

# **HOPE STREET PROJECT**

**118, 120, & 130 HOPE STREET AND 138/429 KEAP STREET  
(AKA 134 HOPE STREET)  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK**

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## **Remedial Investigation Work Plan**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan (RIWP) has been prepared by AKRF, Inc. (AKRF) on behalf of Hope Keap LLC (the Applicant) for the property located at 118, 120, and 130 Hope Street; and 138 Hope Street/429 Keap Street (aka 134 Hope Street) in Brooklyn, New York, hereafter referred to as the “Site”. The Site is identified as Brooklyn Tax Block 2386, Lot 7, (Former Lots 7, 12, and 14) on the New York City Tax Map; an application for merger was filed with the New York City Department of Finance (NYCDOF) on June 13, 2018, which combined former Lots 7, 12, and 14 into Lot 7. The Site consists of an unpaved, approximately 20,000-square foot vacant lot. The Site is bounded by Hope Street to the north followed by residential buildings; Keap Street to the east followed by residential buildings; residential buildings followed by Grand Street to the south; and residential and commercial buildings followed by Rodney Street to the west. The Site is located in a developed area predominantly consisting of residential and commercial properties. A Site Location Map is provided as Figure 1, and a Site Plan is provided as Figure 2.

The Site was entered into the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) (BCP Site No. C224281). A June 2013 Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation Report prepared by FPM Group, Ltd. (FPM) concluded that contaminated soil and soil vapor are present at the Site. Groundwater was not sampled as part of the investigation. Chlorinated solvents and petroleum-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs), likely used during historic operations at the Site, were detected in on-site soil vapor. The semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals in soil appear to be related to historic Site operations and/or filling with material of unknown origin.

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), as described in this RIWP, 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) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) (Appendix B). The CAMP will be implemented during all subsurface disturbance activities at the Site.

Contact information for the parties responsible for the work described in this RIWP are included in Table 1:

**Table 1**  
**Remedial Investigation Personnel Contact Information**

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## **2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY**

### **2.1 Site Description and Surrounding Land Use**

The Site is approximately 20,000-square feet and consists of an unpaved vacant lot. The Site is rectangular in shape and is bounded by Hope Street to the north followed by residential buildings; Keap Street to the east followed by residential buildings; residential buildings followed by Grand Street to the south; and residential buildings followed by Rodney Street to the west. The Site is located in a developed area predominantly consisting of residential and commercial properties. An Existing Land Use map is provided as Figure 3.

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

Surface topography at the Site slopes from approximately elevation +16.5 on the southwestern portion of the Site to approximately elevation +13.5 on the northeastern portion. Topography of the surrounding area slopes gently towards the northeast.

Based on AKRF's March 2018 Draft Preliminary Geotechnical Report for the Site, subsurface materials consist of approximately 8 to 15 feet of historical fill material consisting of sand with varying amounts of gravel, silt, clay, brick, concrete, and cinders. An approximately 3.5- to 10-foot layer of brown and gray organic silt and clay was observed beneath the historical fill material, which was underlain by glacial till to boring termination depths (up to 104 feet below grade). A review of the historic map titled "Map Showing the Original High and Low Grounds, Salt Marsh, and Shore Lines in the City of Brooklyn from original Government Surveys made in 1776-1777", dated 1875-1876, prepared by the Board of Health, shows that the Site was located south of a tributary creek of the historic Bushwick Inlet.

Groundwater was measured in an observation well ranging between approximately 10 to 11 feet below grade (elevation +4 to +4.5) during the Geotechnical Investigation and likely flows in a westerly or northwesterly direction toward the East River, approximately 0.8-mile west/northwest of the Site. There are no surface water bodies or streams on or immediately adjacent to the Site. There are no public or private drinking water supply wells within a ½-mile radius of the Site.

Bedrock in this area of Brooklyn is expected to be between about 150 and 200 feet below grade. Review of subsurface explorations published by the U.S. Works Progress Administration dated November 1937 corroborates this information, indicating that the bedrock depth in the vicinity of the Site is approximately 175 feet below grade.

### **2.3 Proposed Development Plan**

The proposed development plan consists of the construction of an eight-story building with mechanical space in the partial cellar on the northeastern portion of the Site; residential amenities and a lobby on the first floor; and 101 residential units above. Approximately 20 percent of the units will consist of inclusionary housing. The proposed building will occupy the southern and western portion of the Site with 43 tenant parking spaces on the northeastern portion of the Site. Excavation is expected to extend to approximately 12 feet below grade at the locations of the partial cellar with localized deeper excavation extending to approximately 16 feet below grade for foundation elements, and up to 5 feet in the area of the slab-on-grade portion of the building and parking/driveway areas. The current zoning designation is M1-2/R6A (light manufacturing and residential). The proposed use is consistent with existing zoning for the Site. The proposed redevelopment is consistent with the objectives of the 2005 Greenpoint-Williamsburg Rezoning action, which outlines a plan for the construction of low- to mid-rise housing to replace the decline of manufacturing and industrial operations in an economically beneficial manner.

## 2.4 Site History

According to historic Sanborn fire insurance maps, the Site was divided into several lots developed with one- and two-story residences on the eastern portion and by the Matson and Hibbard Foundry with a molding shop on the western portion by 1887. By 1905, Brooklyn Coal Company was shown with coal sheds on the southwestern portion, a wagon shed on the central portion of the Site, and a wheel wright shop with a lumber shed and wagon painting on the western portion. By 1942, the Site was developed as two garages with a 550-gallon underground storage tank (UST) at 120 Hope Street (former Lot 7) and a gasoline tank at 138 Hope Street/429 Keap Street (former Lot 14). By 1951, 138 Hope Street/429 Keap Street (former Lot 14) was shown as a steel warehouse and the gasoline tank was no longer depicted on the map. By 2007, two gasoline tanks were shown at 138 Hope Street/429 Keap Street (former Lot 14), and the Site was depicted as three flats.

City Directory listings indicate that 120 Hope Street (former Lot 7) was formerly occupied by a garage between 1928 and 1949, a service garage in 1960, an electrical manufacturer between 1965 and 1973, an upholsterer between 1976 and 1992, a machinery shop between 1997 and 2014, and a metal fabricator between 2000 and 2014; and 128 Hope Street (also former Lot 7) was occupied by Terriss Consolidated Industries Inc. between 1965 and 1976. 130 Hope Street (former Lot 12) was occupied by DC Center Corp. (a dry cleaner) between 2000 and 2005 and a dry cleaner in 2010. 429 Keap Street (former Lot 14) was occupied by a trucking company in 1945, a steel service company in 1949, a taxi company in 1960, and a plumbing and heating company in 1965 to 1976; and 138 Hope Street (former Lot 14) was occupied by Parkway Equipment Handlers between 1997 and 2005 and by World Trade Copiers Corp. between 2010 and 2014. The listings indicated that surrounding area was developed historically with residential, commercial, manufacturing, automotive, and woodworking uses.

### 3.0 PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, 118 Hope Street, 120 Hope Street, 130 Hope Street, 138 Hope Street, and 429 Keap Street, URS Corporation, July 2013

URS Corporation (URS) conducted a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) of the Site and prepared a Phase I ESA report in July 2013. The report included the findings of a reconnaissance, and an evaluation of historical Sanborn insurance maps and select environmental databases. The assessment revealed the following Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs):

- The Site address 130 Hope Street (former Lot 12) was identified in the Drycleaners, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Small Quantity Generator (SQG), FINDS, and NY Manifest databases.
- Each of the former Site lots is listed with a hazardous materials E-Designation (E-138) for UST testing protocols.
- Several gasoline underground storage tanks (USTs) were identified on Sanborn maps at 138 Hope Street/429 Keap Street (former Lot 14) and at 120 Hope Street (former Lot 7). Vent pipes were visible on the former Site building roofs on former Lots 7 and 14; however, no tanks were observed and fuel oil was reportedly not being used at the Site at the time of the inspection.

Based on the RECs, URS recommended that a Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation be conducted at the Site, including the collection of soil, groundwater, and soil vapor samples, to determine if former and/or current uses at the Site or in the Site vicinity had adversely affected subsurface conditions.

Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, 118 Hope Street, 120 Hope Street, 130 Hope Street, 138 Hope Street, and 429 Keap Street, FPM Group, Ltd./FPM Engineering Group, P.C., July 2013

FPM conducted a Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation at the Site and prepared a Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation Report in July 2013. The investigation included the advancement of eight soil borings with the collection and laboratory analysis of eight soil samples; and the installation of four temporary sub-slab soil vapor probes with the collection and laboratory analysis of four soil vapor samples.

Soil borings were advanced to a maximum depth of 5 feet below surface grade using a hand auger. Subsurface materials generally consisted of historic fill material, including sand with silt, clay, concrete, brick, gravel, and porcelain to boring termination depths, with the exception of soil boring SB-6 where native material (sand, silt, and clay) was reportedly observed below the fill. Field evidence of contamination, including elevated photoionization detector (PID) readings, petroleum-like odors, and dark staining, was observed in soil borings B-1 in the former cellar on the northwestern portion of the Site and B4 on the north-central portion of the Site.

The results of the investigation identified SVOCs and metals at concentrations above the Restricted Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives (RRSCOs) in soil across the Site. Petroleum- and solvent-related VOCs were detected in soil vapor, including tetrachloroethylene (PCE) at concentrations up to 17,200 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), trichloroethylene (TCE) at concentrations up to 2,770  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , carbon disulfide at concentrations up to 63,200  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , and petroleum-related compounds at individual concentrations up to 35,100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

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

Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Report – 118 Hope Street, Brooklyn, New York, AKRF, Inc., March 22, 2018

AKRF performed a preliminary geotechnical investigation at the Site in February and March 2018 and provided geotechnical engineering recommendations in a March 2018 Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Report. The investigation included the advancement of four test borings with the collection and laboratory analysis of soil samples; and the installation of one observation well to document groundwater elevation at the Site. Subsurface conditions generally consisted of approximately 8 to 15 feet of historical fill material (sand with varying amounts of gravel, silt, clay, brick, concrete, and cinders). An approximately 3.5- to 10-foot thick layer of brown and gray organic silt and clay was observed beneath the historical fill material, which was underlain by glacial till to boring termination depths (up to 104 feet below grade). Groundwater was measured in an observation well ranging between approximately 10 to 11 feet below grade (elevation +4 to +4.5). Bedrock was not encountered. The report provided foundation design recommendations and construction considerations.

Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) Application, Hope Street Project, 118, 120, and 130 Hope Street; and 138 Hope Street/429 Keap Street, Brooklyn, New York, AKRF, Inc., July 2018

AKRF prepared a BCP Application for the Site in July 2018, which discussed soil/fill and soil vapor contamination associated with the Site's former uses. The Site was entered into the BCP in January 2019.

Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), 1675 Apartments, 118, 120, and 130 Hope Street; and 138 Hope Street/429 Keap Street, Brooklyn, New York, AKRF, Inc., January 2019

AKRF prepared a CPP for the Site in January 2019, which provided details on major issues of public concern related to the Site and surrounding area. The CPP provided the information to the public and encouraged citizen involvement in decisions being made about the Site regarding their health.

### **3.1 Areas of Concern (AOCs)**

Based on the Site's history and previous reports prepared for the Site, the AOCs for the RI include:

1. The historic uses of the Site, including a foundry, a coal company, woodworking, garages with gasoline tanks, automotive repair, a trucking company, a steel service company, a machinery shop, a dry cleaner, an electrical manufacturing company, a metal fabricator, a plumbing and heating company, and an equipment handling company.
2. Former petroleum storage and use at the Site and the Site's hazardous materials E-Designation for tank testing protocol.
3. The Site [130 Hope Street (former Lot 12)] listings in the Drycleaners, RCRA SQG, FINDS, and NY Manifest databases.
4. SVOCs and metals in soil/fill; and solvent- and petroleum-related VOCs in soil vapor at the Site identified in FPM's 2013 Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation Report.



## **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.

### **4.1 Field Program Summary**

The field scope of work (SOW) includes: the performance of a geophysical survey across accessible portions of the Site and approximately 10-foot by 10-foot areas at the locations of the off-site soil vapor sample locations; the advancement of 14 soil borings with the collection of soil samples to the groundwater interface and the laboratory analysis of one to three soil samples from each soil boring; the installation of seven permanent groundwater monitoring wells with the collection and laboratory analysis of seven groundwater samples; and the installation of 13 temporary soil vapor probes with the collection and laboratory analysis of 13 soil vapor samples. The proposed sample locations are shown on Figure 6.

The soil boring and temporary 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, and/or elevated PID readings) will be recorded on logs for inclusion in the RIR. All sampling equipment will be either dedicated or decontaminated between sampling locations.

The aforementioned SOW will be conducted by AKRF and its subcontractors. Qualifications for AKRF personnel are included in Section 2.0 of Attachment A. The following sections describe the methods that will be used to complete the aforementioned SOW.

### **4.2 Geophysical Survey**

A geophysical survey, including ground-penetrating radar (GPR) and magnetometry, will be performed across the Site and across an approximately 10-foot by 10-foot area around each off-site soil vapor sample location 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, measure off of fixed points in the field, and surveyed using a GPS.

### **4.3 Soil Boring Advancement and Soil Sampling**

A Geoprobe™ direct-push drill rig will be used to advance soil borings RI-SB-01 through RI-SB-14 at the approximate locations shown on Figure 6. Soil cores will be collected in 4-foot long, 2-inch diameter, stainless steel macrocore piston rod samplers fitted with internal, dedicated acetate liners. Soil borings will be advanced to approximately 5 feet below the groundwater interface, expected to be encountered at approximately 10 feet below grade. 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 calibrated PID, and logged using the modified Burmister soil classification system.

Soil borings RI-SB-03, RI-SB-05, RI-SB-06, and RI-SB-09 through RI-SB-14 will be advanced within the proposed footprint of the proposed building partial cellar and soil borings RI-SB-01, RI-SB-02, RI-SB-04, RI-SB-07, and RI-SB-08 will be advanced within the proposed parking garage area.

Soil borings RI-SB-03 and RI-SB-06 will be advanced at the locations of FPM's Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation soil borings B-4 and B-7, respectively, where solvents were detected in soil samples. At these locations, one soil sample will be collected for analysis from grade to 2 feet below grade and a second soil sample will be collected for analysis from the 2-foot interval above the saturated zone. Soil borings RI-SB-08 through RI-SB-10 and RI-SB-12 through RI-SB-14 will be advanced adjacent to soil borings RI-SB-03 and RI-SB-06 to delineate any contamination identified in soil samples collected from soil borings RI-SB-03 and RI-SB-06. At each of these locations, one soil sample will be collected from the 2-foot interval displaying the greatest evidence of contamination. In the absence of contamination, the sample will be collected from the 2-foot interval above the saturated zone. Two soil samples will be collected for analysis from soil borings RI-SB-05 and RI-SB-11 to characterize soil at the location of the proposed partial cellar: one from grade to 2 feet below grade and the second from the 2-foot interval above the saturated zone. At soil borings RI-SB-01, RI-SB-02, RI-SB-04, and RI-SB-07, two soil samples will be collected for analysis from each boring: one from grade to 2 feet below grade and the second sample will be collected from 2 to 4 feet below grade, the approximate extent of proposed excavation for the parking area. At each soil boring, additional samples will be collected for analysis from any additional intervals displaying field evidence of contamination (elevated PID readings, odors, staining, etc.).

Soil samples slated for laboratory analysis will be labeled and placed in laboratory-supplied containers and shipped to the laboratory via a courier with chain of custody (COC) 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-03, RI-SB-05, RI-SB-06, and 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 soil borings RI-SB-01, RI-SB-02, RI-SB-04, RI-SB-07, RI-SB-08 through RI-SB-10, and RI-SB-12 through RI-SB-14 will be analyzed for VOCs only.

After each boring is completed, the soil boring holes will be filled with on-site materials (if not noticeably contaminated) in accordance with Section 3.3(e) of DER-10. Soil cuttings displaying field evidence of contamination will be containerized in properly labeled Department of Transportation (DOT)-approved 55-gallon drums for off-site disposal at a permitted facility. Boreholes that require drill cutting disposal will be filled with bentonite chips (hydrated). Disposable sampling equipment that comes in contact with environmental media will be double bagged and disposed of as municipal trash as non-hazardous refuse.

The rationale for the proposed soil sample locations is summarized in Table 2.

**Table 2**  
**Proposed Soil Sample Rationale**

Sample Location	Sample Intervals For Laboratory Analysis <sup>1</sup>	On-Site Location	Analytical Parameters	Rationale
RI-SB-01	0-2' and 2-4'	Northwestern	VOCs	To assess soil quality in the northwestern portion of the Site within the proposed parking area
RI-SB-02	0-2' and 2-4'	Southwestern	VOCs	To assess soil quality in the northwestern portion of the Site within the proposed parking area
RI-SB-03	0-2' and 8-10'*	North-central	Part 375 List VOCs, SVOCs, PCBs, pesticides, TAL metals, and hexavalent chromium	To determine the extent of and to assess soil quality on the northern portion of the Site in the proposed partial cellar
RI-SB-04	0-2' and 2-4'	Southcentral	VOCs	To assess soil quality in the southwestern portion of the Site within the proposed parking area
RI-SB-05	0-2' and 8-10'*	East-central	Part 375 List VOCs, SVOCs, PCBs, pesticides, TAL metals, and hexavalent chromium	To assess soil quality in the central portion of the Site within the proposed partial cellar
RI-SB-06	0-2' and 8-10'*	Northeastern	Part 375 List VOCs, SVOCs, PCBs, pesticides, TAL metals, and hexavalent chromium	To assess soil quality in the southwestern portion of the Site within the proposed partial cellar
RI-SB-07	0-2' and 2-4'	Southeastern	VOCs	To assess soil quality in the northern portion of the Site within the proposed parking area
RI-SB-08	2-foot interval displaying contamination or 8-10'*	Northwestern; East of RI-SB-03	VOCs	To assess soil quality in the northern portion of the Site within the proposed partial cellar
RI-SB-09	2-foot interval displaying contamination or 8-10'*	West-central; South of RI-SB-03	VOCs	To assess soil quality in the north-central portion of the Site within the proposed partial cellar
RI-SB-10	2-foot interval displaying contamination or 8-10'*	North-central; West of RI-SB-03	VOCs	To assess soil quality in the central portion of the Site within the proposed cellar

**Table 2**  
**Proposed Soil Sample Rationale**

Sample Location	Sample Intervals For Laboratory Analysis <sup>1</sup>	On-Site Location	Analytical Parameters	Rationale
RI-SB-11	0-2' and 8-10'*	East-central	Part 375 List VOCs, SVOCs, PCBs, pesticides, TAL metals, and hexavalent chromium	To assess soil quality in the central portion of the Site within the proposed partial cellar
RI-SB-12	2-foot interval displaying contamination or 8-10'*	Northeastern; West of RI-SB-6	VOCs	To assess soil quality in the central portion of the Site within the proposed partial cellar
RI-SB-13	2-foot interval displaying contamination or 8-10'*	Northeastern; South of RI-SB-6	VOCs	To assess soil quality in the southwestern portion of the Site within the proposed partial cellar
RI-SB-14	2-foot interval displaying contamination or 8-10'*	Northeastern; East of RI-SB-6	VOCs	To assess soil quality in the central portion of the Site within the proposed partial cellar
<b>Notes:</b> <sup>1</sup> feet below surface grade * Sample will be collected from the 2-foot interval above the saturated zone. QA/QC sampling is discussed in Section 4.8. VOCs – volatile organic compounds SVOCs – semivolatile organic compounds PCBs – polychlorinated biphenyls TAL – target analyte list PAHs – polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons				

#### 4.4 Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation and Development

Seven permanent monitoring wells (denoted as RI-GW-01 through RI-GW-07) will be installed using a Geoprobe DPP equipped with augers at the proposed locations shown on Figure 6. 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, which is expected to be encountered between approximately 8 and 10 feet below grade, and a 2-inch diameter solid PVC riser installed a couple feet above the ground surface. A No. 2 morie sandpack will be installed approximately 2 feet above the well screen. The annular space around the solid well riser will be sealed with approximately 2 feet of bentonite and a non-shrinking grout/cement mixture to approximately one foot below grade. Each of the wells will be finished with a locking j-plug and stick-up 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.

The rationale for the proposed soil sample locations is summarized in Table 3.

**Table 3**  
**Proposed Groundwater Sample Rationale**

<b>Groundwater Monitoring Well ID</b>	<b>On-Site Location</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
RI-GW-01	Northwestern	To assess groundwater quality on the northwestern portion of the Site; and determine Site-specific groundwater flow direction and elevation
RI-GW-02	Southwestern	To assess groundwater quality on the southwestern portion of the Site; and determine Site-specific groundwater flow direction and elevation
RI-GW-03	North-central	To assess groundwater quality on the northern portion of the Site at the location of soil boring B-4 advanced during FPM's 2013 Subsurface Investigation; and determine Site-specific groundwater flow direction and elevation
RI-GW-04	Southcentral	To assess groundwater quality on the southern portion of the Site; and determine Site-specific groundwater flow direction and elevation
RI-GW-05	East-central	To assess groundwater quality on the central portion of the Site; and determine Site-specific groundwater flow direction and elevation
RI-GW-06	Northeastern	To assess groundwater quality on the northeastern portion of the Site at the location of soil boring B-7 advanced during FPM's 2013 Subsurface Investigation; and determine Site-specific groundwater flow direction and elevation
RI-GW-07	Southeastern	To assess groundwater quality on the southeastern portion of the Site; and determine Site-specific groundwater flow direction and elevation

#### 4.5 Groundwater Elevation Survey

The groundwater 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 a bailer will be used to measure any separate phase liquid. The purge water will be monitored for turbidity and water quality indicators [i.e., pH, dissolved oxygen, oxidation-reduction potential (ORP), 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 displaying field evidence of contamination will be containerized in properly labeled, Department of Transportation (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. Groundwater samples collected from monitoring wells RI-MW-3 and RI-MW-6 will also be analyzed for per- and polyfluorinated compounds (PFAS) by Modified EPA Method 537 and 1,4-Dioxane by EPA Method (collectively, “emerging contaminants”). Sampling for emerging contaminants will be conducted in accordance with the February 2018 NYSDEC-issued sampling protocol, with the exception that a low-density polyethylene (LDPE) bladder will be used as no industry-approved high-density polyethylene (HDPE) alternative currently exists. Well sampling details will be noted on groundwater sampling logs, included as an appendix to the RIR.

#### 4.7 Soil Vapor and Ambient Air Sampling

Thirteen soil vapor samples (denoted as RI-SV-01 through RI-SV-13) will be collected from 13 temporary vapor monitoring probes at the approximate locations shown on Figure 6. 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”. Soil vapor samples will be collected from the interval above the saturated zone.

The temporary soil vapor probes will be installed by advancing an expendable drive point using a Geoprobe™ direct-push drill rig to approximately 2 feet above the groundwater table at each 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, batch-certified SUMMA® canister equipped with a vacuum gauge and flow regulator set at a maximum rate of 0.2 liter per minute. Prior to sample collection, the sampling points will be purged of three sample volumes using a GilAir air sampling pump. During purging, a shroud will be placed over the sampling point and helium gas will be introduced 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 two-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 will be collected from the central portion of the Site concurrently with the soil vapor samples to establish background conditions.

The soil vapor 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 COC documentation.

The rationale for the proposed soil vapor samples is summarized in Table 4.

**Table 4**  
**Proposed Soil Vapor Sample Rationale**

Vapor Point ID	Sample Location	Analytical Parameters	Rationale
RI-SV-01	Northwestern Site	VOCs	To determine concentrations of VOCs on the northwestern portion of the Site, evaluate the potential for off-site exposure to the northwest, and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-02	Southwestern Site	VOCs	To determine concentrations of VOCs on the southwestern portion of the Site, evaluate the potential for off-site exposure to the west/southwest, and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-03	North-central Site	VOCs	To determine concentrations of VOCs on the north-central portion of the Site, evaluate the potential for off-site exposure to the north, and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-04	Southcentral Site	VOCs	To determine concentrations of VOCs on the south-central portion of the Site, evaluate the potential for off-site exposure to the south, and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-05	East-central Site	VOCs	To determine concentrations of VOCs on the east-central portion of the Site
RI-SV-06	Northeastern Site	VOCs	To determine concentrations of VOCs on the northeastern portion of the Site, evaluate the potential for off-site exposure to the northeast, and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-07	Southeastern Site	VOCs	To determine concentrations of VOCs on the southeastern portion of the Site, evaluate the potential for off-site exposure to the east/southeast, and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-08*	Eastern Rodney Street sidewalk south of Hope Street; west of Block 2386, Lot 2	VOCs	To determine concentrations of VOCs west of the Site, evaluate the potential for off-site exposure to the west, and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-09*	Northern Hope Street sidewalk; south of Block 2374, Lot 1	VOCs	To determine concentrations of VOCs northwest of the Site across Hope Street, evaluate the potential for off-site exposure to the northwest, and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-10*	Northern Hope Street sidewalk; south of Block 2374, Lot 28	VOCs	To determine concentrations of VOCs north of the Site across Hope Street, evaluate the potential for off-site exposure to the north, and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-11*	Eastern Hope Street sidewalk; west of Block 2387, Lot 2	VOCs	To determine concentrations of VOCs west of the Site across Keap Street, evaluate the potential for

Vapor Point ID	Sample Location	Analytical Parameters	Rationale
			off-site exposure to the east, and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-12*	Northern Grand Street sidewalk; south of Block 2386, Lot 21	VOCs	To determine concentrations of VOCs south of the Site along Grand Street, evaluate the potential for off-site exposure to the south, and complete the significant threat determination
RI-SV-13*	Northern Grand Street sidewalk; south of Block 2386, Lot 28	VOCs	To determine concentrations of VOCs south-southeast of the Site along Grand Street, evaluate the potential for off-site exposure to the south-southeast, and complete the significant threat determination
Note: *Indicates sample will be collected off-site.			

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

The samples will be reported with Category B deliverables. As required by the Category B sampling techniques, additional analysis will be included for QC measures. The QA/QC samples for soil and groundwater will include at 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 the same analyte list as the accompanying samples and Category B deliverables will be requested from the laboratory. The laboratory-prepared trip blanks will be submitted for analysis of VOCs only to determine the potential for cross-contamination. QA/QC samples accompanying the groundwater samples will also be analyzed for PFAS by Modified EPA Method 537. Upon receipt of the analytical data from the laboratory, it will be reviewed by a third-party data validator, who will prepare a Data Usability summary Report (DUSR). The QAPP, included as Appendix A, describes the QA/QC protocols and procedures that will be followed during implementation of this RIWP.

#### 4.9 Decontamination Procedures

All non-dedicated sampling equipment will be decontaminated between sampling locations using the following procedure:

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

Non-dedicated equipment used for groundwater sampling of emerging contaminants will be decontaminated with laboratory-certified PFAS-free water.

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

IDW that does not exhibit field evidence of contamination will be used to backfill the corresponding borehole that generated them to within 12 inches of the surface. Soil and groundwater IDW exhibiting evidence of gross 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 boreholes will be restored after backfill. Handling of IDW and backfilling of boreholes will be conducted in accordance with Section 3.3(e) of DER-10.

## **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 in compliance with Section 3.14 of DER-10 that will: document field activities; present field and laboratory data; evaluate exposure pathways in an exposure assessment; identify and characterize the source(s) of contamination; a summary of the overall nature and extent of contamination using the applicable standards, criteria, and guidance; and discuss conclusions and recommendations drawn from the results of the RI.

#### **5.1.1 Description of Field Activities**

The RIR will include a section that 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. This section will also include descriptions of hydrogeologic factors of the Site.

#### **5.1.2 Soil 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 DUSR will be prepared and discussed.

#### **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 elevation contour map and determine the inferred 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 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 and discussed.

#### **5.1.4 Soil Vapor 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 and discussed.

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

The RIR will include a QHHEA, which will be performed in accordance with DER-10 Section 3.3(c)4 and Appendix 3B.

## 6.0 PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE

**Table 5**  
**Proposed Project Schedule\***

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time To Complete</b>
BCP Pre-Application Meeting	April 9, 2018
Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) Application and Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) Submission to NYSDEC	July 2, 2018
NYSDEC Determination that Application is Complete	July 2018
45-day Public Comment Period for BCP Application and Draft RIWP Initiated	August 8, 2018
45-day Public Comment Period for BCP Application and Draft RIWP Ends	September 7, 2018
Execute Brownfield Cleanup Agreement (BCA)	January 17, 2019
Call to Review Draft RIWP Revisions with NYSDEC and NYSDOH	January 24, 2019
Resubmittal of Revised RIWP to NYSDEC and NYSDOH	January 30, 2019
Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) Submitted to NYSDEC and NYSDOH	January 30, 2019
NYSDEC Issues RIWP Approval Letter	By February 7, 2019
Conduct Remedial Investigation (RI)	Begin February 11, 2019
Draft RI Report (RIR) Submitted to NYSDEC and NYSDOH	April 2019
Supplemental RIWP (SRIWP) Submittal to to and Approved by NYSDEC and NYSDOH	May 2019
Conduct SRI	May 2019
Submit Draft SRI Report (SRIR) to NYSDEC	July/August 2019
NYSDEC Issues SRIR Comment Letter	September 2019
SRIR Resubmittal to NYSDEC	October 2019
Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) and Fact Sheet Submitted to NYSDEC	October 2019
45-day Public Comment Period for RAWP Initiated	November 2019
Public Comment Period for RAWP Completed	January 2020
Final RAWP Submitted and Approved by NYSDEC, Decision Document (DD) Issued	January 2020
Construction Closing with Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)	January 2020
Issue Remedial/Construction Notice Fact Sheet	February 2020
Begin Redevelopment (Construction) with Implementation of RAWP	March 2020
Execution of Environmental Easement (EE)	July 2021
Draft Site Management Plan (SMP) Submitted to NYSDEC	August 2021
Draft Final Engineering Report (FER) and Fact Sheet Submitted to NYSDEC	September 2021
NYSDEC Issues SMP and FER Comment Letter	October 2021
Final SMP and FER Submitted to NYSDEC	October 2021
NYSDEC Issues Certificate of Completion and Fact Sheet	December 2021
* Activities and dates are subject to change.	

## 7.0 CERTIFICATION

I, Marc S. Godick, LEP, 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).

Marc S. Godick, LEP

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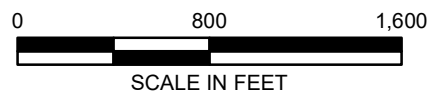
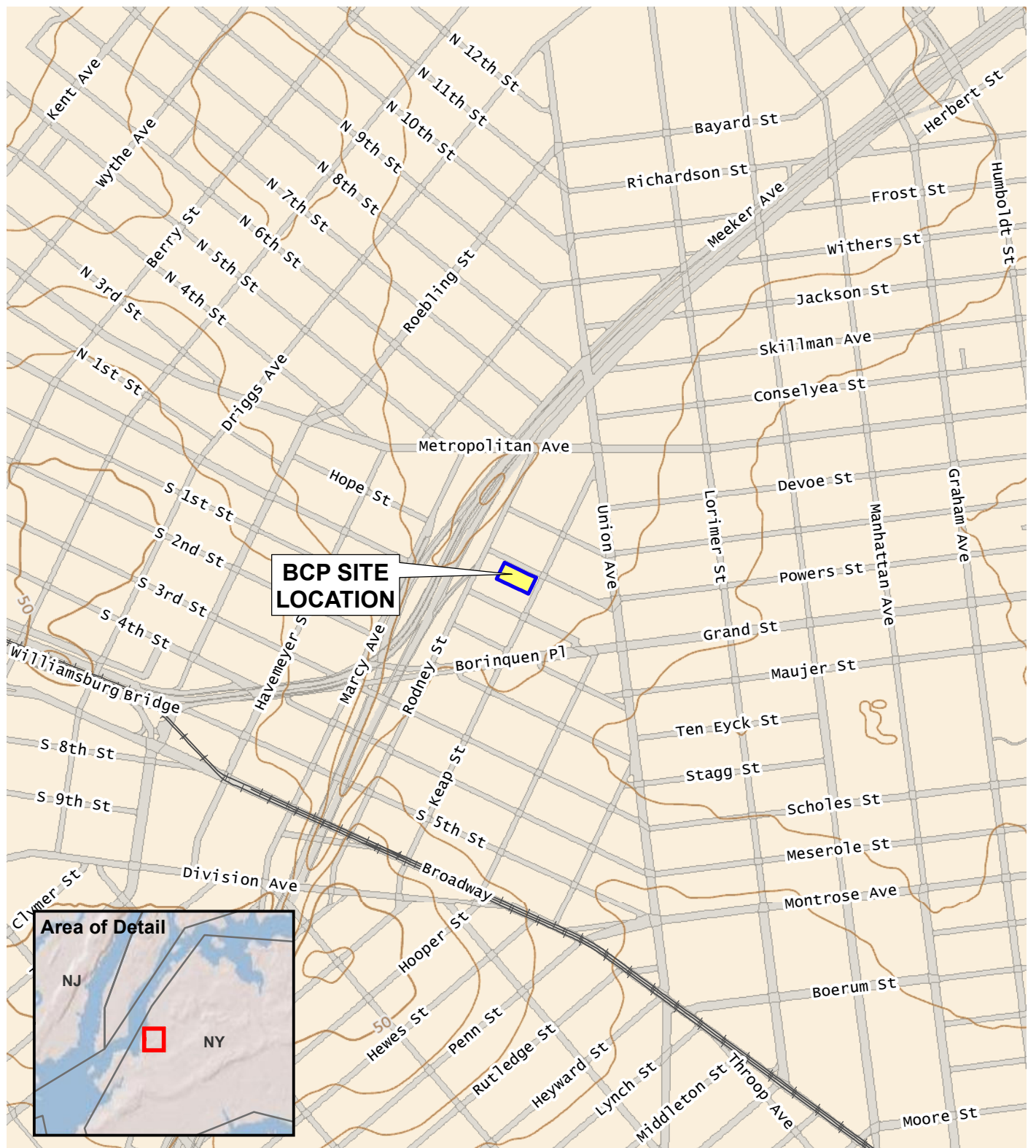
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## BCP SITE LOCATION MAP

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BCP SITE BOUNDARY

LOT BOUNDARY AND TAX LOT NUMBER

TAX BLOCK NUMBER

BUILDING

SOIL BORING LOCATION (FPM, 2013)

SOIL BORING/SOIL VAPOR SAMPLE LOCATION (FPM, 2013)



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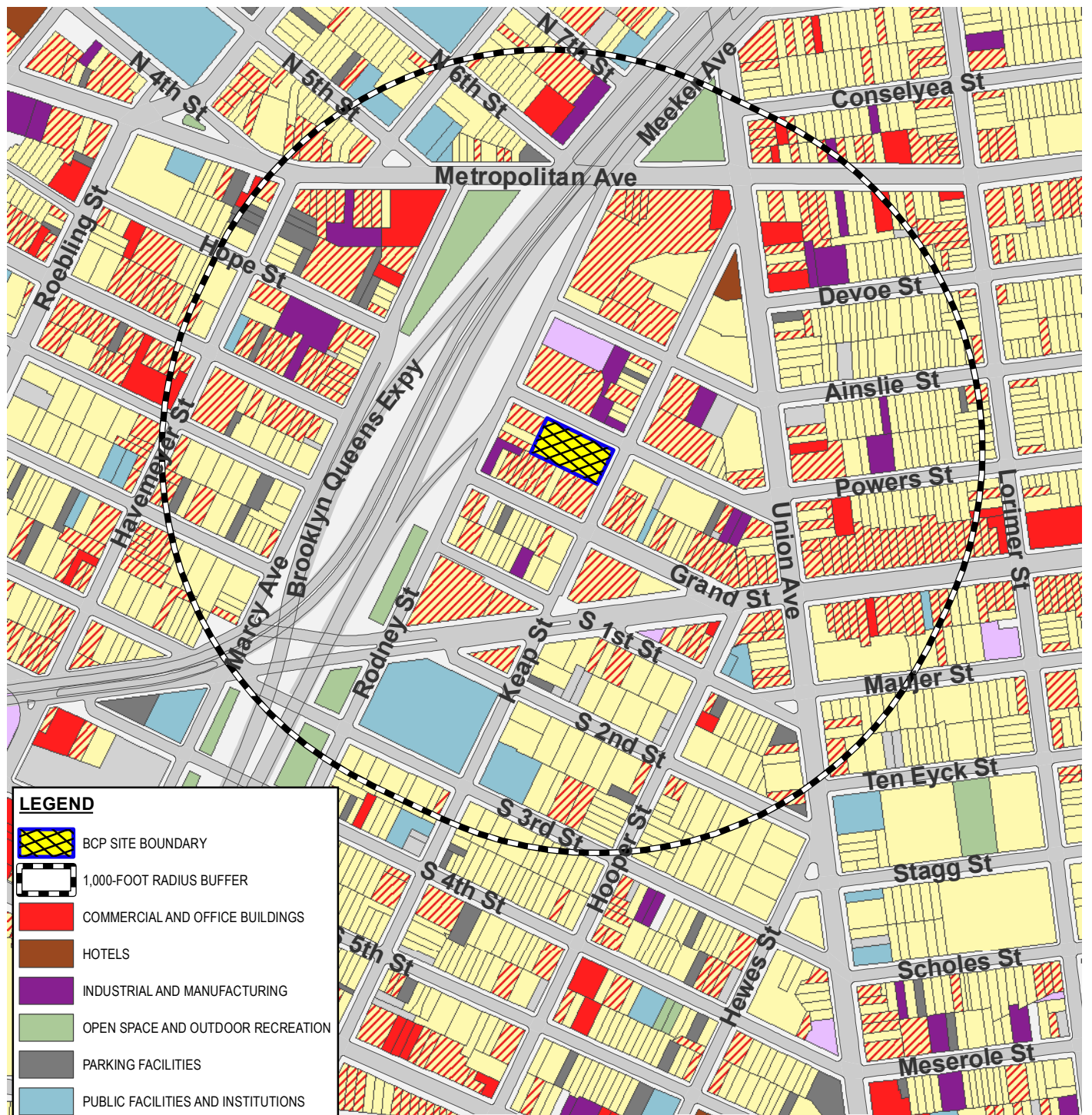


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-  BCP SITE BOUNDARY
-  1,000-FOOT RADIUS BUFFER
-  COMMERCIAL AND OFFICE BUILDINGS
-  HOTELS
-  INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING
-  OPEN SPACE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION
-  PARKING FACILITIES
-  PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INSTITUTIONS
-  RESIDENTIAL
-  RESIDENTIAL WITH COMMERCIAL BELOW
-  TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITY
-  VACANT LAND
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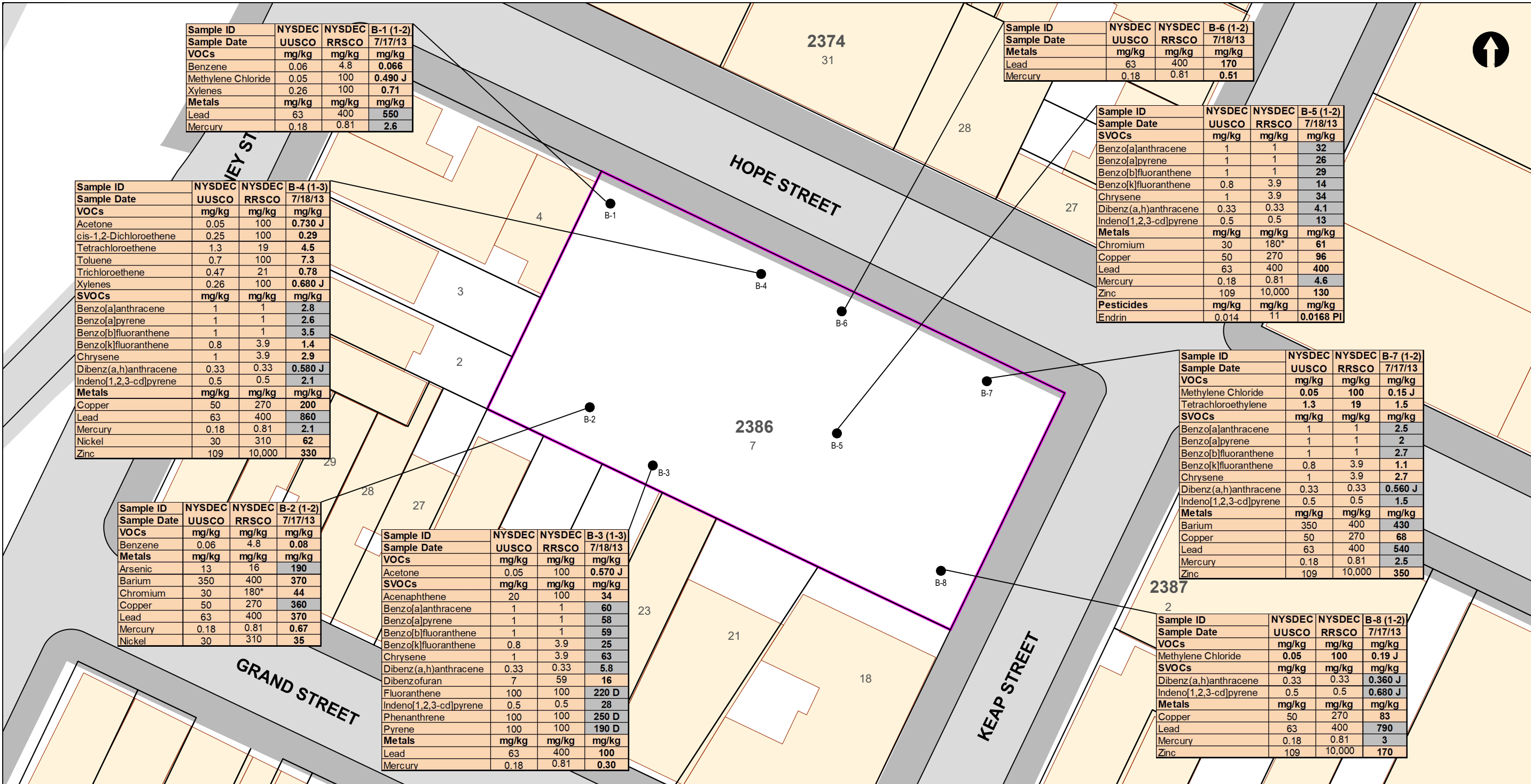
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BCP SITE BOUNDARY

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BUILDING

SOIL BORING LOCATION (FPM, 2013)

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Analyte/Compound

Sample ID	NYSDEC	NYSDEC	B-6 (1-2)
Sample Date	UUSCO	RRSCO	7/18/13
Metals	mg/kg	mg/kg	mg/kg
Lead	63	400	170
Mercury	0.18	0.81	0.51

Sample ID

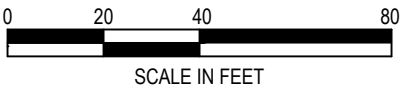
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Concentration

J : Estimated concentration below the Reporting Limit but exceeding the Method Detection  
P : The RPD between the results for two columns exceeds the method-specified criteria  
I : The lower value has been reported due to obvious interference

mg/kg : milligrams per kilogram = parts per million

Exceedances of NYSDEC Unrestricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives are highlighted in bold.  
Exceedances of NYSDEC Restricted Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives are highlighted in grey.



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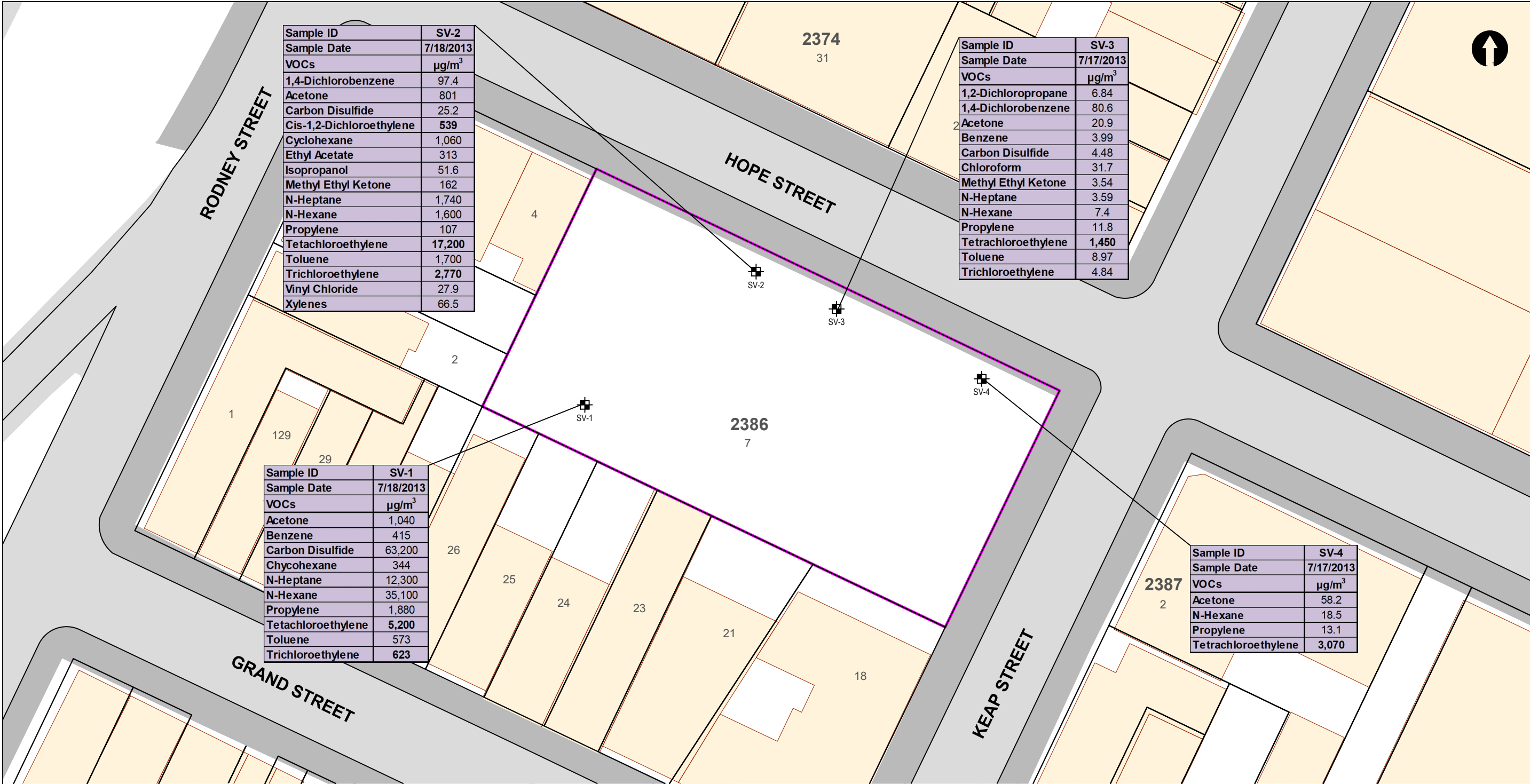
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SOIL SAMPLE CONCENTRATIONS ABOVE NYSDEC UUSCOS AND/OR RRSCOS

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SOIL VAPOR SAMPLE LOCATION (FPM, 2013)

Analyte/Compound	Sample ID	SV-4	Sample Date
	Sample Date	7/17/2013	
	VOCs	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Concentration
	Acetone	58.2	
	N-Hexane	18.5	

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

Soil vapor concentrations presented in bold font require mitigation regardless of corresponding indoor air sample concentrations, as per the New York State Department of Health Matrices.



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- BCP SITE BOUNDARY
- LOT BOUNDARY AND TAX LOT NUMBER
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- BUILDING
- PROPOSED PARTIAL CELLAR
- PROPOSED GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL/  
SOIL BORING LOCATION
- PROPOSED SOIL BORING LOCATION
- PROPOSED TEMPORARY SOIL VAPOR POINT LOCATION
- SOIL BORING LOCATION (FPM, 2013)
- SOIL BORING/TEMPORARY SOIL VAPOR POINT  
LOCATION (FPM, 2013)



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

# **HOPE STREET PROJECT**

**118, 120, & 130 HOPE STREET AND 138/429 KEAP STREET  
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## **Quality Assurance Project Plan**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) describes the protocols and procedures that will be followed during implementation of the Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) at the Hope Street Project site, hereafter referred to as the “Site”. The Site is an approximately 20,000-square foot parcel located at 118, 120, and 130 Hope Street; and 138 Hope Street/429 Keap Street (aka 134 Hope Street) in Brooklyn, New York, hereafter referred to as the “Site”. The Site is identified as Brooklyn Tax Block 2386, Lot 7, (Former Lots 7, 12, and 14) on the New York City Tax Map; an application for merger was filed with the New York City Department of Finance (NYCDOF) on June 13, 2018, which combined former Lots 7, 12, and 14 into Lot 7. 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. C224281). Adherence to this QAPP will ensure that defensible data will be obtained during 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 Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Officer and Project Director**

Mr. Marc S. Godick, LEP will serve as the QA/QC officer and project director. 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 the Data Usability Summary Reports (DUSRs) prepared by a third-party data validator for soil, groundwater, and soil vapor analytical results. As the project director, Mr. Godick will also oversee the project manager, and will review reports and participate in meetings with the Site owner/Applicant, and/or the NYSDEC. Mr. Godick’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 RIWP. The project manager will prepare reports and participate in meetings with the Site owner/Applicant, and/or the NYSDEC. Amy Jordan will serve as the project manager for the RIWP. Ms. Jordan’s resume is included in Attachment A.

### **2.3 Field Team Leader, Field Technician, Site Safety Officer (SSO), 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. Steve Schmid will be the field team leader. The field team leader alternate is Chris Puoplo of AKRF. Mr. Schmid’s and Mr. Puoplo’s resumes are included in Attachment A.



## **2.4 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.

## **2.5 Thirty-Party Data Validator**

The third-party data validator will be responsible for reviewing the final data packages for soil, groundwater, and soil vapor and preparing a DUSR that will provide performance information with regard to accuracy, precision, sensitivity, representation, completeness, and comparability associated with the laboratory analyses for the investigation. The third-party data validator will be Lori Beyer of L.A.B. Validation Corporation of East Northrop, New York.

# **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 4.6.1, and place in an ice-filled cooler for shipment to the laboratory.
- Complete the proper chain of custody (COC) 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 Groundwater Sampling**

Groundwater sampling will be conducted according to the following procedures:

- Field screen the sample for evidence of contamination (e.g., odors, staining, etc.) using visual and olfactory methods and screen the well headspace for VOCs using a PID equipped with an 11.7 eV lamp.
- Collect the groundwater sample from each proposed sample location in laboratory-supplied glassware, label the sample in accordance with Section 4.6.1, and place in an ice-filled cooler for shipment to the laboratory.
- Complete the proper COC paperwork and seal the cooler.
- Record sample location, sample depth, and sample observations (evidence of contamination, PID readings, free phase liquid, etc.) in field log book and boring log data sheet, if applicable.
- Decontaminate any groundwater sampling equipment between sample locations as described in Section 3.1 of this QAPP.

### **4.3 Soil Vapor and Ambient Air Sampling**

Soil vapor and ambient air sampling will be conducted according to the following procedures:

- Field screen the sample for evidence of contamination (e.g., odors, etc.) using olfactory methods and screen the purged vapors for VOCs using a PID equipped with an 11.7 eV lamp.
- Collect the soil vapor/ambient air samples from each proposed sample locations in laboratory-supplied SUMMA<sup>®</sup> canisters, label the sample in accordance with Section 4.6.1, and place in shipment container for shipment to the laboratory.
- Complete the proper COC paperwork and seal the shipment container.
- Record sample location, sample depth, and sample observations (odors, PID readings, etc.) in field log book and boring log data sheet, if applicable.

#### **4.4 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 and Soil QA/QC	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 and Groundwater QA/QC	VOCs	8260C	5 40 mL Glass Vials	HCl to pH < 2 and ≤ 6 °C	48 hours to extract; 14 days to analyze
	SVOCs	8270D	2,000 mL Amber Jar	≤ 6 °C	7 days to extract; 40 days to analyze
	1,4-Dioxane	8270D plus Selective Ion Monitoring (SIM); 0.35 µg/L RL	1 L 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
	Per- and Polyfluorinated Compounds (PFAS)	Modified 537; 0.2 ng/L RL	3 x 250 mL Polypropylene Bottles	≤ 6 °C, Trizma	14 days to analyze
Soil Vapor and Ambient Air	VOCs	TO-15	6L SUMMA® Canister	None	14 days

Notes:

QA/QC samples will be analyzed for the same parameters as the parent sample, with the exception of the trip blank(s), which will be analyzed for VOCs by EPA Method 8260C only.

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

Hg – Mercury

RCRA – Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

µg/L – parts per billion

ng/L – parts per trillion

#### 4.5 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 delivery 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.

#### 4.6 Sample Handling

##### 4.6.1 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 only, but triplicate sample volume will be collected and the COC comment section will explain that the additional volume is for running the MS/MSD; and trip and field blanks will consist of “TB-” and “FB-”, respectively, followed by “S” for soil and “GW” for groundwater, and 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**  
**Remedial Investigation Sample Nomenclature**

<b>Sample Description</b>	<b>Sample Designation</b>
Groundwater sample collected from groundwater monitoring well RI-GW-01 on February 15, 2019	RI-GW-01_20190215
Matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate sample of groundwater sample collected from groundwater monitoring well RI-GW-01 on February 15, 2019	RI-GW-01_20190215
Blind duplicate sample of groundwater sample collected from groundwater monitoring well RI-GW-01 on February 15, 2019	RI-GW-X01_20190215
Second field blank collected during the RI on September 1, 2018 with the soil samples	RI-FB-S-02_20190215
Soil sample collected from soil boring RI-SB-10 between 0 and 2 feet below grade on February 15, 2019	RI-SB-10_0-2_20190215
Second blind duplicate soil sample of SDG collected from soil boring RI-SB-10 between 0 and 2 feet below grade on February 15, 2019	RI-SB-X2_0-2_20190215
Soil vapor sample collected from temporary soil vapor point RI-SV-01 on February 15, 2019	RI-SV-01_20190215

Ambient air sample collected on February 15, 2019	RI-AA-1_20190215
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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.

#### 4.7 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 eV lamp and will be calibrated each day using 100 parts per million (ppm) isobutylene standard gas in accordance with the manufacturer's standards.

#### 4.8 Quality Assurance (QA)

All soil, groundwater, and soil vapor 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 Remedial Investigation Report (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 AND PROJECT DIRECTOR, PROJECT MANAGER, AND FIELD TEAM  
LEADER/FIELD TECHNICIAN/SITE SAFETY OFFICER/ALTERNATE**



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Marc S. Godick, a Senior Vice President of the firm, has over 25 years of experience in the environmental consulting industry. Mr. Godick has broad-based environmental experience includes expertise in brownfield redevelopment, site assessment, remedial investigation, design and implementation of remedial measures, compliance assessment, and litigation support.

#### **Education**

M.E., Engineering Science/Environmental Engineering, Pennsylvania State University, 1998

B.S., Chemical Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University, 1989

#### **Licenses/Certifications**

Licensed Environmental Professional (License # 396) – State of Connecticut – 2003 - Present

40 Hour HAZWOPER and Annual Refresher Training, 1990 - Present

Supervisors of Hazardous Waste Operations (8 Hour), 1990

#### **Professional Memberships**

Chairman, Village of Larchmont/Town of Mamaroneck Coastal Zone Management Commission, 1997 – Present

Member, Westchester County Stormwater Advisory Board, 2011 – Present

Chairman/Member, Westchester County Soil and Water Conservation District, 2005 - 2010

Board of Directors, Sheldrake Environmental Center, Larchmont, New York, 2006 - 2008

Member, NYSDEC Risk-Based Corrective Action (RBCA) Advisory Group for Petroleum-Impacted Sites, 1997

Community Leadership Alliance, Pace University School of Law, 2001

#### **Years of Experience**

Year started in company: 2002

Year started in industry: 1990

### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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

Mr. Godick 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 developed a remedial plan for a former gas station site in the Bronx and implemented a remedial plan for capping a park site in Staten Island.

#### **Remedial Design, Gowanus Canal First Street Turning Basin, New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC)**

Mr. Godick is managing the remedial design for restoration of the filled-in former First Street Turning Basin in Brooklyn, New York. The remediation is being conducted as part of an Order of Consent between the City of New York and EPA for the Gowanus Canal Superfund Site. The remedial design will include removal of fill and sediment within the fill-in basing in an approximately 475-foot by 50-foot area. The restored basin will provide enhanced waterfront access to the community and a boat launch for canoes and kayaks. Design considerations include geotechnical concerns related to adjacent buildings and new and existing bulkheads; soil and water



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management; landscape design; and access/construction logistics. The design is anticipated to be completed in late 2017.

### **On-Call Environmental Consulting (Various Locations), New York City School Construction Authority**

Mr. Godick is managing an on-call contract with the SCA for environmental assessment, remedial design, and plumbing disinfection. For new school sites, initial due diligence involves conducting Phase I environmental site assessments (ESAs) and multi-media sampling of soil, groundwater, and soil vapor to determine the suitability of a site for development as a school and remediation requirements and associated costs. Once design for a school is underway, AKRF would prepare remediation plans and construction specifications and oversee the construction activities. For existing school sites, the work can involve conducting Phase I ESAs and indoor air quality testing, preparation of specifications, supervision of storage tank removals, investigation and remediation of spills, and development of remediation cost estimates. AKRF also oversees plumbing disinfection work, which is required prior to new plumbing being placed into service. The assignments involve reviewing and commenting on disinfection plans, supervision of the disinfection and confirmation testing, and preparation of a report documenting the work was conducted in accordance with the specifications and applicable requirements. Due to the sensitivity of school sites, work under this contract is often conducted on short notice and during non-school hours.

### **Remediation & Litigation Support, 3200 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY (Former PS 151)**

Mr. Godick managed the investigation and remediation of a former public school in the Bronx under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Brownfields Cleanup Program (BCP). The site was contaminated with trichloroethylene (TCE) from historic operations at the property prior to use as a school. The remedial investigation included soil, groundwater, and vapor intrusion assessment both on-site and off-site. The remedial design included excavation of the source area, in-situ chemical oxidation of groundwater, and installation of a sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS) to address potential vapor intrusion. Implementation of the remedy was complete in late 2014. The completed remediation allows for future multi-family residential, educational, childcare, and/or medical uses. Mr. Godick has also been providing litigation support and will serve as a fact witness and potentially an expert witness in connection with a cost recovery claim against the former operator of the site.

### **Remediation & Litigation Support, Queens West Project, Avalon Bay Communities, Queens, NY**

For over 20 years, AKRF has played a key role in advancing the Queens West development, which promises to transform an underused industrial waterfront property into one of the largest and most vibrant mixed-use communities just across the East River from the United Nations. AKRF prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that examines issues pertaining to air quality, land use and community character, economic impacts, historic and archaeological resources, and infrastructure. As part of this project, Mr. Godick managed one of the largest remediation projects completed under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Brownfields Cleanup Program (BCP) that was contaminated by coal tar and petroleum. The remedy included the installation of a hydraulic barrier (sheet pile cut off wall), excavation of contaminated soil under a temporary structure to control odors during remediation, a vapor mitigation system below the buildings, and implementation of institution controls. The investigation, remediation design, and remedy implementation, and final sign-off (issuance of Certificate of Completion) were completed in two years. Total remediation costs were in excess of \$13 million. Following completion of the remediation, Mr. Godick developed a cost allocation model and provided litigation support for a cost recovery action against a former operator of the site, including participation in a deposition as a fact witness prior to settlement between the parties.

### **Remediation, Former Industrial Laundry/Dry Cleaning Plant, 2350 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY**

Mr. Godick managed the assessment, cleanup and post-remedial operations, maintenance and monitoring of the only NYSDEC listed inactive hazardous waste (State Superfund) site in Manhattan, a former laundry/dry cleaning plant in Harlem. Remedial investigation included evaluation of soil, groundwater, soil vapor, indoor air, and building materials. Interim remediation included the removal of contaminated building materials and operation of



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a sub-slab vapor extraction system retrofitted into the existing building. Mr. Godick coordinated with the regulatory agencies, site owner and occupants; and managed the investigation, remedial design, and remedial implementation activities. Phase 1 of the Remedial Action Work Plan consisted of further removal of contaminated building materials. Phase 2 of the remediation included a sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS) retrofitted into the existing building, soil vapor extraction (SVE) system, and chemical oxidation injection. Remedial action work was completed in 2014 and documented in a Final Engineering Report. NYSDEC issued Certificate of Completion in January 2015 and the site has been reclassified to a “Class 4” site (site properly closed – requires continued management). Mr. Godick continues to manage the project, including operations, maintenance and monitoring of the SSDS and SVE system under the NYSDEC-approved Site Management Plan.

### **606 West 57th Street, New York, NY, TF Cornerstone**

AKRF has been retained by TF Cornerstone to provide environmental services for the proposed redevelopment of a portion of the block bounded by Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues and West 56th and 57th Streets. The proposed actions included a zoning map amendment, zoning text amendments, a special permit, and an authorization to facilitate development of approximately 1.2 million square feet of residential and retail space. AKRF prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) to analyze the effects of the proposed actions and development of the proposed building. The EIS addressed the full range of environmental impacts associated with the proposed development.

Mr. Godick was responsible for the elements of the EIS pertaining to hazardous materials, including coordination of a Phase I ESA and summarizing pertinent site information for the hazardous materials and construction chapters. Mr. Godick provided pre-acquisition support to TF Cornerstone, which included development of a remedial cost estimate report to outline remediation cost during site development. Mr. Godick also managed work related to the subsurface investigation, localized remediation (chemical injection and limited excavation beneath the building basement) and regulatory closure of a petroleum spill on a portion of the project site to satisfy NYSDEC requirements. After EIS certification, Mr. Godick coordinated approvals with NYCOER, the regulatory agency overseeing remedial measures related to the redevelopment of the site. The Site has an (E) Designation and is participating in the New York City Voluntary Cleanup Program. Mr. Godick managed the preparation of a Phase II Investigation Work Plan, Remedial Investigation Report, Remedial Action Work Plan, and contractor specifications for soil management and tank and hydraulic lift removal. Mr. Godick is continuing to manage the project during remediation and construction.

### **NYCDEP Permit Resource Division On-Call Contract, New York, NY**

Under subcontract to a national engineering firm, and as part of three successive on-call contracts, AKRF provided support in a wide range of technical areas related to environmental and engineering permits for NYCDEP capital projects. These services fall into two major categories: preparing detailed guidance documents that will be used by project designers and construction managers on future projects, in order to expedite permit approvals and prevent delays; and providing expert review and guidance regarding permits for current projects, in order to ensure completeness of permit applications and effective coordination with regulatory agencies. The technical areas covered by AKRF include: wetlands, groundwater, surface water, and other natural resources; hazardous materials; traffic and transportation; air quality; noise and vibration; historic and archaeological resources; stormwater management; open space and parkland; and a broad range of permits and approvals from the New York City Fire Department (FDNY), the New York City Police Department (NYPD), the New York City Department of Buildings (NYCDOB), and other municipal agencies. AKRF also helped NYCDEP improve the overall process for tracking environmental and engineering permits and approvals, from the planning and design phases of a project to construction and long-term operation. Mr. Godick served as the hazardous materials task leader under this contract.

### **77 Commercial Street, Brooklyn, NY, Clipper Realty**

Mr. Godick managing various environmental consulting services in connection with the proposed affordable housing development at 77 Commercial Street as part of ongoing revitalization of the Greenpoint waterfront. The



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project comprises the redevelopment of an approximately 110,000-squarefoot former industrial parcel into a mixed-use commercial/residential development including public waterfront esplanade, affordable housing, and three interconnected buildings ranging from 2 to 40 stories. The site is being remediated under the New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER), and is listed with an E-Designation for Hazardous Materials, Air Quality, and Noise. The Remedial Investigation (RI) included 38 soil samples, 6 groundwater samples, and 11 soil vapor samples. Based on the results of the RI, AKRF prepared a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) that included excavation of approximately 90,000 tons of soil, the installation of a vapor barrier beneath the entire building, and design of a sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS) for a portion of the building. Upon approval of the RAWP, the project was enrolled into OER's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) to enable an exemption from hazardous waste disposal taxes, as well as to capitalize on additional community involvement provided by OER. AKRF, OER, and community leaders developed proactive measures to limit the potential disturbances from construction. AKRF conducted extensive waste characterization testing of the soil to pre-classify the material for disposal. The project is expected to break-ground in late 2015/early 2016.

### **164 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, NY (AKA Northside Piers and 1 North 4th Place), RD Management, L&M Development, Toll Brothers, and Douglaston Development**

The project was a multi-phase development consisting of a large waterfront block in the Williamsburg Rezoning Area. The project site has been developed with a mixed-use residential-commercial high rise towers with an esplanade and a pier along the East River. AKRF provided acquisition and development support, including performing Phase I and II environmental site assessments and development of remedial cost estimates for development, and preparation of Remedial Action Plans (RAPs) and Construction Health and Safety Plan (CHASPs) for approval by DEP and OER. AKRF provided assistance with construction oversight during soil handling activities and managing the Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) activities. To date, closure reports have been prepared and occupancy now achieved for all four buildings under the project.

### **National Grid – Halesite Manufactured Gas Plant Site Remediation, Town of Huntington, NY**

Mr. Godick managed the remedial design and engineering work associated with remediation of National Grid's former manufactured gas plant (MGP) located in the Town of Huntington. The site is situated in a sensitive location along the waterfront, surrounded by commercial and residential properties, and half the property where the remediation was conducted was a steep slope. The remedy consisted of soil removal, oxygen injection, and non-aqueous phase liquid recovery. Mr. Godick was responsible for the development of the remedial work plans, design/construction documents, landscape architecture, confirmatory sampling, air monitoring, supervision, and preparation of close-out documentation in accordance with NYSDEC requirements.

### **Underground Storage Tank Closure and Site Remediation–Program Management, Con Edison, New York, NY**

Mr. Godick provided technical assistance to Con Edison in developing technical submittals and budgets associated with tank closures at over 50 facilities. Technical summaries were prepared for submittal of contractor-prepared closure reports to the NYSDEC. The summaries included a review of historic pre-closure assessments, tank closure data, and provided recommendations for additional assessment, remediation or closure. Subsequently, a three-year program budget was developed for implementation of the UST investigation/remedial program, which Con Edison utilized for internal budgeting purposes.

### **Site Investigation–Over 20 Facilities, Con Edison, New York, NY**

Mr. Godick managed site investigations associated with petroleum, dielectric fluid, and PCB releases at over 20 Con Edison facilities including service centers, substations, generating stations, and underground transmission and distribution systems. Site investigations have included due diligence site reviews, soil boring installation, monitoring well installation, hydrogeologic testing, and water quality sampling. Risk-based closures were proposed for several sites.



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### **Verizon, Investigation & Remediation, Various Locations, NY, PA and DE**

Mr. Godick managed over 50 environmental investigations and remediation projects related to petroleum releases at various facilities. Responsibilities included annual budgeting, day-to-day project management, development and implementation of soil and ground water investigation workplans, ground water modeling, risk evaluation, remedial action work plans, remedial design, system installation, waste disposal, well abandonment, and operation and maintenance. Many of the assessment and remedial projects followed a risk-based approach. Remedial technologies implemented included air sparging, soil vapor extraction, bioremediation, pump and treat, soil excavation, and natural attenuation.

### **Storage Tank Management, Verizon, Various Locations, NY, PA, DE, and MA**

Mr. Godick managed the removal and replacement of underground and aboveground storage tank systems for Verizon in New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Massachusetts. Responsibilities included the management of design, preparation of specifications, contractor bidding, construction oversight, project budget, and documentation. For selected AST sites, managed the development of Spill Control, Contingency and Countermeasures (SPCC) plans.

### **Litigation Support, Cost Recovery Action, Federal Superfund Site, New York**

Mr. Godick is currently providing technical support to one of the 40+ potential responsible parties (PRPs) associated with a Federal Superfund site in New York State, which includes conducting a liability assessment for the various parties and development of a cost allocation model.

### **Litigation Support, Cost Recovery Action, New York State Superfund Site**

Mr. Godick provided technical support for the former owner of a New York State Superfund site in upstate New York. Current owner of the property brought a cost recovery action against client as a potential responsibility party. Completed technical review of draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study prepared by opposing party's consultant to develop more cost effective remedial strategy and to better position the client for liability allocation as part of future settlement negotiations. Developed cost allocation paper and model for settlement negotiations, as well as participated in mediation.

### **Litigation Support & Remediation, Former Service Station, Brooklyn, New York**

Mr. Godick took over management of remediation of an inactive service station (formerly conducted by another firm). His approach outlined additional characterization and remediation efforts which resulted in successful closure of the spill by NYSDEC within two years. Mr. Godick testified as an expert witness at a hearing in the New York State Supreme Court of Kings County to determine the adequacy of the remediation efforts.

### **Litigation Support, Cost Recovery Action, Town of Carmel, New York**

Mr. Godick served as an expert witness representing the owner of a property in a landlord-tenant dispute, which was used as a gasoline station and oil change facility. Mr. Godick prepared exhibits, testified, and participated in meetings with NYSDEC to support the landlord's claim that the oil change tenant's practices were poor and were adversely affecting the environment and the overall facility systems at the site.

### **Litigation Support, Cost Recovery Action, New York State Petroleum Spill Site, New York, NY**

Mr. Godick provided technical support for the former owner of a New York City multi-unit residential apartment building. The State of New York brought a cost recovery action against our client as a result of a previous spill from a former underground storage tank. Reviewed invoices and project documentation to dispute work performed by the NYSDEC, which provided the basis for settlement at a fraction of the initial claim.

### **Litigation Support, Class Action Lawsuit, Confidential Client, NJ**

Mr. Godick provided technical support for a class action suit involving a petroleum-impacted community water supply in southern New Jersey. The technical assistance included analysis of expert testimony and coordination with legal counsel in preparing for cross-examination of the opposing party's lead expert witness.



## **AMY JORDAN**

### **GEOSCIENTIST**

Amy Jordan is a geoscientist with over six years of environmental consulting experience related to site assessment and remediation from the initial proposal and assessments of properties through post-remedial site management under regulatory oversight of local, state, and federal agencies. Ms. Jordan conducts and manages all aspects of redevelopment projects from the initial proposal and assessments of properties through post-remedial site management under regulatory oversight of local, state, and federal agencies. Ms. Jordan works with non-profit organizations, affordable housing developers, for-profit developers, and government agencies under the regulatory oversight of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP), and the New York City Office of Environmental Remediation (NYCOER). Ms. Jordan manages 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. Her management skill set is supported by several years of fieldwork, including: oversight of remedial construction activities; soil, groundwater, and soil vapor sampling; Phase I Environmental Site Assessments; Subsurface and Remedial Investigations; design, operation, and maintenance of engineering controls, including sub-slab depressurization and soil vapor extraction systems; oversight and sampling of direct-push, sonic, and hollow stem auger drilling; waste characterization, handling, and disposal; and petroleum bulk storage closure.

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **Education**

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

M.S. Geology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, Expected 2020

#### **Licenses/Certifications**

40 Hour OSHA HAZWOPER

OSHA 10 Hour Occupational Construction Safety and Health

NYSDEC Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector

Amtrak Track Safety

New York State Asbestos Inspector

#### **Years of Experience**

Year started in company: 2012

Year started in industry: 2011

### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

#### **170196 Manhattan West Southeast Tower, Manhattan, New York**

AKRF is providing environmental consulting services to Brookfield Office Properties in connection with the Manhattan West development site, which encompasses an entire city-block above the Amtrak approach to Penn Station. The four towers that comprise the Manhattan west development site are being remediated as four different sites under the NYCOER, due to an E Designation for hazardous materials, air quality, and noise attenuation. Ms. Jordan is currently managing the environmental work required for the NYCOER E Designation at the Southeast Tower site. In addition, due to the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) within the subterranean railyard,



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Ms. Jordan designed and prepared the Self-Implementing Cleanup Plan (SICP) in coordination with the USEPA. Upon approval of the remedial plans, Ms. Jordan oversaw the remediation activities to ensure compliance with the SICP in accordance with the Toxic Substance and Control Act (TSCA); and is preparing to implement the NYCOER RAWP on the street-grade portion of the project.

### **12306 12 Eckford Street, Brooklyn, New York**

AKRF is providing environmental consulting services in connection with the redevelopment of a former manufacturing property into a mix of affordable and market-rate residential units. Ms. Jordan manages the environmental consulting services in connection with the redevelopment of this property into a mix of affordable and market-rate residences in the BCP. For this project, I have developed and conducted several subsurface investigations at the property under the oversight of NYC agencies. Ms. Jordan prepared the BCP application after analytical data identified chlorinated solvent contamination at the property. She designed and conducted a soil vapor extraction (SVE) pilot test, developed and authored a remedial action plan including the design of an SSDS and SVE system, and hazardous waste delineation and disposal. After construction oversight, ongoing remedial monitoring under the oversight of NYSDEC will culminate with a Final Engineering Report (FER).

### **11901 Elton Crossing (Site C Family), Bronx, New York**

AKRF provided environmental consulting services in connection with the purchase and redevelopment of this property into mixed-use commercial space and low-income rental units. Ms. Jordan prepared the Phase I ESA report, conducted several investigations including the installation of bedrock monitoring wells, and a BCP application. Ms. Jordan managed all aspects of the cleanup, including the development of supplemental work plans, the remedial action, and citizen participation documents. She managed the implementation of the remedial action, including petroleum storage tank removal, soil brokering and disposal, and hazardous waste delineation and disposal. She prepared the FER and the Site Management Plan (SMP) for the institutional and engineering controls and authored the winning NYC Big Apple Brownfield Award application for the project in Spring 2017.

### **12105 3363-3365 Third Avenue, Bronx, New York**

AKRF provided environmental consulting services in connection with the proposed affordable housing development at 3363-3365 Third Avenue. The proposed project consists of a residential building with a basement and approximately 30 affordable housing units. Ms. Jordan prepared Phase I ESA for due diligence purposes and to support an application to the New York City Acquisition Fund. The Phase I identified recognized environmental conditions as well as an E- Designation from the Morrisania Rezoning Action. Ms. Jordan is assisting the client with satisfying the E –Designation and has prepared and implemented a Remedial Investigation Work Plan, performed a Remedial Investigation, prepared a Remedial Action Work Plan, and Phase I ESA update for the New York City Acquisition Fund under the regulatory oversight of the New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (NYCOER). The Remedial Investigation included soil, soil vapor, groundwater and ambient air sampling. AKRF is preparing the Remedial Action Work Plan for the site and assisted the client with enrollment into NYCOER's Voluntary Cleanup Program. The site is scheduled to break ground in the Spring of 2016.

### **12492, 12493, 12184 Atlantic Chestnut Lots 1, 2, and 3, Brooklyn, New York**

AKRF is providing environmental consulting services in connection with the purchase and redevelopment of an entire city block, from a burned manufacturing facility into three mixed-use commercial and affordable rental unit buildings. Ms. Jordan prepared a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), conducted three subsurface investigations, and prepared three BCP Applications. She developed supplemental investigation work plans for the design of remedial actions and to aid in the design of in-situ groundwater treatment related to chlorinated solvent



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contamination in soil, groundwater, and soil vapor across the three sites. Prior to implementation of the remedial action, Ms. Jordan is designing and preparing three soil vapor extraction (SVE) systems. The work will include construction oversight, ongoing remedial monitoring under the oversight of the NYSDEC, and will culminate with a FER.

### **11703 Brook 156, Bronx, New York**

AKRF is providing environmental consulting services to Phipps Houses in connection with the purchase and development of two lots located at 740 Brook Avenue in the Bronx, New York. Before writing the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (NYSBCP) application, which was accepted by the State, AKRF prepared a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) of the site (a former gasoline service station and railroad) and also conducted Tier 1 Vapor Encroachment Screening to satisfy HUD's vapor intrusion requirements, and prepared a Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) and a Remedial Investigation (RI) at the site. AKRF prepared a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), distributed public notices, and prepared a Supplemental Remedial Investigation Work Plan (SRIWP) to further investigate soil, soil vapor, and groundwater at the site prior to redevelopment. Based on the results of the Supplemental Remedial Investigation (SRI), AKRF reported a petroleum spill to NYSDEC. Ms. Jordan prepared the Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP), which included the design of an active SSDS and an SVE system. Ms. Jordan also acts as the project manager for client and agency correspondence and will oversee implementation of the RAWP.



## **STEPHEN P. SCHMID**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST**

Stephen Schmid is an Environmental Scientist in AKRF's Hazardous Materials Department with two years of experience. He has experience in Phase I and II site assessments and construction/remediation oversight which have included water, soil and air sampling. Mr. Schmid is a 2011 graduate from the University of New Hampshire, where he studied marine and freshwater biology, and environmental conservation. Prior to joining AKRF Mr. Schmid conducted fieldwork, water sampling and analysis in addition to assisting in a study of lakes in the North Eastern United States.

#### **Background**

#### **Education**

BS, University of New Hampshire, Major: Marine & Freshwater Biology, Minor: Environmental Conservation Studies,

#### **Licenses/Certifications**

Asbestos Project Monitor, Air Technician and Inspector

#### **Years of Experience**

8 years in the industry

7 years with AKRF

### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

#### **1n. 4th Pl - 164 Kent Ave-bklyn, Douglaston Development, Brooklyn, NY**

The project was a multi-phase development consisting of a large waterfront block in the Williamsburg Rezoning Area. The project site has been developed with a mixed-use residential-commercial high rise towers with an esplanade and a pier along the East River. AKRF provided acquisition and development support, including performing Phase I and II environmental site assessments, and preparation of Remedial Action Plans (RAPs) and Construction Health and Safety Plan (CHASPs) for approval by DEP and OER. AKRF provided assistance with construction oversight during soil handling activities and managing the Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) activities. To date, closure reports have been prepared and occupancy achieved for three of the four buildings.

Mr. Schmid provided assistance with construction oversight during soil handling activities and managing the Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) activities. To date, closure reports have been prepared and occupancy achieved for three of the four buildings.

#### **25 Broad Street, 25 Broad Street L/cal Llc, New York, NY**

AKRF was retained by LCOR to design and implement a Community Air Monitoring program during demolition of a former residential building on a property in lower Manhattan that is to be redeveloped. The program includes real-time community monitoring for volatile organic compounds and particulate matter, personnel monitoring for particulate matter, and confirmatory sampling for silica.

Mr. Schmid was the on-site monitor responsible for calibrating equipment and monitoring levels of volatile organic compounds and particulate matter for the surrounding area and construction personnel. Reports of the daily activity including data collected throughout the day were prepared for submittal to the client.



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#### **443 Greenwich Street, 443 Greenwich Street, New York, NY**

The project involved the remediation of a 35,000-square foot site located in Manhattan, New York. Redevelopment of the site included a full conversion of the existing commercial/industrial building into residential loft space. Tasks included supervising an in-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO) groundwater treatment program requiring 66 soil borings to depths of approximately 10 to 15 feet using a direct push-probe rig for injection of a sodium persulfate solution to neutralize environmental contaminants present in on-site groundwater.

Mr. Schmid conducted construction oversight and community air monitoring during the removal of contaminated soil.

#### **Adelaar Ph I Infrastructure Bid Spt, EPR Concord LI, L.P.,**

As part of a multi-disciplinary team, AKRF is providing planning, permits/entitlements, environmental analyses and civil engineering services for a 1,500 acre Master Planned resort community. The proposed project will transform a historically significant site in the Catskills into a world class resort property. In addition to upgrading an already celebrated golf course, the all season resort community will include 75,000 hotel rooms, recreation facilities and spas, a conference center, a casino/racino, entertainment village, and a diverse residential portfolio. The planning for the project will balance a beautiful and fragile ecosystem with a diverse development program. An extensive trail system will connect each component of the Master Plan to create a sustainable and multi-modal transportation program.. AKRF is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess possible impacts from the proposed Adelaar Resort in Thompsonville, NY. The resort would include an 18-hole golf course, a racino and harness racing track, hotels, a residential village with a mix of unit types including condos, apartments, townhouses and detached single family homes, a civic center, a medical home, an active adult residential community, an entertainment district with cinema and supporting retail, an RV park, and a multi-use trail system with abundant open space.

Mr. Schmid provided assistance with Phase I assessments, oversight during remedial soil handling activities and conducted inspections in accordance with the Stormwater Pollution and Prevention Plans.

#### **Artimus 14 07 94th Ave, J2 147-07 94th Avenue Llc, Queens, NY**

This historical meat refrigeration facility is enrolled in the Brownfield Cleanup Program to remediate the property and construct a 23-story affordable residential building. Although the site has an E-Designation for hazardous materials, noise, and air quality, AKRF assisted with applying for entry into the NYSDEC Brownfield Cleanup Program, due to the presence of contaminated soil and soil vapor beneath the site. AKRF is providing environmental consulting services throughout the project.

Mr. Schmid collected bulk samples to test for asbestos along with an AKRF licensed NYC asbestos investigator. Results confirmed the presence of asbestos in an office, trailer and the roof. During abatement Mr. Schmid served as the project monitor and collected daily air samples.

#### **New York City School Construction Authority (SCA), Environmental Consulting Hazardous Materials Services**

AKRF has undertaken various assignments under two consecutive hazardous materials on-call contracts, including environmental assessment, remedial design, and plumbing disinfection consulting tasks. For potential new school sites, assignments include initial due diligence, Phase I environmental site assessments (ESAs) and multi-media subsurface investigation of soil, groundwater, and soil vapor to determine the suitability of a site for development as a school, likely remediation requirements, and associated costs. For sites undergoing design and development, assignments include preparation of remediation plans, design of sub-slab depressurization systems (SSDS) and contract specifications, and



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construction oversight. The work has also included conducting Phase I ESAs and indoor air quality testing, preparation of specifications, supervision of storage tank removals, and investigation and remediation of spills for existing schools. Due to the sensitivity of school sites, work under this contract is often conducted on short notice and during non-school hours. As the environmental scientist.

Mr. Schmid has provided oversight during plumbing disinfections, storage tank removals and spill remediation.

#### **Home Depot - Rego Park Ny, The Home Depot, Glendale, NY**

Solvent contamination was encountered during retail development of a former industrial property in Rego Park, Queens, New York. The site work included an extensive investigation and a multi-phase remediation performed under the NYSDEC Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Remediation included removal of aboveground and underground storage tanks (ASTs and USTs) and hotspot soil removal. An Air Sparging/Soil Vapor Extraction (AS/SVE) groundwater remediation system designed by AKRF was installed as part of the building construction. Continued remediation work included upgrading and expanding the AS/SVE system after the store was opened. AKRF continues operations, maintenance, and monitoring under the NYSDEC-approved Site Management Plan.

Mr. Schmid has performed low flow, indoor air and effluent sampling as part of ongoing monitoring activities to assess the progress of the cleanup.

#### **Hudson River Park Trust, Hudson River Park Trust, New York, NY**

AKRF serves as an on-call consultant for the ongoing development of the Hudson River Park, the approximately 5 to 6 mile section of waterfront property from Battery Place to 59th Street along the western edge of Manhattan.

Mr. Schmid collected bulk samples to test for asbestos along with an AKRF licensed NYC asbestos investigator. Results confirmed the presence of asbestos in some of the rooms and Mr. Schmid subsequently provided project monitoring and the collection of air samples during the abatement.

#### **West 57th Street, Tfc West 57 Gc Llc, New York, NY**

AKRF has been retained by TF Cornerstone to provide environmental services for the redevelopment of a portion of the block bounded by Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues and West 56th and 57th Streets. AKRF prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) to analyze the effects of the proposed actions and development of the proposed building. The EIS addressed the full range of environmental impacts associated with the proposed development. After completion of the EIS, the client enrolled in the NYC Voluntary Brownfield Cleanup Program to investigate and remediate the 83,260-square foot site for planned redevelopment. A remedial investigation was performed to compile and evaluate data and information necessary to develop a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) pertaining to the planned development. AKRF performed oversight of the construction excavation activities to ensure compliance with the RAWP.

Mr. Schmid conducted construction oversight and community air monitoring during the removal of contaminated soil.



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#### **Second Farms, Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation, Bronx, NY**

AKRF, Inc. was initially 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. AKRF continued working on the project for the developer by preparing a Remedial Action Plan and Environmental Assessment Statement. AKRF is in the midst of implementing the remedy.

Mr. Schmid assisted in the investigation which included a geophysical survey and utility mark-outs, and the collection and analysis of soil, groundwater, soil vapor, indoor air and ambient air samples.

#### **Randolph Houses, New York City Housing Authority, New York, NY**

Mr. Schmid along with AKRF licensed NYC asbestos investigators performed the collection of bulk samples throughout the building's main floors, basements and roofs to confirm the presence of asbestos in some of the building materials.

#### **Willets Point Demolition, Default 02 Client, Queens, NY**

AKRF supported the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) with Phase 1 of the Willets Point Redevelopment Plan, which includes the demolition of existing structures. AKRF also supported EDC with review of contractor notifications, submittals and air monitoring during abatement.

Mr. Schmid performed pre-demolition asbestos-containing materials and universal waste surveys of approximately 70 structures throughout the 23-acre area site in Queens along with an AKRF licensed NYC asbestos investigator.



## **CHRISTOPHER PUOPLO**

### **FIELD TECHNICIAN**

Christopher Puoplo is geologist in AKRF's Hazardous Materials Department. He has experience in groundwater sampling, air monitoring, water disinfection and sampling, lead in water sampling, SWPPP inspections, phase II subsurface investigations, sturgeon monitoring, crewing and driving a motorboat, and construction oversight. Mr. Puoplo is a 2013 graduate of SUNY Oneonta, where he majored in geology.

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **Education**

BS Geology, State University of New York, College at Oneonta, Oneonta, NY

#### **Licenses/Certifications**

40-Hour OSHA HAZWOPER Certified  
10-Hour OSHA Construction Program Certified  
DOL Asbestos Project Monitor, Air Technician, and Inspector Certified  
SWPPP Certified  
TWIC Certified

#### **Years of experience**

Year started in company: 2014  
Year started in industry: 2014

### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

#### **New York City School Construction Authority: On-Call Environmental Consulting**

Under an on-call contract, AKRF provides the New York City School Construction Authority (NYCSCA) with hazardous materials consulting services. Mr. Puoplo performs environmental assessment tasks including lead in drinking water sampling and plumbing disinfection oversight tasks under the current on-call contract.

#### **80305 NY Wheel, Staten Island, NY**

Working with the New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS) as lead agency, AKRF conducted an environmental review for the forthcoming Empire Outlets and New York Observation Wheel (NY Wheel), a mixed-use development situated on a State Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) site managed by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC), on the northern Staten Island waterfront. The approximately 60-story NY Wheel will be one of the world's tallest Ferris wheels, while Empire Outlets will be New York City's first outlet mall. The combined project is the largest investment in the borough since the construction of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in the 1960s.

AKRF is also providing hazardous materials services and civil engineering services to New York Wheel LLC during construction on the NY Wheel site. Mr. Puoplo has performed construction oversight to ensure compliance with the SMP.

30141 87 Gedney Way, White Plains NY – Groundwater Sampling



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AKRF was hired by the City of White Plains' Department of Public Works (DPW) to prepare a Site Investigation Work Plan (SIWP) of the 22.7-acre Gedney Way Leaf and Yard Waste Compost Facility. AKRF completed the SIWP and obtained NYSDEC approval on the plan. AKRF also collected soil, groundwater, soil gas and surface water samples. Closure activities have been completed and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) closure approval is pending. As part of ongoing monitoring, Mr. Puoplo screened wells for methane, measured depth to groundwater, and collected groundwater samples from the site.

### **03399 Rego Park Home Depot, Queens, NY**

Solvent contamination was encountered during retail development of a former industrial property in Rego Park, Queens, New York. The site work included an extensive investigation and a multi-phase remediation performed under the NYSDEC Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Remediation included removal of aboveground and underground storage tanks (ASTs and USTs) and hotspot soil removal. An AS/SVE groundwater remediation system designed by AKRF was installed as part of the building construction. Mr. Puoplo performed quarterly groundwater monitoring.

### **all 9 storage deluxe projects? Storage Deluxe, Various Locations, NY**

AKRF assists Storage Deluxe with the ongoing expansion of their self-storage facilities primarily in the five boroughs of New York City and Westchester County. AKRF provides environmental due diligence services related to their property transactions, including Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), Phase II investigations, and geophysical surveys, remediation, as well as consulting on petroleum bulk storage tank management. Mr. Puoplo has assisted Storage Deluxe with asbestos surveys at various properties.

### **11259 34 Berry Street, Williamsburg, NY**

AKRF was retained to prepare close-out documentation for this former industrial/warehouse facility in Williamsburg, which was remediated under the New York City Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) E-designation and NYSDEC Spills programs. The closure report, which was based on documentation provided by the environmental contractor, was prepared on an expedited basis so that the developer could obtain a Certificate of Occupancy in time for the scheduled opening of the new building. AKRF is currently providing on-going remediation monitoring services to fulfill NYSDEC Spill closure requirements. For this project, Mr. Puoplo performed monthly/quarterly groundwater monitoring.

### **40405 Crestwood 300-308 Columbus Avenue, Tuckahoe, NY – Environmental Monitoring**

Investigation and remediation of the former gasoline filling station is being conducted under the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). AKRF completed a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, Phase II Subsurface Investigation, and prepared a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) to address subsurface contamination during site redevelopment. For this project, Mr. Puoplo served as an on-site environmental monitor who performed construction oversight and conducted work zone and community air monitoring.

### **30141 Flushing Industrial Park, Flushing, NY**

Investigation and remediation of former garage and filling station is being conducted under the New York State BCP. AKRF conducted a remedial investigation, and prepared and executed a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP). For this project, Mr. Puoplo served as a lead on-site environmental monitor who performed construction oversight and conducted work zone and community air monitoring.

### **11454 Extell Construction Oversight, Manhattan, NY**

Environmental investigation and remediation of this Site is being conducted under the New York City Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) managed by the New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER). The Site is also subject to environmental review by the NYSDEC. For this project, Mr. Puoplo performed post-remediation groundwater sampling at the site.



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### **12146 The Crossing at Jamaica Station, Jamaica, NY**

AKRF was retained to prepare close-out documentation for this former industrial/warehouse facility in Williamsburg, which was remediated under the New York City Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) E-designation and NYSDEC Spills programs. The closure report, which was based on documentation provided by the environmental contractor, was prepared on an expedited basis so that the developer could obtain a Certificate of Occupancy in time for the scheduled opening of the new building. For this project, Mr. Puoplo performed monthly/quarterly groundwater monitoring.

### **20434 Tappan Zee Bridge, Tarrytown, NY**

AKRF was retained to perform a sturgeon monitoring program with near field monitoring during construction activities at the Tappan Zee Bridge project. For this project, Mr. Puoplo performed sturgeon monitoring and near field data collection, as well as crewing and driving a motor boat.

### **12546 29-39 East Fordham Road, Fordham, NY**

AKRF was retained to perform a phase II subsurface investigation, create and implement a remedial action work plan for this commercial building in Fordham which had an aboveground oil storage tank spill, which was remediated under the NYSDEC Spills programs. The spill is still open today. For this project, Mr. Puoplo acted as the primary field person for construction oversight during soil remediation, installation of groundwater monitoring wells, and concrete restoration.

### **804001 Adelaar Resort (Formerly known as Concord Resort), Thompson, NY**

Developed over several years and phases, the Adelaar Resort project will redevelop the historic Concord Resort into a variety of amenities, uses, and experiences. The Adelaar Resort will include a Resort Core with casino hotels and conference facilities, an entertainment village, a family resort area, and a residential village encompassing a total area of over 1,500 acres. AKRF was retained for engineering and remediation oversight. For this project, Mr. Puoplo conducted construction oversight, community and work zone air monitoring during remediation activities, collected soil samples, and performed stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) inspections. All activities done in accordance with the RAWP, SMP, and SWPPP.

### **12259 Marymount School, Manhattan, NY**

AKRF was retained to perform a phase I environmental site assessment (ESA) and phase II subsurface investigation to be submitted to the NYSDEC for the athletic field at Marymount School in Manhattan, NY prior to redevelopment of the field. For this project, Mr. Puoplo performed the phase II subsurface investigation, which included soil boring oversight and logging, temporary monitoring well development, sampling, and subsequent abandonment, and installation and sampling of temporary soil vapor monitoring points.

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

# **HOPE STREET PROJECT**

**118, 120, & 130 HOPE STREET AND 138/429 KEAP STREET  
(AKA 134 HOPE STREET)  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK**

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## **Health and Safety Plan & Community Air Monitoring Plan**

**NYSDEC BCP Site #: C224281  
AKRF Project Number: 180129**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This environmental Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) has been developed for the implementation of a Remedial Investigation (RI) by AKRF personnel and its subcontractors at the Hope Street Project, hereafter referred to as the “Site”. The Site is located at 118, 120, and 130 Hope Street; and 138 Hope Street/429 Keap Street (aka 134 Hope Street) in Brooklyn, New York. The Site is identified as Brooklyn Tax Block 2386, Lot 7, (Former Lots 7, 12, and 14) on the New York City Tax Map; an application for merger was filed with the New York City Department of Finance (NYCDOF) on June 13, 2018, which combined former Lots 7, 12, and 14 into Lot 7. The Site consists of an unpaved, approximately 20,000-square foot vacant lot. The Site is bounded by Hope Street to the north followed by residential buildings; Keap Street to the east followed by residential buildings; residential buildings followed by Grand Street to the south; and residential and commercial buildings followed by Rodney Street to the west. The Site is located in a developed area predominantly consisting of residential and commercial properties. A Site Location Map is provided as Figure 1.

A June 2013 Subsurface (Phase II) Investigation Report prepared by FPM Group, Ltd. (FPM) concluded that contaminated soil and soil vapor are present at the Site. Groundwater was not sampled as part of the investigation. Solvents and petroleum-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs), likely used during historic operations at the Site, were detected in on-site soil and soil vapor. The semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals in soil appear to be related to historic Site operations and/or filling with material of unknown origin. The Remedial Investigation (RI) will consist of the collection and laboratory analysis of soil, groundwater, and soil vapor samples to define the nature and extent of contamination in on-site soil, groundwater, and soil vapor.

This HASP and CAMP 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

Hazards of concern include: organic and inorganic chemicals, and heat and/or cold stress.

#### 2.1.2 Physical Characteristics

Physical characteristics of the hazards of concern include solid, aqueous, and vapor states.

#### 2.1.3 Hazardous Materials

The Site-specific hazardous materials that may be encountered during RI implementation include: historical fill material, petroleum- and/or solvent-related VOCs, SVOCs, pesticides, petroleum, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), metals, motor oil, hydraulic oil, gasoline, and/or fuel oil.

#### 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.
Carbon Disulfide	REL: 1 ppm STEL: 10 ppm PEL: 20 ppm PEL : 30 ppm; 30-min man peak: 100 ppm	Dizziness, headache, poor sleep, lassitude (weakness, exhaustion), anxiety, anorexia, weight loss; psychosis; polyneuropathy; Parkinson-like syndrome; ocular changes; coronary heart disease; gastritis; kidney, liver injury; eye, skin burns; dermatitis; reproductive effects.
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)
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.

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

The potential health effects from these known and suspected on-site contaminants are provided in Attachment A.

## **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 this 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 work. 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 any contamination, ensure that proper PPE 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. The exclusion zone and CRZ are 10 and 25 feet from the drill rig during the RI, respectively. Control measures such as caution tape and/or traffic cones will be placed around the perimeter of the work area when needed.

## **2.6 Air Monitoring**

The purpose of the air monitoring program is to identify any exposure of the field personnel and the community to potential environmental hazards in the soil and groundwater. Air Monitoring will be conducted in accordance with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) guidance. Results of the air monitoring will be used to determine the appropriate response action, if needed. Field personnel will be trained in the proper operation of all field instruments at the start of the field program. 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 will be contacted immediately to obtain a replacement instrument and arrange for repairs.

### **2.6.1 Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Monitoring**

Continuous monitoring for VOCs will be conducted during all ground-intrusive activities, including soil boring advancement and groundwater monitoring well installation. Upwind concentrations will be measured at the start of each workday and periodically thereafter to establish background concentrations. VOCs will be monitored continuously at the downwind perimeter of the exclusion zone. Monitoring will be conducted with a photoionization detector (PID) equipped with an 11.7 electron Volt (eV) lamp capable of calculating 15-minute running average concentrations. More frequent intervals of monitoring will be conducted if required as determined by the SSO. All PID readings will be recorded and available for NYSDEC and NYSDOH personnel to review. Instantaneous readings will also be recorded.

### **2.6.2 Airborne Particulate Monitoring**

A DustTrak<sup>®</sup> or equivalent would be used to measure real-time concentrations of total particulates 10 micrometers or less (PM<sub>10</sub>). Measurements for particulates will be taken prior to commencement of the work and during the work in areas where contaminated soil would be disturbed. The action levels listed in Table 1, below, are based on 15-minute averages of the monitoring data. The measurements will be made at the breathing height of the workers and as close to their location as practicable. The Site Safety Officer (SSO) will set up the equipment and confirm that it is working properly. His/her qualified 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 background levels. The final measurement for the day will be performed after the end of work. The action levels for particulates and VOCs and required responses are listed in Table 1.



**Table 1**  
**Action Levels and Required Responses**

Monitoring	Action Level <sup>1</sup>	Response Action
Particulate	Less than 0.125 mg/m <sup>3</sup> above background	<b>Level D or D-Modified</b> (Requires coveralls and steel toe boots) (As applicable: Chemical resistant gloves, chemical resistant boot covers, hard hat, safety glasses, face shield, or escape mask)
	Between 0.125 mg/m <sup>3</sup> and 0.150 mg/m <sup>3</sup> above background	<b>Level C</b> (Requires full face or half face respirator, hooded chemical resistant two piece Tyvek suit or overalls, chemical resistant inner and outer gloves, chemical resistant boot covers, steel toe and shank boots) (As applicable: hard hat, face shield, or escape mask) Apply dust suppression measures. Resume work or upgrade.
	Greater than 0.150 mg/m <sup>3</sup> above background	Stop work. Apply additional dust suppression measures. Resume work when less than 0.150 mg/m <sup>3</sup> and maintain Level C.
Volatile Organic Compound (VOC)	Less than 5 ppm in breathing zone	<b>Level D or D-Modified</b>
	Between 5 and 50 ppm	<b>Level C</b>
	More than 50 ppm	Stop work. Resume work when source of vapors is abated and readings are less than 50 ppm above background.
<b>Notes:</b> <sup>1</sup> - 15-minute time-weighted average parts per million = ppm milligrams per cubic meter = mg/m <sup>3</sup>		

### 2.6.3 Major Vapor Emission Response Plan

If any organic levels greater than 5 ppm over background are identified 200 feet downwind from the work Site, or half the distance to the nearest residential or commercial property, whichever is less, all work activities must be halted or vapor controls must be implemented.

If, following the cessation of the work activities, or as the result of an emergency, organic levels persist above 5 ppm above background 200 feet downwind or half the distance to the nearest residential or commercial property from the exclusion zone, then the air quality must be monitored within 20 feet of the perimeter of the nearest residential or commercial structure (20 Foot Zone).

If either of the following criteria is exceeded in the 20 Foot Zone, then the Major Vapor Emission Response Plan shall automatically be implemented:

- Sustained organic vapor levels approaching 1 ppm above background for a period of more than 30 minutes; or
- Organic vapor levels greater than 5 ppm above background for any time period.

Upon activation, the following activities shall be undertaken as part of the Major Vapor Emission Response Plan:

- The NYSDEC, NYSDOH, and local police authorities will be immediately contacted by the SSO and advised of the situation;

- Frequent air monitoring will be conducted at 30-minute intervals within the 20 Foot Zone. If two successive readings below action levels are measured, air monitoring may be halted or modified by the Site Health and Safety Officer; and
- All Emergency contacts will go into effect as appropriate.
- All readings will be recorded and be available for NYSDEC and NYSDOH personnel to review.

## **2.7 Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)**

The PPE required for various kinds of 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 PPE. The protection will be based on the air monitoring described in Section 2.6.

Level D PPE includes donning of the following during drilling and sampling:

- Steel Toed Boots
- Hard Hat
- Work Gloves
- Safety Glasses
- Ear Plugs
- Nitrile Gloves
- Tyvek Suit [if non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) is present]

If PID readings exceed 15 ppm in the breathing zone, personnel will don Level C PPE, which includes Level D PPE and a half- or full-face respirator with a dual organic and particulate cartridge.

## **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 Location Map showing the more direct route to the hospital is included as Figure 2.

#### 3.1 Hospital Information

<b>Hospital Name:</b>	Woodhull Medical Center
<b>Phone Number:</b>	(718) 718-5000
<b>Address:</b>	760 Broadway, Brooklyn, New York 11206
<b>Directions:</b>	1. Turn left out of the Site, heading west on Hope Street. 2. Turn right onto Rodney Street. 3. Turn right onto Ainslie Street. 4. Turn right onto Leonard Street. 5. Turn left onto Broadway. 6. Turn right onto Flushing Avenue. 7. The emergency room will be on the left.

#### 3.2 Emergency Contacts

Company	Individual Name	Title	Contact Number
AKRF	Marc Godick	Project Director and QA/QC Officer	(914) 922-2356 (office)
	Amy Jordan	Project Manager	(646) 388-9864 (office) (610) 405-2847 (cell)
	Steve Schmid	Field Team Leader/Site Safety Officer	(914) 400-9736 (cell)
	Chris Puoplo	SSO Alternate	(914) 419-7263 (cell)
Hope Keap LLC	Ronald Walker	Client Representative	(631)775-2185 (office)
Ambulance, Fire Department & Police Department	-	-	911
NYSDEC Spill Hotline	-	-	800-457-7362

## **4.0 APPROVAL & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF HASP**

### **4.1 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.

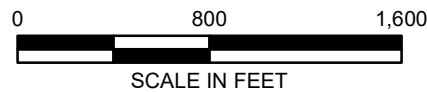
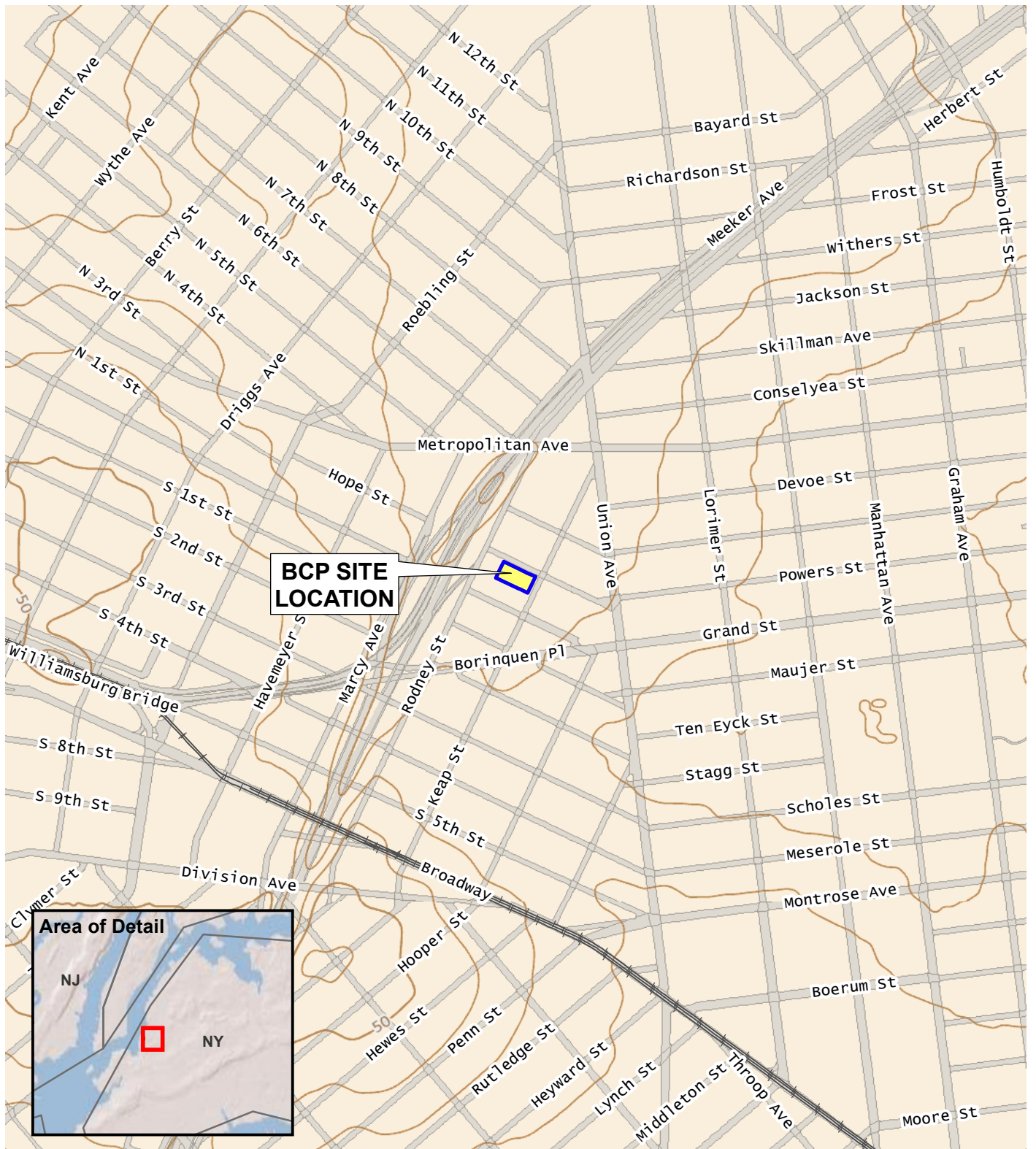
### **4.2 Affidavit**

I have read the Health and Safety Plan (HASP) for the Hope Street Project located at 118, 120, and 130 Hope Street; and 138 Hope Street/429 Keap Street (aka 134 Hope Street) in Brooklyn, New York. I agree to conduct all on-site work in accordance with the requirements set forth in this HASP and understand that failure to comply with this HASP could lead to my removal from the site.

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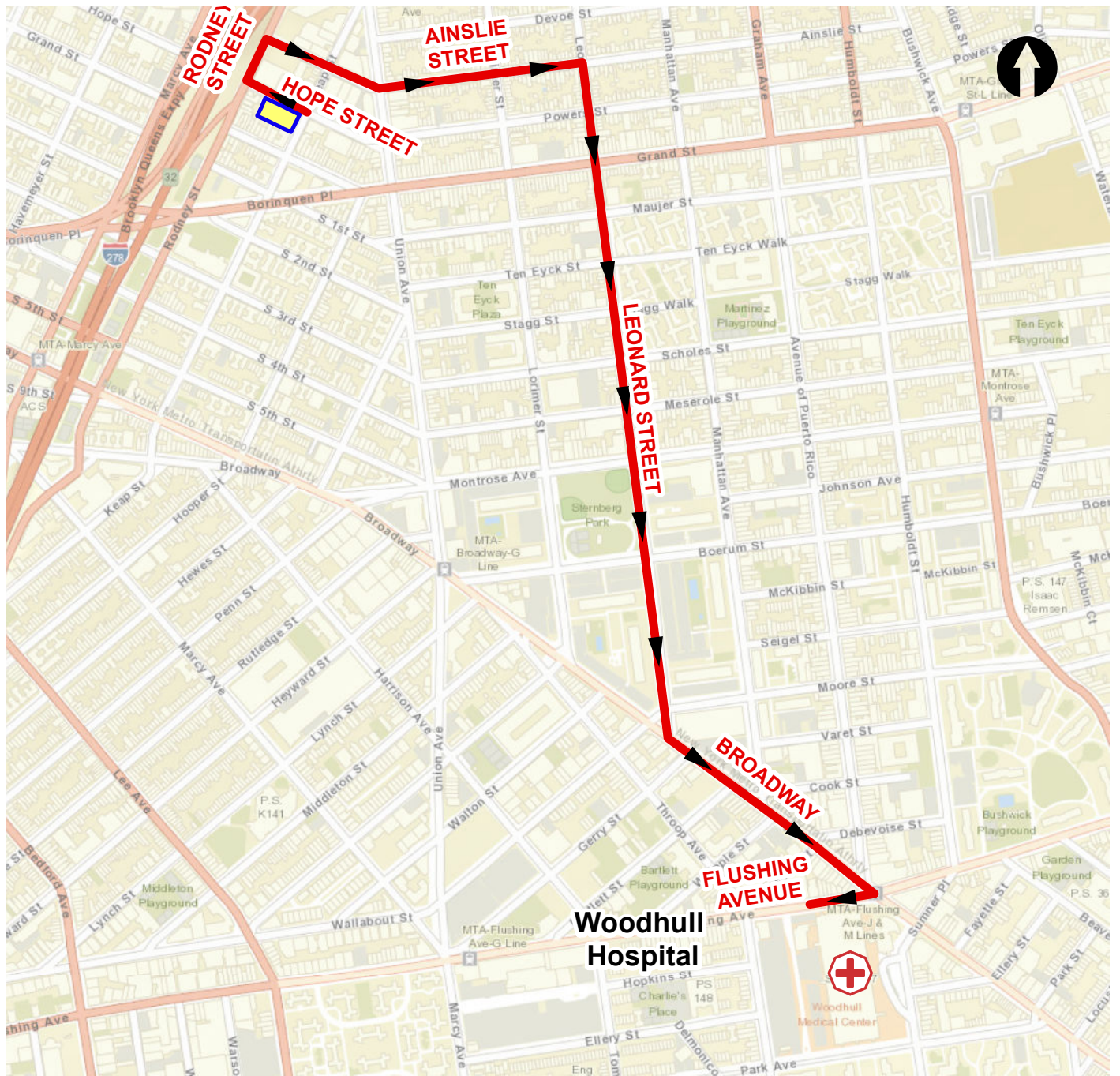
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**Hope Street Project**  
**118, 120, and 130 Hope Street**  
**and 138/429 Keap Street (aka 134 Hope Street)**  
**Brooklyn, New York**

## BCP SITE LOCATION MAP




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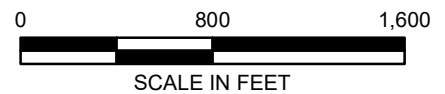
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### LEGEND

-  PROJECT SITE BOUNDARY
-  ROUTE TO HOSPITAL
-  HOSPITAL LOCATION

HOSPITAL ADDRESS:  
760 BROADWAY  
BROOKLYN, NY 11206  
(718) 963-8000

EMERGENCY ROOM LOCATED ON FLUSHING AVE



440 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016

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Brooklyn, New York

## HOSPITAL LOCATION MAP

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**ATTACHMENT 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 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'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: Exposure to higher than average levels of arsenic occurs 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 at 1,014 of the 1,598 National Priority List 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. Organic arsenic compounds are used as pesticides, primarily on cotton plants.

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

- ☐ Arsenic cannot be destroyed in the environment. It can only change its form.
- ☐ Arsenic in air will settle to the ground or is washed out of the air by rain.
- ☐ Many arsenic compounds can dissolve in water.
- ☐ Fish and shellfish can accumulate arsenic, but the arsenic in fish is mostly in a form that is not harmful.

### How might I be exposed to arsenic?

- ☐ Eating food, drinking water, or breathing air containing arsenic.
- ☐ Breathing contaminated workplace air.
- ☐ Breathing sawdust or burning smoke from wood treated with arsenic.
- ☐ Living near uncontrolled hazardous waste sites containing arsenic.
- ☐ Living in areas with unusually high natural levels of arsenic in rock.

### How can arsenic affect my health?

Breathing high levels of inorganic arsenic can give you a sore throat or irritated lungs. Ingesting high levels of inorganic arsenic can result in death. Lower levels of arsenic 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

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appearance of small “corns” or “warts” on the palms, soles, and torso.

Skin contact with inorganic arsenic may cause redness and swelling.

Organic arsenic compounds are less toxic than inorganic arsenic compounds. Exposure to high levels of some organic arsenic compounds may cause similar effects as inorganic arsenic.

### How likely is arsenic to cause cancer?

Several studies have shown that inorganic arsenic can increase the risk of lung cancer, skin cancer, bladder cancer, liver cancer, kidney cancer, and prostate cancer. The World Health Organization (WHO), the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the EPA have determined that inorganic arsenic is a human carcinogen.

### How can arsenic affect children?

We do not know if exposure to arsenic will result in birth defects or other developmental effects in people. Birth defects have been observed in animals exposed to inorganic arsenic.

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

### How can families reduce the risk 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.

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

There are tests to measure the level of arsenic in blood, urine, hair, or 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 how the arsenic levels in your body will affect your health.

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

EPA has set limits on the amount of arsenic that industrial sources can release to the environment and has restricted or canceled many 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 has set limits of 10 µg arsenic per cubic meter of workplace air (10 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) for 8 hour shifts and 40 hour work weeks.

### Source of Information

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). 2000. Toxicological Profile for Arsenic. 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, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop F-32, Atlanta, GA 30333. Phone: 1-888-422-8737, FAX: 770-488-4178. ToxFAQs™ Internet address is <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq.html>. 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.

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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 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 risks 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 1.44 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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This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about benzene. 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. 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:** Benzene is a widely used chemical formed from both natural processes and human activities. Breathing benzene can cause drowsiness, dizziness, and unconsciousness; long-term benzene exposure causes effects on the bone marrow and can cause anemia and leukemia. Benzene has been found in at least 813 of the 1,430 National Priorities List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What is benzene?

(Pronounced bĕn'zĕn')

Benzene is a colorless liquid with a sweet odor. It evaporates into the air very quickly and dissolves slightly in water. It is highly flammable and is formed from both natural processes and human activities.

Benzene is widely used in the United States; it ranks in the top 20 chemicals for production volume. Some industries use benzene to make other chemicals which are used to make plastics, resins, and nylon and synthetic fibers. Benzene is also used to make some types of rubbers, lubricants, dyes, detergents, drugs, and pesticides. Natural sources of benzene include volcanoes and forest fires. Benzene is also a natural part of crude oil, gasoline, and cigarette smoke.

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

- ☐ Industrial processes are the main source of benzene in the environment.
- ☐ Benzene can pass into the air from water and soil.
- ☐ It reacts with other chemicals in the air and breaks down within a few days.
- ☐ Benzene in the air can attach to rain or snow and be carried back down to the ground.

- ☐ It breaks down more slowly in water and soil, and can pass through the soil into underground water.
- ☐ Benzene does not build up in plants or animals.

## How might I be exposed to benzene?

- ☐ Outdoor air contains low levels of benzene from tobacco smoke, automobile service stations, exhaust from motor vehicles, and industrial emissions.
- ☐ Indoor air generally contains higher levels of benzene from products that contain it such as glues, paints, furniture wax, and detergents.
- ☐ Air around hazardous waste sites or gas stations will contain higher levels of benzene.
- ☐ Leakage from underground storage tanks or from hazardous waste sites containing benzene can result in benzene contamination of well water.
- ☐ People working in industries that make or use benzene may be exposed to the highest levels of it.
- ☐ A major source of benzene exposures is tobacco smoke.

## How can benzene affect my health?

Breathing very high levels of benzene can result in death, while high levels can cause drowsiness, dizziness, rapid heart rate, headaches, tremors, confusion, and unconsciousness. Eating or drinking foods containing high levels of benzene can cause vomiting, irritation of the stomach, dizziness, sleepiness, convulsions, rapid heart rate, and death.

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The major effect of benzene from long-term (365 days or longer) exposure is on the blood. Benzene causes harmful effects on the bone marrow and can cause a decrease in red blood cells leading to anemia. It can also cause excessive bleeding and can affect the immune system, increasing the chance for infection.

Some women who breathed high levels of benzene for many months had irregular menstrual periods and a decrease in the size of their ovaries. It is not known whether benzene exposure affects the developing fetus in pregnant women or fertility in men.

Animal studies have shown low birth weights, delayed bone formation, and bone marrow damage when pregnant animals breathed benzene.

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

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has determined that benzene is a known human carcinogen. Long-term exposure to high levels of benzene in the air can cause leukemia, cancer of the blood-forming organs.

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

Several tests can show if you have been exposed to benzene. There is test for measuring benzene in the breath; this test must be done shortly after exposure. Benzene can also be measured in the blood, however, since benzene disappears rapidly from the blood, measurements are accurate only for recent exposures.

In the body, benzene is converted to products called metabolites. Certain metabolites can be measured in the urine. However, this test must be done shortly after exposure and is not a reliable indicator of how much benzene you have been exposed to, since the metabolites may be present in urine from other sources.

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

The EPA has set the maximum permissible level of benzene in drinking water at 0.005 milligrams per liter (0.005 mg/L). The EPA requires that spills or accidental releases into the environment of 10 pounds or more of benzene be reported to the EPA.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set a permissible exposure limit of 1 part of benzene per million parts of air (1 ppm) in the workplace during an 8-hour workday, 40-hour workweek.

### **Glossary**

Anemia: A decreased ability of the blood to transport oxygen.

Carcinogen: A substance with the ability to cause cancer.

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service.

Chromosomes: Parts of the cells responsible for the development of hereditary characteristics.

Metabolites: Breakdown products of chemicals.

Milligram (mg): One thousandth of a gram.

Pesticide: A substance that kills pests.

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**HIGHLIGHTS:** Exposure to carbon disulfide can occur by breathing it in the air and by drinking water or eating foods that contain it. Breathing very high levels can be life threatening because of its effects on the nervous system. Breathing low levels for long periods may result in headaches, tiredness, trouble sleeping, and slight changes in the nerves. Carbon disulfide has been found in at least 210 of the 1,430 National Priorities List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

### What is carbon disulfide?

(Pronounced kär'bən dī-sŭl'fid')

Pure carbon disulfide is a colorless liquid with a pleasant odor that is like the smell of chloroform. The impure carbon disulfide that is usually used in most industrial processes is a yellowish liquid with an unpleasant odor, like that of rotting radishes.

Carbon disulfide evaporates at room temperature, and the vapor is more than twice as heavy as air. It easily explodes in air and also catches fire very easily.

In nature, small amounts of carbon disulfide are found in gases released to the earth's surface as, for example, in volcanic eruptions or over marshes. Commercial carbon disulfide is made by combining carbon and sulfur at very high temperatures.

### What happens to carbon disulfide when it enters the environment?

- ☐ The amount of carbon disulfide released into the air through natural processes is difficult to judge because it is so small.

- ☐ Carbon disulfide evaporates rapidly when released to the environment.
- ☐ Most carbon disulfide in the air and surface water is from manufacturing and processing activities.
- ☐ It is found naturally in coastal and ocean waters.
- ☐ Carbon disulfide does not stay dissolved in water very long, and it also moves through soils fairly quickly.
- ☐ Carbon disulfide does not appear to be taken up in significant amounts by the organisms living in water.

### How might I be exposed to carbon disulfide?

- ☐ The people most often exposed to carbon disulfide are workers in plants that use carbon disulfide in their manufacturing processes.
- ☐ People may be exposed by breathing air, drinking water, or eating foods that contain it.
- ☐ People may also be exposed through skin contact with soil, water, or other substances that contain carbon disulfide.

### How can carbon disulfide affect my health?

At very high levels, carbon disulfide may be life-threatening because of its effects on the nervous system. People who

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breathed carbon disulfide near an accident involving a railroad car showed changes in breathing and some chest pains.

Some workers who breathed high levels during working hours for at least 6 months had headaches, tiredness, and trouble sleeping. However, these workers may have been exposed to other chemicals besides carbon disulfide. Among workers who breathed lower levels, some developed very slight changes in their nerves.

Studies in animals indicate that carbon disulfide can affect the normal functions of the brain, liver, and heart. After pregnant rats breathed carbon disulfide in the air, some of the newborn rats died or had birth defects.

High concentrations of carbon disulfide have caused skin burns when the chemical accidentally touched people's skin.

### **How likely is carbon disulfide to cause cancer?**

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), and the EPA have not classified carbon disulfide for carcinogenicity.

There are no definitive data in humans or animals that indicate a carcinogenic potential for carbon disulfide.

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

One chemical test using urine can be done to tell whether the levels of breakdown substances from carbon disulfide are higher than normal. However, the test is not specific for carbon disulfide exposure.

A second test based on a specific breakdown substance is more sensitive and specific. It also requires special equipment and cannot tell you exactly how much carbon disulfide you were exposed to or predict whether harmful effects will occur.

These tests aren't available at most doctors' offices, but can be done at special laboratories that have the right equipment.

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

The EPA requires that spills or accidental releases into the environment of 100 pounds or more of carbon disulfide be reported to the EPA.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set a limit of 20 parts of carbon disulfide per million parts of air (20 ppm) for an 8-hour workday for a 40-hour workweek.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recommends that workroom air levels of carbon disulfide not exceed 1 ppm for a 10-hour workday, 40-hour workweek.

### **Glossary**

Carcinogenicity: Ability of a substance to cause cancer.

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service.

Dissolve: To disappear gradually.

Evaporate: To change into vapor or a gas.

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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 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).

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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.

### **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 risks 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 determined that exposure to chromium 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 FDA has determined that the chromium concentration in bottled drinking water should not exceed 1 mg/L.

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) has limited workers' exposure to an average of 0.0005 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.

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**HIGHLIGHTS: Copper is a reddish metal that occurs naturally in the environment. It also occurs naturally 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, and nausea. Copper has been found in at least 884 of the 1,613 National Priorities List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**

### What is copper?

Copper is a reddish metal that occurs naturally in rocks, soil, water, and air. Copper also occurs naturally in plants and animals.

Metallic copper can be easily molded or shaped. Metallic copper can be found in the U.S. penny, electrical wiring, and some water pipes. Metallic copper is also found in mixtures (called alloys) with other metals such as brass and bronze. Copper is also found as part of other compounds forming salts. Copper salts occur naturally, but are also manufactured. The most common copper salt is copper sulfate. Most copper compounds are blue-green in color. 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 can enter the environment from the mining of copper and other metals and from factories that make or use metallic copper or copper compounds.
- ☐ It can also enter the environment through domestic waste water, combustion of fossil fuels and wastes, wood production, phosphate fertilizer production, and natural sources (e.g., windblown dust from soils, volcanoes, decaying vegetation, forest fires, and sea spray).
- ☐ Copper in soil strongly attaches to organic material and minerals.

- ☐ Copper that dissolves in water becomes rapidly bound to particles suspended in the water.
- ☐ Copper does not typically enter groundwater.
- ☐ Copper carried by particles emitted from smelters and ore processing plants is carried back to the ground by gravity or in rain or snow.
- ☐ Copper does not break down in the environment.

### How might I be exposed to copper?

- ☐ Breathing air, drinking water, eating food, and by skin contact with soil, water, or other copper-containing substances.
- ☐ Some copper in the environment can be taken up by plants and animals.
- ☐ Higher exposure may occur if your water is corrosive and you have copper plumbing and brass water fixtures. ☐ You may be exposed to higher amounts of copper if you drink water or swim in lakes or reservoirs recently treated with copper to control algae or receive cooling water from a power plant that may have high amounts of dissolved copper.
- ☐ Using some garden products (e.g., fungicides) to control plant diseases.
- ☐ Living near bronze and brass production facilities may expose you to higher copper levels in soil.
- ☐ You may breathe copper-containing dust or have skin contact if you work in the industry of mining copper or

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processing the ore. You may breathe high levels if you grind or weld copper metal.

**How can copper affect my health?**

Copper is essential for good health, but high amounts can be harmful. Long-term exposure to copper dust can irritate your nose, mouth, and eyes, and cause headaches, dizziness, nausea, and diarrhea.

Drinking water with higher than normal levels of copper may cause vomiting, diarrhea, stomach cramps, and nausea. Intentionally high intakes of copper can cause liver and kidney damage and even death.

**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 carcinogenicity.

**How can copper affect children?**

Exposure to high levels of copper will result in the same type of effects in children and adults. Studies in animals suggest that the young children may have more severe effects than adults; we do not 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 ingestion of high levels of copper may cause a decrease in fetal growth.

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

- ☐ The greatest potential source of copper exposure is through drinking water, especially in water that is first drawn in the morning after sitting in copper pipes and brass faucets overnight.
- ☐ To reduce exposure, run the water for at least 15-30 seconds before using it.
- ☐ If you are exposed to copper at work, you may carry

copper home on your skin, clothes, or tools. You can avoid this by showering, and changing 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 copper?**

Copper is normally found in all tissues of the body, blood, urine, feces, hair, and nails. High levels of copper in these samples can show that you have been exposed to higher than normal levels of copper. Tests to measure copper levels in the body are not routinely available at the doctor's office because they require special equipment. These tests cannot tell the extent of exposure or whether you will experience harmful effects.

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

The EPA has determined that drinking water should not contain more than 1.3 milligrams of copper per liter of water (1.3 mg/L).

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set a limit of 0.1 mg per cubic meter (0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) of copper fumes (vapor generated from heating copper) and 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> of copper dusts (fine metallic copper particles) and mists (aerosol of soluble copper) in workroom air during an 8-hour work shift, 40-hour workweek.

The Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine recommends dietary allowances (RDAs) of 340 micrograms (340 µg) of copper per day for children aged 1-3 years, 440 µg/day for children aged 4-8 years, 700 µg/day for children aged 9-13 years, 890 µg/day for children aged 14-18 years, and 900 µg/day for adults.

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**HIGHLIGHTS:** Ethylbenzene is a colorless liquid found in a number of products including gasoline and paints. Breathing very high levels can cause dizziness and throat and eye irritation. Ethylbenzene has been found in at least 731 of the 1,467 National Priorities List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What is ethylbenzene?

(Pronounced ĕth' əl bĕn' zĕn')

Ethylbenzene is a colorless, flammable liquid that smells like gasoline. It is found in natural products such as coal tar and petroleum and is also found in manufactured products such as inks, insecticides, and paints.

Ethylbenzene is used primarily to make another chemical, styrene. Other uses include as a solvent, in fuels, and to make other chemicals.

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

- ☐ Ethylbenzene moves easily into the air from water and soil.
- ☐ It takes about 3 days for ethylbenzene to be broken down in air into other chemicals.
- ☐ Ethylbenzene may be released to water from industrial discharges or leaking underground storage tanks.
- ☐ In surface water, ethylbenzene breaks down by reacting with other chemicals found naturally in water.
- ☐ In soil, it is broken down by soil bacteria.

## How might I be exposed to ethylbenzene?

- ☐ Breathing air containing ethylbenzene, particularly in areas near factories or highways.
- ☐ Drinking contaminated tap water.
- ☐ Working in an industry where ethylbenzene is used or made.
- ☐ Using products containing it, such as gasoline, carpet glues, varnishes, and paints.

## How can ethylbenzene affect my health?

Limited information is available on the effects of ethylbenzene on people's health. The available information shows dizziness, throat and eye irritation, tightening of the chest, and a burning sensation in the eyes of people exposed to high levels of ethylbenzene in air.

Animals studies have shown effects on the nervous system, liver, kidneys, and eyes from breathing ethylbenzene in air.

## How likely is ethylbenzene to cause cancer?

The EPA has determined that ethylbenzene is not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity.

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No studies in people have shown that ethylbenzene exposure can result in cancer. Two available animal studies suggest that ethylbenzene may cause tumors.

### How can ethylbenzene affect children?

Children may be exposed to ethylbenzene through inhalation of consumer products, including gasoline, paints, inks, pesticides, and carpet glue. We do not know whether children are more sensitive to the effects of ethylbenzene than adults.

It is not known whether ethylbenzene can affect the development of the human fetus. Animal studies have shown that when pregnant animals were exposed to ethylbenzene in air, their babies had an increased number of birth defects.

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

Exposure to ethylbenzene vapors from household products and newly installed carpeting can be minimized by using adequate ventilation.

Household chemicals should be stored out of reach of children to prevent accidental poisoning. Always store household chemicals in their original containers; never store them in containers children would find attractive to eat or drink from, such as old soda bottles. Gasoline should be stored in a gasoline can with a locked cap.

Sometimes older children sniff household chemicals, including ethylbenzene, in an attempt to get high. Talk with your children about the dangers of sniffing chemicals.

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

Ethylbenzene is found in the blood, urine, breath, and

some body tissues of exposed people. The most common way to test for ethylbenzene is in the urine. This test measures substances formed by the breakdown of ethylbenzene. This test needs to be done within a few hours after exposure occurs, because the substances leave the body very quickly.

These tests can show you were exposed to ethylbenzene, but cannot predict the kind of health effects that might occur.

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

The EPA has set a maximum contaminant level of 0.7 milligrams of ethylbenzene per liter of drinking water (0.7 mg/L).

The EPA requires that spills or accidental releases into the environment of 1,000 pounds or more of ethylbenzene be reported to the EPA.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set an occupational exposure limit of 100 parts of ethylbenzene per million parts of air (100 ppm) for an 8-hour workday, 40-hour workweek.

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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'əl 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, light-headedness, 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 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

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(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.

### **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 on 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 considers a blood lead level of 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$  to be a level of concern for children.

EPA limits lead in drinking water to 15  $\mu\text{g}$  per liter.

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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 sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency.**

## What is mercury?

(Pronounced mŭr'kyə-rē)

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, 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 fuels.
- ☐ Release of mercury from dental work and medical treatments.
- ☐ Breathing contaminated workplace air or skin contact during use in the workplace (dental, health services, chemical, and other industries that use mercury).
- ☐ 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,

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vomiting, diarrhea, increases in blood pressure or heart rate, skin rashes, and eye irritation.

### **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. It can also can 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 be passed from the mother to 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 show 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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**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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This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). 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. 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.

**SUMMARY:** 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 sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons?

(Pronounced pŏl'ī-sī'klīk ār'ə-măt'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; smoke-houses; 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.

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- ❑ Nursing infants of mothers living near hazardous waste sites may be exposed to PAHs through their mother's milk.

### 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.

### 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 ( $0.2 \text{ mg/m}^3$ ). The OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) for mineral oil mist that contains PAHs is  $5 \text{ mg/m}^3$  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  $0.1 \text{ mg/m}^3$  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.

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This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about polychlorinated biphenyls. 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'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 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 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

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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. The EPA and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) have determined that PCBs are probably carcinogenic to humans.

#### 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 risk 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.

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This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about trichloroethylene. 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. 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:** Trichloroethylene is a colorless liquid which is used as a solvent for cleaning metal parts. Drinking or breathing high levels of trichloroethylene may cause nervous system effects, liver and lung damage, abnormal heartbeat, coma, and possibly death. Trichloroethylene has been found in at least 852 of the 1,430 National Priorities List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

### What is trichloroethylene?

Trichloroethylene (TCE) is a nonflammable, colorless liquid with a somewhat sweet odor and a sweet, burning taste. It is used mainly as a solvent to remove grease from metal parts, but it is also an ingredient in adhesives, paint removers, typewriter correction fluids, and spot removers.

Trichloroethylene is not thought to occur naturally in the environment. However, it has been found in underground water sources and many surface waters as a result of the manufacture, use, and disposal of the chemical.

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

- ❑ Trichloroethylene dissolves a little in water, but it can remain in ground water for a long time.
- ❑ Trichloroethylene quickly evaporates from surface water, so it is commonly found as a vapor in the air.
- ❑ Trichloroethylene evaporates less easily from the soil than from surface water. It may stick to particles and remain for a long time.
- ❑ Trichloroethylene may stick to particles in water, which will cause it to eventually settle to the bottom sediment.
- ❑ Trichloroethylene does not build up significantly in

plants and animals.

### How might I be exposed to trichloroethylene?

- ❑ Breathing air in and around the home which has been contaminated with trichloroethylene vapors from shower water or household products such as spot removers and typewriter correction fluid.
- ❑ Drinking, swimming, or showering in water that has been contaminated with trichloroethylene.
- ❑ Contact with soil contaminated with trichloroethylene, such as near a hazardous waste site.
- ❑ Contact with the skin or breathing contaminated air while manufacturing trichloroethylene or using it at work to wash paint or grease from skin or equipment.

### How can trichloroethylene affect my health?

Breathing small amounts may cause headaches, lung irritation, dizziness, poor coordination, and difficulty concentrating.

Breathing large amounts of trichloroethylene may cause impaired heart function, unconsciousness, and death. Breathing it for long periods may cause nerve, kidney, and liver damage.

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Drinking large amounts of trichloroethylene may cause nausea, liver damage, unconsciousness, impaired heart function, or death.

Drinking small amounts of trichloroethylene for long periods may cause liver and kidney damage, impaired immune system function, and impaired fetal development in pregnant women, although the extent of some of these effects is not yet clear.

Skin contact with trichloroethylene for short periods may cause skin rashes.

### How likely is trichloroethylene to cause cancer?

Some studies with mice and rats have suggested that high levels of trichloroethylene may cause liver, kidney, or lung cancer. Some studies of people exposed over long periods to high levels of trichloroethylene in drinking water or in workplace air have found evidence of increased cancer. Although, there are some concerns about the studies of people who were exposed to trichloroethylene, some of the effects found in people were similar to effects in animals.

In its 9<sup>th</sup> Report on Carcinogens, the National Toxicology Program (NTP) determined that trichloroethylene is “reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen.” The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that trichloroethylene is “probably carcinogenic to humans.”

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

If you have recently been exposed to trichloroethylene, it can be detected in your breath, blood, or urine. The breath test, if it is performed soon after exposure, can tell if you have been exposed to even a small amount of trichloroethylene.

Exposure to larger amounts is assessed by blood

and urine tests, which can detect trichloroethylene and many of its breakdown products for up to a week after exposure. However, exposure to other similar chemicals can produce the same breakdown products, so their detection is not absolute proof of exposure to trichloroethylene. This test isn’t available at most doctors’ offices, but can be done at special laboratories that have the right equipment.

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

The EPA has set a maximum contaminant level for trichloroethylene in drinking water at 0.005 milligrams per liter (0.005 mg/L) or 5 parts of TCE per billion parts water.

The EPA has also developed regulations for the handling and disposal of trichloroethylene.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set an exposure limit of 100 parts of trichloroethylene per million parts of air (100 ppm) for an 8-hour workday, 40-hour workweek.

### Glossary

Carcinogenicity: The ability of a substance to cause cancer.

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service.

Evaporate: To change into a vapor or gas.

Milligram (mg): One thousandth of a gram.

Nonflammable: Will not burn.

ppm: Parts per million.

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

Solvent: A chemical that dissolves other substances.

### References

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This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about tetrachloroethylene. 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'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, confusion, nausea, difficulty in speaking and walking, unconsciousness, and death. Tetrachloroethylene has been found in at least 771 of the 1,430 National Priorities List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What is tetrachloroethylene?

(Pronounced tět'rə-klôr' ō-ěth'ə-lēn')

Tetrachloroethylene is a manufactured chemical that is widely used for dry cleaning of fabrics and for metal-degreasing. It is also used to make other chemicals and is used in some consumer products.

Other names for tetrachloroethylene include perchloroethylene, PCE, and tetrachloroethene. It is a nonflammable liquid at room temperature. It evaporates easily into the air and has a sharp, sweet odor. Most people can smell tetrachloroethylene when it is present in the air at a level of 1 part tetrachloroethylene per million parts of air (1 ppm) or more, although some can smell it at even lower levels.

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

- ☐ Much of the tetrachloroethylene that gets into water or soil evaporates into the air.
- ☐ Microorganisms can break down some of the tetrachloroethylene in soil or underground water.
- ☐ In the air, it is broken down by sunlight into other chemicals or brought back to the soil and water by rain.
- ☐ It does not appear to collect in fish or other animals that live in water.

## 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.

## How can tetrachloroethylene affect my health?

High concentrations of tetrachloroethylene (particularly in closed, poorly ventilated areas) can cause dizziness, headache, sleepiness, confusion, nausea, difficulty in speaking and walking, unconsciousness, and death.

Irritation may result from repeated or extended skin contact with it. These symptoms occur almost entirely in work (or hobby) environments when people have been accidentally exposed to high concentrations or have intentionally used tetrachloroethylene to get a "high."

In industry, most workers are exposed to levels lower than those causing obvious nervous system effects. The health effects of breathing in air or drinking water with low levels of tetrachloroethylene are not known.

Results from some studies suggest that women who work in dry cleaning industries where exposures to tetrachloroethyl-

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ene can be quite high may have more menstrual problems and spontaneous abortions than women who are not exposed. However, it is not known if tetrachloroethylene was responsible for these problems because other possible causes were not considered.

Results of animal studies, conducted with amounts much higher than those that most people are exposed to, show that tetrachloroethylene can cause liver and kidney damage. Exposure to very high levels of tetrachloroethylene can be toxic to the unborn pups of pregnant rats and mice. Changes in behavior were observed in the offspring of rats that breathed high levels of the chemical while they were pregnant.

### How likely is tetrachloroethylene to cause cancer?

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has determined that tetrachloroethylene may reasonably be anticipated to be a carcinogen. Tetrachloroethylene has been shown to cause liver tumors in mice and kidney tumors in male rats.

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

One way of testing for tetrachloroethylene exposure is to measure the amount of the chemical in the breath, much the same way breath-alcohol measurements are used to determine the amount of alcohol in the blood.

Because it is stored in the body's fat and slowly released into the bloodstream, tetrachloroethylene can be detected in the breath for weeks following a heavy exposure.

Tetrachloroethylene and trichloroacetic acid (TCA), a breakdown product of tetrachloroethylene, can be detected in the blood. These tests are relatively simple to perform. These tests aren't available at most doctors' offices, but can be per-

formed at special laboratories that have the right equipment.

Because exposure to other chemicals can produce the same breakdown products in the urine and blood, the tests for breakdown products cannot determine if you have been exposed to tetrachloroethylene or the other chemicals.

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

The EPA maximum contaminant level for the amount of tetrachloroethylene that can be in drinking water is 0.005 milligrams tetrachloroethylene per liter of water (0.005 mg/L).

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set a limit of 100 ppm for an 8-hour workday over a 40-hour workweek.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recommends that tetrachloroethylene be handled as a potential carcinogen and recommends that levels in workplace air should be as low as possible.

### Glossary

Carcinogen: A substance with the ability to cause cancer.

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service.

Milligram (mg): One thousandth of a gram.

Nonflammable: Will not burn.

### References

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**HIGHLIGHTS:** Exposure to toluene occurs from breathing contaminated workplace air, in automobile exhaust, some consumer products paints, paint thinners, fingernail polish, lacquers, and adhesives. Toluene affects the nervous system. Toluene has been found at 959 of the 1,591 National Priority List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency

## What is toluene?

Toluene is a clear, colorless liquid with a distinctive smell. Toluene occurs naturally in crude oil and in the tolu tree. It is also produced in the process of making gasoline and other fuels from crude oil and making coke from coal.

Toluene is used in making paints, paint thinners, fingernail polish, lacquers, adhesives, and rubber and in some printing and leather tanning processes.

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

☐ Toluene enters the environment when you use materials that contain it. It can also enter surface water and groundwater from spills of solvents and petroleum products as well as from leaking underground storage tanks at gasoline stations and other facilities.

☐ When toluene-containing products are placed in landfills or waste disposal sites, the toluene can enter the soil or water near the waste site.

☐ Toluene does not usually stay in the environment long.

☐ Toluene does not concentrate or buildup to high levels in animals.

## How might I be exposed to toluene?

☐ Breathing contaminated workplace air or automobile exhaust.

☐ Working with gasoline, kerosene, heating oil, paints, and lacquers.

☐ Drinking contaminated well-water.

☐ Living near uncontrolled hazardous waste sites containing toluene products.

## How can toluene affect my health?

Toluene may affect the nervous system. Low to moderate levles can cause tiredness, confusion, weakness, drunken-type actions, memory loss, nausea, loss of appetite, and



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hearing and color vision loss. These symptoms usually disappear when exposure is stopped.

Inhaling High levels of toluene in a short time can make you feel light-headed, dizzy, or sleepy. It can also cause unconsciousness, and even death.

High levels of toluene may affect your kidneys.

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

Studies in humans and animals generally indicate that toluene does not cause cancer.

The EPA has determined that the carcinogenicity of toluene can not be classified.

### **How can toluene affect children?**

It is likely that health effects seen in children exposed to toluene will be similar to the effects seen in adults. Some studies in animals suggest that babies may be more sensitive than adults.

Breathing very high levels of toluene during pregnancy can result in children with birth defects and retard mental abilities, and growth. We do not know if toluene harms the unborn child if the mother is exposed to low levels of toluene during pregnancy.

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

☐ Use toluene-containing products in well-ventilated areas.

☐ When not in use, toluene-containing products should be tightly covered to prevent evaporation into the air.

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

There are tests to measure the level of toluene or its breakdown products in exhaled air, urine, and blood. To determine if you have been exposed to toluene, your urine or blood must be checked within 12 hours of exposure. Several other chemicals are also changed into the same breakdown products as toluene, so some of these tests are not specific for toluene.

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

EPA has set a limit of 1 milligram per liter of drinking water (1 mg/L).

Discharges, releases, or spills of more than 1,000 pounds of toluene must be reported to the National Response Center.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has set a limit of 200 parts toluene per million of workplace air (200 ppm).

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**SUMMARY:** Exposure to xylene occurs in the workplace and when you use paint, gasoline, paint thinners and other products that contain it. People who breathe high levels may have dizziness, confusion, and a change in their sense of balance. This substance has been found in at least 658 of the 1,430 National Priorities List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What is xylene?

(Pronounced zī'lēn)

Xylene is a colorless, sweet-smelling liquid that catches on fire easily. It occurs naturally in petroleum and coal tar and is formed during forest fires. You can smell xylene in air at 0.08–3.7 parts of xylene per million parts of air (ppm) and begin to taste it in water at 0.53–1.8 ppm.

Chemical industries produce xylene from petroleum. It's one of the top 30 chemicals produced in the United States in terms of volume.

Xylene is used as a solvent and in the printing, rubber, and leather industries. It is also used as a cleaning agent, a thinner for paint, and in paints and varnishes. It is found in small amounts in airplane fuel and gasoline.

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

- ☐ Xylene has been found in waste sites and landfills when discarded as used solvent, or in varnish, paint, or paint thinners.
- ☐ It evaporates quickly from the soil and surface water into the air.

- ☐ In the air, it is broken down by sunlight into other less harmful chemicals.
- ☐ It is broken down by microorganisms in soil and water.
- ☐ Only a small amount of it builds up in fish, shellfish, plants, and animals living in xylene-contaminated water.

## How might I be exposed to xylene?

- ☐ Breathing xylene in workplace air or in automobile exhaust.
- ☐ Breathing contaminated air.
- ☐ Touching gasoline, paint, paint removers, varnish, shellac, and rust preventatives that contain it.
- ☐ Breathing cigarette smoke that has small amounts of xylene in it.
- ☐ Drinking contaminated water or breathing air near waste sites and landfills that contain xylene.
- ☐ The amount of xylene in food is likely to be low.

## How can xylene affect my health?

Xylene affects the brain. High levels from exposure for short periods (14 days or less) or long periods (more than 1 year) can cause headaches, lack of muscle coordination, dizziness, confusion, and changes in one's sense of balance. Exposure of

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people to high levels of xylene for short periods can also cause irritation of the skin, eyes, nose, and throat; difficulty in breathing; problems with the lungs; delayed reaction time; memory difficulties; stomach discomfort; and possibly changes in the liver and kidneys. It can cause unconsciousness and even death at very high levels.

Studies of unborn animals indicate that high concentrations of xylene may cause increased numbers of deaths, and delayed growth and development. In many instances, these same concentrations also cause damage to the mothers. We do not know if xylene harms the unborn child if the mother is exposed to low levels of xylene during pregnancy.

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

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that xylene is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity in humans.

Human and animal studies have not shown xylene to be carcinogenic, but these studies are not conclusive and do not provide enough information to conclude that xylene does not cause cancer.

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

Laboratory tests can detect xylene or its breakdown products in exhaled air, blood, or urine. There is a high degree of agreement between the levels of exposure to xylene and the levels of xylene breakdown products in the urine. However, a urine sample must be provided very soon after exposure ends because xylene quickly leaves the body. These tests are not routinely available at your doctor's office.

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

The EPA has set a limit of 10 ppm of xylene in drinking water.

The EPA requires that spills or accidental releases of xylenes into the environment of 1,000 pounds or more must be reported.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set a maximum level of 100 ppm xylene in workplace air for an 8-hour workday, 40-hour workweek.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) also recommend exposure limits of 100 ppm in workplace air.

NIOSH has recommended that 900 ppm of xylene be considered immediately dangerous to life or health. This is the exposure level of a chemical that is likely to cause permanent health problems or death.

### **Glossary**

Evaporate: To change from a liquid into a vapor or a gas.

Carcinogenic: Having the ability to cause cancer.

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service.

ppm: Parts per million.

Solvent: A liquid that can dissolve other substances.

### **References**

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**Where can I get more information?** For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Division of Toxicology, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop E-29, Atlanta, GA 30333. Phone: 1-888-422-8737, FAX: 404-498-0093. ToxFAQs Internet address via WWW is <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq.html> 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 zinc. 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:** Zinc is a naturally occurring element. Exposure to high levels of zinc occurs mostly from eating food, drinking water, or breathing workplace air that is contaminated. Low levels of zinc are essential for maintaining good health. Exposure to large amounts of zinc can be harmful. It can cause stomach cramps, anemia, and changes in cholesterol levels. Zinc has been found in at least 985 of the 1,662 National Priority List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

### What is zinc?

Zinc is one of the most common elements in the earth's crust. It is found in air, soil, and water, and is present in all foods. Pure zinc is a bluish-white shiny metal.

Zinc has many commercial uses as coatings to prevent rust, in dry cell batteries, and mixed with other metals to make alloys like brass, and bronze. A zinc and copper alloy is used to make pennies in the United States.

Zinc combines with other elements to form zinc compounds. Common zinc compounds found at hazardous waste sites include zinc chloride, zinc oxide, zinc sulfate, and zinc sulfide. Zinc compounds are widely used in industry to make paint, rubber, dyes, wood preservatives, and ointments.

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

- ☐ Some is released into the environment by natural processes, but most comes from human activities like mining, steel production, coal burning, and burning of waste.
- ☐ It attaches to soil, sediments, and dust particles in the air.
- ☐ Rain and snow remove zinc dust particles from the air.
- ☐ Depending on the type of soil, some zinc compounds can move into the groundwater and into lakes, streams, and rivers.
- ☐ Most of the zinc in soil stays bound to soil particles and

does not dissolve in water.

- ☐ It builds up in fish and other organisms, but it does not build up in plants.

### How might I be exposed to zinc?

- ☐ Ingesting small amounts present in your food and water.
- ☐ Drinking contaminated water or a beverage that has been stored in metal containers or flows through pipes that have been coated with zinc to resist rust.
- ☐ Eating too many dietary supplements that contain zinc.
- ☐ Working on any of the following jobs: construction, painting, automobile mechanics, mining, smelting, and welding; manufacture of brass, bronze, or other zinc-containing alloys; manufacture of galvanized metals; and manufacture of machine parts, rubber, paint, linoleum, oilcloths, batteries, some kind of glass, ceramics, and dyes.

### How can zinc affect my health?

Zinc is an essential element in our diet. Too little zinc can cause problems, but too much zinc is also harmful.

Harmful effects generally begin at levels 10-15 times higher than the amount needed for good health. Large doses taken by mouth even for a short time can cause stomach cramps, nausea, and vomiting. Taken longer, it can cause anemia and decrease the levels of your good cholesterol. We do not know if high levels of zinc affect reproduction in humans. Rats that were fed large amounts of zinc became infertile.

**ToxFAQs™ Internet address is <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq.html>**

Inhaling large amounts of zinc (as dusts or fumes) can cause a specific short-term disease called metal fume fever. We do not know the long-term effects of breathing high levels of zinc.

Putting low levels of zinc acetate and zinc chloride on the skin of rabbits, guinea pigs, and mice caused skin irritation. Skin irritation will probably occur in people.

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

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) have not classified zinc for carcinogenicity. Based on incomplete information from human and animal studies, the EPA has determined that zinc is not classifiable as to its human carcinogenicity.

### **How can zinc affect children?**

Zinc is essential for proper growth and development of young children. It is likely that children exposed to very high levels of zinc will have similar effects as adults. We do not know whether children are more susceptible to the effects of excessive intake of zinc than the adults.

We do not know if excess zinc can cause developmental effects in humans. Animal studies have found decreased weight in the offspring of animals that ingested very high amounts of zinc.

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

- ☐ Children living near waste sites that contain zinc may be exposed to higher levels of zinc through breathing contaminated air, drinking contaminated drinking water, touching or eating contaminated soil.
- ☐ Discourage your children from eating soil or putting their hands in their mouths and teach them to wash their hands frequently and before eating.
- ☐ If you use medicines or vitamin supplements containing

zinc, make sure you use them appropriately and keep them out of the reach of children.

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

There are tests available to measure zinc in your blood, urine, hair, saliva, and feces. These tests are not usually done in the doctor's office because they require special equipment. High levels of zinc in the feces can mean high recent zinc exposure. High levels of zinc in the blood can mean high zinc consumption and/or high exposure. Tests to measure zinc in hair may provide information on long-term zinc exposure; however, the relationship between levels in your hair and the amount of zinc you were exposed to is not clear.

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

The EPA recommends that drinking water should contain no more than 5 milligrams per liter of water (5 mg/L) because of taste. The EPA requires that any release of 1,000 pounds (or in some cases 5,000 pounds) into the environment be reported to the agency.

To protect workers, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set an average limit of 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for zinc chloride fumes and 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for zinc oxide (dusts and fumes) in workplace air during an 8-hour workday, 40-hour workweek.

Similarly, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has set the same standards for up to a 10-hour workday over a 40-hour workweek.

### **References**

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**ATTACHMENT B**  
**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)

<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:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**CLASSIFICATION OF INJURY:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Abrasions	<input type="checkbox"/> Dislocations	<input type="checkbox"/> Punctures
<input type="checkbox"/> Bites	<input type="checkbox"/> Faint/Dizziness	<input type="checkbox"/> Radiation Burns
<input type="checkbox"/> Blisters	<input type="checkbox"/> Fractures	<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory Allergy
<input type="checkbox"/> Bruises	<input type="checkbox"/> Frostbite	<input type="checkbox"/> Sprains
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Burns	<input type="checkbox"/> Heat Burns	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Resp. Exposure
<input type="checkbox"/> Cold Exposure	<input type="checkbox"/> Heat Exhaustion	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Ingestion
<input type="checkbox"/> Concussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Heat Stroke	<input type="checkbox"/> Dermal Allergy
<input type="checkbox"/> 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:

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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

SSO Signature

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN INVESTIGATION:**

Signature

Title

Signature

Title

Signature

Title

**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:

Signature

Title

**ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THIS FORM**

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**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**