



July 30, 2009

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RE: NYSDEC Site #C828125

225-405 Mount Hope Avenue

Rochester, New York

Dear Mr. Putzig:

This letter constitutes an addendum to the March 2009 Remedial Work Plan (RWP) that was prepared by Day Environmental, Inc. (DAY) on behalf of Erie Harbor, LLC for the Erie Harbor Site located at 225-405 Mt. Hope, Rochester NY (NYSDEC Site #C828125). A Project Locus Map is enclosed as Figure 1. This addendum to the March 2009 RWP is being submitted to address comments regarding the March 2009 RWP that were received from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in a letter dated March 24, 2009 and in an email dated June 29, 2009.

#### Standards, Criteria and Guidance Values

Semi-volatile organic compound (SVOC) analytical laboratory test results for soil samples will not be compared to SVOC background data associated with the City of Rochester APCO site. Soil data will only be compared to applicable Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) referenced in the NYSDEC document titled "6 NYCRR Part 375, Environmental Remediation Programs" dated December 14, 2006.

#### **Topsoil**

Currently, there is approximately 81,324 square feet (i.e., about 1.87 acres) of topsoil area at the Site. As documented in the Remedial Investigation/Remedial Alternatives Analysis (RI/RAA) report dated February 2009, one or more semi-volatile organic compound (SVOC) was detected in 7 of 8 surface soil samples at concentrations exceeding Part 375 SCOs for Restricted Residential Use (refer to the enclosed Figure 2). These surface soil samples consisted of topsoil collected from an approximate 0-2 inch depth interval during the Remedial Investigation.

Two areas of topsoil located east of the existing buildings are being addressed (i.e., removed and disposed off-site at a regulated landfill) under an Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan (IRM Work Plan) dated January 27, 2009, as approved with modification by the NYSDEC in a letter dated March 19, 2009. These areas are represented by previous surface soil sample locations DAYSS-04 and

DAYSS-06 shown on the enclosed Figure 2. Sample DAYSS-04 contained some SVOCs and mercury, and Sample DAYSS-06 contained some SVOCs, at concentrations exceeding Part 375 SCOs for Restricted Residential Use. The IRM is being performed to facilitate the building demolition work.

On May 29, 2009, twelve pre-remedial confirmatory soil samples (designated as 003/S-2, 004/S-1, 005/S-3, 006/S-4, 007/S-5, 008/S-6, 009/S-7, 010/S-8, 011/S-9, 012/S-10, 013/S-11, and 014/S-12) were collected and analyzed in accordance with DAY's May 19, 2009 letter as approved by the NYSDEC in a letter dated May 22, 2009. The locations of these samples are shown on the enclosed Figure 3. Soil samples were taken immediately below the bottom of the topsoil layer at depths ranging from 4 to 15 inches.

[Note: With the exception of a subsurface fill sample from an area that will be removed under the March 2009 RWP, previous sampling and analytical testing completed during the Remedial Investigation and earlier studies documented that soils between 15" below the ground surface and deeper are below the Part 375 SCOs for Restricted Residential Use. Therefore, based on the cumulative testing completed, two feet of subsoil beneath the topsoil across the Site will meet Part 375 SCOs for Restricted Residential Use once the scope of work outlined in the March 2009 RWP and this addendum are completed.]

The analytical laboratory test results show the samples to be below Part 375 SCOs for Restricted Residential Use. The test results that have been validated with a Data Usability Summary Report (DUSR) are summarized on the enclosed Table A, which also includes a comparison to the Part 375 SCOs for Restricted Residential Use. An electronic copy of the analytical laboratory report and executed chain-of-custody for these samples, and the associated DUSR, are available upon request. Since the test results are below the Part 375 SCOs for Restricted Residential Use, they are considered useable as pre-remedial confirmatory samples, and no further confirmatory testing is planned in relation to addressing the existing topsoil at the Site.

The remaining topsoil (i.e., surface soil) across the Site (i.e., topsoil not removed under the IRM Work Plan) will be removed and disposed off-site in accordance with applicable regulations. The average thickness of the topsoil is about six inches. Currently, topsoil is present on approximately 81,324 square feet of the Site. Using the average thickness, it is estimated that approximately 1,506 cubic yards (or 2,485 tons using a conversion factor of 1.65 ton/cubic yard) of topsoil are present at the Site. The topsoil will be removed, transported off-site on Part 364 permitted trucks, and disposed at a regulated landfill facility.

Based on the cumulative analytical laboratory testing conducted for this Site, and once the topsoil is remediated (i.e., removed and disposed off-site at a regulated landfill facility) under the IRM Work Plan and this Addendum to the March 2009 RWP, the top two feet of soil across the Site will meet Part 375 SCOs for Restricted Residential Use.

#### Additional Subsurface Petroleum-Contaminated Soils

On June 4, 2009, an area of unanticipated subsurface petroleum-contaminated soil was encountered on the southern part of the property during the removal of a foundation associated with a former sign for the apartment complex that is currently being demolished. The approximate location is shown on the enclosed Figure 3. The top of the petroleum-contaminated soil was observed approximately three feet below the ground surface. Based on the previous cumulative investigative testing completed at the Site, the extent of petroleum-contaminated soil in this area appears limited. Additional subsurface evaluation was not performed at the time of discovery since demolition activities were on-going and the area is located within or close to a 30-foot easement that runs along the west side of Mt. Hope Avenue, and this area of the Site will be accessible at a later date.

It is anticipated that this area of petroleum-contaminated soil will be addressed utilizing one or more of the following options:

- Investigate the area of petroleum-contaminated soil with test pits or test borings.
- Test samples of the petroleum-contaminated soil for VOCs and SVOCs, and evaluate if the petroleum-contaminated soil exceeds Part 375 SCOs for Restricted Residential Use.
- If the petroleum-contaminated soil exceeds Part 375 SCOs for Restricted Residential Use, then implement one or more of the following:
  - Remove, transport and dispose of petroleum-contaminated soil off-site at a regulated landfill facility.
  - Conduct in-situ treatment similar to that described for this general area in the March 2009 RWP (i.e., Regenesis' RegenOx<sup>TM</sup> and ORC-Advanced®) to remediate the petroleum-contaminated soil in-place.
  - Manage the petroleum-contaminated soil on-site under a Site Management Plan. Since the top
    of the petroleum-contaminated soil was observed at approximately three feet below the
    ground surface, a cover system is not required.

Prior to starting any work to address this unanticipated petroleum-contaminated soil, the actual scope of work proposed will be submitted to the regulatory agencies for review and approval.

#### North End of Site

An area of the north end of the Erie Harbor Site as shown on the enclosed Figure 4 is to be cut and redeveloped as paved parking lot that will be incorporated for use on the adjoining Hamilton apartment complex project located to the north and addressed as 185 Mt. Hope Avenue.

In accordance with the approach specified above, the topsoil will be removed, transported off-site using Part 364-permitted trucks, and be disposed at a regulated landfill in accordance with applicable regulations. It is reiterated that no new confirmatory soil samples will be collected or analyzed since the pre-remedial subsoil samples collected immediately beneath the topsoil did not exceed Part 375 SCOs for Restricted Residential Use.

It has been reported that part of this area will require up to an approximately three-foot cut that involves displacement of subsoil and/or fill material. Based on analytical testing conducted to date, the subsoil material is not above Part 375 SCOs for Restricted Residential Use. The displaced subsoil material will either be: 1) re-used on-site; or 2) transported and disposed off-site at an appropriate landfill in accordance with applicable regulations.

Prior to starting any work to address displaced subsoil material from the northern end of the Erie Harbor Site, the actual method proposed for addressing this displaced material will be submitted to the regulatory agencies for review and approval.

## **Excavation Demarcation and Backfill**

If confirmatory soil samples from an excavation are shown to not meet Part 375 SCOs for Restricted Residential Use, then a demarcation layer will be installed at the bottom of the excavation to mark the extent of soil removal prior to backfilling.

Excavations will be backfilled with clean soil that meet the NYSDEC's backfill criteria for Restricted Residential Use of the Site. This criteria is outlined in Section 2.4.4 of the March 2009 RWP.

#### **Engineering Controls**

As identified in the Executive Summary (page ii) and in Section 1.2 (pages 5, 6, and 12) of the March 2009 RWP, the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) trichloroethene (TCE) and dichlorodifluoromethane are present in soil vapor and groundwater on the central portion of the Site at concentrations that may have the potential for vapor intrusion into new structures. As discussed in Section 2.7 (page 28) of the March 2009 RWP, engineering controls will be designed, implemented, operated and monitored for new buildings to be constructed within the area on the central portion of the Site. The objective of the engineering controls is to mitigate the potential for vapor intrusion of VOCs (generally consisting of the TCE and dichlorodifluoromethane) into future on-site buildings on this portion of the Site.

#### Target Cleanup Goals for Groundwater

As shown in Section 1.5 (page 16) of the March 2009 RWP, applicable SCGs to be used for the remediation project include groundwater standards and guidance values as referenced in the NYSDEC Division of Water Technical and Operational Guidance Series 1.1.1 document titled "Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values and Groundwater Effluent Limitations" (TOGS 1.1.1), June 1998 (as amended by an April 2000 addendum). These standards and guidance

values are the target cleanup goal for groundwater. As stated in Section 2.6.1 (page 26), Section 2.6.3 (page 28), and Section 2.9, page 31), groundwater samples collected as part of this remediation project will be compared to these TOGS 1.1.1 groundwater standards and guidance values.

It is requested that the NYSDEC provide a response on whether it approves the March 2009 RWP as modified by this Addendum to the March 2009 RWP. Erie Harbor, LLC would like to start the remediation work in the near future once the demolition work is complete.

If there are any questions, please contact this office.

Very truly,

Day Environmental, Inc.

Jeffrey A. Danzinger Project Manager



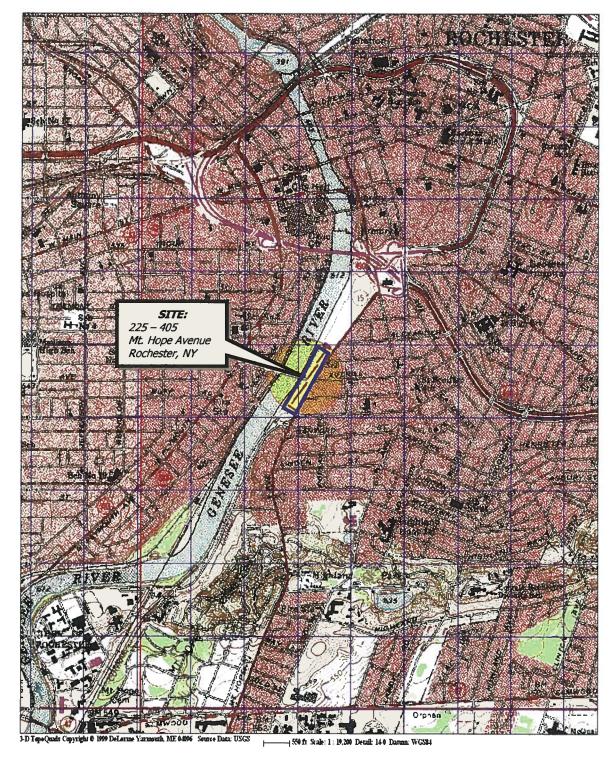
JAD/s

**Enclosures** 

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Drawing Produced From: 3-D TopoQuads, DeLorme Map Co., referencing USGS quad maps Rochester East (NY) 1995 and Rochester West (NY) 1995. Site Lat/Long: N43d-8.65' – W77d-36.70'

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SCALE 1" = 2000' day

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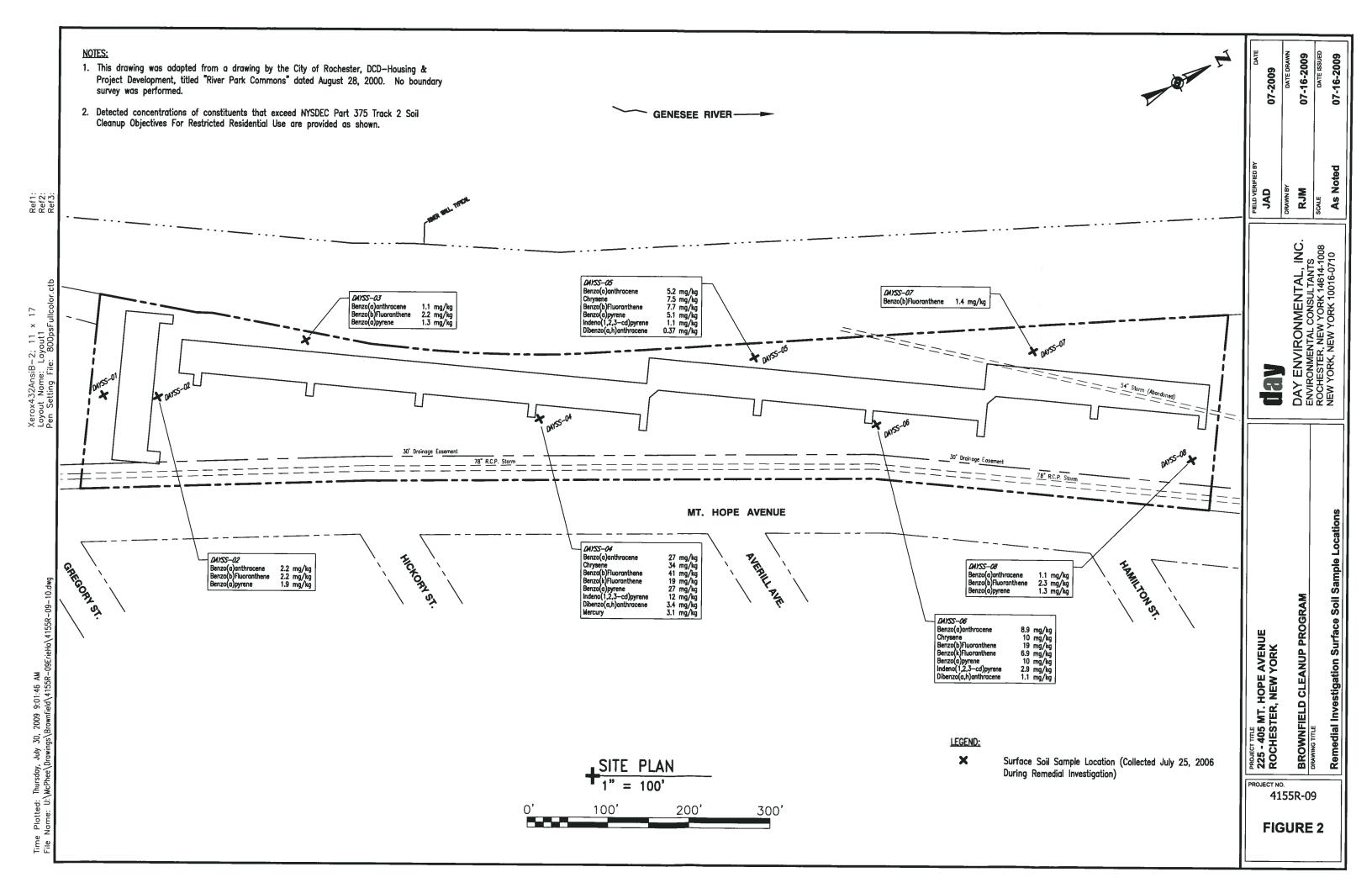
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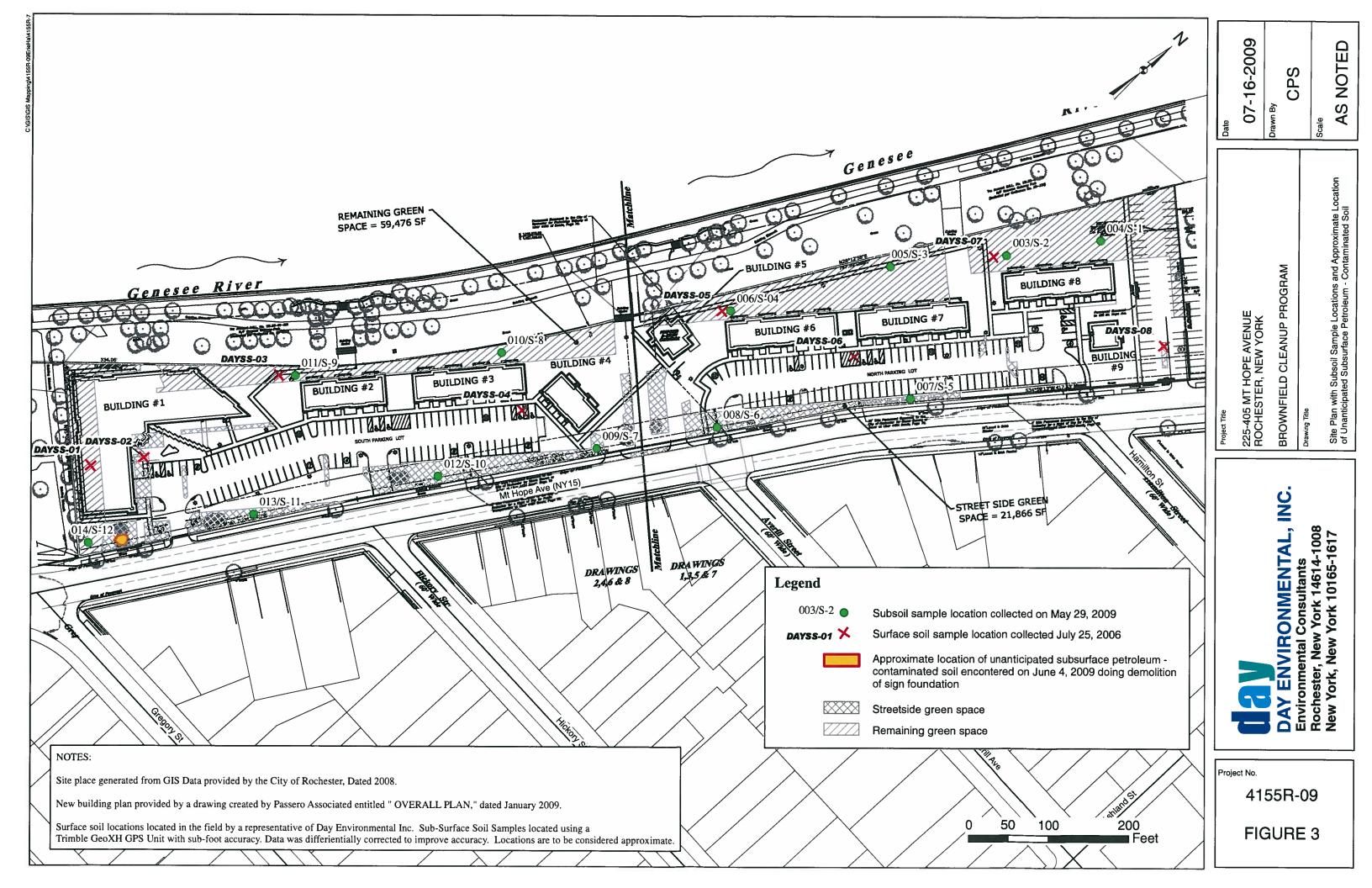
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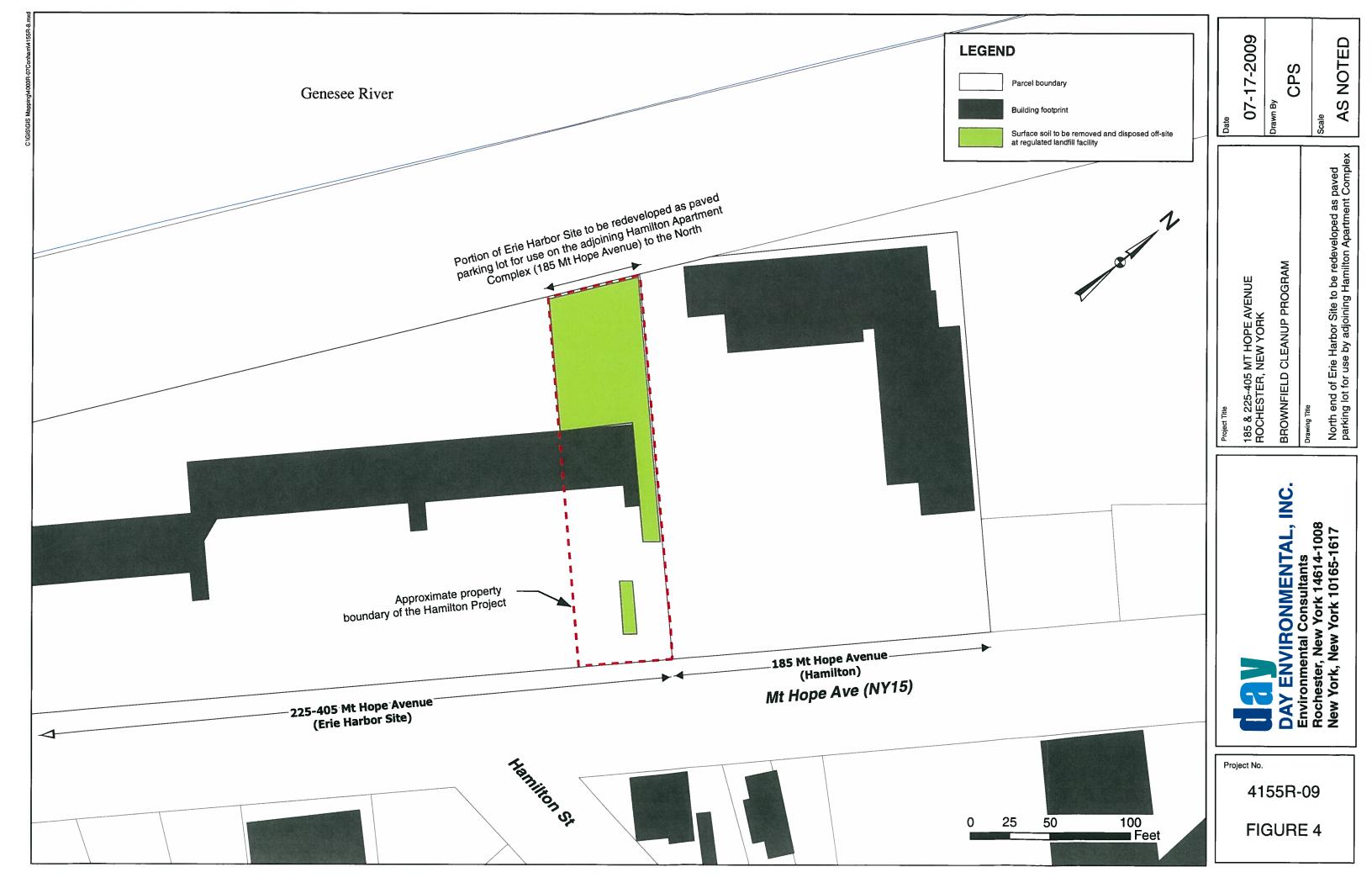
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FIGURE 1







# Table A 225-405 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, New York NYSDEC Site #C828125

# Summary of Detected Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs) in mg/Kg or Parts Per Million (ppm)

### May 29, 2009 Subsurface Soil Samples

Detected Compound	Restricted Residential SCO (1)	003 / S-2 (9"-15")	004 / S-1 (5"-11")	005 / S-3 (5"-11")	006 / S-4 (5"-11")	007 / S-5 (5"-11")	008 / S-6 (7"-13")	009 / S-7 (4"-10")	010 / S-8 (5"-11")	011 / S-9 (6"-12")	012 / S-10 (5"-11")	013 / S-11 (4"-10")	014 / S-12 (4"-10")
Benzaldehyde	NA	UJ	0.057 J	UJ	0.041 J	UJ							
Acenaphthylene	100	U	0.051 J	0.061 J	0.079 J	0.059 J	U	U	0.075 J	0.045 J	U	U	U
Acenaphthene	100	U	U	U	U	0.052 J	U	U	U	0.05 J	U	U	U
Dibenzofuran	59	U	U	U	U	0.056 J	U	U	U	0.054 J	U	U	U
Fluorene	100	U	U	U	U	0.044 J	U	U	U	0.088 J	U	U	U
Phenanthrene	100	0.29 J	0.15 J	0.26 J	0.32 J	0.86	0.17 J	0.11 J	0.22 J	0.81	0.059 J	0.23 J	0.073 J
Anthracene	100	0.081 J	0.053 J	0.067 J	0.083 J	0.17 J	U	U	0.067 J	0.15 J	U	U	U
Carbazole	NA	U	U	0.043 J	0.046 J	0.099 J	Ú	U	U	0.079 J	U	U	U
Fluoranthene	100	0.56	0.43	0.65	0.86	1.4	0.35 J	0.28 J	0.73	1.2	0.18 J	0.46	0.14 J
Pyrene	100	0.48	0.39 J	0.56	0.71	1.1	0.27 J	0.22 J	0.65	0.96	0.15 J	0.33 J	0.13 J
Benzo(a)anthracene	1	0.27 J	0.22 J	0.3 J	0.39 J	0.59	0.15 J	0.12 J	0.34 J	0.46	0.081 J	0.18 J	0.083 J
Chrysene	3.9	0.27 J	0.26 J	0.35 J	0.46	0.71	0.18 J	0.15 J	0.41	0.51	0.11 J	0.23 J	0.097 J
Bis(2-Ethylhexyl)phthalate	NA	0.043 J	U	U	0.1 J	0.11 J	0.068 J	0.1 J	0.062 J	0.13 J	0.058 J	1	U
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	1	0.29 J	0.3 J	0.41	0.52	0.81	0.22 J	0.18 J	0.47	0.52	0.13 J	0.27 J	0.1 J
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	3.9	0.11 J	0.11 J	0.16 J	0.23 J	0.36 J	0.092 J	0.067 J	0.19 J	0.23 J	0.045 J	0.089 J	0.042 J
Benzo(a)pyrene	1	0.25 J	0.21 J	0.28 J	0.35 J	0.59	0.13 J	0.12 J	0.33 J	0.39	0.084 J	0.18 J	0.084 J
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	0.5	0.13 J	0.12 J	0.2 J	0.22 J	0.39	0.11 J	0.088 J	0.21 J	0.25 J	0.07 J	0.14 J	0.052 J
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	0.33	U	U	0.065 J	0.075 J	0.12 J	U	U	0.064 J	0.08 J	U	U	U
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	100	0.12 J	0.12 J	0.19 J	0.2 J	0.33 J	0.099 J	0.065 J	0.14 J	0.1 J	U	0.059 J	Ü
TOTAL SVOCS	NA	2.894 J	2.414 J	3.596 J	4.643 J	7.85 J	1.839 J	1.50 J	3.958 J	6.163 J	0.967 J	3.209 J	0.801 J
TOTAL TICS	NA	1.366 NJ	1.562 NJ	2.421 NJ	2.311 NJ	3.172 NJ	1.885 NJ	1.63 NJ	3.124 NJ	3.429 NJ	2.827 NJ	3.381 NJ	1.73 NJ
TOTAL SVOCS AND TICS	NA	4.26 NJ	3.796 NJ	6.017 NJ	6.954 NJ	11.022 NJ	3.724 NJ	3.13 NJ	7.082 NJ	9.592 NJ	3.794 NJ	6.59 NJ	2.531 NJ

<sup>(1) =</sup> Restricted Residential Soil Cleanup Objective (SCO) as referenced in 6 NYCRR Part 375 dated December 14, 2006.

TIC = Tentatively identified compound

U = Not detected at concentration above reported analytical laboratory detection limit

N = Indicates presumptive evidence of tentatively identified compound

J = Estimated value

NA = Not available

Results of Data Usability Summary Report are incorporated