Brownfield Cleanup Program Application

Steelfields Area IV (Hydro-Air) Site Buffalo, New York

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Prepared For:

Hydro-Air Components, Inc.



NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM (BCP) APPLICATION

ECL ARTICLE 27 / TITLE 14

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Section I. Requestor Informatio	n					
NAME Hydro-Air Components, Inc		A PARTY AND				
ADDRESS 4950 Camp Road						
CITY/TOWN Hamburg		ZIP CODE 140	175			
PHONE 716-648-3801	FAX 716-648-320	3	E-MAIL kkoch@hydro-air.net			
NAME OF REQUESTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE	Mr. Kevin T. Koo	ch				
ADDRESS 4950 Camp Road						
CITY/TOWN Hamburg		ZIP CODE 140)75			
PHONE 716-648-3801	FAX 716-648-3203	í -	E-MAIL kkoch@hydro-air.net			
NAME OF REQUESTOR'S CONSULTANT	Benchmark Environn	nental Engineering & S	Science, PLLC			
ADDRESS 726 Exchange Street, Sui	te 624					
CITY/TOWN Buffalo		ZIP CODE 142	10			
PHONE 716-856-0599	FAX 716-856-0583 E-MAIL martin@benchmarkee					
NAME OF REQUESTOR'S ATTORNEY Edu	vard C. Daniel III (H	liscock & Barclay)				
ADDRESS 2000 HSBC Plaza						
CITY/TOWN Rochester		ZIP CODE 146	504-2404			
PHONE 585-295-4432	FAX 716-295-8455	5	E-MAIL edaniel@hiscockbarclay.com			
THE REQUESTOR MUST CERTIFY THAT IT I CHECKING ONE OF THE BOXES BELOW:	S EITHER A PARTICIPAN	T OR VOLUNTEER IN ACCO	RDANCE WITH ECL § 27-1405 (1) BY			
□ PARTICIPANT A requestor who either 1) was the owner of the site of hazardous waste or discharge of petroleum or responsible for the contamination, unless the liabil of ownership, operation of, or involvement with disposal of hazardous waste or discharge of petrol	r 2) is otherwise a person lity arises solely as a result the site subsequent to the	as a result of ownership, opera disposal of hazardous waste of NOTE: By checking this bo appropriate care with respect reasonable steps to: i) stop any	ix, the requestor certifies that he/she has exercised to the hazardous waste found at the facility by taking y continuing discharge; ii) prevent any threatened future nit human, environmental, or natural resource exposure			
Requestor Relationship to Property (check one): Previous Owner Current Owner If requestor is not the site owner, requestor will h (Note: proof of site access must be submitted for			✓Yes □ No			

SITE / PROPERTY NAME: Steelfields Area I	V					
ADDRESS/LOCATION 324 Baraga Street		Buffalo		ZIP	CODE 142	20
MUNICIPALITY(IF MORE THAN ONE, LIST ALL)				1		
COUNTY Erie	SITE SIZE (A	ACRES) 30	.91			
LATITUDE (degrees/minutes/seconds) 42 · 50) 57"	LONGITUI	DE (degrees/minut	es/seconds)	78 · 50) · 22 "
HORIZONTAL COLLECTION METHOD:		HORIZONT	TAL REFERENCI	E DATUM:		
FOR EACH PARCEL, FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING	G TAX MAP INFORMATION (i	f more than the	ree parcels, attach	additional is	nformation)	
Parcel Address	F	arcel No.	Section No.	Block No.	Lot No.	Acreage
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If no, please attach a metes and boun	ds description of the site.					
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3. Is the site part of a designated En-zone p	oursuant to Tax Law \$ 21()	0)(6)?				es 🛛 🖬
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For more information go to:						
http://www.nylovesbiz.com/Productivity_Er	nergy_and_Environment/B	rownField_	Redevelopme	nt/default	.asp	
If yes, identify area (name)						
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Section III. Current Site Owner	r/Operator Information			
OWNER'S NAME (if different from requestor)	Steelfields, Ltd.			
ADDRESS 726 Exchange Street, Suit	e 624			
CITY/TOWN Buffalo	ZIP CODE 142	210		
PHONE 716-856-0635	FAX 716-856-0583	E-MAIL pwerthman(2)turnkey	llc.com
OPERATOR'S NAME (if different from requested	or or owner)			
ADDRESS				
CITY/TOWN	ZIP CODE			
PHONE	FAX	E-MAIL		
Section IV. Requestor Eligibilit	y Information (Please refer to ECL §	27-1407)		
If answering "yes" to any of the following	ng questions, please provide an explanation as a	n attachment.		
	against the requestor regarding this site?		□Yes	Ø No
2. Is the site subject to an existing order	for the contamination?		□Yes	ØNo
3. Is the requestor subject to an outstand	ling claim by the Spill Fund for this site?		□Yes	ØNo
4. Has the requestor violated any provis	ion of ECL Article 27?		□Yes	Ø No
5. Has the requestor been previously de	nied entry to the BCP?		□Yes	ØNo
6. Has the requestor committed a neglig petroleum?	ent or intentionally tortuous act regarding hazar	dous waste or	□Yes	Ø№
 Has the requestor been convicted of a theft, or offense against public admin 	a criminal offense that involves a violent felony, istration?	fraud, bribery, perjury,	□Yes	ØNo
	d statements or concealed material facts in a mat	ter related to the	□Yes	ØNo
9. Has the requestor, based on the provi	sions of ECL Article 27-1407 (or a similar prov t, and such act or failure to act could be the basi		□Yes lication?	Ø№
	nation (Please refer to ECL § 27-1405			
Section Vibile Englouity Intola	inition (i tease refer to bee §27 140.			
1. Is the site listed on the National Prior	ities List?		□Yes	⊠No
2. Is the site listed on the NYS Registry If yes, please provide: Site #_91:	of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites? 5017 Class # III		₽Yes	□No
 Is the site subject to a permit under E If yes, please provide: Permit type: Date permit i 	CL article 27, title 9, other than an Interim Statu EPA ID Number: Ssued: Permit expiration d		□Yes	Ø№
	under navigation law Article 12 or ECL Article		□Yes	Ø№
	enforcement action related to hazardous waste an attachment.	or petroleum?	□Yes	ØNo
Section VI. Project Description				
Please attach a description of the project	which includes the following components:			
 Purpose and scope of the project Estimated project schedule 				
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Section VII. Site's Environmental History

To the extent that existing information/studies/reports are available to the requestor, please attach the following:

1. Environmental Reports

A phase I environmental site assessment report prepared in accordance with ASTM E 1527 (American Society for Testing and Materials: Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process), and all environmental reports related to contaminants on or emanating from the site.

If a final investigation report is included, indicate whether it meets the requirements of ECL Article 27-1415(2): 🛛 Yes 🗆 No

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2. Sampling Data: Indi	icate known conta	minants and the me	dia which are known t	o have been affect	ed:
Contaminant Category	Soil	Groundwater	Surface Water	Sediment	Soil Gas
Petroleum	X				
Chlorinated Solvents					
Other VOCs	X	X			
SVOCs	X	X			
Metals	X	X			
Pesticides					
PCBs					
Other*					
*Please describe:					_
3. Suspected Contamin	ants: Indicate su	spected contaminant	ts and the media which	may have been af	fected:
Contaminant Category	Soil	Groundwater	Surface Water	Sediment	Soil Gas
Petroleum					
Chlorinated Solvents					
Other VOCs					
SVOCs					
Metals					
Pesticides					
PCBs					
Other*					
*Please describe:					
4. INDICATE KNOWN OR	SUSPECTED SOUR	CES OF CONTAMINAN	TS:		
Above Ground Pipeline or 7 Routine Industrial Operation Adjacent Property Coal Gas Manufacture Other:	ns 🛛 Dum Seej	ons or Ponds ping or Burial of Wastes page Pit or Dry Well strial Accident	Underground Pipeline or Septic tank/lateral field Foundry Sand Unknown		Spill or Discharge or Storage Containers lating
5. INDICATE PAST LAND	USES:				
Coal Gas Manufacturing Pipeline Other: Coke and Coal	Manufacturing Service Station Storage Yard	□Agricultural Co-o □Landfill	Dry Cleaner	Salvage Yard	□Bulk Plant □Unknown
6. Owners A list of previous own each previous owner			and telephone numbers (describe requestor's	relationship, if any, to

7. Operators

A list of previous operators with names, last known addresses and telephone number (describe requestor's relationship, if any, to each previous operator listed. If no relationship, put "none").

Section VIII. Contact List Information

Please attach, at a minimum, the names and addresses of the following:

- 1. The chief executive officer and zoning board chairperson of each county, city, town and village in which the site is located.
- 2. Residents, owners, and occupants of the site and properties adjacent to the site.
- 3. Local news media from which the community typically obtains information.
- 4. The public water supplier which services the area in which the site is located.
- 5. Any person who has requested to be placed on the site contact list.
- 6. The administrator of any school or day care facility located on or near the site.
- 7. The location of a document repository for the project (e.g., local library). In addition, attach a copy of a letter sent to the repository acknowledging that it agrees to act as the document repository for the site.

Section IX. Land Use Factors (Please refer to ECL § 27-1415(3))

Current Use: Residential Commercial Industrial Vacant Recreational (check all that apply)

Intended Use: Unrestricted Residential Commercial Industrial

Please check the appropriate box and provide an explanation as an attachment if appropriate. Provide a copy of the local zoning classifications, comprehensive zoning plan designations, and/or current land use approvals.

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13. Describe on attachment the potential vulnerability of groundwater to contamination that might migrate from the site, including proximity to wellhead protection and groundwater recharge areas.

14. Describe on attachment the geography and geology of the site.

Statement of Certification and Signatures

(By requestor who is an individual)

I hereby affirm that information provided on this form and its attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am aware that any false statement made herein is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

Date: Signature:

Print Name:

(By an requestor other than an individual)

I certify that I am $\frac{Pres_{Pan}}{Pres_{Pan}}$ (title) of $\frac{H_{+}Dre_{Pan}C_{one}}{Pres_{Pan}}$ (entity); that I am authorized by that entity to make this application; that this application was prepared by me or under my supervision and direction; and that information provided on this form and its attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am aware that any false statement made herein is punishable as a Class A misdomeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

Date: 5/11/06	Signature:		e	Print Name:_	WAlter	5.	Zurewski
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SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

Three (3) complete copies are required.

Two (2) copies, one hard copy with original signatures and one electronic copy in Portable Document Format (PDF) on a CD or diskette, must be sent to:

Chief, Site Control Section New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Remediation 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-7020

 One (1) hard copy must be sent to the DEC regional contact in the regional office covering the county in which the site is located. Please check our website for the address of our regional offices: http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/index.html

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LEAD OFFICE:

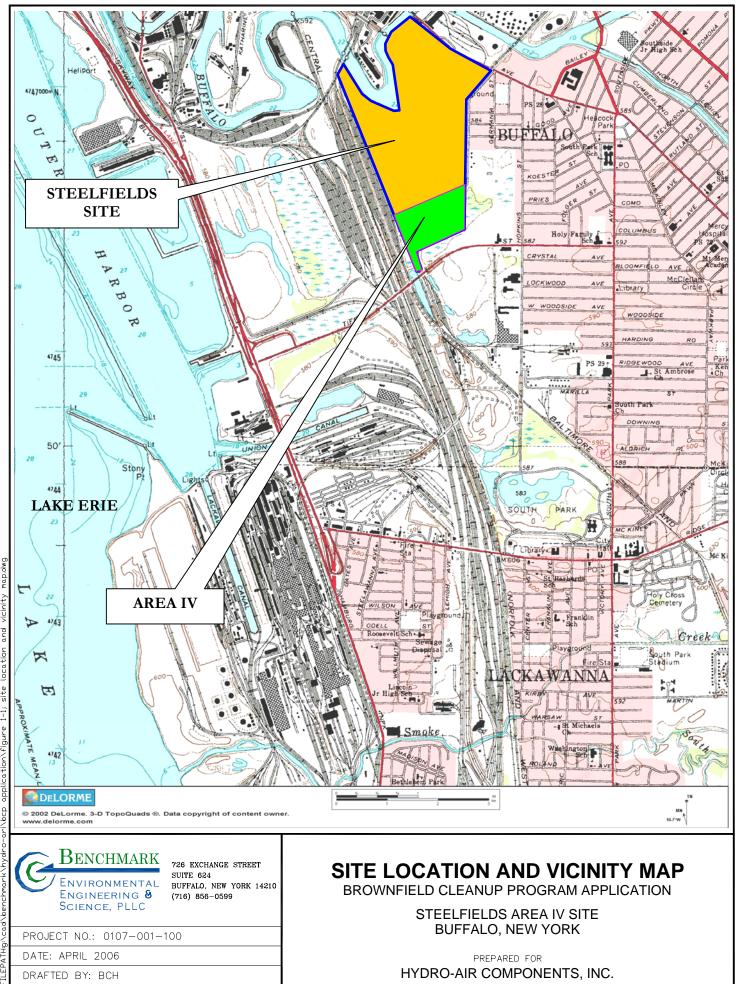
LIST OF APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

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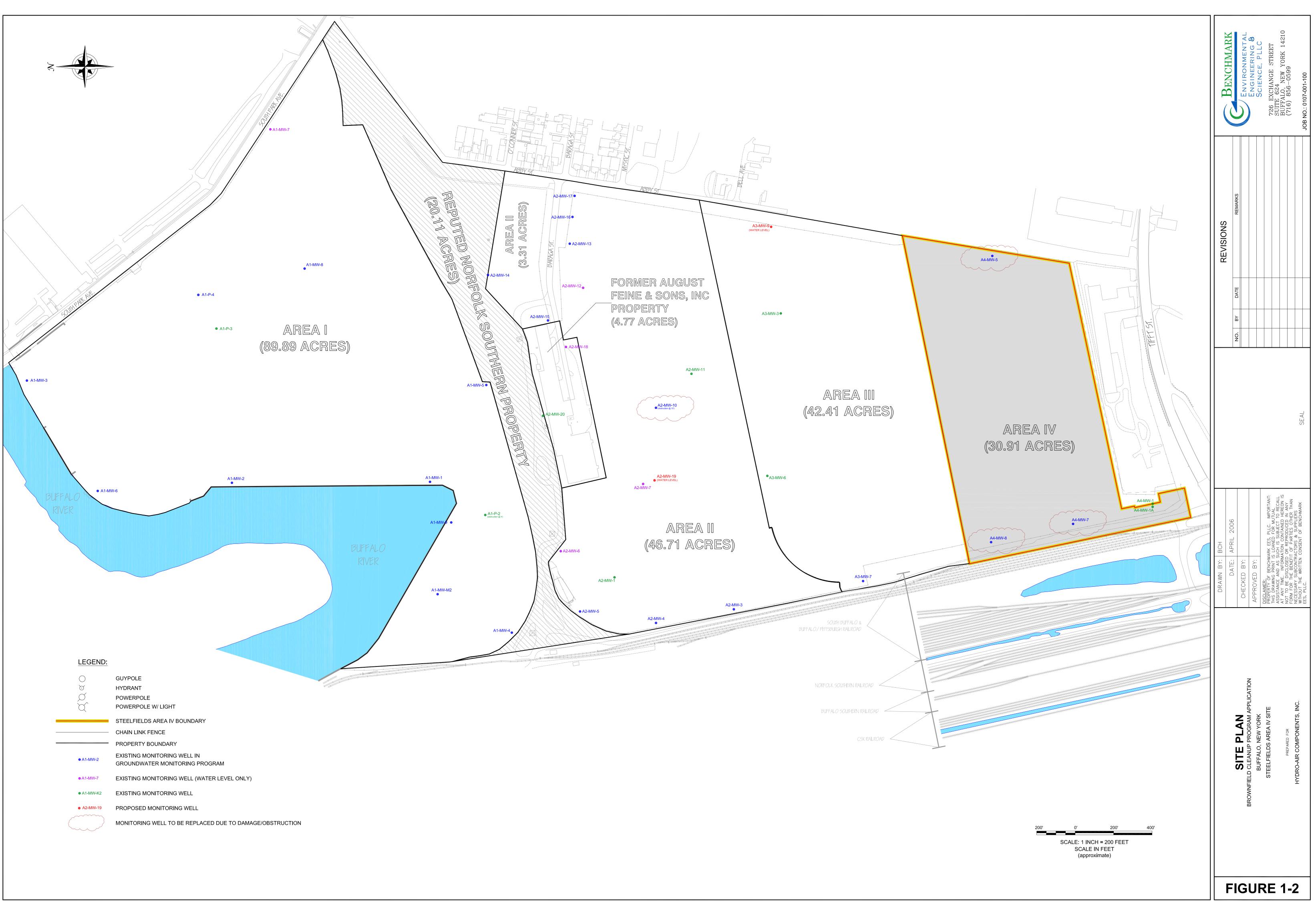
Attachment No.	Description
1	Site Location Map and Site Plan
2	Tax Map, Metes and Bounds Description
3	Project Description and Schedule
4	Proposed Redevelopment Master Plan
5	Environmental Site Assessment
6	Environmental Investigation/Assessment Reports
7	Listing of Previous Site Owners
8	Listing of Previous Site Operators
9	Contact List Information
10	Document Repository Confirmation Letter
11	Environmental Factors and Historic Land Use Considerations
12	Nearby Land-Use Map
13	Groundwater Vulnerability Assessment
14	Description of Site Geography/Geology

SITE LOCATION MAP & SITE PLAN

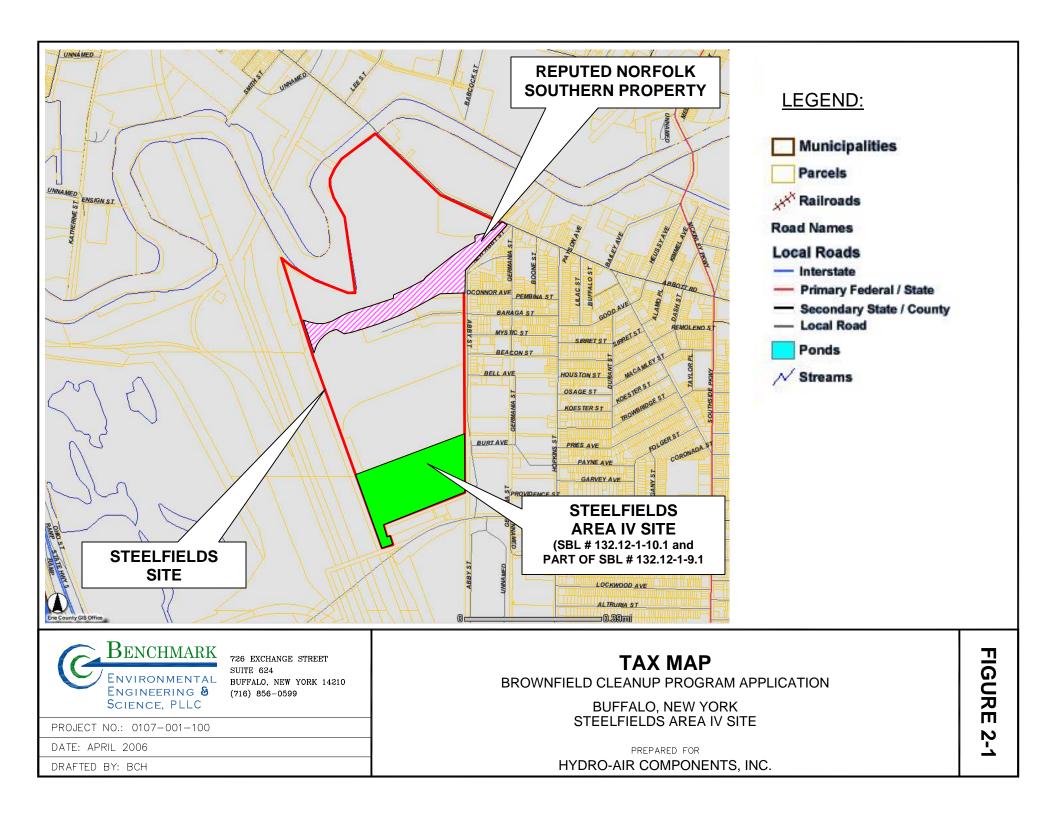
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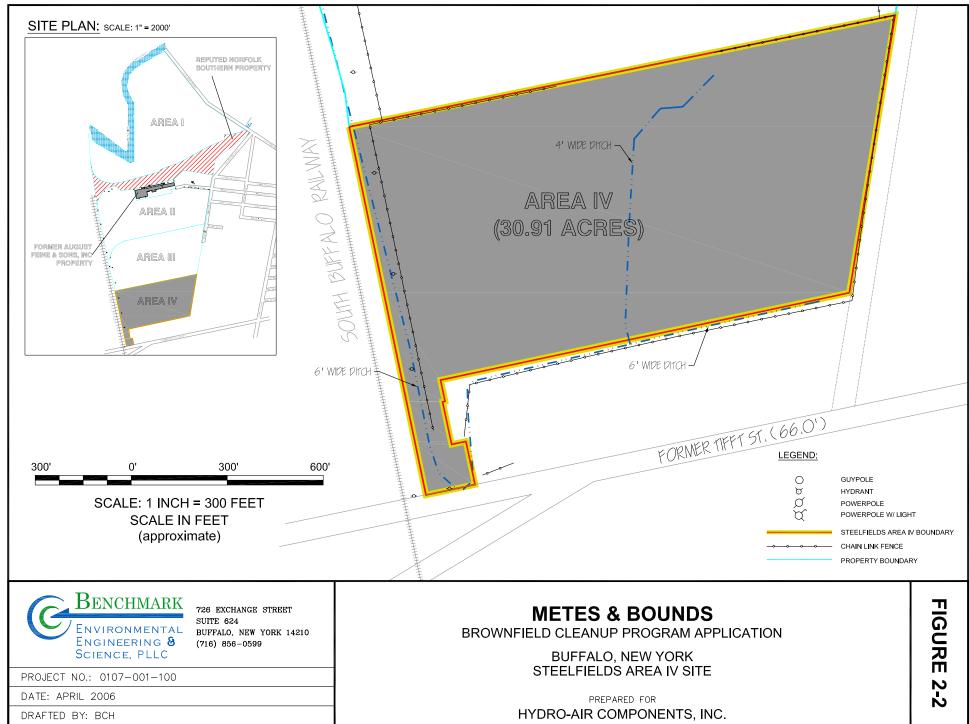


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TAX MAP, METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION





SCHEDULE A DESCRIPTION

PARCEL "L"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York, being part of the Ogden Gore Lot No. 17, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the westerly line of Abby Street with the northerly line of Providence Street, which point is northerly 364.68 feet more or less measured along the westerly line of Abby Street from its intersection with the northerly line of Tifft Street and which point is also the southeasterly corner of Subdivision Lot No. 87 as shown on a map filed in the Erie County Clerk's Office under Cover No. 589; thence westerly along the northerly line of Providence Street which is also the southerly line of Subdivision Lots 87, and 91 through 130, inclusive, to the southwesterly corner of Subdivision Lot No. 130; thence northerly along the westerly line of Subdivision Lot No. 130 which is also on an easterly line of lands described at Parcel "M" described in deed recorded in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Liber 8804 of Deeds at page 442 to a point at the northwesterly corner of Subdivision Lot No. 130; thence easterly along the north line of Subdivision Lot No. 130, 14.56 feet more or less to the southwesterly corner of Subdivision Lot No. 137, being also along a southerly line of lands described at said Parcel "M"; thence north along the westerly line of Subdivision Lot No. 137 and the easterly line of Parcel "M", as aforesaid, 137.85 feet more or less to a point in the south line of Boller Street; thence continuing along the extension of the westerly line of Subdivision Lot No. 137 and an easterly line of Parcel "M", as aforesaid, a distance of 66 feet to a point in the north line of Boller

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Street; thence westerly along the north line of Boller Street and a northerly line of the said Parcel "M" herein, 7.91 feet to a point; thence northerly at right angles along an easterly line of the said Parcel "M", 275.70 feet to an from pipe; thence easterly along a line parallel with Tifft Street, being also a southerly line of the said Parcel "M", a distance of 24.01 feet to an iron pipe; thence northerly at right angles to Tifft Street and being also an easterly line of the said Parcel "M", a distance of 66 feet to an iron pipe; thence westerly along a line parallel to Tifft Street and being a northerly line of the said Parcel "M", 50 feet to an iron pipe; thence northerly and along the east line of the said Parcel "M", as aforesaid, a distance of 138.04 feet more or less to an iron pipe on the southerly line of lands conveyed by Bethlehem Steel Corporation to Republic Steel Corporation under deed dated June 24, 1968 and recorded June 27, 1968 in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Liber 7482 of Deeds at page 400; thence easterly and along the southerly line of Republic Steel Corporation, 1635.95 feet more or less to the westerly line of Abby Street; thence southerly along the westerly line of Abby Street, 879.14 feet more or less to the place of beginning.

THE hereinabove described property having been acquired by Donner-Hanna Coke Corporation under the following deeds filed in the Erie County Clerk's Office:

- Deed made by Cheektowaga Plaza, Inc. to Donner-Hanna Coke Corporation dated June 16, 1952 recorded May 23, 1956 in Liber 5990 of Deeds at page 326.
- Deed made by Cheektowaga Plaza, Inc. to Donner-Hanna Coke Corporation dated July 28, 1953 and recorded May 23, 1956 in Liber 5990 of Deeds at page 309.
- 3. Deed made by Herman Doran to Donner-Hanna Coke Corporation dated August 4, 1961 and recorded August 8, 1961 in Liber 6686 of Deeds at page 47.

- 4. Deed made by Amy Regina Juengling to Donner-Hanna Coke Corporation dated August 25, 1961 and recorded August 31, 1961 in Liber 6695 of Deeds at page 41.
- 5. Deed made by Ralph J. Morrow, individually and as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Alice L. Morrow, to Donner-Hanna Coke Corporation dated December 29, 1961 and recorded January 4, 1962 in Liber 6732 of Deeds at page 83.

PARCEL "M"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York, being part of the Ogden Gore Lot No. 17 and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the northerly line of Tifft Street 1142 feet west of the intersection of the northerly line of Tifft Street with the westerly line of Abby Street, as measured along the northerly line of Tifft Street; thence northerly 137.85 feet along the west line of Subdivision Lot No. 39 as shown under map filed in the Erie County Clerk's Office under Cover No. 589; thence westerly along a line drawn parallel to the north line of Tifft Street 45.45 feet; thence northerly at right angles and along the west line of Subdivision Lot No. 46, 170.85 as shown under Map Cover No. 589 as filed in the Erie County Clerk's Office; thence easterly and parallel with the northerly line of Tifft Street 8.23 feet to the west line of Subdivision Lot No. 130 as shown under map filed in the Erie County Clerk's Office under Cover No. 589, as extended southerly, thence northerly at right angles and along the west line of Subdivision Lot No. 130 as extended southerly 170.85 feet; thence easterly and parallel with the northerly 170.85 feet; thence easterly and parallel with the northerly 170.85 feet; thence as and along a straight line 203.85 feet to the northerly line of Tifft Street 14.56 feet; thence northerly at right angles and along a straight line 203.85 feet to the northerly line of Tifft Street 7.91 feet to a point which is 1427.40 feet westerly from the westerly

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line of Abby Street as measured along the northerly line of Boller Avenue; thence northerly at right angles to the aforementioned line and along a straight line 275.70 feet to the southerly line of lands conveyed by deed recorded in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Liber 1410 of Deeds at page 260; thence easterly along a line drawn parallel with the northerly line of Tifft Street 24.01 feet; thence northerly at an interior angle of 90° 01', 66 feet; thence westerly along a line drawn parallel with the north line of Tifft Street 50 feet to a line drawn parallel with the center line of the main track of the South Buffalo Railway; thence northerly at an exterior angle of 89° 59' and along a line drawn parallel with the center line of the main track of the South Buffalo Railway 138.04 feet to the south line of land conveyed by Krull to McClintic Marshall Construction Co. by deed recorded in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Liber 2070 of Deeds at page 130; thence westerly along the south line of land conveyed by Krull to McClintic Marshall Construction Co., 100.28 feet to a point 77 feet easterly of the center line of the main track of the South Buffalo Railway as measured along said south line of McClintic Marshall Construction Co.; thence continuing southerly along a line drawn parallel with and 77 feet easterly of the center line of the main track of the south Buffalo Railway 1163 feet to the northerly line of Tifft Street; thence easterly along the northerly line of Tifft Street 156.84 feet to the point or place of beginning.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & SCHEDULE

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Project Description and Schedule

Background and History

Steelfields Ltd. owns approximately 214 acres of vacant industrial property located in Buffalo, New York bordered by the Buffalo River to the north, South Park Ave and Abby Street to the east, Tifft Street to the south and active rail yards (Norfolk & Southern, CSX and South Buffalo Railroads) to the west. The property is subdivided into four parcels based on the operational and ownership history of each parcel. In October 2002, Steelfields entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) agreement with the NYSDEC for the entire site. Since 2003, Steelfields has performed remediation of the site in accordance with an approved Remedial Design/Remedial Action RD/RA Work Plan (September 2002) under the VCP. The remediation has progressed more or less sequentially from Area I to Area IV. To date, the Area IV parcel (Former Donner-Hanna Coke Yard Parcel) cleanup has been partially completed by Steelfields in accordance with the RD/RA Work Plan for the VCP as approved by NYSDEC in 2002.

Steelfields is currently negotiating an agreement for the sale of the 30.9 acre Area IV parcel to Hydro-Air Components Inc. (Hydro-Air), which is contemplating the development of the parcel for a new manufacturing facility. Hydro-Air is seeking approval from the NYSDEC to enter into the Brownfields Cleanup Program (BCP) related to the redevelopment of the Area IV parcel. Ownership of the remaining three parcels (Area I through III) will remain with Steelfields.

Area IV may also be referred to as the Hydro-Air Site or the Site. The Site was historically utilized by Donner-Hanna Coke for storage of coke product. Tar and tar byproducts from the coke plant (Area II) were also disposed of on the western portion of the Site. The Site was listed as Class 3 inactive hazardous waste site (Site No. 915017) on the NYSDEC inactive hazardous waste site registry prior to its acquisition by Steelfields and entry into the Voluntary Cleanup Program.

Environmental Investigations

The Site has been extensively investigated and characterized through a series of environmental site assessments and investigations performed over several decades on the parcel. The major documented assessments and investigations include:

- Phase I/Phase II Investigation, Donner-Hanna Coke Site No. 915017. Recra Environmental, Inc. and Lawler, Matusky & Skelly Engineers. July 1990
- Phase I/Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), Former Republic Steel Plant Area ("Steel Manufacturing Site"). Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. September 1997
- South Buffalo Redevelopment Plan, Steel Manufacturing Site, Voluntary Cleanup Site Assessment Report. Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. September 1997
- Voluntary Cleanup Site Assessment Report, Former Steel Manufacturing Site, Area II, Area III, and Area IV. TurnKey Environmental Restoration, LLC. April 1999
- Voluntary Cleanup Site Assessment Report, Former Steel Manufacturing Site, Addendum 1, Area II, Area III, and Area IV. TurnKey Environmental Restoration, LLC. January 2000

In general, the investigations identified the following environmental impacts associated with the Area IV parcel:

- The presence of substantial quantities (approximately 60,000 to 80,000 cubic yards) of residual coke fill and smaller amounts of other fill materials (sand, demolition debris, sludges, etc.) overlying native soils.
- The presence of tar and tar-impacted soil/fill (estimated at approximately 20,000 to 23,000 cubic yards) in the western portion of the site located in varying thicknesses from the surface down to approximately 6 to 10 feet below grade.
- The presence of volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds and inorganic compounds (i.e., cadmium, lead, chromium and cyanide) in the groundwater collected from the northern and western portions of the Site at concentrations exceeding the NYSDEC groundwater quality standards

The results of these assessments and investigations provided a detailed characterization of the environmental conditions at the Site and established the basis for the Steelfields Voluntary Cleanup Program Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) Work Plan for the entire Steelfields Site (including Area IV).

Remedial Actions To Date

Steelfields initiated remedial action in Area IV in 2004 beginning with the removal and off-site recycling of coke residuals. Approximately 43,000 cubic yards of coke residuals were removed to date.

In 2005, Steelfields initiated excavation and off-site treatment or recycling of tarimpacted soil/fill exhibiting hazardous characteristics for benzene. Off-site treatment consisted of low-temperature thermal desorption. Recycling consisted of off-site cocombustion as an alternative fuel in a coal-fired electric power generation facility. Also beginning in 2005, Steelfields initiated excavation of non-hazardous tar-impacted soil/fill in Area IV with on-site disposal in the Area II containment cell. To date, a total of approximately 16,000 cubic yards of tar-impacted soil/fill has been removed from Area IV. A total of approximately 47,000 cubic yards of clean borrow soil backfill has been placed in Area IV to date.

Remediation and Post-Remediation Actions To Be Completed

Approximately 20,000 to 30,000 cubic yards of fine coke residuals remain stockpiled in Area IV awaiting off-site transportation and recycling.

Additional quantities of tar-impacted soil/fill required to be removed from Area IV is unknown and cannot be accurately quantified until verification sampling and analysis demonstrate compliance with site-specific action levels (SSALs). It is estimated that approximately 4,000 – 9,000 cubic yards of tar-impacted soil/fill remain to be excavated in Area IV as of April 21, 2006. An additional approximately 9,000 cubic yards of nonhazardous tar-impacted soil/fill is stockpiled in Area III awaiting disposal.

The quantity of backfill borrow soil to be placed in Area IV is partly dependant upon remaining excavation volumes, but is estimated at approximately 28,000 to 32,000 cubic yards.

The total estimated cost of the above-described remedial actions to be taken is estimated to be over \$800,000 based upon the estimated quantities and the Steelfields Escrow Agreement Schedule of Values.

Following the remaining tar-impacted soil/fill remediation actions, post-remediation actions to be completed in Area IV during site grading, landscaping, parking lot construction, excavation of foundations and underground utilities, and related redevelopment construction activities include:

- Installation and development of 3 groundwater monitoring wells
- Long-term groundwater sampling, analysis and reporting
- Field screening, sampling, analysis, and on-site management or off-site transportation and disposal of soil/fill encountered Community air quality monitoring and reporting

- Erosion controls, ground and surface water management
- Establishment and maintenance of a paved or vegetative cover
- Annual site inspections and certifications by a professional engineer that engineering and institutional controls are properly maintained
- NYSDEC and NYSDOH oversight

The total cost of the above-described post-remediation actions is estimated to be between \$66,000 and \$100,000.

Intended Future Use of Site

Hydro-Air Industrial Components, Inc. is contemplating a plan to consolidate and expand its current Western New York manufacturing, warehousing/distribution facilities and office operations at the now vacant Site. That plan is contingent upon, inter alia, approval for entrance of Area IV into the BCP. Hydro-Air's Site redevelopment plans include construction of a new 140,000 square foot (s.f.) single-story steel-framed high-bay manufacturing structure with masonry and insulated steel panel walls. An adjacent 12,700 s.f. single-story masonry structure will house Hydro-Air's corporate offices. The planned facility will also have parking for employees and visitors as well as truck loading docks. The preliminary planned facility layout illustrated in Figure A-1 of Attachment 4 includes provision for a 100,000 s.f. future expansion of the manufacturing plant and associated additional parking. Due to Hydro-Air's existing facilities lease term, its short-term manufacturing facility requirements given recent and prospective business opportunities, and other options being considered, this redevelopment project is on a fast-track schedule for completion and occupancy, if at all, by year-end 2006. As such, planning, design and regulatory approvals must be completed in an expedient manner so building construction can begin by July 1, 2006.

Purpose and Objectives

Due to Hydro-Air's business opportunity time constraints, Steelfield's VCP remediation schedule, and related complications related to completion of the remaining remediation elements in Area IV under Steelfield's various VCP agreements, Hydro-Air proposes to complete remaining remedial measures in Area IV upon taking title to same, as currently are required of Steelfields Ltd. under it's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) Work Plan while Hydro-Air concurrently begins site development work and construction of planned facilities under the New York State Brownfields Program (BCP).

Hydro-Air proposes to enter the BCP at the remedial design stage. The Remedial Design (RD) Work Plan (prepared and submitted as part of the BCP application) identifies the scope of planned remaining remedial and post-remedial measures and the means by which they will be completed, including target site-specific cleanup levels and confirmatory sampling requirements.

For all practical purposes, and to facilitate timely NYSDEC review and approvals, the BCP RD Work Plan is simply a redacted version of the Steelfields VCP RD/RA Work Plan that addresses all remaining remedial and post-remedial measures for Area IV to be performed by or on behalf of Hydro-Air. This BCP RD Work Plan neither adds, deletes nor materially modifies any of the remediation or post-remediation requirements for Area IV as previously approved by NYSDEC under the Steelfields VCA.

Project Organization and Responsibilities

Hydro-Air is applying for acceptance of the Site into the BCP, and plans on executing a Brownfield Cleanup Agreement (BCA) as a non-responsible party (volunteer) per ECL§27-1405. Steelfields, Ltd. shall continue to perform the remaining remediation work elements in Area IV in full conformance with its existing Voluntary Cleanup Agreement unless and until the parcel is acquired by Hydro-Air. Steelfields and NYSDEC will amend the Steelfields Site description in the VCA to exclude Area IV, as the balance of remedial actions will transfer to Hydro- Air under their BCA. This arrangement is critical to Steelfields completing its overall site remediation schedule on target by the end of calendar year 2006.

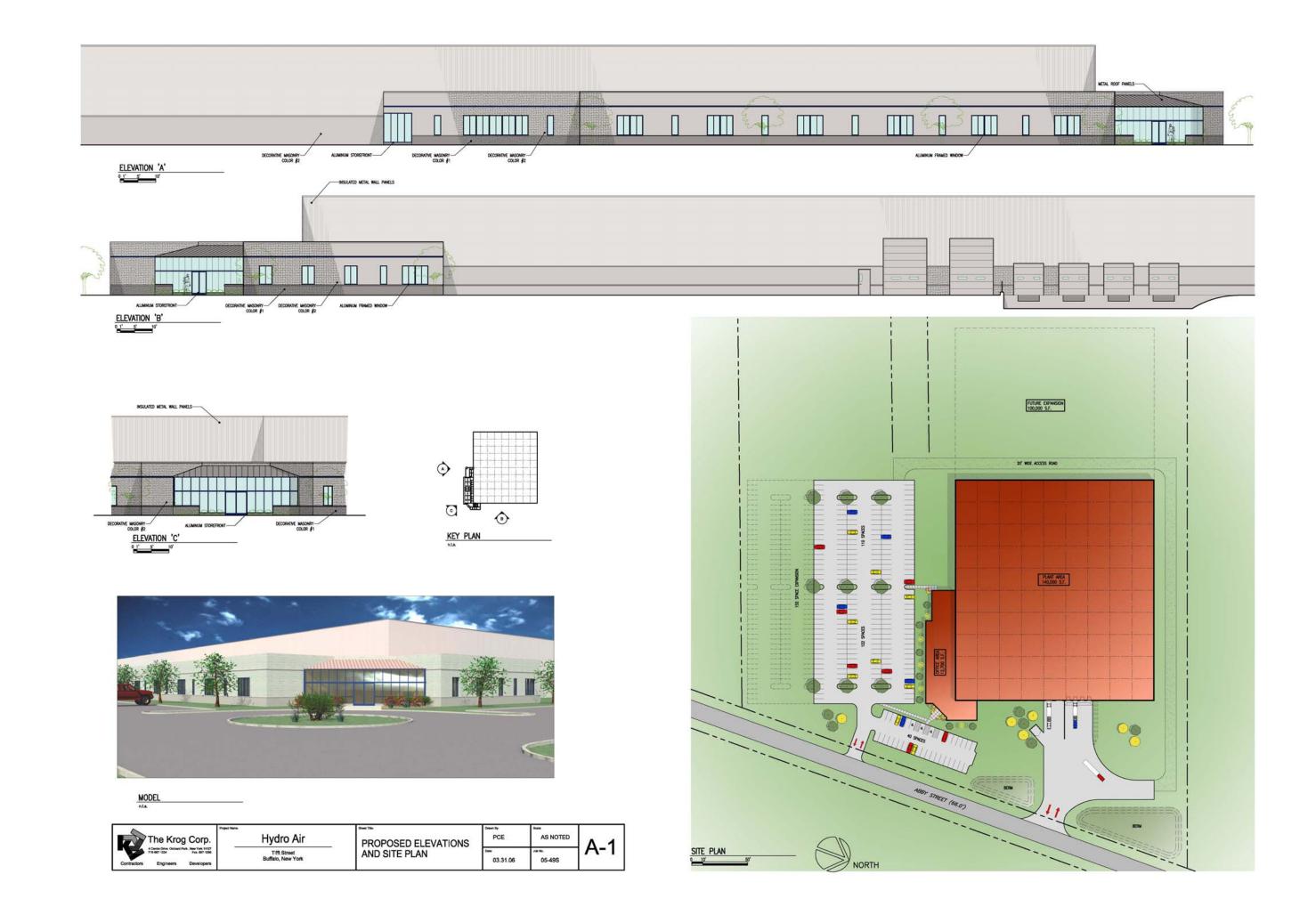
The NYSDEC Division of Environmental Remediation shall continue to monitor the remedial actions performed by Steelfields to verify that the work they perform in Area IV is performed in accordance with its VCA. NYSDEC shall also monitor the remaining remediation and post-remediation actions to be performed by Hydro-Air under the BCP, the Remedial Design Work Plan, and DER-10.

BCP Project Schedule

A proposed Project Schedule for the work to be completed by Hydro-Air under the BCP is attached as Figure 3-1.

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Submit Draft Application & RD Work Plan												
NYSDEC Review, Fact Sheet Preparation												
Advertise BCP Appln, Distribute Fact Sheet												
45 Day Public Comment Period												
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PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN



ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT

A copy of the following site assessment report was submitted to the Regional office of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation under separate cover.

1. "Voluntary Cleanup Site Assessment Report Volumes 1 through 4 South Buffalo Redevelopment Plan: Steel Manufacturing Site, Buffalo, New York", September 1997, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.

ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION/ASSESSMENT REPORTS

A copy of the following documents were submitted to the Regional office of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation under separate cover which summarize a significant portion of the investigations/assessments associated with Area IV of the Steelfields Site.

- 1. "Work Plan for Voluntary Cleanup Program Remedial Design/Remedial Action for Former Steel Manufacturing Site Buffalo, New York", revised September 2002, TurnKey Environmental Restoration, LLC.
- 2. "Voluntary Cleanup Program Site Assessment Report & Addenda for Area II, Area III, and Area IV – Donner-Hanna Coke Yard Parcel for Former Steel Manufacturing Site Buffalo, New York", January 2000, TurnKey Environmental Restoration, LLC.

LISTING OF PREVIOUS SITE OWNERS

Attachment 07 Listing of Previous Site Owners

Hydro-Air Components, Inc. Steelfields Area IV Site Brownfield Cleanup Program Application

INTRODUCTION

A listing of previous property owners is attached.

List of Previous Site Owners

Hydro-Air Components, Inc. Steelfields Area IV (Hydro-Air) Site Brownfield Cleanup Program Application

Year	Owner(s)
1917	Donner Hanna Coke Corp. Hanna Furnace Corporation was the other 50% owner of the Donner-Hanna Coke Corp.
1979	Donner Hanna Coke Corp. (company dissolved)
1979	Donner Hanna Coke Joint Venture w/LTV Steel Company as one of the joint ventures. Hanna Furnace Corporation is also a joint owner.
1992	LTV Steel Company Inc./The Hanna Furnace Corporation
2002	Steelfields, Ltd.

LISTING OF PREVIOUS SITE OPERATORS

Listing of Previous Site Operators

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In addition to the Owners presented in Attachment 07, attached is a listing of prior site operators based on Mortgage and Easement records for specific Tracts on the property, as well as Phase I ESA records.

List of Previous Site Operators

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CONTACT LIST INFORMATION

Attachment 09 Contact List Information

Hydro-Air Components, Inc. Steelfields Area IV (Hydro-Air) Site Brownfield Cleanup Program Application

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The following is the contact list information for the subject property.

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City of Buffalo Contacts:

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Erie County Water Authority 350 Ellicott Square Building 295 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203

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Document Repository (see Attachment 10):

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library JP Dudley Branch 2010 South Park Ave. Buffalo, NY 14220

Nearby School:

South Park High School 155 Southside Pkwy Buffalo, NY 14304 Attn: Ms. Patricia Thomas

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Gostomski	Donna	82	O'Connor Ave Buffalo, NY 14220
Pristach	Susan	86	O'Connor Ave Buffalo, NY 14220
Loder	William Jr.	87	O'Connor Ave Buffalo, NY 14220
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Fletcher	George	91	O'Connor Ave Buffalo, NY 14220
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DOCUMENT REPOSITORY CONFIRMATION LETTER



April 13, 2006

Ms. Claudia Yates, Branch Manager Buffalo & Erie County Public Library JP Dudley Branch 2010 So. Park Avenue Buffalo, New York 14220

Re: Steelfields Area IV (Hydro-Air) Site Brownfield Cleanup Program Remedial Design Work Plan Document Repository Copy

Dear Ms Yates:

Per our telephone conversation, thank you for agreeing to the Lackawanna Public Library Branch acting as the document repository for the above-referenced site. As requested, all site documents will be labeled "For placement at JP Dudley Branch" and sent to your attention at the address above.

Please contact us if you have any questions or require additional information

Sincerely, Benchmark Environmental Engineering and Science, PLLC

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ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AND HISTORIC LAND USE CONSIDERATIONS

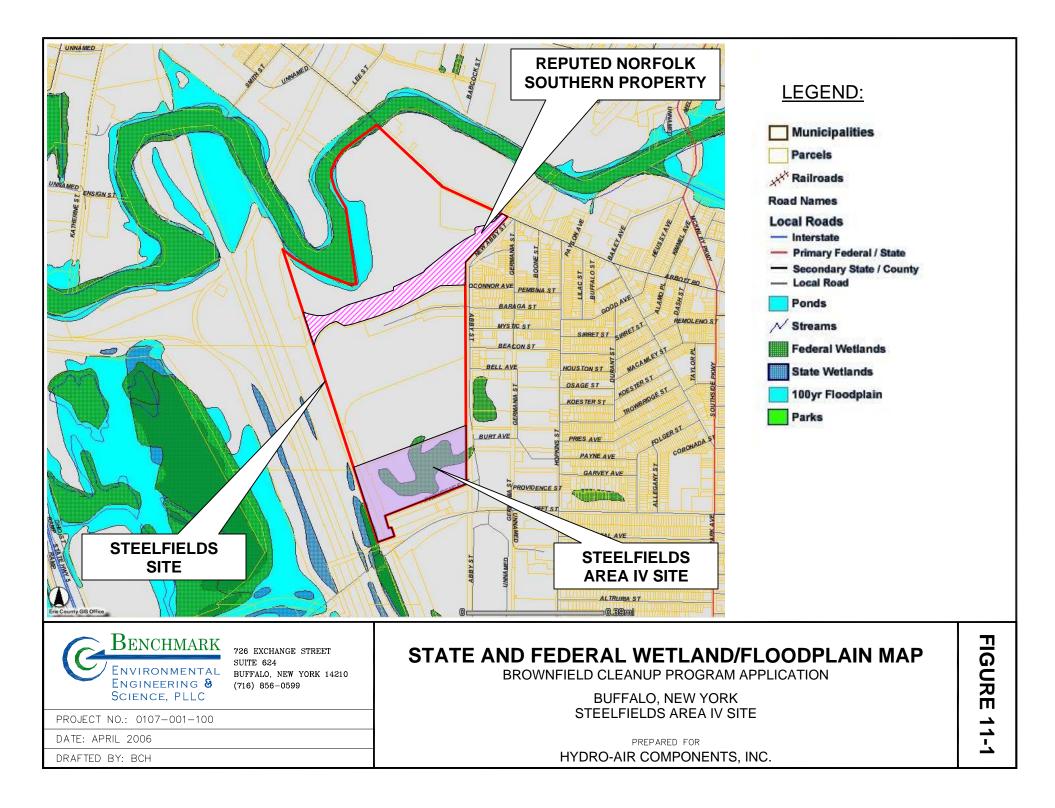
Attachment 11 Environmental Factors & Historic Land Use Considerations

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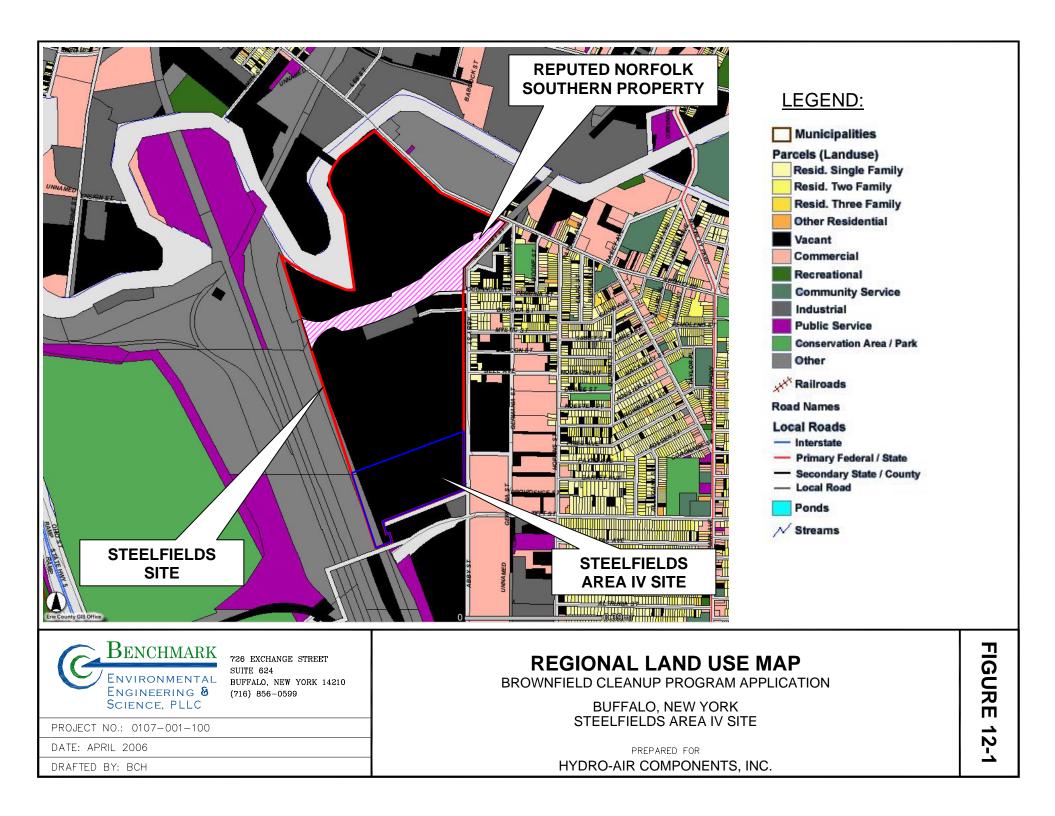
INTRODUCTION

The following provides a brief summary of the site:

- There are State and Federal wetlands near the site (see attached figure).
- Floodplains exist near the Buffalo River to the north of the Site (see attached figure).
- The site is not adjacent to a Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat.
- There are no threatened or endangered species, nor important plant habitats listed at the site.



NEARBY LAND USE MAP



GROUNDWATER VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

Groundwater Vulnerability Assessment

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POTENTIAL VULNERABILITY OF GROUNDWATER TO CONTAMINATION

Groundwater at the Site likely is contaminated as a result of impacts from tar soil/fill remaining on-site. Currently, there are no deed restrictions on the use of groundwater at the site and groundwater supply wells are not present on the site. Regionally, groundwater in the area has not been developed for industrial, agriculture, or public supply purposes. Municipal potable water service is provided on- and off-site by the Erie County Water Authority.

Historical investigations and long-term groundwater investigations have shown that groundwater was impacted by contaminated fill and upgradient sources. Historically, the Site contained eleven wells to determine groundwater conditions. Due to ongoing remediation (excavation of fill), three wells of the original eleven remain in place. Only one of the remaining three is currently in the long-term monitoring program. As such, post remediation; two wells will require installation to perform the Long-Term Monitoring. Continued remediation of the site will continue to improve the groundwater conditions.

GROUNDWATER FLOW/RECHARGE

During the past groundwater monitoring, shallow groundwater was determined to flow in an south/southwest direction (see attached Figure 13-1) with a low gradient. Regional groundwater also appears to flow south/southwest towards Lake Erie (see Attachment 1).

RECOMMENDATIONS

As part of the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement, long-term groundwater monitoring will continue after remediation is complete. The Long-term Groundwater Monitoring Plan is included in the RD Work Plan as an appendix and indicates that three monitoring wells are required for Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring of the Site. Two of the three wells will need to be installed.

DESCRIPTION OF SITE GEOGRAPHY/GEOLOGY

Description of Site Geography/Geology

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ECOLOGICAL SETTING

A majority of the site is not vegetated due to the presence of either recently placed fill or coke/tar fill.

Viable aquatic habitats in the vicinity of the Site include the Buffalo River (approximately 0.75-miles north) and Lake Erie (approximately 1.0 miles west). State and Federal wetlands are located adjacent to or near the site (see Attachment 11).

DEMOGRAPHY AND LAND USE

The Site is currently owned by Steelfields, LLC. Land use surrounding the Site includes vacant property, light and heavy commercial properties, and residential single use properties (see Attachment 12).

Nearby residential areas are northeast of the Site, while the majority of commercial properties are south and east of the Site. A railroad exists to the west of the site. Immediately to the north of the Site is Area III, another portion of the Steelfields property.

REGIONAL GEOLOGY & HYDROGEOLOGY

The Site is located within the Erie-Ontario lake plain physiographic province, which is typified by little topographic relief and gentle slope toward Lake Erie, except in the immediate vicinity of major drainageways (USDA, 1978). The surficial geology of the Lake Erie Plain consists of a thin glacial till (if present), glaciolacustrine deposits, recent alluvium, and the soils derived from these deposits. Glacial till deposits are not encountered on the Steelfields Area IV Site.

Glaciolacustrine deposits are characterized as thinly bedded to laminated silts and clays, which were deposited in lakes impounded between glacial ice and ice-free highland areas. As the glacial ice retreated northward in Erie County, water depths decreased and coarser grained shallow water sediments were deposited. These shallow water deposits included sandy beach ridges that defined lake edges, sand bars associated with offshore currents, and near shore silty fine sands.

Surface soils within the City are characterized as urban land with level to gently sloping land in which 80 percent or more of the soil surface is covered by asphalt, concrete, buildings, or

Description of Site Geography/Geology

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other impervious structures (USDA, 1978) typical of an urban environment. The presence of overburden fill material is widespread and common throughout the City of Buffalo.

Based on the bedrock geologic map of Erie County (Buehler and Tesmer, 1963), the site is situated over the Marcellus Formation of the Middle Devonian Hamilton Group. The Marcellus Formation is comprised of the Oatka Creek shale member. The Oatka Creek shale is described as dense black, fissile shale with a petroliferous odor. Some beds of gray shale are present and several concretionary layers. Nodules of pyrite exist in the black shale near the base. The unit has an approximated thickness of 30 to 55 feet. Underlying the Hamilton Group in Erie County is the lower Devonian Onondaga Limestone Formation, which has an estimated thickness of 110 to 160 feet.

Structurally, the bedrock formations strike in an east-west direction and exhibit a regional dip that approximates 40 feet per mile (3 to 5 degrees) toward the south and southwest. As a result of this dip, the older Onondaga limestone outcrops or subcrops north of the Hamilton Group. An intersecting, orthogonal patter of fractures and joint sets are common throughout the bedrock strata. The surficial geomorphology of the bedrock strata was modified by period subaerial erosion and continental glaciation.

SITE GEOLOGY

As discussed in the Voluntary Cleanup Site Assessment Report¹, site overburden soils have been described as soil/fill to approximately 6-feet below ground surface (fbgs) overlying native glaciolacustrine sand, silt and clay. These black to gray unconsolidated sediments are dense and organic-rich, and minor amounts of peat were encountered during soil investigation work. The presence of peat below the fill material indicates that wetland-type areas were in-filled to create the coke storage yard.

This area, the former Donner-Hanna coke parcel, was used for the disposal of tar and acid sludges from the coke plant and the storage of coke and coal. Large quantities of coke overlie native soil in this area. Contaminant investigations detected benzene, as well as other volatile organics, and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons in soil, groundwater and surface water.

¹ Voluntary Cleanup Site Assessment Report, South Buffalo Redevelopment Plan: Steel Manufacturing Site, Buffalo, New York, prepared by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., September, 1997.

Description of Site Geography/Geology

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service soil survey map of Erie County² describes the general soil type at the site as Urban land. Field characterization confirms the presence of fill (mostly coke) over much of the Site.

Depth to and type of bedrock below the site has not been determined by drilling.

SITE GROUNDWATER

Unconfined perched groundwater was encountered at the site within the soil/fill at a depth of \pm 1.0 to 2.0 fbgs. Shallow groundwater was determined to flow in an south/southeast direction (see Attachment 13) with a low gradient. Regional groundwater, also appears to flow east/southeast towards Lake Erie (see Attachment 1).

GROUNDWATER RECHARGE & DISCHARGE

Recharge to the Site water table is primarily from rainfall and snowmelt. Precipitation predominantly infiltrates into the soil/fill present on the Site.

² U.S. Depart of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey of Erie County, New York, issued October 1972.

FIGURE 14-1

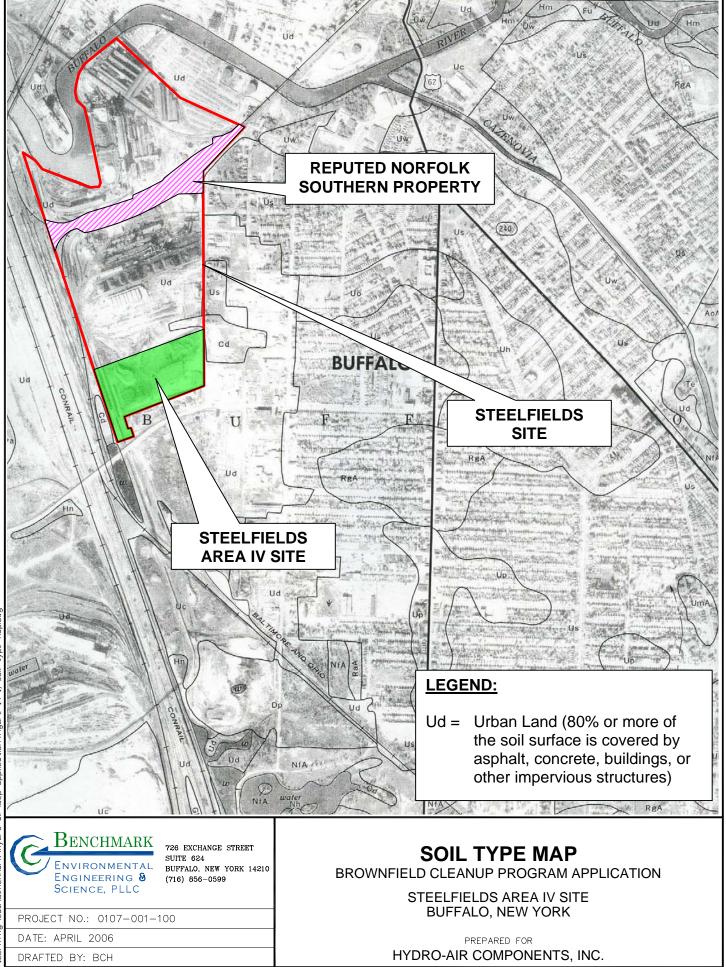
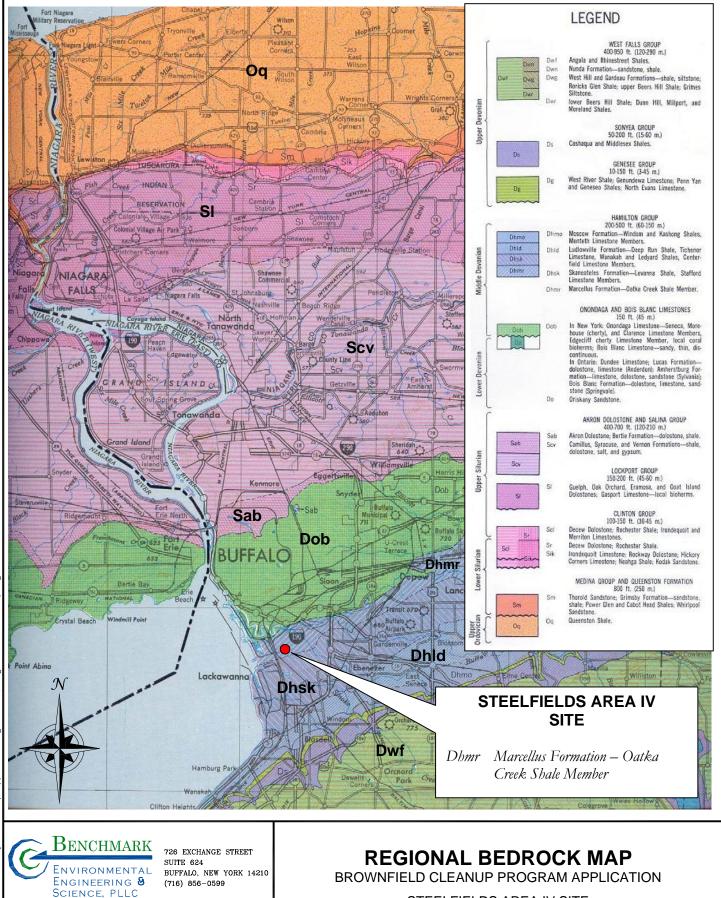


FIGURE 14-2



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