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MEMORANDUM

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FROM:

Kelly Lewandowski, NYSDEC - DER Bureau of Technical Support Sulf Chillians

SUBJECT:

Brownfield Cleanup Program Application

Oil City / Carousel Center, C734104

DATE:

JUL 1 8 2005

The attached Brownfield Cleanup Program Application for remedial work at the subject site has been forwarded to you for your records and/or processing according to the established Brownfield Cleanup Program procedures. If you require additional copies or the complete series of the related application's attachments, please contact the project manager, Karen Cahill at 315-426-7432.

T&A Code for the subject site: N883 (on-site); N884 (off-site)

BW/ca

Attachments

Distribution

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JUL 1 8 2005

Mr. Bruce A. Kenan Managing Member DestiNY USA Development, LLC 4 Clinton Square Syracuse, New York 13202

Re:

Brownfield Cleanup Program Application

Oil City/Carousel Center, BCP No. C734104

Dear Mr. Kenan:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) is in receipt of your application for participation in the Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) pursuant to ECL Section 27-1400 et seq. As you know, the BCP is a cooperative approach between the Department and lenders, developers, and current and prospective owners. The program fosters private-sector remediation of brownfields and reduces development pressures on "greenfields." We are pleased to advise you that your application has been determined to be complete.

Pursuant to ECL Section 27-1407(5), a thirty day public comment period is to be commenced upon the Department's determination that an application is complete. During the comment period the Department will be evaluating the eligibility of the project and determine the status regarding this as soon as possible. The party seeking to participate in the BCP is required under the BCP to notify in writing the chief executive officer and zoning board of each county, city, town and village in which the proposed brownfield site is located, as well as residents of the site, the public water supplier which services the area, any person who has requested to be placed on the brownfield site contact list, and the administrator of any school or day care facility located adjacent to or near the site. Further, the Department will publish a similar notice in the Environmental Notice Bulletin.

In order to facilitate the notifications, the Department has prepared the enclosed Public Notice for you to utilize and the instructions for placing and mailing the notifications as well as the document repository location and contents. As the requestor, you are responsible for making available a copy of the application and copies of all other related attached documents such as any assessment and investigation reports and/or investigation or remedial work plans. Also, you must use this Department-approved Public Notice form and cannot provide any other or additional information when fulfilling your obligation to provide a legal notice for the newspaper of the application and comment period. The enclosed form should be provided to a local

newspaper servicing the area including the brownfield site for publication no later than August 3, 2005. Additionally, all of the above-mentioned mailings should be completed no later than August 2, 2005. To the extent that the mailings and publications are not completed in accordance with these time frames, the Department will extend the comment period for a period sufficient to comply with the required thirty day notice requirement running from the latest of the mailings or publication.

A certificate of mailing, on the enclosed form, is required to be submitted within three days of the mailing. Further, the proof of publication provided by the newspaper must be submitted within three days of your receipt of such document. These documents should be submitted to the Department's project manager at:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Region 7 Headquarters 615 Erie Boulevard West Syracuse, New York 13204-2400 Attention: Karen Cahill

The Department will make every effort to determine your eligibility and status under the BCP forty-five (45) days from the date of this letter. We look forward to working cooperatively with you to address the environmental conditions at the brownfield site and to return this property back to productive use.

Sincerely,

Kelly A. Lewandowski, P.E.

Kelly O Lowenderser

Chief

Site Control Section

BW /ca Enclosures

Electronic copy w/enclosures:

- K. Cahill, Project Manager, Region 7
- G. Litwin, NYSDOH
- A. Quartararo
- G. Faucher, Esq. (gfaucher@devorsetzlaw.com)
- S. Wither

Copy w/o enclosures:

S. Bolesky (application only)

Brownfield Cleanup Program Public Notice Instructions

A. Instructions to Requestor¹

Newspaper

- 1) The enclosed public notice must be published, without modification, in a local newspaper of general circulation that services the area that includes the site no later than the date specified in the Division of Environmental Remediation's (DER) cover letter. The notice must be located prominently in the community bulletin section or comparable local section of the newspaper. The notice must be published in English and in any other language spoken by a significant number of people within the site community.
- 2) A proof of publication of the newspaper notice must be submitted to DER by the date specified in the DER cover letter.

Site Contact List

- 1) The enclosed public notice must be mailed, without modification, to the parties on the Site Contact List included with the application. The mailing must be performed by the date specified in the DER cover letter. No other materials can be mailed with this notice.
- 2) A certificate of mailing must be completed and submitted to DER by the date specified in the DER cover letter. (See enclosed certificate of mailing form)

Repository

1) Application package (application and appropriate documents) must be put in the site document repository specified in the public notice prior to the start of the public comment period.

B. Requestor's Instructions to Newspapers Regarding Printing the Public Notice

The enclosed public notice announces the receipt of a complete Brownfield Cleanup Program application package by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Pursuant to ECL Section 27-1407(5), the public notice must be located prominently in the community bulletin section or similar local section of the newspaper. The public notice must be published by the date specified.

C. Requestor's Instructions to Parties on the Site Contact List Receiving the Public Notice

The enclosed public notice announces the receipt of a complete Brownfield Cleanup Program application package by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Pursuant to ECL Section 27-1407(5), a public notice announcing the receipt of an application must be sent to parties on the Site Contact List. Please read the enclosed public notice and review the application package in the site document repository for further information.

¹ A requestor is a person who has submitted an application to participate in the BCP whose eligibility has <u>not</u> yet been determined by the Department of Environmental Conservation.



NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION



BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM (BCP) APPLICATION

ECL ARTICLE 27, TITLE 14

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NAME DestiNY USA Development,	LLC	100.000	
ADDRESS 4 Clinton Square	x'		
CITY/TOWN Syracuse		ZIP CODE 132	202
PHONE 315-422-7000	FAX 315-422-0135		E-MAIL
NAME OF APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE	Gregory D. Faucher	, Esq.	
ADDRESS 111 Washington Avenue, Su	rite 600		
CITY/TOWN Albany		ZIP CODE 12	210
PHONE 518-476-2001	FAX 518-476-9646		E-MAIL gfaucher@devorsetzlaw.com
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^{*}Or one or more affiliates provided that any such affiliate is not precluded from participating in the program.

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*** See Attachment 4 Page 2 of 4

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****The Site has been subject to extensive environmental investigations whereby the nature and extent of contamination have been characterized. Attachment 4 presents documentation that is representative of the studies that Page 3 of 4 have been completed at the Site.

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***** Vice President of Carousel DestiNY Holdings, Inc., Managing Member of DestiNY USA Development, LLC

ATTACHMENT 1

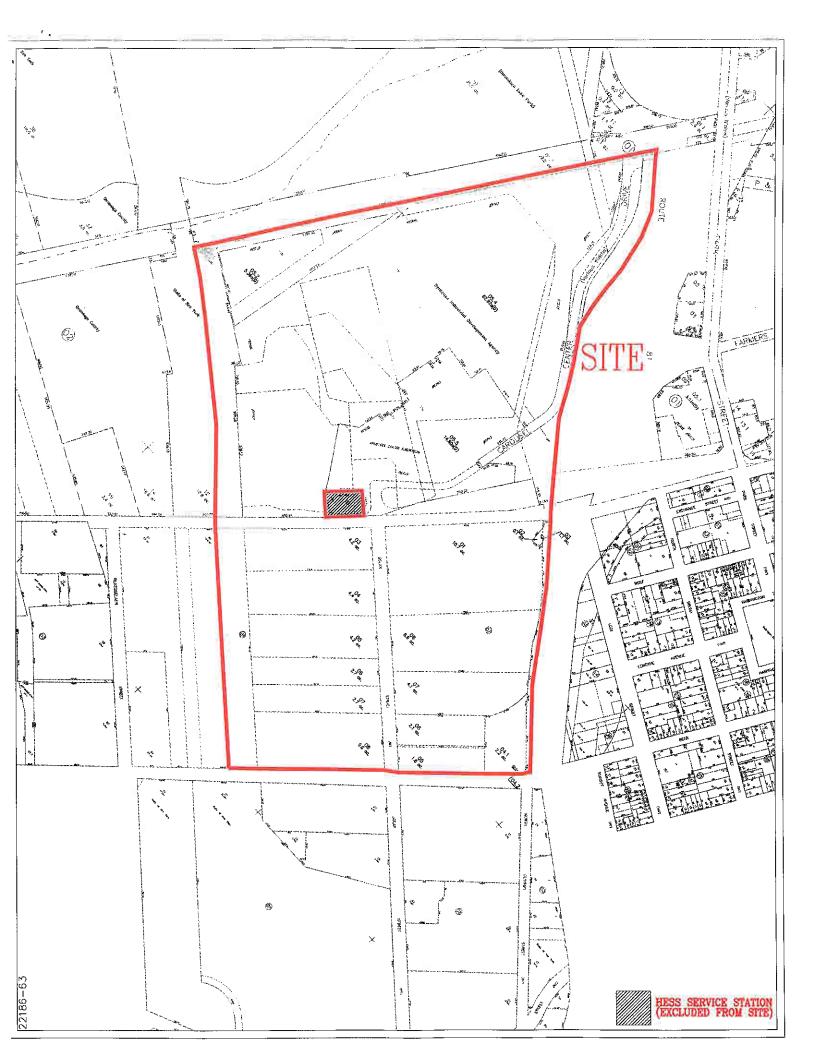
OWNER INFORMATION

The boundaries of the Site are shown on the map included as Attachment 2. The Site includes the parcels identified below. The Site does not include Tax Parcel No. 114-02-10.1, reputedly owned by Hess Realty Corp.

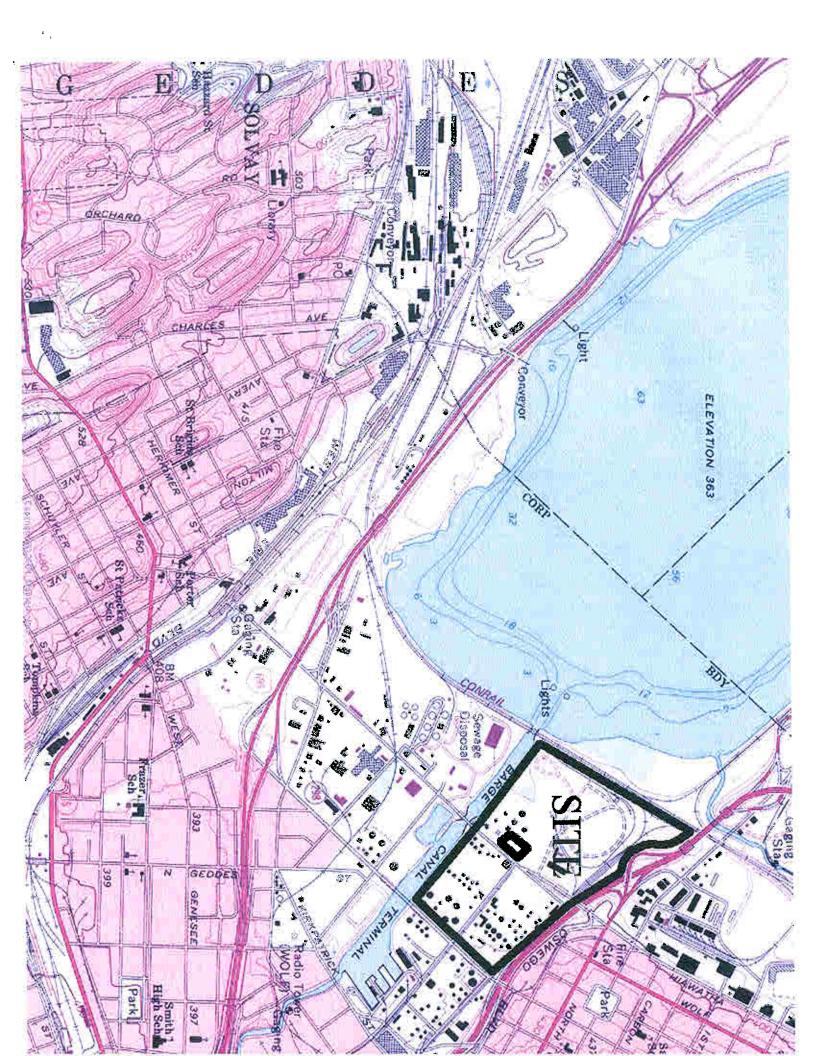
<u>Owner</u>	Tax Parcel	Address
Carousel Center Company, LP*	114-02-05.5	1 Carousel Center Drive
	114-02-05.4	304 Hiawatha Blvd. W.
Pyramid Company of Onondaga	114-02-05.2	350 Hiawatha Blvd. W. Rear
Pyramid Company of Onondaga	116-01-03.0	401 Hiawatha Blvd. W.
Pyramid Company of Onondaga	116-01-04.0	561 Solar St. to Barge Canal
Carousel Landing Company, LLC	116-01-05.0	551 Solar St. to Barge Canal
Pyramid Company of Onondaga	116-01-06.0	541 Solar St. to Barge Canal
Carousel Landing Company, LLC	116-01-07.0	531 Solar St. to Barge Canal
ExxonMobil Oil Corporation	116-01-08.0	300 Bear St. W. & Solar St.
Pyramid Company of Onondaga	116-02-01.0	311 Hiawatha Blvd. & Solar St.
Woodstead Enterprises Ltd.	116-02-03.0	108 Bear St. W.
SIDA	116-02-04.1	200 Bear St. W.
Pyramid Company of Onondaga	116-02-04.2	198 Bear St. W.
Carousel Landing Company, LLC	116-02-05.0	250 Bear St. W.
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SIDA	116-02-07.0	540 Solar St.
Pyramid Company of Onondaga	116-02-08.0	550 Solar St.
City of Syracuse		Portion of Hiawatha Blvd.
City of Syracuse		Portion of Solar Street
State of New York		Portion of Hiawatha Blvd.
State of New York		NYS Barge Canal Lands
State of New York		Frontage along I-81 Right-of-Way

^{*} The Syracuse Industrial Development Agency ("SIDA") is the nominal owner of these two lots.

ATTACHMENT 2 MAP OF THE SITE



ATTACHMENT 3 U.S.G.S 7.5 MINUTE QUAD MAP



ATTACHMENT 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Purpose of the Project:

The Syracuse Lakefront is a roughly triangular shaped area generally bounded by Onondaga Lake, Interstate Route 690 and Interstate Route 81, and contains predominantly a mix of industrial and commercial uses. The Syracuse Lakefront has historically been used for heavy industrial uses. The area is generally considered to be underutilized. It has been targeted by the City of Syracuse and others for redevelopment intended to transform it from a blighted former industrial area, into a world class tourism and resort destination. This goal was recently reaffirmed and formalized in the City of Syracuse Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Syracuse Common Council in January 2005. However, because of extensive contamination in the area and the increased risk and cost associated with it, the Syracuse Lakefront properties have not been attractive to potential developers. The DestiNY USA project is recognized as the catalyst that is critical to the Syracuse Lakefront redevelopment.

Scope of the Project: The Site (as shown on Attachment 2) is planned to be redeveloped into DestiNY USA. DestiNY USA is planned to be a unique resort/tourism destination on an international scale, incorporating a mix of commercial, entertainment and tourism-related uses. At the same time, DestiNY USA is planned to serve as a living laboratory and showcase for development and implementation of state-of the art technologies in the areas of renewable energy resources, Homeland Security, information systems and others.

It is planned to be developed in phases. The first phase includes redevelopment of the entire Carousel Center site, including renovation and/or reconfiguration of existing space, construction of additional building space, multi-level parking facilities, and other improvements. DestiNY USA also includes the redevelopment of the former petroleum bulk storage and distribution facilities and other industrial properties in Oil City. Subsequent phases may expand the project into additional areas, including the Syracuse Inner Harbor.

<u>Site Contamination</u>: Petroleum and hazardous substances, including soils contaminated by petroleum, metals, volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds, solvay waste and PCBs are present throughout the Site as a result of prior industrial activities. Groundwater throughout the Site is also known to be contaminated.

An extensive investigation of contamination at the Carousel Center portion of the Site was conducted prior to development of Carousel Center. Voluntary remedial activities conducted with regulatory oversight by the NYSDEC have already been implemented at Carousel Center. Such activities included construction and operation of a containment cell to manage hazardous waste; collection and treatment of all surface and groundwater

that came into contact with soils during construction; remediation of petroleum contaminated soils; and capping of contaminated soils. Certain activities are ongoing, including treatment of groundwater, operation and maintenance of the containment cell, maintenance of the asphalt cap and required monitoring.

Remedial actions have also been implemented in the Oil City portion of the Site. Several of prior owners entered into consent orders whereby they agreed to implement prearranged work plans to address certain identified contamination. Required remediation to agreed upon standards that were premised on the property remaining vacant. At the time such consent orders were entered into, NYSDEC acknowledged that additional remediation would be necessary in connection with redevelopment.

Although isolated portions of the Site have been subject to remedial activities as described above, contaminants remain throughout the Site which will or may complicate redevelopment. A report prepared by S & W Redevelopment of North America, LLC ("S & W"), a company with extensive Brownfield redevelopment experience, assessing the presence of contamination at the Site and whether such contamination will complicate redevelopment is attached as Exhibit 1.

Estimated Project Schedule:

The Applicant (or one or more affiliates) is planning to commence construction in Spring 2005. It is further planning to integrate required management and remediation activities into the overall redevelopment. Construction will likely occur in stages, with the initial stage projected to take approximately twelve (12) months to complete.

EXHIBIT 1 S & W REPORT

S&W Redevelopment

of North America, LLC

(30 hast Genesce Street State (01 Syracuse, NY 13202

tel (315) (22-103) tax (315) (22-212) web was sweeter-com

May 13, 2005

Bruce A. Kenan DestiNY USA 4 Clinton Square Syracuse, NY 13202

Re: Oil City/Carousel Center Brownfield Application

Dear Mr. Kenan.

You have asked S&W Redevelopment of North America, LLC ("S&W") to examine the eligibility of the Oil City/Carcusel Center site ("Site") for participation in the recently enacted Brownfield Cleanup Program ("BCP"). The Site is depicted on the map attached hereto as Appendix A. This assessment includes whether contamination does or is likely to exist at the Site and whether such contamination will or may complicate efforts to redevelop the Site into the DestiNY USA project. As set forth below, it is our opinion that known and suspected contamination exists at the Site, which will or may complicate redevelopment.

Section 1 - Contamination

The Site has a long history of heavy industrial uses. Carousel Center was previously occupied by a scrap metal yard, concrete plant and petroleum bulk storage facilities. Oil City was predominantly occupied by petroleum bulk storage and distribution facilities. These industrial operations over time have resulted in the presence of a variety of contaminants in the Site soil and groundwater, including, among other things, petroleum, metals, PCBs, Volatile Organics ("VOCs"), Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds ("SVOCs"), chlorinated solvents and Solvay process waste materials ("Solvay Waste").

Under the BCP, "contaminant" is defined as "petroleum" (as defined in Navigation Law §172) or "hazardous waste" (as defined in Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL") §27-1301), ECL §27-1405. By definition, "hazardous waste" includes "hazardous substances" as defined in ECL §37-0103. ECL§27-1301. Those substances are listed at 6 NYCRR §597. Attached as Appendix B is a table identifying what contaminants are present in different areas of the Site. In summary, these contaminants include:

 Petroleum, metals; VOCs, SVOCs, Solvay Waste and possibly PCBs are present in the soil throughout the Carousel Center portion of the Site. Petroleum is present in soil throughout the Oil City portion of the Site. Metals are present in localized areas.



- 2. A significant volume of solvent (primarily Trichlorocthylene) contaminated soil from the former Clark property is encapsulated in a containment structure in the northwest portion of Carousel Center. Concentrations in soil are as high as 2,800ppb TCE and 28,000ppb Telaene. Contaminated groundwater continues to exist within the structure.
- Pempleum is present in groundwater throughout the Site.
- 4. Contaminated groundwater exists throughout the area underlying Carousel Center. NYSDEC requires that all groundwater from Carousel Center must undergo treatment prior to discharge pursuant to a SPDES permit. There is also a groundwater interception and treatment system in the vicinity of the former Hess Terminal operating in connection with remediation of petroleum impacted soil and groundwater.

Areas of known or suspected contamination at the Site are depicted on Appendix A. An index of supporting documentation is presented as Appendix C.

Section 2 - Complication of Redevelopment

The contaminants at the Site will complicate redevelopment. Based on our extensive experience in this area, efforts to manage contamination in the absence of any defined regulatory framework, such as the BCP, would make redevelopment of the Site wholly unmanageable. Absent a predictable regulatory program, where the effects of managing contamination could be quartified (in terms of cost, effort, timing, etc.) redevelopment would be very complicated.

However, even within the framework of the BCP, compliance with regulatory requirements to manage Site contamination will have significant impacts on overall design, environmental quality, construction schedule, costs, and safety during construction.

Taking into account such contamination, redevelopment will likely involve at least the following complications:

- A soil management plan will need to be developed and implemented that defines how soils will be tested, excavated, handled and disposed of during construction, increasing cost and complicating construction legistics.
- If disturbed or exposed, contaminated soils which exceed current TAGM standards will require characterization and remedial action, which could include off-site disposal.
- Groundwater encountered in connection with construction activities will have to be properly managed, which would create logistical difficulties and will require increased testing, storage and treatment costs.



- Characteristics of the communication may cause nuisances, such as odors, and/or other hazards that would have to be managed.
- 5. An assessment must be made to determine whether any building features or engineering controls are required. Technical, engineering and/or regulatory toquirements will likely have to be incorporated into the project design. Reviewing agencies may not approve of a particular design or remedial approach. The design process is also constrained by the responsiveness of the regulators.
- Removal of or modification to the Clark containment structure will trigger technical, engineering and regulatory requirements that will complicate redevelopment efforts
- Construction schedules must integrate steps required to remediate contamination with construction sequencing.
- 8. Ongoing engineering controls will likely be required, including regular operation, maintenance and monitoring.
- Workers will likely be required to have OSHA approved training in order to operate in the affected areas, and a more comprehensive health & safety plan is likely needed.

Section 5 - Conclusion

Based on review of existing documentation and our experience with redevelopment of contaminated properties under the BCP, it is our opinion that contaminants (as defined in ECL §27-1405) are present or potentially present at the Oil City/Carousel Center Site and that such contaminants will or may complicate redevelopment.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not besitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

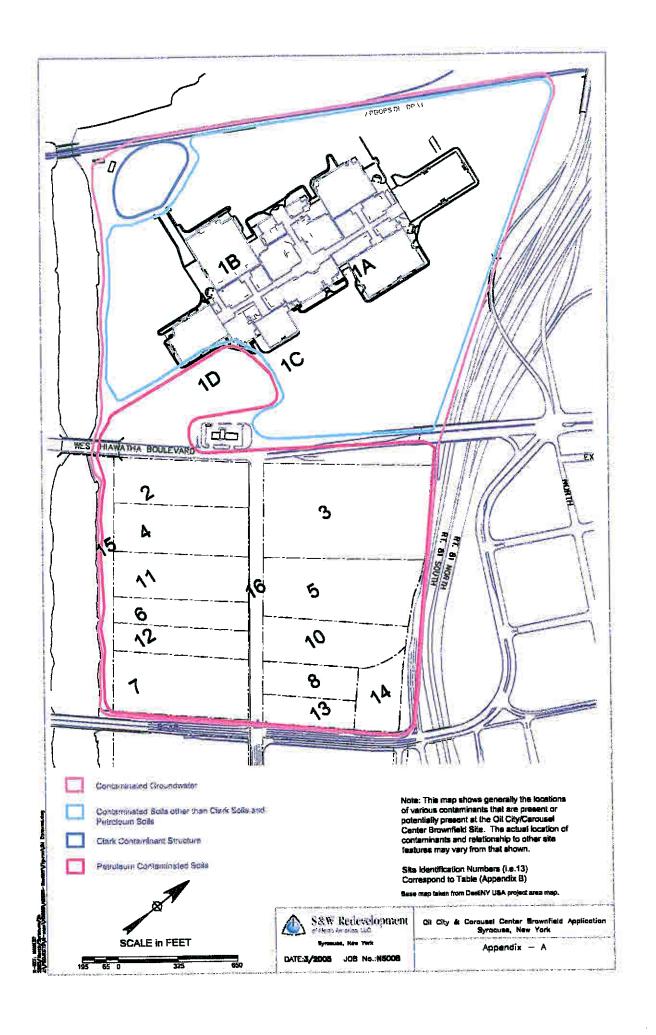
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Parcel numbers correspond to locations shown on Figure (Appendix A)
Red indicates petroleum compounds
Compiled from Appendix C Documents
Listed Hazardous Substances per 6NYCRR Part 595

APPENDIX C SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Alaskan Oil, Inc. October 12, 1993. Letter to Syracuse Industrial Development Agency Re: Comments on the DEIS, O'Brien & Gere/SIDA, Solar Street Condemnation.

Alpha Geoscience, April 1998. Confirmatory Investigation Report for the Former Buckeye Property, 401 West Hiawatha Boulevard, Syracuse, New York.

Alpha Geoscience, June 1998. Remediation Plan for the Former Buckeye Property, 401 West Hiawatha Boulevard, Syracuse, New York.

Alpha Geoscience, June 1998. Site Investigation 500 Solar Street, Syracuse, New York (Alaskan Property).

Alpha Geoscience, May 1998. Supplemental Investigation Report for the Former Buckeye Property, 401 West Hiawatha Boulevard, Syracuse, New York.

C&H Engineers, P.C. July 27, 1993. Letter to Harter, Secrest & Emery Re: *Upstate Milk Cooperative Groundwater Sampling*.

C&H Engineers, P.C. October 19, 1993. Letter to Harter, Secrest & Emery Re: *Upstate Milk* (Ceiling tile and coal/incinerator ash analysis results).

C&H Engineers, P.C. September 1993. Environmental Review, Portion of Upstate Milk Cooperative, Inc. Lot, 121 West Bear Street, Syracuse, New York.

Certified Environmental Services, Inc. October 5, 1993. Letter to Alaskan Oil, Inc. Re: DEIS by O'Brien & Gere Engineers – Solar Street Condemnation.

Dunn Geoscience, January 1988. Environmental Site Evaluation, Proposed Carousel Center, Syracuse, New York.

Dunn Geoscience, July 1988. Hydrogeologic Conditions at The Marley Property, Proposed Carousel Center Mall, Syracuse, New York.

Environmental Products and Services, Inc. February 1999. Subsurface Investigation Report, Syracuse Barge Canal, Oil City, Syracuse New York.

Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc, March 1998. Supplemental Soil and Groundwater Investigation, Mobil Terminal #31-009 502 Solar Street Syracuse, New York.

Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc, May 1998. Supplemental Subsurface Investigation Report, Syracuse Terminal Properties, Syracuse, New York.

Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc, May 1999. Solar Street Soil Investigation, Oil City Site, Syracuse, New York.

Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. January 2000. 1999 Supplemental Investigation Report, Sunoco Oil City Site, Syracuse, New York.

Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. March 2001. *Idle Pipeline Removal and Soil Excavation Report, Former Mobil Syracuse Terminal, 502 Solar Street, Syracuse, New York.*

Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. April 2000. Final Engineering Report, CITGO Petroleum Corporation Syracuse Terminal Properties.

Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. December 2002. Remedial Progress Investigation, Citgo Petroleum Corporation, Former Terminal Properties, Syracuse, New York.

Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. October 2002. Site Status Report, Former Mobil Oil Terminal #31-009, "Oil City", 502 Solar Street, Syracuse, New York.

ATTACHMENT 5

PREVIOUS OWNERS/OPERATORS

Previous Owners/Operators:

Property

Abe Cooper Syracuse, Inc.

112 Dewitt Street PO Box 11067

Syracuse, New York 13218

Telephone: Unknown

Carousel Center

Carousel Center

Amerada Hess Corporation

1 Hess Plaza

Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095-0961

Telephone: (212) 964-7712

Carousel Center

Buckeye Tank Terminals, L.P.

5002 Buckeye Road

Emmaus, Pennsylvania 18049 Telephone: (610) 965-4875

Clark Concrete Co., Inc.

Carousel Center

434 East Brighton Avenue Syracuse, New York 13210 Telephone: (315) 478-4101

Consolidated Rail Corporation

Huff Avenue

Manville, New Jersey 08835 Telephone: (908) 722-7758 Carousel Center

State of New York New York State Department of Transportation

50 Wolf Road

Albany, New York 12232 Telephone: (518) 471-5010 Carousel Center

401 Hiawatha Blvd. W. Buckeye Tank Terminals, LP 5002 Buckeye Road Emmaus, Pennsylvania 18049 Telephone: (610) 965-4875 311 Hiawatha Blvd. W. Sunoco, Inc. (R&M) Ten Penn Center 561 Solar St. 1801 Market Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 Telephone: (215) 977-3000 550 Solar St. Atlantic Refining & Marketing Corp. Ten Penn Center 561 Solar St. 1801 Market Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 Telephone: (215) 977-3000 531 Solar St. **CITGO Petroleum Corporation** 551 Solar St. 1293 Eldridge Parkway Houston, Texas 77077 (832) 486-4000 Telephone: 540 Solar St. Alterm, Inc. c/o Alaskan Oil, Inc. PO Box 536 2020 Lemoyne Avenue Syracuse, New York 13211 Telephone: (315) 471-6490 200 Bear St. W. Upstate Farms Cooperative, Inc. 25 Anderson Road Buffalo, New York 14225 Telephone: (716) 892-3156

250 Bear St. W.

The Applicant is not related to the prior owners/operators of the Site.

Badoud Properties, LLC 755 Broomley Road

Telephone:

Charlottesville, Virginia 22901

Unknown

ATTACHMENT 6

CONTACT LIST INFORMATION

Local Officials:

Honorable Matthew J. Driscoll Mayor City Hall, Room 203 233 East Washington Street Syracuse, New York 13202 Telephone: (315) 448-8005

Honorable Nicholas J. Pirro County Executive John H. Mulroy Civic Center, 14th Floor 421 Montgomery Street Syracuse, New York 13202 Telephone: (315) 435-3516

Linda DeFinchy
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Zoning Board of Appeals
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Director
Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency
John H. Mulroy Civic Center, 11th Floor
421 Montgomery Street
Syracuse, New York 13202
Telephone: (315) 435-2611

Site Owners/Adjacent Land Owners:

The Site owners are identified in Attachment 1. One or more related entities that are not precluded from eligibility may obtain ownership interests in the Site and may become the signatory(ies) to, or successors or assigns of, the Brownfield Cleanup Agreement.

Adjacent Property Owners are:

Hess Realty Corp. 14-30 Astoria Boulevard Astoria, New York 11102 Telephone: Unknown

People of the State of New York New York State Canal Corporation 200 Southern Boulevard Albany, New York Telephone: (518) 457-6195

Chemical Properties, Inc. 3802 Corporex Drive Tampa, Florida 33619 Telephone: Unknown

People of the State of New York New York State Department of Transportation 50 Wolf Road Albany, New York 12232 Telephone: (518) 471-5010

El Paso Corporation 1001 Louisiana Street Houston, Texas 77002 Telephone: (713) 420-2600

Buckeye Pipeline Company, LP 1200 Smith Street, Suite 1000 Houston, Texas 77002 Telephone: (832) 615-8624

Local news media:

The Post Standard Clinton Square PO Box 4915 Syracuse, New York 13221-4915 Telephone: (315) 470-0011

Public water supplier:

City of Syracuse Water Department 101 North Beech Street Syracuse, New York 13210 No person has requested to be placed on the Site Contact List.

There is no school or day care facility located on or nearby the Site.

A document repository for the project is located at:

Onondaga County Public Library 447 South Salina Street Syracuse, New York 13204 Telephone: (315) 435-1900

ATTACHMENT 7

LAND USE FACTORS

Description of proximity to real property currently used for residential use, and to urban, commercial, industrial, agricultural and recreational use:

The Site is not located proximate to any residential, agricultural or recreational use. The Site is bordered by Onondaga Lake to the northwest, the New York State Barge Canal and the Onondaga County Metropolitan Sewage Treatment Plant to the southwest. Bear Street and vacant industrial land to the southeast and Interstate Route 81 to the northeast. Across Interstate Route 81 is a mix of commercial and industrial uses. A gasoline service station owned and operated by Amerada Hess Corporation is surrounded by but not part of, the Site.

Description of potential vulnerability of groundwater to contamination that might migrate from the Site:

NYSDEC has previously concluded that groundwater in the vicinity of the Site is contaminated as a result of the various heavy industrial uses that have existed in the area. Groundwater flow in the vicinity of the Site is generally toward the New York State Barge Canal and Onondaga Lake. Migration of contaminated groundwater from the Site is likely unless proper measures to prevent such migration are implemented, or to the extent such measures already exist, continued.

Description of geography and geology of the Site:

The Site is a relatively low excavation area immediately southeast of Onondaga Lake. It is located in the Erie-Ontario Lowland physiographic province. The bedrock underlying the Site is the Vernon Formation, which is overlain by soil of glacial origin. The natural soil in the area contains low permeability silt and clay overlying a thick sequence of very low permeability glaciolacustrine clay. The Site was originally a salt marsh used in connection with salt production into the early 1900's. Thereafter, through approximately 1930, mixed fill was disposed of at the Site. Portions of the Site were used for the disposal of Solvay Process Company byproducts between 1907 and 1910 and between 1924 and 1930.

