

**Remedial Investigation Report
Brownfield Cleanup Program Site #C828101**

**Former Alliance Metal Stamping &
Fabrication Facility
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Occurrences of soil contamination by chlorinated VOCs were identified in the Former Degreaser Area (AOC 1) and the Former Paint Shop (AOC 6). In AOC 1, a single exceedance of an SCO for chlorinated VOCs was detected in the 15 samples collected (PCE at a concentration of 2.2 mg/kg compared to the POGW SCO of 1.3 mg/kg). In AOC 6, exceedances of SCOs for chlorinated VOCs were detected in 1 of the 4 samples collected (cis-1,2-DCE at a concentration of 0.49 mg/kg compared to the POGW SCO of 0.25 mg/kg, and 1,1-DCA at a concentration of 0.41 mg/kg compared to the POGW SCO of 0.27 mg/kg). The soil data and the supporting evidence from the field screening of test boring soil samples, soil vapor screening, sub-slab vapor and groundwater monitoring performed in both areas indicate that each occurrence of soil impact is of limited lateral and vertical extent.

The RI activities have included thorough efforts to identify and examine infrastructure features that could have been pathways for introduction of solvent waste to OU-1 recharge well RW-2. No evidence of such a pathway was found. No record or other direct evidence of past waste disposal to the recharge well system has been identified. RI storm sewer inspection and recharge well cleanout activities demonstrated that past or present connections to drain lines other than stormwater lines are not present in the pipe network leading to recharge wells AMSF-RW-2 and AMSF-RW-3.

Data from this RI and previous studies, including the ITT site RI, have demonstrated that the highest concentrations of chlorinated VOC contaminants in bedrock and groundwater have been present in the shallow bedrock in the area on the northeast portion of the ITT site and the adjacent northwest portion of the AMSF Site. The shallow horizon of the bedrock sequence in which the highest levels of contamination have been found exhibits the highest permeability of the bedrock units underlying the site, and it is characterized by the common occurrence of solution-enlarged fractures and voids.

Had discharge of dense non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL) solvent waste to RW-2 or its upstream network been the mechanism by which chlorinated VOC contamination was introduced to this area of the Site, the DNAPL would have dropped to the bottom of the 149-foot deep AMSF-RW-2 recharge well, and contamination would have primarily been present in the deepest bedrock horizons intersected by the bottom of AMSF-RW-2, rather than in the shallow bedrock horizons that are closer to the top of the AMSF-RW-2 recharge interval.

The data that has been generated by the various investigations is consistent with the following conceptual model for the introduction and distribution of chlorinated VOC contamination in this part of the Site. DNAPL migrated to the east and northeast, in the general direction of the hydraulic gradient that is present in this area, through the shallow bedrock horizons from known release areas on the ITT site to the AMSF Site. Once the contamination migrated onto the northwest portion of the AMSF site, AMSF-RW-2 acted as a vertical conduit for migration of DNAPL to greater depths.

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The expanded network of shallow-bedrock wells installed during the RI in the AMSF building and along the downgradient, eastern side of the Site have provided the information needed to establish the nature and extent of the groundwater contamination at the Site. RI results confirmed that concentrations of 1,1,1-TCA and related daughter products are highest in the OU-1 area, with contamination extending beneath the building to the eastern side of the Site. Contamination by PCE and its daughter products is present at lower concentrations, with the highest levels found in the area of the former degreaser in AOC 1. The data suggest that declines in contaminant levels seen at some wells along the western side of the Site may be related to contaminated soil removal activities performed at the ITT site. It is anticipated that contaminant levels at the Site will decline gradually over time as a result of natural attenuation. However, VOC material adsorbed to the bedrock matrix in shallow, intermediate and deep bedrock in the area of the northwest corner of the AMSF Site and adjacent areas of the ITT site is likely to continue to provide a source for exceedances of groundwater quality standards across the Site.

Results of the extensive SVI assessment that has been performed during the RI and the previous investigations at the Site indicate that chlorinated VOCs are present in sub-slab soil vapor beneath many sections of the AMSF building at concentrations that result in exceedances of NYSDOH guidance criteria used to evaluate what actions may be needed to address the potential for intrusion of soil vapor into the building. The areas affected include the areas in and surrounding OU-1 and AOCs 1 and 6 but also other areas of the building that are not AOCs. The distribution of contamination in sub-slab vapor at the Site and the presence of potential pathways for migration of vapors from bedrock groundwater along foundation elements suggest that the groundwater contaminant plume is the source for the contaminants in sub-slab vapor.

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The RI has constituted a thorough effort to screen for, target, and characterize potential sources of soil, soil vapor and groundwater contamination at the AMSF Site. The data from all the phases of the AMSF RI, when considered together with the data from the previous sub-slab sampling performed during the ITT site RI in the AMSF building and the extensive soil, groundwater, and bedrock matrix sampling performed for the ITT site RI in OU-1, have defined the nature and extent of contamination at the Site, provided the information necessary to perform a qualitative assessment of potential exposures to the Site contamination, and provided the information needed to develop an analysis of potential remedial alternatives for the Site.

The results of the RI indicate the following:

- Occurrences of soil contamination by chlorinated VOCs were identified in the Former Degreaser Area (AOC 1) and the Former Paint Shop (AOC 6). In both areas, the chlorinated VOCs were detected at concentrations that were above protection of groundwater SCOs. The SCO exceedances included PCE at a concentration of 2.2 mg/kg compared to the POGW SCO of 1.3 mg/kg, cis-1,2-DCE at a concentration of 0.49 mg/kg compared to the POGW SCO of 0.25 mg/kg, and 1,1-DCA at a concentration of 0.41 mg/kg compared to the POGW SCO of 0.27 mg/kg. None of the concentrations detected exceeded SCOs for protection of public health at commercial use sites.
- Exceedances of the groundwater protection SCO for the volatile compound 1,4-dioxane were detected in soil samples from one boring each in both the Former Degreaser Area (AOC 1) and the Former Paint Shop (AOC 6) and at two boring locations in the Former Waste Storage Areas (AOC 5B).
- Zinc was detected in one soil sample from the Former Paint Shop (AOC 6) at a concentration that exceeded NYSDEC's SCO for protection of ecological resources, but the concentration (229 mg/kg) did not exceed human health or groundwater protection SCOs.
- PAHs and nickel were found to exceed SCOs in one of the three surface soil samples collected to characterize Site-wide soil conditions. The concentrations of the five PAHs exceeding SCOs (830 to 1,800 µg/kg) are not unusual for surface soil in an urban or industrial area, and because the sample was collected at a location on the east side of the facility adjacent to the facility parking lot, the PAH detections are presumed to reflect conditions related to pavement constituents or parking lot run-off. The nickel concentration (34 mg/kg) exceeded the 30 mg/kg SCO for protection of ecological resources but not human health or groundwater protection SCOs.

