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Re: Supplemental Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) NYS Brownfields Cleanup Program Hamilton Hill II – Target Area 1 Site 830 and 834 Albany Street Parcels City of Schenectady, Schenectady County BCP Site No. C447052

Dear Mr. Haugh:

A Draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report was prepared for the Hamilton Hill II Target Area 1 Brownfields Cleanup Program (BCP) Site (i.e., Target Area 1 BCP Site). The Target Area 1 BCP Site consists of two (2) non-contiguous parcels identified as the 830 Albany Street and 834 Albany Street Parcels.

The purpose of this Supplemental RIWP is to address the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC's) June 12, 2019 comments to the RI Report related to data gaps pertaining to comments 1, 4, 15 and 17 concerning the following areas:

- <u>The northwestern portion of the 834 Albany Street Parcel (Comment No. 1)</u>: Due to the presence of utility lines and the former site building, a planned boring (RIMW6D) was unable to be advanced in this area.
- <u>Potential drum/tank and known underground storage tank (UST) on the 830</u> <u>Albany Street Parcel (Comment No. 4)</u>: Although test borings were completed near these features, based on the direction of groundwater flow as determined during the RI, the borings were not advanced in positions down-gradient from these features.
- <u>Area of RISV1 on the 830 Albany Street Parcel (Comment Nos. 15 and 17)</u>: Elevated soil vapor results and photoionization detector (PID) results were recorded at RISV1, a soil vapor point advanced as a function of the RI. As RISV1 was advance for the purpose of collecting a soil vapor sample, soil samples were not submitted for laboratory analysis from this sample location.

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The supplemental investigation to be completed at the 830 and 834 Albany Street Parcels will be subject to the same methodologies as described in the Target Area 1 BCP Site RIWP except where noted herein.

Supplemental RI Scope

The scope of work for the 830 and 834 Albany Street Parcels will include the following:

- Advancement of soil borings to characterize the parcel's subsurface fill and/or native soils as it relates to the above data gaps; to aid in the collection of fill and/or native soil samples for laboratory analysis; and for installation of monitoring wells.
- Collection and laboratory analysis of groundwater samples from newly installed monitoring wells.

Advancement of Soil Borings and Soil Sampling

Five (5) Geoprobe soil borings will be completed within the site boundaries as follows:

- RIGP1 will be advanced in proximity to RISV1 on the 830 Albany Street Parcel.
- RIGP2 will be advanced to the eastern and down-gradient side of the suspect buried drum/tank on the 830 Albany Street Parcel.
- RIGP3 will be advanced to the eastern and down-gradient side of the suspect petroleum UST on the 830 Albany Street Parcel.
- RIGP4 will be advanced on the northwestern portion of 834 Albany Street Parcel.
- RIGP5 will be advanced within the northwestern portion of the former building foundation on the northwestern portion of the Albany Street parcel. If the Geoprobe is unable to enter the foundation area, RIGP5 will be advanced using and auger or dolly mounted Geoprobe.

With respect to the other locations referenced in Comment No. 15 that had slightly elevated PID readings (RIMW6D (0 to 2-foot sampling interval with a PID reading of 32 parts per million (ppm); and RISB8 4 to 6-foot interval (15.8 ppm) and 6 to 8-foot interval (12.5 ppm)) it is noted that these samples did not appear impacted via organoleptic perception and the PID readings were relatively low. Each of these soil samples were moist and the elevated PID readings are likely attributed to high humidity conditions within the Ziploc bag that the soils were contained in when they were assessed. Additionally, VOCs were not detected above regulatory values in groundwater at RIMW6 (only acetone, a common laboratory artifact was detected above the laboratory method detection limit). As such, additional sampling is not planned for these two locations.

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Soil boring RIGP1 will be completed to assess subsurface conditions, to aid in the collection of soil samples for laboratory analyses, and for installation of a monitoring well to aid in the collection of a groundwater sample for laboratory analyses. RIGP1 is being advanced in proximity to RISV1 where an elevated PID reading was recorded and perchloroethene (PCE) was detected in a soil vapor sample. Soils at this location will be analyzed for the Target Compound List (TCL) of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) plus Tentatively Identified Compounds (TICs). Samples will be submitted for every two-foot interval until the groundwater table is encountered (anticipated at approximately 10 feet below grade surface (bgs)).

Soil borings RIGP2 and RIGP3 will be completed to assess the subsurface conditions, to aid in the collection soil samples for laboratory analysis and for the installation of monitoring wells to aid in the collection of groundwater samples for laboratory analysis. These borings are being advanced in proximity to a suspect buried UST/drum (RIGP2) and suspect petroleum UST (RIGP3). Soil samples are proposed to be collected from the approximate bottom of the buried vessels. At RIGP2 samples will be submitted for laboratory analysis from the 6 to 8-foot interval and from the 8 to 10foot interval. As the contents of this vessel are unknown the samples will be submitted for laboratory analyses for TCL VOCs, semi volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), pesticides and PCBs, the Target Analyte List (TAL) of metals (including mercury and hexavalent chromium) and cyanide (TCL/TAL Parameters). These samples will also be analyzed for emerging contaminants 1,4-dioxane and PFAS. At RIGP3 soil samples will be submitted for laboratory analysis from the 6 to 8-foot interval and from the 8 to 10foot interval. As RIGP3 is being advanced at a suspect petroleum tank these samples will be analyzed for TCL VOCs and TCL SVOCs plus TICs. In addition to the planned soil sampling intervals for these borings, soil sample intervals either above or below the target intervals which exhibit visual and/or olfactory evidence of contamination will also be subjected to laboratory analysis.

Soil borings RIGP4 and RIGP5 will be completed to assess the subsurface conditions, to aid in the collection of subsurface fill/soil samples for laboratory analyses and for the installation of monitoring wells to aid in the collection of groundwater samples for laboratory analysis. At these boring locations, one sample representative of fill/soil will be collected from the 2 to 4-foot depth interval and then at subsequent 2 foot depth intervals until native soil is encountered. The sample collected from the 2 to 4-foot sampling depth interval will be subjected to laboratory analyses for SVOCs plus TICs, TAL Metals (including mercury and hexavalent chromium), and cyanide. The samples collected from the deeper sampling intervals will be held at the laboratory for possible analyses. If RI compound(s) of concern (COC) is detected above its Unrestricted Use soil cleanup objective (SCO) in the sample collected from the 2 to 4-foot sampling depth

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interval, additional fill/soil samples from the deeper fill/soil sampling depth intervals (i.e. 4 to 6-feet, etc.) will be analyzed for the COC(s) detected above its Unrestricted Use SCO in the sample interval from immediately above.

The borings will be completed utilizing Geoprobe direct-push drilling methods as discussed in the Field Sampling Plan (FSP) in Appendix A of the RIWP. Soil samples will be collected continuously by advancing a field decontaminated (alconox wash and tap water rinse) macro-core sampler containing a new, disposable acetate liner within its interior the desired sampling depth interval employing direct-push methods. Upon obtaining the soil samples at the prescribed depth, the acetate liner will be removed from the macro-core sampler and provided to the geologist. The geologist will then retain the requisite samples for visual and/or olfactory evidence of contamination and laboratory analyses. A new pair of nitrile gloves will be used for each acetate liner. The soil sampling procedures will conform to the FSP in Appendix A.

The boring locations may be modified at the time of drilling based on buried utility locations mapped by Dig Safely New York. The NYSDEC Project Manager will be notified if the locations of the soil borings are modified.

Installation of Monitoring Wells

One (1)-inch diameter monitoring wells with PVC slotted screens and risers will be installed in soil borings RIGP1 through RIGP5 (see the attached Remedial Investigation Plan). The screened portion of the monitoring well will straddle the water table approximately five feet above and five feet below the water table. A filter sand pack will be installed from the bottom of the borehole to at least 1 foot above the top of the well screen. The monitoring wells will be finished with a surface seal and protected with lockable protective enclosures. Samples submitted for laboratory analysis from the newly installed monitoring wells will be analyzed for the contaminates of concern for each area. Specifically:

- RIGP1: Groundwater at this location will be analyzed for TCL VOCs plus TICs.
- RIGP2: Groundwater at this location will be analyzed for TCL/TAL Parameters plus emerging contaminants 1,4-dioxane and PFAS.
- RIGP3: Groundwater at this location will be analyzed for TCL VOCs plus TICs and TCL SVOCs plus TICs.
- RIGP4 and RIGP5: Groundwater at these locations will be analyzed for SVOCs plus TICs, TAL Metals (including mercury and hexavalent chromium), and cyanide.

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The monitoring wells will be installed, developed and sampled in accordance with the Target Area 1 BCP Site RIWP and the FSP in Appendix A.

At the time the monitoring wells are sampled, depth to groundwater measurements will be recorded for the purpose of determining groundwater flow contours across the site. The groundwater elevations will be used to construct a groundwater contour map for inclusion in the Supplemental RI Report.

Field Quality Control

Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) samples at a ratio of one (1) set of QA/QC samples per 20 media samples will be collected and analyzed. The QA/QC samples for soil and groundwater will include a blind duplicate sample, matrix spike (MS) sample, matrix spike duplicate (MSD) sample and equipment (field) blank sample. Laboratory prepared Trip Blanks will be submitted with aqueous samples requiring analysis for TCL VOCs.

Laboratory Reporting and Data Validation

The laboratory will generate NYSDEC ASP Category B data deliverable packages of the investigative analytical data. A Data Usability Summary Report (DUSR) of the analytical data developed during this investigation will be prepared to confirm that it is valid and usable for subsequent decision making purposes. The DUSR will be completed by an independent data validator.

Survey

A horizontal survey will be completed to locate the RI sampling points and other pertinent Site features. The vertical elevations of the top of the well casings will also be established utilizing a project benchmark.

Reporting

Upon completion of supplemental field activities and receipt and independent validation of the analytical laboratory data, the existing RI Report will be revised to include a summary of the supplemental investigations at the Site, analytical results of samples collected and analyzed, and interpretations of the data.

Miscellaneous

The Community Air Monitoring Plan, as provided in Appendix C of the Health and Safety Plan within the Target Area 1 BCP Site RIWP, will be implemented during ground intrusive investigation activities.

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Investigation derived wastes will be managed as outlined in the Target Area 1 BCP Site RIWP. Subcontractors are anticipated to be the same as identified in the Target Area 1 BCP Site RIWP. The field activities are anticipated to commence on July 18, 2019.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please contact me at your convenience at <u>a.smith@ctmale.com</u> and/or 518-223-2413.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Remedial Investigation Plan

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