

September 18, 2019

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**Re: Supplemental Groundwater Investigation Plan –  
Request for Approval  
438 11th Avenue (Block 708, Lot 62)  
New York, New York  
NYSDEC BCP Site No. C231095  
Langan Project No.: 170395001**

Dear Mr. MacCabe:

On behalf of 438-444 Eleventh Avenue, LLC (the “Volunteer”), we request approval from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to conduct a supplemental groundwater investigation at 438 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (“site”) in New York, New York. The investigation will evaluate the extent of petroleum-related groundwater impacts identified on the northern portion of the site during a 2016 and 2018 Remedial Investigation (RI), which was conducted under the Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). This letter summarizes previous findings and presents the proposed investigation scope.

## Site Background

The 38,150-square-foot site is comprised of two contiguous properties located in the Hudson Yards neighborhood of Manhattan and identified as Block 408, Lots 1 and 62 on the New York City Tax Map. The site is vacant and contains a one-story commercial building formerly occupied by a lumber storage facility (Lot 62) and an open lot formerly used as a railroad yard (Lot 1). Langan conducted an RI between September 8 and 29, 2016, with additional sampling performed on June 2, 2016 and August 30, 2018. A revised draft RI Report was submitted to NYSDEC on April 12, 2019. A Site Location Plan is provided on Figure 1.

About six inches of light non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL) were observed in a monitoring well (MW09) on Lot 62 during the August 2018 sampling event. Fingerprint analysis of an LNAPL sample correlated with a mixture of moderately weathered No. 2 fuel oil or diesel oil and weathered gasoline. Tetraethyl lead, a gasoline additive that was phased out of production in the 1980s, was also detected in the sample. Another sample collected from the southeastern corner of Lot 62 (GB10) contained petroleum-related VOCs and naphthalene at concentrations above

the NYSDEC Technical Operational Guidance Series (TOGS) 1.1.1 Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values (AWQS/GV). Potential sources for the petroleum-related impacts may be undetected releases from historical petroleum bulk storage and vehicle repair operations on Lot 62 and/or residual contamination from historical NYSDEC Spill No. 9709152 on the western-adjointing property (Lot 65). Additional groundwater sampling is warranted to identify the lateral extent of the groundwater impacts and evaluate potential sources of the release. The analytical results of groundwater sampling conducted during the RI are shown on Figure 2.

## **Investigation Work Plan**

### *Installation of Monitoring Wells*

Five permanent groundwater monitoring wells will be installed on Lot 62 at locations surrounding well MW09 and sampling point GB10. A driller will install the wells to depths between about 20 and 30 feet below grade surface (bgs), which is about 15 to 20 feet below the top of bedrock. The borings will be advanced with either a direct-push Geoprobe® unit equipped with an air hammer or with sonic drill rig. The wells will be constructed with two-inch-diameter riser attached to 10- or 15-foot long screen. Clean sand (Morie #2) will be used to fill the annulus around the well screens to a height of at least one foot above the top of the screened interval, followed by a 2- to 3-foot hydrated bentonite seal. The remaining annular space will be filled with grout, such that the grout extends at least 2 feet below the top of bedrock. The wells will be finished with a protective, flush-mount or stick-up, bolt-down well cover set into a concrete collar.

Following installation, the wells will be developed by surging with a surge block across the well screen to agitate and remove fines. A proposed monitoring well location plan is provided as Figure 3.

### *Groundwater Sampling*

One groundwater sample will be collected from each of the wells a minimum of one week after installation and development. Prior to sampling, each well will be gauged with an interface probe to record a depth to groundwater (1/100 foot), and the thickness of LNAPL. If LNAPL is identified in a well, a groundwater sample will not be collected. The wells will be purged prior to sampling. Purging will consist of pumping until the physical and chemical parameters (e.g., temperature, dissolved oxygen, oxygen reduction potential, and turbidity) stabilize within the ranges specified in the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Low Stress Purging and Sampling Procedure for the Collection of Groundwater Samples From Monitoring Wells, Dated July 30, 1996 and Revised January 19, 2010. Samples will be collected with a submersible pump and dedicated polyethylene tubing. The submersible pump will be decontaminated with Alconox® and water between each sample location. Development and purge water will be containerized for off-site disposal.

Groundwater samples will be analyzed for Target Compound List (TCL) + 30 VOCs and semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs) via USEPA Method 8260 and 8270, respectively and total lead. If LNAPL is observed, appropriate samples will be collected using a bailer for characterization and "fingerprint analysis". QA/QC procedures will adhere to those described in NYSDEC DER-10, and all laboratory analyses will be conducted by a New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Environmental Laboratory Approval Program-certified laboratory in accordance with USEPA SW-846 methods and NYSDEC Analytical Services Protocol (ASP) B deliverable format. Environmental data will be reported electronically using the database software application EQulS in comportment with the NYSDEC Environmental Information Management System (EIMS). Table 1 summarizes the proposed groundwater samples and analyses.

#### *Monitoring Well Survey*

The location and elevation of the groundwater monitoring wells (top of casing elevations) will be surveyed. This data will be used with the groundwater well gauging data to prepare a groundwater contour map and document the direction of groundwater flow. Vertical control will be established by surveying performed relative to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) datum by a land surveyor licensed in New York State. Elevations of the top of monitoring well casings and protective well casings will be surveyed to the nearest 0.01 foot.

#### **Air Monitoring**

Air monitoring will be performed within the breathing zone periodically during drilling and sampling activities to document health and safety protection for the work team. Work zone air monitoring will be conducted for VOCs with a photoionization detector (PID). We will record air monitoring results in the field book during investigation activities.

In addition to air monitoring in the worker breathing zone, community air monitoring will be performed at perimeter upwind and downwind locations during drilling and well installation in compliance with the NYSDOH Generic Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP). Dust emissions will be monitored using real-time monitoring equipment capable of measuring particulate matter less than 10 micrometers in size (PM-10) and capable of integrating over a period of 15 minutes (or less) for comparison to the airborne particulate action level. A PID will be deployed at each station to monitor for VOCs. Dust suppression measures (e.g., water misting) will be implemented as required.

#### **Reporting**

Following completion of the investigation and receipt of analytical data, we will prepare a Remedial Investigation Report Addendum that summarizes the scope of work, findings, and conclusions. Monitoring well construction logs, sampling logs, and laboratory analytical reports

will be appended to the report. The Category B data deliverable will be validated and a Data Usability Summary Report (DUSR) will be provided with the addendum.

We look forward to your response and proceeding with the investigation.

Sincerely,  
**Langan Engineering, Environmental, Surveying,  
Landscape Architecture and Geology, D.P.C.**

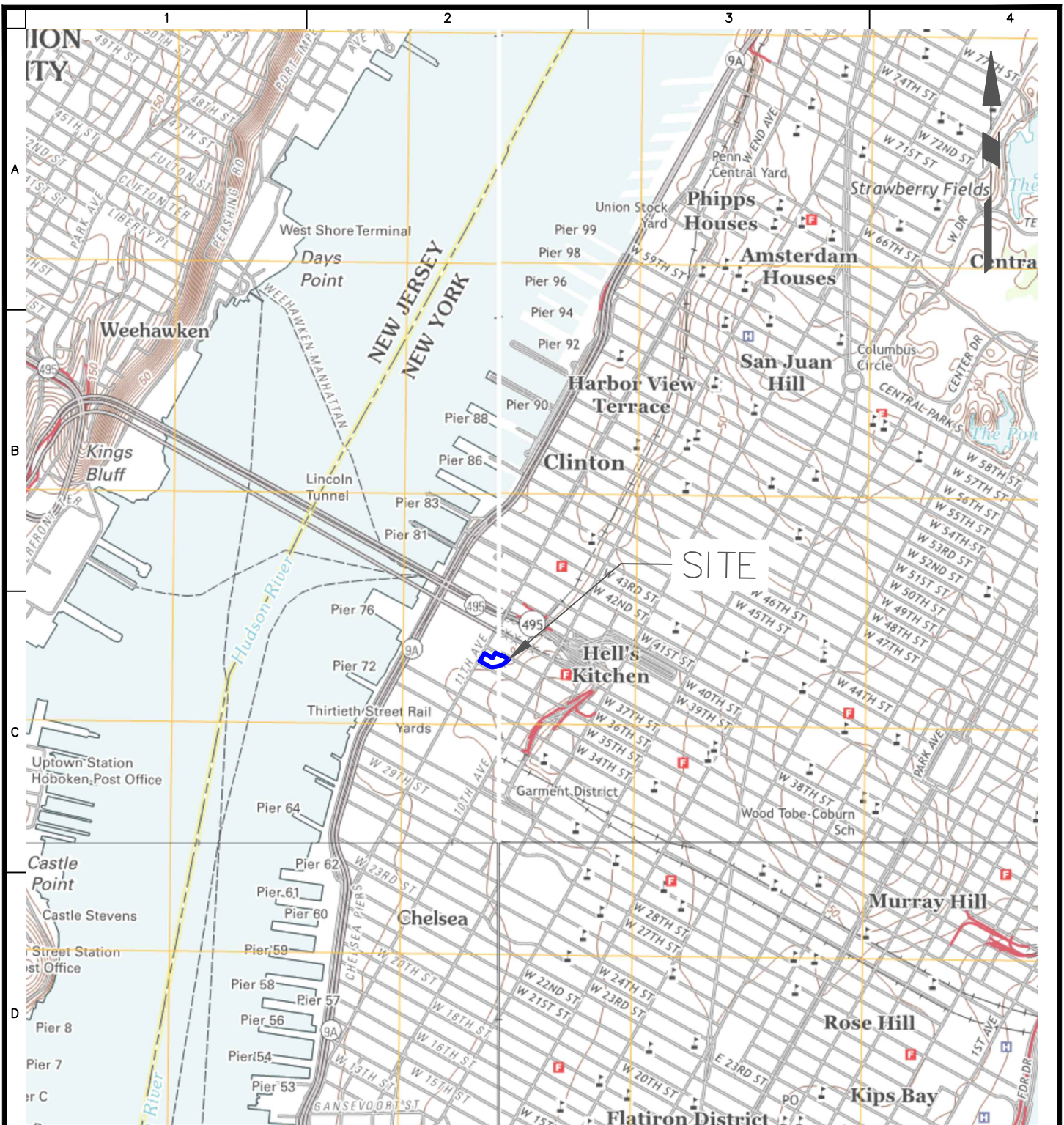


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Figure 1 – Site Location Map  
Figure 2 – Groundwater Sample Results Map (RI)  
Figure 3 – Proposed Well Location Map  
Table 1 – Proposed Sample Summary

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## FIGURES



BASEMAP REFERENCE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES CENTRAL PARK, NY TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE, 2013

— SITE LOCATION

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**438 11TH AVENUE**

BLOCK No. 708, LOT Nos. 1 AND 62

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**SITE LOCATION  
MAP**

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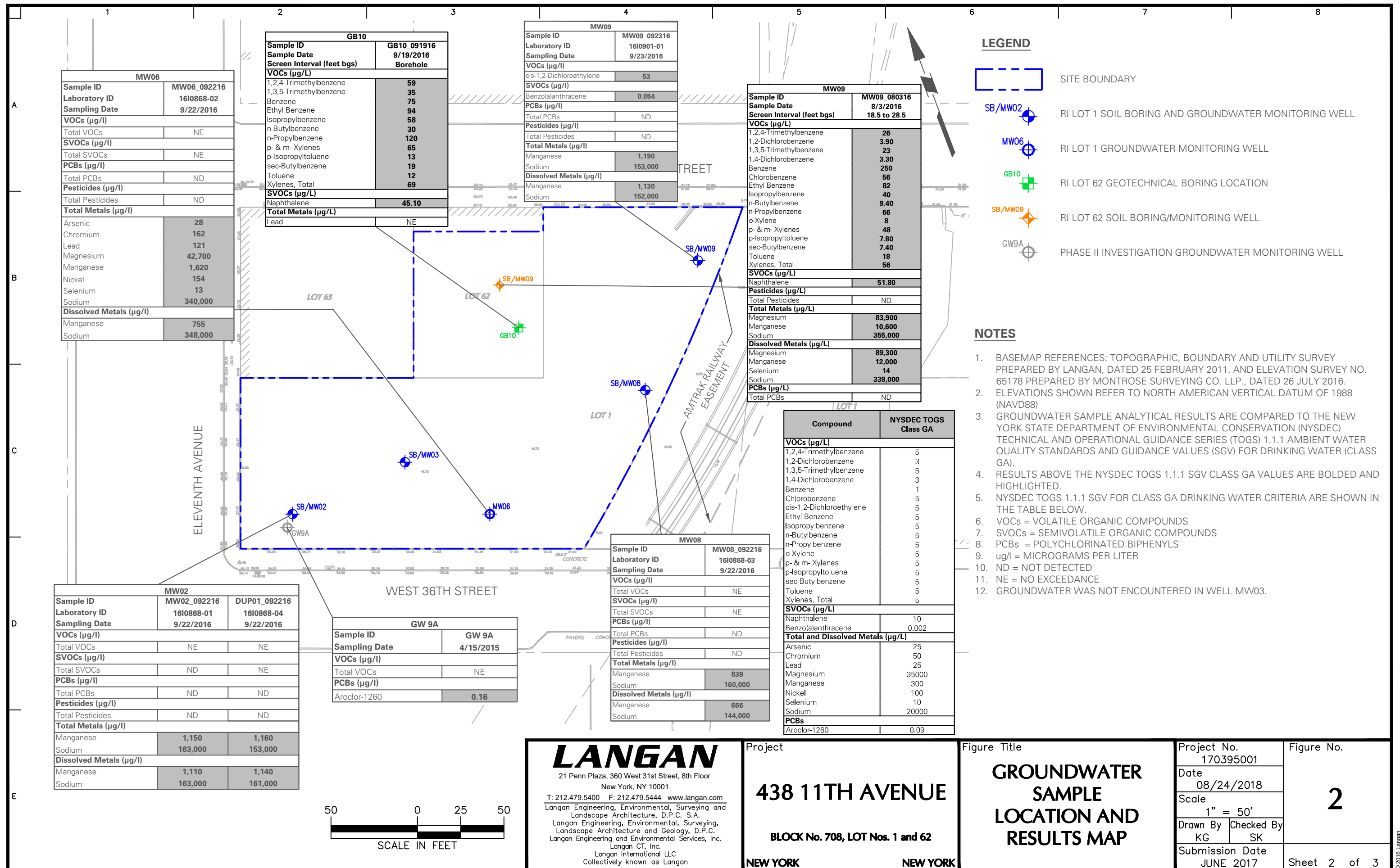
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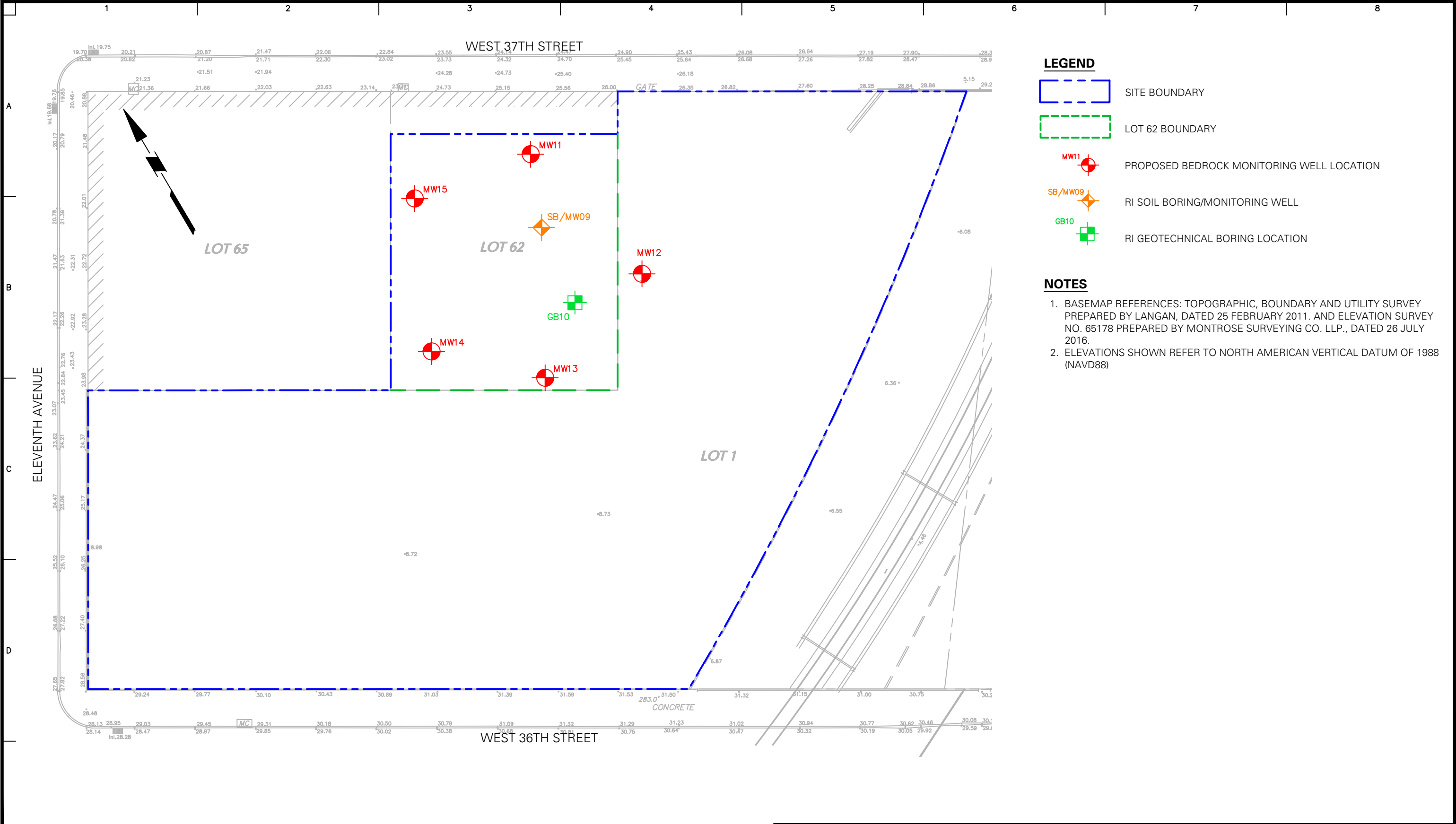
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**PROPOSED  
MONITORING WELL  
LOCATION MAP**

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## TABLE

**Table 1**  
**Supplemental Groundwater Investigation**  
**Groundwater Sample Summary**  
**438 11th Avenue, New York, NY**  
**NYSDEC BCP ID No. C231095**  
**Langan Project No. 170395001**

No.	Monitoring Well Location	Proposed Sample ID	Analyses
1	MW11	MW11_DATE	Part 375-list VOCs and SVOCs, Total and Dissolved Lead
2		DUP01_DATE	
3	MW12	MW12_DATE	
4	MW13	MW13_DATE	
5	MW14	MW14_DATE	
6	MW15	MW15_DATE	
7	QA/QC	FB_01_DATE	Part 375-list VOC
8		TB_01_DATE	

**Notes:**

1. VOC = Volatile Organic Compound
2. SVOC = Semivolatile Organic Compound
3. bgs = below grade surface
4. QA/QC = Quality Assurance/Quality Control
5. FB = Field Blank
6. TB = Trip Blank