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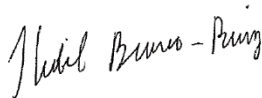
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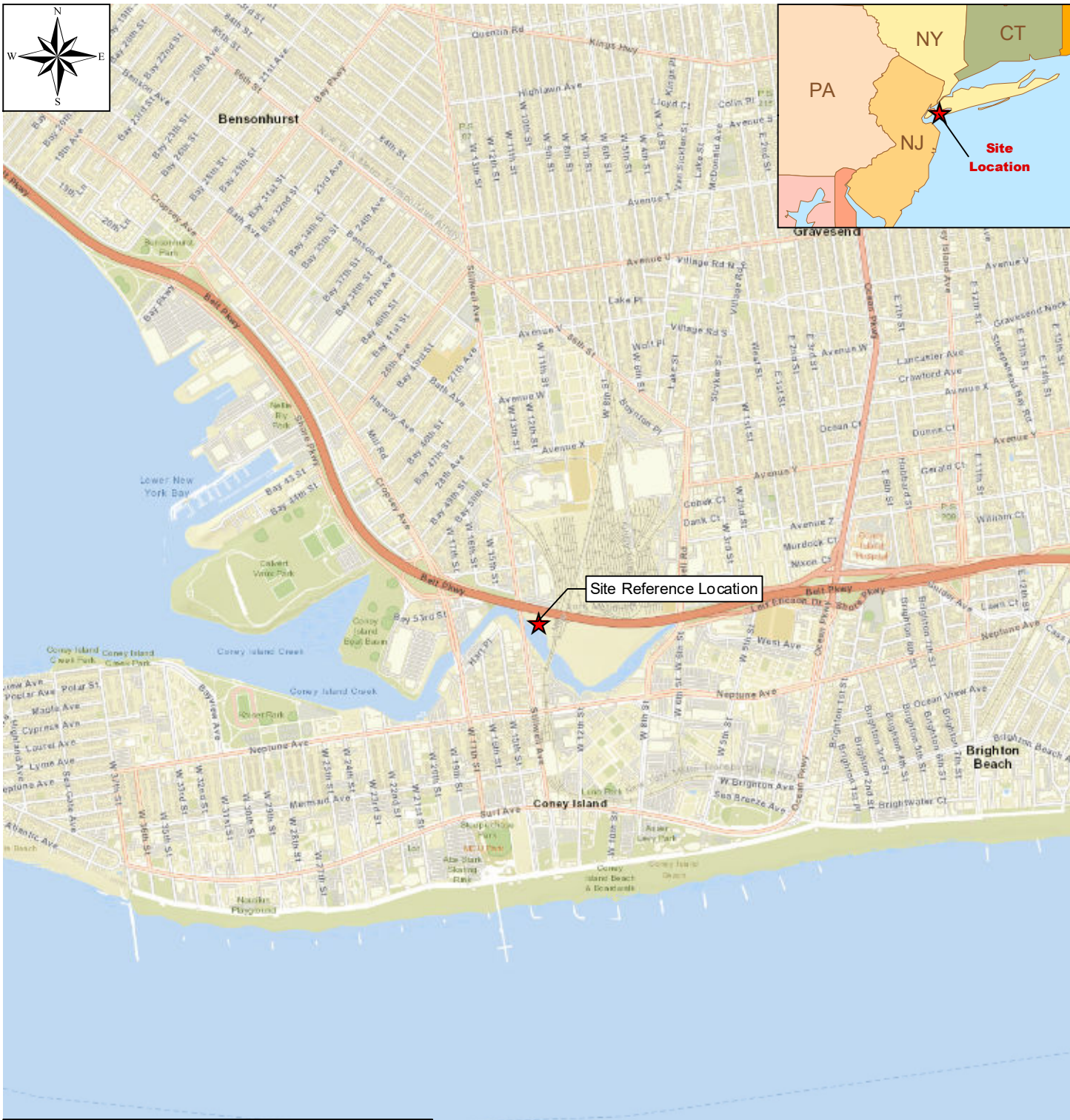
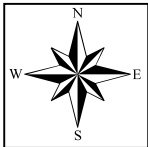
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## SITE SUMMARY

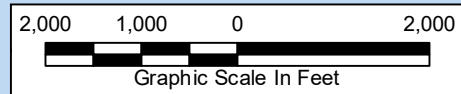
The T & J Salvage (T & J) site (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] ID No. NYN000203544) consists of an automobile salvage operation along Coney Island Creek in Brooklyn, NY [Ref. 1, p. 1; 2, p. 1]. EPA discovery of the T & J site occurred in 2020 during the Site Discovery Initiative associated with the Coney Island Creek site [Ref. 3, pp. 5–9; 4, p. 1]. Available information indicates that the T & J subject property has been utilized for automobile salvage activities since at least 1940 [Ref. 5, pp. 35–36; 6, pp. 14–15; 7, p. 5]. The current occupant, T & J Auto Salvage, is a supplier of used auto parts that has operated on the site since 1980 [Ref. 2, p. 1]. The 2.9-acre property is located in a mostly commercial and industrial area of Brooklyn, NY, along the northern bank of Coney Island Creek [Ref. 40, Figure 2]. The site's shoreline along Coney Island Creek mostly consists of a steep, vegetated embankment, with a concrete block retaining wall evident along the southwestern corner of the property [Ref. 4, pp. 1, 18, 19]. The subject property is bound to the north by a parking lot that underlies the raised Belt Parkway; to the east by Metro Transit Authority (MTA) railroad tracks; to the south by Coney Island Creek; and to the west by a portion of Stillwell Avenue that traverses Coney Island Creek [Ref. 4, pp. 1, 13, 15, 17–18, 20]. **Figure 1** presents a Site Location Map.

A search of New York State environmental databases indicates that New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has inspected the facility on numerous occasions [Ref. 11, pp. 1–3; 12, p. 1; 13, pp. 12–14]. Observations indicated that there have been multiple discharges of automotive waste fluids identified throughout the property and an impact to Coney Island Creek is suspected [Ref. 11, p. 1; 12, p. 1; 13, p. 14]. The facility has been the subject of a joint investigation by the New York Police Department (NYPD) and NYSDEC's Division of Law Enforcement (DLE) [Ref. 12, p. 1; 13, p. 12]. In August 2003, during the execution of a search warrant, NYSDEC DLE observed surface spills and free product on standing water [Ref. 12, p. 1; 13, p. 12]. In April 2004, T & J received an Order on Consent issued by NYSDEC as a result of the automotive waste fluids identified throughout the property in August 2003 [Ref. 12, p. 1; 14, p. 1, 4]. The remedies under the Order on Consent included that T & J was required to submit plans to characterize and remediate releases of petroleum at the site [Ref. 14, p. 6].

In October 2004, T & J performed a subsurface investigation at the site under NYSDEC oversight [Ref. 11, p. 1; 13, p. 13–14]. Nineteen soil samples were collected from 17 direct-push boreholes advanced to 10 feet below ground surface (bgs) [Ref. 13, p. 14; 15, pp. 5–6, 8]. One groundwater sample was collected from each of two boreholes [Ref. 13, p. 14; 15, p. 5]. The subsurface beneath the site was characterized by construction debris and ash [Ref. 15, pp. 9–27]. Xylene (23 milligrams per kilogram [mg/kg]) and ethylbenzene (3.12 mg/kg) were detected in soil at one location, at a depth of 0 to 1 foot beneath an area covered with an 8-inch-thick concrete slab [Ref. 11, p. 2; 13, p. 14; 15, p. 6]. Cadmium (1.86 mg/kg), chromium (24.4 mg/kg), lead (438 mg/kg), mercury (0.271 mg/kg), and vanadium (47.3 mg/kg) were detected in soil at one location [Ref. 15, p. 129]. According to T & J's report, with the exception of the soil sample collected beneath the 8-inch thick concrete slab near where fluids are drained from engines, no contamination was detected in soil or groundwater [Ref. 15, p. 6]. However, NYSDEC noted several deficiencies with T & J's sampling procedures, including a nonworking photoionization detector (PID), samples not kept on ice in a cooler, cross-contamination of samples by sampler's field knife, and direct-push sleeves left cut open for long periods prior to sample collection [Ref. 11, p. 1; 13, p. 13]. T & J's environmental investigation did not evaluate the site's impact to Coney Island Creek [Ref. 15, pp. 4–6].



Source:  
1. Weston Solutions, Inc. (WESTON®) Site Assessment Team V (SAT V).  
Site Logbook No. DCN # SAT-V.6105.0005, T & J Salvage Site Inspection.  
March 30, 2021 – June 10, 2021. [40 pages]  
2. ESRI World Street Map, 2021.  
Notes:  
1. The source of this map image is Esri, used by EPA with Esri's permission.



LEGEND:  
★ Site Reference Location Lat: +40.582620°  
Long: -73.981731°

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Vehicle Dismantling Facility Annual Reports submitted to NYSDEC from 2013 to 2019 indicate that T & J received 2,142 end-of-life vehicles (ELV); crushed 1,818 ELVs; and stored up to 510 ELVs [Ref. 16, p. 1]. Fluids recovered from the ELVs included 4,400 gallons of used oil (i.e., engine oil, transmission fluid, axle fluid, hydraulic fluid, power steering fluid, brake fluid, etc.); 2,171 gallons of engine coolant; and 680 pounds of refrigerant [Ref. 16, p. 1]. These fluids were either sold/recycled or disposed off-site [Ref. 16, p. 1]. A total of 1,466 lead-acid batteries and 575 mercury switches were collected from the ELVs [Ref. 16, p. 1]. The lead-acid batteries and mercury switches were sold/recycled [Ref. 16, p. 1]. The approximate area used for the storage of ELVs was reported to vary between 1 and 2.75 acres [Ref. 16, p. 1].

The T & J facility operates under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. NYR00D555; permit information indicates that stormwater runoff from the facility discharges to Coney Island Creek, the nearest waterbody [Ref. 18, p. 1; 19, pp. 1, 12, 28]. The facility has one discharge monitoring point (Outfall 001) located at the site entrance [Ref. 19, p. 1; 20, p. 5]. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) from 2009 to 2017 show detections of toluene (18.4 micrograms per liter [ $\mu\text{g/L}$ ]), benzene (1.4  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), ethylbenzene (3.6  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), xylene (19  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), iron (350  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), aluminum (230  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), and lead (8  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) at the discharge monitoring point [Ref. 21, pp. 1–17]. EPA's ECHO on-line database notes that the facility was cited for violations of the NPDES permit in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; violations included late submittals and failure to submit DMRs [Ref. 18, p. 2]. State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Notice of Intent forms for the T & J facility indicate that site runoff enters the New York City Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) (i.e., roadside drains, swales, ditches, culverts, etc.) and discharges into Coney Island Creek [Ref. 19, pp. 1, 12, 28].

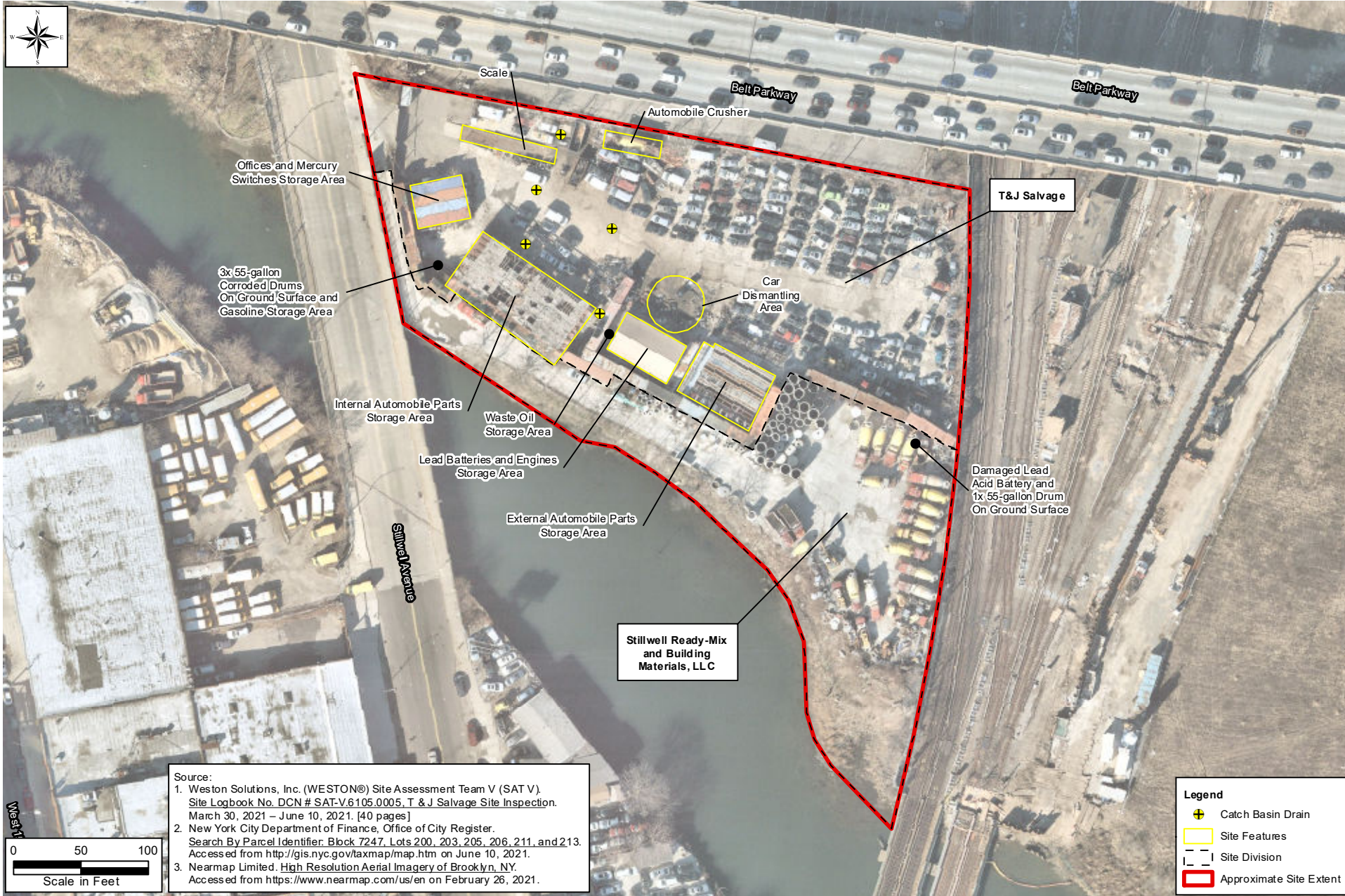
Coney Island Creek receives approximately 290 million gallons of discharges per year through permitted combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfalls and 1,487 million gallons of stormwater runoff per year [Ref. 22, p. 2]. Environmental characterizations of Coney Island Creek indicate that creek sediments are contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), BTEX compounds (i.e., benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene), and inorganic constituents [Ref. 23, p. 1], all of which are also associated with the T & J site. PAHs and BTEX compounds are known to be constituents of automotive fluids, including used oils [Ref. 50, p. 15; 51, p. 22; 54, p. 20]. Inorganic constituents may be released through the corrosion of metal automobile parts and improper handling and storage of vehicle components, such as lead-acid batteries and mercury switches [Ref. 66, pp. 1–2]. As stated previously, T & J is known to have collected thousands of gallons of used oil, as well as many lead-acid batteries and mercury switches at the facility [Ref. 16, p. 1].

On September 3, 2020, Weston Solutions, Inc. (WESTON®) Region 2 Site Assessment Team (SAT) performed an off-site reconnaissance at T & J in support of an Abbreviate Preliminary Assessment (APA) [Ref. 4, pp. 1–3, 13–21]. The facility was confirmed to be an active automobile scrap yard [Ref. 4, pp. 2, 13, 16–17, 20]. Site conditions appeared to be similar to descriptions in the available background information and aerial imagery regarding poor housekeeping at the facility [Ref. 4, pp. 2, 12–20; 6, pp. 3–6; 11, p. 1; 12, p. 1]. The reconnaissance confirmed that fishing for human consumption occurs in the western portion of the creek at the Kaiser Park fishing pier; fishing is also known to occur in other parts of the creek [Ref. 4, pp. 2, 14, 21; 67, pp. 1–2].

On March 30, 2021, Region 2 Site Assessment Team V (SAT V) personnel conducted pre-sampling reconnaissance activities at and in the vicinity of the T & J site [Ref. 8, pp. 3–5]. The objective of the reconnaissance was to observe current site conditions and to select potential on- and off-site SI sample locations [Ref. 8, pp. 3–5]. Based on observations made during the reconnaissance, the facility comprises one covered garage, two open-air storage sheds, and conjoined Conex boxes that serve as offices and storage areas. ELVs are stored in the eastern portion of the subject property [Ref. 8, pp. 4, 15]. The southern portion of the property is leased by Stillwell Ready-Mix and Building Materials, LLC, and it is used for the storage of concrete mixing trucks and large-diameter concrete piping [Ref. 8, p. 3]. The ground surface of the property consists mostly of concrete pavement, bordered by narrow strips of vegetated land in some areas [Ref. 8, p. 5]. The concrete is impermeable; however, it is weathered in several places. No exposed soil was observed by Region 2 SAT V in the weathered areas [Ref. 8, p. 15]. **Figure 2** presents a Site Features Map.

Housekeeping at the salvage facility is poor [Ref. 8, pp. 3, 16–21]. ELVs are stored on the concrete with no secondary containment [Ref. 8, p. 16]. Internal automobile parts are stored by type in Conex boxes throughout the site [Ref. 8, pp. 3, 16]. External automobile parts are stored by type on open-air storage racks [Ref. 8, pp. 3, 17]. Moderate to severe staining was observed near the automobile crusher located along the northern portion of the property and the automobile dismantling area located near the center of the property [Ref. 8, pp. 4, 17]. Automobile engines and lead-acid batteries are stored on racks in the covered garage near the center of the site [Ref. 8, pp. 3–4, 18]. At the time of the reconnaissance, there were approximately 49 lead-acid batteries in the garage [Ref. 8, p. 3]. Moderate staining was observed on the floor of the garage, specifically below engines [Ref. 8, pp. 4, 18]. Oil and antifreeze wastes were stored in two 275-gallon totes in an alleyway east of the covered garage [Ref. 8, pp. 4, 19]. The two totes are on concrete with no secondary containment [Ref. 8, p. 4]. Three 55-gallon corroded drums were observed on the concrete in the western portion of the site [Ref. 8, pp. 3, 19]. The labels on the drums were unreadable [Ref. 8, p. 3]. The site representative indicated that the drums contain waste from an environmental investigation previously conducted at the site (year unknown but estimated to be greater than five years old) [Ref. 8, p. 5]. An approximately 75-gallon gasoline tank was observed adjacent to the three corroded drums [Ref. 8, pp. 3, 19]. The gasoline tank and the three corroded drums were on concrete with no secondary containment [Ref. 8, p. 3]. Mercury switches are stored in approved containers in the main office [Ref. 8, p. 4]. Trash, mostly consisting of broken plastic automobile parts, was observed along the eastern and northern edges of the site [Ref. 8, pp. 3, 20]. A damaged lead-acid battery and an unlabeled and corroded drum were observed on the ground in the southeastern portion of the property [Ref. 8, pp. 5, 21].

According to a T & J representative, no stormwater runoff leaves the site [Ref. 20, p. 1]. The on-site stormwater runoff is captured by five catch basins located near the center of the site [Ref. 8, pp. 4, 20; 20, p. 5]. These catch basins are concrete-lined pits and the stormwater captured by them evaporates through time after rainfall events [Ref. 20, p. 1]. Two of the on-site catch basins were observed to be nearly full to capacity of stagnant stormwater during the reconnaissance [Ref. 8, pp. 4, 20]. A slight sheen was noticeable on the stagnant stormwater [Ref. 8, pp. 5, 20]. Based on the reconnaissance observations and the finite volume of the catch basins, it is possible for the stormwater in the catch basins to overflow to the surrounding areas during rainfall events;



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however, no drainage channels from the facility to Coney Island Creek were observed during the March 2021 reconnaissance [Ref. 8, pp. 4–5].

In April 2021, Region 2 SAT V personnel collected surface water and sediment samples as part of the Site Inspection (SI) evaluation of the Coney Island Creek site [Ref. 59, p. 1]. Region 2 SAT V collected a total of 12 surface water and 63 sediment samples [Ref. 59, pp. 1, 4, 6]. All surface water and sediment samples were analyzed for Organic Target Analyte List (TAL) Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Semivolatile Organic Compounds (SVOC), Pesticides, and Aroclors; and Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP-AES) 11+ Metals (including mercury and cyanide) through the EPA Contract Laboratory Program (CLP) [Ref. 59, p. 1]. The following contaminants were detected in creek sediments at concentrations greater than or equal to three times (3x) the maximum background concentrations, or greater than the highest reporting detection limit (RDL) when all background results were non-detect: the VOC 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene; SVOCs phenanthrene, anthracene, fluoranthene, pyrene, benzo(a)anthracene, chrysene, bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene, benzo(a)pyrene, indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene, benzo(g,h,i)perylene; pesticides 4,4'-DDE, 4,4'-DDD, 4,4'-DDT, cis-chlordane, trans-chlordane; and metals barium, cadmium, calcium, chromium, cyanide, lead, silver, and zinc [Ref. 59, pp. 2, 6]. One of the sediment samples that exhibited detections of some of the above analytes (i.e., phenanthrene, fluoranthene, pyrene, and benzo(b)fluoranthene) was collected immediately south of the T & J site [Ref. 59, p. 6]. Iron was detected at a concentration greater than the highest background RDL in a surface water sample collected at the same location (all background results for iron were non-detect) [Ref. 59, p. 6].

On June 2 and 3, 2021, Region 2 SAT V personnel collected soil, groundwater, and stormwater samples as part of the SI evaluation of the T & J site. Region 2 SAT V collected a total of 21 soil samples (including two environmental duplicates), three groundwater samples (including one environmental duplicate), and one stormwater sample from the T & J site [Ref. 8, pp. 10–21; 24, pp. 3, 5–11]. **Figure 3** presents the T & J Site Sample Location Map.

On June 7 and 8, 2021, Region 2 SAT V personnel collected background soil and groundwater samples associated with the SI evaluation of the T & J site. Region 2 SAT V collected a total of seven soil samples (including one environmental duplicate) and two groundwater samples (including one environmental duplicate) from a grass area just north of the Belt Parkway Exit 6N. The location is considered to represent background conditions for the SI evaluation because it is believed to be unaffected by activities or possible releases at the T & J site [Ref. 25, pp. 3, 5–8; 34, pp. 2–4; 35, p. 2]. **Figure 4** presents the Background Sample Location Map. All samples collected in support of the T & J Salvage site SI evaluation were analyzed by CLP laboratories for TAL VOCs, SVOCs, Pesticides, and Aroclors; and ICP-AES 11+ Metals (including mercury) [Ref. 24, p. 4; 25, p. 4].

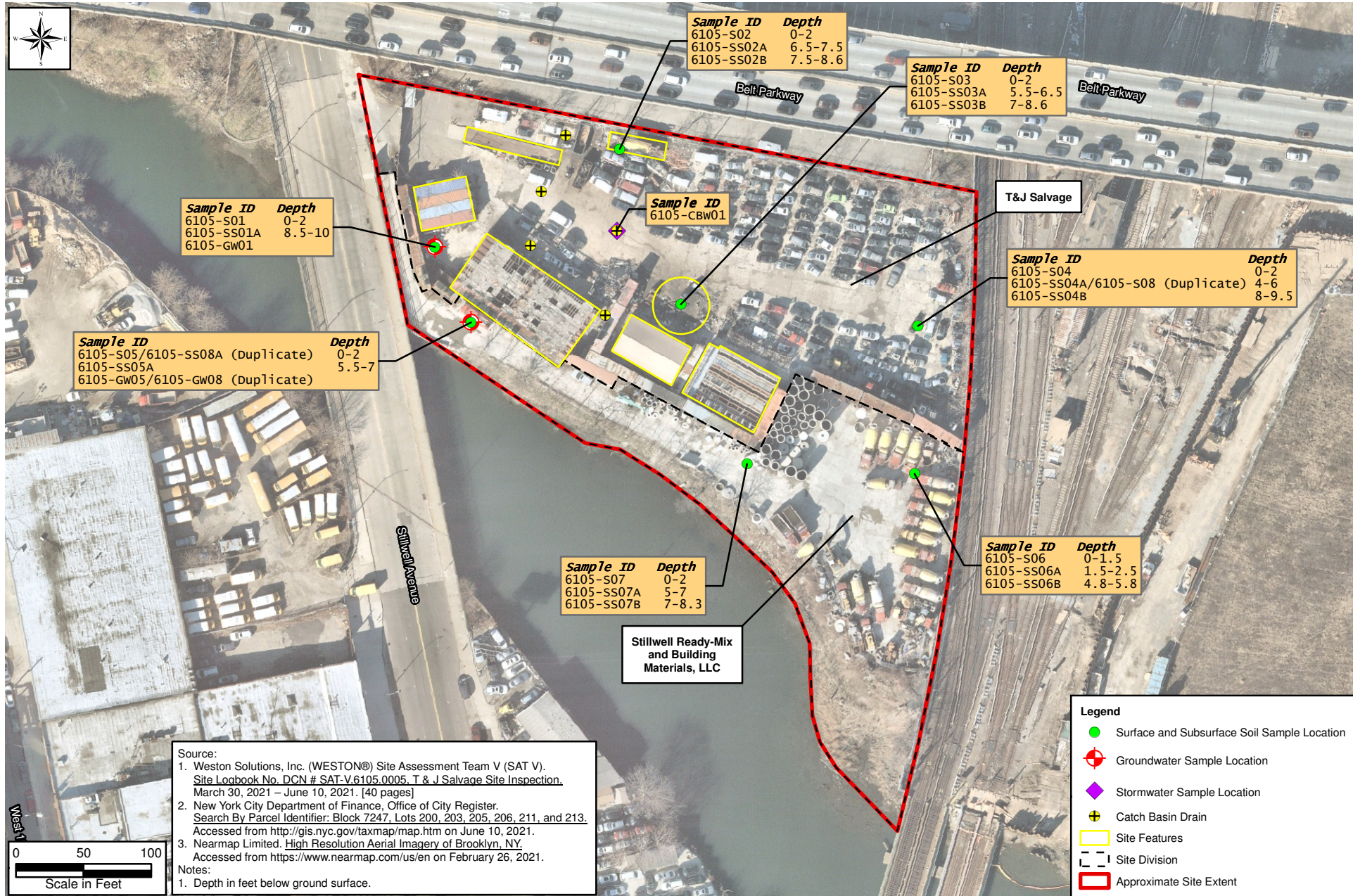
Analytical results for on-site soil and stormwater samples document the presence of CERCLA-eligible waste sources at the site. Contaminants (maximum concentrations) detected at concentrations greater than or equal to 3x the maximum background concentration, or greater than the highest RDL when all background results were non-detect, in on-site soil include the VOCs chloroform (45 J- [estimated, possible low bias] micrograms per kilogram [µg/kg]), cyclohexane (140 J+ [estimated, possible high bias] µg/kg), trichloroethylene (TCE) (25 µg/kg),

methylcyclohexane (8,200 µg/kg), m,p-xylene (16 µg/kg), isopropylbenzene (11,000 µg/kg), 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (11,000 µg/kg), and 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (14 µg/kg); the SVOCs naphthalene (2,000 µg/kg), 1-methylnaphthalene (2,400 µg/kg), 2-methylnaphthalene (4,700 µg/kg), dimethylphthalate (1,200 µg/kg), fluorene (260 µg/kg), phenanthrene (4,700 µg/kg), anthracene (1,300 µg/kg), di-n-butylphthalate (4,100 µg/kg), fluoranthene (9,000 µg/kg), benzo(a)anthracene (5,000 µg/kg), chrysene (4,300 µg/kg), bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (12,000 J [estimated] µg/kg), benzo(b)fluoranthene (4,700 µg/kg), benzo(k)-fluoranthene (1,700 µg/kg), and dibenzo(a,h)anthracene (600 µg/kg); the pesticides endosulfan II (270 µg/kg), 4,4'-DDD (7.6 J µg/kg), 4,4'-DDT (40 µg/kg), cis-chlordane (34 µg/kg), and trans-chlordane (46 µg/kg); the PCB Aroclor-1260 (90 µg/kg); and the metals antimony (10 mg/kg), barium (5,300 mg/kg), cadmium (7.0 mg/kg), iron (60,000 mg/kg), lead (5,900 mg/kg), silver (3.2 mg/kg), zinc (3,000 mg/kg), and mercury (2.5 mg/kg). Contaminants detected above RDLs in on-site stormwater include the VOCs cyclohexane (5.7 µg/L), methylcyclohexane (5.0 µg/L), toluene (23 µg/L), ethylbenzene (8.2 µg/L), o-xylene (26 µg/L), m,p-xylene (64 µg/L), 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (41 µg/L), 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (11 µg/L), copper (39 µg/L), iron (380 µg/L), and manganese (26 µg/L). Analytical results for groundwater samples collected in support of the T & J Salvage SI do not document an observed release to the Ground Water Migration Pathway.

Analytical results for samples collected in support of the Coney Island Creek SI document an observed release of site-related contaminants to the Surface Water Migration Pathway. Some of the creek contaminants (phenanthrene, fluoranthene, and benzo(b)fluoranthene in sediment, and iron in surface water) were detected at concentrations greater than or equal to 3x the maximum background concentration, or greater than the highest RDL when all background results were non-detect, just south of the T & J facility as follows [Ref. 59, pp. 4, 6]:

| <b>Hazardous Substance</b>      | <b>Highest Background Level (Shell Bank Creek)</b> | <b>Release Concentration (Coney Island Creek, south of T &amp; J)</b> |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Phenanthrene (sediment)         | 650 U µg/kg (not detected)                         | 810 µg/kg   |
| Fluoranthene (sediment)         | 650 U µg/kg (not detected)                         | 1,300 µg/kg   |
| Benzo(b)fluoranthene (sediment) | 650 U µg/kg (not detected)                         | 690 µg/kg   |
| Iron (surface water)            | 500 U µg/L (not detected)                          | 600 µg/L  |

The 2021 SI sampling analytical results for the T & J and Coney Island Creek sites are discussed in detail in **Part III**. The release documented at T & J results in actual contamination of the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary, which is a sensitive environment identified under the National Estuary Program that encompasses all of Coney Island Creek [Ref. 40, Figure 7; 41, pp. 4–5, 99–100]. There is a downstream fishery at Kaiser Park that is subject to potential contamination [Ref. 4, pp. 2, 14, 21; 59, p. 6].



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## SITE INSPECTION REPORT

### PART I: SITE INFORMATION

1. Site Name/Alias T & J Salvage

Street 2647 Stillwell Avenue

City Brooklyn State New York Zip 11223

2. County Kings County Code 047 Cong. Dist. 11<sup>th</sup>

3. EPA ID No. NYN000203544

4. Block No. 7247 Lot Nos. 200, 203, 205, 206, 211, and 213\*

\* The T & J salvage yard also extends north into Lots 210, 216, and the Belt Parkway right-of-way.

5. Latitude\* +40.582620° Longitude\* -73.981731°

\* The latitude and longitude values are an update for the EPA database, based on the SI sampling results. These coordinates correspond to location 6105-S03 on the subject property. The coordinates were recorded using GPS technology on June 2, 2021. The coordinate system is WGS 1984 [Ref. 24, p. 4; 25, p. 4].

USGS Quad(s) Coney Island

6. Approximate size of site 2.9 acres

7. Owner M.A.A.T.T. LLC

Site Contact Thomas Paolino

Telephone No. (718) 946-6200

Address 2647 Stillwell Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11223

8. Operator T & J Auto Salvage

Site Contact Angelo Paolino

Telephone No. (718) 967-0293

Address 2647 Stillwell Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11223

## 9. Type of Ownership

☒ Private      ☐ Federal      ☐ State  
☐ County      ☐ Municipal      ☐ Unknown      ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Owner/Operator Notification on File

☐ RCRA 3010      Date \_\_\_\_\_      ☐ CERCLA 103c      Date \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ None      ☐ Unknown

## 11. Permit Information

| Permit Type                                     | Permit No. | Expiration Date   | Reference(s) |
|---|------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Vehicle Dismantling Facility Registration       | 24V50008   | February 13, 2025 | 28, p. 1     |
| National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System | NYR00D555  | February 28, 2023 | 18, p. 1     |

## 12. Site Status

☒ Active      ☐ Inactive      ☐ Unknown

13. Years of Operation: 1940-present

The subject property is owned by M.A.A.T.T. LLC. It consists of six conjoined tax lots (i.e., Block 7247; Lots 200, 203, 205, 206, 211, and 213). Historical city directories indicate that the subject property has been utilized as an automobile wrecking facility since at least 1940 by the following companies:

| Year | Facility Listing                           |
|------|--|
| 1940 | Hub Auto Wrecking                          |
| 1949 | Johnsons Auto Glass Co                     |
| 1976 | City Wide Auto Salvage Ltd                 |
| 1985 | T & J Salvage Corp                         |
| 1992 | Midtown Enterprises and T & J Salvage Corp |
| 1997 | T & J Salvage Corp                         |
| 2000 | NECDET GUL and T & J Salvage Corp          |
| 2005 | T & J 3 Salvage Corp                       |

14. Identify the types of waste sources (e.g., landfill, surface impoundment, piles, stained soil, above- or below-ground tanks or containers, land treatment, etc.) on site. Initiate as many waste unit numbers as needed to identify all waste sources on site.

a) Waste Sources

| Waste Unit No. | Waste Source Type | Facility Name for Unit |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1              | Contaminated Soil | N/A                    |
| 2              | Tanks/Containers  | Catch Basin Stormwater |

b) Other Areas of Concern

No other areas of concern have been identified.

Ref. 1, p. 1; 2, p. 1; 7, p. 5; 9, pp. 1–2, 8; 10, pp. 1–12; 14, p. 4; 26, p. 1; 27, p. 1; 40, Figure 5.

15. Describe the regulatory history of the site, including the scope and objectives of any previous response actions, investigations and litigation by State, Local and Federal agencies (indicate type, affiliation, date of investigations).

- **Spill Report, NYSDEC, June 2003** – Spill at the T & J site was reported to NYSDEC by the NYPD. Report indicates that multiple discharges of automotive waste fluids were identified throughout the property and impact to Coney Island Creek is suspected. An environmental investigation was requested to determine off-site impacts [Ref. 11, p. 1].
- **Joint Investigation, NYPD/NYSDEC DLE, August 2003** – A search warrant was executed at the T & J site by the NYPD and NYSDEC DLE. NYSDEC DLE observed surface spills and free product on standing water and directed the responsible party (i.e., T & J) to immediately contain and recover the product [Ref. 12, p. 1].
- **Order on Consent, NYSDEC, April 2004** – T & J received an Order on Consent issued by NYSDEC as a result of the automotive waste fluids identified throughout the property in August 2003. The remedies under the Order on Consent included that T & J were required to cleanup and remove any release of petroleum at the site [Ref. 14, pp. 1–2, 6].
- **Subsurface Investigation, Key Environmental on behalf of T & J, October 2004** – T & J conducted a subsurface environmental investigation at the site under NYSDEC oversight. Nineteen soil samples were collected from 17 direct-push boreholes advanced to 10 feet bgs. One groundwater sample was collected from each of two boreholes. All soil samples were analyzed for VOCs and SVOCs via analytical methods 8260B and 8270C, respectively. Only two soil samples were analyzed for metals via analytical method 6020. The two groundwater samples were analyzed for only SVOCs via analytical method 8270C. NYSDEC noted several deficiencies with T & J's

sampling procedures, including a nonworking photoionization detector (PID), samples not kept on ice in a cooler, cross-contamination of samples by sampler's field knife, and direct-push sleeves left cut open for long periods prior to sample collection. Analytical results are discussed in **Part III** [Ref. 11, p. 1; 13, p. 13; 15, pp. 5–6, 8, 134–137].

- **Remedial Investigation Report (RIR), Key Environmental on behalf of T & J, February 2005** – The RIR indicates that xylene (23 mg/kg) and ethylbenzene (3.12 mg/kg) were detected in soil at one location, at a depth of 0 to 1 foot beneath an area covered with an 8-inch-thick concrete slab near where fluids are drained from engines; and that all other soil and groundwater samples only contain trace concentrations of VOCs and/or SVOCs. Analytical data shows that cadmium (1.86 mg/kg), chromium (24.4 mg/kg), lead (438 mg/kg), mercury (0.271 mg/kg), and vanadium (47.3 mg/kg) were detected in soil at one location (near the present-day lead batteries and engines storage area); however, there is no discussion of metals in soil in the report. The RIR concluded that, with the exception of the soil sample collected beneath the 8-inch-thick concrete slab near where fluids are drained from engines, no contamination was detected in soil or groundwater; and recommended to remove the T & J facility from the NYSDEC Spill List. In April 2010, NYSDEC removed T & J from the Spill List based on the RIR and subsequent site visits [Ref. 11, pp. 2–3; 15, pp. 5–6, 127–129].
- **Tidal Wetlands Adjacent Area Jurisdiction Determination, AKRF on behalf of T & J, June 2015** – T & J submitted a letter to NYSDEC requesting a Tidal Wetlands Adjacent Area Jurisdictional Determination regarding wetlands along the site's southern shoreline and Coney Island Creek. In August 2015, NYSDEC issued a Notice of Incomplete Application with regard to the jurisdictional determination request. In September 2016, NYSDEC inspected the T & J facility and subsequently issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to property owner M.A.A.T.T. LLC for placement of fill in tidal wetlands, paving over the adjacent area without a permit, and construction of a commercial accessory structure without a permit [Ref. 29, pp. 1–4; 30, p. 1; 31, p. 1].
- **Notice of Violation, NYSDEC, May 2019** – NOV for failure to submit the 2018 Annual Certification Report (ACR) to comply with the terms and conditions of the facility's SPDES permit [Ref. 32, p. 1].
- **Off-site Reconnaissance, WESTON SAT, September 2020** – Off-site reconnaissance of T & J in support of an APA. Region 2 SAT V did not collect samples associated with the APA. The facility was confirmed to be an active automobile scrap yard. Site conditions appeared to be similar to descriptions in the available background information and aerial imagery regarding poor housekeeping at the facility [Ref. 4, pp. 1–5, 14, 12–21; 6, pp. 3–6; 11, p. 1; 12, p. 1].
- **On-site Reconnaissance, WESTON SAT V, March 2021** – On-site reconnaissance to observe current site conditions in support of the SI, and to select potential SI sampling locations. Region 2 SAT V observed poor housekeeping at the T & J facility. ELVs are stored on the concrete with no secondary containment or run-on/runoff

control measures. Moderate to severe staining was observed near the automobile crusher located along the northern portion of the property and the automobile dismantling area located near the center of the property. Used oil and antifreeze waste were stored in two 275-gallon totes with no secondary containment. Three 55-gallon corroded drums with waste from a previous environmental investigation conducted at the site and an approximately 75-gallon gasoline tank were observed in an area with no secondary containment. A damaged lead-acid battery and an unlabeled and corroded drum were observed on the ground in the southeastern portion of the facility. No drainage channels from the facility to Coney Island Creek were observed during the reconnaissance [Ref. 8, pp. 3–5, 15–21].

- **SI Sampling, WESTON SAT V, June 2021** – In support of the SI evaluation, Region 2 SAT V collected a total of 21 soil samples, three groundwater samples, and one stormwater sample from the T & J site; and seven soil samples and two groundwater samples from a grass area just north of the Belt Parkway Exit 6N considered to represent background conditions for the SI evaluation. All samples were analyzed for Organic TAL VOCs, SVOCs, Pesticides, and Aroclors; and ICP-AES 11+ Metals (including Hg), by CLP laboratories [Ref. 8, pp. 22–30; 24, pp. 3, 5–11; 25, pp. 3, 5–8]. Sample analytical results are discussed in **Part III**.

- a) Is the site or any waste source subject to Petroleum Exclusion? Identify petroleum products and by products that justify this decision.

The Petroleum Exclusion would apply to the two 275-gallon waste fluids (i.e., engine oil, transmission fluid, axle fluid, hydraulic fluid, power steering fluid, brake fluid, etc.) storage totes and the approximately 75-gallon waste gasoline tank, which is occasionally used to refuel the site vehicles. The two waste fluids storage totes and the gasoline tank have no secondary containment. As discussed in **Part III**, the 2021 SI sampling presented detections of cyclohexane, methylcyclohexane, m,p-xylene, isopropylbenzene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene, and naphthalene in soil. These analytes are known constituents of used oils and fuels (i.e., gasoline and diesel).

Ref. 8, pp. 3, 18; 47, pp. 50, 52, 56, 58, 84, 96, 118; 50, p. 15.

- b) Has normal farming application of pesticides registered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) occurred at the site? Have pesticides been produced or stored at the site? Have there been any leaks or spills of pesticides on site?

Available background information does not indicate that agricultural activities have been conducted on site. It is unknown if pesticides regulated under FIFRA were applied to the subject site. Pesticides are not known to have been produced or stored at the site, and there are no records of leaks or spills of pesticides on-site.

As discussed in **Part III**, the June 2021 SI sampling showed detections of the following pesticides at concentrations greater than or equal to 3x the maximum background

concentration, or greater than the highest RDL when all background results were non-detect, in soil at the T & J site: endosulfan II, 4,4'-DDD, 4,4'-DDT, cis-chlordane, and trans-chlordane in soil. The subject site has been utilized for automobile salvage operations since at least 1940. Historical aerial photos indicate that automobile salvage operations were conducted on exposed soil until at least 1966. Pesticides are not directly related to historical or current operations. Automobile salvage, which involves depositing a variety of junk vehicles and other scrap on the site, has been the main use of the property since development.

Ref. 5, pp. 11–38; 6, pp. 3–15; 7, pp. 4–8; 47, pp. 41, 47, 67, 81, 87, 99, 105, 117, 179, 199, 215.

- c) Is the site or any waste source subject to Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle C (briefly explain)?

The facility sells/recycles the petroleum-related waste fluids recovered (i.e., engine oil, transmission fluid, axle fluid, hydraulic fluid, power steering fluid, brake fluid, etc.) and scrap metal (i.e., lead-acid batteries and mercury switches). Therefore, neither the site nor any waste source is subject to RCRA Subtitle C.

Ref. 16, p. 1; 33, p. 1.

- d) Is the site or any waste source maintained under the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)?

The subject site has been utilized for automobile salvage activities since at least 1940 and is not known to have handled radiological materials. Prior to 1940, residences and streets occupied the site. Neither the site nor any waste source is maintained under the authority of the NRC.

Ref. 5, pp. 11–36; 6, pp. 3–15; 7, p. 5.

16. Do any conditions exist on site which would warrant immediate or emergency action?

No conditions were noted which would warrant immediate or emergency action during the March 2021 site reconnaissance or the June 2021 SI sampling.

Ref. 4, pp. 3–12.

17. Information available from:

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Preparer: Habib Bravo-Ruiz Agency: Region 2 START V Date: December 2021

**PART II: WASTE SOURCE INFORMATION**

For each of the waste units identified in Part I, complete the following items.

Waste Unit   1   – Contaminated Soil

Source Type

|                                       |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>          </u> Landfill            | <u>  X  </u> Contaminated Soil   |
| <u>          </u> Surface Impoundment | <u>          </u> Pile           |
| <u>          </u> Drums               | <u>          </u> Land Treatment |
| <u>          </u> Tanks/Containers    | <u>          </u> Other          |

**Description:**

1. Describe the types of containers, impoundments, or other storage systems (i.e., concrete - lined surface impoundments) and any labels that may be present.

On June 2 and 3, 2021, Region 2 SAT V personnel collected soil samples from seven boreholes advanced throughout the T & J site using Geoprobe direct-push technology. Region 2 SAT V collected a total of 21 soil samples (including two environmental duplicates). Soil borings were screened using a PID in 6-inch intervals. PID readings above background were noted in the soil cores from locations 6105-S02, 6105-S03, 6105-S04, and 6105-S05. In borings where no PID readings above background were noted, soil samples were collected in intervals approximately at the surface, mid-point, and bottom of the borehole. All samples collected in support of the T & J site SI evaluation were analyzed by CLP laboratories for TAL VOCs, SVOCs, Pesticides, and Aroclors; and ICP-AES 11+ Metals (including mercury).

Soil sample analytical results document the presence of a contaminated soil source at the site consisting of the VOCs chloroform, cyclohexane, TCE, methylcyclohexane, m,p-xylene, isopropylbenzene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, and 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene; the SVOCs naphthalene, 1-methylnaphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, dimethylphthalate, fluorene, phenanthrene, anthracene, di-n-butylphthalate, fluoranthene, benzo(a)anthracene, chrysene, bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)-fluoranthene, and dibenzo(a,h)anthracene; the pesticides endosulfan II, 4,4'-DDD, 4,4'-DDT, cis-chlordane, and trans-chlordane; the PCB Aroclor-1260; and the metals antimony, barium, cadmium, iron, lead, silver, zinc, and mercury. The majority of the detections greater than or equal to 3x the maximum background concentration, or greater than the highest RDL when all background results were non-detect, were associated with soil samples collected from the northern, central, and eastern portions of the site, including 6102-S02 (i.e., Borehole 2), which was collected near the automobile crusher; 6102-S03 (i.e., Borehole 3), which was collected in the automobile dismantling area; 6102-S04 (i.e., Borehole 4), which was collected in the ELVs

storage area; and 6102-S06 (i.e., Borehole 6), which was collected adjacent to a damaged lead-acid battery and an unlabeled 55-gallon drum.

The T & J subject property has been utilized for automobile salvage activities since at least 1940. Historical aerial photos indicate that automobile salvage operations were conducted on exposed soil until at least 1966. Therefore, the presence of the previously mentioned contaminants in soil are considered to be directly related to facility operations as discussed below:

- Chloroform is a man-made by-product formed when chlorine is used to disinfect water. It is used as a solvent for lacquers, floor polishes, resins, adhesives, alkaloids, fats, oil, and rubber. Xylene (m,p-xylene) is a BTEX compound and known constituent in fuel (i.e., gasoline and diesel) and used oil, together with cyclohexane, methylcyclohexane, isopropylbenzene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, and 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene. TCE is a documented constituent in degreasers and used oil. Naphthalene, 1-methylnaphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, fluorene, phenanthrene, anthracene, fluoranthene, benzo(a)anthracene, chrysene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)-fluoranthene, and dibenzo(a,h)anthracene are PAHs, which can accumulate in used oil primarily as the result of incomplete combustion of fuel. The phthalates bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, dimethylphthalate, and di-n-butylphthalate are manufactured chemicals. They are used as plasticizers in order to make plastic soft and flexible, and can be found in automobile upholstery and numerous other products. T & J is known to have processed thousands of ELVs at the facility; collecting a substantial amount of plastic automobile components and more than 4,400 gallons of used oil in the process.
- The pesticides endosulfan II, 4,4'-DDD, 4,4'-DDT, cis-chlordane, and trans-chlordane could have been used or spilled at the site before it was paved. According to historical aerial photos, automobile salvage operations seem to have been conducted on exposed soil until at least 1966, prior to the banning of commercial pesticides.
- PCBs (including Aroclor-1260) were manufactured between 1929 and 1979 and used extensively in many applications. The use of PCBs was banned by the EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) in 1979; however, PCBs may still be present in products and materials produced before 1979 (including oil used in motors and hydraulic systems).
- The ELV salvaging process at the T & J facility generated tons of scrap metal as well as thousands of lead-acid batteries and hundreds of mercury switches from 2013 to 2019 (i.e., a period of 7 years). There is no documentation for ELVs processed nor lead-acid batteries/mercury switches recovered prior to 2013; however, the long history of automobile salvage operations at the facility dates back to 1940 (i.e., a period of more than 80 years). Therefore, the detections of the metals antimony, barium, cadmium, iron, lead, silver, zinc, and mercury in on-site soil are considered to be site-related.

Ref. 6, pp. 9–14; 8, pp. 3, 16; 16, p. 1; 24, pp. 2–9; 40, Figure 5; 49, p. 1; 50, p. 15; 51, pp. 22, 24–25; 52, p. 1; 54, pp. 19–20; 55, p. 2; 57, p. 1.

2. Describe the physical condition of the containers or storage systems (i.e., rusted and/or bulging drums).

Presently, T & J conducts automobile salvage operations in the northern portion of the subject property; however, review of historical aerial photos (i.e., 1954, 1961, 1966, and 1984) indicate that automobile salvage operations have been conducted throughout the whole 126,324 square-foot (ft<sup>2</sup>) subject property. The historical aerial photos also indicate that automobile salvage operations were conducted on exposed soil until at least 1966. Currently, the ground surface of the subject property consists mostly of concrete pavement, bordered by narrow strips of vegetated land in some areas. The concrete is old, and in some areas, damaged and cracked. Site topography slightly slopes to five stormwater runoff catch basins near the center of the site. During the June 2021 SI sampling event, direct-push cores were collected and logged. The average concrete pavement thickness was 6.1 inches. The predominant type of soil observed at subsurface depths (i.e., greater than 2 feet bgs) were fine to coarse sand and gravel.

Ref. 6, pp. 9–14; 8, pp. 5, 15, 32–38; 24, pp. 5–9; 40, Figure 2.

3. Describe any secondary containment that may be present (e.g., drums on concrete pad in building or aboveground tank surrounded by berm).

There is no secondary containment associated with the on-site contaminated soil.

Ref. 8, p. 15–21; 40, Figure 5.

### **Hazardous Waste Quantity**

An area of contaminated soil at the site is delineated by sampling locations that indicate the presence of hazardous substances at concentrations greater than or equal to 3x the maximum background concentration, or greater than the highest RDL when all background results were non-detect, and the area lying between these locations. The area of contaminated soil is estimated to be 35,365 ft<sup>2</sup>.

Ref. 40, Figure 5.

### **Hazardous Substances/Physical State**

The following hazardous substances and maximum concentrations are present in on-site contaminated soil:

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Chloroform        | 45 J- µg/kg                                    |
| Cyclohexane       | 140 J+ µg/kg (adjusted concentration 14 µg/kg) |
| Trichloroethylene | 25 µg/kg                                       |
| Methylcyclohexane | 8,200 µg/kg                                    |

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| m,p-Xylene                 | 16 µg/kg       |
| Isopropylbenzene           | 11,000 µg/kg   |
| 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene     | 11,000 µg/kg   |
| 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene     | 14 µg/kg       |
| Naphthalene                | 2,000 µg/kg    |
| 1-Methylnaphthalene        | 2,400 µg/kg    |
| 2-Methylnaphthalene        | 4,700 µg/kg    |
| Dimethylphthalate          | 1,200 µg/kg    |
| Fluorene                   | 260 µg/kg      |
| Phenanthrene               | 4,700 µg/kg    |
| Anthracene                 | 1,300 µg/kg    |
| Di-n-butylphthalate        | 4,100 µg/kg    |
| Fluoranthene               | 9,000 µg/kg    |
| Benzo(a)anthracene         | 5,000 µg/kg    |
| Chrysene                   | 4,300 µg/kg    |
| Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate | 12,000 J µg/kg |
| Benzo(b)fluoranthene       | 4,700 µg/kg    |
| Benzo(k)fluoranthene       | 1,700 µg/kg    |
| Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene     | 600 µg/kg      |
| Endosulfan II              | 270 µg/kg      |
| 4,4'-DDD                   | 7.6 J µg/kg    |
| 4,4'-DDT                   | 40 µg/kg       |
| Cis-chlordane              | 34 µg/kg       |
| Trans-chlordane            | 46 µg/kg       |
| Aroclor-1260               | 90 µg/kg       |
| Antimony                   | 10 mg/kg       |
| Barium                     | 5,300 mg/kg    |
| Cadmium                    | 7.0 mg/kg      |
| Iron                       | 60,000 mg/kg   |
| Lead                       | 5,900 mg/kg    |
| Silver                     | 3.2 mg/kg      |
| Zinc                       | 3,000 mg/kg    |
| Mercury                    | 2.5 mg/kg      |

Summaries of the soil sample analytical results, including comparisons to background concentrations and reference citations, are presented in **Part III**. The physical state of the contaminated soil is solid.

Ref. 40, Figure 5; 47, pp. 42, 50, 56, 58, 67, 90, 96, 105–107, 110, 113, 118, 199, 201, 207; 48, pp. 23–24, 28, 36.

**PART II: WASTE SOURCE INFORMATION**

For each of the waste units identified in Part I, complete the following items.

Waste Unit 2 – Catch Basin Stormwater

Source Type

|                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>          </u> Landfill            | <u>          </u> Contaminated Soil |
| <u>          </u> Surface Impoundment | <u>          </u> Pile              |
| <u>          </u> Drums               | <u>          </u> Land Treatment    |
| <u>  X  </u> Tanks/Containers         | <u>          </u> Other             |

**Description:**

1. Describe the types of containers, impoundments, or other storage systems (i.e., concrete - lined surface impoundments) and any labels that may be present.

The on-site stormwater runoff is captured by five catch basins located near the center of the site. The catch basins are concrete-lined pits. According to facility information, the stormwater captured by the basins evaporates over time and there is no known connection between the catch basins and the creek. However, Region 2 SAT V observed two of the catch basins to be nearly full of stagnant stormwater with a noticeable sheen during the March 2021 site reconnaissance. Based on the reconnaissance observations and the finite volume of the catch basins, it is possible for the stormwater in the catch basins to overflow to the surrounding areas during significant rainfall events. According to a site representative, no stormwater runoff leaves the site; however, SPDES Notice of Intent forms submitted by T & J to NYSDEC indicate that site stormwater runoff enters the New York City Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (i.e., roadside drains, swales, ditches, culverts, etc.) and discharges into Coney Island Creek.

Ref. 8, pp. 4, 20; 19, p. 1; 20, pp. 1, 5; 40, Figure 2.

2. Describe the physical condition of the containers or storage systems (i.e., rusted and/or bulging drums).

During the March 2021 site reconnaissance, Region 2 SAT V observed two of the catch basins to be nearly full to capacity of stagnant stormwater. A slight sheen was noticeable on the stagnant stormwater. Based on the reconnaissance observations and the finite volume of the catch basins, it is possible for the stormwater in the catch basins to overflow to the surrounding areas during significant rainfall events. According to a site representative, no stormwater runoff leaves the site; however, SPDES Notice of Intent forms submitted by T & J to NYSDEC indicate that site stormwater runoff enters the New York City Municipal Separate Stormwater

Sewer System (i.e., roadside drains, swales, ditches, culverts, etc.) and discharges into Coney Island Creek.

Ref. 8, pp. 4–5; 20; 19, p. 1; 40, Figure 2.

3. Describe any secondary containment that may be present (e.g., drums on concrete pad in building or aboveground tank surrounded by berm).

There is no secondary containment associated with the catch basins.

Ref. 20, p. 1.

### **Hazardous Waste Quantity**

The total capacity of the catch basins is estimated to be 10,000 gallons; therefore, the hazardous waste quantity used for the purpose of this report is 10,000 gallons.

Ref. 20, p. 1.

### **Hazardous Substances/Physical State**

The following hazardous substances and maximum are present in the catch basin stormwater:

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Cyclohexane            | 5.7 µg/L |
| Methylcyclohexane      | 5.0 µg/L |
| Toluene                | 23 µg/L  |
| Ethylbenzene           | 8.2 µg/L |
| o-Xylene               | 26 µg/L  |
| m,p-Xylene             | 64 µg/L  |
| 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene | 41 µg/L  |
| 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene | 11 µg/L  |
| Copper                 | 39 µg/L  |
| Iron                   | 380 µg/L |
| Manganese              | 26 µg/L  |

Summaries of the stormwater sample analytical results, including reference citations, are presented in **Part III**. The physical state of the contaminated stormwater is liquid.

Ref. 47, p. 248; 48, p. 98.

### **PART III. SAMPLING RESULTS**

#### **EXISTING ANALYTICAL DATA**

**Key Environmental Subsurface Investigation, October 2004** – Key Environmental, on behalf of T & J, conducted a subsurface environmental investigation at the site under NYSDEC oversight [Ref. 11, p. 1; 15, pp. 4–5]. They collected 19 soil and 2 groundwater samples from 17 direct-push boreholes advanced to 10 feet bgs [Ref. 15, pp. 5–6; 8]. All soil samples were analyzed for VOCs and SVOCs via analytical methods 8260B and 8270C, respectively [Ref. 15, pp. 134–137]. Two soil samples were analyzed for metals via analytical method 6020 [Ref. 15, pp. 135–137]. The two groundwater samples were only analyzed for SVOCs via analytical method 8270C [Ref. 15, pp. 136–137].

VOC analysis for soil sample SB-11, collected from a borehole advanced inside the automobile parts storage building, reported detections of xylene (124 mg/kg), toluene (2.70 mg/kg), and ethylbenzene (0.84 mg/kg) [Ref. 15, pp. 8, 68]. Analysis of soil sample SB-12, which was collected from a borehole advanced near the present-day lead batteries and engines storage area, indicated detections of benzene (0.645 mg/kg), toluene (2.16 mg/kg), ethylbenzene (1.15 mg/kg), and xylene (3.03 mg/kg) [Ref. 15, pp. 8, 68]. Analysis of soil sample SB-16A, which was collected from a borehole advanced in an area covered with an 8-inch-thick concrete slab near where fluids are drained from engines, indicated detections of xylene (23 mg/kg), toluene (0.323 mg/kg), and ethylbenzene (3.12 mg/kg) [Ref. 15, pp. 8, 36]. All other soil samples, including two deeper soil samples acquired from the same boring as SB-16A, indicated non-detect or trace concentrations of VOCs, including BTEX compounds [Ref. 15, pp. 8, 36, 38, 64, 66, 68, 72].

SVOC analysis indicated that the highest concentrations of benzo[b]fluoranthene (7.48 mg/kg), benzo[k]fluoranthene (4.99 mg/kg), benzo[a]pyrene (7.36 mg/kg), chrysene (8.73 mg/kg), indeno[1,2,3-c,d]pyrene (3.77 mg/kg), and dibenz(a,h)anthracene (1.91 mg/kg) were reported for soil sample SB-15, which was collected near the center of the site [Ref. 15, pp. 8, 37]. The highest concentration of benzo[a]anthracene (6.71 mg/kg) was detected in SB-8, collected adjacent to stacked ELVs [Ref. 15, pp. 8, 67]. Analytical results for soil sample SB-11 showed a detection of bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (19.9 mg/kg) [Ref. 15, pp. 8, 69].

Analytical results for metals indicated the presence of arsenic (4.28 mg/kg), barium (296 mg/kg), cadmium (1.86 mg/kg), chromium (24.4 mg/kg), cobalt (4.11 mg/kg), iron (18,100 mg/kg), lead (438 mg/kg), mercury (0.271 mg/kg), nickel (21.4 mg/kg), vanadium (43.7 mg/kg), and zinc (402 mg/kg) in soil sample SB-12 [Ref. 15, p. 71]. This sample was collected from a borehole advanced near the present-day lead batteries and engines storage area [Ref. 15, p. 8]. Arsenic (4.03 mg/kg), chromium (24.4 mg/kg), cobalt (5.61 mg/kg), iron (19,800 mg/kg), lead (88.3 mg/kg), mercury (0.108 mg/kg), vanadium (38.5 mg/kg), and zinc (134 mg/kg) were also detected in soil sample SB-14, which was collected from a borehole advanced in the southern portion of the property [Ref. 15, pp. 8, 74].

Key Environmental encountered groundwater at two borehole locations (SB-7 and SB-14) [Ref. 15, p. 8]. Analytical results for groundwater samples collected at the two borehole locations showed maximum concentrations of the SVOCs naphthalene (35 µg/L), 2-methylnaphthalene (9.98

µg/L), benzo[a]anthracene (0.893 µg/L), chrysene (0.989 µg/L), benzo[b]fluoranthene (0.631 µg/L), and benzo[a]pyrene (0.714 µg/L) [Ref. 15, p. 63].

NYSDEC noted several deficiencies with T & J's (i.e., Key Environmental) sampling procedures during the subsurface investigation sampling, including a nonworking PID, samples not kept on ice in a cooler, cross-contamination of samples by sampler's field knife, and direct-push sleeves left cut open for long periods prior to sample collection [Ref. 11, p. 1].

## **REGION 2 SAT V CONEY ISLAND CREEK SAMPLING RESULTS, APRIL 2021**

In April 2021, Region 2 SAT V personnel collected surface water and sediment samples as part of the SI evaluation of the Coney Island Creek site [Ref. 59, p. 1]. Region 2 SAT V collected a total of 12 surface water and 63 sediment samples [Ref. 59, p. 1]. Eight surface water samples (including one environmental duplicate) and 50 sediment samples (including three environmental duplicates) were collected from Coney Island Creek [Ref. 59, pp. 1–2, 4]. Four surface water samples and 13 sediment samples (including one environmental duplicate) were collected from Shell Bank Creek for evaluation of background conditions [Ref. 59, pp. 1–2, 6]. All surface water and sediment samples, as well as their respective QA/QC samples, were analyzed for Organic TAL VOCs, SVOCs, Pesticides, and Aroclors; and ICP-AES 11+ Metals (including mercury and cyanide) through EPA CLP [Ref. 59, p. 1].

The following analytes were detected at concentrations greater than or equal to 3x the maximum background concentration, or greater than the highest RDL when all background results were non-detect, in the creek's sediment: the VOC 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (190 micrograms per kilogram [µg/kg]); SVOCs phenanthrene (2,600 µg/kg), anthracene (700 µg/kg), fluoranthene (4,500 µg/kg), pyrene (3,700 µg/kg), benzo(a)anthracene (2,100 µg/kg), chrysene (2,100 µg/kg), bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (2,500 µg/kg), benzo(b)fluoranthene (2,900 µg/kg), benzo(k)fluoranthene (820 µg/kg), benzo(a)pyrene (2,300 µg/kg), indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene (1,200 µg/kg), benzo(g,h,i)perylene (1,300 µg/kg); pesticides 4,4'-DDE (23 µg/kg), 4,4'-DDD (46 µg/kg), 4,4'-DDT (290 µg/kg), cis-chlordane (9.6 µg/kg), trans-chlordane (14 µg/kg); and metals barium (610 µg/kg), cadmium (15 µg/kg), calcium (25,000 µg/kg), chromium (290 µg/kg), cyanide (5.5mg/kg), lead (1,600 µg/kg), silver (11 µg/kg), and zinc (1,900 µg/kg) [Ref. 59, pp. 2, 6]. Iron (600 µg/L) and cyanide (40 µg/L) were the only substances detected above the highest background RDLs (all background results were non-detect) in the creek's surface water [Ref. 59, p. 6].

One of the sediment samples that exhibited detections of some of the above analytes (i.e., phenanthrene [810 µg/kg], fluoranthene [1,300 µg/kg], pyrene [1,100 µg/kg], and benzo(b)fluoranthene [690 µg/kg]) was collected immediately south of the T & J site [Ref. 59, p. 6]. Iron (600 µg/L) was detected in a surface water sample collected at the same location [Ref. 59, p. 6].

## **REGION 2 SAT V SAMPLING RESULTS, JUNE 2021**

On June 2 and 3, 2021, Region 2 SAT V personnel collected soil, groundwater, and stormwater samples as part of the SI evaluation of the T & J site. Region 2 SAT V collected a total of 21 soil

samples (including two environmental duplicates) and three groundwater samples (including one environmental duplicate) from seven Geoprobe® direct-push boreholes advanced throughout the site. Region 2 SAT V also collected a stormwater sample from one of the on-site catch basins [Ref. 8, pp. 6–12; 24, pp. 3, 5–11].

On June 7 and 8, 2021, Region 2 SAT V personnel collected background soil and groundwater samples associated with the SI evaluation of the T & J site. Region 2 SAT V collected a total of seven soil samples (including one environmental duplicate) and two groundwater samples (including one environmental duplicate) from two Geoprobe® direct-push boreholes advanced in a grass area just north of the Belt Parkway Exit 6N. The location is considered to represent background conditions for the SI evaluation because it is believed to be unaffected by activities or possible releases at the T & J site [Ref. 25, pp. 3, 5–8; 34, pp. 2–4; 35, p. 2].

The direct-push boreholes were advanced to a maximum depth of 10 feet. Up to three soil samples were collected from each borehole based on visual observation and field screening results using a PID [Ref. 24, p. 3; 25, p. 3]. The proposed on-site direct-push samples 6105-SS01B and 6105-SS05B were not collected due to poor soil recovery [Ref. 24, p. 3].

All samples were analyzed for Organic TAL VOCs, SVOCs, Pesticides, and Aroclors; and ICP-AES 11+ Metals (including Hg) by CLP laboratories (Chemtech Consulting Group [Organics] and Pace Analytical Services, LLC [Inorganics]) [Ref. 24, p. 2; 25, p. 2]. Organic TAL VOC soil sample fractions were collected with dedicated EnCore™ sampling devices directly from the soil core. All other CLP sample fractions, including the percent moisture fraction required in conjunction with EnCore™ sampling, were collected into 4-oz. glass jars after the sampling interval was homogenized using dedicated aluminum trays and disposable polyethylene scoops. Soil borings were screened using a PID in 6-inch intervals [Ref. 8, pp. 23–25; 24, p. 3; 25, p. 3]. PID readings above background were noted in the on-site soil cores from locations 6105-S02 (701.5 parts per million [ppm]), 6105-S03 (5.6 ppm), 6105-S04 (31.6 ppm), and 6105-S05 (2.8 ppm) [Ref. 8, p. 24; 24, pp. 3, 5–7]. In borings where no PID readings above background were noted, soil samples were collected in intervals approximately at the surface, mid-point, and bottom of the borehole [Ref. 24, p. 3; 25, p. 3].

Groundwater was encountered at on-site locations 6105-S01 and 6105-S05; and at background location 6100B-S01. Region 2 SAT V installed a 1-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) temporary well for groundwater sample collection at each of these three locations. The wells were purged using a peristaltic pump to remove as much suspended sediment as possible. Groundwater sample fractions designated for TAL VOC analysis was collected using a Teflon®-lined mini-bailer; the remaining sample fractions were collected using a peristaltic pump. Groundwater sample fractions designated for ICP-AES 11+ Metals (including Hg) analysis were filtered in the field using dedicated 0.45-micron filters [Ref. 8, pp. 27–29; 24, p. 4, 25, p. 4].

A stormwater sample was collected from a catch basin near the center of the T & J site. The stormwater sample fraction designated for TAL VOC analysis was collected using a Teflon®-lined mini-bailer; the remaining sample fractions were collected using a peristaltic pump. The stormwater sample fraction designated for ICP-AES 11+ Metals (including Hg) analysis was filtered in the field using a dedicated 0.45-micron filter [Ref. 8, pp. 29–30; 24, p. 4].

Samples collected for quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) purposes at the T & J site included one aqueous and two soil environmental duplicate samples, one rinsate blank to demonstrate adequate decontamination of non-dedicated equipment (i.e., cutting shoe), and one trip blank to demonstrate there was no cross-contamination between sample containers and that atmospheric contaminants did not leak into sample containers. One groundwater and two soil on-site samples were designated for matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate (MS/MSD) analyses [Ref. 8, p. 25; 24, p. 4]. Samples collected for QA/QC purposes at the background location included one soil and one groundwater environmental duplicate sample, and one trip blank. One groundwater and one soil background sample were designated for MS/MSD analyses [Ref. 25, p. 4].

Region 2 SAT V logged sample locations electronically using GPS equipment and performed post-processing differential correction of the GPS data in accordance with EPA Region 2 GPS Standard Operating Procedures [Ref. 24, p. 4; 25, p. 4]. **Table 1** presents the sample location coordinates. **Figure 3** presents the Site Sample Location Map. **Figure 4** presents the Background Sample Location Map.

Soil analytical results document the presence of an on-site contaminated soil source consisting of the VOCs chloroform, cyclohexane, TCE, methylcyclohexane, m,p-xylene, isopropylbenzene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, and 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene; the SVOCs naphthalene, 1-methylnaphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, dimethylphthalate, fluorene, phenanthrene, anthracene, di-n-butylphthalate, fluoranthene, benzo(a)anthracene, chrysene, bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)-fluoranthene, and dibenzo(a,h)anthracene; the pesticides endosulfan II, 4,4'-DDD, 4,4'-DDT, cis-chlordane, and trans-chlordane; the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) Aroclor-1260; and the metals antimony, barium, cadmium, iron, lead, silver, zinc, and mercury [Ref. 47, pp. 41, 46–48, 50, 52, 56, 58, 60, 66, 67, 81, 84, 87, 90, 94, 96, 99, 105–107, 110, 113, 117–118, 179, 184, 196, 198–199, 201; 48, pp. 22–24, 28–29, 34, 36, 42, 64]. Soil Analytical Results are presented in **Tables 2A through 2D**. Contaminant Levels at the T & J site are presented in **Figure 5**.

The VOCs cyclohexane, methylcyclohexane, isopropylbenzene, and 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene were detected in subsurface soil samples 6105-SS02A and 6105-SS02B at concentrations greater than the highest background reporting detection limit (RDL) [Ref. 47, pp. 50, 52, 58]. The maximum concentrations of cyclohexane, methylcyclohexane, isopropylbenzene, and 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene in these two soil samples were 140 (14) J+ µg/kg, 8,200 µg/kg, 11,000 µg/kg, and 11,000 µg/kg, respectively [Ref. 47, pp. 50, 52, 58]. 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene (45 µg/kg) and 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (14 µg/kg) were detected in surface soil sample 6105-S04 and subsurface soil sample 6105-SS04B, collected in the eastern portion of the site, where the ELVs are stored [Ref. 47, pp. 84, 96]. Chloroform and TCE were detected at concentrations above the RDL in subsurface soil samples 6105-SS04A and 6105-SS04B (maximum concentrations of 45 J- µg/kg and 25 µg/kg, respectively) [Ref. 47, pp. 90, 96]. Chloroform was also detected above the RDL in surface soil sample 6105-S07 (33 J- µg/kg), collected south of the used oil, antifreeze, and refrigerant storage area [Ref. 47, p. 196]. Xylene (m,p-xylene) was detected at concentrations greater than the RDL in surface soil sample 6105-S04 (15 µg/kg) and subsurface soil sample 6105-SS02B (16 µg/kg) [Ref. 47, pp. 58, 84].

**TABLE 1**  
**SAMPLE LOCATION COORDINATES**  
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| Location Type                                  | Location IDs | Sample IDs                           | Latitude   | Longitude   | Data Collection Type             |
|--|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Direct-push Soil and Groundwater               | 6105-S01     | 6105-S01                             | 40.582763° | -73.982376° | GPS point collected in the field |
|  |              | 6105-SS01A                           |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6105-GW01                            |            |             |                                  |
| Direct-push Soil                               | 6105-S02     | 6105-S02                             | 40.582942° | -73.981872° | GPS point collected in the field |
|  |              | 6105-SS02A                           |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6105-SS02B                           |            |             |                                  |
| Direct-push Soil (New Site Reference Location) | 6105-S03     | 6105-S03                             | 40.582620° | -73.981731° | GPS point collected in the field |
|  |              | 6105-SS03A                           |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6105-SS03B                           |            |             |                                  |
| Direct-push Soil                               | 6105-S04     | 6105-S04                             | 40.582551° | -73.981105° | GPS point collected in the field |
|  |              | 6105-SS04A                           |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6105-S08 (Duplicate of 6105-SS04A)   |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6105-SS04B                           |            |             |                                  |
| Direct-push Soil and Groundwater               | 6105-S05     | 6105-S05                             | 40.582606° | -73.982291° | GPS point collected in the field |
|  |              | 6105-SS08A (Duplicate of 6105-S05)   |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6105-SS05A                           |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6105-GW05                            |            |             |                                  |
| Direct-push Soil                               | 6105-S06     | 6105-S06                             | 40.582252° | -73.981135° | GPS point collected in the field |
|  |              | 6105-SS06A                           |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6105-SS06B                           |            |             |                                  |
|  |              |                                      |            |             |                                  |
| Direct-push Soil                               | 6105-S07     | 6105-S07                             | 40.582290° | -73.981577° | GPS point collected in the field |
|  |              | 6105-SS07A                           |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6105-SS07B                           |            |             |                                  |
| Stormwater                                     | 6105-CBW01   | 6105-CBW01                           | 40.582777° | -73.981891° | GPS point collected in the field |
| Direct-push Soil and Groundwater (Background)  | 6100B-S01    | 6100B-S01                            | 40.584371° | -73.985065° | GPS point collected in the field |
|  |              | 6100B-SS01A                          |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6100B-SS01B                          |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6100B-GW01                           |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6100B-GW03 (Duplicate of 6101B-GW01) |            |             |                                  |
| Direct-push Soil (Background)                  | 6100B-S02    | 6100B-S02                            | 40.584201° | -73.985125° | GPS point collected in the field |
|  |              | 6100B-S03 (Duplicate of 6101B-S02)   |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6100B-SS02A                          |            |             |                                  |
|  |              | 6100B-SS02B                          |            |             |                                  |



















Acetone and 2-butanone were detected in multiple soil samples at maximum concentrations of 170 µg/kg and 23 µg/kg, respectively [Ref. 47, pp. 44, 50, 58, 64, 70, 78, 82, 90, 96, 102, 182, 188, 196, 218]. Both acetone and 2-butanone are known common laboratory contaminants; therefore, the detections of these two VOCs in soil are not considered part of the contaminated soil source [Ref. 53, pp. 7–8].

The SVOCs fluorene (260 µg/kg), phenanthrene (4,700 µg/kg), anthracene (1,300 µg/kg), fluoranthene (9,000 µg/kg), benzo(a)anthracene (5,000 µg/kg), chrysene (4,300 µg/kg), benzo(b)fluoranthene (4,700 µg/kg), benzo(k)-fluoranthene (1,700 µg/kg), and dibenzo(a,h)anthracene (600 µg/kg) were detected at concentrations greater than or equal to 3x the maximum background levels in subsurface soil sample 6105-SS06A, which was collected near the filled tidal wetlands in the southeastern portion of the site [Ref. 29, pp. 3–4; 47, pp. 106–107]. Anthracene was also detected at concentrations greater than 3x the maximum background level in subsurface sample 6105-SS04B (980 µg/kg) [Ref. 47, p. 94]. Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate and dimethylphthalate were detected at concentrations three times above the maximum background concentration in soil samples 6105-SS07A (12,000 µg/kg) and 6105-S02 (1,200 µg/kg), respectively [Ref. 47, pp. 42–43, 200–202]. Di-n-butylphthalate was detected at concentrations greater than the highest background RDL in subsurface soil samples 6105-SS06A (670 µg/kg) and 6105-SS06B (4,100 µg/kg) [Ref. 47, pp. 107, 113]. Naphthalene (2,000 µg/kg), 1-methylnaphthalene (780 µg/kg), and 2-methylnaphthalene (1,800 µg/kg) were detected at concentrations above the RDL in subsurface soil sample 6105-SS02B [Ref. 47, p. 56]. 2-methylnaphthalene was also detected in surface soil sample 6105-S04, at a concentration of 370 µg/kg [Ref. 47, p. 82].

The pesticide endosulfan II was detected at concentrations greater than 3x the maximum background level in surface soil samples 6105-S05 (270 µg/kg) and 6105-S06 (16 µg/kg) [Ref. 47, pp. 99, 179]. 4,4'-DDT was detected at concentrations three times above the maximum background concentration in 6105-SS04A (16 µg/kg) and 6105-S05 (13 µg/kg) [Ref. 47, pp. 87, 179]. 4,4'-DDD was detected at concentrations greater than the RDL in soil samples 6105-S02, 6105-SS03A, 6105-S05, and 6105-SS06A, at a maximum concentration of 7.6 µg/kg [Ref. 47, pp. 41, 67, 105, 179]. Cis- and trans-chlordane were detected at concentrations greater than the highest background RDL in soil samples 6105-SS02A, 6105-S04, 6105-S05, and 6105-SS06A (maximum concentration of 34 µg/kg and 46 µg/kg, respectively) [Ref. 47, pp. 47, 81, 105, 179]. These endosulfan II, 4,4'-DDT, 4,4'-DDD, cis-chlordane, and trans-chlordane detections are more than two orders of magnitude below the EPA's 2021 Regional Screening Levels (RSL) for industrial soil (700,000 µg/kg [endosulfan II], 8,500 µg/kg [4,4'-DDT], 2,500 µg/kg [4,4'-DDD], and 50,000 µg/kg [cis-chlordane and trans-chlordane]) [Ref. 56, pp. 9–11].

The PCB Aroclor-1260 was detected at concentrations greater than 3x the maximum background level in soil samples 6105-SS02A (53 µg/kg), 6105-SS03A (74 µg/kg), 6105-SS05A (66 µg/kg), 6105-SS06B (90 µg/kg), and 6105-SS07A (56 µg/kg) [Ref. 47, pp. 46, 60, 66, 110, 184, 198]. No other Aroclor was detected at concentrations greater than or equal to 3x the maximum background, or greater than the highest RDL when all background results were non-detect.

Lead was detected at concentrations above 3x the maximum background level in subsurface soil samples 6105-SS02B (4,100 mg/kg), 6105-SS03A (5,900 mg/kg), and 6105-SS04B (3,800 mg/kg)

[Ref. 48, pp. 24, 28, 36]. These lead detections were also above the EPA's RSL for industrial soil (800 mg/kg) [Ref. 56, p. 13]. Cadmium was detected at concentrations greater than 3x the maximum background level in samples 6105-SS02A, 6105-SS02B, 6105-SS03A, 6105-SS04B, 6105-SS06B, and 6105-SS07A (maximum concentration of 7.0 mg/kg) [Ref. 48, pp. 22, 24, 28, 36, 42, 64]. In addition to lead (4,100 mg/kg) and cadmium (3.6 mg/kg), antimony (10 mg/kg), silver (2.2 mg/kg), zinc (2,100 mg/kg), and mercury (2.5 mg/kg) were also at concentrations greater than or equal to 3x the maximum background concentration, or greater than the highest RDL when all background results were non-detect, in subsurface soil sample 6105-SS02B (7.5 – 8.6 feet bgs), which was collected in the northern portion of the site, near the automobile crusher [Ref. 40, pp. 2, 5; 48, pp. 23–24]. Silver and mercury were also detected at concentrations greater than or equal to 3x the maximum background concentration, or greater than the highest RDL when all background results were non-detect, in subsurface soil samples 6105-SS03A (3.2 mg/kg) and 6105-SS03B (1.7 mg/kg), respectively [Ref. 48, pp. 27–30]. Zinc was detected in three other soil samples (6105-SS03A, 6105-SS04A, and 6105-SS04B) at a maximum concentration of 3,000 mg/kg [Ref. 48, pp. 28, 34, 36]. Barium was detected at concentrations greater than 3x the maximum background level in soil samples 6105-SS04A and 6105-SS04B (maximum concentration of 5,300 mg/kg) [Ref. 48, pp. 34, 36]. Iron was detected at concentrations three times above the maximum background level in soil sample 6015-SS04B (60,000 mg/kg) [Ref. 48, p. 36]. All detections for antimony, barium, cadmium, iron, silver, zinc, and mercury were below the applicable RSLs for industrial soil (47 mg/kg, 22,000 mg/kg, 98 mg/kg, 82,000 mg/kg, 580 mg/kg, 35,000 mg/kg, and 4.6 mg/kg, respectively) [Ref. 56, pp. 8–9, 12–13, 16, 18].

Magnesium was detected at concentrations three times above the maximum background level in soil samples 6105-S07 (40,000 mg/kg) [Ref. 48, p. 62]. Magnesium is a naturally occurring mineral with wide ranges of concentrations in natural soils and no corresponding EPA RSL for industrial soil; therefore, the detection of magnesium is not considered part of the contaminated soil source [Ref. 48, p. 62; 58, p. 1].

Stormwater analytical results document the presence of an on-site contaminated stormwater source consisting of the VOCs cyclohexane (5.7 micrograms per liter [ $\mu\text{g/L}$ ]), methylcyclohexane (5.0  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), toluene (23  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), ethylbenzene (8.2  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), o-xylene (26  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), m,p-xylene (64  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (41  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), and 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (11  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ); and metals copper (39  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), iron (380  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), and manganese (26  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) [Ref. 47, p. 248; 48, p. 98]. The VOC acetone (27  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) and the inorganic analytes calcium (24,000  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), potassium 5,400  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), and sodium (19,000  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) were detected in the stormwater sample; however, they are not considered to be part of the contaminated stormwater source [Ref. 47, p. 248; 48, p. 98]. Acetone is a common laboratory contaminant [Ref. 53, p. 7]. The inorganic analytes calcium, potassium, and sodium are ubiquitous naturally-occurring minerals. No SVOCs, pesticides, and PCBs were detected above the applicable RDLs in the stormwater sample. Stormwater analytical results are presented in **Tables 3A through 3D**.

Analytical results for groundwater samples collected in support of the SI do not establish an observed release to the groundwater migration pathway (i.e., there were no detections of site-attributable contaminants that meet the criteria for an observed release; non-attributable detections are discussed below). Groundwater analytical results are presented in **Tables 3A through 3D**.









The VOCs carbon disulfide in groundwater samples 6105-GW01 and 6105-GW08 (duplicate of 6105-GW05), toluene in duplicate samples 6105-GW05 and 6105-GW08, and 2-hexanone in sample 6105-GW05, were detected at estimated concentrations below reporting detection limits [Ref. 40, p. 2; 47, pp. 226, 236, 242, 344–346]. These VOCs were not detected at concentrations greater than or equal to 3x the maximum background concentration, or greater than the highest RDL when all background results were non-detect, in the contaminated soil source, nor were they detected above RDLs in the stormwater source. Additionally, their concentrations were below the highest background groundwater RDLs (5.0 U µg/L [carbon disulfide and toluene] and 10 U µg/L [2-hexanone]) [Ref. 61, p. 109].

There were no detections of SVOCs in groundwater samples. The pesticides 4,4'-DDE, 4,4'-DDD, 4,4'-DDT, cis-chlordane, and trans-chlordane were detected at relatively low concentrations (0.0038 J µg/L, 0.0095 J µg/L, 0.0073 J µg/L, 0.0083 µg/L, and 0.0077 µg/L, respectively) in groundwater sample 6105-GW05 [Ref. 47, p. 233]. The PCB Aroclor-1260 was detected in sample 6105-GW05 at a concentration of 0.12 J µg/L [Ref. 47, p. 232].

Barium, calcium, magnesium, manganese, potassium, and sodium were detected in all groundwater samples at maximum concentrations of 150 J µg/L, 100,000 µg/L, 37,000 µg/L, 130 µg/L, 17,000 µg/L, and 280,000 µg/L, respectively [Ref. 48, pp. 87, 94, 96]. Aluminum (380 µg/L), chromium (1.3 J µg/L), and zinc (13 J µg/L) were detected in environmental duplicate sample 6105-GW08, but not in the corresponding sample of the field duplicate, 6105-GW05 [Ref. 48, p. 96]. Zinc was also detected in sample 6105-GW01 (88 µg/L) [Ref. 48, p. 87]. Iron was detected in 6105-GW05 (1,700 µg/L) and in its environmental duplicate sample, 6105-GW08 (2,000 µg/L) [Ref. 48, pp. 94, 96].

## PART IV: HAZARD ASSESSMENT

### GROUNDWATER MIGRATION PATHWAY

1. **Describe the likelihood of a release of contaminant(s) to the groundwater as follows: observed release, suspected release, or none. Identify contaminants detected or suspected and provide a rationale for attributing them to the site. For observed release, define the supporting analytical evidence and relationship to background.**

A release of on-site contamination to the groundwater pathway is neither observed nor suspected. As discussed in **Part III**, groundwater was encountered at locations 6105-S01 (i.e., Borehole 1) and 6105-S05 (i.e., Borehole 5) during the June 2021 SI sampling event. Region 2 SAT V installed a 1-inch PVC temporary well for groundwater sample collection at each of these two locations. Analytical results for the groundwater samples collected from the temporary wells in support of the SI do not show detections of site-attributable contaminants that meet the criteria for an observed release.

Ref. 24, p. 4, 8, pp. 27–28, 39–40; 40, Figure 5; 47, pp. 222–227, 232–243; 48, pp. 86–87, 93–96.

2. **Describe the aquifer of concern; include information such as depth, thickness, geologic composition, areas of karst terrain, permeability, overlying strata, confining layers, interconnections, discontinuities, depth to water table, groundwater flow direction.**

The T & J site is located within the Atlantic Coastal Plain physiographic province of NY State, which is characterized by low relief with elevations ranging from sea level to almost 400 feet above mean sea level. The stratigraphy of the province consists of Late Cretaceous- and Pleistocene-age unconsolidated deposits that overlie a southeastward sloping surface of Precambrian crystalline bedrock. The unconsolidated deposits form six distinct hydrogeologic units (four aquifers and two confining layers). The regional hydrogeologic units, in ascending order, are the Lloyd aquifer, Raritan Formation confining unit, Magothy aquifer, Jameco aquifer, Gardiners clay confining unit, and upper glacial aquifer; these units are not all continuous throughout the region.

Based on borings performed at and near the T & J site by Region 2 SAT V, the site is underlain by fill material and the upper glacial aquifer. This aquifer consists of Pleistocene glacial outwash deposits composed mostly of fine to coarse sand and gravel in Kings County, NY. The hydraulic conductivity of these Pleistocene outwash deposits ranges from less than  $4.6 \times 10^{-2}$  centimeters per second (cm/s) to  $9.5 \times 10^{-2}$  cm/s. At the T & J site investigation area, upper glacial units are underlain by the Gardiners clay at an approximate depth of 40 to 120 feet bgs and the Jameco aquifer at an approximate depth of 80 to 140 feet bgs. The Gardiners clay is recognized as a confining unit. It is composed of clay and few sand and silt beds. The hydraulic conductivity of this confining unit is less than  $10^{-6}$  cm/s. The Jameco aquifer lies unconformably beneath the Gardiners clay throughout Kings County, NY. This aquifer consists of fine to coarse sand and gravel and has an estimated hydraulic conductivity of  $9.4 \times 10^{-2}$  cm/s. Based on these considerations, the upper glacial aquifer is the aquifer of

concern at the T & J site; however, there are no known drinking water or resource uses of groundwater in New York City.

The water table surface occurs in the upper glacial aquifer from approximately 4 to 10 feet bgs in Kings County, NY. In general, groundwater flow is to the east and northeast in the Upper Glacial aquifer.

| <b>Geologic Unit</b>  | <b>Depth (Approximate)</b> | <b>Thickness (Approximate)</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Upper glacial aquifer | 0 feet                     | 40-120 feet                    |
| Gardiners clay        | 40-120 feet                | 0-90 feet                      |
| Jameco aquifer        | 80-140 feet                | 0-100 feet                     |

Ref. 24, pp. 5–9; 27, p. 1; 36, pp. 7–9; 37, pp. 6, 9–10; 38, p. 2; 40, Figure 6.

**3. What is the depth from the lowest point of waste disposal/storage to the highest seasonal level of the saturated zone of the aquifer of concern?**

Analytical results for on-site soil and stormwater samples collected by Region 2 SAT V in June 2021 document on-site contaminated sources (i.e., soil and stormwater). Subsurface soil sample 6105-SS04B (deepest sample collected during the SI sampling event) showed detections of chloroform, TCE, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene, and anthracene at concentrations greater than or equal to 3x the maximum background concentration, or greater than the highest RDL when all background results were non-detect. This sample was collected from 8–9.5 feet bgs.

During the June 2021 sampling event, groundwater was encountered at Borehole 1 and Borehole 5 at depths of 7.55 feet bgs and 7.82 feet bgs, respectively. Therefore, the depth from the lowest point of waste disposal/storage (i.e., the contaminated soil source) to the highest seasonal level of the saturated zone of the shallow aquifer is 0 feet.

Ref. 8, pp. 6–12, 39–40; 20, p. 9; 47, pp. 94, 96.

**4. What is the permeability value of the least permeable continuous intervening stratum between the ground surface and the top of the aquifer of concern?**

Direct-push soil cores were collected and logged as part of the June 2021 SI sampling event. The predominant types of soil observed were fine to coarse sand and gravel. Gravel represents the least permeable continuous intervening stratum between the ground surface and the top of the aquifer of concern. Gravel is assigned a hydraulic conductivity of  $10^{-2}$  cm/s.

Ref. 8, pp. 32–38; 39, p. 7.

**5. What is the net precipitation at the site (inches)?**

Net precipitation at the site is greater than 15 to 30 inches.

Ref. 39, pp. 5–6.

**6. What is the distance to and depth of the nearest well that is currently used for drinking purposes?**

The groundwater in New York City is not used as a drinking water supply. Therefore, the nearest well used for drinking purposes is outside the 4-mile target distance limit (TDL).

Ref. 36, p.5; 38, p. 1; 40, Figure 6.

**7. If a release to groundwater is observed or suspected, determine the number of people that obtain drinking water from wells that are documented or suspected to be actually contaminated by hazardous substance(s) attributed to an observed release from the site.**

A release of on-site contamination to the groundwater pathway is neither observed nor suspected; see the response to Question No. 1 for a description of the likelihood of a release. As discussed in **Part III**, analytical results for groundwater samples collected during the June 2021 SI sampling event did not document an observed release. Additionally, there are no drinking water wells located within 4 miles of the site. The groundwater in New York City is not used as a drinking water supply.

Ref. 36, p.5; 38, p. 1; 40, Figure 6; 47, pp. 222–227, 232–237; 48, pp. 86–87, 93–94.

**8. Identify the population served by wells located within 4 miles of the site that draw from the aquifer of concern.**

There are no populations served by wells within 4 miles of the site. The groundwater in New York City is not used as a drinking water supply.

Ref. 36, p.5; 38, p. 1; 40, Figure 6.

**State whether groundwater is blended with surface water, groundwater, or both before distribution.**

The groundwater in the TDL is not used as a drinking water supply. Therefore, there is no groundwater blending or distribution.

Ref. 36, p.5; 38, p. 1; 40, Figure 6.

**Is a designated wellhead protection area within 4 miles of the site?**

There are no drinking water supply wells and, therefore, no designated wellhead protection areas (WHPA), within 4 miles of the site.

Ref. 40, Figure 6.

**Does a waste source overlie a designated or proposed wellhead protection area? If a release to groundwater is observed or suspected, does a designated or proposed wellhead protection area lie within the contaminant boundary of the release?**

The groundwater in New York City is not used as a drinking water supply. Therefore, there are no designated or proposed WHPAs within the contaminant boundary of the release.

Ref. 36, p.5; 38, p. 1.

9. **Identify one of the following resource uses of groundwater within 4 miles of the site (i.e., commercial livestock watering, ingredient in commercial food preparation, supply for commercial aquaculture, supply for major, or designated water recreation area, excluding drinking water use, irrigation (5-acre minimum) of commercial food or commercial forage crops, unusable).**

There are no known resource uses of groundwater within 4 miles of the site.

Ref. 36, pp. 5, 10–14; 40, Figure 6.

**SURFACE WATER MIGRATION PATHWAY**

10. **Describe the likelihood of a release of contaminant(s) to surface water as follows: observed release, suspected release, or none. Identify contaminants detected or suspected and provide a rationale for attributing them to the site. For observed release, define the supporting analytical evidence and relationship to background.**

A release to surface water is documented by chemical analysis. The nearest surface water body is Coney Island Creek, located immediately south of the T & J site. The site's shoreline along Coney Island Creek mostly consists of a steep, vegetated embankment, with a concrete block retaining wall evident along the southwestern corner of the property. Most of the site and surrounding area is covered by impermeable surfaces such as concrete pavement. The creek's watershed drainage is dominated by shallow groundwater discharge, CSO and MS4 discharges, and overland flow.

As shown in **Figure 3**, the shortest distance from the documented contaminated soil source (i.e., Source 1) and contaminated stormwater source (i.e., Source 2) to Coney Island Creek are 27.5 feet and 144 feet, respectively. The following site-related PAHs were detected at concentrations greater than 3x the maximum background level, or above the highest background RDL when all background results were non-detect, in a sediment sample

collected immediately south of the T & J site by Region 2 SAT V in April 2021 in support of a Coney Island Creek SI: phenanthrene (810 µg/kg), fluoranthene (1,300 µg/kg), and benzo(b)fluoranthene (1,100 µg/kg). Iron was detected in a surface water sample collected at the same location. Phenanthrene, fluoranthene, and benzo(b)fluoranthene were detected in on-site soil sample 6105-S06A (1-2.5 feet bgs) at concentrations of 4,700 µg/kg, 9,000 µg/kg, and 4,700 µg/kg, respectively. Iron was detected at three times the maximum background level in soil sample 6105-SS04B (60,000 mg/kg). All four contaminants are considered part of the contaminated soil source due to the history of automobile salvage operations at the site.

Most of the contaminated soil source is covered by concrete that shows moderate to severe staining from on-site salvage operations and is weathered with cracks and other damage in some areas. Historical aerial photos indicate that automobile salvage operations were conducted on exposed soil from 1940 until at least 1966 along the creek bank. Additionally, the current property owner, M.A.A.T.T. LLC, filled and paved over the tidal wetlands adjacent to the creek without the necessary NYSDEC permits.

The site's stormwater runoff is captured by five catch basins located near the center of the site. These catch basins consist of concrete-lined pits. The stormwater captured by the basins evaporates over time and there is no known connection between the catch basins and the creek. During the March 2021 reconnaissance, Region 2 SAT V observed moderate to severe staining on the on-site concrete pavement. Two of the on-site catch basins were observed to be almost full to capacity with stagnant stormwater. A slight sheen was noticeable on the stagnant stormwater. An aqueous sample from one of these catch basins contained VOCs and metals derived from the automobile salvage operations at the site, including iron. Based on the reconnaissance observations and the finite volume of the catch basins, it is possible for the stormwater in the catch basins to overflow to the surrounding areas, including Coney Island Creek, during significant rainfall events. SPDES Notice of Intent forms submitted by T & J to NYSDEC indicate that site stormwater runoff enters the New York City Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (i.e., roadside drains, swales, ditches, culverts, etc.) and discharges into Coney Island Creek.

Based on these considerations, although there are multiple possible sources of PAHs and iron within the watershed, the release of phenanthrene, fluoranthene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, and iron are considered at least partially attributable to the T & J site.

Ref. 3, pp. 12–13; 4, p. 1; 6, pp. 11–14; 8, pp. 4–5, 15, 19–20; 19, p. 1; 20, pp. 1, 5; 31, p. 1; 40, Figures 5 and 7; 54, p. 20; 59, pp. 2, 4, 6.

**11. Identify the nearest downslope surface water. If possible, include a description of possible surface drainage patterns from the site.**

The nearest downslope surface water is Coney Island Creek, an arm of the New York-New Jersey (NY-NJ) Harbor estuary. The shortest distance from Source 1 to Coney Island Creek is 27.5 feet. Most of the site and surrounding area is covered by impermeable surfaces such as concrete pavement, and the stormwater runoff in the site is captured by catch basins. It is

possible for the stormwater captured by the catch basins to overflow during rainfall events. This would result in the transport of stormwater contaminants to the surrounding areas, including Coney Island Creek.

Coney Island Creek is a tidal inlet that extends for approximately 1.2 miles from the site into Gravesend Bay. The 15-mile TDL extends from that confluence through six bays (Lower New York Bay, Upper New York Bay, Newark Bay, Raritan Bay, Sandy Hook Bay, and Jamaica Bay) and 4 rivers (East River, Hudson River, Kill Van Kull, and Arthur Kill), and terminates in the Atlantic Ocean south of Brooklyn. With the exception of the Atlantic Ocean, the water bodies within the 15-mile TDL are part of the core area of the NY-NJ Harbor estuary, which was designated as an “Estuary of National Significance” by EPA in 1988.

Ref. 8, pp. 4–5, 15, 17, 19–20; 40, Figures 5 and 7; 41, pp. 5, 93.

**12. What is the distance in feet to the nearest downslope surface water? Measure the distance along a course that runoff can be expected to follow.**

The distances from Source 1 and Source 2 to the nearest downslope surface water (i.e., Coney Island Creek) are approximately 27.5 feet and 144 feet, respectively. Source 1 is covered by an impermeable surface (i.e., concrete pavement) that shows moderate to severe staining from on-site salvage operations and is weathered with cracks and other damage in some areas, thereby making historical drainage pathways to the creek uncertain.

Ref. 8, pp. 15, 17; 40, Figures 5 and 7.

**13. Identify all surface water body types within 15 downstream miles.**

Most of the water bodies within the TDL are part of the core area of the New York-New Jersey Harbor estuary.

| Name                  | Water Body Type      | Flow (cfs) | Salt/Fresh/Brackish |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Atlantic Ocean        | Moderate depth ocean | N/A        | Salt                |
| NY-NJ Harbor Estuary* | Coastal tidal waters | N/A        | Salt                |

\*The following New York-New Jersey Harbor estuary water bodies are within the 15-mile TDL: Coney Island Creek, Gravesend Bay, New York Upper Bay, Newark Bay, Raritan Bay, Sandy Hook Bay, Jamaica Bay, East River, Hudson River, Kill Van Kull, and Arthur Kill.

Ref. 39, p. 11; 40, Figure 6 and 7; 41, pp. 5, 93.

**14. Determine the 2-yr, 24-hr rainfall (inches) for the site.**

The 2-year, 24-hour rainfall for the site location is 3.44 inches.

Ref. 42, p. 1.

**15. Determine size of the drainage area (acres) for sources at the site.**

Topography in the site area is generally flat with runoff from neighboring properties intercepted by storm drains on adjacent streets. There is no upslope area that can contribute runoff to the site. Therefore, the drainage area for sources at the site is equal to the site area, or 1.79 acres. The contaminated source is currently covered by concrete that routes runoff to the catch basins.

Ref. 8, pp. 4–5, 15, 20; 40, Figure 5.

**16. Describe the predominant soil group in the drainage area.**

The site and surrounding area are covered predominantly by impermeable surfaces (for example, concrete pavement), which are evaluated under soil group designation D.

Ref. 8, pp. 4–5, 15; 39, p. 9; 43, pp. 10–11.

**17. Determine the type of floodplain that the site is located within.**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has designated the northern portion and southern portion of the property to be within Flood Zone X and Flood Zone AE, respectively. Zone X is defined as an area with moderate flood hazard (i.e., 0.2% annual chance of flooding). Zone AE is defined as an area within the base floodplain (i.e., special flood hazard area). The base flood elevation for the southern portion of the property is 10 feet.

Ref. 44, p. 1.

**18. Identify drinking water intakes in surface waters within 15 miles downstream of the point of surface water entry. For each intake identify: the name of the surface water body in which the intake is located, the distance in miles from the point of surface water entry, population served, and stream flow at the intake location.**

The estuarine waters within the TDL are classified as saline waters that are not used for drinking water supply. There are no drinking water intakes within 15 miles downstream of the site.

Ref. 40, Figure 5.

**19. Identify fisheries that exist within 15 miles downstream of the point of surface water entry.**

The 15-mile TDL for the site is mostly within the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary, which is used for fishing and is home to more than 100 fish species, including striped bass and bluefish, as well as crabs, clams, mussels, and other invertebrates. Region 2 SAT V personnel observed

fishing for human consumption in the western portion of Coney Island Creek at the Kaiser Park fishing pier. Fishing is also known to occur in other parts of the creek.

| <b>Fishery Name</b>  | <b>Water Body Type</b> | <b>Flow (cfs)</b> | <b>Salt/Fresh/Brackish</b> |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Atlantic Ocean       | Moderate depth ocean   | N/A               | Salt                       |
| NY-NJ Harbor Estuary | Coastal tidal waters   | N/A               | Salt                       |

Ref. 4, pp. 2, 14, 21; 39, p. 11; 40, Figure 7; 41, pp. 99–100; 67, pp. 1–2.

**20. Identify surface water sensitive environments that exist within 15 miles of the point of surface water entry.**

The following HRS- eligible sensitive environments exist along the 15-mile surface water pathway.

- 7 Federally Endangered/Threatened Species Habitats
- 13 State Endangered/Threatened Species Habitats
- 1 National Seashore Recreation Area (including NY Protected Areas Database)
- 2 State Designated Natural Areas (including NYSDEC Critical Environmental Areas, and NYSDEC Natural Heritage Sites)
- 1 Unique Biotic Community (including the Hudson River Significant Biodiversity Area)

There is a designated estuary subject to actual contamination within the creek segment. There is a total of 35.7 miles of wetland frontage along the water bodies within the TDL subject to potential contamination.

| <b>Water Body</b> | <b>Water Body Type</b> | <b>Flow (cfs)</b> | <b>Dilution Weight</b> | <b>Wetlands Frontage (miles)</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Upper Bay         | Coastal tidal waters   | N/A               | 0.0001                 | 1.8                              |
| Lower Bay         | Coastal tidal waters   | N/A               | 0.0001                 | 0.2                              |
| Jamaica Bay       | Coastal tidal waters   | N/A               | 0.0001                 | 27.3                             |
| Kill Van Kull     | Coastal tidal waters   | N/A               | 0.0001                 | 1.0                              |
| Newark Bay        | Coastal tidal waters   | N/A               | 0.0001                 | 0.0                              |
| Arthur Kill       | Coastal tidal waters   | N/A               | 0.0001                 | 1.3                              |
| Raritan Bay       | Coastal tidal waters   | N/A               | 0.0001                 | 2.8                              |
| Sandy Hook Bay    | Coastal tidal waters   | N/A               | 0.0001                 | 1.3                              |
| <b>Total</b>      |                        |                   |                        | <b>35.7</b>                      |

Ref. 40, Figure 7; 41, pp. 1–5, 8, 9, 15, 36, 39, 43, 45, 47, 50, 53, 55, 58, 61, 64–66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 78, 83, 86, 89; 59, pp. 1–2, 6.

- 21. If a release to surface water is observed or suspected, identify any intakes, fisheries, and sensitive environments from question Nos. 18-20 that are or may be actually contaminated by hazardous substance(s) attributed to an observed release of from the site.**

A release to surface water is documented by chemical analysis; see the response to Question No. 10 for a description of the likelihood of a release. The release documented at T & J results in actual contamination of the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary, which is a sensitive environment identified under the National Estuary Program that encompasses all of Coney Island Creek. There is a downstream fishery at Kaiser Park that is subject to potential contamination.

Ref. 4, pp. 2, 14, 21; 40, Figure 7; 41, pp. 99–100.

- 22. Identify whether the surface water is used for any of the following purposes, such as: irrigation (5 acre minimum) of commercial food or commercial forage crops, watering of commercial livestock, commercial food preparation, recreation, potential drinking water supply.**

Surface water within 15 miles of the site is used for primary (swimming and baptisms) and secondary (recreational fishing and boating) contact recreation.

Ref. 41, pp. 103, 120, 126–127; 17, pp. 2–3; 45, p. 2.

## **SOIL EXPOSURE AND SUBSURFACE INTRUSION PATHWAY**

- 23. Determine the number of people that occupy residences or attend school or day care on or within 200 feet of observed contamination.**

Analytical results for soil samples collected by Region 2 SAT V during the June 2021 SI sampling event document the presence of a contaminated soil source at the site; however, the source is completely covered by concrete and is therefore not evaluated as an area of observed soil contamination (AOC). The T & J site consists of an automobile salvage operation. There are no residences, schools, or day care facilities on or within 200 feet of the site. Most of the property is paved with concrete, with narrow strips of vegetated land in some areas. The property is surrounded by other commercial and industrial facilities and is bounded by fencing to the west, north and east, and by Coney Island Creek to the south. Access to the site is through a single manually-operated gate located along Stillwell Avenue.

Ref. 4, p. 1; 40, Figure 5.

- 24. Determine the number of people that regularly work on or within 200 feet of observed contamination.**

T & J Auto Salvage operates in the northern portion of the subject property. There are fewer than five full-time T & J employees. The southern portion of the property, leased by Stillwell

Ready-Mix and Building Materials, is used for the storage of concrete mixing trucks and large-diameter concrete piping. As employee presence is intermittent, the number of workers is unknown but is assumed to be at least one for the purposes of this report. As the contaminated soil source is covered by an impervious surface, there is no AOC at the site and no exposure by site workers.

Ref. 8, pp. 1, 5; 40, Figure 5.

**25. Identify terrestrial sensitive environments on or within 200 feet of observed contamination.**

The site location is in a long-urbanized area. Current land use within the area is mostly commercial and industrial facilities. Based on these considerations, there are no terrestrial sensitive environments on or within 200 feet of the site.

Ref. 4, p. 1; 40, Figure 5.

**26. Identify whether there are any of the following resource uses, such as commercial agriculture, silviculture, livestock production or grazing within an area of observed or suspected soil contamination.**

The site is an active salvage yard located in a long-urbanized area. Current land use within the area is mostly commercial and industrial facilities. There is no resource use of soil on the site.

Ref. 8, pp. 15–21; 40, Figure 5.

**27. Is there an area of subsurface contamination (ASC) that could have an impact on regularly occupied structures via subsurface intrusion?**

Analytical results for subsurface soil samples collected in June 2021 document the presence of the following VOCs (maximum concentrations): chloroform (45 J-  $\mu\text{g/kg}$ ), cyclohexane (140 [14] J+  $\mu\text{g/kg}$ ), trichloroethene (25  $\mu\text{g/kg}$ ), methylcyclohexane (8,200  $\mu\text{g/kg}$ ), m,p-xylene (16  $\mu\text{g/kg}$ ), isopropylbenzene (11,000  $\mu\text{g/kg}$ ), 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (11,000  $\mu\text{g/kg}$ ), and 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (14  $\mu\text{g/kg}$ ). These VOCs were detected at three out of the seven on-site sample locations (Boreholes 2, 4, and 7) at depths ranging from 0 to 9.5 feet bgs. The results suggest that an area of subsurface contamination (ASC) may be present; however, an ASC was not delineated and subsurface intrusion has not been evaluated. Based on these considerations, subsurface intrusion is a possible pathway of concern but is not documented as such.

Ref. 24, pp. 2–4; 40, Figure 5; 47, pp. 50, 58, 84, 90, 96, 196.

- 28. Describe the likelihood of exposure to contaminant(s) in the subsurface intrusion component as follows: observed exposure, suspected exposure, potential exposure, or none. Identify contaminants detected or suspected and provide a rationale for attributing them to the site. For observed exposure, define the supporting direct observation or analytical evidence and the relationship to background.**

There is no known or suspected exposure in the subsurface intrusion component. The 2021 SI sampling results indicate the presence of VOCs in the subsurface; the SI did not include soil gas or indoor air sampling; therefore, it is not known if the ASC would extend beneath the office building, which is the only regularly occupied structure.

Ref. 24, pp. 2–4; 40, Figure 5.

- 29. Identify the number of individuals residing in or attending school or day care in regularly occupied structures within documented areas of observed exposure (AOE). Also identify the number of individuals residing in or attending school or day care in regularly occupied structures within the ASC but outside the documented AOE(s).**

There are no known AOE(s) associated with the site, and there are no residences, schools, or day care centers where subsurface contamination is documented. Therefore, there are no individuals residing in or attending school or day care in regularly occupied structures within documented ASCs or AOE(s).

Ref. 40, Figure 5.

- 30. Identify the number of full-time workers and the number of part-time workers in regularly occupied structures within the documented AOE(s). Also identify the number of full-time workers and the number of part-time workers in regularly occupied structures within the ASC but outside the documented AOE(s).**

There are no known AOE(s) associated with the site, and the on-site buildings are not known to be within the documented ASC. Therefore, there are no full-time or part-time workers in regularly occupied structures within documented AOE(s) or ASCs.

Ref. 40, Figure 5.

- 31. Is there resource use of regularly occupied establishments (e.g., library, church, tribal facility) within either an AOE or an ASC?**

There are no known AOE(s) associated with the site, and there are no libraries, churches, or tribal facilities where subsurface contamination is documented. Therefore, there are no resource uses of regularly occupied structures within documented ASCs or AOE(s).

Ref. 8, pp. 5, 15–21; 40, Figure 5.

**AIR MIGRATION PATHWAY**

- 32. Describe the likelihood of release of hazardous substances to air as follows: observed release, suspected release, or none. Identify contaminants detected or suspected and provide a rationale for attributing them to the site. For observed release, define the supporting analytical evidence and relationship to background.**

A release to air is neither observed nor suspected. The T & J subject property has been utilized for automobile salvage activities since at least 1940. There are no active emissions of CERCLA-eligible hazardous substances reported at the site.

During the June 2021 SI sampling event, Region 2 SAT V conducted air monitoring and screening of soil cores with a PID. There were PID readings above background in surface soil at Borehole 2 (maximum concentration 23 ppm), Borehole 3 (5.6 ppm), and Borehole 4 (31.6 ppm); however, there were no readings above background in ambient air. The SVOC dimethylphthalate was detected greater than 3x the maximum background level in surface soil sample 6105-S02. The VOCs m,p-xylene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, and 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene; and the SVOC 2-methylnaphthalene were detected above the highest background RDLs (all background results were non-detect) in surface soil sample 6105-S04. Both Borehole 2 and Borehole 4 are in an area covered by concrete. Based on these considerations, the current potential for gaseous and particulate (i.e., contaminated fugitive dust) air release from the contaminated soil source is unlikely. Historical releases may have occurred as the site operated on exposed soil until from 1940 to 1966.

Ref. 5, pp. 35–36; 6, pp. 14–15; 7, p. 5; 8, p. 24; 24, pp. 5–6; 40, Figure 5.

- 33. Determine populations that reside within 4 miles of the site.**

The total population residing within 4 miles of the site is 830,707, as follows:

| <b>Distance Ring (mi)</b> | <b>Population</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| On-site                   | 0                 |
| >0 - ¼                    | 1,315             |
| >¼ - ½                    | 13,218            |
| >½ - 1                    | 69,167            |
| >1 - 2                    | 208,197           |
| >2 - 3                    | 225,308           |
| >3 - 4                    | 313,008           |
| Total                     | 830,707           |

Ref. 46, p. 1.

- 34. Identify sensitive environments, including wetlands and associated wetlands acreage, within 4 miles of the site.**

| <b>Distance (miles)</b>       | <b>Wetlands Acreage</b> | <b>Sensitive Environments</b>   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| On-site                       | 0                       | None identified   |
| 0– $\frac{1}{4}$              | 0                       | NJ-NY Harbor Estuary  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0                       | None identified   |
| $>\frac{1}{2}$ –1             | 0                       | None identified   |
| $>1$ –2                       | 0                       | NYSDEC Critical Environmental Area  |
| $>2$ –3                       | 7.5                     | Gateway National Recreation Area<br>NYSDEC-designated Natural Heritage Site<br>Hudson River Significant Biodiversity Area |
| $>3$ – 4                      | 51.0                    | 4 Federal-listed endangered/threatened species habitats<br>8 State-listed endangered/threatened species habitats          |
| Total Acreage                 | 58.5                    |   |

Ref. 40, Figure 6; 41, p. 3.

- 35. If a release to air is observed or suspected, determine the number of people that reside or are suspected to reside within the area of air contamination from the release.**

See the response to Question No. 32 for a description of the likelihood of a release.

- 36. If a release to air is observed or suspected, identify any sensitive environments, listed in question No. 34, that are or may be located within the area of air contamination from the release.**

See the response to Question No. 32 for a description of the likelihood of a release.

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