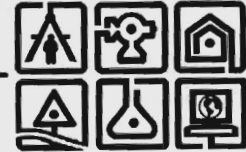


C.T. MALE ASSOCIATES, P.C.

50 Century Hill Drive, P.O. Box 727, Latham, NY 12110-0727
518.786.7400 FAX 518.786.7299 ctmale@ctmale.com



March 26, 2004

Mr. Russell D. Huyck, P.E.
Environmental Engineer 2
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Office of Environmental Quality, Region 5
Route 86 - P.O. Box 296
Ray Brook, New York 12977

Re: *Response to February 20, 2003 NYSDOH Comment Letter
and Subsequent Emails relative to the February 2004 Revised
VCP Site Investigation Work Plan
CP Rail Yard Site, Plattsburgh, New York
C.T. Male Project No. 02.8112*

Dear Mr. Huyck:

C.T. Male Associates, P.C. has reviewed the February 20, 2004 NYSDOH comment letter and subsequent emails prepared by Mr. Ian Ushe in relation to their review of our February 3, 2004 VCP Site Investigation Work Plan of the former Canadian Pacific Rail Yard site. C.T. Male has elected to replace the originally proposed soil gas survey methods and procedures with the following. If the concepts presented herein are acceptable to NYSDEC and NYSDOH, this letter will serve as a modification to the February 3, 2004 work plan unless otherwise requested by the NYSDEC. A copy of the NYSDOH comment letter is attached for reference.

C.T. Male will perform a soil gas survey for collection of soil gas samples for laboratory analysis. The soil gas samples will be collected from three or four equally spaced locations within the footprint of the proposed conference center utilizing certified clean Summa canisters and temporary subgrade screen points placed two to three feet below grade. This will be accomplished by manually advancing a disposable screen point attached to polypropylene or Teflon tubing within a hollow steel pipe to the targeted depth. The hollow pipe is then extracted no more than two inches, thereby exposing the slotted portion of the screen point that is connected to the solid tubing. The above ground tubing will then be attached the Summa canisters and the flow regulators are opened for a period of one hour. The canisters, including required QA/QC samples (ms/msd, field duplicate and trip blank) will then be shipped back to the laboratory for volatile organic compound analysis by EPA Method TO-15. The NYSDOH ELAP certified laboratory of choice for this work has not been selected at this time.

C.T. MALE ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Mr. Russell Huyck, P.E.

March 26, 2004

Page 2

It should be noted that soil gas samples will only be collected from within the proposed conference center footprint as continuous occupied use is expected. No other areas of the site will be sampled for soil gas as continuous use has not been identified. If site development plans change and inhabitable structures are identified within a different location on the site or the conference center is relocated, a soil gas survey would be required for these new structures.

If you have any questions, please call our office at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,
C.T. MALE ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Jeffrey Marx, EIT
Environmental Engineer

Kirk Moline
Project Manager

Att

c: Ms. Rosemarie Schoonmaker, City of Plattsburgh
Mr. Ian Ushe, NYS Department of Health, Troy, New York