.0033	13	NE	0.0067
P,P'-DDE	0.0033	8.9	0.0091	NE
Metals	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Copper	50	270	56.3	NE
Lead	63	400	236	244
Mercury	0.18	0.81	0.27	0.52
Zinc	109	10,000	147	162

Sample ID	NYSDEC UUSCO	NYSDEC RRSCO	SB-4 (0-2) 20170807 8/7/2017	SB-4 (13-15) 20170807 8/7/2017
Date Sampled				
SVOCs	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Benzo(A)Anthracene	1	1	3.3	NE
Benzo(A)Pyrene	1	1	3.12	NE
Benzo(B)Fluoranthene	1	1	3.25 D	NE
Benzo(K)Fluoranthene	0.8	3.9	1.07 D	NE
Chrysene	1	3.9	3.3	NE
Dibenz(A,H)Anthracene	0.33	0.33	0.57	NE
Indeno(1,2,3-C,D)Pyrene	0.5	0.5	2.21	NE
Pesticides	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
P,P'-DDD	0.0033	13	NE	0.0176
P,P'-DDE	0.0033	8.9	0.0037	0.0094
P,P'-DDT	0.0033	7.9	0.0071	0.0202
Metals	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Barium	350	400	NE	899
Lead	63	400	283	2,130 D
Mercury	0.18	0.81	3.7 D	NE
Zinc	109	10,000	195	831



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Sample ID	NYSDEC UUSCO	NYSDEC RRSCO	SB-1 (0-2) 20170807 8/7/2017	SB-1 (14-15) 20170807 8/7/2017
Date Sampled				
SVOCs	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Indeno(1,2,3-C,D)Pyrene	0.5	0.5	NE	0.503
Pesticides	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
P,P'-DDE	0.0033	8.9	0.0044	NE
P,P'-DDT	0.0033	7.9	0.0212	NE
Metals	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Cadmium	2.5	4.3	2.8	NE
Copper	50	270	60.5	106
Lead	63	400	637	278
Mercury	0.18	0.81	0.57	0.66
Nickel	30	310	30.2	NE
Zinc	109	10,000	193	202

Sample ID	NYSDEC UUSCO	NYSDEC RRSCO	SB-1 (0-2) 20170807 8/7/2017	SB-1 (14-15) 20170807 8/7/2017
Date Sampled				
SVOCs	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Indeno(1,2,3-C,D)Pyrene	0.5	0.5	NE	0.503

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Sample Date  
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Compound/Analyte in Soil  
Concentration in Soil

D : The reported concentration is a result of a diluted sample analysis.

NE : The analyte was not detected at a concentration exceeding UUSCOs or RRSCO.

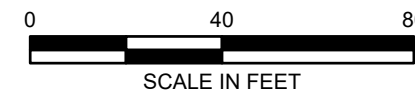
**Part 375 Soil Cleanup Objectives** : Listed in New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Part 375 Regulations (6 NYCRR Part 375).

mg/kg : milligrams per kilogram = parts per million (ppm)

Exceedances of Part 375 Unrestricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives (UUSCOs) are shown in bold font.  
Exceedances of Part 375 Restricted Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives (RRSCO) are highlighted in gray.

Sample ID	NYSDEC UUSCO	NYSDEC RRSCO	SB-8 (0-2) 20170921 9/21/2017	SB-8 (7-9) 20170921 9/21/2017
Date Sampled				
SVOCs	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
4-Methylphenol (P-Cresol)	0.33	NS	NE	0.42
Benzo(A)Anthracene	1	1	2.7	27.8 D
Benzo(A)Pyrene	1	1	2.84	23.7 D
Benzo(B)Fluoranthene	1	1	3.26	27.8 D
Benzo(K)Fluoranthene	0.8	3.9	1.3	9.97 D
Chrysene	1	3.9	2.78	26.5 D
Dibenz(A,H)Anthracene	0.33	0.33	0.557	4.25 D
Indeno(1,2,3-C,D)Pyrene	0.5	0.5	2.11	13 D
Pesticides	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
P,P'-DDD	0.0033	13	0.0267 D	NE
P,P'-DDE	0.0033	8.9	0.0538 D	0.0042
P,P'-DDT	0.0033	7.9	0.0111 D	NE
Metals	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Barium	350	400	413	880
Chromium, Hexavalent	1	110	NE	1.3
Copper	50	270	NE	89.3
Lead	63	400	2,300 D	3,430 D
Mercury	0.18	0.81	0.26	1.2 D
Zinc	109	10,000	234	431

Sample ID	NYSDEC UUSCO	NYSDEC RRSCO	SB-5 (0-2) 20170807 8/7/2017	SB-5 (11-12) 20170807 8/7/2017
Date Sampled				
SVOCs	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Benzo(A)Anthracene	1	1	7.34 D	1.32
Benzo(A)Pyrene	1	1	6.51 D	1.27
Benzo(B)Fluoranthene	1	1	8.34 D	1.61
Benzo(K)Fluoranthene	0.8	3.9	2.74 D	NE
Chrysene	1	3.9	6.6 D	1.44
Dibenz(A,H)Anthracene	0.33	0.33	1.95	NE
Indeno(1,2,3-C,D)Pyrene	0.5	0.5	4.15 D	0.903
Pesticides	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
P,P'-DDD	0.0033	13	NE	0.0099
P,P'-DDE	0.0033	8.9	0.0066	NE
P,P'-DDT	0.0033	7.9	0.0105	0.0076
Metals	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Chromium, Hexavalent	1	110	1.3	NE
Copper	50	270	91.9	115
Lead	63	400	254	381
Mercury	0.18	0.81	0.25	0.97
Zinc	109	10,000	224	395



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**SOIL SAMPLE CONCENTRATIONS ABOVE NYSDC UUSCOs AND/OR RRSCO**

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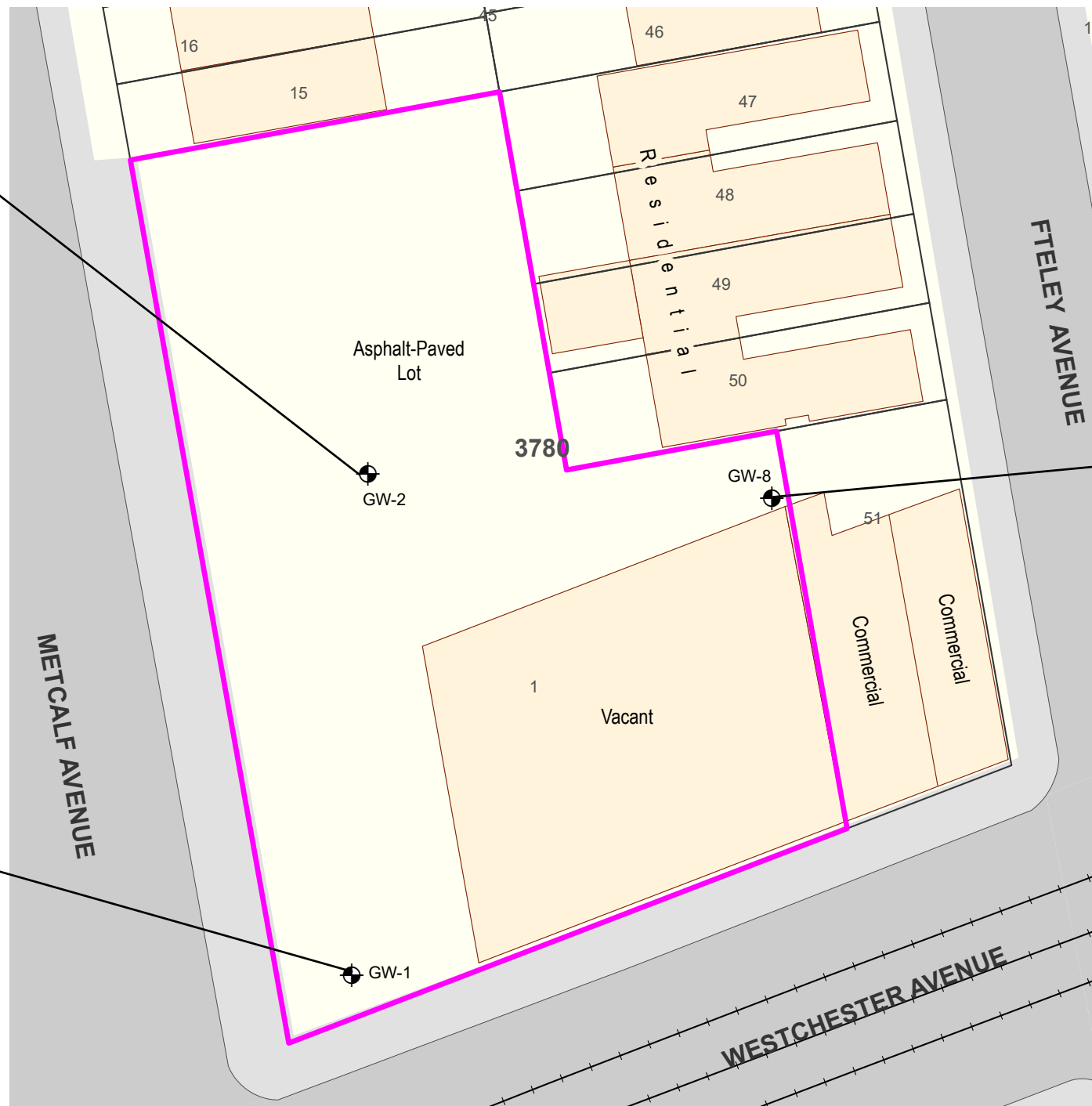
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Date Sampled	AWQS	8/8/2017
Total Metals	µg/L	µg/L
Manganese	300	344
Dissolved Metals	µg/L	µg/L
Manganese	300	330

Sample ID	NYSDEC	GW-1 20170808
Date Sampled	AWQS	8/8/2017
Total Metals	µg/L	µg/L
Lead	25	27.5
Manganese	300	357
Dissolved Metals	µg/L	µg/L
Manganese	300	341

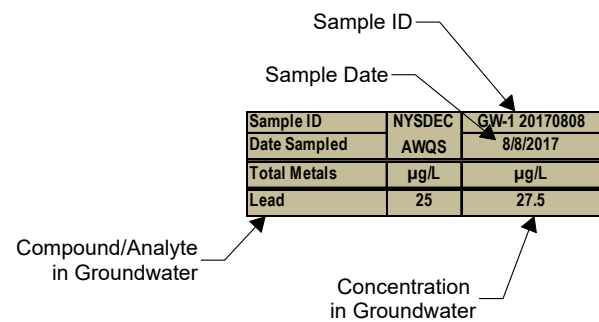
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Total Metals	µg/L	µg/L
Manganese	300	392
Total Metals	µg/L	µg/L
Manganese	300	365



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ND : The standard is a non-detectable concentration by the approved analytical method.

**NYSDEC Ambient Water Quality Standards**  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Technical and Operational Guidance Series (TOGS) (1.1.1): Class GA Ambient Waste Quality Standards (AWQS)

µg/L : micrograms per Liter = parts per billion (ppb)

Only exceedances of AWQS are shown.



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**GROUNDWATER SAMPLE CONCENTRATIONS ABOVE NYSDEC AWQS**

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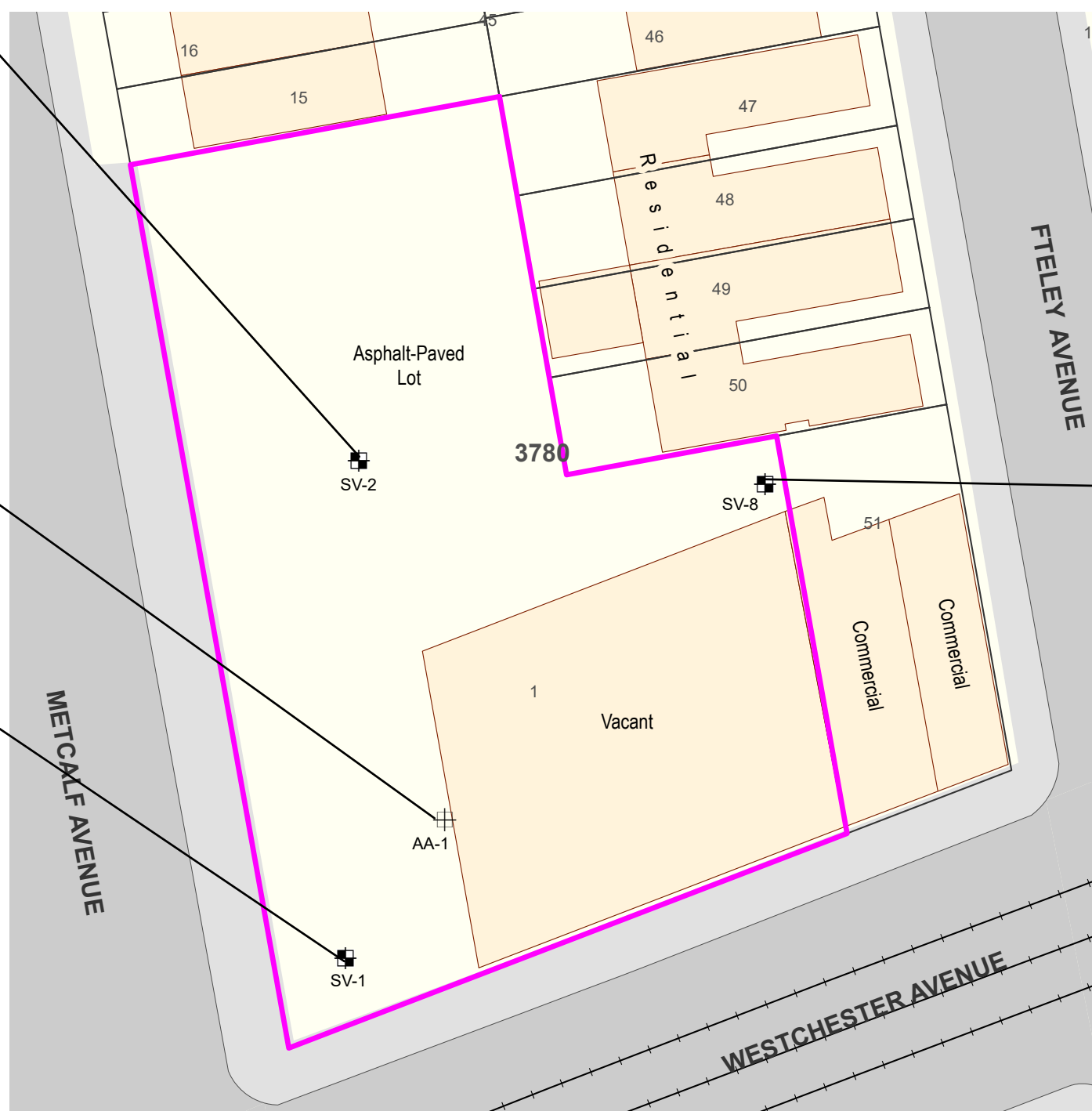


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1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	NS	NS	81.6
1,2-Dibromoethane (Ethylene Dibromide)	NS	NS	0.77
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene (Mesitylene)	NS	NS	22
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	NS	NS	13
2-Hexanone	NS	NS	98.6
4-Ethyltoluene	NS	NS	23
Acetone	NS	NS	1290
Benzene	NS	NS	14
Carbon Disulfide	NS	NS	37.4
Chloroform	NS	NS	4.3
Cyclohexane	NS	NS	6.9
Dichlorodifluoromethane	NS	NS	2.4
Ethanol	NS	NS	20.9
Ethylbenzene	NS	NS	25
Isopropanol	NS	NS	2.7
Methyl Ethyl Ketone (2-Butanone)	NS	NS	263
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (4-Methyl-2-Pentanone)	NS	NS	4.1
N-Heptane	NS	NS	26
N-Hexane	NS	NS	34
O-Xylene (1,2-Dimethylbenzene)	NS	NS	39
Styrene	NS	NS	23
Tert-Butyl Alcohol	NS	NS	10
Tetrachloroethylene (PCE)	<b>30</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>80</b>
Tetrahydrofuran	NS	NS	3.2
Toluene	NS	NS	60.7
Trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	NS	NS	1.3
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	<b>2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Trichlorofluoromethane	NS	NS	1.7
Vinyl Chloride	NS	<b>60</b>	<b>0.28</b>
Xylenes, Total	NS	NS	135

Sample ID	NYSDOH AGV	NYSDOH Matrix Value	AA-1 20170808 8/8/2017
Acetone	NS	NS	19
Benzene	NS	NS	0.38 J
Chloromethane	NS	NS	1.2
Dichlorodifluoromethane	NS	NS	2.5
Ethanol	NS	NS	11
Isopropanol	NS	NS	2.9
Methyl Ethyl Ketone (2-Butanone)	NS	NS	1.7
Tert-Butyl Alcohol	NS	NS	0.58 J
Tetrachloroethylene (PCE)	<b>30</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0.88</b>
Toluene	NS	NS	0.72 J
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	<b>2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Trichlorofluoromethane	NS	NS	1.2

Sample ID	NYSDOH AGV	NYSDOH Matrix Value	SV-1 20170808 8/8/2017
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	NS	NS	6.4
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene (Mesitylene)	NS	NS	1.9
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	NS	NS	10
2-Hexanone	NS	NS	22
4-Ethyltoluene	NS	NS	2.2
Acetone	NS	NS	295
Benzene	NS	NS	4.5
Carbon Disulfide	NS	NS	9.3
Chloroform	NS	NS	0.88 J
Chloromethane	NS	NS	0.81
Cyclohexane	NS	NS	0.96
Dichlorodifluoromethane	NS	NS	2.4
Ethanol	NS	NS	34.7
Ethylbenzene	NS	NS	7.4
Isopropanol	NS	NS	7.1
Methyl Ethyl Ketone (2-Butanone)	NS	NS	105
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (4-Methyl-2-Pentanone)	NS	NS	0.94
N-Heptane	NS	NS	4.5
N-Hexane	NS	NS	5.6
O-Xylene (1,2-Dimethylbenzene)	NS	NS	9.6
Styrene	NS	NS	7.7
Tert-Butyl Alcohol	NS	NS	11
Tetrachloroethylene (PCE)	<b>30</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>20</b>
Tetrahydrofuran	NS	NS	6.2
Toluene	NS	NS	30
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	<b>2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0.97</b>
Trichlorofluoromethane	NS	NS	1.3
Xylenes, Total	NS	NS	38



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Sample ID Number → SV-2 20170808

Sample Date → 8/8/2017

Sample ID	NYSDOH AGV	NYSDOH Matrix Value	SV-2 20170808 8/8/2017
VOCs	ug/m <sup>3</sup>	ug/m <sup>3</sup>	ug/m <sup>3</sup>
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	NS	NS	81.6
1,2-Dibromoethane (Ethylene Dibromide)	NS	NS	0.77

Compound/Analyte in Soil Vapor → 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene

Concentration in Soil Vapor → 81.6

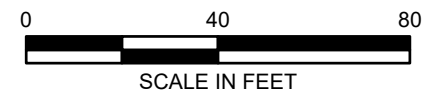
- J** : The analyte was detected above the laboratory reporting limit; the reported concentration is estimated.
- D** : The reported concentration is the result of a diluted sample analysis.
- NS** : A standard has not been established for the analyte.

**NYSDOH Soil Vapor Intrusion AGVs and Matrix Values**

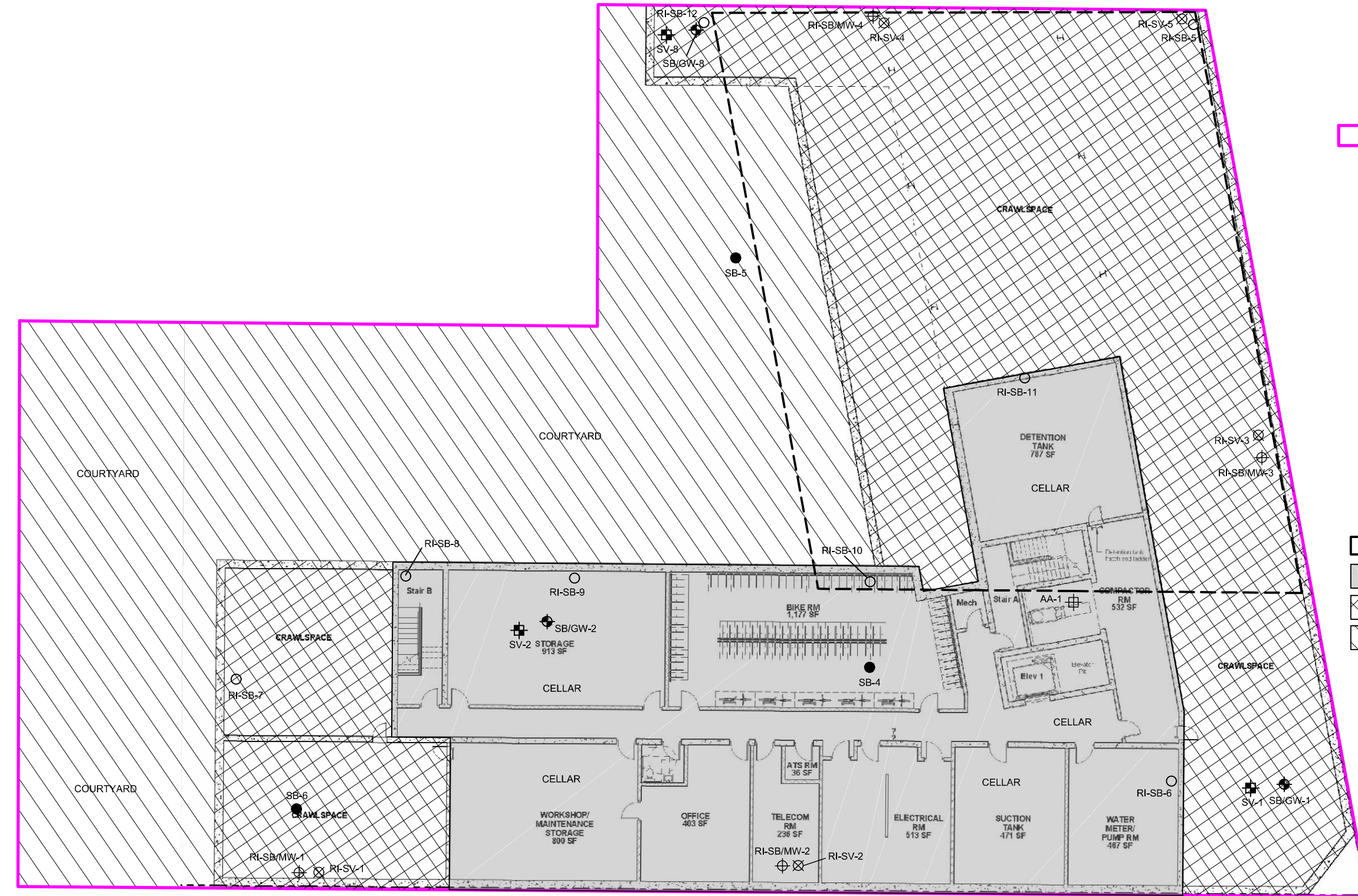
NYSDOH Air Guideline Values (AGVs) in the Final Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion in the State of New York, dated October 2006 ("NYSDOH Vapor Intrusion Guidance Document"), updated September 2013 for change of AGV for PCE, August 2015 for TCE, and the May 2017 updated September 2017 for PCE, TCE, c1,2-DCE, 1,1-DCE, carbon tetrachloride, 1,1,1-TCA, methylene chloride, and vinyl chloride. The matrix values listed are the sub-slab soil vapor concentration where mitigation is recommended regardless of the indoor air concentration.

ug/m<sup>3</sup> : micrograms per cubic meter

Exceedances of NYSDOH AGVs are shown in bold font.  
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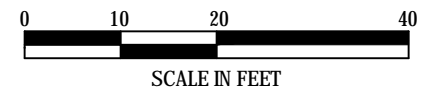


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- BCP SITE BOUNDARY
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  - PROPOSED REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION TEMPORARY SUB-SLAB/ SOIL VAPOR POINT LOCATION
  - PROPOSED REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION SOIL BORING/GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL LOCATION
  - SUBSURFACE (PHASE II) INVESTIGATION AMBIENT AIR SAMPLE LOCATION (2017)
  - SUBSURFACE (PHASE II) INVESTIGATION SOIL BORING LOCATION (2017)
  - SUBSURFACE (PHASE II) INVESTIGATION TEMPORARY SOIL VAPOR POINT LOCATION (2017)
  - SUBSURFACE (PHASE II) INVESTIGATION SOIL BORING/TEMPORARY GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL LOCATION (2017)
  - EXISTING BUILDING FOOTPRINT
  - PROPOSED NEW BUILDING CELLAR
  - PROPOSED NEW BUILDING CRAWL SPACE
  - PROPOSED COURTYARD

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**APPENDIX A**  
**QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN**

**1675 APARTMENTS**  
**1675 WESTCHESTER AVENUE**  
**BRONX, NEW YORK**

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**Quality Assurance Project Plan**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This Draft Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) describes the protocols and procedures that will be followed during implementation of all environmental sampling, including under the Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) at the 1675 Apartments site, hereafter referred to as the Site. The Site is an approximately 32,000-square foot parcel located at 1675 Westchester Avenue in the Soundview neighborhood of the Bronx, New York. The Site is legally identified as Bronx Borough Tax Block 3780, Lot 1.

The objective of this QAPP is to provide for Quality Assurance (QA) and maintain Quality Control (QC) of environmental investigative and sampling activities conducted under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) oversight in the Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) (BCP Site No. TBD). Adherence to the QAPP will ensure that defensible data will be obtained during all environmental work at the Site.

## **2.0 PROJECT TEAM**

The project team will be drawn from AKRF professional and technical personnel, and AKRF's subcontractors. All field personnel and subcontractors will have completed a 40-hour training course and updated 8-hour refresher course that meet the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements of 29 CFR Part 1910. The following sections describe the key project personnel and their responsibilities.

### **2.1 QUALITY CONTROL (QA/QC) OFFICER**

Ms. Lapin will serve as the QA/QC officer and will be responsible for adherence to the QAPP. The QA/QC officer will review the procedures with all personnel prior to commencing any fieldwork and will conduct periodic Site visits to assess implementation of the procedures. The QA/QC officer will also be responsible for reviewing Data Usability Summary Reports (DUSRs) for soil analytical results. Ms. Lapin's resume is included in Attachment A.

### **2.2 PROJECT MANAGER**

The project manager will be responsible for directing and coordinating all elements of the RAWP. The project manager will prepare reports and participate in meetings with the Site owner/Volunteer, and/or the NYSDEC. Deborah Shapiro, QEP will serve as the project manager for the RIWP. Ms. Shapiro's resume is included in Attachment A.

### **2.3 PROJECT MANAGER ALTERNATE**

The project manager alternate will be responsible for assisting the project manager. The project manager alternate will help prepare reports and will participate in meetings with the Site owner/Volunteer, and/or the NYSDEC. Amy Jordan will serve as the project manager alternate for the RIWP. Ms. Jordan's resume is included in Attachment A.

### **2.4 FIELD TEAM LEADER, FIELD TECHNICIAN, SITE SAFETY OFFICER, AND ALTERNATES**

The field team leader will be responsible for supervising the daily sampling and health and safety activities in the field and will ensure adherence to the work plan and Health and Safety Plan (HASP), included as Appendix A of the RIWP. The field team leader will also act as the field technician and Site Safety Officer (SSO), and will report to the project manager or project manager alternate on a regular basis regarding daily progress and any deviations from the work

plan. The field team leader will be a qualified and responsible person able to act professionally and promptly during environmental work at the Site. Amy Jackson will be the field team leader. The field team leader alternate is Tara Simmons of AKRF. Ms. Jackson's and Ms. Simmons' resumes are included in Attachment A.

## **2.5 LABORATORY QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL (QA/QC) OFFICER**

The laboratory QA/QC officer will be responsible for quality control procedures and checks in the laboratory and ensuring adherence to laboratory protocols. The QA/QC officer will track the movement of samples from the time they are checked in at the laboratory to the time that analytical results are issued, and will conduct a final check on the analytical calculations and sign off on the laboratory reports. The laboratory QA/QC officer will be Nick Straccione of SGS Accutest Inc. (Accutest), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP)-certified laboratory being employed for all environmental sampling at the Site.

## **3.0 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPS)**

The following sections describe the SOPs for the remedial activities included in the RIWP. During these activities, safety monitoring will be performed as described in the HASP, included as Appendix A of the RIWP.

### **3.1 DECONTAMINATION OF SAMPLING EQUIPMENT**

All sampling equipment (augers, drilling rods, split spoon samplers, probe rods, pumps, etc.) will be either dedicated or decontaminated between sampling locations. Decontamination will be conducted on plastic sheeting (or equivalent) that is bermed to prevent discharge to the ground. The decontamination procedure will be as follows:

1. Scrub using tap water/ Alconox mixture and bristle brush.
2. Rinse with tap water.
3. Scrub again with tap water/Alconox mixture and bristle brush.
4. Rinse with tap water.
5. Rinse with distilled water.
6. Air-dry the equipment, if possible.

### **3.2 MANAGEMENT OF INVESTIGATION DERIVED WASTE (IDW)**

IDW will be containerized in New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)-approved 55-gallon drums. The drums will be sealed at the end of each work day and labeled with the date, the excavation grid(s), the type of waste (i.e., drill cuttings), and the name and phone number of an AKRF point-of-contact. All IDW exhibiting field evidence of contamination will be disposed of or treated according to applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

## **4.0 SAMPLING AND LABORATORY PROCEDURES**

### **4.1 SOIL SAMPLING**

Soil sampling will be conducted according to the following procedures:

- Characterize the sample according to the modified Burmister soil classification system.
- Field screen the sample for evidence of contamination (e.g., odors, staining, etc.) using visual and olfactory methods and screen for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) using a photoionization detector (PID) equipped with an 11.7 electron Volt (eV) lamp.
- Collect an aliquot of soil from each proposed sample location, place in laboratory-supplied glassware, label the sample in accordance with Section 4.4.1, Table 3 of this QAPP, and place in an ice-filled cooler for shipment to the laboratory.
- Complete the proper chain of custody paperwork and seal the cooler.
- Record sample location, sample depth, and sample observations (evidence of contamination, PID readings, soil classification, etc.) in field log book and boring log data sheet, if applicable.
- Decontaminate any soil sampling equipment between sample locations as described in Section 3.1 of this QAPP.

#### **4.2 LABORATORY METHODS**

Table 1 summarizes the laboratory methods that will be used to analyze field samples and the sample container type, preservation, and applicable holding times. Accutest of Dayton, New Jersey, a NYSDOH ELAP-certified laboratory subcontracted to AKRF, will be used for all chemical analyses in accordance with the Division of Environmental Remediation (DER)-10 2.1(b) and 2.1(f) with Category B Deliverables.

**Table 1**  
**Laboratory Analytical Methods for Analysis Groups**

Matrix	Analysis	EPA Method	Bottle Type	Preservative	Hold Time
Soil	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	8260C	EnCore samplers (3) and 2 oz. plastic jar	≤ 6 °C	48 hours to extract; 14 days to analyze
	Semivolatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs)	8270D	8 oz. Glass Jar	≤ 6 °C	14 days to extract; 40 days to analyze
	Total Analyte List (TAL) Metals, and Hexavalent Chromium	6000/7000 Series, 6010C, and 7196A	8 oz. Glass Jar	≤ 6 °C	6 months holding time; Mercury 28 days holding time; Hexavalent chromium 30 days to extract, 7 days to analyze
	Pesticides	8081B	8 oz. Glass Jar	≤ 6 °C	14 days to extract; 40 days to analyze
	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	8082A	8 oz. Glass Jar	≤ 6 °C	14 days to extract; 40 days to analyze
Groundwater	VOCs	8260C	5 40 mL Glass Vials	HCl to pH < 2 and ≤ 6 °C	48 hours to extract; 14 days to analyze
	SVOCs	8270D plus Selective Ion Monitoring (SIM) for 1,4-Dioxane	2,000 mL Amber Jar	≤ 6 °C	7 days to extract; 40 days to analyze
	TAL Metals	6000/7000 Series	2,000 mL Amber Jar	HNO <sub>3</sub> to pH < 2	6 months for metals; 28 days for mercury; 24 hours for hexavalent chromium
	Pesticides	8081B	2,000 mL Amber Jar	≤ 6 °C	7 days to extract; 40 days to analyze
	PCBs	8082A	2,000 mL Amber Jar	≤ 6 °C	7 days to extract; 40 days to analyze
Soil Vapor/ Ambient Air	VOCs	TO-15	6L SUMMA <sup>®</sup> Canister	None	14 days
Notes: EPA - Environmental Protection Agency Hg – Mercury RCRA – Resource Conservation and Recovery Act					

### 4.3 QUALITY CONTROL (QC) SAMPLING

In addition to the laboratory analysis of the soil samples, additional analysis will be included for QC measures, as required by the Category B sampling techniques. These samples will include field blank, trip blank, matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate (MS/MSD), and blind duplicate samples at a frequency of one sample per 20 field samples collected or per sample digestion group (SDG). QC samples will be analyzed for the same parameters as the accompanying samples, with the exception of any trip blanks, which will be analyzed for the VOC list only.

#### 4.4 SAMPLE HANDLING

##### 4.4.1 Sample Identification

All samples will be consistently identified in all field documentation, chain-of-custody (COC) documents, and laboratory reports. Soil, groundwater, soil vapor, and ambient air samples collected during the RI will be identified with “RI-” and “SB-” for soil borings “MW-” for groundwater monitoring wells, “SV-“ for soil vapor points, and “AA-” for ambient air samples, and the soil boring, groundwater monitoring well number, soil vapor point, or ambient air sample number. All samples will be amended with the collection date at the end of the sample name in a year, month, day (YYYYMMDD) format. Blind duplicate sample nomenclature will consist of the sample type, followed by an “X”; MS/MSD samples nomenclature will consist of the parent sample name, followed by “MS/MSD”; and trip and field blanks will consist of “TB-” and “FB-”, respectively, followed by a sequential number of the trip/field blanks collected within the sample digestion group (SDG). Special characters, including primes/apostrophes (’), will not be used for sample nomenclature. Table 2 provides examples of the sampling identification scheme for samples collected during the RI.

**Table 2**  
**RI Sample Nomenclature**

<b>Sample Description</b>	<b>Sample Designation</b>
Groundwater sample collected from groundwater monitoring well RI-MW-1 on March 1, 2018	RI-MW-1 20180301
Matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate sample of groundwater sample collected from groundwater monitoring well RI-MW-1 on March 1, 2018	RI-MW-1 MS/MSD 20180301
Blind duplicate sample of groundwater sample collected from groundwater monitoring well RI-MW-1 on March 1, 2018	RI-MW-X 20180301
Second field blank collected during the RI on March 1, 2018	RI-FB-2 20180301
Soil sample collected from soil boring RI-SB-10 between 8 and 10 feet below grade on March 1, 2018	RI-SB-10 (8-10) 20180301
Second blind duplicate soil sample of SDG collected from soil boring RI-SB-10 between 8 and 10 feet below grade on March 1, 2018	RI-SB-X2 (8-10) 20180301

##### Sample Labeling and Shipping

All sample containers will be provided with labels containing the following information:

- Project identification, including Site name, BCP Site number, Site address
- Sample identification
- Date and time of collection
- Analysis(es) to be performed
- Sampler’s initials



Once the samples are collected and labeled, they will be placed in chilled coolers and stored in a cool area away from direct sunlight to await shipment to the laboratory. All samples will be shipped to the laboratory at least twice per week. At the start and end of each workday, field personnel will add ice to the cooler(s) as needed.

The samples will be prepared for shipment by placing each sample in laboratory-supplied glassware, then wrapping each container in bubble wrap to prevent breakage, and adding freezer packs and/or fresh ice in sealable plastic bags. The COC form will be properly completed by the sampler in ink, and all sample shipment transactions will be documented with signatures, and the date and time of custody transfer. Samples will be shipped overnight (e.g., Federal Express) or transported by a laboratory courier. All coolers shipped to the laboratory will be sealed with mailing tape and a COC seal to ensure that the samples remain under strict COC protocol.

#### Sample Custody

Field personnel will be responsible for maintaining the sample coolers in a secured location until they are picked up and/or sent to the laboratory. The record of possession of samples from the time they are obtained in the field to the time they are delivered to the laboratory or shipped off-site will be documented on COC forms. The COC forms will contain the following information: project name; names of sampling personnel; sample number; date and time of collection and matrix; and signatures of individuals involved in sample transfer, and the dates and times of transfers. Laboratory personnel will note the condition of the custody seal and sample containers at sample check-in.

### **4.5 FIELD INSTRUMENTATION**

Field personnel will be trained in the proper operation of all field instruments at the start of the field program. Instruction manuals for the equipment will be on file at the Site for referencing proper operation, maintenance, and calibration procedures. The equipment will be calibrated according to manufacturer specifications at the start of each day of fieldwork. If an instrument fails calibration, the project manager or QA/QC officer will be contacted immediately to obtain a replacement instrument. A calibration log will be maintained to record the date of each calibration, any failure to calibrate and corrective actions taken. The PID will be equipped with an 11.7 electron volt (eV) lamp and will be calibrated each day using 100 parts per million (ppm) isobutylene standard gas in accordance with the manufacturer's standards.

### **4.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA)**

All soil and groundwater laboratory analytical data will be reviewed by a third-party validator and a Data Usability Summary Report (DUSR) will be prepared to document the usability and validity of the data. The RIR will include a detailed description of endpoint sampling activities, data summary tables, concentration map showing sample locations and concentrations, DUSR, and laboratory reports.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**RESUMES OF QA/QC OFFICER, PROJECT MANAGER, PROJECT MANAGER ALTERNATE, AND FIELD  
TEAM LEADER/FIELD TECHNICIAN/SITE SAFETY OFFICER/ALTERNATE**

# MICHELLE LAPIN, P.E.

## SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Michelle Lapin is a Senior Vice President with more than 25 years of experience in the assessment and remediation of hazardous waste issues. She leads the firm's Hazardous Materials group and offers extensive experience providing strategic planning and management for clients. Ms. Lapin has been responsible for the administration of technical solutions to contaminated soil, groundwater, air and geotechnical problems. Her other duties have included technical and report review, proposal writing, scheduling, budgeting, and acting as liaison between clients and regulatory agencies, and project coordination with federal, state, and local authorities.

Ms. Lapin's hydrogeologic experience includes groundwater investigations, formulation and administration of groundwater monitoring programs and remediation throughout the Northeast. Her experience with groundwater contamination includes Level B hazardous waste site investigations; leaking underground storage tank studies, including hazardous soil removal and disposal and associated soil and water issues; soil gas/vapor intrusion surveys; and wetlands issues. Ms. Lapin is experienced in coordinating and monitoring field programs concerning hazardous waste cell closures. She has directed hundreds of Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III investigations and remediations, many of them in conjunction with developers, law firms, lending institutions, and national retail chains. She is also experienced in the cleanup of contaminated properties under Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) regulations.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### West 61st Street Rezoning/Residential Development, New York, NY

Ms. Lapin is directing the firm's hazardous materials work for this mixed-use development in Manhattan. The Algin Management Company hired AKRF to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed rezoning of the western portion of the block between West 60th and 61st Streets, between Amsterdam and West End Avenues. The purpose of the proposed action was to facilitate the development of two 30-story residential towers with accessory parking spaces, and landscaped open space. The EIS examined a "worst case" condition for rezoning the block, which allowed Algin to build a residential building of approximately 375,000 square feet at their site. The building now contains 475 apartments, 200 accessory parking spaces, a health club, and community facility space. This site, with the services of AKRF, entered into New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). On-site issues included underground storage tanks remaining from previous on-site buildings, petroleum contamination from these tanks and possibly from off-site sources, and other soil contaminants (metals, semi-volatile organic compounds, etc.) from fill materials and previous on-site buildings. AKRF oversaw the adherence to the Construction Health and Safety Plan (HASP), which was submitted to and approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), and

## BACKGROUND

### Education

M.S., Civil Engineering, Syracuse University, 1985

B.S., Civil Engineering, Clarkson University, 1983

### Professional Licenses/Certifications

New York State P.E.

State of Connecticut P.E.

### Professional Memberships

Member, National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), National and CT Chapters

Member, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), National and CT Chapters

Member, Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA), CBIA Environmental Policies Council (EPC)

Board Member, New York City Brownfield Partnership

### Years of Experience

Year started in company: 1994

Year started in industry: 1986

monitored the waste streams, to ensure that the different types of waste were disposed of at the correct receiving facilities. This oversight also included confirmation and characteristic soil sampling for the receiving facilities and NYSDEC. A “Track 1” Clean up of the majority of the property (the portion including the buildings) was completed and the final Engineering Report was approved by the NYSDEC. AKRF has also completed a smaller portion of the property as a “Track 4” cleanup, which includes a tennis court and landscaped areas.

### Hudson River Park, New York, NY

Ms. Lapin is directing AKRF’s hazardous materials work during construction of Hudson River Park, a five-mile linear park along Manhattan’s West Side. As the Hudson River Park Trust’s (HRPT’s) environmental consultant, AKRF is overseeing preparation and implementation of additional soil and groundwater investigations (working with both NYSDEC and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP)), all health and safety activities, and removal of both known underground storage tanks and those encountered during construction. Previously, the firm performed hazardous materials assessments as part of the environmental impact statement (EIS) process, including extensive database and historical research, and soil and groundwater investigations. Ms. Lapin has been the senior consultant for the soil and groundwater investigations and remediation, and the asbestos investigations and abatement oversight.

### Fiterman Hall Deconstruction and Decontamination Project, New York, NY

The 15-story Fiterman Hall building, located at 30 West Broadway, originally constructed as an office building in the 1950s, had served as an extension of the City University of New York (CUNY) Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) since 1993. The building was severely damaged during the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center (WTC) attack when 7 WTC collapsed and struck the south façade of the building, resulting in the partial collapse of the southwest corner of the structure. The building was subsequently stabilized, with breaches closed and major debris removed. Because extensive mold and WTC dust contaminants remain within the building, it must be taken down. The project required the preparation of two environmental assessment statements (EASs)—one for the deconstruction and decontamination of Fiterman Hall and one for the construction of a replacement building on the site. AKRF prepared the EAS for the Deconstruction and Decontamination project, which included the decontamination of the interior and exterior of the building, the removal and disposal of all building contents, and the deconstruction of the existing, approximately 377,000-gross-square-foot partially collapsed structure. Ms. Lapin reviewed the EAS’s deconstruction and decontamination plans. The cleanup plan was submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

### Columbia University Manhattanville Academic Mixed-Use Development, New York, NY

Ms. Lapin served as Hazardous Materials Task Leader on this EIS for approximately 4 million square feet of new academic, research and neighborhood uses to be constructed north of Columbia University’s existing Morningside campus. The Hazardous Materials work included Phase I Environmental Site Assessments for the properties within the site boundaries, and estimates for a Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation of the entire development area. The firm’s Hazardous Materials group has performed over 30 individual Phase I Environmental Site Assessments for properties within the development area. In addition, a Preliminary Environmental Site Assessment (PESA) was completed in conjunction with the EIS. Based on the Phase I studies, AKRF conducted a subsurface (Phase II) investigation in accordance with an NYCDEP-approved investigative work plan and health and safety plan. Subsurface activities included the advancement of soil borings, groundwater monitor wells, and the collection of soil and groundwater samples for laboratory analysis. This study estimated costs to remediate contaminated soil, groundwater and hazardous building materials, including lead-based paint and asbestos-containing materials.

### Yonkers Waterfront Redevelopment Project, Yonkers, NY

For this redevelopment along Yonkers’ Hudson River waterfront, Ms. Lapin headed the remedial investigation and remediation work that included Phase I assessments of 12 parcels, investigations of underground storage tank removals and

associated soil remediation, remedial alternatives reports, and remedial work plans for multiple parcels. Several of the city-owned parcels were remediated under a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement; others were administered with state Brownfields grants. Hazardous waste remediation was completed on both brownfield and voluntary clean-up parcels, which enabled construction of mixed-use retail, residential development, and parking.

#### East 75th/East 76th Street Site, New York, NY

Ms. Lapin served as Senior Manager for this project that encompassed coordination and direct remediation efforts of this former dry cleaning facility and parking garage prior to the sale of the property and its ultimate redevelopment for use as a private school. A preliminary site investigation identified 20 current and former petroleum and solvent tanks on the property. A soil and groundwater testing program was designed and implemented to identify the presence and extent of contamination resulting from potential tank spills. This investigation confirmed the presence of subsurface petroleum contamination in the soil and solvent contamination from former dry cleaning activities in the bedrock. AKRF completed oversight of the remediation under the State's Voluntary Cleanup Program. Remediation, consisting of tank removals and excavation of contaminated soil and the removal of solvent-contaminated bedrock down to 30 feet below grade, has been completed. AKRF completed oversight of the pre-treatment of groundwater prior to discharge to the municipal sewer system and an off-site study to determine impacts to groundwater in downgradient locations.

#### Avalon on the Sound, New Rochelle, NY

For Avalon Bay Communities, Ms. Lapin managed the investigations and remediation of two luxury residential towers and an associated parking garage. Remediation of the first phase of development (the first residential tower and the parking garage) included gasoline contamination from a former taxi facility, fuel oil contamination from multiple residential underground storage tanks, and chemical contamination from former on-site manufacturing facilities. The remediation and closure of the tank spills was coordinated with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The initial investigation of the Phase II development—an additional high-rise luxury residential building—detected petroleum contamination. A second investigation was conducted to delineate the extent of the contamination and estimate the costs for remediation. AKRF oversaw the remediation and conducted the Health and Safety monitoring. The remediation was completed with closure and approvals of the NYSDEC.

#### East River Science Park, New York, NY

Originally, New York University School of Medicine (NYUSOM) retained the firm to prepare a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its proposed East River Science Park (ERSP). As originally contemplated, the proposed complex was to occupy a portion of the Bellevue Hospital campus between East 30th Street and approximately East 28th Street and would have included a clinical practice, research, and biotech facilities, housing units, a child care center, and a conference center and parking.

Ms. Lapin managed the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and other hazardous materials-related issues. Events relating to September 11, 2001 delayed the project for several years. When it resurfaced with a new developer and a diminished scope, Ms. Lapin updated the hazardous materials issues and consulted with the new developer regarding remediation strategies and involvement of regulatory agencies. For the actual remediation/development, the city requested oversight by AKRF to represent its interests (the city is retaining ownership of the land). Ms. Lapin completed directing the remediation oversight on behalf of the City of New York for the remediation of this former psychiatric hospital building, laundry building and parking areas. The new 550,000 square-foot development includes a biotechnology center, street level retail, and an elevated plaza.

# **DEBORAH SHAPIRO, QEP**

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

Deborah Shapiro is a Vice President with 17 years of experience in the assessment and remediation of hazardous waste issues. Ms. Shapiro supervises project teams and manages all aspects of assessment and remediation projects. Ms. Shapiro works with developers, non-profit organizations, architects, local community groups, local businesses, and government agencies. Her projects fall under the regulatory oversight of NYSDEC, NYCDEP, and NYCOER including the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP), New York City Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP), NYSDEC petroleum spills program, RCRA/UIC closures, and NYCOER's E-designation program. Ms. Shapiro has also assisted commercial and industrial property owners with maintaining the integrity of their portfolios by providing compliance related cleanup and chemical storage management services.

Ms. Shapiro manages all aspects of redevelopment projects from the initial Phase I ESA, Phase II, and remediation through post-remedial site management. In addition, her experience includes groundwater investigations, monitoring, and sampling programs; Brownfield and hazardous waste site investigations; In-Situ Chemical Oxidation; underground storage tank studies, including soil contamination delineation, classification, removal and disposal; waste characterization sampling; exposure assessments; on-going remedial action (especially AS/SVE), and permitting.

Prior to joining AKRF, Ms. Shapiro was a Senior Project Manager at CA RICH Consultants, Inc. in Plainview, New York. She was responsible for the design, implementation, and management of environmental assessment, investigation and remediation projects on Long Island and across the New York Metropolitan Area. Ms. Shapiro has also been a moderator and panelist at numerous conferences.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Education**

M.S., Environmental Science, American University, 2001  
B.A., Environmental Studies, American University, 1998

### **Professional Licenses/Certifications**

Qualified Environmental Professional  
Health and Safety Operations at Hazardous Materials Sites 29 CFR 1910.120  
OSHA 10 Hour Occupational Construction Safety and Health

### **Professional Memberships**

Past President, New York City Brownfield Partnership  
Board Member, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington  
Member, Institute of Professional Environmental Practitioners (IPEP)

### **Awards**

Big Apple Brownfield Award recipient as part of the Courtlandt Crescent redevelopment team 2013  
Big Apple Brownfield Award recipient as part of the Via Verde redevelopment team 2012  
Big Apple Brownfield Award recipient as part of the Cornerstone B1 (LaTerraza) redevelopment team 2011

### **Years of Experience**

Year started in company: 2013  
Year started in industry: 1998



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## Relevant Experience

### **Elton Crossing, Bronx, NY**

AKRF is currently providing environmental consulting services in connection with the Elton Crossing site in the Bronx, NY. The work initially involved the preparation of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Phase II subsurface investigation including soil and soil vapor testing to determine if the site would be eligible for the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (NYSBCP) based on its historic usage. AKRF prepared a NYCBCP Application and the site was accepted in to the NYSBCP. AKRF managed all aspects of the brownfield cleanup including; development of Remedial Investigation (RI) and Supplemental Remedial Investigation (SRI) Work Plans, conducting the RI and SRI and preparing the associated reports, preparation of a Citizen Participation Plan, distribution of public notices, and preparation of a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP). AKRF managed all aspects of the remediation, including providing guidance for the closure of two petroleum spills; the registration, removal, and closure of six petroleum storage tanks encountered during excavation; and waste characterization and disposal of soil with contaminants including hazardous lead, petroleum, and pesticides, and design of a Sub-Slab Depressurization System (SSDS). AKRF prepared and submitted a Site Management Plan (SMP) and a Final Engineering Report (FER), which documented compliance with the RAWP. The SMP and FER were approved by NYS in 2016. AKRF is currently providing long-term site management in accordance with the NYSBCP.

### **On-Call Environmental Consulting Services (Various Locations), New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) (administered by NYCEDC)**

Ms. Shapiro is managing an on-call contract with the OER for brownfields environmental assessment and remediation. The work has included conducting Phase I environmental site assessments (ESAs) and multi-media sampling of soil, groundwater, and soil vapor for various sites funded by EPA grants. The work plans and investigation reports were completed in accordance with OER and EPA requirements. AKRF also implemented a remedial plan for capping a park site in Staten Island. In addition, Ms. Shapiro is providing support to OER and an affordable housing developer to expedite an application for entry into the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP), as well as preparation and implementation of the remedial investigation and remedial plan.

### **Atlantic Chestnut, Brooklyn, NY**

AKRF was retained by Phipps Houses to provide environmental consulting services in connection with the purchase and development of former burned manufacturing buildings encompassing an entire city block in Brooklyn, New York. As part of due diligence, AKRF prepared a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) Report for the property. After acquisition, the property was divided into three separate sites (3264 Fulton Street, 235 Chestnut Street, and 3301 Atlantic Avenue). AKRF prepared a Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation Work Plans and conducted Phase IIs at each of the sites, which included the collection and analysis of soil, soil vapor, and groundwater samples. Based on the results of the Phase IIs, which were documented in Subsurface (Phase II) Reports, New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (NYSBCP) applications were prepared for each of the sites. After acceptance into the NYSBCP, AKRF prepared Citizen Participation Plans (CPPs) and distributed public notices. AKRF prepared Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plans (RIWPs) for each of the sites to further investigate contaminated media at the site prior to redevelopment, conducted the RIs, and is in the process of preparing the RI Reports (RIRs).

### **Second Farms, Bronx, NY**

AKRF, Inc. was contracted by the New York City Office of Environmental Remediation (NYCOER) to conduct a subsurface investigation of a 1.12-acre parcel in the Bronx, New York under the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfield Assessment Grant program. The investigation included a geophysical survey and utility mark-outs, and the collection and analysis of soil, groundwater, soil vapor, indoor air and ambient air samples.





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### **Brook 156, Bronx, NY**

AKRF was retained by Phipps Houses to provide environmental consulting services in connection with the purchase and development of two lots located at 740 Brook Avenue in the Bronx, NY. AKRF prepared a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) of the NYC-owned former gasoline service station and a former railroad. A Tier 1 Vapor Encroachment Screening was also conducted to satisfy HUD's vapor intrusion requirements. AKRF prepared a Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) and conducted a Remedial Investigation (RI) at the site, which included the collection and analysis of soil, soil vapor, and groundwater. The results of the RI, which were documented in a Remedial Investigation Report (RIR), were used to prepare a New York City Brownfield Cleanup Program (NYCBCP) application. The site was accepted into the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (NYSBCP). AKRF prepared a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), distributed public notices, and is in the process of preparing a Supplemental Remedial Investigation Work Plan (SRIWP) to further investigate soil, soil vapor, and groundwater at the site prior to redevelopment.

### **Warbrook Portfolio, Manhattan, NY**

AKRF provided environmental consulting services to Genesis Y15 Developer LLC and the Abyssinian Development Corporation (ADC) for the proposed rehabilitation of 30 parcels in Central Harlem for low- and moderate-income tenants. The parcels comprise two vacant lots and 28 residential buildings, including several buildings that are vacant or partially vacant. The client is seeking 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credits issued by the New York City Housing Development Corporation (HDC) through the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) to rehabilitate the 30 parcels. AKRF prepared a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for all parcels. The Phase I summarized environmental issues based on a review of available environmental reports, a review of regulatory records, and on-site inspections. Limited Phase II Environmental Site Assessments were conducted at parcels where recognized environmental concerns were identified. Based on evidence of suspect mold associated with the Property parcels, AKRF also prepared a mold specification section for use during renovation of the Property.

### **Courtlandt Crescent, Bronx, NY**

Ms. Shapiro directed all Phases of this NYS Brownfield Cleanup Program project in the Melrose Commons section of the Bronx from the initial Phase I and II through the Certificate of Completion and is currently managing the implementation of the Site Management Plan. A New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) Application was submitted simultaneously with the Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) and Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP), which sped up the timetable so that the remediation could be implemented concurrently with the planned site redevelopment activities. The site comprised an entire city block whose historic usage included a gasoline filling station, auto repair shop, machine shop, auto junkyard, iron works, boiler repair shop, brass fabricator shop, universal machinery manufacturing, waste paper company, cosmetic company, and a saw works. The investigation included soil and soil vapor testing as well as the installation and sampling of groundwater monitoring wells. The remedial activities included the removal of underground storage tanks and hydraulic lifts, soil waste classification testing, the excavation and removal of approximately 23,000 tons of non-hazardous petroleum and metals contaminated soil as well as hazardous soil containing lead, in-situ chemical oxidation, and installation of a composite cover system. In addition, site dewatering activities allowed the elevator pits to be advanced into the groundwater table. A vapor barrier (and water-proofing for the elevator pits) was installed beneath the two new buildings' foundations and a sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS) was incorporated into the buildings' foundations to eliminate the potential exposure pathway for soil vapor into the new affordable housing residential buildings. Ms. Shapiro directed the remedial activities and monitoring under a construction health and safety plan, which included a community air monitoring program. Site management activities include post-remedial groundwater monitoring and sampling, SSDS start-up testing and operations and maintenance, and annual institutional control/engineering control inspections. The project was the recipient of the 2013 Big Apple Brownfield Award.

### **ExxonMobil, Multiple Locations, NY**





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Ms. Shapiro has managed the investigation and remediation of numerous ExxonMobil retail service stations in the five boroughs and Long Island. The investigations have included Phase I, II, and III site assessments, regulatory compliance, emergency spill response, UST removals, and soil and groundwater remediation.

## **AMY T. JORDAN**

### **GEOLOGIST**

Amy Jordan is a Geologist with 5 years of environmental consulting experience related to site assessment and remediation. Ms. Jordan works with non-profit organizations, affordable housing developers, for-profit developers, and government agencies under the regulatory oversight of NYSDEC, NYCDEP, and NYCOER. She works with projects enrolled in the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP), the New York City Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP), NYSDEC petroleum spills program, and NYCOER's E-designation program. Ms. Jordan conducts and manages all aspects of redevelopment projects from the initial Phase I ESA, Phase II, and remediation through post-remedial site management.

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **Education**

B.A. Geosciences, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, 2011

#### **Licenses/Certifications**

40 Hour OSHA HAZWOPER Certified

OSHA 10 Hour Occupational Construction Safety and Health

NYSDEC Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector

#### **Years of Experience**

Year started in company: 2012

Year started in industry: 2011

### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

#### **12 Eckford Street, Brooklyn, New York**

AKRF is providing environmental consulting services in connection with the redevelopment of the New 470 Project into a mix of affordable and market-rate residences located at 12 Eckford Street in Brooklyn, New York. Ms. Jordan developed and conducted several investigations at the property under the oversight of NYCOER. Ms. Jordan is currently preparing a BCP Application and designing the remedial action for the site, which will include the design and installation of a sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS) and soil vapor extraction (SVE) system; hazardous waste delineation and disposal; construction oversight; and ongoing remedial monitoring under the oversight of the NYSDEC. The work will culminate with a Final Engineering Report to document the completion of remedial actions and to establish protocol for site monitoring.

#### **Elton Crossing, Bronx, New York**

AKRF provided environmental consulting services in connection with the purchase and redevelopment of the Elton Crossing site at 899 Elton Avenue in the Bronx, New York. The work initially involved the preparation of a



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Phase II subsurface investigation including soil and soil vapor testing to determine if the site would be eligible for the BCP under NYSDEC oversight. Upon completion of the investigation, Ms. Jordan prepared a NYCBCP Application and the site was accepted in to the NYSBCP. Ms. Jordan prepared an updated Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report and managed all aspects of the brownfield cleanup including development of a Supplemental Investigation Work Plan, performing a Supplemental Remedial Investigation and preparing a Supplemental Investigation Report, preparation of a Citizen Participation Plan, distribution of public notices, and preparation of a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP). AKRF oversaw all remediation at the Site, which included the removal of numerous underground oil tanks, and waste characterization and disposal of soil with contaminants including hazardous lead, petroleum, and pesticides. The project will be completed in Fall 2016 with the preparation of a Final Engineering Report to document the remedial activities and installation of institutional controls including a vapor barrier and AKRF-designed sub-slab depressurization system.

### **3363 and 3365 Third Avenue, Bronx, New York**

AKRF is providing environmental consulting services in connection with the purchase and redevelopment of this property into affordable housing units under NYCOER's VCP. Ms. Jordan prepared two Phase I ESAs in accordance with New York City Acquisition Fund (NYCAF) protocol; conducted several subsurface investigations and waste classification sampling; prepared a VCP Application; and manages all aspects of the construction phase of this project.

### **Atlantic Chestnut Lots 1, 2, and 3, Brooklyn, New York**

AKRF is providing environmental consulting services in connection with the purchase and redevelopment of these three lots from a burned factory into affordable housing units. For this project, Ms. Jordan prepared a Phase I ESA, conducted three subsurface investigations, and prepared three BCP Applications. Ms. Jordan will oversee the redevelopment, remediation, and ongoing remedial monitoring for these three sites comprising an entire city block.

### **New York City School Construction Authority, Various Locations, New York City**

Under an on-call contract, AKRF provides the New York City School Construction Authority (NYCSCA) with hazardous materials consulting services. Ms. Jordan is involved with various due diligence and environmental assessment projects including Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs); Phase II (Subsurface) Environmental Site Investigations (soil, groundwater and soil vapor intrusion investigations); Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Assessments; Underground Storage Tank (UST) and Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) inspections relating to boiler conversions; and peer review of other consultant's due diligence reports.



## **AMY JACKSON**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER**

Ms. Jackson is an Environmental Engineer at AKRF. Her skills include technical writing and presenting; groundwater, soil, and soil vapor sampling; community air monitoring; electron microscopy, light microscopy, and general laboratory practices. She is proficient in AutoCAD, ArcGIS, gINT, HEC-HMS, HEC-RAS, EPANET, Visual MODFLOW, MS Office, Open Office, PDF Editing, Fortran and Matlab programming. She has a Russian and German Language Certificates (Advanced Level) from ACTFL.

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **Education**

M.S., Environmental Engineering, New York University, 2017

B.S., Physics, German, Brigham Young University, 2012

#### **Certifications**

HAZWOPER 40-hr and OSHA 10-hr certifications

#### **Years of Experience**

Year started in company: 2017

Year started in industry: 2016

### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

#### **Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.**

While at another firm, Ms. Jackson served as Environmental Engineering Intern. She contributed to environmental reports, project proposals, and remedial investigation plans for projects throughout New York City's five boroughs. She oversaw remedial activities and community air monitoring at remediation sites. She also collected and analyzed environmental samples in the field.

#### **NYU Center for K12 STEM Education**

While at another employer, Ms. Jackson served as Science of Smart Cities Team Lead. She designed and executed experiment-based curriculum on urban sustainability, ecology, biomimetics, etc. She also supervised and trained student instructors and partners from other organizations. Ms. Jackson built partnerships with Goethe Institut, NYC Department of Education, and National Grid. She created presentations for, and represented organization at, the 2016 USA Science and Engineering Festival in Washington, DC.

#### **Kepner Middle School, AmeriCorps, Blueprint Schools Network**

While at another employer, Ms. Jackson served as Mathematics Fellow. She designed and adapted mathematics curriculum for student instruction. She also analyzed student testing data to evaluate performance and determine future instruction.

#### **BYU Department of Physics, Condensed Matter Research Group**

While at another employer, Ms. Jackson served as Research Assistant. She systematically obtained, analyzed, and wrote up data for publication using electron microscopy. Ms. Jackson established high standards for laboratory sample preparation. She supervised and assisted other student researchers.



**APPENDIX B**  
**HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN**

**1675 APARTMENTS**  
**1675 WESTCHESTER AVENUE**  
**BRONX, NEW YORK**

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**Health and Safety Plan**

**NYSDEC BCP Site Number: TBD**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This environmental Health and Safety Plan (HASP) has been developed for the implementation of a Remedial Investigation (RI) conducted by all personnel on-site at 1675 Westchester Avenue in the Soundview neighborhood of the Bronx, New York, hereafter referred to as “the Site”. The Site is identified on the New York City Tax Map as Bronx Borough Tax Block 3870, Lot 1. The Site is an approximately 32,000-square foot “L-shaped” lot developed with an approximately 12,275-square foot, vacant commercial building with a cellar fronting Westchester Avenue and adjacent asphalt-paved and landscaped areas. The Site is bounded by: residential buildings to the north; Westchester Avenue and the elevated 6 Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) subway tracks to the south, followed by a commercial shopping center; a commercial building, followed by Fteley Avenue to the east; and Metcalf Avenue, followed by the Bronx River Parkway to the west. A Site Location map is provided as Figure 1.

A November 2017 Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation Report prepared by AKRF for the Site and east-adjacent property (Block 3870, Lot 51) concluded that there are elevated concentrations of metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in soil, and petroleum- and chlorinated solvent-related compounds in soil vapor at the Site. The Remedial Investigation (RI) will consist of the collection of soil, soil vapor, and groundwater samples to define the nature and extent of contamination in on-site soil, groundwater, and soil vapor.

This HASP does not discuss routine health and safety issues common to general construction and excavation, including, but not, limited to slips, trips, falls, shoring, and other physical hazards. All AKRF employees are directed that all work must be performed in accordance with the AKRF's Generic HASP and all Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)-applicable regulations for the work activities required for the project. All project personnel are furthermore directed that they are not permitted to enter Permit Required Confined Spaces (as defined by OSHA). For issues unrelated to contaminated materials, all non-AKRF employees are to be bound by all applicable OSHA regulations as well as any more stringent requirements specified by their employer in their corporate HASP or otherwise. AKRF is not responsible for providing oversight for issues unrelated to contaminated materials for non-employees. This oversight shall be the responsibility of the employer of that worker or other official designated by that employer.



## 2.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

### 2.1 Hazard Evaluation

#### 2.1.1 Hazards of Concern

Check all that apply		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organic Chemicals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inorganic Chemicals	<input type="checkbox"/> Radiological
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological	<input type="checkbox"/> Explosive/Flammable	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxygen Deficient Atm.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heat Stress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cold Stress	<input type="checkbox"/> Carbon Monoxide
Comments: No personnel are permitted to enter permit confined spaces.		

#### 2.1.2 Physical Characteristics

Check all that apply		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liquid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid	<input type="checkbox"/> Sludge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vapors	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

#### 2.1.3 Hazardous Materials

Check all that apply					
Chemicals	Solids	Sludges	Solvents	Oils	Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Acids	<input type="checkbox"/> Ash	<input type="checkbox"/> Paints	<input type="checkbox"/> Halogens	<input type="checkbox"/> Transformer	<input type="checkbox"/> Lab
<input type="checkbox"/> Caustics	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos	<input type="checkbox"/> Metals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petroleum	<input type="checkbox"/> Dielectric	<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmaceutical
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pesticides	<input type="checkbox"/> Tailings		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Chlorinated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motor or Hydraulic Oil	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petroleum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Fill material			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gasoline	<input type="checkbox"/> Radiological
<input type="checkbox"/> Inks				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Oil	<input type="checkbox"/> MGP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PCBs					<input type="checkbox"/> Mold
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metals					<input type="checkbox"/> Cyanide
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: VOCs & SVOCs					
Notes: VOCs – Volatile Organic Compounds SVOCs – Semivolatile Organic Compounds MGP – Manufactured Gas Plant					

### 2.1.4 Chemicals of Concern

Chemicals	REL/PEL/STEL	Health Hazards
Arsenic	REL= 0.002 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PEL= 0.010 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ulceration of nasal septum, dermatitis, gastrointestinal disturbances, peripheral neuropathy, respiratory irritation, hyperpigmentation of skin, [potential occupational carcinogen]
Barium	REL= 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PEL= 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Irritation of eyes, skin, upper respiratory system; skin burns; gastroenteritis; muscle spasm; slow pulse, extrasystoles; hypokalemia.
Benzene	REL = 0.1 ppm PEL = 1 ppm STEL = 5 ppm	Irritation eyes, skin, nose, respiratory system; dizziness; headache, nausea, staggered gait; anorexia, lassitude, dermatitis; bone marrow depression, potential occupational carcinogen.
Cadmium	PEL = 0.005 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Pulmonary edema, dyspnea (breathing difficulty), cough, chest tightness, substernal (occurring beneath the sternum) pain; headache; chills, muscle aches; nausea, vomiting, diarrhea; anosmia (loss of the sense of smell), emphysema, proteinuria, mild anemia; [potential occupational carcinogen].
Copper	REL = 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PEL = 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Irritation eyes, nose, pharynx; nasal septum perforation; metallic taste; dermatitis.
Chromium	REL= 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PEL= 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Irritation eyes, skin; sensitization dermatitis; lung fibrosis (histologic)
Pesticides	REL = 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PEL = 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> [skin]	Irritation eyes, skin; paresthesia tongue, lips, face; tremor; anxiety, dizziness, confusion, malaise (vague feeling of discomfort), headache, lassitude (weakness, exhaustion); convulsions; paresis hands; vomiting; potential carcinogen.
Dieldrin	REL = 0.25 mg/m <sup>3</sup> [skin] PEL = 0.25 mg/m <sup>3</sup> [skin]	Headache, dizziness; nausea, vomiting, malaise (vague feeling of discomfort), sweating; myoclonic limb jerks; clonic, tonic convulsions; coma; [potential occupational carcinogen].
Ethylbenzene	REL = 100 ppm PEL = 100 ppm	Irritation eyes, skin, mucous membrane; headache; dermatitis; narcosis, coma.
Fuel Oil	REL = 350 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PEL = 400 ppm	Nausea, irritation – eyes, hypertension, headache, light-headedness, loss of appetite, poor coordination; long-term exposure – kidney damage, blood clotting problems; potential carcinogen.
Lead	REL=0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PEL=0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Weakness, lassitude, insomnia; facial pallor, pale eye, anorexia, low-weight, malnutrition, constipation, abdominal pain, colic; anemia; gingival lead line; tremors, paralysis wrists and ankles; encephalopathy; kidney disease; irritation eyes; hypotension.

<b>Chemicals</b>	<b>REL/PEL/STEL</b>	<b>Health Hazards</b>
Manganese	REL = 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PEL = 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL = 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Manganism; asthenia, insomnia, mental confusion; metal fume fever: dry throat, cough, chest tightness, dyspnea (breathing difficulty), rales, flu-like fever; lower back pain; vomiting; malaise (vague feeling of discomfort); lassitude (weakness, exhaustion); kidney damage.
Mercury	REL = 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PEL = 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Irritation eyes, skin; cough, chest pain, dyspnea (breathing difficulty), bronchitis, pneumonitis; tremor, insomnia, irritability, indecision, headache, lassitude (weakness, exhaustion); stomatitis, salivation; gastrointestinal disturbance, anorexia, weight loss; proteinuria.
Naphthalene	REL = 15 ppm PEL = 10 ppm	Irritation eyes; headache, confusion, excitement, malaise (vague feeling of discomfort); nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain; irritation bladder; profuse sweating; jaundice; hematuria (blood in the urine), renal shutdown; dermatitis, optical neuritis, corneal damage.
Nickel	REL = 0.015 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PEL = 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Sensitization dermatitis, allergic asthma, pneumonitis; [potential occupational carcinogen].
PCBs	PCB-1242: REL = 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PEL = 0.001 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PCB-1254: REL = 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> PEL = 0.001 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Rash; anemia, liver, stomach, thyroid damage; reduced ability to fight disease; impaired reproduction.
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)	PEL = 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Harmful effects to skin, bodily fluids, and ability to fight disease, reproductive problems; [potential occupational carcinogen].
Tetrachloroethylene (PCE)	PEL = 100 ppm STEL = 200 ppm	Irritation eyes, skin, nose, throat, respiratory system; nausea; flush face, neck; dizziness, poor coordination; headache, drowsiness; skin erythema (skin redness); liver damage; potential occupational carcinogen.
Toluene	REL = 100 ppm PEL = 200 ppm STEL = 300 ppm	Irritation eyes, nose; lassitude, confusion, euphoria, dizziness, headache; dilated pupils, lacrimation (discharge of tears); anxiety, muscle fatigue, insomnia; paresthesia; dermatitis; liver, kidney damage.
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	PEL = 100 ppm	Lassitude (weakness, exhaustion), dizziness, tremor, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting; dermatitis; cardiac arrhythmias, paresthesia; liver injury; [potential occupational carcinogen].
Xylenes	REL = 100 ppm PEL = 100 ppm	Irritation eyes, skin, nose, throat; dizziness, excitement, drowsiness, poor coordination, staggering gait; corneal vacuolization; anorexia, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain; dermatitis.
Zinc	REL = 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (dust and fume) PEL = 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (fume) 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total dust) 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable dust)	Metal fume fever: chills, muscle ache, nausea, fever, dry throat, cough; lassitude (weakness, exhaustion); metallic taste; headache; blurred vision; low back pain; vomiting; malaise (vague feeling of discomfort); chest tightness; dyspnea (breathing difficulty), rales, decreased pulmonary function.

Chemicals	REL/PEL/STEL	Health Hazards
Comments: REL = National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Recommended Exposure Limit PEL = OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit STEL = OSHA Short Term Exposure Limit		

**2.2 Designated Personnel**

AKRF will appoint one of its on-site personnel as the Site Safety Officer (SSO). This individual will be responsible for the implementation of the HASP. The SSO will have a 2-year or 4-year college degree in occupational safety or a related environmental science/engineering field, and experience in implementation of air monitoring and hazardous materials sampling programs. Health and safety training required for the SSO and all field personnel are outlined in Section 2.3 of this HASP.

**2.3 Training**

All personnel who enter the work area while intrusive activities are being performed will have completed a 40-hour training course that meets OSHA requirements of 29 CFR Part 1910, Occupational Safety and Health Standards. In addition, all personnel will have up-to-date 8-hour refresher training. The training will allow personnel to recognize and understand the potential hazards to health and safety. All field personnel must attend a training program, whose purpose is to:

- Make them aware of the potential hazards they may encounter;
- Provide the knowledge and skills necessary for them to perform the work with minimal risk to health and safety; Make them aware of the purpose and limitations of safety equipment; and
- Ensure that they can safely avoid or escape from emergencies.

Each member of the field crew will be instructed in these objectives before work begins. A Site safety meeting will be conducted at the start of the project. Additional meetings shall be conducted, as necessary, for new personnel working at the Site.

**2.4 Medical Surveillance Program**

All AKRF and subcontractor personnel performing field work involving subsurface disturbance at the site are required to have passed a complete medical surveillance examination in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.120 (f). A physician’s medical release for work will be confirmed by the SSO before an employee can begin Site activities. The medical release shall consider the type of work to be performed and the required personal protective equipment (PPE). The medical examination will, at a minimum, be provided annually and upon termination of hazardous waste Site work.

**2.5 Site Work Zones**

During any activities involving subsurface disturbance, the work area must be divided into various zones to prevent the spread of contamination, ensure that proper protective equipment is donned, and provide an area for decontamination.

The Exclusion Zone is defined as the area where exposure to impacted media could be encountered. The Contamination Reduction Zone (CRZ) is the area where decontamination procedures take place and is located next to the Exclusion Zone. The Support is the zone area

where support facilities such as vehicles, fire extinguisher, and first aid supplies are located. The emergency staging area (part of the Support Zone) is the area where all workers on-site would assemble in the event of an emergency. A summary of these areas is provided below. These zones may be changed by the SSO, depending on that day's activities. All field personnel will be informed of the location of these zones before work begins.

Task	Exclusion Zone	CRZ	Support Zone
Remedial Investigation	10 feet from drill rig	25 feet from drill rig	As Needed
Comments: Control measures such as caution tape and/or traffic cones will be placed around the perimeter of the work area when work is being done in a public area.			

## 2.6 Air Monitoring

The purpose of the air monitoring program is to identify any exposure of the field personnel to potential environmental hazards in the soil and groundwater. Results of the air monitoring will be used to determine the appropriate response action, if needed.

### 2.6.1 Volatile Organic Compounds

A photoionization detector (PID) will be used to perform air monitoring during soil disturbance activities to determine airborne levels of total VOCs. The PID will be calibrated at the start of the work day with a 100 ppm isobutylene standard.

### 2.6.2 Work Zone Air Monitoring

Real time air monitoring will be performed with the PID. Measurements will be taken prior to commencement of work and continuously during the work, as outlined in the following table. Measurements will be made as close to the workers as practicable and at the breathing height of the workers. The SSO shall set up the equipment and confirm that it is working properly. His/her designee may oversee the air measurements during the day. The initial measurement for the day will be performed before the start of work and will establish the background level for that day. The final measurement for the day will be performed after the end of work. The action levels and required responses are listed in the following table.

Instrument	Action Level	Response Action
PID	Less than 5 ppm in breathing zone	Level D or D-Modified
	Between 5 ppm and 10 ppm	Level C
	More than 10 ppm	Stop work. Resume work when readings are less than 10 ppm.

## 2.7 Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

The PPE required for various kinds of site investigation tasks are based on 29 CFR 1910.120, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, Appendix B, "General Description and Discussion of the Levels of Protection and Protective Gear."

AKRF field personnel and other site personnel shall wear, at a minimum, Level D personal protective equipment. The protection will be based on the air monitoring described in Section 2.6.

LEVEL OF PROTECTION & PPE	Drilling/Sampling
<b>Level D</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steel Toe Shoes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hard Hat (within 25 feet of drill rig) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Gloves	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety Glasses <input type="checkbox"/> Face Shield <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ear Plugs (within 25 feet of drill rig) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nitrile Gloves <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyvek for drill rig operator if NAPL present
<b>Level C (in addition to Level D)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Half-Face Respirator OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Face Respirator <input type="checkbox"/> Full-Face PAPR	<input type="checkbox"/> Particulate Cartridge <input type="checkbox"/> Organic Cartridge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dual Organic/Particulate Cartridge  If PID > 10 ppm (breathing zone)
Comments: Cartridges to be changed out at least once per shift unless warranted beforehand (e.g., more difficult to breathe or any odors detected).  NAPL – Non-aqueous Phase Liquid PAPR – Powdered Air Purifying Respirator	

**2.8 General Work Practices**

To protect the health and safety of the field personnel, field personnel will adhere to the guidelines listed below during activities involving subsurface disturbance:

- Eating, drinking, chewing gum or tobacco, and smoking are prohibited, except in designated areas on the Site. These areas will be designated by the SSO.
- Workers must wash their hands thoroughly on leaving the work area and before eating, drinking, or any other such activity.
- The workers should shower as soon as possible after leaving the Site. Contact with contaminated or suspected surfaces should be avoided.
- The buddy system should always be used; each buddy should watch for signs of fatigue, exposure, and heat/cold stress.

### 3.0 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

The field crew will be equipped with emergency equipment, such as a first aid kit and disposable eye washes. In the case of a medical emergency, the SSO will determine the nature of the emergency and he/she will have someone call for an ambulance, if needed. If the nature of the injury is not serious, i.e., the person can be moved without expert emergency medical personnel, he/she should be taken to a hospital by on-site personnel. Directions to the hospital are provided below, and a hospital route map is included as Figure 2.

#### 3.1 HOSPITAL DIRECTIONS

<b>Hospital Name:</b>	New York City Health and Hospitals/Jacobi
<b>Phone Number:</b>	(718) 718-5000
<b>Address:</b>	1400 Pelham Parkway, Bronx, New York 10461
<b>Directions:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Turn right out of the Site, heading north on Metcalf Avenue.</li> <li>2. Turn right onto East 175<sup>th</sup> Street.</li> <li>3. Turn left onto Fteley Avenue.</li> <li>4. Turn right onto Cross Bronx Expressway.</li> <li>5. Keep left to stay on Cross Bronx Expressway.</li> <li>6. Use the right lane to take Bronx River Parkway North (towards White Plains).</li> <li>7. Merge onto the Bronx River Parkway Northbound.</li> <li>8. Take Exit 7E on the right for Pelham Parkway and Continue onto Pelham Parkway.</li> <li>9. The emergency room entrance will be on the right.</li> </ol>

#### 3.2 EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Company	Individual Name	Title	Contact Number
AKRF	Deborah Shapiro	Project Manager	646-388-9544 (office)
	Amy Jordan	Project Manager (Alternate)	646-388-9864 (office)
	Amy Jackson	Site Safety Officer (SSO)	970-773-6829 (cell)
	Tara Simmons	SSO (Alternate)	828-550-2612 (cell)
JV Associates LLC	Michael Wadman	Client Representative	646-388-8216 (office)
Ambulance, Fire Department & Police Department	-	-	911
NYSDEC Spill Hotline	-	-	800-457-7362

**4.0 APPROVAL & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF HASP**

**APPROVAL**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
AKRF Project Manager

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
AKRF Health and Safety Officer

Below is an affidavit that must be signed by all workers who enter the site. A copy of the HASP must be on-site at all times and will be kept by the SSO.

**AFFIDAVIT**

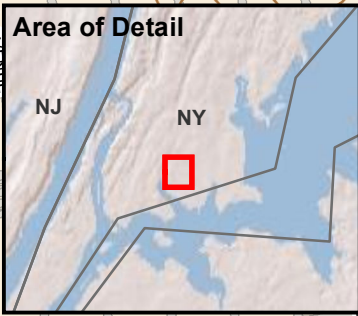
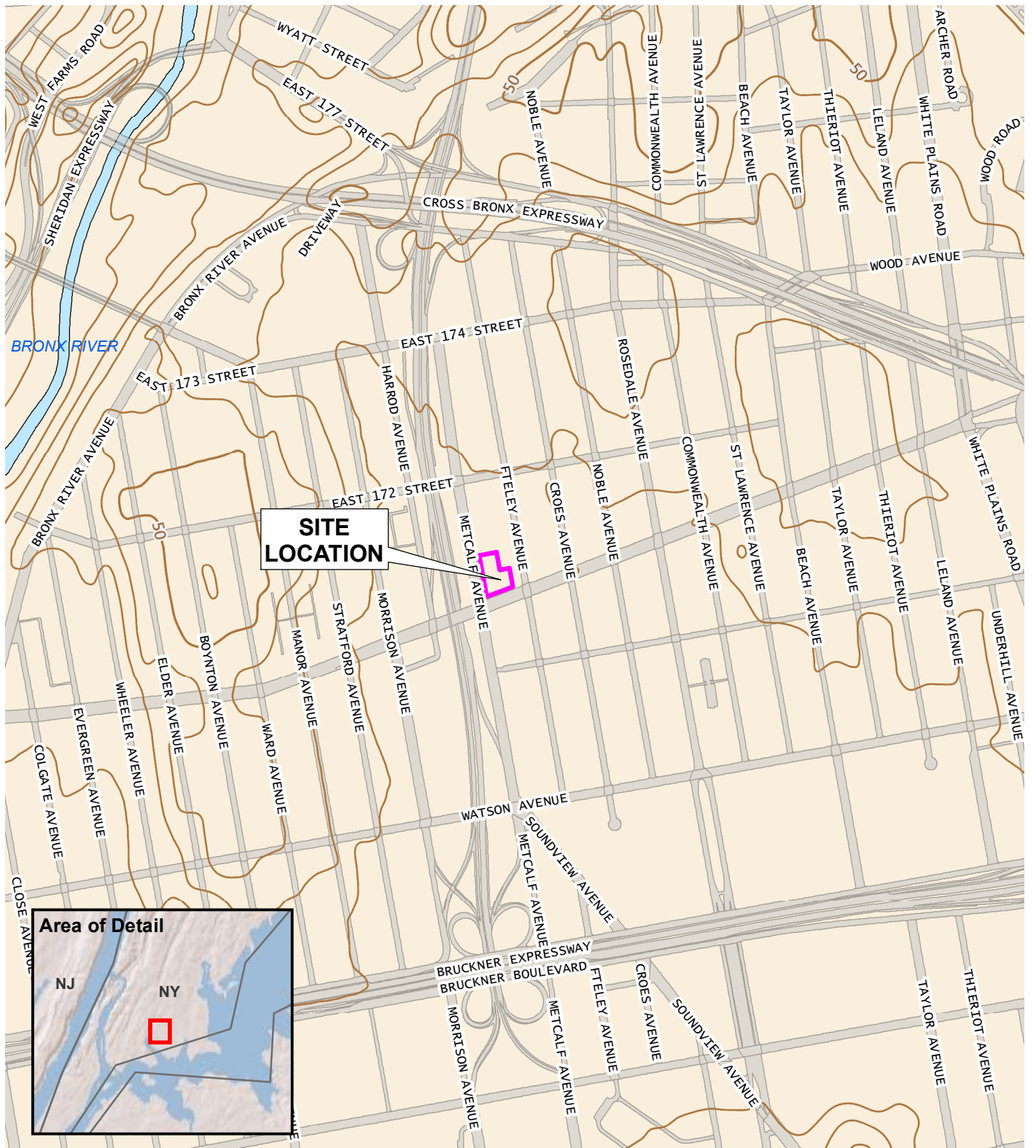
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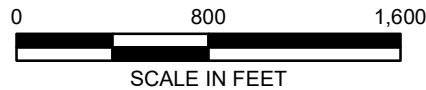


**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION**

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**1675 Westchester Avenue**  
Bronx, New York

**SITE LOCATION**

DATE

**11/2/2017**

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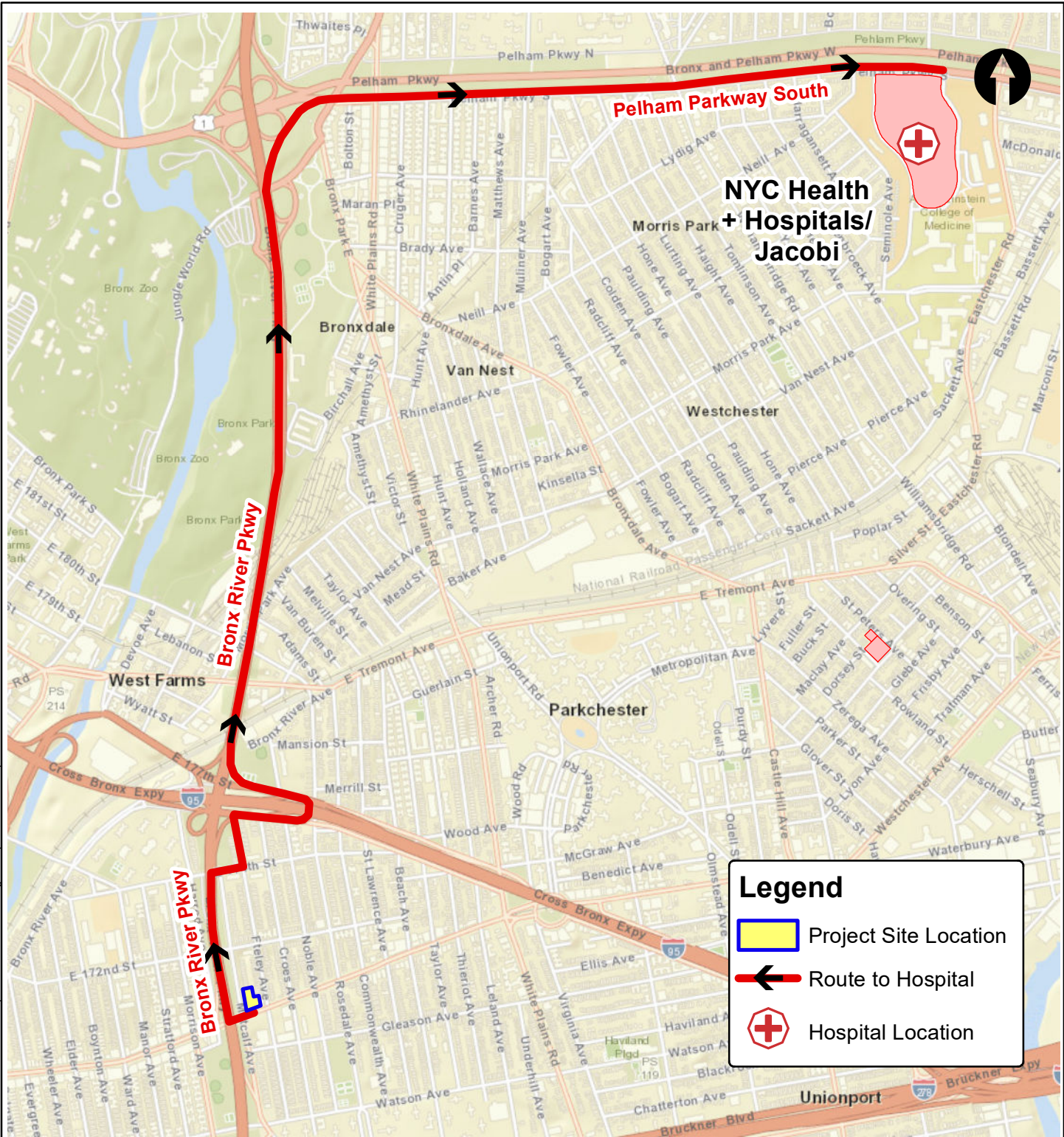
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**FIGURE 2**  
**HOSPITAL ROUTE MAP**



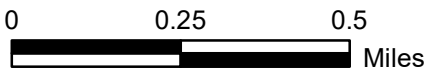


**Legend**

-  Project Site Location
-  Route to Hospital
-  Hospital Location

1400 Pelham Parkway South  
 Bronx, NY 10461  
 (718) 918-5000

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**HOSPITAL LOCATION MAP**

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**APPENDIX A**  
**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS FROM ON-SITE CONTAMINANTS**

This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about arsenic. For more information, call the CDC Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It is important you understand this information because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Exposure to higher than average levels of arsenic occur mostly in the workplace, near hazardous waste sites, or in areas with high natural levels. At high levels, inorganic arsenic can cause death. Exposure to lower levels for a long time can cause a discoloration of the skin and the appearance of small corns or warts. Arsenic has been found in at least 1,149 of the 1,684 National Priority List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What is arsenic?

Arsenic is a naturally occurring element widely distributed in the earth's crust. In the environment, arsenic is combined with oxygen, chlorine, and sulfur to form inorganic arsenic compounds. Arsenic in animals and plants combines with carbon and hydrogen to form organic arsenic compounds.

Inorganic arsenic compounds are mainly used to preserve wood. Copper chromated arsenate (CCA) is used to make "pressure-treated" lumber. CCA is no longer used in the U.S. for residential uses; it is still used in industrial applications. Organic arsenic compounds are used as pesticides, primarily on cotton fields and orchards.

## What happens to arsenic when it enters the environment?

- Arsenic occurs naturally in soil and minerals and may enter the air, water, and land from wind-blown dust and may get into water from runoff and leaching.
- Arsenic cannot be destroyed in the environment. It can only change its form.
- Rain and snow remove arsenic dust particles from the air.
- Many common arsenic compounds can dissolve in water. Most of the arsenic in water will ultimately end up in soil or sediment.
- Fish and shellfish can accumulate arsenic; most of this arsenic is in an organic form called arsenobetaine that is much less harmful.

## How might I be exposed to arsenic?

- Ingesting small amounts present in your food and water or breathing air containing arsenic.
- Breathing sawdust or burning smoke from wood treated with arsenic.
- Living in areas with unusually high natural levels of arsenic in rock.
- Working in a job that involves arsenic production or use, such as copper or lead smelting, wood treating, or pesticide application.

## How can arsenic affect my health?

Breathing high levels of inorganic arsenic can give you a sore throat or irritated lungs.

Ingesting very high levels of arsenic can result in death. Exposure to lower levels can cause nausea and vomiting, decreased production of red and white blood cells, abnormal heart rhythm, damage to blood vessels, and a sensation of "pins and needles" in hands and feet.

Ingesting or breathing low levels of inorganic arsenic for a long time can cause a darkening of the skin and the appearance of small "corns" or "warts" on the palms, soles, and torso.

Skin contact with inorganic arsenic may cause redness and swelling.

Almost nothing is known regarding health effects of organic arsenic compounds in humans. Studies in animals show that some simple organic arsenic



# Arsenic

**CAS # 7440-38-2**

compounds are less toxic than inorganic forms. Ingestion of methyl and dimethyl compounds can cause diarrhea and damage to the kidneys.

## How likely is arsenic to cause cancer?

Several studies have shown that ingestion of inorganic arsenic can increase the risk of skin cancer and cancer in the liver, bladder, and lungs. Inhalation of inorganic arsenic can cause increased risk of lung cancer. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the EPA have determined that inorganic arsenic is a known human carcinogen. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that inorganic arsenic is carcinogenic to humans.

## How can arsenic affect children?

There is some evidence that long-term exposure to arsenic in children may result in lower IQ scores. There is also some evidence that exposure to arsenic in the womb and early childhood may increase mortality in young adults.

There is some evidence that inhaled or ingested arsenic can injure pregnant women or their unborn babies, although the studies are not definitive. Studies in animals show that large doses of arsenic that cause illness in pregnant females, can also cause low birth weight, fetal malformations, and even fetal death. Arsenic can cross the placenta and has been found in fetal tissues. Arsenic is found at low levels in breast milk.

## How can families reduce the risks of exposure to arsenic?

- If you use arsenic-treated wood in home projects, you should wear dust masks, gloves, and protective clothing to decrease exposure to sawdust.
- If you live in an area with high levels of arsenic in water or soil, you should use cleaner sources of water and limit contact with soil.

- If you work in a job that may expose you to arsenic, be aware that you may carry arsenic home on your clothing, skin, hair, or tools. Be sure to shower and change clothes before going home.

## Is there a medical test to determine whether I've been exposed to arsenic?

There are tests available to measure arsenic in your blood, urine, hair, and fingernails. The urine test is the most reliable test for arsenic exposure within the last few days. Tests on hair and fingernails can measure exposure to high levels of arsenic over the past 6-12 months. These tests can determine if you have been exposed to above-average levels of arsenic. They cannot predict whether the arsenic levels in your body will affect your health.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The EPA has set limits on the amount of arsenic that industrial sources can release to the environment and has restricted or cancelled many of the uses of arsenic in pesticides. EPA has set a limit of 0.01 parts per million (ppm) for arsenic in drinking water.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set a permissible exposure limit (PEL) of 10 micrograms of arsenic per cubic meter of workplace air ( $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) for 8 hour shifts and 40 hour work weeks.

## References

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). 2007. Toxicological Profile for Arsenic (Update). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service.

## Where can I get more information?

For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Division of Toxicology and Human Health Sciences, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop F-57, Atlanta, GA 30329-4027.

Phone: 1-800-232-4636

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ATSDR can tell you where to find occupational and environmental health clinics. Their specialists can recognize, evaluate, and treat illnesses resulting from exposure to hazardous substances. You can also contact your community or state health or environmental quality department if you have any more questions or concerns.

This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about barium and barium compounds. For more information, call the ATSDR Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It is important you understand this information because these substances may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**HIGHLIGHTS: Exposure to barium occurs mostly in the workplace or from drinking contaminated water. Ingesting drinking water containing levels of barium above the EPA drinking water guidelines for relatively short periods of time can cause gastrointestinal disturbances and muscle weakness. Ingesting high levels for a long time can damage the kidneys. Barium and barium compounds have been found in at least 798 of the 1,684 National Priority List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**

#### What is barium?

Barium is a silvery-white metal which exists in nature only in ores containing mixtures of elements. It combines with other chemicals such as sulfur or carbon and oxygen to form barium compounds.

Barium compounds are used by the oil and gas industries to make drilling muds. Drilling muds make it easier to drill through rock by keeping the drill bit lubricated. They are also used to make paint, bricks, ceramics, glass, and rubber.

Barium sulfate is sometimes used by doctors to perform medical tests and to take x-rays of the gastrointestinal tract.

#### What happens to barium when it enters the environment?

- Barium gets into the air during the mining, refining, and production of barium compounds, and from the burning of coal and oil.
- The length of time that barium will last in air, land, water, or sediments depends on the form of barium released.
- Barium compounds, such as barium sulfate and barium carbonate, which do not dissolve well in water, can last a long time in the environment.
- Barium compounds, such as barium chloride, barium nitrate, or barium hydroxide, that dissolve easily in water usually do not last in these forms for a long time in the environment. The barium in these compounds that is dissolved in water quickly combines with sulfate or carbonate that are naturally found in water and become

the longer lasting forms (barium sulfate and barium carbonate).

- Fish and aquatic organisms can accumulate barium.

#### How might I be exposed to barium?

- Ingesting small amounts present in your food and water or breathing air containing very low levels of barium.
- Living in areas with unusually high natural levels of barium in the drinking water.
- Working in a job that involves barium production or use.
- Living or working near waste sites where barium has been disposed of.

#### How can barium affect my health?

The health effects of the different barium compounds depend on how well the compound dissolves in water or in the stomach contents. Barium compounds that do not dissolve well, such as barium sulfate, are not generally harmful.

Barium has been found to potentially cause gastrointestinal disturbances and muscular weakness when people are exposed to it at levels above the EPA drinking water standards for relatively short periods of time. Some people who eat or drink amounts of barium above background levels found in food and water for a short period may experience vomiting, abdominal cramps, diarrhea, difficulties in breathing, increased or decreased blood pressure, numbness around the face, and muscle weakness. Eating or drinking very large amounts of barium compounds that easily dissolve can cause changes in heart



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rhythm or paralysis and possibly death. Animals that drank barium over long periods had damage to the kidneys, decreases in body weight, and some died.

#### How likely is barium to cause cancer?

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) have not classified barium as to its carcinogenicity. The EPA has determined that barium is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans following ingestion and that there is insufficient information to determine whether it will be carcinogenic to humans following inhalation exposure.

#### How can barium affect children?

We do not know whether children will be more or less sensitive than adults to barium toxicity. A study in rats that swallowed barium found a decrease in newborn body weight; we do not know if a similar effect would be seen in humans.

#### How can families reduce the risk of exposure to barium?

- The greatest potential source of barium exposure is through food and drinking water. However, the amount of barium in foods and drinking water are typically too low to be of concern.

#### Is there a medical test to determine whether I've been exposed to barium?

There is no routine medical test to determine whether you have been exposed to barium. Doctors can measure barium in body tissues and fluids, such as bones, blood, urine, and feces, using very complex instruments. These tests cannot be used to predict the extent of the exposure or potential health effects.

The geometric mean barium level measured in the U.S. general population aged 6 and older is reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as 1.56 µg/g creatinine (measured in urine).

#### Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The EPA has set a limit of 2.0 milligrams of barium per liter of drinking water (2.0 mg/L), which is the same as 2 ppm.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) of 0.5 milligrams of soluble barium compounds per cubic meter of workplace air (0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) for 8 hour shifts and 40 hour work weeks. The OSHA limits for barium sulfate dust are 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> of total dust and 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for respirable fraction.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has set Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs) of 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for soluble barium compounds. The NIOSH has set RELs of 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (total dust) for barium sulfate and 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable fraction).

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Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). 2007. Toxicological Profile for Barium and Compounds (*Update*). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Public Health and Human Services, Public Health Service.

[http://www.cdc.gov/exposurereport/pdf/FourthReport\\_UpdatedTables\\_Sep2012.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/exposurereport/pdf/FourthReport_UpdatedTables_Sep2012.pdf)

**Where can I get more information?** For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Division of Toxicology and Human Health Sciences, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop F-57, Atlanta, GA 30333. Phone: 1-800-232-4636, FAX: 770-488-4178. ToxFAQs Internet address via WWW is <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp>. ATSDR can tell you where to find occupational and environmental health clinics. Their specialists can recognize, evaluate, and treat illnesses resulting from exposure to hazardous substances. You can also contact your community or state health or environmental quality department if you have any more questions or concerns.



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**HIGHLIGHTS:** Exposure to cadmium happens mostly in the workplace where cadmium products are made. The general population is exposed from breathing cigarette smoke or eating cadmium contaminated foods. Cadmium damages the kidneys, lungs, and bones. Cadmium has been found in at least 1,014 of the 1,669 National Priorities List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What is cadmium?

Cadmium is a natural element in the earth's crust. It is usually found as a mineral combined with other elements such as oxygen (cadmium oxide), chlorine (cadmium chloride), or sulfur (cadmium sulfate, cadmium sulfide).

All soils and rocks, including coal and mineral fertilizers, contain some cadmium. Most cadmium used in the United States is extracted during the production of other metals like zinc, lead, and copper. Cadmium does not corrode easily and has many uses, including batteries, pigments, metal coatings, and plastics.

## What happens to cadmium when it enters the environment?

- Cadmium enters soil, water, and air from mining, industry, and burning coal and household wastes.
- Cadmium does not break down in the environment, but can change forms.
- Cadmium particles in air can travel long distances before falling to the ground or water.
- Some forms of cadmium dissolve in water.
- Cadmium binds strongly to soil particles.
- Fish, plants, and animals take up cadmium from the environment.

## How might I be exposed to cadmium?

- Eating foods containing cadmium; low levels are found in all foods (highest levels are found in leafy vegetables, grains, legumes, and kidney meat).
- Smoking cigarettes or breathing cigarette smoke.
- Breathing contaminated workplace air.
- Drinking contaminated water.
- Living near industrial facilities which release cadmium into the air.

## How can cadmium affect my health?

Breathing high levels of cadmium can severely damage the lungs. Eating food or drinking water with very high levels severely irritates the stomach, leading to vomiting and diarrhea.

Long-term exposure to lower levels of cadmium in air, food, or water leads to a buildup of cadmium in the kidneys and possible kidney disease. Other long-term effects are lung damage and fragile bones.

## How likely is cadmium to cause cancer?

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) have determined that cadmium and cadmium compounds are human carcinogens. The EPA determined that cadmium is a probable human carcinogen (group B1).

# Cadmium

CAS # 7440-43-9

## How can cadmium affect children?

The health effects in children are expected to be similar to the effects seen in adults (kidney and lung damage depending on the route of exposure).

A few studies in animals indicate that younger animals absorb more cadmium than adults. Animal studies also indicate that the young are more susceptible than adults to a loss of bone and decreased bone strength from exposure to cadmium.

We don't know if cadmium causes birth defects in people. Studies in animals exposed to high levels of cadmium during pregnancy have resulted in harmful effects to the young. Young animals exposed to cadmium before birth have shown effects on behavior and learning. There is also some information from animal studies that high enough exposures to cadmium before birth can reduce body weights and affect the skeleton in the developing young.

## How can families reduce the risk of exposure to cadmium?

- Do not allow children to play with batteries. Dispose of nickel-cadmium batteries properly.
- Cadmium is a component of tobacco smoke. Avoid smoking and smoking in enclosed spaces like inside the home or car in order to limit exposure to children and other family members.
- If you work with cadmium, use all safety precautions to avoid carrying cadmium-containing dust home from work on your clothing, skin, hair, or tools.
- A balanced diet can reduce the amount of cadmium taken into the body from food and drink.

## Is there a medical test to determine whether I've been exposed to cadmium?

Cadmium can be measured in blood, urine, hair, or nails. Urinary cadmium has been shown to accurately reflect the amount of cadmium in the body.

The amount of cadmium in your blood shows your recent exposure to cadmium. The amount of cadmium in your urine shows both your recent and your past exposure.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The EPA has determined that exposure to cadmium in drinking water at concentrations of 0.04 milligrams per liter (0.04 mg/L) for up to 10 days is not expected to cause any adverse effects in a child.

The EPA has determined that lifetime exposure to 0.005 mg/L cadmium is not expected to cause any adverse effects.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined that the cadmium concentration in bottled drinking water should not exceed 0.005 mg/L.

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) has limited workers' exposure to an average of 5 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for an 8-hour workday, 40-hour workweek.

## References

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). 2012. Toxicological Profile for Cadmium. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service.

## Where can I get more information?

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**This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about copper. For more information, call the ATSDR Information Center at 1-888-422-8737. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It is important you understand this information because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.**

**HIGHLIGHTS: Copper is a metal that occurs naturally in the environment, and also in plants and animals. Low levels of copper are essential for maintaining good health. High levels can cause harmful effects such as irritation of the nose, mouth and eyes, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, and even death. Copper has been found in at least 906 of the 1,647 National Priority Sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**

### **What is copper?**

Copper is a metal that occurs naturally throughout the environment, in rocks, soil, water, and air. Copper is an essential element in plants and animals (including humans), which means it is necessary for us to live. Therefore, plants and animals must absorb some copper from eating, drinking, and breathing.

Copper is used to make many different kinds of products like wire, plumbing pipes, and sheet metal. U.S. pennies made before 1982 are made of copper, while those made after 1982 are only coated with copper. Copper is also combined with other metals to make brass and bronze pipes and faucets.

Copper compounds are commonly used in agriculture to treat plant diseases like mildew, for water treatment and, as preservatives for wood, leather, and fabrics.

### **What happens to copper when it enters the environment?**

- Copper is released into the environment by mining, farming, and manufacturing operations and through waste water releases into rivers and lakes. Copper is also released from natural sources, like volcanoes, windblown dusts, decaying vegetation, and forest fires.
- Copper released into the environment usually attaches to particles made of organic matter, clay, soil, or sand.
- Copper does not break down in the environment. Copper

compounds can break down and release free copper into the air, water, and foods.

### **How might I be exposed to copper?**

- You may be exposed to copper from breathing air, drinking water, eating foods, or having skin contact with copper, particulates attached to copper, or copper-containing compounds.
- Drinking water may have high levels of copper if your house has copper pipes and acidic water.
- Lakes and rivers that have been treated with copper compounds to control algae, or that receive cooling water from power plants, can have high levels of copper. Soils can also contain high levels of copper, especially if they are near copper smelting plants.
- You may be exposed to copper by ingesting copper-containing fungicides, or if you live near a copper mine or where copper is processed into bronze or brass.
- You may be exposed to copper if you work in copper mines or if you grind metals containing copper.

### **How can copper affect my health?**

Everyone must absorb small amounts of copper every day because copper is essential for good health. High levels of copper can be harmful. Breathing high levels of copper can cause irritation of your nose and throat. Ingesting high levels of copper can cause nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Very-high doses of copper can cause damage to your liver and kidneys, and can even cause death.

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### **How likely is copper to cause cancer?**

We do not know whether copper can cause cancer in humans. The EPA has determined that copper is not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity.

### **How can copper affect children?**

Exposure to high levels of copper will result in the same type of effects in children and adults. We do not know if these effects would occur at the same dose level in children and adults. Studies in animals suggest that the young children may have more severe effects than adults, but we don't know if this would also be true in humans. There is a very small percentage of infants and children who are unusually sensitive to copper.

We do not know if copper can cause birth defects or other developmental effects in humans. Studies in animals suggest that high levels of copper may cause a decrease in fetal growth.

### **How can families reduce the risk of exposure to copper?**

The most likely place to be exposed to copper is through drinking water, especially if your water is corrosive and you have copper pipes in your house. The best way to lower the level of copper in your drinking water is to let the water run for at least 15 seconds first thing in the morning before drinking or using it. This reduces the levels of copper in tap water dramatically.

If you work with copper, wear the necessary protective clothing and equipment, and always follow safety procedures. Shower and change your clothes before going home each day.

### **Is there a medical test to show whether I've been exposed to copper?**

Copper is found throughout the body; in hair, nails, blood, urine, and other tissues. High levels of copper in these samples can show that you have been exposed to higher-than normal levels of copper. These tests cannot tell whether you will experience harmful effects. Tests to measure copper levels in the body are not usually available at a doctor's office because they require special equipment, but the doctor can send samples to a specialty laboratory.

### **Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?**

The EPA requires that levels of copper in drinking water be less than 1.3 mg of copper per one liter of drinking water (1.3 mg/L).

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has set the recommended daily allowance for copper at 900 micrograms of copper per day ( $\mu\text{g/day}$ ) for people older than eight years old.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that levels of copper in the air in workplaces not exceed 0.1 mg of copper fumes per cubic meter of air ( $0.1 \text{ mg/m}^3$ ) and  $1.0 \text{ mg/m}^3$  for copper dusts.

### **Reference**

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). 2004. Toxicological Profile for Copper. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service.

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**HIGHLIGHTS:** Exposure to chromium occurs from ingesting contaminated food or drinking water or breathing contaminated workplace air. Chromium(VI) at high levels can damage the nose and cause cancer. Ingesting high levels of chromium(VI) may result in anemia or damage to the stomach or intestines. Chromium(III) is an essential nutrient. Chromium has been found in at least 1,127 of the 1,669 National Priorities List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What is chromium?

Chromium is a naturally occurring element found in rocks, animals, plants, and soil. It can exist in several different forms. Depending on the form it takes, it can be a liquid, solid, or gas. The most common forms are chromium(0), chromium(III), and chromium(VI). No taste or odor is associated with chromium compounds.

The metal chromium, which is the chromium(0) form, is used for making steel. Chromium(VI) and chromium(III) are used for chrome plating, dyes and pigments, leather tanning, and wood preserving.

## What happens to chromium when it enters the environment?

- Chromium can be found in air, soil, and water after release from the manufacture, use, and disposal of chromium-based products, and during the manufacturing process.
- Chromium does not usually remain in the atmosphere, but is deposited into the soil and water.
- Chromium can easily change from one form to another in water and soil, depending on the conditions present.
- Fish do not accumulate much chromium in their bodies from water.

## How might I be exposed to chromium?

- Eating food containing chromium(III).
- Breathing contaminated workplace air or skin contact during use in the workplace.

- Drinking contaminated well water.
- Living near uncontrolled hazardous waste sites containing chromium or industries that use chromium.

## How can chromium affect my health?

Chromium(III) is an essential nutrient that helps the body use sugar, protein, and fat.

Breathing high levels of chromium(VI) can cause irritation to the lining of the nose, nose ulcers, runny nose, and breathing problems, such as asthma, cough, shortness of breath, or wheezing. The concentrations of chromium in air that can cause these effects may be different for different types of chromium compounds, with effects occurring at much lower concentrations for chromium(VI) compared to chromium(III).

The main health problems seen in animals following ingestion of chromium(VI) compounds are irritation and ulcers in the stomach and small intestine and anemia. Chromium(III) compounds are much less toxic and do not appear to cause these problems.

Sperm damage and damage to the male reproductive system have also been seen in laboratory animals exposed to chromium(VI).

Skin contact with certain chromium(VI) compounds can cause skin ulcers. Some people are extremely sensitive to chromium(VI) or chromium(III). Allergic reactions consisting of severe redness and swelling of the skin have been noted.



# Chromium

CAS # 7440-47-3

## How likely is chromium to cause cancer?

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), and the EPA have determined that chromium(VI) compounds are known human carcinogens.

In workers, inhalation of chromium(VI) has been shown to cause lung cancer. Chromium(VI) also causes lung cancer in animals. An increase in stomach tumors was observed in humans and animals exposed to chromium(VI) in drinking water.

## How can chromium affect children?

It is likely that health effects seen in children exposed to high amounts of chromium will be similar to the effects seen in adults.

We do not know if exposure to chromium will result in birth defects or other developmental effects in people. Some developmental effects have been observed in animals exposed to chromium(VI).

## How can families reduce the risk of exposure to chromium?

- Children should avoid playing in soils near uncontrolled hazardous waste sites where chromium may have been discarded.
- Chromium is a component of tobacco smoke. Avoid smoking in enclosed spaces like inside the home or car in order to limit exposure to children and other family members.
- Although chromium(III) is an essential nutrient, you should avoid excessive use of dietary supplements containing chromium.

## Is there a medical test to determine whether I've been exposed to chromium?

Since chromium(III) is an essential element and naturally occurs in food, there will always be some level of chromium in your body. Chromium can be measured in hair, urine, and blood.

Higher than normal levels of chromium in blood or urine may indicate that a person has been exposed to chromium. However, increases in blood and urine chromium levels cannot be used to predict the kind of health effects that might develop from that exposure.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The EPA has established a maximum contaminant level of 0.1 mg/L for total chromium in drinking water.

The FDA has determined that the chromium concentration in bottled drinking water should not exceed 0.1 mg/L.

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) has limited workers' exposure to an average of 0.005 mg/m<sup>3</sup> chromium(VI), 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> chromium(III), and 1.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup> chromium(0) for an 8-hour workday, 40-hour workweek.

## References

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). 2012. Toxicological Profile for Chromium. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service.

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# DDT, DDE, and DDD - ToxFAQs™

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This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about DDT, DDE, and DDD. For more information, call the CDC Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It is important you understand this information because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Exposure to DDT, DDE, and DDD occurs mostly from eating foods containing small amounts of these compounds, particularly meat, fish and poultry. High levels of DDT can affect the nervous system causing excitability, tremors and seizures. In women, DDE can cause a reduction in the duration of lactation and an increased chance of having a premature baby. DDT, DDE, and DDD have been found in at least 442 of the 1,613 National Priorities List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What are DDT, DDE, and DDD?

DDT (dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane) is a pesticide once widely used to control insects in agriculture and insects that carry diseases such as malaria. DDT is a white, crystalline solid with no odor or taste. Its use in the U.S. was banned in 1972 because of damage to wildlife, but is still used in some countries.

DDE (dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene) and DDD (dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane) are chemicals similar to DDT that contaminate commercial DDT preparations. DDE has no commercial use. DDD was also used to kill pests, but its use has also been banned. One form of DDD has been used medically to treat cancer of the adrenal gland.

## What happens to DDT, DDE, and DDD when they enter the environment?

- DDT entered the environment when it was used as a pesticide; it still enters the environment due to current use in other countries.
- DDE enters the environment as contaminant or breakdown product of DDT; DDD also enters the environment as a breakdown product of DDT.
- DDT, DDE, and DDD in air are rapidly broken down by sunlight. Half of what's in air breaks down within 2 days.
- They stick strongly to soil; most DDT in soil is broken down slowly to DDE and DDD by microorganisms; half the DDT in soil will break down in 2–15 years, depending on the type of soil.
- Only a small amount will go through the soil into groundwater; they do not dissolve easily in water.
- DDT, and especially DDE, build up in plants and in fatty tissues of fish, birds, and other animals.

## How might I be exposed to DDT, DDE, and DDD?

- Eating contaminated foods, such as root and leafy vegetables, fatty meat, fish, and poultry, but levels are very low.
- Eating contaminated imported foods from countries that still allow the use of DDT to control pests.
- Breathing contaminated air or drinking contaminated water near waste sites and landfills that may contain higher levels of these chemicals.
- Infants fed on breast milk from mothers who have been exposed.
- Breathing or swallowing soil particles near waste sites or landfills that contain these chemicals.

## How can DDT, DDE, and DDD affect my health?

DDT affects the nervous system. People who accidentally swallowed large amounts of DDT became excitable and had tremors and seizures. These effects went away after the exposure stopped. No effects were seen in people who took small daily doses of DDT by capsule for 18 months. A study in humans showed that women who had high amounts of a form of DDE in their breast milk were unable to breast feed their babies for as long as women who had little DDE in the breast milk. Another study in humans showed that women who had high amounts of DDE in the blood had an increased chance of having premature babies. In animals, short-term exposure to large amounts of DDT in food affected the nervous system, while long-term exposure to smaller amounts affected the liver. Also in animals, short-term oral exposure to small amounts of DDT or its breakdown products may also have harmful effects on reproduction.



# DDT, DDE, and DDD - ToxFAQs™

CAS # 50-29-3, 72-55-9, 72-54-8

## How likely are DDT, DDE, and DDD to cause cancer?

Studies in DDT-exposed workers did not show increases in cancer. Studies in animals given DDT with the food have shown that DDT can cause liver cancer.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) determined that DDT may reasonable be anticipated to be a human carcinogen.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) determined that DDT may possibly cause cancer in humans. The EPA determined that DDT, DDE, and DDD are probable human carcinogens.

## How can DDT, DDE, and DDD affect children?

There are no studies on the health effects of children exposed to DDT, DDE, or DDD. We can assume that children exposed to large amounts of DDT will have health effects similar to the effects seen in adults. However, we do not know whether children differ from adults in their susceptibility to these substances.

There is no evidence that DDT, DDE, or DDD cause birth defects in people. A study showed that teenage boys whose mothers had higher DDE amounts in the blood when they were pregnant were taller than those whose mothers had lower DDE levels. However, a different study found the opposite in preteen girls. The reason for the discrepancy between these studies is unknown.

Studies in rats have shown that DDT and DDE can mimic the action of natural hormones and in this way affect the development of the reproductive and nervous systems. Puberty was delayed in male rats given high amounts of DDE as juveniles. This could possibly happen in humans.

A study in mice showed that exposure to DDT during the first weeks of life may cause neurobehavioral problems later in life.

## How can families reduce the risk of exposure to DDT, DDE, and DDE?

- Most families will be exposed to DDT by eating food or drinking liquids contaminated with small amounts of DDT.
- Cooking will reduce the amount of DDT in fish.
- Washing fruit and vegetables will remove most DDT from their surface.
- Follow health advisories that tell you about consumption of fish and wildlife caught in contaminated areas.

## Is there a medical test to show whether I've been exposed to DDT, DDE, and DDD?

Laboratory tests can detect DDT, DDE, and DDD in fat, blood, urine, semen, and breast milk. These tests may show low, moderate, or excessive exposure to these compounds, but cannot tell the exact amount you were exposed to, or whether you will experience adverse effects. These tests are not routinely available at the doctor's office because they require special equipment.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sets a limit of 1 milligram of DDT per cubic meter of air (1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) in the workplace for an 8-hour shift, 40-hour workweek.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has set limits for DDT, DDE, and DDD in foodstuff at or above which the agency will take legal action to remove the products from the market.

## References

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). 2002. Toxicological Profile for DDT/DDE/DDD (Update). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service.

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**HIGHLIGHTS:** Exposure to aldrin and dieldrin happens mostly from eating contaminated foods, such as root crops, fish, or seafood. Aldrin and dieldrin build up in the body after years of exposure and can affect the nervous system. Aldrin has been found in at least 207 of the 1,613 National Priorities List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Dieldrin has been found in at least 287 of the 1,613 sites.

## What are aldrin and dieldrin?

Aldrin and dieldrin are insecticides with similar chemical structures. They are discussed together in this fact sheet because aldrin quickly breaks down to dieldrin in the body and in the environment. Pure aldrin and dieldrin are white powders with a mild chemical odor. The less pure commercial powders have a tan color. Neither substance occurs naturally in the environment.

From the 1950s until 1970, aldrin and dieldrin were widely used pesticides for crops like corn and cotton. Because of concerns about damage to the environment and potentially to human health, EPA banned all uses of aldrin and dieldrin in 1974, except to control termites. In 1987, EPA banned all uses.

## What happens to aldrin and dieldrin when they enter the environment?

- Sunlight and bacteria change aldrin to dieldrin so that we mostly find dieldrin in the environment.
- They bind tightly to soil and slowly evaporate to the air.
- Dieldrin in soil and water breaks down very slowly.
- Plants take in and store aldrin and dieldrin from the soil.
- Aldrin rapidly changes to dieldrin in plants and animals.
- Dieldrin is stored in the fat and leaves the body very slowly.

## How might I be exposed to aldrin or dieldrin?

- Dieldrin is everywhere in the environment, but at very low levels.

- Eating food like fish or shellfish from lakes or streams contaminated with either chemical, or contaminated root crops, dairy products, or meats.
- Air, surface water, or soil near waste sites may contain higher levels.
- Living in homes that were once treated with aldrin or dieldrin to control termites.

## How can aldrin and dieldrin affect my health?

People who have intentionally or accidentally ingested large amounts of aldrin or dieldrin have suffered convulsions and some died. Health effects may also occur after a longer period of exposure to smaller amounts because these chemicals build up in the body.

Some workers exposed to moderate levels in the air for a long time had headaches, dizziness, irritability, vomiting, and uncontrolled muscle movements. Workers removed from the source of exposure rapidly recovered from most of these effects.

Animals exposed to high amounts of aldrin or dieldrin also had nervous system effects. In animals, oral exposure to lower levels for a long period also affected the liver and decreased their ability to fight infections. We do not know whether aldrin or dieldrin affect the ability of people to fight disease.

Studies in animals have given conflicting results about whether aldrin and dieldrin affect reproduction in male animals and whether these chemicals may damage the sperm. We do not know whether aldrin or dieldrin affect reproduction in humans.

# Aldrin and Dieldrin

CAS # 309-00-2 and 60-57-1

## How likely are aldrin and dieldrin to cause cancer?

There is no conclusive evidence that aldrin or dieldrin cause cancer in humans. Aldrin and dieldrin have shown to cause liver cancer in mice. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that aldrin and dieldrin are not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity. The EPA has determined that aldrin and dieldrin are probable human carcinogens.

## How can aldrin and dieldrin affect children?

Children can be exposed to aldrin and dieldrin in the same way as adults. There are no known unique exposure pathways for children. Children who swallowed amounts of aldrin or dieldrin much larger than those found in the environment suffered convulsions and some died, as occurred in adults. However, we do not know whether children are more susceptible than adults to the effects of aldrin or dieldrin.

We do not know whether aldrin or dieldrin cause birth defects in humans. Pregnant animals that ingested aldrin or dieldrin had some babies with low birth weight and some with alterations in the skeleton. Dieldrin has been found in human breast milk, therefore, it can be passed to suckling infants.

## How can families reduce their risk for exposure to aldrin and dieldrin?

- Since aldrin and dieldrin are no longer produced or used, exposure to these compounds will occur only from past usage.
- Because aldrin and dieldrin were applied to the basement of some homes for termite protection, before buying a home families should investigate what, if any, pesticides have been used within the home.

## Is there a medical test to show whether I've been exposed to aldrin and dieldrin?

There are laboratory tests that can measure aldrin and dieldrin in your blood, urine, and body tissues. Because aldrin changes to dieldrin fairly quickly in the body, the test has to be done shortly after you are exposed to aldrin. Since dieldrin can stay in the body for months, measurements of dieldrin can be made much longer after exposure to either aldrin or dieldrin. The tests cannot tell you whether harmful health effects will occur. These tests are not routinely available at the doctor's office because they require special equipment.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The EPA limits the amount of aldrin and dieldrin that may be present in drinking water to 0.001 and 0.002 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of water, respectively, for protection against health effects other than cancer. The EPA has determined that a concentration of aldrin and dieldrin of 0.0002 mg/L in drinking water limits the lifetime risk of developing cancer from exposure to each compound to 1 in 10,000.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sets a maximum average of 0.25 milligrams of aldrin and dieldrin per cubic meter of air (0.25 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) in the workplace during an 8-hour shift, 40 hour week. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) also recommends a limit of 0.25 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for both compounds for up to a 10-hour work day, 40-hour week.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates the residues of aldrin and dieldrin in raw foods. The allowable range is from 0 to 0.1 ppm, depending on the type of food product.

## References

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). 2002. Toxicological Profile for Aldrin/Dieldrin. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service.

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**SUMMARY: Fuel oils are liquid mixtures produced from petroleum, and their use mostly involves burning them as fuels. Drinking or breathing fuel oils may cause nausea or nervous system effects. However, exposure under normal use conditions is not likely to be harmful. Fuel oils have been found in at least 26 of the 1,430 National Priorities List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**

## What are fuel oils?

(Pronounced fyoo'el oilz)

Fuel oils are a variety of yellowish to light brown liquid mixtures that come from crude petroleum. Some chemicals found in fuel oils may evaporate easily, while others may more easily dissolve in water.

Fuel oils are produced by different petroleum refining processes, depending on their intended uses. Fuel oils may be used as fuel for engines, lamps, heaters, furnaces, and stoves, or as solvents.

Some commonly found fuel oils include kerosene, diesel fuel, jet fuel, range oil, and home heating oil. These fuel oils differ from one another by their hydrocarbon compositions, boiling point ranges, chemical additives, and uses.

## What happens to fuel oils when they enter the environment?

- Some chemicals found in fuel oils may evaporate into the air from open containers or contaminated soil or water.
- Some chemicals found in fuel oils may dissolve in water after spills to surface waters or leaks from underground storage tanks.

- Some chemicals found in fuel oils may stick to particles in water, which will eventually cause them to settle to the bottom sediment.
- Some of the chemicals found in fuel oils may be broken down slowly in air, water, and soil by sunlight or small organisms.
- Some of the chemicals found in fuel oils may build up significantly in plants and animals.

## How might I be exposed to fuel oils?

- Using a home kerosene heater or stove, or using fuel oils at work.
- Breathing air in home or building basements that has been contaminated with fuel oil vapors entering from the soil.
- Drinking or swimming in water that has been contaminated with fuel oils from a spill or a leaking underground storage tank.
- Touching soil contaminated with fuel oils.
- Using fuel oils to wash paint or grease from skin or equipment.

## How can fuel oils affect my health?

Little information is available about the health effects that may be caused by fuel oils. People who use kerosene

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stoves for cooking do not seem to have any health problems related to their exposure.

Breathing some fuel oils for short periods may cause nausea, eye irritation, increased blood pressure, headache, lightheadedness, loss of appetite, poor coordination, and difficulty concentrating. Breathing diesel fuel vapors for long periods may cause kidney damage and lower your blood's ability to clot.

Drinking small amounts of kerosene may cause vomiting, diarrhea, coughing, stomach swelling and cramps, drowsiness, restlessness, painful breathing, irritability, and unconsciousness. Drinking large amounts of kerosene may cause convulsions, coma, or death. Skin contact with kerosene for short periods may cause itchy, red, sore, or peeling skin.

### How likely are fuel oils to cause cancer?

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that some fuel oils (heavy) may possibly cause cancer in humans, but for other fuel oils (light) there is not enough information to make a determination. IARC has also determined that occupational exposures to fuel oils during petroleum refining are probably carcinogenic in humans.

Some studies with mice have suggested that repeated contact with fuel oils may cause liver or skin cancer. However, other mouse studies have found this not to be the case. No studies are available in other animals or in people on the carcinogenic effects of fuel oils.

### Is there a medical test to show whether I've been exposed to fuel oils?

There is no medical test that shows if you have been exposed to fuel oils. Tests are available to determine if some of

the chemicals commonly found in fuel oils are in your blood. However, the presence of these chemicals in blood may not necessarily mean that you have been exposed to fuel oils.

### Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Air Force Office of Safety and Health (AFOSH) have set a permissible exposure level (PEL) of 400 parts of petroleum distillates per million parts of air (400 ppm) for an 8-hour workday, 40-hour workweek.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recommends that average workplace air levels not exceed 350 milligrams of petroleum distillates per cubic meter of air (350 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) for a 40-hour workweek.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) lists fuel oils as hazardous materials and, therefore, regulates their transportation.

### Glossary

Carcinogenic: Able to cause cancer.

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service.

Evaporate: To change into a vapor or a gas.

Hydrocarbon: Any compound made up of hydrogen and carbon.

Milligram (mg): One thousandth of a gram.

ppm: Parts per million.

Sediment: Mud and debris that have settled to the bottom of a body of water.

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**HIGHLIGHTS:** Exposure to lead can happen from breathing workplace air or dust, eating contaminated foods, or drinking contaminated water. Children can be exposed from eating lead-based paint chips or playing in contaminated soil. Lead can damage the nervous system, kidneys, and reproductive system. Lead has been found in at least 1,272 of the 1,684 National Priority List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What is lead?

Lead is a naturally occurring bluish-gray metal found in small amounts in the earth's crust. Lead can be found in all parts of our environment. Much of it comes from human activities including burning fossil fuels, mining, and manufacturing.

Lead has many different uses. It is used in the production of batteries, ammunition, metal products (solder and pipes), and devices to shield X-rays. Because of health concerns, lead from paints and ceramic products, caulking, and pipe solder has been dramatically reduced in recent years. The use of lead as an additive to gasoline was banned in 1996 in the United States.

## What happens to lead when it enters the environment?

- Lead itself does not break down, but lead compounds are changed by sunlight, air, and water.
- When lead is released to the air, it may travel long distances before settling to the ground.
- Once lead falls onto soil, it usually sticks to soil particles.
- Movement of lead from soil into groundwater will depend on the type of lead compound and the characteristics of the soil.

## How might I be exposed to lead?

- Eating food or drinking water that contains lead. Water pipes in some older homes may contain lead solder. Lead can leach out into the water.
- Spending time in areas where lead-based paints have been used and are deteriorating. Deteriorating lead paint can contribute to lead dust.
- Working in a job where lead is used or engaging in certain hobbies in which lead is used, such as making stained glass.

- Using health-care products or folk remedies that contain lead.

## How can lead affect my health?

The effects of lead are the same whether it enters the body through breathing or swallowing. Lead can affect almost every organ and system in your body. The main target for lead toxicity is the nervous system, both in adults and children. Long-term exposure of adults can result in decreased performance in some tests that measure functions of the nervous system. It may also cause weakness in fingers, wrists, or ankles. Lead exposure also causes small increases in blood pressure, particularly in middle-aged and older people and can cause anemia. Exposure to high lead levels can severely damage the brain and kidneys in adults or children and ultimately cause death. In pregnant women, high-levels of exposure to lead may cause miscarriage. High-level exposure in men can damage the organs responsible for sperm production.

## How likely is lead to cause cancer?

We have no conclusive proof that lead causes cancer in humans. Kidney tumors have developed in rats and mice that had been given large doses of some kind of lead compounds. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has determined that lead and lead compounds are reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogens and the EPA has determined that lead is a probable human carcinogen. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that inorganic lead is probably carcinogenic to humans and that there is insufficient information to determine whether organic lead compounds will cause cancer in humans.

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## How can lead affect children?

Small children can be exposed by eating lead-based paint chips, chewing on objects painted with lead-based paint, or swallowing house dust or soil that contains lead.

Children are more vulnerable to lead poisoning than adults. A child who swallows large amounts of lead may develop blood anemia, severe stomachache, muscle weakness, and brain damage. If a child swallows smaller amounts of lead, much less severe effects on blood and brain function may occur. Even at much lower levels of exposure, lead can affect a child's mental and physical growth.

Exposure to lead is more dangerous for young and unborn children. Unborn children can be exposed to lead through their mothers. Harmful effects include premature births, smaller babies, decreased mental ability in the infant, learning difficulties, and reduced growth in young children. These effects are more common if the mother or baby was exposed to high levels of lead. Some of these effects may persist beyond childhood.

## How can families reduce the risks of exposure to lead?

- Avoid exposure to sources of lead.
- Do not allow children to chew or mouth surfaces that may have been painted with lead-based paint.
- If you have a water lead problem, run or flush water that has been standing overnight before drinking or cooking with it.
- Some types of paints and pigments that are used as make-up or hair coloring contain lead. Keep these kinds of products away from children.
- If your home contains lead-based paint or you live in an area contaminated with lead, wash children's hands and faces often to remove lead dusts and soil, and regularly clean the house of dust and tracked in soil.

## Is there a medical test to determine whether I've been exposed to lead?

A blood test is available to measure the amount of lead in your blood and to estimate the amount of your recent exposure to lead. Blood tests are commonly used to screen children for

lead poisoning. Lead in teeth or bones can be measured by X-ray techniques, but these methods are not widely available. Exposure to lead also can be evaluated by measuring erythrocyte protoporphyrin (EP) in blood samples. EP is a part of red blood cells known to increase when the amount of lead in the blood is high. However, the EP level is not sensitive enough to identify children with elevated blood lead levels below about 25 micrograms per deciliter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ). These tests usually require special analytical equipment that is not available in a doctor's office. However, your doctor can draw blood samples and send them to appropriate laboratories for analysis.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that states test children at ages 1 and 2 years. Children should be tested at ages 3–6 years if they have never been tested for lead, if they receive services from public assistance programs for the poor such as Medicaid or the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children, if they live in a building or frequently visit a house built before 1950; if they visit a home (house or apartment) built before 1978 that has been recently remodeled; and/or if they have a brother, sister, or playmate who has had lead poisoning. CDC has updated its recommendations on children's blood lead levels. Experts now use an upper reference level value of 97.5% of the population distribution for children's blood lead. In 2012-2015, the value to identify children with blood lead levels that are much higher than most children have, is 5 micrograms per deciliter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ). EPA limits lead in drinking water to 15  $\mu\text{g}$  per liter.

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## Where can I get more information?

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This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about manganese. For more information, call the CDC Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It is important you understand this information because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Manganese is a trace element and eating a small amount from food or water is needed to stay healthy. Exposure to excess levels of manganese may occur from breathing air, particularly where manganese is used in manufacturing, and from drinking water and eating food. At high levels, it can cause damage to the brain. Manganese has been found in at least 869 of the 1,669 National Priorities List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What is manganese?

Manganese is a naturally occurring metal that is found in many types of rocks. Pure manganese is silver-colored, but does not occur naturally. It combines with other substances such as oxygen, sulfur, or chlorine. Manganese occurs naturally in most foods and may be added to some foods.

Manganese is used principally in steel production to improve hardness, stiffness, and strength. It may also be used as an additive in gasoline to improve the octane rating of the gas.

## What happens to manganese when it enters the environment?

- Manganese can be released to the air, soil, and water from the manufacture, use, and disposal of manganese-based products.
- Manganese cannot break down in the environment. It can only change its form or become attached to or separated from particles.
- In water, manganese tends to attach to particles in the water or settle into the sediment.
- The chemical state of manganese and the type of soil determine how fast it moves through the soil and how much is retained in the soil.
- The manganese-containing gasoline additive may degrade in the environment quickly when exposed to sunlight, releasing manganese.

## How might I be exposed to manganese?

- The primary way you can be exposed to manganese is by eating food or manganese-containing nutritional supplements. Vegetarians, who consume foods rich in manganese such as grains, beans and nuts, as well as heavy tea drinkers, may have a higher intake of manganese than the average person.
- Certain occupations like welding or working in a factory where steel is made may increase your chances of being exposed to high levels of manganese.
- Manganese is routinely contained in groundwater, drinking water, and soil at low levels. Drinking water containing manganese or swimming or bathing in water containing manganese may expose you to low levels of this chemical.

## How can manganese affect my health?

Manganese is an essential nutrient, and eating a small amount of it each day is important to stay healthy.

The most common health problems in workers exposed to high levels of manganese involve the nervous system. These health effects include behavioral changes and other nervous system effects, which include movements that may become slow and clumsy. This combination of symptoms when sufficiently severe is referred to as "manganism". Other less severe nervous system effects such as slowed hand movements have been observed in some workers exposed to lower concentrations in the work place.



# Manganese

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Exposure to high levels of manganese in air can cause lung irritation and reproductive effects.

Nervous system and reproductive effects have been observed in animals after high oral doses of manganese.

## How likely is manganese to cause cancer?

The EPA concluded that existing scientific information cannot determine whether or not excess manganese can cause cancer.

## How can manganese affect children?

Studies in children have suggested that extremely high levels of manganese exposure may produce undesirable effects on brain development, including changes in behavior and decreases in the ability to learn and remember. We do not know for certain that these changes were caused by manganese alone. We do not know if these changes are temporary or permanent. We do not know whether children are more sensitive than adults to the effects of manganese, but there is some indication from experiments in laboratory animals that they may be.

Studies of manganese workers have not found increases in birth defects or low birth weight in their offspring. No birth defects were observed in animals exposed to manganese.

## How can families reduce the risk of exposure to manganese?

- Children are not likely to be exposed to harmful amounts of manganese in the diet. However, higher-than-usual amounts of manganese may be absorbed if their diet is low in iron. It is important to provide your child with a well-balanced diet.
- Workers exposed to high levels of airborne manganese in certain occupational settings may accumulate manganese dust on their work clothes. Manganese-contaminated work clothing should be

removed before getting into your car or entering your home to help reduce the exposure hazard for yourself and your family.

## Is there a medical test to determine whether I've been exposed to manganese?

Several tests are available to measure manganese in blood, urine, hair, or feces. Because manganese is normally present in our body, some is always found in tissues or fluids.

Because excess manganese is usually removed from the body within a few days, past exposures are difficult to measure with common laboratory tests.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The EPA has determined that exposure to manganese in drinking water at concentrations of 1 mg/L for up to 10 days is not expected to cause any adverse effects in a child.

The EPA has established that lifetime exposure to 0.3 mg/L manganese is not expected to cause any adverse effects.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined that the manganese concentration in bottled drinking water should not exceed 0.05 mg/L.

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) has established a ceiling limit (concentration that should not be exceeded at any time during exposure) of 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for manganese in workplace air.

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## Where can I get more information?

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**HIGHLIGHTS:** Exposure to mercury occurs from breathing contaminated air, ingesting contaminated water and food, and having dental and medical treatments. Mercury, at high levels, may damage the brain, kidneys, and developing fetus. This chemical has been found in at least 714 of 1,467 National Priorities List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What is mercury?

Mercury is a naturally occurring metal which has several forms. The metallic mercury is a shiny, silver-white, odorless liquid. If heated, it is a colorless, odorless gas.

Mercury combines with other elements, such as chlorine, sulfur, or oxygen, to form inorganic mercury compounds or "salts," which are usually white powders or crystals. Mercury also combines with carbon to make organic mercury compounds. The most common one, methylmercury, is produced mainly by microscopic organisms in the water and soil. More mercury in the environment can increase the amounts of methylmercury that these small organisms make.

Metallic mercury is used to produce chlorine gas and caustic soda, and is also used in thermometers, some dental fillings, and batteries. Mercury salts are sometimes used in skin lightening creams and as antiseptic creams and ointments.

## What happens to mercury when it enters the environment?

- Inorganic mercury (metallic mercury and inorganic mercury compounds) enters the air from mining ore deposits, burning coal and waste, and from manufacturing plants.
- It enters the water or soil from natural deposits, disposal of wastes, and volcanic activity.
- Methylmercury may be formed in water and soil by small organisms called bacteria.

- Methylmercury builds up in the tissues of fish. Larger and older fish tend to have the highest levels of mercury.

## How might I be exposed to mercury?

- Eating fish or shellfish contaminated with methylmercury.
- Breathing vapors in air from spills, incinerators, and industries that burn mercury-containing fossil fuels.
- Release of mercury from dental work and medical treatments.
- Breathing contaminated workplace air or skin contact during use in the workplace.
- Practicing rituals that include mercury.

## How can mercury affect my health?

The nervous system is very sensitive to all forms of mercury. Methylmercury and metallic mercury vapors are more harmful than other forms, because more mercury in these forms reaches the brain. Exposure to high levels of metallic, inorganic, or organic mercury can permanently damage the brain, kidneys, and developing fetus. Effects on brain functioning may result in irritability, shyness, tremors, changes in vision or hearing, and memory problems.

Short-term exposure to high levels of metallic mercury vapors may cause effects including lung damage, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, increases in blood pressure or heart rate, skin rashes, and eye irritation.

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## How likely is mercury to cause cancer?

There are inadequate human cancer data available for all forms of mercury. Mercuric chloride has caused increases in several types of tumors in rats and mice, and methylmercury has caused kidney tumors in male mice. The EPA has determined that mercuric chloride and methylmercury are possible human carcinogens.

## How can mercury affect children?

Very young children are more sensitive to mercury than adults. Mercury in the mother's body passes to the fetus and may accumulate there, possibly causing damage to the developing nervous system. It can also pass to a nursing infant through breast milk. However, the benefits of breast feeding may be greater than the possible adverse effects of mercury in breast milk.

Mercury's harmful effects that may affect the fetus include brain damage, mental retardation, incoordination, blindness, seizures, and inability to speak. Children poisoned by mercury may develop problems of their nervous and digestive systems, and kidney damage.

## How can families reduce the risk of exposure to mercury?

Carefully handle and dispose of products that contain mercury, such as thermometers or fluorescent light bulbs. Do not vacuum up spilled mercury, because it will vaporize and increase exposure. If a large amount of mercury has been spilled, contact your health department. Teach children not to play with shiny, silver liquids.

Properly dispose of older medicines that contain mercury. Keep all mercury-containing medicines away from children.

Pregnant women and children should keep away from rooms where liquid mercury has been used.

Learn about wildlife and fish advisories in your area from your public health or natural resources department.

## Is there a medical test to determine whether I've been exposed to mercury?

Tests are available to measure mercury levels in the body. Blood or urine samples are used to test for exposure to metallic mercury and to inorganic forms of mercury. Mercury in whole blood or in scalp hair is measured to determine exposure to methylmercury. Your doctor can take samples and send them to a testing laboratory.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The EPA has set a limit of 2 parts of mercury per billion parts of drinking water (2 ppb).

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has set a maximum permissible level of 1 part of methylmercury in a million parts of seafood (1 ppm).

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set limits of 0.1 milligram of organic mercury per cubic meter of workplace air (0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) and 0.05 mg/m<sup>3</sup> of metallic mercury vapor for 8-hour shifts and 40-hour work weeks.

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This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about nickel. For more information, call the ATSDR Information Center at 1-888-422-8737. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It is important you understand this information because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Nickel is a naturally occurring element. Pure nickel is a hard, silvery-white metal used to make stainless steel and other metal alloys. Skin effects are the most common effects in people who are sensitive to nickel. Workers who breathed very large amounts of nickel compounds developed chronic bronchitis and lung and nasal sinus cancers. Nickel has been found in at least 882 of the 1,662 National Priority List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

### What is nickel?

Nickel is a very abundant natural element. Pure nickel is a hard, silvery-white metal. Nickel can be combined with other metals, such as iron, copper, chromium, and zinc, to form alloys. These alloys are used to make coins, jewelry, and items such as valves and heat exchangers. Most nickel is used to make stainless steel.

Nickel can combine with other elements such as chlorine, sulfur, and oxygen to form nickel compounds. Many nickel compounds dissolve fairly easy in water and have a green color. Nickel compounds are used for nickel plating, to color ceramics, to make some batteries, and as substances known as catalysts that increase the rate of chemical reactions. Nickel is found in all soil and is emitted from volcanoes. Nickel is also found in meteorites and on the ocean floor. Nickel and its compounds have no characteristic odor or taste.

### What happens to nickel when it enters the environment?

- Nickel is released into the atmosphere by industries that make or use nickel, nickel alloys, or nickel compounds. It is also released into the atmosphere by oil-burning power plants, coal-burning power plants, and trash incinerators.
- In the air, it attaches to small particles of dust that settle to the ground or are taken out of the air in rain or snow; this usually takes many days.

- Nickel released in industrial waste water ends up in soil or sediment where it strongly attaches to particles containing iron or manganese.
- Nickel does not appear to accumulate in fish or in other animals used as food.

### How might I be exposed to nickel?

- By eating food containing nickel, which is the major source of exposure for most people.
- By skin contact with soil, bath or shower water, or metals containing nickel, as well as by handling coins or touching jewelry containing nickel.
- By drinking water that contains small amounts of nickel.
- By breathing air or smoking tobacco containing nickel.
- Higher exposure may occur if you work in industries that process or use nickel.

### How can nickel affect my health?

The most common harmful health effect of nickel in humans is an allergic reaction. Approximately 10-20% of the population is sensitive to nickel. People can become sensitive to nickel when jewelry or other things containing it are in direct contact with the skin for a long time. Once a person is sensitized to nickel, further contact with the metal may produce a reaction. The most common reaction is a skin rash at the site of contact. The skin rash may also

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occur at a site away from the site of contact. Less frequently, some people who are sensitive to nickel have asthma attacks following exposure to nickel. Some sensitized people react when they consume food or water containing nickel or breathe dust containing it.

People working in nickel refineries or nickel-processing plants have experienced chronic bronchitis and reduced lung function. These persons breathed amounts of nickel much higher than levels found normally in the environment.

Workers who drank water containing high amounts of nickel had stomach ache and suffered adverse effects to their blood and kidneys.

Damage to the lung and nasal cavity has been observed in rats and mice breathing nickel compounds. Eating or drinking large amounts of nickel has caused lung disease in dogs and rats and has affected the stomach, blood, liver, kidneys, and immune system in rats and mice, as well as their reproduction and development.

### **How likely is nickel to cause cancer?**

Cancers of the lung and nasal sinus have resulted when workers breathed dust containing high levels of nickel compounds while working in nickel refineries or nickel processing plants. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has determined that nickel metal may reasonably be anticipated to be a carcinogen and that nickel compounds are known human carcinogens. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that some nickel compounds are carcinogenic to humans and that metallic nickel may possibly be carcinogenic to humans. The EPA has determined that nickel refinery dust and nickel subsulfide are human carcinogens.

### **How can nickel affect children?**

It is likely that the health effects seen in children exposed to nickel will be similar to those seen in adults. We do not know whether children differ from adults in their susceptibility to nickel. Human studies that examined whether nickel can harm the fetus are inconclusive. Animal studies have found increases in newborn deaths and

decreased newborn weight after ingesting very high amounts of nickel. Nickel can be transferred from the mother to an infant in breast milk and can cross the placenta.

### **How can families reduce the risks of exposure to nickel?**

- Avoiding jewelry containing nickel will eliminate risks of exposure to this source of the metal.
- Exposures of the general population from other sources, such as foods and drinking water, are almost always too low to be of concern.

### **Is there a medical test to determine whether I've been exposed to nickel?**

There are tests available to measure nickel in your blood, feces, and urine. More nickel was measured in the urine of workers who were exposed to nickel compounds that dissolve easily in water than in the urine of workers exposed to nickel compounds that are hard to dissolve. This means that it is easier to tell if you have been exposed to soluble nickel compounds than less-soluble compounds. The nickel measurements do not accurately predict potential health effects from exposure to nickel.

### **Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?**

The EPA recommends that drinking water should contain no more than 0.1 milligrams of nickel per liter of water (0.1 mg/L). To protect workers, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set a limit of 1 mg of nickel per cubic meter of air (1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) for metallic nickel and nickel compounds in workplace air during an 8-hour workday, 40-hour workweek.

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# Polychlorinated Biphenyls - ToxFAQs™

This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about polychlorinated biphenyls. For more information, call the CDC Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It's important you understand this information because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are a mixture of individual chemicals which are no longer produced in the United States, but are still found in the environment. Health effects that have been associated with exposure to PCBs include acne-like skin conditions in adults and neurobehavioral and immunological changes in children. PCBs are known to cause cancer in animals. PCBs have been found in at least 500 of the 1,598 National Priorities List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What are polychlorinated biphenyls?

Polychlorinated biphenyls are mixtures of up to 209 individual chlorinated compounds (known as congeners). There are no known natural sources of PCBs. PCBs are either oily liquids or solids that are colorless to light yellow. Some PCBs can exist as a vapor in air. PCBs have no known smell or taste. Many commercial PCB mixtures are known in the U.S. by the trade name Aroclor.

PCBs have been used as coolants and lubricants in transformers, capacitors, and other electrical equipment because they don't burn easily and are good insulators. The manufacture of PCBs was stopped in the U.S. in 1977 because of evidence they build up in the environment and can cause harmful health effects. Products made before 1977 that may contain PCBs include old fluorescent lighting fixtures and electrical devices containing PCB capacitors, and old microscope and hydraulic oils.

## What happens to PCBs when they enter the environment?

- PCBs entered the air, water, and soil during their manufacture, use, and disposal; from accidental spills and leaks during their transport; and from leaks or fires in products containing PCBs.
- PCBs can still be released to the environment from hazardous waste sites; illegal or improper disposal of industrial wastes and consumer products; leaks from old electrical transformers containing PCBs; and burning of some wastes in incinerators.
- PCBs do not readily break down in the environment and thus may remain there for very long periods of time. PCBs can travel long distances in the air and be deposited in areas far away from where they were released. In water, a small amount of PCBs may remain dissolved, but most stick to organic particles and bottom sediments. PCBs also bind strongly to soil.

- PCBs are taken up by small organisms and fish in water. They are also taken up by other animals that eat these aquatic animals as food. PCBs accumulate in fish and marine mammals, reaching levels that may be many thousands of times higher than in water.

## How might I be exposed to PCBs?

- Using old fluorescent lighting fixtures and electrical devices and appliances, such as television sets and refrigerators, that were made 30 or more years ago. These items may leak small amounts of PCBs into the air when they get hot during operation, and could be a source of skin exposure.
- Eating contaminated food. The main dietary sources of PCBs are fish (especially sportfish caught in contaminated lakes or rivers), meat, and dairy products.
- Breathing air near hazardous waste sites and drinking contaminated well water.
- In the workplace during repair and maintenance of PCB transformers; accidents, fires or spills involving transformers, fluorescent lights, and other old electrical devices; and disposal of PCB materials.

## How can PCBs affect my health?

The most commonly observed health effects in people exposed to large amounts of PCBs are skin conditions such as acne and rashes. Studies in exposed workers have shown changes in blood and urine that may indicate liver damage. PCB exposures in the general population are not likely to result in skin and liver effects. Most of the studies of health effects of PCBs in the general population examined children of mothers who were exposed to PCBs.

Animals that ate food containing large amounts of PCBs for short periods of time had mild liver damage and some died. Animals that ate smaller amounts of PCBs in food over

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several weeks or months developed various kinds of health effects, including anemia; acne-like skin conditions; and liver, stomach, and thyroid gland injuries. Other effects of PCBs in animals include changes in the immune system, behavioral alterations, and impaired reproduction. PCBs are not known to cause birth defects.

## How likely are PCBs to cause cancer?

Few studies of workers indicate that PCBs were associated with certain kinds of cancer in humans, such as cancer of the liver and biliary tract. Rats that ate food containing high levels of PCBs for two years developed liver cancer. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has concluded that PCBs may reasonably be anticipated to be carcinogens. PCBs have been classified as probably carcinogenic, and carcinogenic to humans (group 1) by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), respectively.

## How can PCBs affect children?

Women who were exposed to relatively high levels of PCBs in the workplace or ate large amounts of fish contaminated with PCBs had babies that weighed slightly less than babies from women who did not have these exposures. Babies born to women who ate PCB-contaminated fish also showed abnormal responses in tests of infant behavior. Some of these behaviors, such as problems with motor skills and a decrease in short-term memory, lasted for several years. Other studies suggest that the immune system was affected in children born to and nursed by mothers exposed to increased levels of PCBs. There are no reports of structural birth defects caused by exposure to PCBs or of health effects of PCBs in older children. The most likely way infants will be exposed to PCBs is from breast milk. Transplacental transfers of PCBs were also reported. In most cases, the benefits of breast-feeding outweigh any risks from exposure to PCBs in mother's milk.

## How can families reduce the risks of exposure to PCBs?

- You and your children may be exposed to PCBs by eating fish or wildlife caught from contaminated locations. Certain states, Native American tribes, and U.S. territories have issued advisories to warn people about PCB-contaminated fish and fish-eating wildlife. You can reduce your family's exposure to PCBs by obeying these advisories.
- Children should be told not play with old appliances, electrical equipment, or transformers, since they may contain PCBs.

- Children should be discouraged from playing in the dirt near hazardous waste sites and in areas where there was a transformer fire. Children should also be discouraged from eating dirt and putting dirty hands, toys or other objects in their mouths, and should wash hands frequently.
- If you are exposed to PCBs in the workplace it is possible to carry them home on your clothes, body, or tools. If this is the case, you should shower and change clothing before leaving work, and your work clothes should be kept separate from other clothes and laundered separately.

## Is there a medical test to show whether I've been exposed to PCBs?

Tests exist to measure levels of PCBs in your blood, body fat, and breast milk, but these are not routinely conducted. Most people normally have low levels of PCBs in their body because nearly everyone has been environmentally exposed to PCBs. The tests can show if your PCB levels are elevated, which would indicate past exposure to above-normal levels of PCBs, but cannot determine when or how long you were exposed or whether you will develop health effects.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The EPA has set a limit of 0.0005 milligrams of PCBs per liter of drinking water (0.0005 mg/L). Discharges, spills or accidental releases of 1 pound or more of PCBs into the environment must be reported to the EPA. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires that infant foods, eggs, milk and other dairy products, fish and shellfish, poultry and red meat contain no more than 0.2-3 parts of PCBs per million parts (0.2-3 ppm) of food. Many states have established fish and wildlife consumption advisories for PCBs.

## References

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). 2000. Toxicological profile for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service.

## Where can I get more information?

For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Division of Toxicology and Human Health Sciences, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop F-57, Atlanta, GA 30329-4027.

Phone: 1-800-232-4636.

ToxFAQs™ Internet address via WWW is <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp>.

ATSDR can tell you where to find occupational and environmental health clinics. Their specialists can recognize, evaluate, and treat illnesses resulting from exposure to hazardous substances. You can also contact your community or state health or environmental quality department if you have any more questions or concerns.

# Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) - ToxFAQs™

This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). For more information, call the CDC Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. This information is important because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Exposure to polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons usually occurs by breathing air contaminated by wild fires or coal tar, or by eating foods that have been grilled. PAHs have been found in at least 600 of the 1,430 National Priorities List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons?

(Pronounced pŏl'ī-sī'klīk ä'r'ə-mät'īk hī'drə-kar'bənz)

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are a group of over 100 different chemicals that are formed during the incomplete burning of coal, oil and gas, garbage, or other organic substances like tobacco or charbroiled meat. PAHs are usually found as a mixture containing two or more of these compounds, such as soot.

Some PAHs are manufactured. These pure PAHs usually exist as colorless, white, or pale yellow-green solids. PAHs are found in coal tar, crude oil, creosote, and roofing tar, but a few are used in medicines or to make dyes, plastics, and pesticides.

## What happens to PAHs when they enter the environment?

- PAHs enter the air mostly as releases from volcanoes, forest fires, burning coal, and automobile exhaust.
- PAHs can occur in air attached to dust particles.
- Some PAH particles can readily evaporate into the air from soil or surface waters.
- PAHs can break down by reacting with sunlight and other chemicals in the air, over a period of days to weeks.
- PAHs enter water through discharges from industrial and wastewater treatment plants.

- Most PAHs do not dissolve easily in water. They stick to solid particles and settle to the bottoms of lakes or rivers.
- Microorganisms can break down PAHs in soil or water after a period of weeks to months.
- In soils, PAHs are most likely to stick tightly to particles; certain PAHs move through soil to contaminate underground water.
- PAH contents of plants and animals may be much higher than PAH contents of soil or water in which they live.

## How might I be exposed to PAHs?

- Breathing air containing PAHs in the workplace of coking, coal-tar, and asphalt production plants; smokehouses; and municipal trash incineration facilities.
- Breathing air containing PAHs from cigarette smoke, wood smoke, vehicle exhausts, asphalt roads, or agricultural burn smoke.
- Coming in contact with air, water, or soil near hazardous waste sites.
- Eating grilled or charred meats; contaminated cereals, flour, bread, vegetables, fruits, meats; and processed or pickled foods.
- Drinking contaminated water or cow's milk.
- Nursing infants of mothers living near hazardous waste sites may be exposed to PAHs through their mother's milk.



# Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

## How can PAHs affect my health?

Mice that were fed high levels of one PAH during pregnancy had difficulty reproducing and so did their offspring. These offspring also had higher rates of birth defects and lower body weights. It is not known whether these effects occur in people.

Animal studies have also shown that PAHs can cause harmful effects on the skin, body fluids, and ability to fight disease after both short- and long-term exposure. But these effects have not been seen in people.

## How likely are PAHs to cause cancer?

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has determined that some PAHs may reasonably be expected to be carcinogens.

Some people who have breathed or touched mixtures of PAHs and other chemicals for long periods of time have developed cancer. Some PAHs have caused cancer in laboratory animals when they breathed air containing them (lung cancer), ingested them in food (stomach cancer), or had them applied to their skin (skin cancer).

## Is there a medical test to show whether I've been exposed to PAHs?

In the body, PAHs are changed into chemicals that can attach to substances within the body. There are special tests that can detect PAHs attached to these substances in body tissues or blood. However, these tests cannot tell whether any health effects will occur or find out the extent or source of your exposure to the PAHs. The tests aren't usually available in your doctor's office because special equipment is needed to conduct them.

## Where can I get more information?

For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Division of Toxicology and Human Health Sciences, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop F-57, Atlanta, GA 30329-4027.

Phone: 1-800-232-4636.

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## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set a limit of 0.2 milligrams of PAHs per cubic meter of air (0.2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>). The OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) for mineral oil mist that contains PAHs is 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> averaged over an 8-hour exposure period.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recommends that the average workplace air levels for coal tar products not exceed 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for a 10-hour workday, within a 40-hour workweek. There are other limits for workplace exposure for things that contain PAHs, such as coal, coal tar, and mineral oil.

## Glossary

Carcinogen: A substance that can cause cancer.

Ingest: Take food or drink into your body.

## References

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). 1995. Toxicological profile for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service.

This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about tetrachloroethylene. For more information, call the CDC Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It's important you understand this information because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Tetrachloroethylene is a manufactured chemical used for dry cleaning and metal degreasing. Exposure to very high concentrations of tetrachloroethylene can cause dizziness, headaches, sleepiness, incoordination, confusion, nausea, unconsciousness, and even death. Tetrachloroethylene has been found in at least 945 of the 1,699 National Priorities List sites identified by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What is tetrachloroethylene?

Tetrachloroethylene is a nonflammable colorless liquid. Other names for tetrachloroethylene include perchloroethylene, PCE, perc, tetrachloroethene, and perchlor. Most people can smell tetrachloroethylene when it is present in the air at a level of 1 part in 1 million parts of air (1 ppm) or more.

Tetrachloroethylene is used as a dry cleaning agent and metal degreasing solvent. It is also used as a starting material (building block) for making other chemicals and is used in some consumer products.

## What happens to tetrachloroethylene when it enters the environment?

- Tetrachloroethylene can be released into air, water, and soil at places where it is produced or used.
- Tetrachloroethylene breaks down very slowly in the air and so it can be transported long distances in the air. Half of the amount in the air will degrade in approximately 100 days.
- Tetrachloroethylene evaporates quickly from water into air. It is generally slow to break down in water.
- Tetrachloroethylene may evaporate quickly from shallow soils or may filter through the soil and into the groundwater below. It is generally slow to break down in soil.

## How might I be exposed to tetrachloroethylene?

- When you bring clothes from the dry cleaners, they will release small amounts of tetrachloroethylene into the air.

- When you drink water containing tetrachloroethylene, you are exposed to it. You might also be exposed to tetrachloroethylene that is released into the air during showering and bathing.
- People residing near contaminated sites or dry cleaning locations may be exposed to higher levels than the general population.
- People working in the dry cleaning industries or using metal degreasing products may be exposed to elevated levels of tetrachloroethylene.

## How can tetrachloroethylene affect my health?

Breathing high levels of tetrachloroethylene for a brief period may cause dizziness or drowsiness, headache, and incoordination; higher levels may cause unconsciousness and even death.

Exposure for longer periods to low levels of tetrachloroethylene may cause changes in mood, memory, attention, reaction time, and vision.

Studies in animals exposed to tetrachloroethylene have shown liver and kidney effects, and changes in brain chemistry, but we do not know what these findings mean for humans.

## How likely is tetrachloroethylene to cause cancer?

Studies in humans suggest that exposure to tetrachloroethylene might lead to a higher risk of getting bladder cancer, multiple myeloma, or non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, but the evidence is not very strong.

# Tetrachloroethylene

**CAS # 127-18-4**

In animals, tetrachloroethylene has been shown to cause cancers of the liver, kidney, and blood system.

EPA considers tetrachloroethylene likely to be carcinogenic to humans by all routes of exposure. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) considers tetrachloroethylene probably carcinogenic to humans. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) considers tetrachloroethylene to be reasonable anticipated to be a human carcinogen.

## How can tetrachloroethylene affect children?

It is not known whether children are more susceptible than adults to the effects of tetrachloroethylene.

A few studies in humans have suggested that exposure to tetrachloroethylene increased the numbers of babies with birth defects, but these studies were not large enough to clearly answer the question. Studies in animals exposed by inhalation or stomach tube have not shown clear evidence of specific birth defects.

## How can families reduce the risks of exposure to tetrachloroethylene?

- Tetrachloroethylene has been found in low levels in some food. You can minimize the risk of your family's exposure by peeling and thoroughly washing fruits and vegetables before cooking.
- Use bottled water if you have concerns about the presence of tetrachloroethylene in your tap water. You may also contact local drinking water authorities and follow their advice.
- Prevent children from playing in dirt or eating dirt if you live near a waste site that has tetrachloroethylene.
- Tetrachloroethylene is widely used as a scouring solvent that removes oils from fabrics, as a carrier solvent, as a fabric finish or water repellent, and as

a metal degreaser/cleaner. Follow instructions on product labels to minimize exposure to tetrachloroethylene.

## Is there a medical test to show whether I've been exposed to tetrachloroethylene?

Tetrachloroethylene and its breakdown products (metabolites) can be measured in blood and urine. However, the detection of tetrachloroethylene or its metabolites cannot predict the kind of health effects that might develop from that exposure. Because tetrachloroethylene and its metabolites leave the body fairly rapidly, the tests need to be conducted within days after exposure.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set an 8-hour time weighted average permissible exposure limit of 100 ppm, an acceptable ceiling exposure limit of 200 ppm, and a maximum peak of 300 ppm (not to be exceeded for more than 5 minutes of any 3-hour period).

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recommends that workplace exposure to tetrachloroethylene be minimized due to concerns about its carcinogenicity.

## References

This ToxFAQs™ information is taken from the 2014 Toxicological Profile for Tetrachloroethylene (Draft for Public Comment) produced by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Atlanta, GA

## Where can I get more information?

For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Division of Toxicology and Human Health Sciences, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop F-57, Atlanta, GA 30329-4027.

Phone: 1-800-232-4636, FAX: 770-488-4178.

ToxFAQs™ Internet address via WWW is <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp>.

ATSDR can tell you where to find occupational and environmental health clinics. Their specialists can recognize, evaluate, and treat illnesses resulting from exposure to hazardous substances. You can also contact your community or state health or environmental quality department if you have any more questions or concerns.

This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about trichloroethylene. For more information, call the CDC Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It's important you understand this information because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Trichloroethylene is used as a solvent for cleaning metal parts. Exposure to very high concentrations of trichloroethylene can cause dizziness, headaches, sleepiness, incoordination, confusion, nausea, unconsciousness, and even death. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classify trichloroethylene as a human carcinogen. Trichloroethylene has been found in at least 1,045 of the 1,699 National Priorities List sites identified by the EPA.

## What is trichloroethylene?

Trichloroethylene is a colorless, volatile liquid. Liquid trichloroethylene evaporates quickly into the air. It is nonflammable and has a sweet odor.

The two major uses of trichloroethylene are as a solvent to remove grease from metal parts and as a chemical that is used to make other chemicals, especially the refrigerant, HFC-134a. Trichloroethylene was once used as an anesthetic for surgery.

## What happens to trichloroethylene when it enters the environment?

- Trichloroethylene can be released to air, water, and soil at places where it is produced or used.
- Trichloroethylene is broken down quickly in air.
- Trichloroethylene breaks down very slowly in soil and water and is removed mostly through evaporation to air.
- It is expected to remain in groundwater for long time since it is not able to evaporate.
- Trichloroethylene does not build up significantly in plants or animals.

## How might I be exposed to trichloroethylene?

- Breathing trichloroethylene in contaminated air.
- Drinking contaminated water.
- Workers at facilities using this substance for metal degreasing are exposed to higher levels of trichloroethylene.
- If you live near such a facility or near a hazardous waste site containing trichloroethylene, you may also have higher exposure to this substance.

## How can trichloroethylene affect my health?

Exposure to moderate amounts of trichloroethylene may cause headaches, dizziness, and sleepiness; large amounts may cause coma and even death. Eating or breathing high levels of trichloroethylene may damage some of the nerves in the face. Exposure to high levels can also result in changes in the rhythm of the heartbeat, liver damage, and evidence of kidney damage. Skin contact with concentrated solutions of trichloroethylene can cause skin rashes.

There is some evidence exposure to trichloroethylene in the work place may cause scleroderma (a systemic autoimmune disease) in some people. Some men occupationally-exposed to trichloroethylene and other chemicals showed decreases in sex drive, sperm quality, and reproductive hormone levels.

## How likely is trichloroethylene to cause cancer?

There is strong evidence that trichloroethylene can cause kidney cancer in people and some evidence for trichloroethylene-induced liver cancer and malignant lymphoma. Lifetime exposure to trichloroethylene resulted in increased liver cancer in mice and increased kidney cancer and testicular cancer in rats.

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) has determined that trichloroethylene is a "known human carcinogen". The EPA and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) have determined that trichloroethylene is "carcinogenic to humans."

# Trichloroethylene

CAS # 79-01-6

## How can trichloroethylene affect children?

It is not known whether children are more susceptible than adults to the effects of trichloroethylene.

Some human studies indicate that trichloroethylene may cause developmental effects such as spontaneous abortion, congenital heart defects, central nervous system defects, and small birth weight. However, these people were exposed to other chemicals as well.

In some animal studies, exposure to trichloroethylene during development caused decreases in body weight, increases in heart defects, changes to the developing nervous system, and effects on the immune system.

## How can families reduce the risk of exposure to trichloroethylene?

- Avoid drinking water from sources that are known to be contaminated with trichloroethylene. Use bottled water if you have concerns about the presence of chemicals in your tap water. You may also contact local drinking water authorities and follow their advice.
- Discourage your children from putting objects in their mouths. Make sure that they wash their hands frequently and before eating.
- Prevent children from playing in dirt or eating dirt if you live near a waste site that has trichloroethylene.
- Trichloroethylene is used in many industrial products. Follow instructions on product labels to minimize exposure to trichloroethylene.

## Is there a medical test to show whether I've been exposed to trichloroethylene?

Trichloroethylene and its breakdown products (metabolites) can be measured in blood and urine. However, the detection of trichloroethylene or its metabolites cannot predict the kind of health effects that might develop from that exposure. Because trichloroethylene and its metabolites leave the body fairly rapidly, the tests need to be conducted within days after exposure.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The EPA set a maximum contaminant goal (MCL) of 0.005 milligrams per liter (mg/L; 5 ppb) as a national primary drinking standard for trichloroethylene.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) set a permissible exposure limit (PEL) of 100 ppm for trichloroethylene in air averaged over an 8-hour work day, an acceptable ceiling concentration of 200 ppm provided the 8 hour PEL is not exceeded, and an acceptable maximum peak of 300 ppm for a maximum duration of 5 minutes in any 2 hours.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) considers trichloroethylene to be a potential occupational carcinogen and established a recommended exposure limit (REL) of 2 ppm (as a 60-minute ceiling) during its use as an anesthetic agent and 25 ppm (as a 10-hour TWA) during all other exposures.

## References

This ToxFAQs™ information is taken from the 2014 Toxicological Profile for Trichloroethylene (Draft for Public Comment) produced by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## Where can I get more information?

For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Division of Toxicology and Human Health Sciences, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop F-57, Atlanta, GA 30329-4027.

Phone: 1-800-232-4636.

ToxFAQs™ on the web: [www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxFAQs](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxFAQs).

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**APPENDIX B**  
**WEST NILE VIRUS/ST. LOUIS ENCEPHALITIS PREVENTION**

## WEST NILE VIRUS/ST. LOUIS ENCEPHALITIS PREVENTION

The following section is based upon information provided by the CDC Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases. Symptoms of West Nile Virus include fever, headache, and body aches, occasionally with skin rash and swollen lymph glands, with most infections being mild. More severe infection may be marked by headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, paralysis, and, rarely, death. Most infections of St. Louis encephalitis are mild without apparent symptoms other than fever with headache. More severe infection is marked by headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, occasional convulsions (especially infants) and spastic (but rarely flaccid) paralysis. The only way to avoid infection of West Nile Virus and St. Louis encephalitis is to avoid mosquito bites. To reduce the chance of mosquito contact:

- Stay indoors at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors.
- Spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or DEET (N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide), since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing.
- Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. An effective repellent will contain 35% DEET. DEET in high concentrations (greater than 35%) provides no additional protection.
- Repellents may irritate the eyes and mouth.
- Whenever you use an insecticide or insect repellent, be sure to read and follow the manufacturer's directions for use, as printed on the product.

**APPENDIX C**  
**REPORT FORMS**



## WEEKLY SAFETY REPORT FORM

Week Ending: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Report Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Manager Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of any violations of procedures occurring that week:

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Summary of any job related injuries, illnesses, or near misses that week:

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Summary of air monitoring data that week (include and sample analyses, action levels exceeded, and actions taken):

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Comments:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

# INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Date of Report: \_\_\_\_\_

Injured: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Site: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Report Prepared By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Title

**ACCIDENT/INCIDENT CATEGORY** (check all that applies)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injury            | <input type="checkbox"/> Illness       | <input type="checkbox"/> Near Miss         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire          | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Exposure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-site Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical        | <input type="checkbox"/> Spill         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other             |

**DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT/INCIDENT:** Narrative report of Accident/Incident: Identify: 1) actions leading to or contributing to the accident/incident; 2) the accident/incident occurrence; and 3) actions following the accident/incident.

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**WITNESS TO ACCIDENT/INCIDENT:**

Name: _____	Company: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone No.: _____	Phone No.: _____
Name: _____	Company: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone No.: _____	Phone No.: _____

**INJURED - ILL:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Time on Present Job: \_\_\_\_\_

Time/Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

**SEVERITY OF INJURY OR ILLNESS:**

\_\_\_ Disabling                      \_\_\_ Non-disabling                      \_\_\_ Fatality

\_\_\_ Medical Treatment                      \_\_\_ First Aid Only

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DAYS AWAY FROM JOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NATURE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLASSIFICATION OF INJURY:**

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|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| ___ Abrasions      | _____ Dislocations    | _____ Punctures            |
| ___ Bites          | _____ Faint/Dizziness | _____ Radiation Burns      |
| ___ Blisters       | _____ Fractures       | _____ Respiratory Allergy  |
| ___ Bruises        | _____ Frostbite       | _____ Sprains              |
| ___ Chemical Burns | _____ Heat Burns      | _____ Toxic Resp. Exposure |
| ___ Cold Exposure  | _____ Heat Exhaustion | _____ Toxic Ingestion      |
| ___ Concussion     | _____ Heat Stroke     | _____ Dermal Allergy       |
| ___ Lacerations    |                       |                            |

Part of Body Affected: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree of Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Medical Care was Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Medical Care was Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if off-site): \_\_\_\_\_

(If two or more injuries, record on separate sheets)

**PROPERTY DAMAGE:**

Description of Damage: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Damage:                   \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCIDENT/INCIDENT LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCIDENT/INCIDENT ANALYSIS:** Causative agent most directly related to accident/incident  
(Object, substance, material, machinery, equipment, conditions)

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Was weather a factor?: \_\_\_\_\_

Unsafe mechanical/physical/environmental condition at time of accident/incident (Be specific):

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\_\_\_\_\_

Personal factors (Attitude, knowledge or skill, reaction time, fatigue):

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**ON-SITE ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS:**

Level of personal protection equipment required in Site Safety Plan:

\_\_\_\_\_

Modifications:

Was injured using required equipment?:

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If not, how did actual equipment use differ from plan?:

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**ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE:** (Be specific. What has or will be done? When will it be done? Who is the responsible party to insure that the correction is made?)

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**ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT REVIEWED BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
SSO Name Printed

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SSO Signature

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN INVESTIGATION:**

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Signature

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Title

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Signature

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**ACCIDENT/INCIDENT FOLLOW-UP:**    Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Outcome of accident/incident: \_\_\_\_\_

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Physician's recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date injured returned to work: \_\_\_\_\_  
Follow-up performed by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title

**ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THIS FORM**

**APPENDIX D**  
**EMERGENCY HAND SIGNALS**

## EMERGENCY SIGNALS

In most cases, field personnel will carry portable radios for communication. If this is the case, a transmission that indicates an emergency will take priority over all other transmissions. All other site radios will yield the frequency to the emergency transmissions.

Where radio communications is not available, the following air-horn and/or hand signals will be used:

### EMERGENCY HAND SIGNALS

**OUT OF AIR, CAN'T BREATHE!**



**Hand gripping throat**

**LEAVE AREA IMMEDIATELY,  
NO DEBATE!**

**(No Picture) Grip partner's wrist or place both hands around waist**

**NEED ASSISTANCE!**



**Hands on top of head**

**OKAY! – I'M ALL RIGHT!**

**- I UNDERSTAND!**



**Thumbs up**

**NO! - NEGATIVE!**



**Thumbs down**