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Site Code C224239 Site Name 8 Walworth

City Brooklyn Town New York City

**Region** 2 **County** Kings

**Current Classification** A

Estimated Size 0.0890 Allowable Use

Significant Threat: Yes Project Manager Aaron Fischer

**Summary of Approvals** 

Originator/Supervisor: Heide-Marie Dudek 01/07/2020

Regional Hazardous Waste Remedial Engineer: Jane O'Connell 01/15/2020

BEEI of NYSDOH: 11/18/2019

CO Bureau Director: Gerard Burke, Director, Remedial Bureau F 01/09/2020

**Assistant Division Director:** George Heitzman, P.E.: 01/15/2020

#### **Basis for Significant Threat Determination**

The soil, groundwater, and soil vapor at this 0.1 acre site have been tested as part of an RI. Tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), and 1,2-dichlorethene (1,2-DCE), in addition to a suite of SVOCs and PCBs are present.

PCE was found at a max of 3,200 ppm in soil borings. In groundwater PCE max is 20,000 ppb and TCE at 11,000 ppb max. Soil vapor has elevated PCE, TCE, and vinyl chloride.

### Site Description - Last Review: 11/20/2019

#### Location

The Site (a.k.a. Former Techtronics Ecological Site, P Site No. 224239) is located in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Kings County and is comprised of a single tax parcel totaling 3,910 square feet (0.089 acres).

The Site is located in the City of New York and Borough of Brooklyn. The Site is rectangular shaped with 78 feet of frontage along Walworth Street.

The north, south and west sides of the property are bordered by warehouses and commercial / industrial buildings.

Site Features





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The Site is improved with a 3,910 sf, 1- story masonry building constructed in 1982 (estimate). The building is divided into two sections each with its own access to the outside; the north section which was recently used as warehouse space and the south section which was used by an orthodox congregation for a prayer room.

#### Current Zoning and Land Use

#### Compliance with Current Zoning

The property is currently zoned M1-2. M1 districts are often buffers between M2 or M3 districts and adjacent residential or commercial districts. M1 districts typically include light industrial uses, such as woodworking shops, repair shops, and wholesale service and storage facilities. Nearly all industrial uses are allowed in M1 districts if they meet the stringent M1 performance standards. Offices, hotels and most retail uses are also permitted. Certain community facilities, such as hospitals, are allowed in M1 districts only by special permit, but houses of worship are allowed as-of-right. The proposed project, which includes an office building, is compatible with the surrounding land use and will be in compliance with the current zoning.

#### Compliance with Land Use Plans

On May 9, 2001, the City Council approved the Flushing - Bedford rezoning action (CEQR No. 00DCP015K) covering 15 blocks in the Flushing Avenue and Bedford Avenue area of Community

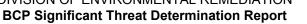
Districts 1 and 3 in the Bedford Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn. According to the Notice of Completion of The Final Environmental Impact Statement issued on March 16, 2001 by the NYC Planning Commission:

"The Flushing Bedford area, although zoned for manufacturing uses, contains a mix of residential uses, vacant land, open uses, auto-related uses, and commercial and industrial buildings. The rezoning area has experienced a significant decline in industrial activity over the last four decades resulting in an increase in auto related uses, junk yards and vacant land. Study findings indicate that over the last two decades, there has been a substantial growth in the residential population in the surrounding areas, resulting in a housing shortfall and increasing demand for new dwelling 'units. Since the mid 1980's there has been a marked increase in residential development, especially in the area north of Flushing Avenue."

"Although the existing manufacturing zoning does not permit as-of-right residential development, in recent years there has been new residential development in the area north of Flushing Avenue pursuant to zoning variances granted by the Board of Standards, and Appeals (BSA). In 1996 and



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1998, two rezoning applications were approved changing the designation of a three block area immediately north of the rezoning area from manufacturing to residential. The presence of vacant and underutilized land, coupled with the increasing demand for housing in the adjacent communities, presents an opportunity for new residential development in this part of Brooklyn."

The objectives of the rezoning were to:

- -provide opportunities for new residential development on vacant and under- utilized parcels;
- -bring existing non-conforming residential uses into conformance, and would allow for their enlargement;
- -allow for the continued presence and expansion of commercial and manufacturing uses;
- -permit the introduction of new commercial and manufacturing uses; and,
- -allow the residential re-use of underutilized and vacant land.

In general, the action would provide the land use controls necessary for appropriate residential development and the continued presence of viable manufacturing uses.

The proposed project will be in full compliance with the current land use plans as identified in the Flushing Bedford Rezoning Action (CEQR No. 00DCP015K) adopted by the City on May 9, 2001

#### Past Use of the Site

The historic use of the Site includes a storefront building, garage and residence from sometime prior to 1887 to sometime before to sometime before 1965 when a two-story residence remained on the south side of the Site and a single-story warehouse used for chemical drum storage was present on the north side of the Site. By 1977, the two-story residence was no longer present and the singlestory

chemical drum storage warehouse remained on the north side of the Site. By 1982 the Site was redeveloped with a single-story paint mixing warehouse. The Site and adjacent properties have remained generally unchanged through the current day.

This site was originally a P site (Former Techtronics Ecological Site, Site No. 224239). The site then entered the BCP program to complete the investigation and remedy.

#### Site Geography and Geology

The geologic setting of Long Island is well documented and consists of crystalline bedrock overlain by layers of unconsolidated deposits. According to geologic maps of the area created by the United





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States Geologic Survey (USGS), the bedrock in this area of Brooklyn is an igneous intrusive classified as the Ravenswood grano-diorite of middle Ordovician to middle Cambrian age. Unconsolidated sediments overlie the bedrock and consist of Pleistocene aged sand, gravel and silty clays, deposited by glacial-fluvial activity. Non-native fill materials consisting of dredge spoils, rubble and / or other materials have historically been used to reinforce and extend shoreline areas and to raise and improve the drainage of low lying areas.

Subsurface soils at the Site consist of historic fill materials to a depth of approximately 4 to 6 feet below grade. Silty sand and gravel is present immediately below this layer. According to the USGS topographic map for the area (Brooklyn Quadrangle), the elevation of the property is approximately 20 feet above mean sea level. The topography within the immediate area slopes gradually from south to north.

No portion of the Site is located within a designated flood zone area. The nearest moderate risk flood zone is located 800 feet to the northwest and the nearest high risk flood zone is located 950 feet to the northwest.

Contaminants of Concern (Including Materials Disposed)	Quantity Disposed
OU 01 tetrachloroethene (PCE) trichloroethene (TCE)	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
mercury PCB aroclor 1254	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
dibenz[a,h]anthracene	UNKNOWN

Analytical Data Available for: Groundwater, Soil, Soil Vapor, Indoor Air Applicable Standards Exceeded for: Groundwater, Soil, Soil Vapor

#### Site Environmental Assessment - Last Review: 11/20/2019

Nature and Extent of Contamination:

The chlorinated solvent compounds tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and its breakdown products trichloroethene (TCE) and cis-1,2-dichloroethene (cis-1,2-DCE), as well as other volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were detected in soil, groundwater, and soil vapor samples during the remedial investigation in 2018/19. Soil samples collected on site also contained elevated concentrations of Metals, Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs), and PCBs.

Soil – During the remedial investigation, eight (8) soil borings were collected throughout the site. Chlorinated Volatile Organic Compounds (CVOCs) were detected above Protection of Groundwater Soil Cleanup Objectives in all soil borings. Maximum PCE concentration of 3,200,000 ug/kg was found at SB-1708 (7-9' bgs). Maximum TCE concentration of 200,000





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Groundwater – During the remedial investigation, five (5) monitoring wells were installed. CVOCs were detected in all five groundwater samples collected at the site: PCE ranges from 7,800 to 20,000 parts per billion, or ppb; TCE ranges from 1,800 to 11,000 ppb; and cis-1,2-DCE ranges from 270 to 11,000 ppb. The NYSDEC's list of 21 PFAS compounds was also analyzed as part of the remedial investigation. Combined PFOA PFOS concentrations ranged from 50 parts per trillion (ppt) in MW-1701 to 928 ppt in MW 1705.

Soil Vapor – As part of the remedial investigation, six (6) soil vapor samples were collected throughout the site. CVOCs were detected in all on-site samples. PCE ranged from 705 ug/m3 in SS-5 to 590,000 ug/m3 in SS-1. TCE concentrations ranged from 106 ug/m3 in SS-5 to 488,000 ug/m3 in SS-1. All sub-slab vapor samples also contained BTEX compounds.

#### Significant Threat:

A significant threat determination will be made following completion of a site characterization.

#### Site Health Assessment - Last Update: 11/19/2019

People may contact contaminated soils or groundwater if they dig below the surface. Contaminated groundwater at the site is not used for drinking or other purposes and this site is served by a public water supply that obtains water from a different source not affected by this contamination. Volatile organic compounds in soil vapor (air spaces within the soil) may move into overlying buildings and affect the indoor air quality. This process, which is similar to the movement of radon gas from the subsurface into the indoor air of buildings, is referred to as soil vapor intrusion. The site is currently vacant and redevelopment is planned. The potential exists for the inhalation of site contaminants due to soil vapor intrusion for future onsite buildings. Additional investigation is needed to determine whether actions are needed to address soil vapor intrusion in offsite structures.

	Start		End	
OU 01	0.10.0.14.	A CITE		
Agreement	9/20/17	ACT	11/19/17	ACT
Application Approval	8/23/17	ACT	9/20/17	ACT
Application Completion	6/21/17	ACT	8/23/17	ACT
<b>Emerging Contaminant Sampling</b>	1/17/19	ACT	8/7/20	PLN
OGC Docket - Eligibility Determination	8/23/17	ACT	9/13/17	ACT
Reclass Pkg.	1/6/20	ACT	2/17/20	PLN
Remedial Action	1/1/21	PLN	12/31/21	PLN
Remedial Design	4/1/20	PLN	10/1/20	PLN
Remedial Investigation	9/28/18	ACT	3/31/20	PLN





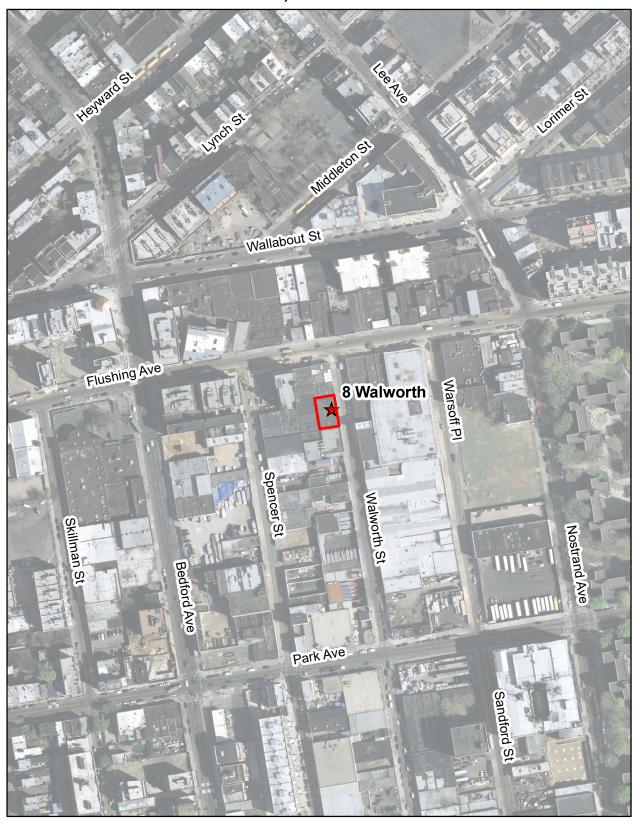
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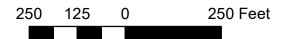
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Remedy Description for Operable Unit 01

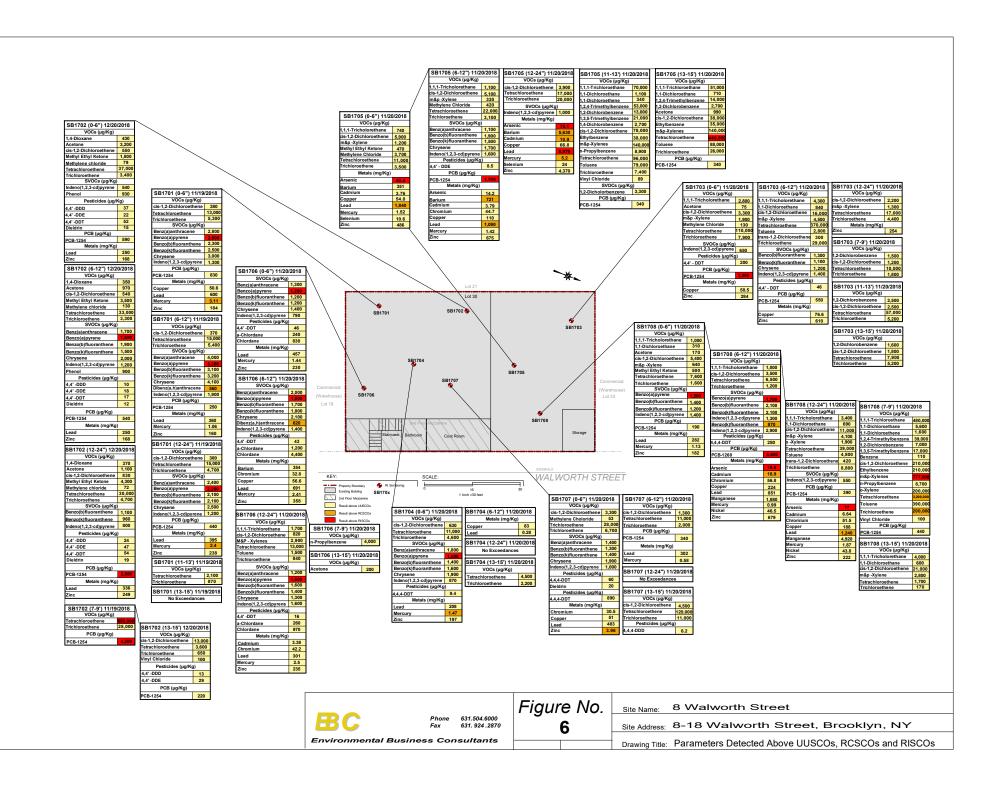
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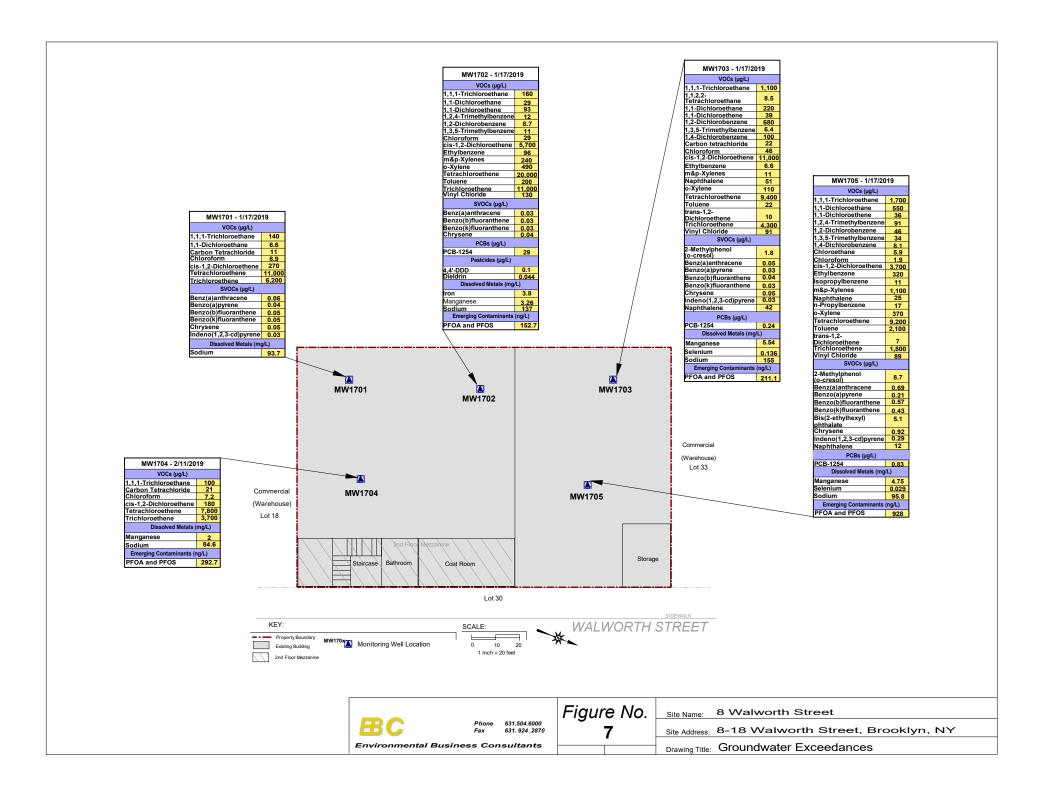
### Site Location Map C224239, 8 Walworth

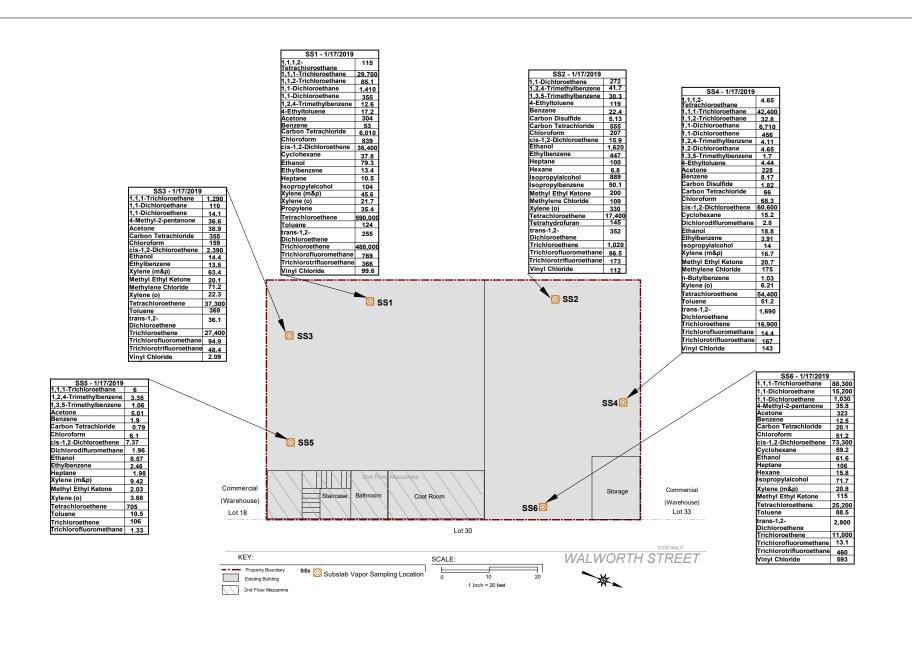














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8 Walworth Street

Site Address: 8-18 Walworth Street, Brooklyn, NY

Drawing Title: Soil Gas Detections



### SIGNIFICANT THREAT DETERMINATION WORKSHEET



□ State Superfund Program 6 NYCRR 375-2.7

x Brownfield Cleanup Program ECL 27-1411.1(c)

Site Name: 8 Walworth		Site ID No	C224239		
City/Town: <u>Brooklyn</u>		_ County:	Kings		
1. Has all available and relevant evidence regarding the Si the factors in 375-2.7(a)(3) considered?	te been reviewed and	X Yes (go to 2)	□ No (stop)	□ Unsure (stop)	
2. Does Site contamination result in significant adverse impacts (375-2.7(a)(1)) to:					
a. species that are endangered, threatened, or of concer-	n?	□ Yes (go to b)	X No (go to b)	□ Unsure (go to b)	
b. protected streams, tidal/freshwater wetlands, or signi wildlife habitat?	ficant fish and	□ Yes (go to c)	X No (go to c)	□ Unsure (go to c)	
c. flora or fauna from bioaccumulation or leads to a rec limit consumption?	commendation to	□ Yes (go to d)	X No (go to d)	□ Unsure (go to d)	
d. fish, shellfish, crustacea, or wildlife from concentrational adverse/chronic effects?	ions that cause	☐ Yes (go to e)	X No (go to e)	□ Unsure (go to e)	
e. the environment due to a fire, spill, explosion, or reatoxic gases, vapors, fumes, mists or dusts?	ction that generates	X Yes (go to f)	□ No (go to f)	☐ Unsure (go to f)	
f. areas where individuals or water supplies may be pre- has determined there to be a significantly increased r (including from soil vapor)?		X Yes (go to 3)	□ No (go to 3)	☐ Unsure (go to 3)	
3. Does Site contamination result in significant environmen (375-2.7(a)(2))?	ntal damage	X Yes (go to 4)	□ No (go to 4)	□ Unsure (stop)	
4. If any box in items 2 or 3 have been checked "Yes," the site presents a significant threat to public health or the environment; check here.		Significant threat to: X Public Health X Environment			
5. If no boxes in items 2 or 3 have been checked "Yes," the a significant threat to public health or the environment; cl	•	□ Not a S	ignificant Threa	t	
Gerard Burke	nger Name (Signature)  J B	1-6	02-2020 Date		
Bureau Director/RHWRE Name/Title (Print) Bureau Director/RHWRE Name (Signature) Date					



ANDREW M. CUOMO Governor HOWARD A. ZUCKER, M.D., J.D. Commissioner

**SALLY DRESLIN, M.S., R.N.**Executive Deputy Commissioner

November 18, 2019

Gerard Burke, Director Remedial Bureau B Division of Environmental Remediation NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233

Re: Significant Threat Determination

8 Walworth Avenue #C224239 Brooklyn, Kings County

Dear Mr. Burke,

At your Department's request, we have reviewed the available information, including the September 2019, draft *Remedial Investigation Report*, for the above-referenced site. Based on that review, I understand that volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and historic fill are present at the site. VOCs, including tetrachloroethene, trichloroethene, and degradation products, SVOCs, including various polyaromatic hydrocarbon compounds (PAHs), metals, including arsenic, barium, cadmium, lead, mercury, and zinc, PCBs, and pesticides have been detected at elevated levels in on-site soil. VOCs, PAHs, and metals have been detected at elevated levels in on-site groundwater. VOCs, particularly tetrachloroethene and trichloroethene, have been detected in on-site soil vapor. Off-site groundwater and soil vapor are also contaminated with elevated levels of VOCs.

The site is currently developed and vacant. Contaminated groundwater in the vicinity is not used for drinking purposes because the area is served by a public water supply that is not affected by this contamination. Environmental sampling indicates that soil vapor intrusion represents a concern for any future on-site development and a potential concern for other off-site structures. Additional environmental investigation is necessary to further evaluate and address potential exposure pathways associated with the site.

Based on the information provided to date, and the potential for exposure to site-related contaminants, I believe that this site represents a significant threat to public health. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this site further, please contact me at (518) 402-7860.

Sincerely,

Justin H. Deming, P.G. Chief

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