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Mr. Chad Straniszewski Mr. Eugene Melnyck New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 270 Michigan Avenue Buffalo, NY 14203

Dear Mr. Staniszewski & Mr. Melnyck:

## **Babcock Street Properties Investigation Work Plan**

On behalf of ExxonMobil and Krog-Renova, and per the requirements of the Brownfield Cleanup Program, Amec Foster Wheeler is submitting this subsurface investigation work plan for a limited geotechnical investigation at the ExxonMobil Operable Unit 2 (OU 2) property located on Elk Street in Buffalo, New York. The limited investigation consists of advancing ten soil borings and retaining soil samples for index and strength testing. The field investigation and following laboratory program will be used to support a redevelopment plan for the property.

## SCOPE OF WORK

The proposed remedial investigation consists of advancing up to ten geotechnical borings. The locations of the proposed borings, as well as historic borings, are overlaid on the "Summary of Observations During Test Trenching for Delineation of Petroleum Impacted Soil" figure developed by Roux Associates Inc., and presented as Attachment 1. The following procedures will be adhered to at each test pit location:

- Borings will be advanced using drive and wash methods.
- Standard penetration testing (SPTs) will be conducted at 2-foot intervals from ground surface to bedrock. SPT sampling will be conducted in accordance with ASTM D1586.
- In addition to the SPT sampling, undisturbed samples of the lacustrine clay that underlies the overburden fill materials, will be collected using thin walled Shelby tube samplers in accordance with ASTM D1587 (conventional) or ASTM D6519 (piston sampler). It has been assumed that up to three Shelby tubes will be collected per borehole.
- Bedrock cores will be conducted in up to four locations. Bedrock cores will be conducted in accordance with ASTM D2113 using a double-tube core barrel equipped with diamond impregnated cutting shoe.

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- Investigation derived waste will be containerized in 55 gallon drums and handled in accordance with the site-wide soil management plan.
- Amec Foster Wheeler will provide an engineer or geologist to observe and log the explorations, document the locations of each exploration, and collect soil samples for laboratory testing.
- All down-hole equipment will be decontaminated prior to being demobilized from the site at the completion of field activities.

All field work will be conducted in adherence to the current site Health and Safety Plan including appropriate personal protection equipment and air monitoring procedures. It is anticipated that the subsurface investigation will be completed over the course of one week.

At the conclusion of the field investigation, a laboratory analytical testing program will be initiated. It is anticipated that the laboratory program will include the following material index and strength testing:

Consolidated Undrained Triaxial Shear – ASTM D4767

Incremental Consolidation – ASTM D2435

Laboratory Vane Shear – ASTM D4648

Moisture Content – ASTM D2216

Grain Size Analysis – ASTM D422

Atterberg Limits – ASTM D4318

Sincerely,

AMEC FOSTER WHEELER ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

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Attachments

## Attachment 1 Exploration Location Plan

