

# REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN

CURTISS MALT HOUSE PROJECT  
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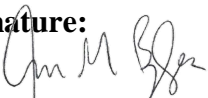
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Remedial Investigation workplan (RIWP) document presents details of work activities designed to support a Remedial Investigation (RI) at 1100 Niagara Street, in Buffalo, Erie County, New York (see **Figure 1**). Two abutting Vacant commercial buildings occupy approximately 70 percent of the 1.559-acre Site with the remainder of the site composed of asphalt/concrete hardscape and greenspace. JEMAL'S CURTIS MALTING L.L.C. has entered the Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) to remediate the Site for The Curtiss Malt House project that aims to renovate the long-vacant malt house building on the southern half of the property. Renovation will consist of a wide range of uses – residential, food manufacturing, an outdoor park, and retail.

Environmental assessments and investigations that have been completed on the Site concluded that there are impacted soils and impacted groundwater due to the property's former use and historical uses at adjacent properties. A previous Phase II Environmental Site assessments (ESA) identified site soils that have been impacted with metals and PAH related compounds and groundwater impacted with chlorinated solvent related compounds.

The purpose of the RI phase of the BCP is to address the following activities and requirements:

- Obtain environmental data from the site under site specific quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) for sampling, analyses, and data evaluation.
- Provide plans and approaches for health and safety and air monitoring for field activities.
- Summarize previous environmental assessments and investigations.
- Describe and illustrate the physical conditions of the site including surface waterbodies, ecological receptors, significant utility corridors.
- Tabulate and illustrate proposed sampling plan and results to include location, matrix, depth, analytes, methodologies, rationale, and QA/QC.
- Provide a schedule of activities and details of the proposed investigation team.
- Describe the areas of concern including impacted soils, fill material, groundwater, indoor air, and building conditions.
- Determine the necessity of a fish and wildlife impact analysis and, if required, gather data to evaluate impacts.
- Complete a qualitative exposure assessment for human health and fish/wildlife resources.
- Ensure (1) field work is sufficiently comprehensive to evaluate natural attenuation of groundwater, as applicable, and (2) all waste derived from the field work is managed in a manner that does not negatively impact human health and the environment.

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### 1.1 Site Description and History

The Site is a 1.559-acre L-shaped Commercial site located in an urban setting. The Site is zoned N-1S (Secondary Employment Center) and is located in an area consisting primarily of commercial and industrial businesses located along the east and west sides of Niagara Street. The Site is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Niagara Street and Albany Street.

To the east is Niagara Street; to the west is a railroad easement and Interstate 190; to the north the building abuts Oliver Gear facility; and to the south is a newly constructed restaurant.

The northern 2/3 of the Site currently contains several empty abutting buildings with sections ranging from one to three stories in height. The very southern and eastern portion of the site is composed of unimproved grassy/weed covered area that contains some soil as well as some construction and demolition debris along with some blacktop surface areas.

## 1.2 Contemplated Use of the Site

The project will consist of a wide range of uses – a brewery, hotel, residential, office, retail and parking. The Curtiss Malt House renovation project aims to renovate the long-vacant, historically important, and visually prominent 1898-built Curtiss Malt House in the southern half of the site into an architecturally significant, high vitality destination that attracts local, regional and global visitors.

## 1.3 Project Organization

The following personnel constitute the primary members of the project team:

Site Owner Representative – Greg Baker – 716-517-1104

BE3 Project Manager – Jason M. Brydges, P.E. - 716-362-6533 – Responsible for overall management of the project as owner’s representative including: principal liaison with NYSDEC PM and owner; staffing; scheduling, oversight of BE3 staff/operations and review of all generated reports.

BE3 Senior Engineer – John Berry, P.E. – 801-870-0285 – Responsible for data review (QA/QC) and generation of reports (RI/AAR, FER, SMP, etc.).

Health and Safety Officer – Peter J. Gorton, MPH and CHCM - 716-362-6534 – Responsible for assuring that BE3 field operations are conducted in accordance with the RIWP Health and Safety Plan.

Owners Attorney - Lindsey Haubenreich-Phillips Lytle

Other BE3 Project Staff and Field Technicians – Jacob Cox- environmental engineer, Sydney Deck- field Tech and John Boyd – Project geologist

### Subcontractors

- Asbestos/lead/universal waste subcontractor – AMD Environmental
- Drilling/Excavation subcontractors – to be determined
- Analytical Laboratory – to be determined

## **2.0 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**



## 2.1 RI Objectives

In general, an RI has the following objectives as described in NYCRR Part 375-1.8(e):

- Delineation of the extent of the contamination at and emanating from all media at the Site and the nature of that contamination.
- Characterization of the surface and subsurface of the Site, including topography, surface drainage, stratigraphy, depth to groundwater, and any aquifers that have been impacted or have the potential to be impacted;
- Identification of the sources of contamination, the migration pathways, and actual or potential receptors of contaminants;
- Evaluation of actual and potential threats to public health and the environment; and,
- Production of data of sufficient quality and quantity to support the necessity for, and the proposed extent of, remediation and to support the evaluation of proposed alternatives.

## 2.2 Specific Goals

Based on the data collected to date and history of the Site, RI activities have been developed that will allow for further assessment of: fill material; depth of native soil; depth to groundwater; building environmental condition; vapor intrusion and existence of USTs. Specific goals for the RI are as follows:

- Perform additional soil borings below the building slabs and across the property to add to the existing data. The focus will be on impacted areas identified during the previous investigation;
- Collect and analyze representative surface/subsurface soil samples to supplement samples collected in the Phase II and better characterize fill soils and native soils to quantify and assess contamination;
- Install and sample groundwater monitoring wells to complement existing temporary wells and to assess groundwater contamination and its sources (i.e., on or off-site) along with direction of groundwater flow;
- Conduct building environmental condition assessment that will include ACM, LBP, and other indoor hazardous materials within the existing structure;
- Conduct a vapor intrusion assessment; and,
- Fill any data gaps resulting from previous assessments.

To the extent possible, RI field work will also include the identification of any significant structures, sensitive areas, or appurtenances that could have an impact on contaminant migration or future remedial action such as any existing storm/sanitary sewer lines.

## 2.3 Contaminants and Areas of Concern

Based on the findings related to historic use of the Site and previous investigations, detected contaminants are mostly associated with historic fill in exterior areas of the Site. Contaminants of concern (COCs) in the soils include: SVOCs (primarily PAHs) and metals. COCs in groundwater are chlorinated solvent related VOCs. See **Figure 2** and **Tables 1 through 4** from the 2019/2023 Phase II ESAs for soil/groundwater sampling locations and analytical exceedances. The full suite

of soil and groundwater contaminants as identified in 6NYCRR Part 375 will be analyzed during the RI and compared to Part 375 Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) and NYSDEC Division of Water TOGS for soils and groundwater respectively.

The existing buildings, including exterior surfaces and materials, will also be assessed for hazardous materials and universal wastes such as asbestos containing material (ACM) in floors/caulk/roofing/insulation, lead-based paint (LBP) in ceilings/structures/windows/walls/doors, PCBs in light ballasts and caulk throughout the building, and mercury in fluorescent bulbs. Also, drains and sumps within the building will be assessed and contents, if any, characterized.

### **3.0 PAST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS/INVESTIGATIONS**

#### **3.1 Phase 1 ESA - by GES, Inc – October 2012 - Southern Half of Site (parcel 1100)**

##### **Recognized Environmental Conditions**

- There is a spill that occurred in the storage building from a leaking 55-gallon drum of oil. While the oil was cleaned up, the staining on the floor and wall remains.
- There are approximately a dozen fluorescent light ballasts in an electric/tool room located in an upstairs room to the left of the main building entry way.

The following RECs were found outside of the building on the property:

- Soil as well as construction and demolition debris have been dumped along the building between the south wall of the storage area and Albany Street. Used medical syringes were also observed scattered around the debris piles. The origin of this material is from off-site and it is unknown if this material may have contamination associated with it.
- There are two propane tanks on site near the front entry way to the building; a 20-pound cylinder just to the right of the entry way, and a 40-pound cylinder alongside of the office building near the entry way to the main building.

The following are suspect environmental conditions (SECs) that were observed or discovered within the interior of the building during the completion of this Phase I ESA:

- The interior brick building walls are stained a dark brownish color. This could have been from the use of a coating to seal the brick through time, or could be related to past industrial practices that occurred within the building.
- Industrial cleaning fluids were reportedly within the building immediately to the right of the main building entry way.
- There are a number of sumps on the main floor of the building that have been filled in with either soil or concrete.
- There is a drain on the main floor of the building that may have historically received cleaning fluids from onsite industrial processes. It is unknown where this drain discharges.
- There is a sump under the mezzanine approximately two feet deep that is filled with

sediment and water. The chemical nature of the sediment and water in this sump are unknown

- There is a shaft under the grain elevators/bins with standing water, sediment and refuse in it. The chemical nature of sediment and water are unknown.
- There is a drain in the basement boiler room that likely received condensate from the boiler. It is unknown where this drain discharges.

The following SEC was found outside of the building on the property:

- There are pole mounted transformers along the electric right of way along the south property boundary with Albany Street.

The following SECs were discovered as part of our site visit and electronics data file search using Sanborn property maps, and review of City of Buffalo files:

- To the east of Niagara Street, Keystone Chromium Corporation operated a chrome plating facility from before 1951 to after 1986. There may have been releases of heavy metals and/or solvents to soil that migrated down to the groundwater table. Since this facility was located upgradient of 1100 Niagara Street, any groundwater contamination that may have occurred as result of their manufacturing processes may have migrated through time downgradient onto the 1100 Niagara Street property.
- In addition, the industrial manufacturing processes used at Keystone Chromium Corporation may have caused releases of heavy metals to the environment via the air or soil routes in and around the location of the plant.
- Immediately south of the 1100 Niagara Street, an oil distribution facility was in place from before 1925 until after 1951. This facility reportedly had petroleum storage tanks on location, which may have leaked creating soil and groundwater contamination. Since this location is side gradient to general flow direction, it is unknown whether or not there are any impacts to soil and groundwater from industrial activities at this site, or whether or not potential impacts have effected soil and groundwater at 1100 Niagara Street.
- Immediately adjacent to the north, Modern Heat Treating and Fabricating has had a facility since before 1986 but after 1981. Modern treats metal products. There is a 1,500-gallon tank for methanol located on site. There is a potential for the release of heavy metals and/or solvents from this facility. It is unknown whether or not there have been any releases, or whether they would affect soil and groundwater quality at 1100 Niagara Street.
- Immediately west of 1100 Niagara Street is a railroad right of way. Historically, various chemical, petroleum and metal products and various other products are transported by rail. It is unknown if there have been any spills by rail transportation in the immediate vicinity of 1100 Niagara Street that may have impacted site soils or groundwater.

### 3.2 Preliminary Phase 2 ESA – by GES, Inc. – November 2012- Southern Half of Site (parcel 1100)

## Conclusions





The Preliminary Phase II investigation for the property at 1100 Niagara Street was completed in November 2012. Analytical results for soil samples SC-1 through SC-4 (see **Figure 1** and **Table 1** GES Phase 2 ESA) show the presence of metals, a pesticide and SVOCs above the restricted residential soil cleanup objectives in the surface soils.

Sediment sample MSS-5 (see **Figure 1** and **Table 1** GES Phase 2 ESA) collected from the mezzanine sump significantly exceeded the restricted residential use soil cleanup objectives for several metals, a pesticide, and 14 SVOCs. This composite sample from the sump likely contains a mixture of materials that were used within the building including lead paint residue from the walls, and burned wood debris that was present in the sump.

The wall residue sample is most likely not residue from manufacturing processes. The dark grey-brown coating on the interior walls of the main building is likely to be lead based paint since there were significant concentrations of Cadmium, Lead, and Zinc that are present in the sample. The origin of Mercury in the sample is unknown.

The presence of Dieldrin and Acetone above TOGS 1.1.1 (see **Table 1** GES Phase 2 ESA) indicates the likely presence of pesticides use onsite as well as compound containing VOCs, possibly for cleaning purposes.

### 3.3 Phase 2 ESA – by BE3 – June 2019 - Southern Half of Site (parcel 1100)

#### **Conclusions**

Data reviewed from remedial investigations at adjacent/nearby properties indicated potential impacts to groundwater and soils at these adjacent/nearby properties which could potentially impact the subject property.

Field observations and laboratory results indicate that there are urban fill conditions in the near-surface soil resulting in compounds above residential SCOs (see **Figure 2** BE3 2019/2023 Phase 2 ESAs). Metal and SVOC exceedances were observed in six (6) of the seven (7) samples (see **Table 1** BE3 Phase 2 ESA) collected and these represent areas across the property. The fill depth varied from one foot to fifteen feet across the property and bedrock depth varied from nine (9) to almost sixteen (16) feet bgs. The one groundwater result indicates that groundwater up gradient of the property is impacted with chlorinated solvents above groundwater guidance (see **Table 2** - BE3 Phase 2 ESA). Immediately adjacent and nearby properties east and north of the property have the historical use potential for chlorinated solvents that could impact groundwater. The overburden does not appear to be a source of a significant water bearing zone.

More detailed investigations may require assessment of groundwater in the bedrock aquifer. However, it is likely that impacts to groundwater are from adjacent or nearby properties.

### 3.4 Phase 2 ESA – by BE3 – March 2023 - Northern Half of Site (former parcels 1106/1110)

The purpose of this assessment was to identify potential environmental impacts at 1106-1110 Niagara Street in Buffalo, New York. The property was previously commercial/industrial. Adjacent

properties have a history of industrial operations associated with metal work, plating and machining which involves the use of solvents and petroleum compounds.

A geophysical survey was conducted as part of the Phase II. The objective of the survey was to assess if a tank or tanks remained on the property based on historical information suggesting a 1,400-gallon methanol UST as well as a 1,000-gallon oil UST may be located on the eastern side of the site. The survey entailed the use of a high-sensitive metal detector (i.e., Geonics EM61) instrument to survey the near surface for the presence of metallic or metal-containing objects. The investigation was conducted across the asphalt surface area east of the building. Anomalies that may be related to buried USTs, metal pipes, or metal fill material were recorded and annotated on a site map. The results of the survey suggested that a tank may be located in the northwest corner of the property adjacent to the building.

The laboratory results indicate that there are urban fill conditions existing at the property to at least 0-2 feet bgs resulting in target compounds (metals and SVOCs) above NYSDEC restricted residential SCOs (see **Figure 2** BE3 2019/2023 Phase 2 ESAs). Also, soil sample analytical results are provided in **Table 3** and Groundwater sample results in **Table 4**.

Historical use, previous environmental investigations, and this assessment indicate environmental impacts exist at the property in soils above NYSDEC SCOs.

#### **4.0 INTERIM REMEDIAL MEASURES (IRM)**

The primary objective of remediation is to reduce or eliminate receptor exposure to contaminants through the removal or stabilization of source contamination identified in media. IRMs are actions taken to mitigate exposures before the completion of the RI and remedial alternative selection. Examples of typical IRMs include the removal of source areas/hotspots/wastes, construction of collection or recovery systems, installation of engineered barriers and controls, and installation of vapor control systems.

If the need for implementing an IRM is determined during the RI, then the DEC will be notified and the IRM defined as emergency or non-emergency. Emergency IRMs are addressed as a spill response and are time-critical that are not subject to DER-10 (i.e., other guidance applies, such as CERCLA, spill response guidance manual, etc.). Non-emergency IRMs such as drum removals, construction of fencing, and posting of warning signs can be performed at any time during the BCP, but in response to existing or potential exposures at the Site. These are best utilized when it is cost effective to complete the IRM prior to the remedial investigation and remedy selection process. In these cases, DER-10 will be followed and include corresponding documentation and oversight/approval by DEC.

The most significant advantage to using IRMs is the reduction in schedule of any impending remedial activities since they may be conducted concurrently with sampling to delineate the contamination and to confirm contaminant removal.

The need for, and design of, an IRM will be developed as necessary following or during the implementation of the RI.

Any IRM proposed at the Site will require review and approval of an IRM workplan by NYSDEC and NYSDOH and may require a 30-day public comment period. Completed IRMs proposed as a final remedy will also require a 45-day public comment period.

## 5.0 INVESTIGATION SCOPE OF WORK

### 5.1 Introduction

All investigation field work will be completed in accordance with the Health and Safety Plan (HASP) provided in **Appendix A**. It is anticipated that the RI can be completed in a single phase and include the following:

- Soil investigation across the Site to supplement previous investigation findings (soil borings, sampling, and analyses);
- Groundwater investigation across the Site to supplement the Phase 2 temporary well data (well installation, sampling, and analyses);
- Hydraulic assessment of subsurface groundwater;
- Building hazardous materials/universal waste survey; and,
- Vapor intrusion investigation.

A Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will also be implemented during RI field activities (see **Appendix E**)

### 5.2 Soil Assessment

This soil assessment will allow the visual inspection and characterization of soil conditions below the interior and exterior of the building with the objective of confirming the depth of fill material across the site including below the building slab and to collect and analyze additional fill and native soil samples. Also, the extent of known contamination will be quantified and contamination sources identified, as data allows. The only soil assessments completed to date have been the November 2012 GES Preliminary Phase 2 ESA, the BE3 2019 and 2023 Phase 2 ESAs (refer to section 3.0). As such, the objective of the RI soil assessment will be to use the previous data and complete additional borings in areas of concern identified in the previous assessments. A total of 27 Soil borings will be completed. The borings will be spread out with a focus on previously identified impacted areas and areas where no investigation has been performed, such as beneath the building (See **Figure 3**). The precise sampling locations will be based on real-time field observations and will specifically target potential contaminant features while ensuring that areas of concern are examined.

The borings will be advanced to native soil or refusal. Borings may advance to presumed bedrock to confirm depth of bedrock across the site as it relatively shallow in this area. Borings will be installed using Geoprobe® direct push technology. Continuous soil sampling will be conducted using the Geoprobe® with a two-inch diameter sampler. At each boring location the following will be recorded:

- Thickness and characteristics of the cover/fill material;
- Depth to the water table, if encountered;



- Thickness and characteristics of the native soil;
- Photoionization detector (PID) screening results; and,
- Samples collected at an estimated depth.

Three test pits (TP) will also be advanced using an excavator/backhoe in the location identified as an anomaly and possible UST location by the geophysical survey conducted during the BE3 2023 Ph-II ESA (see Section 3.4). The purpose and objective of the test pits are to excavate the area of possible metal anomalies to determine if USTs are present, to assess for gross petroleum impacted soil, and to confirm fill depth conditions. The locations of the test pits were selected based on using the Phase II ESA geophysical grid to locate areas where metal anomalies were indicated. The test pits will be approximately 2 feet wide by 8 feet long and to a depth of native soil or bedrock. . At each TP location the following will be recorded:

- Thickness and characteristics of the cover/fill material;
- Depth to the water table, if encountered;
- Thickness and characteristics of the native soil;
- Photoionization detector (PID) screening results; and,
- Samples collected at an estimated depth.

A detailed log of boring/TP records will be maintained to assist field personnel in selecting the most appropriate sample at each location. The native material below any fill is primarily red-brown silty clay with trace medium sand & fine gravel.

Samples will be selected based upon (1) areas that appear to be impacted based upon visual, olfactory, or PID detections, (2) areas of natural soil at interface with fill material, and (3) known fill material that may or may not be impacted but believed to represent Site soils. Soil sampling will be biased toward soil with detectable vapors, staining or gross characteristics. Also, additional soil samples will be required if differing stratified contaminant layers in fill soil or native soil are encountered. **Table 5** provides a soil sampling matrix for all proposed soil investigation locations (borings/TP). Analytical parameters for proposed soil samples to be collected for this project are summarized in **Table 6** and QA/QC procedures are provided in **Appendix B** QA/QC Plan.

The soil samples will be analyzed by a NYSDOH environmental laboratory accreditation program (ELAP) certified laboratory that produces NYSDEC Category B data package deliverables. Data Usability Summary Reports (DUSRs) will be prepared for all samples. All samples will be analyzed for the full Part 375 Brownfields constituent list which includes the following:

- Target Compound List (TCL) VOCs + TICs (subsurface samples only)
- TCL SVOCs + TICs
- Target Analyte List (TAL) Metals (Including total mercury, total cyanide and hexavalent chromium)
- PCBs
- TCL Pesticides
- 1,4-dioxane
- PFAS (PFOA/PFOS)

Any subsurface disturbance, boring or test pit, will be performed at a minimum distance of 2.5 feet away from marked utilities to reduce the risk damaging an underground utility line. Fill used to backfill boreholes for the native soil portion will consist of bentonite pellets or chips. Sand may be used for backfill of the fill layer. Alternatively, the entire core hole may be backfilled with bentonite.

Field equipment will be operated in accordance with standard practices and in a safe and efficient manner so as to minimize any hydraulic system leaks or lubricant and fuel leaks (See **Appendix A** – HASP for details).

Additional field activities performed by the field geologist/technician include: properly labeling, packaging, delivering samples to the laboratory; supervising field operations; and completing boring logs, which can be performed in the office after recording field notes. The geologist/technician will update the Project Manager at least daily on progress in the field and results of the subsurface investigation. No major changes in the subsurface investigations will occur unless approved by the Project Manager, who will also notify the Client and NYSDEC regarding project developments. A detailed description of the sampling methods is provided in the **Appendix C** – Field Sampling Plan.

### 5.3 Groundwater

Using the information from the four temporary groundwater monitoring micro-wells installed in four of the Phase 2 ESA Geoprobe borings (see **Figure 3** RI Plan), eight (8) overburden groundwater monitoring wells are proposed to be installed during the RI using a conventional truck mounted or track drill rig using hollow stem auger drilling techniques. Soil samples will be collected during the installation of each well at a frequency similar to the soil boring investigation plan and analyzed in a similar manner. Each well will consist of a 2-inch inside diameter (ID), schedule 40 polyvinyl chloride (PVC) casing equipped with a proposed 10-foot screen, however, screen length and screen depth may require modification depending on depth of fill, depth of native soil and depth water bearing zones. Monitoring wells will not straddle fill and native soil water bearing zones as this may introduce contamination from the fill zone into the native soil zone. A filter pack will be placed around the screen to a minimum of 2 feet above the screen with a 1-foot bentonite/cement grout seal above the filter pack. A solid PVC riser pipe will be extending to the surface for each well. Wells will be completed with either flush mounted or stick-up casings depending on well location.

The anticipated location of the wells has been selected to establish groundwater flow direction and to further assess potential groundwater impacts at the site.

#### **Alternative – Bedrock Wells**

During the Phase II investigations only two of the temporary wells produced water, leading to the conclusion that the overburden may not be a source of a significant water bearing zone. Therefore, based on the results of the installation of the initial RI overburden well, a decision will be made, after consultation with NYSDEC, if one or more of the proposed overburden wells will be changed to a bedrock well. For each bedrock well, once auger refusal is encountered, A 4-inch diameter PVC casing will be installed and cemented into the bedrock. The cement will be

allowed to set over night and the bedrock cored with a 3-inch nominal rock core to approximately 10 feet into the bedrock. Once coring is completed, with the agreement of DEC, the hole will be left open with no casing or filter pack.

Detailed boring and well construction logs will be provided for monitoring well installations and included in the RI report. Surface elevations of all wells will be surveyed in and groundwater elevations recorded to allow groundwater contours to be established during the RI.

The data obtained from the initial well installation, such as soil type and groundwater depth, will be used to guide the installation of the remaining wells. Installation, development, and sampling of the wells will also adhere to the requirements provided in the Field Sampling Plan provided in **Appendix C**.

One groundwater sample will be collected from each of the nine wells, and submitted to a New York State ELAP-certified laboratory and analyzed for the following 6 NYCRR 375 constituents and emerging contaminants:

- Target Compound List (TCL) VOCs + TICs
- TCL SVOCs + TICs
- Target Analyte List (TAL) Metals (Including total mercury, total cyanide and hexavalent chromium)
- PCBs
- TCL Pesticides
- 1,4-dioxane
- PFAS (PFOA/PFOS)

All sample analysis will be in accordance with ASP, Category B requirements. **Table 3** includes a groundwater sampling matrix for all proposed monitoring well locations (borings). Groundwater samples collected for emerging contaminants (PFAS) will be conducted in accordance with the latest NYSDEC Sampling, Analysis, and Assessment Guidelines for PFAS. All detected sample concentrations will be included in a table and compared to NYSDEC Groundwater Standards (TOGS) and the latest PFAS standards. Analytical parameters for proposed groundwater samples to be collected for this project are summarized in **Table 4** and QA/QC requirements/procedures are provided in **Appendix B** QA/QC Plan.

#### 5.4 Groundwater Hydraulic Assessment

Hydraulic assessment includes the completion of hydraulic conductivity tests and the measurement of water levels in monitoring wells. Hydraulic conductivity testing will be performed on the newly installed monitoring wells using a variable head method. Variable head tests will be completed using a stainless steel or PVC slug to displace water within the well or by removing water from the well with a bailer or pump. The recovery of the initial water level is then measured with respect to time. Data obtained using this test procedures will be evaluated using procedures presented in “The Bouwer and Rice Slug Test - An Update”, Bouwer, H., Groundwater Journal, Vol. 27, No. 3, May-June 1989, or similar method.

## 5.5 Vapor Intrusion Investigation

Properties east and directly north of the Site have the historical use potential for chlorinated solvents that could impact groundwater and the 2019 and 2023 Phase 2 investigations indicated the presence of chlorinated solvent related VOCs in the groundwater. To assess if chlorinated solvent VOC vapors exist in the soil beneath the buildings and are possibly entered the buildings, a soil vapor intrusion investigation will be undertaken. Initially a product inventory assessment of any remaining chemical contents inside the building will be undertaken to rule out any indoor air sources of vapors associated with these materials.

This investigation will consist of sampling vapors that may exist beneath the building slabs along with sampling indoor air. A total of 11 sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air sample pairs will be collected from six locations across the southern building and five locations across the northern abutting building. Proposed locations are provided on **Figure 3**; however, final locations will be determined in the field. One outdoor air sample will also be collected outside the east end of the site as background.

To collect sub-slab soil/vapor samples a skid steer mounted Geoprobe or portable drill will be used to drill through the concrete floor to install the sampling probes. Installation/sampling procedures will be in accordance with the October 2006, New York State Department of Health *Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion in the State of New York* and its amendments. The sub-slab sampling procedures are also provided in Section 8.0 of the **Appendix C** Field Sampling Plan. Summa canisters will be used to collect all samples over a sampling period of 24 hours. NYSDEC Category B analytical data package deliverables will be provided. All air/vapor samples will be analyzed for TCL VOCs by EPA Method TO-15. **Table 5** provides an air/vapor sampling matrix for all proposed air/vapor sampling locations. Analytical parameters for proposed samples to be collected for this project are summarized in **Table 6** and QA/QC procedures are provided in **Appendix B** QA/QC Plan.

## 5.6 Building Environmental Condition Assessment

A Building Environmental Condition Assessment will be completed prior to any demolition/refurbishing work on the buildings is conducted, and will include: (1) an asbestos containing materials (ACM) survey; (2) a lead-based paint survey; (3) a PCB inventory/assessment; and (4) the building floor drains/sumps will be surveyed/identified and contents characterized.

The specific scope of work tasks are as follows:

### ASBESTOS SURVEY

New York State Department of Labor Certified Asbestos Inspectors will be utilized to identify and quantify homogenous areas, and to collect bulk samples of each homogenous area within the buildings for laboratory analysis. Also, sampling of exterior surfaces/materials that are suspected ACM will be included. Asbestos sampling activities will be conducted in accordance with guidelines and techniques identified in NY Code Rule 56. The samples will be sent to a laboratory

approved by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP) for subsequent analysis.

Layered building materials will be separated by layer into individual homogenous areas. The sampling event will include a visual examination to identify the location, approximate quantities, apparent condition and friability of materials that are typically suspected to contain asbestos as identified in 12 NYCRR 56-5.1.

Bulk samples will be laboratory analyzed for the presence of asbestos, using polarized light microscopy (PLM). Samples that are determined by the laboratory to be non-friable organically bound (NOB) in nature and determined to contain less than one percent asbestos by PLM analysis, will also be analyzed by transmission electron microscopy (TEM). TEM analysis is required by the NYSDOH to conclusively determine that NOB materials contain less than one percent asbestos.

### LEAD INSPECTION

BE3/AMD will provide Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) certified lead-based paint (LBP) Risk Assessors/Environmental Technicians to perform a lead-based paint inspection of the interior and exterior surfaces of the subject building using X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF). Surfaces will be classified as LBP using HUD criteria which defines LBP as any paint, varnish, stain or other applied coating measuring 1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> or 0.5 percent by weight or more of lead. All surfaces yielding inconclusive results during the XRF inspection shall be assumed positive for LBP.

### PCB SURVEY

BE3/AMD will provide Environmental Technicians to identify lubricating oils and window caulks, and fluorescent light fixtures for suspect PCB containing materials and collect verification samples. The samples will be submitted to an accredited laboratory to determine the presence of PCBs and compare against existing EPA standards. The survey will also investigate lighting ballasts for PCB related labelling and provide a count of fixtures that are not labelled as being non-PCB containing. Mercury switches will also be identified.

### FLOOR DRAIN/SUMP SURVEY

A survey of building floor drains and sumps will be identified and contents characterized.

## **6.0 ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL FIELD INVESTIGATIONS**

All the data generated during the RI will be evaluated to determine if additional investigation activities are needed beyond what is described herein. Additional assessment may include an additional subsurface boring or test trench and sample analysis limited to contaminants identified during the RI program. Should the site investigations indicate the likelihood of site contaminants leaching outside the Site boundary, additional assessment for potential off-site soil vapor intrusion may be necessary.



## 7.0 QUALITATIVE EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT

Qualitative exposure assessments will be completed in accordance with DER-10 sections 3.3(c) 3 & 4. The assessments will include what impacts site contaminants and field activities may have, if any, on human health and fish and wildlife resources considering all media (ground/surface water, soil, soil vapor, ambient air and biota). Human health and ecological exposure impacts will be assessed as outlined in DER-10 Appendix 3B - Qualitative Human Health Exposure Assessment and Appendix 3C - Fish and Wildlife Resources Impact Analysis (FWRIA) Decision Key. The Appendix 3C Fish and Wildlife Resources Impact Analysis Decision Key is provided in **Appendix G**. No FWRIA is needed based on the completed decision key process. This determination is based on the following:

- The Site was a commercial property;
- There is no habitat of an endangered, threatened or special concern species present on site; and
- There are no ecological resources present on the site.

The qualitative human health exposure assessment will evaluate the five elements (DER-10 Appendix 3B) associated with exposure pathways and describe how each of these elements pertains to the Site. The exposure pathway elements that will be addressed include:

- A description of the contaminant source(s) including the location of the contaminant release to the environment (any waste disposal area or point of discharge) or if the original source is unknown, the contaminated environmental medium (soil, indoor or outdoor air, biota, water) at the point of exposure;
- An explanation of the contaminant release and transport mechanisms to the exposed population;
- Identification of all potential exposure point(s) where actual or potential human contact with a contaminated medium may occur;
- Description(s) of the route(s) of exposure (i.e., ingestion, inhalation, dermal absorption); and,
- A characterization of the receptor populations who may be exposed to contaminants at a point of exposure.

As called for in DER-10 for volunteers in the BCP, sufficient field information and sampling data will be provided to identify the presence of contamination, if any, that maybe leaving the Site to support qualitative off-site exposure assessments by others.

## 8.0 REPORTING

An RI report will be prepared in accordance with the applicable requirements of DER-10 and Part 375. This report may also include a corresponding alternatives analysis report (AAR) that (1) evaluates remedial alternatives based upon the data obtained in the RI, and (2) initiates the 45-day public comment period for the generation of the remedial action work plan (RAWP) and final decision document produced by the NYSDEC.

A Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) has been prepared for the Site in accordance with the requirements outlined in NYSDEC's DER- 23 Citizen Participation Handbook for Remedial Programs, issued January 2010, as amended (See **Appendix D**). The CPP provides for issuance of fact sheets and public meetings at various stages in the investigation/remedial process. A fact sheet will be prepared by NYSDEC to announce the availability of the RIWP for review, followed by a 30-day comment period. A public meeting will be held, if requested, during the public comment period. An announcement will be issued in the Environmental Notice Bulletin.

The major components of the CPP are as follows:

- Names and addresses of the interested public as set forth on the Brownfield site contact list provided with the BCP application;
- Identification of major issues of public concern related to the site and that may be encountered during the remediation project;
- A description of citizens participation activities already performed and to be performed during remediation;
- Identification of document repositories for the project; and,
- A description and schedule of public participation activities that are either required by law or needed to address public concerns related to the Site.

Fact sheets documenting the goals and progress of the project will be prepared at key milestones during the project and distributed to those on the project mailing list. The distribution list is included in the CPP, which is provided in **Appendix D**.

## **9.0 SCHEDULE**

A preliminary schedule is provided in **Appendix F**.

## 10.0 WORK PLAN CERTIFICATION

Jason M. Brydges certifies that he is currently NYS registered professional engineer as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 375 and that this Remedial Investigation Work Plan was prepared in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations and in substantial conformance with the DER Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation (DER-10).

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Jason M. Brydges, P.E.



# FIGURES

# 2012 GES PHASE 2 ESA

MSS-5 (Sediment 0-1") ppm	
COPPER	460
LEAD	2200
MERCURY	12.6
DIELDRIN	12.00
ACENAPHTHENE	120.00
ANTHRACENE	200.00
BENZO(A)ANTHRACENE	250.00
BENZO(A)PYRENE	170.00
BENZO(B)FLUORANTHENE	240.00
BENZO(G,H,I)PERYLENE	ND
BENZO(K)FLUORANTHENE	110.00
CHRYSENE	170.00
DIBENZ(A,H)ANTHRACENE	20.00
FLUORANTHENE	460.00
FLUORENE	150.00
INDENO(1,2,3-C,D)PYRENE	76.00
NA PHTHALENE	200.00
PHENANTHRENE	800.00
PYRENE	610.00

RS-7 (Surface Residue) ppm	
ARSENIC	66
BARIIUM	640
CADMIUM	230
LEAD	58000
ZINC	40000
MERCURY	6.91

MSW-6 (Surface Water) ppb	
DIELDRIN	0.51
ACETONE	93

SC-4 (0-6") ppm	
MERCURY	1.57
DIELDRIN	1.00
BENZO(A)ANTHRACENE	6.40
BENZO(A)PYRENE	4.60
BENZO(B)FLUORANTHENE	8.60
CHRYSENE	4.70
DIBENZ(A,H)ANTHRACENE	0.56
INDENO(1,2,3-C,D)PYRENE	2.20

SC-3 (0-6") ppm	
LEAD	590
BENZO(A)ANTHRACENE	12.00
BENZO(A)PYRENE	8.00
BENZO(B)FLUORANTHENE	15.00
BENZO(K)FLUORANTHENE	4.10
CHRYSENE	8.20
INDENO(1,2,3-C,D)PYRENE	3.60

SC-2 (0-6") ppm	
BENZO(B)FLUORANTHENE	1.20

SC-1 (0-6") ppm	
LEAD	690

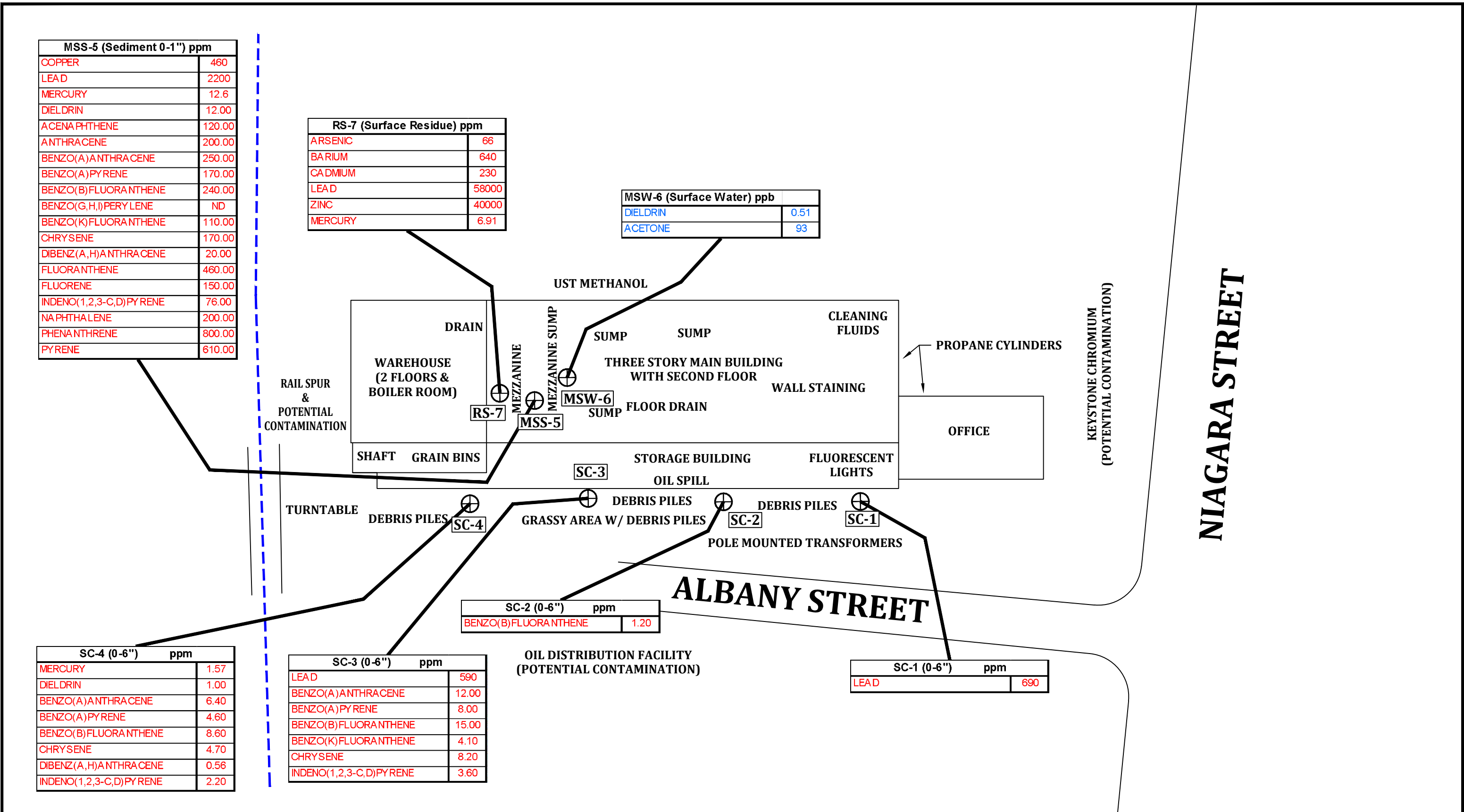
- LEGEND**
- - - RAILROAD TRACKS
  - ⊕ SAMPLING LOCATIONS
  - SC-1/RS-7/MMS-5/MSW-6

**NOTES:**

- ALL SOIL (SC) / RESIDUE (RS) / SEDIMENT (MSS) SAMPLE CONCENTRATIONS (IN RED) EXCEED RESTRICTED RESIDENTIAL SCO'S.
- WATER SAMPLE (MSW) CONCENTRATIONS (IN BLUE) EXCEED TOG'S.
- STORAGE BUILDING AND OFFICE DEMOLISHED/REMOVED POST 2012 ESA



	<b>Figure 1 - GES 2012 Phase 2 ESA Sampling Locations</b>	Revisions
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MAP ADAPTED FROM GOOGLE EARTH PRO®



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Figure 1  
Site Location Map

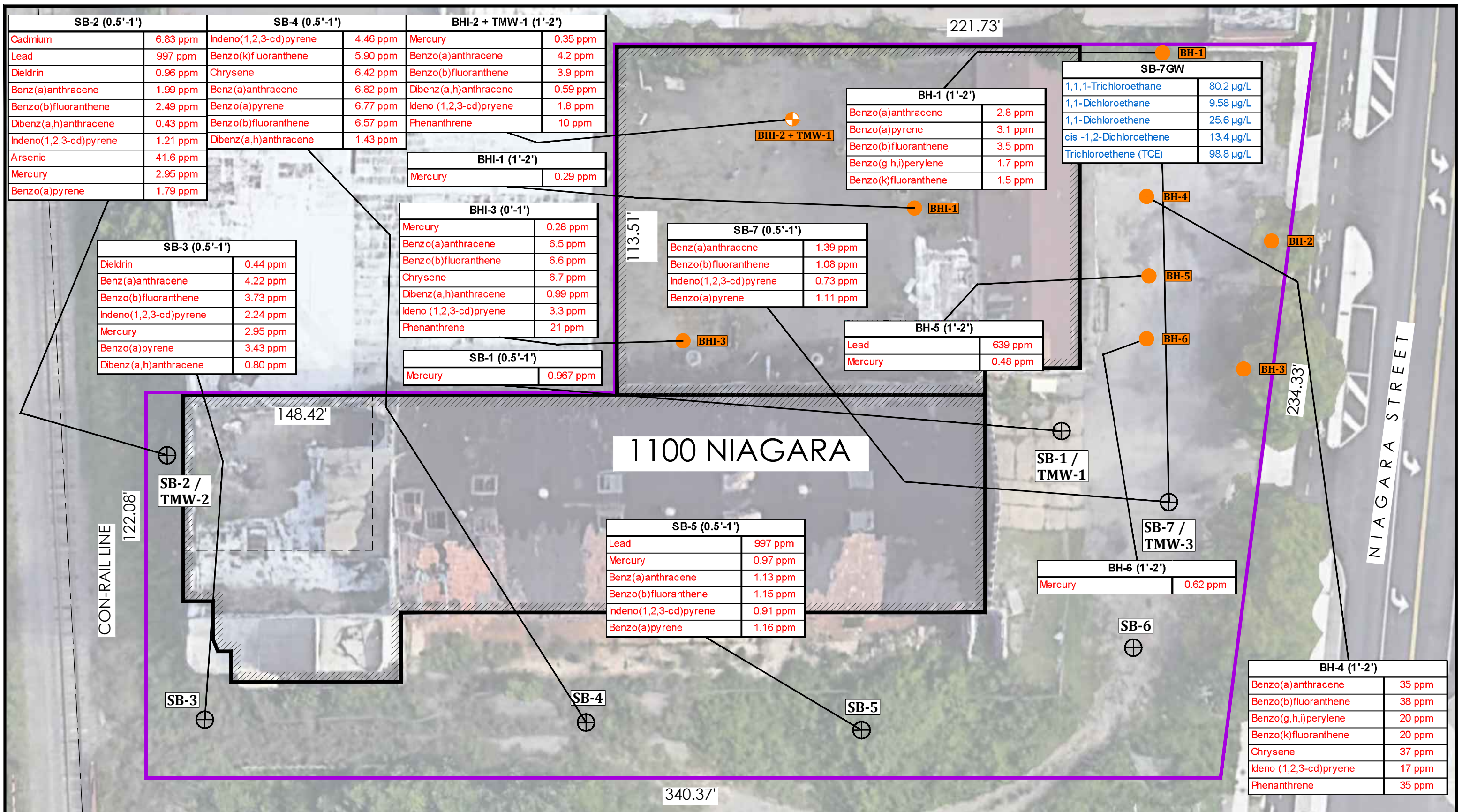
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**LEGEND**

- BCP PROPERTY BOUNDARY
- BUILDING PERIMETER
- 2019 PHASE 2 ESA SOIL BORING AND TEMPORARY MONITORING WELL
- BH-#** 2023 PHASE 2 ESA SOIL BORING LOCATION
- BHI-2 + TMW-1** 2023 PHASE 2 ESA SOIL BORING AND WELL LOCATION

**NOTES:**  
 -ALL SOIL SAMPLE CONCENTRATIONS (IN RED) EXCEED RESTRICTED RESIDENTIAL SCO'S.  
 -ALL GROUNDWATER (GW) CONCENTRATIONS (IN BLUE) EXCEED TOG'S.

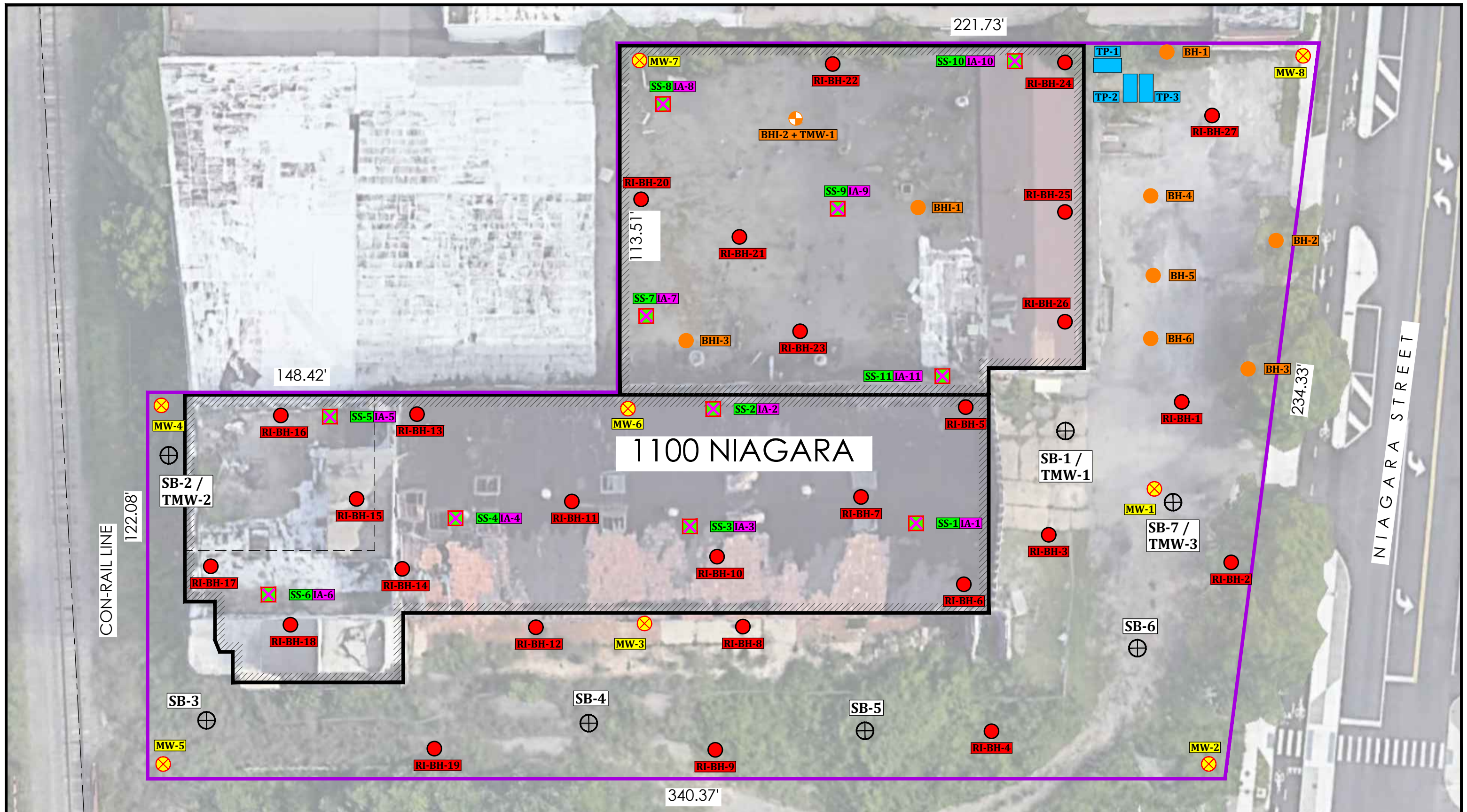


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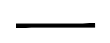


**Figure 2**  
 2019/2023 Ph- 2 Results





1100 Niagara Street Site  
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**LEGEND**

-  BCP PROPERTY BOUNDARY
-  BUILDING PERIMETER
-  2019 PHASE 2 ESA SOIL BORING AND TEMPORARY MONITORING WELL
-  SB-1 / TMW-1

-  **BH-#** 2023 PHASE 2 ESA SOIL BORING LOCATION
-  **BHI-2 + TMW-1** 2023 PHASE 2 ESA SOIL BORING AND WELL LOCATION
-  **MW-#** RI GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL
-  **SS-# IA-#** RI SUB-SLAB VAPOR SAMPLE / RI INDOOR AIR SAMPLE

-  **RI-BH-#** RI BOREHOLE
-  **TP-#** TEST PIT



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**Figure 3**  
 RI Investigation Plan

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# TABLES

# 2012 GES PHASE 2 ESA

**Table 1: Analysis of Soil, Sediment and residue Samples  
1100 Niagara Street  
Buffalo, New York**

Sample Name	<b>**6 NYCRR Part 375 Soil Cleanup Objectives Restricted Residential</b>	SC - 1	SC - 2	SC - 3	SC - 4	MSS-5	RS - 7
Sample Type		Soil	Soil	Soil	Soil	Sediment	Residue
Sample Depth		0-6"	0-6"	0-6"	0-6"	0-1"	Surf
Date		10/11/2012	10/11/2012	10/11/2012	10/11/2012	10/11/2012	10/11/2012
PID Reading (ppmv)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Metals (mg/kg)</b>							
ALUMINUM	NS	9500	8700	7200	5500	5600	1500
ARSENIC	16	11	ND	8.5	4.5	9.7	66
BARIUM	400	210	150	160	130	260	640
BERYLLIUM	72	ND	1.3	ND	ND	ND	ND
CADMIUM	4.3	ND	1	ND	ND	3.6	230
CALCIUM	NS	30000	41000	72000	76000	74000	42000
CHROMIUM, TOTAL	290	19	16	12	12	43	11
COBALT	NS	7.7	6.6	4.2	3.3	ND	ND
COPPER	270	59	26	28	170	460	31
IRON	NS	18000	17000	13000	11000	34000	9400
LEAD	400	690	220	590	120	2200	58000
MAGNESIUM	NS	9600	12000	17000	20000	7300	8200
MANGANESE	2,000	380	400	510	430	360	1100
NICKEL	310	17	16	12	11	61	6.1
POTASSIUM	NS	1400	1300	1400	1400	950	590
SELENIUM	180	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	35
SODIUM	NS	180	90	390	130	1200	10000
VANADIUM	NS	22	21	23	13	ND	34
ZINC	10,000	390	190	310	220	1400	40000
MERCURY	0.81	0.225	0.108	0.111	1.57	12.6	6.91
<b>Pesticides/Polychlorinated Biphenyls (mg/kg)</b>							
PCBs	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
4,4'-DDD	13	ND	ND	0.042	ND	0.240	NA
4,4'-DDE	8.9	ND	ND	ND	ND	1.500	NA
4,4'-DDT	7.9	ND	ND	0.140	0.057	3.600	NA
alpha-Chlordane	4.2	ND	ND	0.034	ND	ND	NA
gamma-Chlordane	NS	ND	ND	0.039	ND	ND	NA
Methoxychlor	NS	ND	ND	0.310	0.200	0.990	NA
Dieldrin	0.2	ND	ND	ND	1.000	12.000	NA
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds (mg/kg)</b>							
METHYLENE CHLORIDE	100	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.015	NA
						0.015	
<b>Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (mg/kg)</b>							
2,4-DIMETHYLPHENOL	NS	ND	ND	ND	ND	9.70	ND
2-METHYLNAPHTHALENE	NS	ND	ND	ND	ND	83.00	ND
ACENAPHTHENE	100	ND	ND	1.80	0.81	120.00	ND
ACENAPHTHYLENE	100	ND	ND	0.25	ND	ND	ND
ANTHRACENE	100	ND	ND	4.20	1.90	200.00	ND
BENZO(A)ANTHRACENE	1.0	0.31	0.91	12.00	6.40	250.00	ND
BENZO(A)PYRENE	1.0	0.25	0.72	8.00	4.60	170.00	ND
BENZO(B)FLUORANTHENE	1.0	ND	1.20	15.00	8.60	240.00	ND
BENZO(G,H,I)PERYLENE	100	ND	ND	2.80	1.70	ND	ND
BENZO(K)FLUORANTHENE	3.9	ND	0.53	4.10	2.70	110.00	ND
BIPHENYL (DIPHENYL)	NS	ND	ND	ND	ND	19.00	ND
CARBAZOLE	NS	ND	0.72	2.50	0.98	80.00	ND
CHRYSENE	3.9	0.26	ND	8.20	4.70	170.00	ND
DIBENZ(A,H)ANTHRACENE	0.33	ND	ND	ND	0.56	20.00	ND
FLUORANTHENE	100	0.45	1.60	19.00	1.10	460.00	ND
FLUORENE	100	ND	ND	1.90	0.94	150.00	ND
INDENO(1,2,3-C,D)PYRENE	0.5	ND	ND	3.60	2.20	76.00	ND
NAPHTHALENE	100	ND	ND	0.60	0.25	200.00	ND
PHENANTHRENE	100	ND	1.00	16.00	8.20	800.00	ND
PYRENE	100	0.36	1.30	27.00	16.00	610.00	ND
		1.63	7.98	126.95	61.64	3767.7	0

All soil cleanup objectives are in mg/kg  
All analytical results are in mg/kg

NS = Not Specified  
ND = Not Detected  
NA = Not Analyzed for

**Table 2: Analysis of Mezzanine Sump Water Sample  
1100 Niagara Street  
Buffalo, New York**

Sample Name		NYSDEC TOGS 1.1.1 Groundwater Standards	MSW-6
Sample Type			Surface Water
Sample Date			10/11/2012
Depth to Water (ft below TOC)			Surface Water
<b>Metals (ug/L)</b>			
	BARIUM	2,000	1
	CALCIUM	NS	310
	LEAD	50	0.014
	MAGNESIUM	35,000	95
	MANGANESE	NS	0.15
	POTASSIUM	NS	7.4
	SODIUM	NS	240
<b>Pesticides/Polychlorinated Biphenyls (ug/L)</b>			
	PCBs	0.09	ND
	DIELDRIN	0.004	0.51
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds (ug/L)</b>			
	ACETONE	50	93
<b>Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (ug/L)</b>			ND

**Notes:**

U = below laboratory detection limits

ug/L = micrograms per liter

\* TOGS 1.1.1 - 1 ug/L standard applies to total chlorinated Phenols

NR=Not Regulated by TOGS 1.1.1

# 2019/2023 BE3 PHASE 2 ESA & RI PROPOSED SOIL/GW SAMPLES

**TABLE 1** Revised 6/17/19  
**2019 PHASE II - ESA - 1100 NIAGARA STREET - SOIL BORING SAMPLE ANALYTICAL RESULTS SUMMARY**

Contaminants	Sample Identification							Date Sampled: 5/16/19	
	SB-01 (0-1')	SB-02 (0-1')	SB-03 (0-1')	SB-04 (0-1')	SB-05 (0-1')	SB-06 (0-1')	SB-07 (0-1')	Residential	Restricted Residential
<b>METALS</b>									
Arsenic	10.90	41.60	8.25	6.07	9.31	6.36	3.40	16	16
Barium	141	200.0	101.0	34.1	309.0	93.9	122.0	350	400
Beryllium	0.668	0.720	0.760	ND	0.430	0.650	0.620	14	72
Cadmium	2.900	6.830	2.290	1.930	2.37	2.130	1.840	2.5	4.3
Chromium	17.8	24.6	13.6	5.7	17.4	20.2	20.9	36	180
Copper	79.6	219.0	58.5	10.0	47.7	21.3	24.4	270	270
Lead	217.0	997.0	189.0	166.0	765.0	104.0	22.3	400	400
Manganese	472	453	499	941	500	390	281	2,000	2,000
Total Mercury	0.967	2.95	4.25	0.13	0.97	0.098	0.091	0.81	0.81
Nickel	20.0	52.7	11.5	5.3	13	18.6	18.5	140	310
Selenium	1.54	2.86	1.43	ND	ND	ND	ND	36	180
Silver	2.040	3.97	0.77	ND	1.5	1.58	1.32	36	180
Tot Cyanide	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	27	27
Zinc	292	1490	240	4.23	413	125	88.6	2200	10,000
<b>PCBs</b>									
PCB-1254	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1	1
PCB-1260	ND	0.1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1	1
<b>PESTICIDES</b>									
4,4-DDT	0.006	ND	ND	0.013	0.012	0.004	0.004	1.7	7.9
4,4-DDE	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.032	0.003	ND	1.8	8.9
4,4-DDD	ND	ND	ND	0.005	0.005	ND	ND	2.6	13
beta-BHC	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.006	ND	0.072	0.36
Delta-BHC	0.009	ND	0.12	0.013	ND	ND	ND	100	100
Endosulfan Sulfate	ND	ND	ND	0.008	ND	ND	0.004	4.8	24
Endrin	ND	ND	ND	0.006	ND	ND	ND	2.2	11
Endrin Ketone	ND	ND	ND	0.006	ND	ND	0.005	NA	NA
Dieldrin	0.019	0.96	0.44	0.007	0.009	0.004	ND	0.039	0.2
Aldin	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.019	0.097
Heptachlor	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.42	2.1
<b>SEMIVOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS</b>									
Acenaphthene	ND	ND	0.46	ND	ND	ND	ND	100	100
Acenaphthylene	ND	0.44	0.82	ND	ND	ND	0.45	100	100
Anthracene	ND	0.77	2.12	3.06	0.36	ND	0.73	100	100
Benz(a)anthracene	0.330	1.99	4.22	6.82	1.13	0.42	1.39	1	1
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.350	1.79	3.45	6.77	1.16	0.48	1.11	1	1
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	0.390	2.49	3.73	6.57	1.15	0.54	1.08	1	1
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	0.330	1.14	2.07	4.17	0.78	0.39	0.62	100	100
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	ND	1.61	2.56	5.9	1	0.4	1.01	1	3.9
Chrysene	0.360	2.34	3.75	6.42	1.17	0.5	1.23	1	3.9
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	ND	0.43	0.8	1.43	ND	ND	ND	0.33	0.33
Fluoranthene	0.64	3.99	8.61	13.8	2.37	0.89	3.04	100	100
Fluorene	ND	ND	0.64	ND	ND	ND	0.41	100	100
Naphthalene	ND	1.09	0.34	ND	ND	ND	ND	100	100
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	ND	1.21	2.24	4.46	0.91	0.38	0.73	0.5	0.5
Phenanthrene	0.400	2.96	6.57	8.8	1.22	0.5	2.83	100	100
Pyrene	0.560	3.43	7.12	11.3	1.95	0.72	2.37	100	100
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds</b>									
Acetone	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	100	100
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	59	100
m,p-Xylene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	100	100
TCE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.009	10	21

ND - Non-Detect NA - Not Applicable All Data is Validated J - The analyte was positively identified; the associated numerical value is the approximate concentration of the ar  
 >= to Residential/Restricted-Residential SCO and Unrestricted Use SCO All values in ppm  
 >Unrestricted Use & Residential SCO but <Restricted-Residential SCO





# TABLE 3 - BE3 2023 PH-2 Soil Results -Parcels 1106 &1110 of 1100 Niagara Street

## SUMMARY OF SOIL ANALYTICAL RESULTS - 1106/1110 Parcels



Parameter Tested	BE3 Phase II Report March 2023 - Sample Identification, Sample Depth in feet below ground surface (bgs), and Sample Date									NYSDEC Soil Cleanup Objectives	
	BH-1	BH-2	BH-3	BH-4	BH-5	BH-6	BHI-1	BHI-2	BHI-3	Unrestricted	Restricted Residential
	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-1		
<b>3/1/2023</b>											
<b>METALS/INORGANICS - mg/kg/ppm</b>											
Arsenic	4.6	5.9	4.9	15.7	10.5	7.6	6.1	10.3	8.7	13	16
Barium	76.9	50.0	74.1	223.0	158.0	353.0	154	157	134	350	400
Beryllium	1.2	0.42	0.70	4.80	2.00	3.70	1.20	0.87	0.81	7.2	72
Cadmium	0.15 J	0.87	0.085 J	0.21 J	1.4	0.13 J	0.11 J	1.10	1.10	2.5	4.3
Chromium	11.9	10.1	13.5	22.8	15.4	11.5	32.0	24.2	22.7	30	110
Copper	18.6	19.0	17.9	115.0	56.4	17.2 B	23.1	70.5 B	68.0	50	270
Lead	34	157	69.1	57.3	639.0	82.8	102	199	144	63	400
Manganese	1080 B	350 B	501 B	1830 B	741 B	1770 B	910 B	639 B	326 B	1,600	2,000
Mercury	0.013 J	0.19	0.290	0.011 J	0.48	0.62	0.29	0.35	0.28	0.18	0.81
Nickel	13.0 B	7.0 B	12.5 B	21.4	17.2 B	11.5	25.2	53.6	23.3 B	30	310
Selenium	ND	ND	0.58 J	ND	ND	1.0 J	1.20	1.4 J	ND	4	180
Silver	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.46 J	ND	2	180
Zinc	98	164	70.4	118.0	787.0	65.8	118	205	461	109	10,000
<b>SEMI-VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (SVOCs) ppm</b>											
Acenaphthene	ND	ND	ND	4.3 J	ND	ND	ND	0.94 J	1.6 J	20	100
Acenaphthylene	0.72 J	ND	ND	7.7 J	ND	ND	ND	0.16 J	2 J	100	100
Anthracene	ND	ND	ND	19	ND	ND	ND	2.5	4.0	100	100
Benzo(a)anthracene	2.8 J	ND	0.12 J	35	ND	0.17 J	0.028	4.2	6.5	1	1.0
Benzo(a)pyrene	3.1 J	ND	0.14 J	37	ND	0.17 J	ND	4.0	6.3	1	1
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	3.5 J	ND	0.16 J	38	ND	0.19 J	ND	3.9	6.6	1	1.0
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	1.7 J	ND	ND	20	ND	ND	ND	1.80	3.3	100.00	100.0
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	1.5 J	ND	ND	20	ND	ND	ND	2.20	3.5	0.8	3.9
Chrysene	2.8 J	ND	ND	37	ND	ND	ND	4.1	6.7	1	3.9
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	ND	ND	ND	5.2 J	ND	ND	ND	0.59 J	0.99	0.33	0.33
Dibenzofuran	ND	ND	ND	4.2 J	ND	ND	ND	0.55 J	2.0 J	2.1	59
Fluoranthene	6.5	ND	0.2 J	89	0.82 J	0.34 J	0.063	11.0	21	100	100
Fluorene	ND	ND	ND	4 J	ND	ND	ND	0.96	2.7	30	100
Indeno(1,2,3-	1.7 J	ND	ND	17 J	ND	ND	ND	1.8	3.3	0.5	0.5
Naphthalene	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.3 J	2.3	12	100
Phenanthrene	2.3 J	ND	ND	35	ND	0.23 J	0.06	10.0	21	100.0	100.0
Pyrene	4.5	ND	0.15	71	0.64 J	0.25 J	0.065	8.1	13	100	100
<b>VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOCs)</b>											
Acetone	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.047 J	ND	ND	0.05	100
Chloroform	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00049	0.00045 J B	0.00043 J B	0.37	49
Methylene Chloride	-	-	-	-	-	-	ND	ND	ND	0.05	100
2- Butanone (MEK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0073 J	ND	ND	0.12	100
Trichloroethene	-	-	-	-	-	-	ND	ND	ND	0.47	21.0

ND Analyte not detected

- Not Applicable or sample not tested for this analyte

J Estimated Concentration

B Analyte detected in method blank

K Result is reported as Benzo(b)fluoranthene

E Results exceeded calibration range

T Result is Tentatively Identifies Compound and an estimated value

Analyte detected

Reported concentration greater than or equal to the NYSDEC Unrestricted SCO

Reported concentration greater than or equal to the NYSDEC Restricted Residential SCO

**TABLE 4 - BE3 2023 PH-2 GW Results -Parcels 1106 &1110 Of 1100 Niagara Street**

**TABLE SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER RESULTS**

Parameter Tested	Sample Identification, Approximate Groundwater Depth Below Top of Casing, and Sample Date	NYSDEC TOGS 1.1.1 GA
	TWM-1	
	- 3/1/2023	
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)		
Tetrachlorethylene	0.79 J	5

Notes: All units in micrograms per liter (µg/L)

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**500** Analyte exceeds NYSDEC TOGS guidance value

TABLE 5

RIWP - 1100 NIAGARA STREET - SOIL/GROUNDWATER/AIR-VAPOR SAMPLE QUANTITIES

7/27/23

Matrix	Investigation Location		Full List VOCs + TICs <sup>1,2</sup>	TCL SVOCs + TICs <sup>2,3</sup>	TAL Metals	PCBs	Pesticides	Herbicides	PFAS <sup>4</sup>	
Soil/Fill 0"-2"	Near-Surface Soil	RI-BH-1	--	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-2	--	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-3	--	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-4	--	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-9	--	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-19	--	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-27	--	1	1	1	1	1	--	
Soil/Fill 2"-6"	Near-Surface Soil	RI-BH-1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-4	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-9	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-19	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-27	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Subsurface Non-Native Fill	Soil Borings	RI-BH-1	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		RI-BH-2	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-3	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-4	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		RI-BH-5	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		RI-BH-7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		RI-BH-8	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-9	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-10	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-11	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-12	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		RI-BH-14	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-15	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-16	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		RI-BH-18	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-19	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		RI-BH-21	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-22	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-23	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-24	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		RI-BH-25	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-26	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-27	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	Soil Boring/ Monitoring Wells		MW-1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
			MW-2	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	--
			MW-3	1	1	1	1	--	--	--
			MW-4	1	1	1	1	--	--	--
			MW-5	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	--
			MW-6	1	1	1	1	--	--	1
			MW-7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
			MW-8	TBD	1	1	1	--	--	--
Subsurface Native Soil	Soil Borings	RI-BH-1	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		RI-BH-2	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-3	TBD	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		RI-BH-5	TBD	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-6	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		RI-BH-8	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-9	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-10	TBD	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-11	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-12	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		RI-BH-14	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-15	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-16	TBD	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-17	1	1	1	1	--	--	1	
		RI-BH-18	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-19	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	--	
		RI-BH-20	1	1	1	1	--	--	1	
		RI-BH-21	TBD	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-22	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-23	TBD	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-24	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-25	TBD	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-26	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	
		RI-BH-27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	Soil Boring/ Monitoring Wells		MW-1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
			MW-2	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	1
			MW-3	1	1	1	1	--	--	--
			MW-4	1	1	1	1	--	--	--
			MW-5	TBD	1	1	1	1	1	--
			MW-6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
			MW-7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
			MW-8	1	1	1	1	--	--	--
QA/QC	Soil	MS	3	4	4	4	3	3	1	
		MSD	3	4	4	4	3	3	1	
		Blind Dup	5	7	7	7	5	5	1	
<b>TOTAL SOIL SAMPLES:</b>			<b>66</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>24</b>	
Soil Vapor (VOCs TO-15 Method)	Soil Vapor Samples	SS-1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		SS-2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		SS-3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		SS-4	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		SS-5	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		SS-6	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		SS-7	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		SS-8	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		SS-9	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		SS-10	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		SS-11	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		IA-1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
		IA-2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
IA-3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--			

	IA-4		1	--	--	--	--	--	--
	IA-5		1	--	--	--	--	--	--
	IA-6		1	--	--	--	--	--	--
	IA-7		1	--	--	--	--	--	--
	IA-8		1	--	--	--	--	--	--
	IA-9		1	--	--	--	--	--	--
	IA-10		1	--	--	--	--	--	--
	IA-11		1	--	--	--	--	--	--
	QA-1		1	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>TOTAL SOIL VAPOR SAMPLES:</b>			<b>13</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>

Groundwater <sup>5</sup>	MW-1	Groundwater	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	MW-2		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	MW-3		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	MW-4		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	MW-5		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	MW-6		1	1	1	1	1	1	--
	MW-7		1	1	1	1	1	1	--
	MW-8		1	1	1	1	1	1	--
QA/QC	Groundwater	MS	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		MSD	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		Blind Dup	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		Trip Blank	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<b>TOTAL GROUNDWATER SAMPLES:</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>

**Notes:**

1. Full List VOCs =  
TCL plus CP-51 List  
VOCs via Method  
8260. TBD - In the  
absence of field  
evidence of VOC.

**Acronyms:**

VOCs = volatile  
organic compounds  
PFAS = per- and  
polyfluoroalkyl  
substances SVOCs  
= semi-volatile  
organic compounds  
TCL = Target  
Compound List  
TAL = Target Analyte  
List  
PCBs =  
Polychlorinated  
Biphenyls TBD = To  
Be Determined

**TABLE 6  
SAMPLE ANALYTICAL PARAMETERS AND METHODOLOGIES**

Matrix	Parameter <sup>1</sup>	Method <sup>1</sup>	Container Type	Minimum Volume	Preservation (Cool to 2-4 °C for all samples)	Holding Time from Sample Date
Soil	TCL + CP-51 VOCs	8260B	EnCore/amber glass	5 gm / 4 oz.	Cool to 2-4 °C, Zero Headspace	48 - hours / 14 days
	TCL SVOCs	8270C	amber glass	8 oz.	Cool to 2-4 °C	14 days extrac./40 days
	TAL Metals <sup>2</sup>	6010	amber glass	4 oz.	Cool to 2-4 °C	6 months/Hg 28 days
	Pesticides	8081	amber glass	8oz	Cool to 2-4 °C	14 days extrac./40 days
	Herbicides	8151	amber glass	8oz	Cool to 2-4 °C	14 days extrac./40 days
	PCBs	8082	amber glass	4 oz.	Cool to 2-4 °C	14 days extrac./40 days
	PFAS	537.1	HDPE/Polypropylene	4-8 oz.	Cool to 2-4 °C	14 days extrac./40 days
	1,4-dioxane	8270 SIM mode	amber glass	8 oz.	Cool to 2-4 °C	14 days extrac./40 days
Groundwater	TCL + CP-51 VOCs	8260B	glass vial	3 - 4 oz.	HCl to pH<2, Zero Headspace, Cool to 2-4 °C	14 days
	TCL SVOCs	8270C	amber glass	1000 ml	Cool to 2-4 °C	7 days extrac/40 days
	TAL Metals <sup>2</sup>	6010	plastic	600 ml	HNO <sub>3</sub> to pH<2, Cool to 2-4 °C	6 months/Hg 28 days
	Pesticides	8081B	amber glass	1000 ml	Cool to 2-4 °C	14 days extrac./40 days
	Herbicides	8151A	amber glass	1000 ml	Cool to 2-4 °C	14 days extrac./40 days
	PCBs	8082	amber glass	1000 ml	Cool to 2-4 °C	7 days extrac/40 days
	PFAS	537.1	HDPE/Polypropylene	2 - 500 mL	Trizma, Cool to 2-4 °C	14 days
	1,4-dioxane	8270 SIM mode	amber glass	2 - 500 mL	Cool to 2-4 °C	7 days extrac./40 days
Air/Soil Vapor	TCL VOCs	TO-15	Summa Cannister	6 liters	None	Analyze within 14 days of sample date of collection

References:

1. Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Wastes, USEPA SW-846, Update III, 1991.

Notes:

1. EPA-approved methods published in Reference 1 above may be used.

2. Mercury sampling in soil/groundwater via EPA methods 7471/7470 respectively.

Acronyms:

VOCs = Volatile Organic Compounds

PFAS = Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances SVOCs = Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds TCL = Target Compound List

TAL = Target Analyte List

PCBs = Polychlorinated Biphenyls

# APPENDIX A

## HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

**HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN**  
**for**  
**SITE INVESTIGATIONS AND REMEDIAL OVERSIGHT**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The following health and safety procedures apply to BCP project personnel, including subcontractors, performing activities described in the RI Work Plan for the Curtiss Malt House Project Site BCP Project. Please note, however, contractors performing remedial work are required to either develop their own plans meeting these requirements at a minimum or adopt this plan.

### 1.1 PURPOSE

Directed at protecting the health and safety of the field personnel during field activities, the following Health and Safety Plan (HASP) was prepared to provide safe procedures and practices for personnel engaged in conducting the field activities associated with this project. The plan has been developed using the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 1910 and 1926 regulations and NYSDEC Brownfields DER-10 as guidance. The purpose of this HASP is to establish personnel protection standards and mandatory safety practices and procedures for this task specific effort. This plan assigns responsibilities, establishes standard operating procedures, and provides for contingencies that may arise during the field efforts.

### 1.2 APPLICABILITY

The provisions of the plan are mandatory for all personnel engaged in field activities. All personnel who engage in these activities must be familiar with this plan and comply with its requirements. The plan is based on available information concerning the project area and planned tasks. If more data concerning the project area becomes available that constitute safety concerns, the plan will be modified accordingly. A member of each contractor on the BCP project will be designated as Field Safety Officer and will be responsible for field safety. Any modifications to the plan will be made by the Field Safety Officer after discussion with the Project Manager and Health and Safety Officer. All modifications will be documented and provided to the Project Manager and the Health and Safety Officer for approval. A copy of this plan will be available to all on-site personnel, including subcontractors prior to their initial entry onto the site.

Before field activities begin, all personnel will be required to read the plan. All personnel must agree to comply with the minimum requirements of the plan, be responsible for health and safety, and sign the Statement of Compliance before site work begins.

### 1.3 FIELD ACTIVITIES

The work addressed by this HASP includes remedial investigation (RI) activities such as assessment of subsurface conditions related to soil and groundwater and oversight activities related to remediation. Field work will be conducted that can include test trenches/soil borings, monitoring well installation, groundwater and soil sampling, building demolition, soil excavation, etc.

### 1.4 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

Key personnel are as follows:

Health and Safety Officer - Peter J. Gorton, CHCM  
Project Manager & Senior Engineer – Jason Brydges, P.E. & John Berry, PE  
Geologist – John Boyd, PG  
Technicians – Jesse Zientek, Dalton Stack  
QA/QC – John Berry, P.E.

Responsibilities of some of the key personnel are as follows:

#### Project Manager

- Assuring that all personnel are aware of the provisions of the HASP and are proficient in work practices necessary to ensure safety and in emergencies;
- Verifying that the provisions of this plan are implemented;
- Assuring that appropriate personnel protective equipment (PPE), if necessary, is available and properly utilized by all personnel;
- Assuring that all personnel are aware of the potential hazards associated with Site operations;
- Supervising the monitoring of safety performance by all personnel and ensuring that required work practices are employed; and,
- Maintaining sign-off forms and safety briefing forms.

#### Health and Safety Officer:

- Monitoring work practices to determine if potential hazards are present, such as heat/cold stress, safety rules near heavy equipment, etc.;
- Determining changes to work efforts or equipment to ensure the safety of personnel;
- Evaluating on-site conditions and recommend to the Project Manager modifications to work plans needed to maintain personnel safety;
- Determining that appropriate safety equipment is readily available and monitor its proper use;
- Stopping work if unsafe conditions occur or if work is not being performed in compliance with this plan;
- Monitoring personnel performance to ensure that the required safety procedures are followed.
- Documenting incident and reporting to Project Manager within 48 hours of occurrence if established safety rules and practices are violated; and,
- Conducting safety meetings as necessary.

#### Field Personnel, including geologists and technicians:

- Understanding the procedures outlined in this plan;
- Taking precautions to prevent injury to themselves and co-workers;
- Performing only those tasks believed to be safe;
- Reporting accidents or unsafe conditions to the Health and Safety Officer and Project Manager;
- Notifying the Health and Safety Officer and Project Manager of special medical problems (e.g., allergies, medical restrictions, etc.);

- Thinking about safety first while conducting field work; and,
- Not eating, drinking or smoking in work areas.

All Site personnel has the authority to stop work if conditions are deemed to be unsafe. Visitors will be required to report to the overall Site PM or designee and follow the requirements of this plan and the Contractor's HASP (if different).

## 2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION AND SAFETY CONCERNS

### 2.1 SITE BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION

The Site is a 1.559-acre L-shaped industrial Site located in an urban setting. The Site is zoned industrial and is located in an area consisting primarily of commercial and industrial businesses located along the east and west sides of Niagara Street. The Site is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Niagara Street and Albany Street. To the east is Niagara Street; to the west is a railroad easement and Interstate 190; to the north the building abuts Oliver Gear; and to the south is a newly constructed restaurant.

The northern 2/3 of the Site currently contains several empty abutting buildings with sections ranging from one to three stories in height. The very southern and eastern portion of the site is composed of unimproved grassy/weed covered area that contains some soil as well as some construction and demolition debris along with some blacktop surface areas.

### 2.2 HAZARD EVALUATION

Specific health and safety concerns to the project tasks include working around low levels of heavy metals, PCBs, SVOCs and VOCs in the soil and groundwater. Physical hazards include those associated with working near open excavations and adjacent to manual/mechanical field equipment. Contractors will have separate detailed health and safety procedures/requirements for excavations and the transportation and disposal of impacted material that will meet or exceed requirements in this plan. A table of potential hazards and OSHA Standards for consideration during investigation and remedial activities is provided in **Attachment 1**.

#### *2.2.1 Chemical Hazards*

Chemical hazards detected at the site include metals and organic compounds that were detected in soil samples at elevated concentrations that exceed Part 375 soil cleanup objectives. These compounds could be encountered during the RI and remedial activities and potential routes of exposure include:

- Skin contact;
- Inhalation of vapors or particles;
- Ingestion; and,
- Entry of contaminants through cuts, abrasions or punctures.

The anticipated levels of personnel protection will include Level D PPE that includes the

following:

1. Long sleeve shirt and long pants
2. Work boots with steel toe
3. Hard hats when heavy equipment or overhead hazards are present
4. Safety glasses
5. Work gloves and chemical resistant gloves when sampling potentially contaminated materials
6. High visibility vests or outer gear when Site traffic is significant

Modifications may include booties, overalls, hearing protection, or respiratory protection if air monitoring levels indicate sustained PID readings greater than 5 ppm above established background. When these levels are reached, work will be halted pending discussions with field and office management. If any readings are recorded above background, work will proceed with caution and breathing zone monitoring will be conducted.

### 2.2.2 Other Physical Hazards

Depending on the time of year, weather conditions or work activity, some of the following physical hazards could result from project activities:

- Noise
- Heat Stress
- Cold Stress
- Slips, trips, and falls
- Exposure to moving machinery during drilling and excavation activities
- Physical eye hazards
- Lacerations and skin punctures
- Back strain from lifting equipment
- Electrical storms and high winds
- Contact with overhead or underground utilities

*Slips, Trips, and Falls.* Field personnel shall become familiar with the general terrain and potential physical hazards that is associated with the risk of slips, trips, and falls. Special care shall be taken when working near demolition and excavation operations and material stockpiles. Workers will observe all pedestrian and vehicle rules and regulations. Extra caution will be observed while working near roadways and while driving in reverse to ensure safety.

*Noise.* All personnel shall wear hearing protection devices, such as ear muffs or ear plugs, if work conditions warrant. These conditions would include difficulty hearing while speaking to one another at a normal tone within three feet. If normal speech is interfered with due to work noise, the Health and Safety Officer or designee will mandate the use of hearing protection or other noise-producing equipment or events.

*Heat/Cold Stress.* Heat stress work modification may be necessary during ambient temperatures of greater than 29° C (85° F) while wearing normal clothing or exceeding 21° C (70° F) while wearing PPE. Because heat stress is one of the most common and potentially serious illnesses at work sites, regular monitoring and preventive measures will be utilized such as additional rest periods,

supplemental fluids, restricted consumption of drinks containing caffeine, use of cooling vests, or modification of work practices. Most of the work to be conducted during the oversight and monitoring operations is expected to consist of light manual labor and visual observation. Given the nature of the work and probable temperatures, heat stress hazards are not anticipated. See **Attachment 2** for heat stress management procedures.

If work is to be conducted during winter conditions, cold stress may be a concern to the health and safety of personnel. Wet clothes combined with cold temperatures can lead to hypothermia. If air temperature is less than 40° F (4° C) and a worker perspires, the worker should change to dry clothes. The following summary of the signs and symptoms of cold stress are provided as a guide for field personnel.

1. Incipient frostbite is a mild form of cold stress characterized by sudden blanching or whitening of the skin.
2. Chilblain is an inflammation of the hands and feet caused by exposure to cold moisture. It is characterized by a recurrent localized itching, swelling, and painful inflammation of the fingers, toes, or ears. Such a sequence produces severe spasms, accompanied by pain.
3. Second-degree frostbite is manifested by skin with a white, waxy appearance and the skin is firm to the touch. Individuals with this condition are generally not aware of its seriousness because the underlying nerves are frozen and unable to transmit signals to warn the body. Immediate first aid and medical treatment are required.
4. Third-degree frostbite will appear as blue blotchy skin. The tissue is cold, pale, and solid. Immediate medical attention is required.
5. Hypothermia develops when body temperature falls below a critical level. In extreme cases, cardiac failure and death may occur. Immediate medical attention is warranted when the following symptoms are observed:
  - Involuntary shivering
  - Irrational behavior
  - Slurred speech
  - Sluggishness

*Fire and Explosion.* These hazards will be minimal for activities associated with this project. All heavy equipment will be equipped with a fire extinguisher.

*Trenching and Excavations.* There are a variety of potential health and safety hazards associated with excavations. These include:

- Surface encumbrances, such as structures, fencing, stored materials, etc.;
- Below- and above-ground utilities, such as water and sewer lines, gas lines, telephone lines, and optical cable lines, etc.;
- Overhead power lines and other utilities;
- Vehicle and heavy equipment traffic around the excavations;
- Falling loads from lifting or digging equipment;
- Water accumulation within excavations;
- Hazardous atmospheres, such as oxygen deficiency, flammable gases, and toxic gases;
- Falling into or driving equipment into unprotected or unmarked excavations; and,
- Cave-in of loose rocks and soil at the excavation face.

OSHA requirements for trenching and excavations are contained in 29 CFR, subpart P, 1926.650 thru 1926.652. See **Attachment 3** for details on excavation and trenching safety requirements, which include the following basic minimum excavation requirements:

- Personnel entry into excavations should be minimized whenever possible and no entry will occur in pits greater than 4 feet bgs. Sloping, shoring or equivalent means should be utilized.
- Surface encumbrances such as structures, fencing, piping, stored material etc. that may interfere with safe excavations should be avoided, removed or adequately supported prior to the start of excavations. Support systems should be inspected daily.
- Underground utility locations should be checked and determined, and permits should be obtained prior to initiating excavations. Local utility companies will be contacted at least two days in advance, advised of proposed work, and requested to locate underground installations. When excavations approach the estimated location of utilities, the exact location should be determined by careful probing or hand digging and when it is uncovered, proper supports should be provided.
- A minimum safe distance of 15 feet should be maintained when working around overhead high-voltage lines or the line should be de-energized following appropriate lock-out and tag- out procedures by qualified utility personnel.
- Excavations five feet or more, if entered, will require an adequate means of exit, such as a ladder, ramp, or steps and located to require no more than 25 feet of lateral travel. Under no circumstances should personnel be exited/entered an excavation using heavy equipment.
- Personnel working around heavy equipment, or who may be exposed to public vehicular traffic should wear high visibility clothes, especially at night.
- Heavy equipment or other vehicles operating next to or approaching the edge of an excavation will require that the operator have a clear view of the edge of the excavation, or that warning systems such as barricades, hand or mechanical signals, or stop logs be used. If possible, the surface grade should slope away from the excavation.
- Personnel should be safely located in and around the trench/excavation face and should not work underneath loads handled by lifting or digging equipment.
- Hazardous atmospheres, such as oxygen deficiency (atmospheres containing less than 19.5% oxygen), flammable gases (airborne concentrations greater than 20% of the lower explosive limit), and toxic gases (airborne concentrations above the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit or other exposure limits) may occur in excavations. Monitoring should be conducted for hazardous atmospheres prior to entry and at regular intervals. Ventilation or respiratory protection may be provided to prevent personnel exposures to oxygen deficient or toxic atmospheres. Periodic retesting (at least each shift) of the excavation will be conducted to verify that the atmosphere is acceptable. A log or field book records should be maintained.
- Personnel should not work in excavations that have accumulated water or where water is accumulating unless adequate precautions have been taken. These precautions can include shield systems, water removal systems, or safety harnesses and lifelines. Groundwater entering the excavation should be properly directed away and down gradient from the excavation.
- Safety harnesses and lifelines should be worn by personnel entering excavations that



qualify as confined spaces.

- Excavations near structures should include support systems such as shoring, bracing, or underpinning to maintain the stability of adjoining buildings, walls, sidewalks, or other structures endangered by the excavation operations.
- Loose rock, soil, and spoils should be piled at least two and preferably 5 feet or more from the edge of the excavation. Barriers or other effective retaining devices may be used to prevent spoils or other materials from falling into the excavation.
- Walkways or bridges with standard guardrails that meet OSHA specifications will be provided where employees, the public, or equipment are required to cross over excavations.
- Adequate barrier physical protection should be provided, and excavations should be barricaded or covered when not in use or left unattended. Excavations should be backfilled as soon as possible when completed.
- Safety personnel should conduct inspections prior to the start of work and as needed throughout the work shift and after occurrence that increases the hazard of collapse (i.e., heavy rain, vibration from heavy equipment, freezing and thawing, etc.).
- Personnel working in excavations should be protected from cave-ins by sloping or benching of excavation walls, a shoring system or some other equivalent means in accordance with OSHA regulations. Soil type is important in the determination of the angle of repose for sloping and benching, and the design of shoring systems.

### 2.2.3 Biological Hazards

Biological hazards can result from encounters with mammals, insects, snakes, spiders, ticks, plants, parasites, and pathogens. Mammals can bite or scratch when cornered or surprised. The bite or scratch can result in local infection with systemic pathogens or parasites. Insect and spider bites can result in severe allergic reactions in sensitive individuals. Exposure to poison ivy, poison oak or poison sumac results in skin rash. Ticks are a vector for several serious diseases. Dead animals, organic wastes, and contaminated soil and water can harbor parasites and pathogens. These hazards are reduced if work is conducted during late fall and winter months. The following are highlighted because they represent more likely concerns for the site-specific tasks and location:

*Bees, Ants, Wasps and Hornets.* Sensitization by the victim to the venom from repeated stings can result in anaphylactic reactions. If a stinger remains in the skin, it should be removed by teasing or scraping, rather than pulling. An ice cube placed over the sting will reduce pain. An analgesic corticosteroid lotion is often useful. People with known hypersensitivity to such stings should consult with their doctor about carrying a kit containing an antihistamine and aqueous epinephrine in a pre-filled syringe when in endemic areas. Nests and hives for bees, wasps, hornets and yellow jackets often occur in the ground, trees and brush. Before any nests or hives are disturbed, an alternate sampling location should be selected. If the sample location cannot be relocated, site personnel who may have allergic reactions shall not work in these areas.

*Ticks.* The incidence of Lyme disease is correlated to outdoor workers in areas where the disease is widespread and heightened risk of encountering ticks infected with *B. burgdorferi*,

which varies from state to state, within states, and even within counties. Preventing tick bites is of utmost importance in preventing Lyme disease and other tickborne illnesses. Tick bite prevention strategies include avoidance or clearing of tick-infested habitats and use of personal protective measures (e.g., repellents and protective clothing). Tick checks should be done regularly, and ticks should be removed promptly. If a worker in a high-risk area develops flu-like symptoms (fever, chills, muscle aches, joint pains, neck stiffness, headache) or a bulls-eye rash, they should seek medical attention even if there is no recall of a tick bite. Workers who have experienced a tick bite should remove the tick and seek medical attention if signs and symptoms of tick-borne diseases occur.

*Storm Conditions.* When lightening is within 10 miles of the work site, all personnel should evacuate to a safe area.

*Sun.* When working in the sun, personnel should apply appropriate sun screening lotions (30 sun screen or above), and/or wear long sleeve clothing and hats.

### 2.2.4 Activity Hazard Analysis

Table 1 presents a completed activity hazard analysis for the performance of an RI.

Table 1. Activity Hazard Analysis

PRINCIPAL STEPS	POTENTIAL SAFETY/HEALTH HAZARDS	RECOMMENDED CONTROLS
RI soil/groundwater/vapor investigation	Potential exposure to low levels of petroleum products	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use of administrative controls (site control and general safety rules), work cloths, dust suppression</li> <li>2. Use of real-time monitoring and action levels</li> <li>3. Use Physical Hazards SOPs</li> </ol>
EQUIPMENT TO BE USED	INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS	TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
Excavation and other heavy equipment, Backhoe or Geoprobe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Daily inspection of equipment</li> <li>2. Continuous safety oversight</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safety plan review</li> <li>2. Routine safety briefings</li> </ol>

## 3.0 MONITORING

The purpose of air monitoring for potential airborne contaminants is to verify that protection levels are suitable. Monitoring will be performed for dust/particulates and volatile organic compounds during excavation activities. Daily background and calibration readings will be recorded prior to the start of field activities. All monitoring equipment used during this investigation will be maintained and calibrated and records of calibration and maintenance will be kept in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.120(b)4(11)E.

### 3.1 PARTICULATE MONITORING

Real-time air monitoring readings are obtained from upwind and downwind locations in accordance with DER-10 for community air-monitoring plan (refer to **Appendix E** CAMP). Daily field reports will be completed that document activities performed, equipment and manpower onsite, screening and monitoring results, general Site conditions, and weather conditions.

### 3.2 AIR MONITORING FOR WORKER PROTECTION

Real time air monitoring will be conducted whenever site soils are disturbed during sampling, excavation, grading, etc. A real time personal aerosol monitor (i.e., TSI SidePak AM5 10 Personal Aerosol monitor or equivalent) will be used. This monitor is a laser photometer that measures data as both real-time aerosol mass-concentration and 8-hour time weighted average (TWA). The monitor will be used to measure real-time concentrations in milligrams per meter cubed ( $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ ). Action levels are based on potential exposure to calcium carbonate and will be as follows:

- $15 \text{ mg}/\text{m}^3$  total dust
- $5 \text{ mg}/\text{m}^3$  respirable fraction for nuisance dusts

Dust suppression techniques should be employed prior to exceeding the action levels. However, if these levels are exceeded, then work will be halted, and additional dust suppression techniques employed until safe levels are reached.

### 3.3 TOTAL VOLATILE ORGANICS MONITORING

Monitoring of VOCs will be conducted using a photo-ionization detector (PID). If a sustained reading of 5 ppm above background occurs, then work will be halted, and personnel will evacuate the work area. Levels will be allowed to stabilize, and another reading will be taken in the breathing zone. If background levels continue to be exceeded, then work will not continue at that location and the project manager will be notified of the situation. Action levels will remain the same.

## **4.0 SAFE WORKING PRACTICES**

The following general safe work practices always apply to a construction site:

- Eating, drinking, chewing gum or tobacco and smoking are prohibited within the work area.
- Contact with potentially contaminated substances should be avoided.
- Puddles, pools, mud, etc. should be avoided if possible.

- Kneeling, leaning, or sitting on equipment or on the ground should be avoided if possible.
- Upon leaving the work area, hands, face and other exposed skin surfaces should be thoroughly washed.
- Unusual site conditions shall be promptly conveyed to the project manager, health and safety officer, or site superintendent for resolution.
- A first-aid kit shall be available at the site.
- Field personnel should use all their senses to alert themselves to potentially dangerous situations (i.e., presence of strong, irritating, or nauseating odors).
- If severe dusty conditions are present, then soils will be dampened to mitigate dust.
- All equipment will be cleaned before leaving the work area.
- Field personnel must attend safety briefings and should be familiar with the physical characteristics of the investigation, including:
  1. Accessibility to personnel, equipment, and vehicles.
  2. Areas of known or suspected contamination.
  3. Site access.
  4. Routes and procedures to be used during emergencies.
- Personnel will perform all investigation activities with a “buddy” who is able to:
  - Provide his or her partner with assistance.
  - Notify management or emergency personnel if needed.
- Excavation activities shall be terminated immediately in event of thunder or electrical storm.
- The use of alcohol or drugs at the site is strictly prohibited.

## 5.0 PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SITE CONTROL

### 5.1 PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

As required by OSHA in 29 CFR 1920.132, this plan constitutes a workplace hazard assessment to select personal protective equipment (PPE) to perform the site investigation. The PPE to be donned by on-site personnel during this investigation are those associated with the industry standard of level D. Protective clothing and equipment to initiate the project will include:

- Work clothes, pants and long sleeves
- Work boots with steel toe
- Work gloves as necessary
- Hard hat if work is conducted near equipment
- Safety glasses
- Hearing protection as necessary

Modifications may include chemically resistant gloves, booties, and overalls. If air monitoring indicates levels are encountered that require respiratory protection (sustained readings at or above action levels above a daily established background), then work will be halted, and an adequate resolution of PPE will be made by the health and safety manager, field manager, and project manager.

## 5.2 SITE CONTROL

Site control will be established near each work zone by the Contractor. The purpose is to control access to the immediate work areas from individuals not associated with the project. All work zones will be fenced off with controlled access and appropriately designated as an exclusion area.

Each excavation or drilling area where heavy equipment is being utilized will be set up as a work zone and include an exclusion area and support zone. Exact configuration of each zone is dependent upon location, weather conditions, wind direction and topography. The Contractor's safety manager will establish the control areas daily at each excavation.

An area of 10 feet (as practical) around each excavation will be designated as the exclusion area. This is the area where potential physical hazards are most likely to be encountered by field personnel. The size of the exclusion area may be altered to accommodate site conditions and the drilling/excavation location. If levels of protection higher than level D are used, this plan will be modified to include decontamination procedure. The Site excavation contractor will be required to have eye/face wash equipment/means available on-site.

A support area will be defined for each field activity where support equipment will be located. Normal work clothes are appropriate within this area. The location of this area depends on factors such as accessibility, wind direction (upwind of the operation.), and resources (i.e., roads, shelter, utilities). The location of this zone will be established daily. Excavation areas will be filled or secured (fencing) to prevent access from the public.

## **6.0 EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

In the event of an emergency, the field personnel or the health and safety manager will employ emergency procedures. A copy of emergency information will be kept in the field and will be reviewed during the initial site briefing. Copies of emergency telephone numbers and directions to the nearest hospital will be prominently posted in the field.

### 6.1 MEDICAL TREATMENT AND FIRST AID

A first aid kit adequate for anticipated emergencies will be maintained in the field. If any injury should require advanced medical assistance, emergency personnel will be notified, and the victim will be transported to the hospital. The Contractor will establish his own first aid station and details will be provided in his HASP.

In the event of an injury or illness, work will cease until the field safety and oversight inspector has examined the cause of the incident and taken appropriate corrective action. Any injury or illness, regardless of extent, is to be reported to the project manager and health and safety officer.

### 6.2 EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency telephone numbers will be posted in the field and are listed below:

- Ambulance, Fire, Police 911
- Poison Control Center 800-222-1222
- NYSDEC Spills Hotline 800-457-7362
- Jason M. Brydges, BE3 716-830-8636
- Eugene Melnyk, NYSDEC PM 631-444-0242
- Christine Vooris, NYSDOH 518-402-7860
- Buffalo General Medical Center 716-859-5600 See **Attachment 4** for route to facility.

Verbal communications between workers or use of a vehicle horn repeatedly at intervals of three short beeps shall be used to signal all on-site personnel to immediately evacuate the area and report to the vehicle parking area.

### 6.3 EMERGENCY STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

The following standard operating procedures are to be implemented by on-site personnel in the event of an emergency. The health and safety manager and Contractor's field manager shall manage response actions.

1. Upon notification of injury to personnel, the designated emergency signal shall be sounded. All personnel are to terminate their work activities and assemble in a safe location. The emergency facility listed above shall be notified. If the injury is minor, but requires medical attention, the Contractor's field manager or the health and safety manager shall accompany the victim to the hospital and help in describing the circumstances of the accident to the attending physician.
2. Upon notification of an equipment failure or accident, the Contractor's field manager or the health and safety manager shall determine the effect of the failure or accident on site operations. If the failure or accident affects the safety of personnel or prevents completion of the scheduled operations, all personnel are to leave the area until the situation is evaluated, and appropriate actions taken.
3. Upon notification of a natural disaster, such as tornado, high winds, flood, thunderstorm or earthquake, on-site work activities are to be terminated and all personnel are to evacuate the area.

### 6.4 EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

Following activation of an emergency response, the health and safety officer shall notify the project manager, and the Contractor's field manager shall submit a written report documenting the incident to the project manager.

### 6.5 MEDICAL TREATMENT

The Contractor's field manager shall be informed of any site-related injury, exposure or medical condition resulting from work activities. All personnel are entitled to medical evaluation and treatment in the event of a site accident or incident.

## 6.6 SITE MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

The Contractor's field manager or a trained first aid crew member shall evaluate all injuries at the site and render emergency first-aid treatment, as appropriate. If an injury is minor but requires professional medical evaluation, the field manager shall escort the employee to the appropriate emergency room. For major injuries occurring at the site, emergency services shall be requested. A first-aid kit shall be readily accessible, fully supplied, and maintained at specified locations used for on-site operations.

## 6.7 PRECAUTIONS

Universal precautions shall be followed on-site that consist of treating all human blood and certain body fluids as being infected with Human Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B virus (HBV), or other blood borne pathogens. Clothing and first-aid materials visibly contaminated with blood or other body fluids will be collected and placed into a biohazard bag. Individuals providing first aid or cleanup of blood- or body-fluid contaminated items should wear latex gloves. If providing CPR, a one-way valve CPR device should be used. Biohazard bags, latex gloves, and CPR devices will be included in the site first-aid kits.

Work areas visibly contaminated with blood or body fluids shall be cleaned using a 1:10 dilution of household bleach. If equipment becomes contaminated with blood or body fluids, and can not be sufficiently cleaned, the equipment shall be placed in a plastic bag and sealed. Any personnel servicing the equipment shall be made aware of the contamination, so that proper precautions can be taken.

## **7.0 RECORDKEEPING**

The Contractor's field manager and health and safety officer are responsible for site record keeping. Prior to the start of work, they will review this Plan along with the Contractor's HASP. A Site safety briefing will be completed prior to the initiation of field activities. This shall be recorded in the field log book. An accident report should be completed by the Field Manager if an accident occurs and forwarded to the project manager.

## **8.0 PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

### 8.1 INITIAL SITE BRIEFING

Prior to site entry, the Contractor's health and safety manager shall provide all personnel (including site visitors) with site-specific health and safety training. A record of this training shall be maintained. This training shall consist of the following:

- Discussion of the elements contained within this plan
- Discussion of responsibilities and duties of key site personnel
- Discussion of physical, biological and chemical hazards present at the site
- Discussion of work assignments and responsibilities
- Discussion of the correct use and limitations of the required PPE
- Discussion of the emergency procedures to be followed at the site

- Safe work practices to minimize risk
- Communication procedures and equipment
- Emergency notification procedures

## 8.2 DAILY SAFETY BRIEFINGS

The Contractor's health and safety manager will determine if a daily safety briefing is required. The briefing shall discuss the specific tasks scheduled for that day and the following topics:

- Specific work plans
- Physical, chemical or biological hazards anticipated
- Fire or explosion hazards
- PPE required
- Emergency procedures, including emergency escape routes, emergency medical treatment, and medical evacuation from the site
- Weather forecast for the day
- Buddy system
- Communication requirements
- Site control requirements
- Material handling requirements

## **9.0 COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING PROGRAM (CAMP)**

A Community Air Monitoring Program (CAMP) requires real-time monitoring for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and particulates (i.e., dust) at the upwind and downwind perimeter of each designated work area when certain activities are in progress at contaminated sites. The program is not intended for use in establishing action levels for worker respiratory protection. Rather, its intent is to provide a measure of protection for the downwind community (i.e., off-site receptors and on-site workers not directly involved with work activities) from potential airborne contaminant releases as a direct result of investigative and remedial work activities.

The complete CAMP is provided in **Appendix E**



# ATTACHMENT 1

## Table of Potential Hazards and OSHA Standards

Potential Hazards and OSHA Standards for Consideration during IRMs

Site Exposure/Control	Potentially Applicable OSHA Standard*	
	1910 General Industry	1926 Construction
Hazard Assessment & Employee Training	29 CFR 1910.132(d)	29 CFR 1926.21(b)
Chemical Exposure	29 CFR 1910.1000	29 CFR 1926.55
Noise Exposure	29 CFR 1910.95	29 CFR 1926.52
Sanitation	29 CFR 1910.141	29 CFR 1926.51
Wiring Methods (temporary wiring )	29 CFR 1910.305(a)(2) 29 CFR 1910.333	29 CFR 1926.405(a)(2)
Electrical Hazards		29 CFR 1926.416
Emergency Action Planning	29 CFR 1910.38	29 CFR 1926.35
Excavation	covered by 1926	29 CFR 1926 Subpart P
Confined Space Entry	29 CFR 1910.146	29 CFR 1926.21(b)(6)29 CFR 1926.353(b)
Material Handling	29 CFR Subpart N	29 CFR Subpart N29 CFR 1926.600-60229 CFR 1926.604
Building Demolition	covered by 1926	29 CFR 1926 Subpart T
Site Contaminant Abatement	29 CFR 1910.1000-1029 29 CFR 1910.1043-1052	29 CFR 1926.5529 CFR 1926.6229 CFR 1926.1101-1152
Elevated Work Surfaces	29 CFR 1910 Subpart D 29 CFR 1910 Subpart F	29 CFR 1926 Subpart L29 CFR 1926 Subpart M29 CFR 1926.552
Chemical Storage	29 CFR 1910 Subpart H29 CFR 1910.1200	29 CFR 1926.5929 CFR 1926 Subpart F
Personal Protective Equipment	29 CFR 1910 Subpart I	29 CFR 1926 Subpart E
Heavy Equipment Operation	29 CFR 1910.9529 CFR 1910 Subpart N	29 CFR 1926.5229 CFR 1926 Subpart O
Tasks-Long Duration	29 CFR 1910.141-142	29 CFR 1926.51

The Federal General Industry and Construction citations are provided above

# ATTACHMENT 2

## Heat Stress Management Program and Procedures

## INTRODUCTION

Panamerican employees engage in a variety of activities with potential exposure to excessive ambient temperatures and humidity, with the overall result being Aheat stress@. This procedure establishes the Panamerican Heat Stress Management Program. It establishes responsibilities and basic requirements for personnel who may be required to work in situations where the ambient temperature exceeds 21° C (70° F) while wearing protective equipment (e.g., hazardous waste site investigations) or when the ambient temperature exceeds 29° (85° F) while wearing normal clothing. Because heart stress is one of the most common and potentially serious illnesses at job sites and particularly hazardous waste sites, regular monitoring and other preventive measures are warranted.

There are no regulations addressing heat stress. However, it should be noted that OSHA does recognize heat stress as a potentially serious health hazard and can site employers under the Ageneral duty clause@ of the Occupational Safety Health Act if heat-related illness is occurring or likely to occur.

## PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Heat Stress Management Program is administered by Panamerican Managers and Health and Safety personnel.

These Individuals:

- Oversee the implementation of the Heat Stress Management Program;
- Periodically audit and evaluate program implementation;
- Evaluate this procedure on an ongoing basis to see that it reflects current practice and regulations;
- Assist field crews in their implementation of this procedure.

Project Managers (PM) and Safety Personnel are responsible for:

- Implementing this Procedure in all field operations;
- Providing guidance to staff regarding heat stress management as described in the Procedure; and
- Providing feedback to management regarding program effectiveness.

Staff Members are responsible for:

- Complying with this Procedure as it applies to their activities; and
- Providing feed back to their supervisor regarding program effectiveness.

## HEAT STRESS HAZARDS AND RISK FACTORS

Heat Stress is defined as the total net load on the body with contributions from both exposure to external sources, such as sunshine and hot surfaces, and from internal metabolic heat production. A person=s

exposure to the increased ambient temperatures and humidity produces physiological responses referred to as heat stress which are characterized by an increase in the: a) Core or deep body temperature, b) heart rate, c) blood flow to the skin, and d) water and salt loss due to sweating. Conditions of excessive heat stress may occur either when the physical work is too heavy or the environment is too hot in relation to the work being performed. If work is performed under hot environmental conditions, the work load effort must be reviewed and the heat exposure limit maintained at or below the levels to protect the worker from the risk of acute heat illness.

In general, there are four types of physiological disorders associated with heat stress. They include:

- Heat Rash - a skin reaction occurring as a result of obstructed sweat glands, often associated with impermeable clothing.
- Heat Cramps - painful muscle spasms of extremities and abdomen, resulting from inadequate balance of electrolytes which are lost from sweating.
- Heat Exhaustion - a mild form of heat stroke due to depletion of body fluids and electrolytes. Blood vessels dilate despite decreased volume of blood. Symptoms include weakness, dizziness, nausea, rapid pulse, and a small increase in body temperature.
- Heatstroke - a potentially fatal disorder resulting from failure of the body's thermoregulatory system. The classical description of heatstroke includes (1) a major disruption of central nervous function (unconsciousness or convulsions), (2) a lack of sweating (3) hot, dry, red or mottled skin, and (4) a core temperature in excess of 41°C (105.8°F). Heatstroke is a serious medical condition which calls for emergency medical action.

Seven factors play significant roles in the development of or predisposition to, heat stress disorders. These factors include:

- Acclimatization - Heat acclimatization leads to increased and quicker sweating, cooler skin due to an increase in evaporative cooling and a lower, more stable core body temperature. Maximal sweating rates in unacclimatized persons are lower, but salt concentrations in their perspiration are higher, requiring a higher rate of salt replacement.
- Age - Older individuals are generally more susceptible to heat stress than younger individuals. However, older healthy workers are able to perform well in hot jobs if permitted to proceed at a self-regulated pace.
- Gender - The average woman has a lower aerobic capacity than a similar-sized man. Nevertheless, when working at similar proportions of their maximum aerobic capacity, women perform similarly or only slightly less well than men.
- Body Fat - The lower level of physical fitness, decreased maximum work capacity and decreased cardiovascular capacity frequently associated with obesity predispose individuals to heat disorders.
- Water and Electrolyte Balance - Sustained, effective work performance in heat requires a

replacement of body water and electrolytes lost through sweating. If this water is not replaced by drinking, continued sweating will draw on water reserves from both tissues and body cells leading to dehydration.

- Use of Alcohol and Medication - Notwithstanding the potential hazards from impaired coordination and judgment, the ingestion of alcohol before or during work in the heat should not be permitted because it reduces heat tolerance and increases the risk of heat illness. Many drugs, including diuretics and antihypertensives, can interfere with the body's thermoregulation.
- Physical Fitness - Physical conditioning enhances heat tolerance by increasing the functional capacity of the cardiovascular system, and reduces the time required to develop heat acclimatization by about 50% over those not physically fit.

The factors listed above are to be taken into account by all project personnel when planning or executing a project subject to heat stress conditions. The factors should be taken into consideration for:

- the development of the project schedule;
- the ordering of supplies/equipment;
- the support facilities to be made available at the site;
- the execution of work tasks; and
- the after work hours activities.

The following is a summary of signs and symptoms of heat stress:

**Heat Rash** may result from continuous exposure to heat or humid air .

**Heat cramps** are caused by heavy sweating with inadequate electrolyte replacement. Signs and symptoms include:

- Muscle Spasms
- Pain in the hands, feet and abdomen.

**Heat Exhaustion** occurs from increased stress on various body organs, including inadequate blood circulation due to cardiovascular insufficiency or dehydration. Signs and symptoms include:

- Pale, cool and moist skin
- Heavy sweating
- Dizziness, fainting and nausea

**Heat stroke** is the most serious form of heat stress. Temperature regulation fails, and the body temperature rises to critical levels. Immediate action must be taken to cool the body before serious injury or death occurs. Competent medical help must be obtained. Signs and symptoms are:

- Red, hot and unusually dry skin
- Lack of or reduced perspiration
- Dizziness and confusion

- Strong, rapid pulse and coma.

## **HEAT AND STRESS PREVENTION**

Preventive measures should be taken to prevent personnel from experiencing heat stress illness. Prevention of heat stress is also important because if an individual has experienced a heat illness incident, he has an increased likelihood of future occurrences. Preventive measures include: favorable work scheduling, acclimatization of workers to hot environments, drinking sufficient quantities of fluids, providing cool, sheltered work and rest areas, and utilizing cooling devices as appropriate of feasible. Heat stress monitoring/work rest regimens are discussed below.

### Work Schedules and Activity

If possible, work should be scheduled during the coolest part of the day. Early morning and evening work can be considerably more effective than working midday when the additional time for breaks and heat stress monitoring are taken into account.

Employees should also be encouraged to maintain a certain level of activity during the work shift. Prolonged standing in hot environments can lead to heat illness because the blood pools in the lower extremities. Workers should periodically walk about to encourage blood circulation from the feet and legs.

### Acclimatization of Workers

A properly designed and applied heat acclimatization program will dramatically increase the ability of workers to work at a hot job and will decrease the risk of heat-related illnesses and unsafe acts. Heat acclimatization can usually be induced in 5 to 7 days of exposure to the hot job. For workers who have had previous experience with the job, the acclimatization regimen should be exposure for 50% on day 1, 60% on day 2, 80% on day 3 and 100% on day 4. For workers new to job the schedule should be 20% on day 1 with a 20% increase in each additional day.

Acclimatization can be induced by sustained elevations of the skin and core body temperatures above levels for the same work in cool environments for an hour or more per day. Acclimatization needs periodic reinforcement such as occurs daily during the work week. Persons may show some loss of acclimatization on the first day of the new shift after being idle for two days or over a weekend. After vacations of two weeks or longer the loss of acclimatization is substantial, several days at work will be needed before heat tolerance is fully restored.

### Drinking Sufficient Quantities of Fluids

Under hot conditions where sweat production may reach 6 to 8 liters per day, voluntary replacement of the water lost is usually incomplete. The normal thirst mechanism is not sensitive enough to urge us to drink enough water to prevent dehydration. Individuals are seldom aware of the exact amount of sweat they produce or how much water is needed to replace that lost in sweat; 1 liter/hour is not an uncommon rate of water loss. Every effort should be made to encourage individuals to drink water, low-sodium noncarbonated beverages or electrolyte replacement fluids (e.g., Gatorade). Lightly salted water (1 gram/liter of water (0.1%) or one level teaspoon per 15 quarts of water), should be provided to unacclimated workers. The salt should be dissolved completely and the water kept cool. Salt tablets as dietary supplements are not generally recommended.

Workers should drink at least 500 ml (one pint) of water before beginning work. The fluid should be maintained at temperatures of 10° to 15° (50 to 59° F). If possible, small quantities of fluids should be consumed at frequent intervals (e.g., 150 to 250 milliliters (ml), or at least a quarter pint, every 20 minutes) rather than the intake of 750 ml (3 cups) or more once per hour. Individuals vary, but water intake should total 4 to 8 liters (quarts) per day. When heat stress is considered a potential problem, a minimum of 1 liter/hour/person of water are to be maintained onsite. Individual paper or plastic cups will be provided in order to prevent the spread of communicable disease.

Alcohol and diuretics such as caffeine (contained in coffee, tea and soft drinks) can increase dehydration. Therefore employees with potential exposure to heat stress should be discouraged from the consumption of these types of fluids during and after working hours.

### Cool, sheltered Work and Rest Areas

Exposure to direct sunlight significantly increases the overall thermal loading of the body, thereby increasing an individuals susceptibility to heat stress illnesses. Whenever possible work should be conducted under suspended tarps, in shady areas or in other sheltered areas in order to reduce thermal loading caused by the sun. Cool sheltered areas should be provided also for rest breaks. A rest area should be situated so that part of it is in the contamination reduction area so that workers can take breaks without being required to undertake a full decontamination procedure. Canopies or tarps and open air tents, are types of cool shelters which can provide shaded rest areas.

### Cooling Devices

Auxiliary cooling devices can be successfully used to provide body cooling, especially to workers wearing protective garments at hazardous waste sites. Vortex coolers utilize high velocity air which is directed inside the protective clothing. Vortex coolers have been used successfully in some operations. Cooling vests utilizing Ablue ice@ type packs can provide some cooling to the torso, but add weight for the wearer and can inhibit body movements.

Newer, more sophisticated tube and refrigerant systems woven into undergarments are also available. However, some of these systems „may not be effective in situations where the work involves considerable motion, since bending and lifting can crimp the tubes, impeding the flow of refrigerant.

### Heat Stress Monitoring

Several heat stress monitoring systems have been devised to help manage heat stress in hot work environments. Panamerican performs heat stress monitoring when: 1) employees are wearing normal work clothing in ambient temperatures exceeding 29° C, (85° F) and 2) employees wearing chemical protective clothing (including paper coveralls) working in ambient temperatures exceeding 21° C (70° F). The temperature differential is related to the reduced ability of a person to maintain a core temperature of  $\pm 37^{\circ}$  C (98.6° F) when wearing chemical protective clothing.

It should be noted by personnel that there are no Afast and true@ methods of heat stress monitoring; likewise there are no regulations concerning heat stress monitoring. Individual susceptibility to heat stress is highly variable. Some individuals are highly susceptible to any increase in their internal body temperature while other individuals can work very well with internal body temperatures of 39°C (102.2° F) or higher.



The heat stress monitoring systems should be used by Site Safety Officers as guidelines and not necessarily as hard, fast rules. Individuals working in elevated temperatures should be queried on a regular basis regarding their perceived state of heat stress. If the calculated heat stress index value indicates that work can continue but a person states that they believe they are experiencing heat stress, the work effect should be discontinued and a rest break taken.

Likewise, if the calculated heat stress index value indicates that a rest break should be taken but the workers believe they can work longer, they should be permitted to work longer providing that their heart rates do not exceed 110 beats per minute. If the individual's heart rate rates exceed 110 beats per minute a rest break will be taken. In all cases, individual workers should not be permitted or expected to perform excessive work which could result in heat stress. If a SSO has any concerns that an individual may be pushing himself/herself past the Abreaking point@ the calculated work/rest regimen will be followed.

For strenuous field activities that are part of ongoing site work activities in hot weather, the following procedures shall be used to monitor the body's physiological response to heat, and to monitor the work cycle of each site worker. There are two phases to this monitoring: the initial work/rest cycle is used to estimate how long the first work shifts of the day should be. Heart rate monitoring of each worker will establish the length of the successive work periods. Both phases are to be used are to be used for heat stress monitoring. Failure to use either one could place workers at risk of heat-related disorders.

#### Phase 1 - Determination of the Initial Work - Rest Regimen

The determination of the initial work - rest regimen can be performed using either of two methods:

- The Modified Dry Bulb Index; or
- The Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer (WBGT) Index

After the initial work - rest regimen has been determined, environmental conditions must be monitored for changes which would require a modification to the work - rest regimen. This, coupled with the heart rate monitoring, determines the work cycles to be followed on a site.

The Modified Dry Bulb Index accounts for the effects caused by solar, load, air temperature, and chemical protective clothing, under a light work load (walking at approximately 3 mph). A mercury thermometer, shielded from direct sunlight, is used to measure ambient temperature. The percentages of (of time) of sunlight and cloud cover are then estimated to determine a sunshine quality factor (e.g., 100% sunshine - no cloud cover = 1.0; 50% sunshine - 50% cloud cover = 0.5; 0% sunshine - 100% cloud cover = 0.0). When these two sets of values have been obtained, they are inserted into the following equation to calculate the adjusted temperature:

$$T (^{\circ}\text{C, adjusted}) = T (^{\circ}\text{C, actual}) + (7.2 \times \text{sunshine quality factor})$$

-OR-

$$T (^{\circ}\text{F, adjusted}) = T (^{\circ}\text{F, actual}) + (13 \times \text{sunshine quality factor})$$

After the adjusted temperature has been calculated, the length of the first work shift can be determined using the following table:

### Initial Break and Physiological Monitoring Cycles

ADJUSTED TEMPERATURE	NORMAL WORK CLOTHES	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
90 <sup>0</sup> F (32.2 <sup>0</sup> C) or above	After each 45 minutes of work	After each 15 minutes of work
87.5 <sup>0</sup> -90 <sup>0</sup> F (30.8 <sup>0</sup> -32.2 <sup>0</sup> C)	After each 60 minutes of work	After each 30 minutes of work
82.5 <sup>0</sup> -87.5 <sup>0</sup> F (28.1 <sup>0</sup> -30.8 <sup>0</sup> C)	After each 90 minutes of work	After each 60 minutes of work
77.5 <sup>0</sup> -82.5 <sup>0</sup> F (25.3 <sup>0</sup> -28.1 <sup>0</sup> C)	After each 120 minutes of work	After each 90 minutes of work
72.5 <sup>0</sup> -77.5 <sup>0</sup> F (22.5 <sup>0</sup> -25.3 <sup>0</sup> C)	After each 150 minutes of work	After each 120 minutes of work

NOTE: The standard rest period is 15 minutes

### WET BULB GLOBE THERMOMETER INDEX

The Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer (WBGT) Index was developed by the U.S. Army in the 1950s to prevent heat stress in army recruits. The WBGT Index accounts for the effects caused by humidity, air movement, evaporation, air temperature and work rate. It does not, however, account for the effects of chemical protective clothing, non-acclimatized workers, age, or other factors which may affect the likelihood of heat stress. Because of this, it is necessary to make adjustments to the index and conduct Heart Rate Monitoring.

WBGT measurements are usually obtained through the use of are-contained electronic devices. Such devices are easy to set up and can provide the user with the capabilities to store data and download to print out a hard copy.

Heat produced by the body and the environmental heat together determine the total heat load. Therefore, after the WBGT Index has been obtained, the anticipated work load category of each job shall be determined and the initial-rest regimen established using the table below.

The work load category may be determined by ranking each job into light, medium and heavy categories on the basis of type of operation. Examples of each category are:

- Light work: sitting or standing to control machines, performing light hand work
- Moderate work: walking about with moderate lifting and pushing; and
- Heavy work: pick and shovel work.

PERMISSIBLE HEAT EXPOSURE			
WORK-REST REGIMEN	WORK LOAD		
	LIGHT	MODERATE	HEAVY
	30.0 <sup>0</sup> C/86 <sup>0</sup> F	26.7 <sup>0</sup> C/80.1 <sup>0</sup> F	25 <sup>0</sup> C/77 <sup>0</sup> F
75% Work-25% Rest Each Hour	30.6 <sup>0</sup> C/87.1 <sup>0</sup> F	28 <sup>0</sup> C/82.4 <sup>0</sup> F	25.9 <sup>0</sup> C/78.6 <sup>0</sup> F
50% Work-50% Rest Each Hour	31.4 <sup>0</sup> C/88.5 <sup>0</sup> F	29.4 <sup>0</sup> C/85.0 <sup>0</sup> F	27.9 <sup>0</sup> C/82.2 <sup>0</sup> F
25% Work-75 % Rest Each Hour	32.2 <sup>0</sup> C/90.0 <sup>0</sup> F	31.1 <sup>0</sup> C/88.0 <sup>0</sup> F	30.0 <sup>0</sup> C/86.0 <sup>0</sup> F

The table reads as follows:

Light, continuous work is possible at any WBGT reading up to 30<sup>0</sup> C (86<sup>0</sup>F) but above that limit work breaks

are needed to recover from the heat; light work at temperatures of between 30.0 and 30.6°C (86 to 87°F) can be conducted, but 15 minute breaks must be taken every hour, etc. It is important to note that this table is applicable primarily to healthy, acclimatized personnel; wearing standard work clothing.

NOTE: An additional 6 to 11°C ( 42.8 to 51.8°F) must be added to the calculated WBGT temperature for personnel wearing chemical protective clothing prior to determining the initial work - rest regimen from this table. Because the WBGT Index does not take into account unacclimatized workers, or individual susceptibilities, the addition to the WBGT value does not eliminate the requirement for Heart Rate Monitoring after work has begun.

#### Phase 2 - Heart Rate Monitoring

An increase in the heart rate is a significant indication of stress, whether induced by exposure to heat or through physical labor. Although baseline heart rates can vary significantly between individuals and during the day for an individual, a heart rate of 110 beats per minute or greater is an indication of physiological stress. To prevent heat stress illnesses, the heart rate (HR) should be measured by radial (wrist) or carotid (neck) pulse for 30 seconds as early as possible in the rest period. The HR at the beginning of the rest period should not exceed 110 beats/minute. If the HR is higher, the next work period should be shortened by 33 percent while the length of the rest period stays the same. If the pulse rate still exceeds 110 beats/minute at the beginning of the next rest period, the following work period should be further shortened by 33 percent while the length of the rest period stays the same.

# ATTACHMENT 3

## Trenching and Excavation Health and Safety Requirements

## **REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

Excavations will be performed in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR, subpart P, 1926:650-1926.652 and USACOE EM 385-1-1 section 25 requirements as they apply to project activities.

## **GENERAL**

- At all times the need for personnel to enter excavations will be minimized. Inspections or sample removal will be done from above the excavation, whenever possible.
- Personnel will only enter excavations after the requirements of this plan have been met.
- Personnel protective equipment including hard hat, safety glasses and steel-toe work boots may be required.

## **SURFACE ENCUMBRANCES**

Surface encumbrances such as structures, fencing, piping, stored material etc. which may interfere with safe excavations will be avoided, removed or adequately supported prior to the start of excavations. Support systems will be inspected daily.

## **UNDERGROUND UTILITIES**

Underground utility locations will be checked and determined and permits as necessary will be in place prior to initiating excavations. Local utility companies will be contacted at least two days in advance, advised of proposed work, and requested to locate underground installations. When excavations approach the estimated location of utilities, the exact location will be determined by careful probing or hand digging and when it is uncovered, proper supports will be provided.

## **OVERHEAD OBSTACLES**

A minimum safe distance of 20 feet will be maintained when working around overhead high-voltage lines or the line will be de-energized following appropriate lock-out and tag-out procedures by qualified utility personnel.

## **ENTRY/EXIT ROUTES**

Excavations five feet or more deep will require an adequate means of exit, such as a ladder, ramp, or steps and located so as to require no more than 25 feet of lateral travel. Under no circumstances will

personnel be raised.

### **VEHICLE CONTROL/SAFETY**

Personnel working around heavy equipment, or who may be exposed to public vehicular traffic will wear a traffic warning vest consisting of at least 400 square inches of red or orange material. At night, at least 400 square inches of florescent or other reflective material will be worn.

For excavation work on or adjacent to highways or streets, signs, signals, and barricades that conform to the requirements of the current American National Standards Institute (ANSI) D6.1, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways will be used to protect work areas. Signs, signals, and barricades will be adequately lighted at night. Flagmen will be provided when signs, signals and barricades do not provide adequate protection. Flagmen will use signals and procedures contained in the current issue of ANSI D6.1. At night, flagmen will be clearly illuminated so as to be easily seen by approaching traffic.

For mobile equipment operating next to or approaching the edge of an excavation, the operator will have a clear view of the edge of the excavation, or a warning system such as barricades, hand or mechanical signals, or stop logs will be used. If possible the surface grade will slope away from the excavation.

Personnel will be safely located in and around the trench and will not be permitted to work underneath loads handled by lifting or digging equipment. Personnel are required to stand away from vehicles being loaded and unloaded. Operators can remain in the cabs of vehicles being loaded or unloaded provided the vehicles are equipped to provide adequate protection to the operator.

### **HAZARDOUS ATMOSPHERES**

Hazardous atmospheres, such as oxygen deficiency (atmospheres containing less than 19.5% oxygen), flammable gases or vapors (airborne concentrations greater than 20% of the lower explosive limit), and toxic gases or vapors (airborne concentrations above the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit or other exposure limits) may occur in excavations, especially around landfills and hazardous waste sites.

In locations where oxygen deficiency or hazardous gaseous conditions are possible, the air in the excavation will be tested before personnel are permitted to enter an excavation deeper than 4 feet. When flammable gases are present, adequate ventilation will be provided and sources of ignition will be eliminated. Ventilation or respiratory protection will be provided to prevent personnel exposures to oxygen deficient or toxic atmospheres. Periodic retesting (at least each shift) of the excavation will be conducted to verify that the atmosphere is acceptable. A log or field book records will be maintained of all test results.

### **WATER ACCUMULATION HAZARDS**

Personnel will not work in excavations that have accumulated water or where water is accumulating unless adequate precautions have been taken. These precautions can include special support or shield systems, water removal systems such as pumps, or safety harnesses and lifelines. Water removal systems will be operated and monitored by experienced personnel. Diversion ditches or dikes will be used to prevent surface water from entering the excavation and to provide adequate drainage of the area around the excavation. Adequate precautions, as described above, will be taken for excavating

subject to heavy rains.

### **STABILITY OF ADJACENT STRUCTURES**

Support systems such as shoring, bracing, or underpinning will be provided to maintain the stability of adjoining buildings, walls, or other structures endangered by the excavation operations. Excavations below a foundation or retaining wall that could be reasonably expected to pose a hazard to personnel will not be permitted unless:

- a support system is provided
- The excavation is in stable rock; or
- A Registered Professional Engineer has determined that the structure will not be effected by the excavation activity or that the excavation work will pose a hazard to employees. The Professional Engineer is required to demonstrate how the above determination was made on the basis of appropriate calculations.

Sidewalks will not be undermined unless shored to protect from possible collapse.

### **PROTECTION FROM LOOSE ROCK, MATERIALS OR SPOILS**

In excavations and trenches that personnel may be required to enter, loose rock, excavated or other material, and spoils will be effectively stored and retained at least two feet or more from the edge of the excavation.

As an alternative to the clearance prescribed above, barriers or other effective retaining devices may be used in order to prevent spoils or other materials from falling into the excavation.

Walkways, runways, and sidewalks will be kept clear of excavated material from other obstructions.

Scaling operations may be used to remove loose material and will be performed only by experienced crews under the direct supervision of a competent supervisor. The scalers will be provided with scaler=s lifelines, safety belts, boatswain chair, and other safety equipment necessary for their protection.

### **FALL PROTECTION**

Walkways or bridges with standard guardrails that meet OSHA specifications will be provided where employees, the public, or equipment are required to cross over excavations.

Adequate barrier physical protection will be provided at all remotely located excavations. All excavations will be barricaded or covered.

### **EMERGENCY RESCUE**

In the event of a cave-in, the Emergency Rescue Squad will be immediately notified. The caller should provide his name, location, nature of the accident (an excavation collapse), the dimensions of the excavation, and number of people trapped in the excavation. Personnel are not to enter a collapsed trench to attempt rescue. This may cause a further collapse of the trench. Under no circumstance is heavy equipment to be used to attempt rescue of personnel in a collapsed excavation; injury or decapitation could be the result. All heavy equipment and traffic in the area is to be shut down and

stopped to reduce vibration. Pumps should be started if water ensues.

### **INSPECTION PROGRAM**

Safety personnel will conduct daily inspections of the excavation, the adjacent areas, and protective systems. Inspections will be conducted prior to the start of work and as needed throughout the work shift. Inspections will also be made after every rainstorm or other occurrence that increases the hazard of collapse (i.e., vibration from heavy equipment, freezing and thawing, etc.).

The excavation inspection will include a check for the following:

- Evidence if situations that could result in possible cave-in (i.e. soil crumbling or sloughing, water saturated soils, freezing and thawing, unusual vibrations such as from heavy equipment, heavy rains, surface run off entering trench, etc.);
- Indications of failure of protective systems;
- Hazardous atmosphere (oxygen deficiency, flammable and toxic gases and vapors);
- Condition and support of exposed underground installations;
- Adequate means of egress;
- Signs, signals, and barricades for work area protection;
- Precautionary measures to control water accumulation;
- Stability and support of adjacent structures; and
- Adequate protection from loose rock and soil.

### **PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS**

Personnel working in excavations will be protected from cave-ins by sloping and/or benching of excavation walls, a shoring system or some other equivalent means except when:

- The excavation is made entirely in stable rock; or
- Excavations are less than five feet deep and safety personnel have determined that there is no indication of potential cave-in. Depending on site and soil conditions protective measures may be taken for the excavations less than five feet in depth.

The most important factor influencing the choice of protective systems is the soil type classification. Once the soil type has been classified, selection of the protective system, the determination of the angle of repose for sloping and benching, and the design of shoring systems will be made. Decisions will be based on careful evaluation of pertinent factors such as depth of cut; possible variation in water content of the material while the excavation is open; anticipated changes in materials from exposure to air, sun, water, or freezing; loading imposed structures equipment, overlying material, or stored material; and vibration from equipment, blasting traffic or other sources.

### **Soil Classification**



Appendix A of the OSHA Excavation Standard describes a method to classify soils into four types:

1. **Stable Rock** - Solid mineral matter that can be excavated with vertical sides.
2. **Type A** - cohesive soils with an unconfined compressive strength of 1.5 ton per square foot (tsf) or greater. Examples include: clay; silty clay; sandy clay; clayey loam; and cemented soils such as caliche and hardpan. No soil is considered to be Type A if it is fissured, subject to vibration, previously disturbed, or part of a sloped, layered system.
3. **Type B** - cohesive soils with an unconfined compressive strength of greater than 0.5 tsf but less than 1.5 tsf. Examples include: angular gravel similar to crushed rock; silt; silty loam; and sandy loam; Type B soils also include : previously disturbed soils that are not type C; Type A soils that are fissured or subject to vibration; and dry rock that is not stable.
4. **Type C** - cohesive soils with an unconfined compressive strength of 0.5 tsf or less. Examples include: gravel; sand; loamy sand; submerged soil or soil from which water is seeping; submerged rock that is not stable.

The engineer, geologist, or safety personnel will conduct at least one visual and at least one manual test as described in the OSHA excavation standard in order to classify soils. Visual tests include looking for : particle size and soil cohesiveness (clumping); cracking in the excavation sides which suggests fissured material; underground installations and previously disturbed soils; layered soil systems that slope toward the excavation; evidence of surface water and water seeping from the sides of the excavation; and sources of vibration that may affect the excavation stability. Manual tests include: plasticity; dry strength; tumb penetration; drying test; and strength tests using a pocket penetrometer or hand-operated sheervane.

### Sloping and Benching

One of the following options for sloping and benching systems described in section 1926.652(b) of the OSHA Excavation Standard will be used in excavations of .5 foot or deeper or at the discretion of the safety personnel:

- The walls of excavation will be sloped at an angle not steeper than one-and one-half horizontal to one vertical. Sloping configurations will follow the slopes shown for Type C soils in Appendix B of the OSHA Excavation Standard.
- Maximum allowable slopes and sloping and benching configurations will be determined according to soil type as described in Appendices A and B of the OSHA Excavation Standard.
- Use of other written tabulated data and designs, such as tables and charts, to design sloping and benching systems. A copy of the tabulated data must be approved by a registered Professional Engineer. A copy of the tabulated data must be kept at the job site.

Personnel are not allowed to work on the faces of sloped or benched excavations above other workers unless the workers at the lower levels are protected from falling material or equipment. Similar protection will be provided for personnel working in excavations below other workers.

### Support Systems, Shield Systems, and Other Protective Devices

One of the following options described in OSHA (1926.652 (c)) will be followed.

- Timber shoring, designed according to the conditions and requirements of Appendix C of the OSHA Excavation Standard or aluminum hydraulic shoring designed according to manufacturers tabulated data or Appendix D of the OSHA Excavation Standard. In order to use the information in Appendices C or D, the soil type must first be determined using the classification system in Appendix A. For each soil type the size and spacing of the cross braces, uprights, and walls that comprise the shoring system are then selected based on the depth and width of the trench.
- Use of the manufacturer=s written tabulated to design support systems, shielded systems, and other protective devices. Any deviation from this tabulated data must be approved by the manufacturer. A copy of the tabulated data as well as any approvals to deviate from the tabulated data must be kept at the job site.
- Use of other written tabulated data to design support systems, shield systems, and other protective devices. The tabulated data must be approved by a Registered Professional Engineer. A copy of the tabulated data must be kept at the job site.
- Use of a written support system, shield system, and other protective device design that has been approved by a Registered Professional Engineer. A copy of the written design must be kept at the job site.

#### **Installation and Removal of Support**

Cross braces or trench jacks, uprights, and walls will be secured together to prevent sliding, falling or kickouts.

Additional precautions by way of shoring and bracing will be taken to prevent slides or cave-ins when excavations or trenches are made in locations adjacent to backfilled excavations, or where excavations are subjected to vibrations from railroad or highway traffic, the operation of machinery, or any other source.

If it is necessary to place or operate power shovels, derricks, trucks, materials, or other heavy objects on a level above or near any excavation, the side of the excavation will be sheetpiled, shored, and braced as necessary to resist the extra pressure due to such superimposed loads.

Backfilling and removal of trench supports will progress together from the bottom of the trench. Jacks or braces will be released slowly and , in unstable soil, ropes will be used to pull out the jacks or braces from above after employees have cleared the trench.

#### **Shield Systems**

Portable trench boxes or sliding trench shields may be used for protection of personnel in lieu of a shoring system or sloping. Where such trench boxes or shields are used, they will be designed, constructed and maintained in a manner which will provide protection equal to or greater than the sheeting or shoring required for the trench. Shields will be installed so as to restrict lateral or other hazardous movement. Personnel are not allowed inside shields when shields are being moved.

## EXCAVATION SAFETY LIST

To be completed prior to each work shift, or prior to personnel entering a new trench for the first time, by the Site Safety Officer/Competent Person:

Project \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Job Number \_\_\_\_\_

Competent Person(CP)\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>
1. Has the site been cleared for utilities and other underground obstructions?	_____	_____	_____
2. If on public property, has the regional utility locating service been notified?	_____	_____	_____
3. Has the excavation equipment been safety checked by the operator?	_____	_____	_____
4. Are copies of relevant OSHA excavation regulations available on site?	_____	_____	_____
5. Will the excavation be 5 feet or more in depth?	_____	_____	_____
6. If 4 is yes, will personnel enter the excavation at any time?	_____	_____	_____
7. If 4a is yes, have provisions been made for shoring, sloping, or benching the excavation? Describe: _____ _____ _____	_____	_____	_____
8. Has an inspection of the site and excavation been conducted by the SSO?	_____	_____	_____
9. Has the Competent Person conducted visual and manual tests to classify the soil?	_____	_____	_____

\* According to Federal OSHA, A Competent Person is a person who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings; or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees; and who has the authority to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.

10. G Visual Test \_\_\_\_\_ (type)  
 G Manual Test \_\_\_\_\_ (type)  
 G Soil Classification \_\_\_\_\_ (type)
11. Are there any conditions that might expose employees to injury from possible moving ground? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Is excavated material being placed at least 2 feet from the edge of the excavation? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Is work in the excavation at all times under the immediate supervision of the SSO or other competent person? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Is there a stairway, ladder, or ramp securely fastened in place to provide ingress and egress from the excavation? \_\_\_\_\_
15. If the excavation is 4 feet or more in depth, are safe means of access (see 8) provided so as to require no more than 25 feet of lateral travel to reach them? \_\_\_\_\_
16. If structural ramps are installed that are used for access/egress: were they designed by a qualified engineer? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Do the structural ramps have appropriate means to prevent slipping and are the ramps uniform in thickness? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Are walkways or bridges provided across the excavation to safe crossing? \_\_\_\_\_
19. If excavations are 7 1/2 or more feet in depth, do the walkways have guardrails and toeboards? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Are undermined structures adequately supported to safely carry all anticipated loads and protect workers? \_\_\_\_\_
21. Are there adequate means provided to prevent mobile equipment from inadvertently entering the excavation? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Is the excavation well marked and barricaded to prevent personnel from falling IN? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Are means available to prevent surface water from entering the excavation and to provide \_\_\_\_\_

**adequate drainage of the area adjacent to the trench?**

- |            |  |       |       |       |
|------------|--|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>24.</b> | <b>Where it is reasonable to expect hazardous atmospheres, including oxygen deficiency, to exist in the excavation, is appropriate atmosphere testing equipment available.</b> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <b>25.</b> | <b>Has the testing equipment been calibrated, and the calibrations recorded, today?</b>  | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <b>26.</b> | <b>Are employees trained in proper use of this equipment?</b>  | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <b>27.</b> | <b>Has a harness and lifeline been provided whenever an employee is required to enter a confined footing excavation?</b>   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <b>28.</b> | <b>Is appropriate personal protective equipment (hardhat, safety boots, eye protection, etc.) available and in use?</b>  | _____ | _____ | _____ |

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**CPs Name (Print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

# ATTACHMENT 4

Map to Hospital

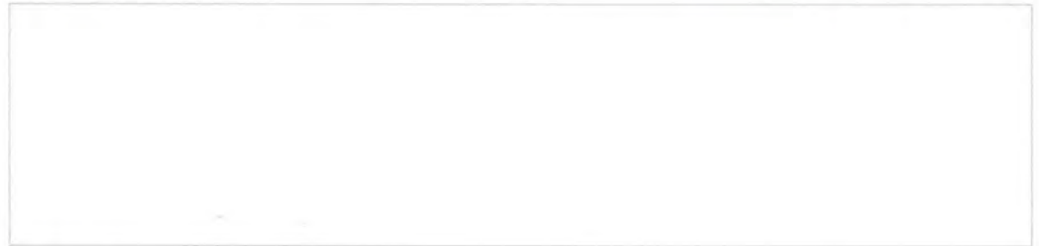


**A** 1100 Niagara St, Buffalo, NY 14213

11 min , 3.5 miles

**B** Buffalo General Medical Center, 100 High St, Buffalo, NY 14203

Light traffic (Leave at 5:44 PM)  
Via I-190 S, Virginia St



**A** 1100 Niagara St, Buffalo, NY 14213

↑	1. Head <b>south</b> on <b>NY-266 / Niagara St</b> toward Albany St	0.2 mi
↑↑	2. Keep <b>right</b> to get onto <b>Busti Ave</b> Exxon on the corner	0.2 mi
	3. Take the ramp on the <b>left</b> for <b>I-190 S</b> ▲ Minor Congestion	1.1 mi
↘	4. At Exit <b>8</b> , head on the ramp <b>right</b> and follow signs for <b>NY-266 South</b>	0.5 mi
↘	5. Turn <b>right</b> onto <b>NY-266 / Niagara St</b> toward <b>Niagara St S</b>	495 ft
↙	6. Turn <b>left</b> onto <b>Carolina St</b>	0.2 mi
↗	7. Bear <b>right</b> onto <b>Tracy St</b>	0.1 mi
↙	8. Turn <b>left</b> onto <b>S Elmwood Ave</b>	0.3 mi
↘	9. Turn <b>right</b> onto <b>Virginia St</b>	0.4 mi
↙	10. Turn <b>left</b> onto <b>Ellicott St</b>	0.3 mi
↘	11. Turn <b>right</b> onto <b>High St</b>	407 ft
	12. Arrive at <b>High St</b> The last intersection before your destination is N Oak St If you reach Michigan Ave, you've gone too far	

**B** Buffalo General Medical Center



# APPENDIX B

# QA/QC PLAN

# QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL PLAN

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan provides an overview of QA/QC procedures required for the project. It also provides methods for laboratory testing of environmental samples obtained from the Site, which helps to ensure the quality of the data produced. The organizational structure for this project is presented in the Work Plan, which identifies the names of key project personnel. The project manager is responsible for verifying that QA procedures are followed in the field so that quality, representative samples are collected. The Project Manager is in contact with the analytical laboratory to monitor laboratory activities so that holding times and other QA/QC requirements are met. The anticipated quantity of field samples collected, and corresponding analytical parameters/methods are provided below.

**TABLE 1  
ANALYTICAL SUMMARY TABLE**

<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>EPA METHOD</u>
<b>Soil/Groundwater (GW)</b>	
Part 375 VOCs + TICs	8260
Part 375 SVOCs + TICs	8270
Part 375 Metals	6010/7470/7471
Part 375 PCBs	8082
Part 375 Pesticides	8081
PFAS Contaminants	537.1
1,4 Dioxane	8270SIM
<b>Air/Vapor</b>	
VOCs (vapor)	TO-15

Holding Times: 8260-14 days and 8270, 8081, and 8082-7 days

Soil - 1 duplicate per approximately every 10 samples

GW - 1 trip blank per day

A complete analyte list is provided in **Table 2** and analytical methods and procedures are provided in **Table 3**. Both tables are located at the end of this document.

The analytical laboratory proposed for use for the analysis of samples will be a certified NYSDOH ELAP laboratory. The QA Manager of the laboratory will be responsible for performing project-specific audits and for overseeing the quality control data generated. The field geologist/technician coordinates all personnel involved with field sampling, verifies that all sampling is conducted per the FSP, and communicates regularly with the Project Manager. The ultimate responsibility for maintaining quality throughout the project rests with the Project Manager, including field and laboratory QA/QC.

PFAS sampling and analysis will be done in accordance with the NYSDEC document: "Sampling, Analysis, and Assessment of PFAS under NYSDEC's Part 375 Remedial Programs document, dated June 2021" or the latest guidance as of the date sampled.

## 2.0 DATA QUALITY OBJECTIVES

### 2.1 BACKGROUND

Data quality objectives (DQOs) are qualitative and quantitative statements, which specify the quality of data required supporting the investigation for the site. DQOs focus on the identification of the end use of the data to be collected. The project DQOs are achieved utilizing the definitive data category as outlined in *Guidance for the Data Quality Objectives Process*, EPA QA/G-4 (September 1994). All sample analyses will provide definitive data, which are generated using rigorous analytical methods such as reference methods approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The purpose of this investigation is to determine the nature and extent of contamination at the site.

Within the context of the purpose stated above, the project DQOs for data collected during this investigation are:

- To assess the nature and extent of contamination in soil, groundwater, and soil vapor
- To maintain the highest possible scientific/professional standards for each procedure
- To develop sufficient data to assess whether the levels of contaminants identified in the media sampled exceed regulatory guidelines

### 2.2 QA OBJECTIVES FOR CHEMICAL DATA MEASUREMENT

Sample analytical methodology for the media sampled and data deliverables are required to adhere to the requirements in NYSDEC Analytical Services Protocol. Laboratories are instructed to complete Sample Preparation and Analysis Summary forms and submit with the data packages. The laboratory is instructed that matrix interferences must be fixed to the extent practicable. To achieve the definitive data category described above, the data quality indicators of precision, accuracy, representativeness, comparability, and completeness are measured during analysis.

#### 2.2.1 *Precision*

Precision examines the distribution of the reported values about their mean. The distribution of reported values refers to how different the individual reported values are from the average reported value. Precision may be affected by the natural variation of the matrix or contamination within that matrix and by errors made in field or laboratory handling procedures. Precision is evaluated using analyses of a laboratory matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate (for organics) and matrix duplicates (for inorganics), which indicate analytical precision through the reproducibility of the analytical results. Relative Percent Difference (RPD) is used to evaluate precision and it must meet the method requirements.

#### 2.2.2 *Accuracy*

Accuracy measures the analytical bias in a measurement system. Sources of error are the sampling process, field contamination, preservation, handling, sample matrix, sample preparation, and analysis techniques. These data help to assess the potential concentration

contribution from various outside sources. The laboratory objective for accuracy is to equal or exceed the accuracy demonstrated for the applied analytical methods on samples of the same matrix. The percent recovery criterion is used to estimate accuracy based on recovery in the matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate and matrix spike blank samples. The spike and spike duplicate, which will give an indication of matrix effects that may be affecting target compounds is also a good gauge of method efficiency.

### *2.2.3 Representativeness*

Representativeness expresses the degree to which the sample data accurately and precisely represent the characteristics of a population of samples, parameter variations at a sampling point, or environmental conditions. Representativeness is a qualitative parameter, which is most concerned with the proper design of the sampling program or sub-sampling of a given sample. Objectives for representativeness are defined for sampling and analysis tasks and are a function of the investigative objectives. The sampling procedures described in the Field Sampling Plan have been selected with the goal of obtaining representative samples for the media of concern.

### *2.2.4 Comparability*

Comparability is a qualitative parameter expressing the confidence with which one data set can be compared with another. A DQO for this program is to produce data with the greatest possible degree of comparability. This goal is achieved through using standard techniques to collect and analyze representative samples and reporting analytical results in appropriate units. Complete field documentation will support the assessment of comparability. Comparability is limited by the other parameters (e.g., precision, accuracy, representativeness, completeness, comparability), because only when precision and accuracy are known can data sets be compared with confidence. For data sets to be comparable, it is imperative that contract-required methods and procedures be explicitly followed.

### *2.2.5 Completeness*

Completeness is defined as a measure of the amount of valid data obtainable from a measurement system compared to the amount that was expected to be obtained under normal conditions. It is important that appropriate QA procedures be maintained to verify that valid data are obtained to meet project needs. For the data generated, a goal of 90% is required for completeness (or usability) of the analytical data. If this goal is not met, then project personnel will determine whether the deviations might cause the data to be rejected.

## **3.0 SAMPLING LOCATIONS, CUSTODY, AND HOLDING TIMES**

Sampling locations are discussed in Work Plan. Procedures addressing field and laboratory sample chain-of-custody and holding times details are presented in the Field Sampling Plan. The laboratory must meet the method required detection limits which are referenced within the methods.

## 4.0 CALIBRATION PROCEDURES AND FREQUENCY

To obtain a high level of precision and accuracy during sample processing procedures, laboratory instruments must be calibrated properly. Several analytical support areas must be considered so the integrity of standards and reagents is upheld prior to instrument calibration. The following sections describe the analytical support areas and laboratory instrument calibration procedures.

### 4.1 ANALYTICAL SUPPORT AREAS

Prior to generating quality data, several analytical support areas must be considered; these are detailed in the following paragraphs.

Standard/Reagent Preparation - Primary reference standards and secondary standard solutions shall be obtained from National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), or other reliable commercial sources to verify the highest purity possible. The preparation and maintenance of standards and reagents will be accomplished according to the methods referenced. All standards and standard solutions are to be formally documented (i.e., in a logbook) and should identify the supplier, lot number, purity/concentration, receipt/preparation date, preparers name, method of preparation, expiration date, and any other pertinent information. All standard solutions shall be validated prior to use. Care shall be exercised in the proper storage and handling of standard solutions (e.g., separating volatile standards from nonvolatile standards). The laboratory shall continually monitor the quality of the standards and reagents through well documented procedures.

Balances - The analytical balances shall be calibrated and maintained in accordance with manufacturer specifications. Calibration is conducted with two Class AS" weights that bracket the expected balance use range. The laboratory shall check the accuracy of the balances daily and they must be properly documented in permanently bound logbooks.

Refrigerators/Freezers - The temperature of the refrigerators and freezers within the laboratory shall be monitored and recorded daily. This will verify that the quality of the standards and reagents is not compromised, and the integrity of the analytical samples is upheld. Appropriate acceptance ranges (2 to 6°C for refrigerators) shall be clearly posted on each unit in service.

Water Supply System - The laboratory must maintain a sufficient water supply for all project needs. The grade of the water must be of the highest quality (analyte-free) to eliminate false-positives from the analytical results. Ultraviolet cartridges or carbon absorption treatments are recommended for organic analyses and ion-exchange treatment is recommended for inorganic tests. Appropriate documentation of the quality of the water supply system(s) will be performed on a regular basis.

### 4.2 LABORATORY INSTRUMENTS

Calibration of instruments is required to verify that the analytical system is operating properly and at the sensitivity necessary to meet established quantitation limits. Each instrument for organic and inorganic analyses shall be calibrated with standards appropriate to the type of

instrument and linear range established within the analytical method(s). Calibration of laboratory instruments will be performed according to specified methods.

In addition to the requirements stated within the analytical methods, the contract laboratory will be required to analyze an additional low-level standard at or near the detection limits. In general, standards will be used that bracket the expected concentration of the samples. This will require the use of different concentration levels, which are used to demonstrate the instrument's linear range of calibration.

Calibration of an instrument must be performed prior to the analysis of any samples and then at periodic intervals (continuing calibration) during the sample analysis to verify that the instrument is still calibrated. If the contract laboratory cannot meet the method required calibration requirements, corrective action shall be taken. All corrective action procedures taken by the contract laboratory are to be documented, summarized within the case narrative, and submitted with the analytical results.

## 5.0 INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL CHECKS

Internal QC checks are used to determine if analytical operations at the laboratory are in control, as well as determining the effect sample matrix may have on data being generated. Two types of internal checks are performed and are described as batch QC and matrix-specific QC procedures. The type and frequency of specific QC samples performed by the contract laboratory will be according to the specified analytical method and project specific requirements. Acceptable criteria and target ranges for these QC samples are presented within the referenced analytical methods.

QC results which vary from acceptable ranges shall result in the implementation of appropriate corrective measures, potential application of qualifiers, and/or an assessment of the impact these corrective measures have on the established data quality objectives. Quality control samples including any project-specific QC will be analyzed are discussed below.

### 5.1 BATCH QC

Method Blanks - A method blank is defined as laboratory-distilled or deionized water that is carried through the entire analytical procedure. The method blank is used to determine the level of laboratory background contamination. Method blanks are analyzed at a frequency of one per analytical batch.

Matrix Spike Blank Samples - A matrix spike blank (MSB) sample is an aliquot of water spiked (fortified) with all the elements being analyzed for calculation of precision and accuracy to verify that the analysis that is being performed is in control. An MSB will be performed for each matrix and organic parameter only.

### 5.2 MATRIX-SPECIFIC QC



Matrix Spike Samples - An aliquot of a matrix is spiked with known concentrations of specific compounds as stipulated by the methodology. The matrix spike (MS) and matrix spike duplicate (MSD) are subjected to the entire analytical procedure to assess both accuracy and precision of the method for the matrix by measuring the percent recovery and relative percent difference of the two spiked samples. The samples are used to assess matrix interference effects on the method, as well as to evaluate instrument performance. MS/MSDs are analyzed at a frequency of one each per 20 samples per matrix.

Matrix Duplicates - The matrix duplicate (MD) is two representative aliquots of the same sample which are prepared and analyzed identically. Collection of duplicate samples provides for the evaluation of precision both in the field and at the laboratory by comparing the analytical results of two samples taken from the same location. Obtaining duplicate samples from a soil matrix requires homogenization (except for volatile organic compounds) of the sample aliquot prior to filling sample containers, to best achieve representative samples. Every effort will be made to obtain replicate samples; however, due to interferences, lack of homogeneity, and the nature of the soil samples, the analytical results are not always reproducible.

Rinsate (Equipment) Blanks - A rinsate blank is a sample of laboratory demonstrated analyte-free water passed through and over the cleaned sampling equipment. A rinsate blank is used to indicate potential contamination from ambient air and from sample instruments used to collect and transfer samples. This water must originate from one common source within the laboratory and must be the same water used by the laboratory performing the analysis. The rinsate blank should be collected, transported, and analyzed in the same manner as the samples acquired that day. Rinsate blanks for nonaqueous matrices should be performed at a rate of 10 percent of the total number of samples collected throughout the sampling event. Rinse blanks will not be performed on samples (i.e., groundwater) where dedicated disposable equipment is used.

Trip Blanks - Trip blanks are not required for nonaqueous matrices. Trip blanks are required for aqueous sampling events. They consist of a set of sample bottles filled at the laboratory with laboratory demonstrated analyte free water. These samples then accompany the bottles that are prepared at the lab into the field and back to the laboratory, along with the collected samples for analysis. These bottles are never opened in the field. Trip blanks must return to the lab with the same set of bottles they accompanied to the field. Trip blanks will be analyzed for volatile organic parameters. Trip blanks must be included at a rate of one per volatile sample shipment.

## 6.0 CALCULATION OF DATA QUALITY INDICATORS

### 6.1 PRECISION

Precision is evaluated using analyses of a field duplicate or a laboratory MS/MSD that indicate analytical precision through the reproducibility of the analytical results. RPD is used to evaluate precision by the following formula:

$$RPD = \frac{(X_1 - X_2)}{[(X_1 + X_2)/2]} \times 100\%$$

where:

$X_1$  = Measured value of sample or matrix spike

$X_2$  = Measured value of duplicate or matrix spike duplicate

Precision will be determined using MS/MSD (for organics) and matrix duplicates (for inorganics) analyses.

## 6.2 ACCURACY

Accuracy is defined as the degree of difference between the measured or calculated value and the true value. The closer the numerical value of the measurement comes to the true value or actual concentration, the more accurate the measurement is. Analytical accuracy is expressed as the percent recovery of a compound or element that has been added to the environmental sample at known concentrations before analysis. Analytical accuracy may be assessed using known and unknown QC samples and spiked samples. It is presented as percent recovery. Accuracy will be determined from matrix spike, matrix spike duplicate, and matrix spike blank samples, as well as from surrogate compounds added to organic fractions (i.e., volatiles, semivolatiles, PCB), and is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Accuracy (\%R)} = \frac{(X_s - X_u)}{K} \times 100\%$$

where:

$X_s$  - Measured value of the spike sample

$X_u$  - Measured value of the unspiked sample

$K$  - Known amount of spike in the sample

## 6.3 COMPLETENESS

Completeness is calculated on a per matrix basis for the project and is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Completeness (\%C)} = \frac{(X_v - X_n)}{N} \times 100\%$$

where:

$X_v$  - Number of valid measurements

$X_n$  - Number of invalid measurements

$N$  - Number of valid measurements expected to be obtained

## 7.0 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Laboratory corrective actions shall be implemented to resolve problems and restore proper functioning to the analytical system when errors, deficiencies, or out-of-control situations exist at the laboratory. Full documentation of the corrective action procedure needed to resolve the problem shall be filed in the project records, and the information summarized in the case

narrative. A discussion of the corrective actions to be taken is presented in the following sections.

#### 7.1 INCOMING SAMPLES

Problems noted during sample receipt shall be documented by the laboratory. The Project Manager shall be contacted immediately for problem resolution. All corrective actions shall be documented thoroughly.

#### 7.2 SAMPLE HOLDING TIMES

If any sample extraction or analyses exceed method holding time requirements, the Project Manager shall be notified immediately for problem resolution. All corrective actions shall be documented thoroughly.

#### 7.3 INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION

Sample analysis shall not be allowed until all initial calibrations meet the appropriate requirements. All laboratory instrumentation must be calibrated in accordance with method requirements. If any initial/continuing calibration standards exceed method QC limits, recalibration must be performed and, if necessary, reanalysis of all samples affected back to the previous acceptable calibration check.

#### 7.4 REPORTING LIMITS

The laboratory must meet the method required detection limits listed in NYSDEC ASP, 10/95 criteria. If difficulties arise in achieving these limits due to a sample matrix, the laboratory must notify PEI project personnel for problem resolution. To achieve those detection limits, the laboratory must utilize all appropriate cleanup procedures to retain the project required detection limits. When any sample requires a secondary dilution due to high levels of target analytes, the laboratory must document all initial analyses and secondary dilution results. Secondary dilution will be permitted only to bring target analytes within the linear range of calibration. If samples are analyzed at a secondary dilution with no target analytes detected, the Project Manager will be immediately notified so that appropriate corrective actions can be initiated.

#### 7.5 METHOD QC

All QC method-specified QC samples shall meet the method requirements referenced in the analytical methods. Failure of method-required QC will result in the review and possible qualification of all affected data. If the laboratory cannot find any errors, the affected sample(s) shall be reanalyzed or re-extracted/redigested, then reanalyzed within method-required holding times to verify the presence or absence of matrix effects. If matrix effect is confirmed, the corresponding data shall be flagged accordingly using the flagging symbols and criteria. If matrix effect is not confirmed, then the entire batch of samples may have to be reanalyzed or re-extracted/redigested, then reanalyzed at no cost. Project Manager shall be notified as soon as possible to discuss possible corrective actions should unusually difficult sample matrices be encountered.

## 7.6 CALCULATION ERRORS

All analytical results must be reviewed systematically for accuracy prior to submittal. If upon data review calculation or reporting errors exist, the laboratory will be required to reissue the analytical data report with the corrective actions appropriately documented in the case narrative.

## **8.0 DATA REDUCTION, VALIDATION, AND USABILITY**

### 8.1 DATA REDUCTION

Laboratory analytical data are first generated in raw form at the instrument. These data may be either in a graphic or printed tabular format. Specific data generation procedures and calculations are found in each of the referenced methods. Analytical results must be reported consistently. Identification of all analytes must be accomplished with an authentic standard of the analyte traceable to NIST or USEPA sources. Individuals experienced with an analysis and knowledgeable of requirements will perform data reduction.

### 8.2 DATA VALIDATION

Third party Data validation is required and is a systematic procedure of reviewing a body of data against a set of established criteria to provide a specified level of assurance of validity prior to its intended use. All analytical results from soil and groundwater samples will have ASP Category B deliverables and DUSRs. The data validation will be in accordance with DER-10 Section 2.2 with ASP - Category B data deliverables provided by the laboratory and a DUSR provided for validation. Where possible, discrepancies will be resolved by the project manager.

- Technical holding times will be in accordance with NYSDEC ASP, 7/2005 edition.
- Organic calibration and QC criteria will be in accordance with NYSDEC ASP, 7/2005 edition. Data will be qualified if it does not meet NYSDEC ASP, 7/2005 criteria.

## **9.0 REFERENCES**

Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Quality Assurance Manual, Final Copy, Revision I, October 1989.

National Enforcement Investigations Center of USEPA Office of Enforcement. *NEIC Policies and Procedures*. Washington: USEPA.

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Sampling, Analysis, and Assessment of PFAS under NYSDEC’s Part 375 Remedial Programs document, dated June 2021.

**Part 375 Metals (ICP)**

EPA 6010C

**Analyte**

Arsenic  
Barium  
Beryllium  
Cadmium  
Chromium  
Copper  
Lead  
Manganese  
Nickel  
Selenium  
Silver  
Zinc  
Mercury EPA 7471B  
Cyanide, Total EPA 9014

**PCBs EPA 7471B**

PCB-1016  
PCB-1221  
PCB-1232  
PCB-1242  
PCB-1248

**Chlorinated Pesticides**

**EPA 8081B/ Herbicides EPA 8151**

4,4-DDD  
4,4-DDE  
4,4-DDT  
Aldrin  
alpha-BHC  
beta-BHC  
cis-Chlordane  
delta-BHC  
Dieldrin  
Endosulfan I  
Endosulfan II  
Endosulfan Sulfate  
Endrin  
Endrin Aldehyde  
Endrin Ketone  
gamma-BHC (Lindane)  
Heptachlor  
Heptachlor Epoxide  
Methoxychlor  
Toxaphene  
trans-Chlordane  
2,4,5-TP Acid (Silvex)

**TABLE 2**  
**ANALYTE LIST**

**Semi-Volatile Organics**  
**(Acid/Base Neutrals)**

**EPA 8270D**

1,1-Biphenyl  
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene  
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene  
1,2-Dichlorobenzene  
1,3-Dichlorobenzene  
1,4-Dichlorobenzene  
2,2-Oxybis (1-chloropropane)  
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol  
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol  
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol  
2,4-Dichlorophenol  
2,4-Dimethylphenol  
2,4-Dinitrophenol  
2,4-Dinitrotoluene  
2,6-Dinitrotoluene  
2-Chloronaphthalene  
2-Chlorophenol  
2-Methylnaphthalene  
2-Methylphenol  
2-Nitroaniline  
2-Nitrophenol  
3&4-Methylphenol  
3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine  
3-Nitroaniline  
4,6-Dinitro-2-methylphenol  
4-Bromophenyl phenyl  
4-Chloro-3-methylphenol  
4-Chloroaniline  
4-Chlorophenyl phenyl ether  
4-Nitroaniline  
4-Nitrophenol  
Acenaphthene  
Acenaphthylene  
Acetophenone  
Anthracene  
Atrazine  
Benzaldehyde  
Benzo (a) anthracene  
Benzo (a) pyrene  
Benzo (b) fluoranthene  
Benzo (g,h,i) perylene  
Benzo (k) fluoranthene  
Bis (2-chloroethoxy) methane  
Bis (2-chloroethyl) ether  
Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate  
Butylbenzylphthalate  
Caprolactam

**QA/QC Plan**

Carbazole  
Chrysene  
Dibenz (a,h) anthracene  
Dibenzofuran  
Diethyl phthalate  
Dimethyl phthalate  
Di-n-butyl phthalate  
Di-n-octylphthalate  
Fluoranthene  
Fluorene  
Hexachlorobenzene  
Hexachlorobutadiene  
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene  
Hexachloroethane  
Indeno (1,2,3-cd) pyrene  
Isophorone  
Naphthalene  
Nitrobenzene  
N-Nitroso-di-n-propylamine  
N-Nitrosodiphenylamine  
Pentachlorophenol  
Phenanthrene  
Phenol  
Pyrene

**Volatile Organics**

**EPA 8260C**

1,1,1-Trichloroethane  
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane  
1,1,2-Trichloroethane  
1,1-Dichloroethane  
1,1-Dichloroethene  
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene  
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene  
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene  
1,2-Dibromo-3-Chloropropane  
1,2-Dibromoethane  
1,2-Dichlorobenzene  
1,2-Dichloroethane  
1,2-Dichloropropane  
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene  
1,3-Dichlorobenzene  
1,4-Dichlorobenzene  
1,4-dioxane  
2-Butanone  
2-Hexanone  
4-Methyl-2-pentanone  
Acetone  
Benzene  
Bromochloromethane  
Bromodichloromethane

**TABLE 2 (Continued)**

***Volatile Organics  
(Continued)***

Bromomethane  
Carbon disulfide  
Carbon Tetrachloride  
Chlorobenzene  
Chloroethane  
Chloroform  
Chloromethane  
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene  
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene  
Cyclohexane  
Dibromochloromethane  
Dichlorodifluoromethane  
Ethylbenzene  
Freon 113  
Isopropylbenzene  
m,p-Xylene  
Methyl acetate  
Methyl tert-butyl Ether  
Methylcyclohexane  
Methylene chloride  
Naphthalene  
n-Butylbenzene  
n-Propylbenzene  
o-Xylene  
p-Isopropyltoluene  
sec-Butylbenzene  
Styrene  
tert-Butylbenzene  
Tetrachloroethene  
Toluene  
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene  
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene  
Trichloroethene  
Trichlorofluoromethane  
Vinyl chloride

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Acetone  
Benzene  
Carbon disulfide  
Chloromethane  
Dichlorodifluoromethane  
Ethanol  
Ethylbenzene  
Ethyl Acetate  
4-Ethyltoluene  
Heptane  
Hexane  
Isopropyl Alcohol  
Methylene chloride  
Methyl ethyl ketone  
Propylene  
1,1,1-Trichloroethane  
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene  
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene  
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane  
Tertiary Butyl Alcohol  
Tetrachloroethylene  
Toluene  
Trichloroethylene  
Trichlorofluoromethane  
m,p-Xylene  
o-Xylene  
Xylenes (total)  
Acetone  
Benzene  
Carbon disulfide  
Chloromethane  
Dichlorodifluoromethane  
Ethanol  
Ethylbenzene  
Ethyl Acetate  
4-Ethyltoluene  
Heptane  
Hexane  
Isopropyl Alcohol  
Methylene  
Methyl ethyl ketone  
Propylene  
1,1,1-Trichloroethane

## PFAS ANALYTE LIST

Group	Chemical Name	Abbreviation	CAS Number
Perfluoroalkyl sulfonates	Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid	PFBS	375-73-5
	Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid	PFHxS	355-46-4
	Perfluoroheptanesulfonic acid	PFHpS	375-92-8
	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid	PFOS	1763-23-1
	Perfluorodecanesulfonic acid	PFDS	335-77-3
Perfluoroalkyl carboxylates	Perfluorobutanoic acid	PFBA	375-22-4
	Perfluoropentanoic acid	PFPeA	2706-90-3
	Perfluorohexanoic acid	PFHxA	307-24-4
	Perfluoroheptanoic acid	PFHpA	375-85-9
	Perfluorooctanoic acid	PFOA	335-67-1
	Perfluorononanoic acid	PFNA	375-95-1
	Perfluorodecanoic acid	PFDA	335-76-2
	Perfluoroundecanoic acid	PFUA/PFUdA	2058-94-8
	Perfluorododecanoic acid	PFDoA	307-55-1
	Perfluorotridecanoic acid	PFTriA/PFTTrDA	72629-94-8
Perfluorotetradecanoic acid	PFTA/PFTeDA	376-06-7	
Fluorinated Telomer Sulfonates	6:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonate	6:2 FTS	27619-97-2
	8:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonate	8:2 FTS	39108-34-4
Perfluorooctane-sulfonamides	Perfluorooctanesulfonamide	FOSA	754-91-6
Perfluorooctane-sulfonamidoacetic acids	N-methyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid	N-MeFOSAA	2355-31-9
	N-ethyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid	N-EtFOSAA	2991-50-6

**TABLE 3 - ANALYTICAL METHODS & PROCEDURES SUMMARY**

**Groundwaters**

Analyte(s)	Method	Preservation	Holding Time	Container
Volatile Organics	8260	HCl to pH <2, cool to ≤6°C	14 days	2 - 40 ml septum sealed vials
Semivolatile Organics	8270	cool to ≤6°C	Samples extracted within 7 days and extracts analyzed within 40 days following extraction	1 liter amber with Teflon lined cap
Organochlorine Pesticides	8081	cool to ≤6°C		1 liter amber with Teflon lined cap
Chlorinated Herbicides (silvex)	8151	cool to ≤6°C		1 liter amber with Teflon lined cap
PCBs	8082	cool to ≤6°C		1 liter amber with Teflon lined cap
ICP Metals	6010	HNO3 to pH <2	6 months	250 ml. plastic
Mercury	7470	HNO3 to pH <2	28 days	250 ml. plastic
Hexavalent Chromium	7196	cool to ≤6°C	24 hours	125 ml. plastic
Cyanide, Total	9010	NaOH to pH >12, cool to ≤6°C	14 days	250 ml. plastic
PFAS	537M	cool to ≤6°C	Samples extracted within 14 days and extracts analyzed within 28 days following extraction	250 ml. HDPE
1,4-Dioxane	8270 SIM	cool to ≤6°C	Samples extracted within 7 days and extracts analyzed within 40 days following extraction	1 liter amber with Teflon lined cap

**Soils**

Analyte(s)	Method	Preservation	Holding Time	Container
Volatile Organics	8260	cool to ≤6°C	14 days	4 oz. widemouth glass with Teflon lined cap
Semivolatile Organics	8270	cool to ≤6°C	Samples extracted within 14 days and extracts analyzed within 40 days following extraction	4 oz. widemouth glass with Teflon lined cap
Organochlorine Pesticides	8081	cool to ≤6°C		4 oz. widemouth glass with Teflon lined cap
Chlorinated Herbicides (silvex)	8151	cool to ≤6°C		4 oz. widemouth glass with Teflon lined cap
PCBs	8082	cool to ≤6°C		4 oz. widemouth glass with Teflon lined cap
ICP Metals	6010	none	6 months	4 oz. widemouth glass with Teflon lined cap
Mercury	7471	cool to ≤6°C	28 days	4 oz. widemouth glass with Teflon lined cap
Hexavalent Chromium	3060/7196	cool to ≤6°C	30 days to extraction 7 days from extraction to analysis	4 oz. widemouth glass with Teflon lined cap
Cyanide, Total	9012	cool to ≤6°C	14 days	4 oz. widemouth glass with Teflon lined cap
PFAS	537M	cool to ≤6°C	Samples extracted within 14 days and extracts analyzed within 40 days following extraction	250 ml. HDPE
1,4-Dioxane	8270 SIM	cool to ≤6°C	Samples extracted within 7 days and extracts analyzed within 40 days following extraction	4 oz. widemouth glass with Teflon lined cap



# APPENDIX C

## FIELD SAMPLING PLAN

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Field Sampling Plan (FSP) provides procedures for the field activities designed in the Work Plan where soil, groundwater, and vapor sampling are required at the Site. The field procedures presented in this manual should be followed by all field personnel, as adherence can help to ensure the quality and usability of the data collected. The FSP should be used collectively with and comply with the following documents:

- The HASP.
- The QA/QC Plan.
- The RI Work Plan.

PFAS sampling and analysis should be done in accordance with the NYSDEC document: “Sampling, Analysis, and Assessment of PFAS under NYSDEC’s Part 375 Remedial Programs document, dated October 2020.” This document is to be used with both soil and groundwater samples.

All field equipment requiring calibration will be calibrated per, and at the frequency, recommended by the equipment manufacturer.

## 2.0 SOIL SAMPLING

Soil samples are obtained as outlined in the Work Plan, considering the following general protocol:

1. Inspect newly created test pit or boring core stratigraphy once obtained in/from the subsurface.
2. Sample soil, and record depth and any physical characteristics (e.g., contamination, odor, discoloration, debris, etc.) in the logbook.
3. Quickly place the calibrated PID into the exposed soil and record the instrument readings in the logbook.
4. Samples should be collected at locations and frequency per the Work Plan and QA/QC Plan.
5. Decontaminate sampling implements after use and between sample locations. In most cases, dedicated sampling equipment is utilized thereby eliminating equipment decontamination. If dedicated equipment is not used, “dry” decontamination will be applied and “wet” as necessary.
6. Label each sample container with the appropriate sample identification and place the sample in a cooler (cooled to 4 degrees C.) for shipment to the laboratory.
7. Initiate chain-of-custody procedures.

### 2.1 TEST PIT PROCEDURES

Test pit sampling is a standard method of soil sampling to obtain representative samples for identification as well as to serve as a means of obtaining a significant information about the subsurface. The following steps describe the procedures for test pit operations.

#### 2.1.1 *Field Preparation*

1. Verify underground utilities have been found.



2. Review scope of work, safety procedures and communication signals with site personnel.
3. Pre-clean the sampling equipment prior to use, as necessary.
4. Mark and review trench locations. Specific locations are determined in the field and are selected based on areas of visible or potential surface contamination or debris, pre-determined locations representing specific Site areas, and field obstructions.

#### 2.1.2 *Excavation and Sample Collection*

1. Position backhoe/equipment into appropriate area considering direction of excavation, obstructions, safety concerns, etc.
2. Commence excavation with the backhoe upwind of the excavation, as possible.
3. Ensure continuous air monitoring has been activated.
4. Screen soil regularly for VOCs as excavation progresses and soil is stockpiled.
5. As directed by field technician for each test trench, topsoil, or cover soil (if any) is excavated and placed on poly/plastic sheeting.
6. Soil/material below the topsoil is excavated to the depth as directed by field technician and placed on poly/plastic sheeting separate from the topsoil/cover soil.
7. Segregate 'clean' material from impacted material, as possible, using visual observations and PID screening.
8. Record geologic log as trenches are excavated visually inspecting subsurface material for discoloration or staining and documenting pit/trench with photos. The following information will be recorded for each test pit log:
  - Depth, length, and width of the excavation.
  - Description of each lithological unit including depth and thickness of distinct soil, fill, or rock layers.
  - Description of any man-made impacts or apparent contamination.
  - Depth to groundwater and bedrock, if encountered.
9. Collect soil samples using dedicated stainless-steel spoons directly from the bucket of the backhoe at ground surface. No personnel shall enter the excavation to collect samples unless provisions in the HASP have been addressed for entering an excavation.
10. Place each soil sample directly into appropriate sample bottles/jars.
11. Clearly label the sample bottles and jars.
12. Place each jar in an ice-filled cooler.
13. Ship samples to the laboratory as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after collection.
14. Document the types and numbers of samples collected on Chain-of-Custody.
15. Record time and date of sample collection and a description of the sample and any associated air monitoring measurements in the field logbook.
16. After sampling, backfill and compact (e.g., bucket and equipment tracks/wheels) the excavated material from each trench or pit prior to moving to the next location.
17. Backfill with indigenous soil in the order in which the material was removed with the topsoil/cover soil placed last to cover the trench, placing impacted material at bottom of pit/trench and covering with 'clean' material.
18. Decontaminate sampling and excavation equipment between sampling locations (i.e., if not dedicated) and at completion over top of excavation area using dry methods initially and steam cleaning, as needed.

## 2.2 GEOPROBE PROCEDURES

Geoprobe direct push sampling is a standard method of soil sampling to obtain representative samples from the subsurface. Field preparation, sample collection, and data logging activities for Geoprobe sampling are identical to that of test pitting/trenching listed above. The following procedures detail activities, as directed by the field technician, for the execution of Macro Core drilling operations after rig is in a downwind position and continuous air monitoring and VOC screening activities have commenced:

1. Startup drill rig and raise mast.
2. Use star bit with rig in rotary setting to penetrate pavement (if applicable).
3. Excavate a hole large enough to set a road box before you advance the borehole (if applicable).
4. Unthread the shoe from the bottom of the sample tube and inset a sample liner and rethread the shoe on the bottom of the sample tube.
5. Thread the drive cap on the top of the sample tube.
6. Align the sample tube so it is plumb in both directions to ensure a straight borehole is drilled.
7. Drive the top of the sample tube into the ground surface.
8. Unthread the drive cap from the top of the sample tube and thread the pull cap in its place.
9. Pull the sample tube from the ground using caution to not pinch your hand between the drill rods, pull cap, or rig.
10. Unthread the cutting shoe and pull the sample liner from the bottom of the sample tube. Use pliers to reach in the sample tube and grab the liner, if needed.
11. Cut the sample liner lengthwise in two places and present the sample on a table or plastic sheeting (or similar) to ensure all sample material is contained.
12. Insert a new liner and thread on the cutting shoe and repeat steps from #4 to #11 with the addition of a 4-foot long drill rod onto the top of the sample tube to advance a second 4-foot interval.
13. Proceed with this procedure until the desired depth or refusal is reached.
14. Upon completion of probing, decontaminate all equipment in contact with the soil/fill in a decontamination area using Alconox and water.
15. Fill used to backfill boreholes for the native soil portion will consist of bentonite pellets or chips. Sand may be used for backfill of the fill layer. Alternatively, the entire core hole may be backfilled with bentonite.

Reference: American Society for Testing Material (ASTM), 1992, ASTM D1586-84, Standard Method for Penetration Test and Split Barrel Sampling of Soils.

## 2.3 HOLLOW-STEM AUGER PROCEDURES

As a prelude to and throughout the drilling process, stabilize the drill rig and raise the drill rig mast. Attach an initial assembly of hollow-auger components to the rotary drive of the drill rig.

***NOTE 1**—The drill rig, drilling and sampling tools, the rotary gear or chain case, the spindle, and components of the rotary drive above the auger column should be cleaned and decontaminated prior to drilling. Lubricated rotary gear or chain cases should be monitored for leaks during drilling. Lubricants used should be documented. Lubricants with organic or metallic constituents that could be interpreted as contaminants if detected in a soil or water sample should not be used on auger couplings. Instances of potential contamination should be documented.*

Push the auger-column assembly below the ground surface and initiate rotation at a low velocity.

**NOTE 2**—*If surface contamination is suspected, special drilling procedures may be needed to deter transport of contaminated materials downhole. For example, the augers and auger head may be removed and cleaned following drilling of the initial increments. Complete removal of the augers from a boring may allow caving and cross contamination of materials (especially below the water table). When augers are reinserted, attempts should be made to note if caving or sloughing, or both, has occurred in the borehole and the information documented.*

Continue drilling, usually at a rotary velocity of about 50 to 100 r/min, and to a depth where intermittent sampling or in situ testing is needed, or until the drive assembly is advanced to within about 0.15 to 0.45 m [6 to 18 in.] of the ground surface. Soil/sediment sampling is usually accomplished by either of two methods: (1) removing the pilot assembly, if being used, and inserting and driving a sampler through the hollow-stem of the auger column, or (2) using a continuous sampling device within the lead auger section. In the latter case, the sampler barrel fills with material as the hollow-auger column is advanced. It should be noted that the pilot assembly and sampling devices should be cleaned and decontaminated after each use and prior to reinsertion in the hollow-auger column. Water sampling can also be done through the hollow-stem augers when using augers with watertight connections to prevent fluid leakage from occurring at the connections: (1) by allowing the auger column to fill with water through the use of a screened lead auger section; (2) by allowing the auger column to fill from the bottom; (3) by using a soil-penetrating water sampling device that can be lowered into the hollow-auger column and either driven, rotated, or pushed out through the bottom or lead auger into the undisturbed material below the auger head.

**NOTE 3**—*Under some circumstances it may be effective to drill without using a pilot assembly. If a pilot assembly is not used, however, and water is not injected into the auger column simultaneously with advancement, material will often enter the hollow-stem of the auger column. The addition of water to the auger column during drilling may deter material entrance but, on the other hand, may also affect both the mechanical and chemical characteristics of soil/sediment samples and the quality of water samples. Therefore, if water is added and the chemistry determined, the approximate volume(s) added over specific intervals and the water chemistry should be documented.*

Accomplish drilling at greater depths by attaching additional hollow-auger sections to the top of the previously advanced hollow-auger column assembly.

**NOTE 4**—*Cuttings are removed periodically from around the top of the auger column. Soil cuttings above the groundwater may be representative of geologic materials being penetrated if proper cuttings-return rates are maintained. Cuttings from below the groundwater surface are likely to be mixed from varying formations in the hole and are usually not representative of deposits at the end of the auger. If cuttings are sampled for classification and relation to lithology report and document the intervals sampled. If drilling is performed in contaminated soil/sediment and cuttings control is needed, drilling through a hole in a sheet of plywood or similar material held securely above the borehole by the stabilizing jacks of the drill rig will usually facilitate cuttings control. Containment and disposal of contaminated and potentially contaminated drilling fluids and associated cuttings should be in accordance with applicable regulations.*

When drilling must progress through geologic materials suspected of being contaminated, installation of single or multiple (nested) casings may be needed to isolate zones of suspected contamination. Install isolation casings in a pre-drilled borehole or by using a casing

advancement method. However, when attempting to auger inside the casing, the column of cuttings return may cause the augers to bind in the casing. Then install a grout seal usually by applying the grout at the bottom of the annulus with the aid of a tremie pipe, and a grout shoe or a grout packer. Allow the grout to set before drilling activities are continued.

Reference: American Society for Testing Material (ASTM), ASTM D5784, Standard Guide for Use of Hollow-Stem Augers for Geoenvironmental Exploration and the Installation of Subsurface Water Quality Monitoring Devices

## 3.0 GROUNDWATER SAMPLING

### 3.1 WELL INSTALLATION PROCEDURES

The following procedure outlines a NYSDEC-approved method of constructing groundwater wells within unconsolidated material to monitor groundwater elevation and acquiring groundwater samples for laboratory testing. The well screen is 4" Schedule 40 pipe with 0.010 slot size. The following is a step-by-step method for the open-hole method of installing a groundwater well once a boring or augured hole has been drilled to a desired depth within the subsurface:

1. Thread a cap on the bottom section of the well screen. If more than one section of the well screen is required, thread the last section.
2. Lower the screen into the borehole with the riser section ready.
3. Add the riser sections to the screen. Do not drop the screen in the borehole.
4. Add riser sections as required until the bottom screen section touches the bottom of the borehole.
5. If completing the well with a road box, mark the riser two inches below the lid of the road box and then cut the riser.
6. Place a slip cap over the top of the rise section.
7. Place sand in the space between the borehole and the PVC screen and riser to the required depth. Place the sand in very slowly so it does not bridge in the well bore.
8. Place bentonite and cement above the sand-pack.
9. Grout in the road box with concrete mix.

### 3.2 WELL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES

At least 24 hours after completion of drilling and installation, well development is completed through pumping or bailing until the discharged water is relatively sediment free and the indicator parameters (e.g., pH, temperature, specific conductivity, etc.) have reached steady-state. Development removes sediment and can improve the hydraulic properties of the sand pack. The effectiveness of this process is monitored to minimize the volume of discharged waters to obtain sediment-free samples. As approved by the regulatory agency, well development water can be discharged onto the ground surface downgradient of the well. Otherwise, this water must be containerized and sampled prior to discharge or disposal.

1. Select an appropriate well development method based upon water depth, well productivity, and sediment content of the water. Well development options include: (a) bailing; (b) manual pumping; and (c) submersible pumps. These options are utilized with surging of the well screen using an appropriately sized surge block.



2. Decontaminate, as needed, and assemble equipment in the monitoring well based upon the method selected. Care should be taken not to introduce contaminants into the equipment or well during installation.
3. Proceed with development by repeated removal of water from the well until the discharged water is relatively sediment-free (i.e., < 50 NTUs). Volume of water removed pH and conductivity measurements are recorded on the Well Development/Purging Logs.

### 3.3 WELL PURGING PROCEDURES

To collect representative samples, groundwater wells must be adequately purged prior to sampling. Purging will require removing three to five volumes of standing water in rapidly recharging wells and at least one volume from wells with slow recharge rates. Sampling should commence as soon as adequate recharge has occurred. Although not required, it is recommended that purging and sampling occur at least 24 hours after development.

1. Remove well cover ensuring no foreign material enters the well.
2. Monitor the interior of the riser pipe for organic vapors using a PID. If a reading of greater than 5 ppm is recorded, the well will be vented until levels are below 5 ppm before pumping is started.
3. Measure the water level below top of casing using an electronic water level indicator.
4. Determine the volume of water within the well by knowing the total depth of the well.
5. Wash the end of the probe with soap and rinse with deionized water between wells.
6. Utilize dedicated, new polyethylene discharge and intake tubing (preferably ½ inch diameter HDPE and cannot use LDPE for emerging contaminants) for each well.
7. Purge using bailers until the required volume is removed. If the well purges to dryness and recharges within 15 minutes, water can be removed as it recharges. If the well purges to dryness and is greater than 15 minutes, purging is terminated.
8. Purge until at least 1 volume of water is removed, but 3-5 volumes of water is preferred if recharge is sufficiently fast.
9. Calculate well volumes and record measurements for pH, temperature, turbidity, and conductivity during the purging along with physical observations.

### 3.4 WELL SAMPLING PROCEDURES

1. Perform well sampling within 24 hours of purging if well has recovered sufficiently to sample. If sufficient volume for analytical testing cannot be obtained from a well or if recharge exceeds 24 hours, then DEC should be consulted on analytical priorities and validity of the sample.
2. Collect sample using bailers into appropriate containers.
3. Label sample bottles using a waterproof permanent marker per procedures outlined below.
4. Use verifiably clean sample bottles (containing required preservatives) and place samples on ice in coolers for transport to the analytical laboratory, who will certify bottles are analyte-free.
5. Initiate chain-of-custody.
6. Collect separate sample into a 120 milliliter (mL) plastic container to measure pH, conductivity, turbidity, and temperature in the field.
7. Record well sampling data field notebook and on the Well Development/Purging Log.

## 4.0 SAMPLE DOCUMENTATION

Each soil and groundwater sample is logged in a bound field notebook by the technician or geologist. Field notes should include, but are not limited to the following:

- descriptions of subsurface material encountered during sampling,
- sample numbers and types of samples recovered, and
- date and time of sampling event.

The technician or geologist also completes a daily drilling or sampling record and chains-of-custody for all samples collected that are being transported to the laboratory. Once the sampling program is complete, the geologist or technician transfers field notes/logs onto standard forms (e.g., boring logs, sampling logs, daily reports, etc.) to be included with the formal investigation report.

## 5.0 SAMPLING CONTAINER SELECTION

The selection of sample containers is based on the media being sampled and the required analysis. Container selection should be completed in advance of mobilizing into the field with close communications with the laboratory.

## 6.0 SAMPLE LABELING

The following procedure helps to prevent misidentification of samples and to clarify the location and purpose of environmental samples collected during the investigation:

1. Fix a non-removable (when wet) label to each container.
2. Wrap each sample bottle within 2-inch cellophane tape.
3. Write the following information with permanent marker on each label:
  - A. Site name
  - B. Sample identification
  - C. Project number
  - D. Date/time
  - E. Sampler's initials
  - F. Sample preservation
  - G. Analysis required

Each sample is assigned a unique identification alpha-numeric code, such as RR-ss1 or WS- TP1 (2-3'), where the abbreviations represent RR – River Road (site), surface sample 1 and Waste Site, test pit 1, obtained at 2-3' bgs. Other common abbreviations include the following:

- BH = Geoprobe Borehole
- SW = Surface Water
- SED = Sediment
- SB = Soil Boring
- MSB = Matrix Spike Blank
- NSS = Near Surface Soil (1' - 2' depth)
- EB = Equipment Rinse Blank

- HW = Hydrant Water (Decon/Drilling Water)
- GW = Groundwater
- TB = Trip Blank
- RB = Rinse Blank
- MS/MSD =Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicate

## 7.0 SAMPLE SHIPPING

Proper documentation of sample collection and the methods used to control these documents are referred to as chain-of-custody procedures. Chain-of-custody procedures are essential for (1) presenting analytical results in a legal or regulatory forum (e.g., evidence in litigation or administrative hearings), (2) minimizing loss or misidentification of samples, and (3) ensuring that unauthorized persons do not tamper with collected samples.

The following chain-of-custody guidelines should be utilized during sample collection as outlined in and prepared by the National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) Policies and Procedures of the USEPA Office of Enforcement:

- 1) Complete chain-of-custody record with all relevant information.
- 2) Send original chain with the samples in a sealed, waterproof bag taped inside the sample cooler.
- 3) Place adequate inert cushioning material (e.g., corrugated plastic, polypropylene foam wrap, etc.) in bottom of cooler.
- 4) Place bottles in cooler so they do not touch (use cushioning material for dividers).
- 5) Place VOA vials in sealed/waterproof bags in the center of the cooler.
- 6) Pack cooler with ice in sealed/waterproof plastic bags.
- 7) Pack the cooler with cushioning material.
- 8) Place any additional paperwork in sealed bag with original chain.
- 9) Tape cooler drain shut.
- 10) Wrap cooler with packing tape at two locations to secure lid. Do not cover labels.
- 11) Place lab address on top of cooler.
- 12) Ship samples via overnight carrier the same day that they are collected.
- 13) Label cooler with "This side up" on all sides and "Fragile" on at least two sides.
- 14) Fix custody seals on front right and left of cooler and cover with packaging tape.

## 8.0 SOIL VAPOR INTRUSION SAMPLING

Soil vapor intrusion (SVI) investigation consist of sampling contaminant vapors that may exist beneath the building slabs, inside the buildings, and outside the buildings. Sample collection includes the following procedures per New York State Department of Health *Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion in the State of New York*.

### 8.1 SUB-SLAB AIR SAMPLING PROCEDURES

#### 8.1.1 Sampling Locations

Select the sub-slab sample collection points by observing the condition of the building floor slab for apparent penetrations such as concrete floor cracks, floor drains, or sump holes. The floor conditions will be noted, and potential locations of subsurface probes will be selected. The locations will ideally be away from the foundation walls, apparent penetrations, and buried pipes.

### *8.1.2 Sampling Probes*

Construct a sampling probe using a ¼-inch Swagelok union connected to a short length of ¼-inch diameter stainless steel tubing. Select a length of stainless-steel tubing so that the bottom of the probe is close to but does not extend below the bottom of the slab (typically a 4-inch probe for a 6-inch thick (slab).

Attach a 2 ft. length of Teflon or polyethylene tubing to the other end of the union using a ¼-inch Swagelok nut and ferrules. Plug up the other end of the tubing with a small piece of modeling clay to seal the system and prevent air flow in or out of the sub slab while the probe and tubing sits idle.

### *8.1.3 Installation of the Sampling Probe*

Drill through and about 1 inch below the concrete slab using a portable coring drill and 2-inch diameter core drill bit. Record the thickness of the concrete slab. When installing the probe, first put a few inches of driller's sand at the bottom of the cored hole so that the grout will sit on top of the sand and not go all the way to the bottom of the hole and plug the probe inlet.

Install the probe into the hole, with the tubing already attached. Use the tubing to hold the union at the correct height in the hole (just below the top). Mix hydraulic cement and water in a ziplock bag. Cut a hole in one corner of the bag and use it like a pastry chef's bag to grout the probe in place. Use a small rod to push/tap in the grout. Leave the top 1-inch or so of the hole unfilled, being sure that the threaded top of the union (where the tubing attaches) is above the cement. Allow the probe to sit in place for at least one hour to allow the cement to set. If possible, install the probe one day and allow it to sit overnight.

### *8.1.4 Helium Tracer Gas Testing*

Place a 2-quart (or similar size) bucket over the sample probe after threading the Teflon sample tube through a hole in the top of the bucket. Seal the tube to the bucket with clay. The bucket should also have another hole drilled in the top for the injection of helium, and a hole in the side near the floor for the measurement of helium gas concentrations.

Connect helium (99.999% pure) cylinder tubing to the top port of bucket enclosure and seal with clay or other sealing material. Insert a helium detector probe in the bottom port of the bucket. Release enough helium to displace any ambient air in the bucket until the concentration of helium reaches a minimum of 90%. Maintain this minimum concentration by testing with a helium detector. The Helium cylinder should be open during the purge time to cause a slight positive pressure within the enclosure.

Connect the sample tubing to a GilAir vacuum pump or equivalent using 3/8-inch O.D. silicone tubing. Connect a 1-liter Tedlar bag to the outlet of the pump using silicone tubing and collect a

1-liter sample. Purging flow rates must not exceed 0.2 liters per minute (L/min). Analyze the Tedlar bag for helium using a helium detector and record the results on the Summa Canister Data Sheet. A concentration of helium 10% or greater indicates a poor seal of the sample probe and it must be reinstalled and retested. After purging, remove the bucket enclosure from over the sample probe.

#### 8.1.5 Sample Collection

Assign sample identification to the Summa canister sample identification tag and record on chain of custody (COC), and the Summa Canister Data Sheet. Also record the Summa canister and flow controller (regulator) serial numbers on the COC and Summa Canister Data Sheet. Attach a pre-calibrated/certified 24-hour flow controller, and particulate filter to the Summa canister. Attach the sample tube to the Summa canister using a ¼-inch Swagelok nut with appropriate ferrules, to the end of the flow controller/particulate filter assembly. The sampling period will be 24 hours for mixed use residential/commercial.

Open canister valve to initiate sample collection and record sample start time, date, and initial canister vacuum on the canister identification tag and on the Summa Canister Data Sheet. If the canister does not show sufficient vacuum (generally less than 25"Hg), do not use. Take a digital photograph of canister setup and surrounding area. Include in the photograph a dry erase board or similar display which presents sample ID, location, and date.

After 24 hours, record sample end time and canister pressure on the Summa Canister Data Sheet, and close valve. Disconnect the Teflon tubing and remove flow controller/particulate filter assembly from canister. Seal canister with laboratory supplied brass plug. Ship the samples, with COCs, overnight, to the selected laboratory for standard TO-15 analysis.

#### 8.1.6 Removing the Sample Probe

If the probe is to be reused, remove the ¼-inch tubing, and place a Swagelok cap on the exposed part of the union. The cap should be flush or below the level of the floor. If the probe is not to be reused, remove the probe by drilling around the probe with a hammer drill and a ¼ or 3/8-inch drill bit until loose. Keep the tubing attached to the implant to aid in its removal. Fill the core hole with hydraulic cement.

### 8.2 INDOOR/OUTDOOR AIR SAMPLING PROCEDURES

Place the indoor air Summa canister/flow controller inlet at breathing height in the approximate center of the space being sampled, or, for the outdoor air sample, elevated on a table or other object in a location upwind of the building being sampled. The breathing height is defined as four to six feet above the floor or ground. As an option, a length of Teflon tubing can be attached to the Summa canister/flow controller inlet and raised to breathing zone height.

Record the canister and flow controller serial numbers on the canister identification tag, COC and the Summa Canister Data Sheet. Assign sample identification to the canister identification tag, and record on the COC and the Summa Canister Data Sheet. Remove brass plug from canister fitting and save.

Attach a pre-calibrated/certified 24-hour flow controller and particulate filter to the Summa canister. For the outside air sample, also connect the laboratory supplied “candy cane” fitting to the flow controller. Open canister valve to initiate sample collection and record start time, date, and gauge vacuum reading on the canister identification tag and on the Summa Canister Data Sheet. Take a photograph of canister setup and surrounding area.

After 24 hours, record the gauge vacuum reading, close the Summa canister valve completely and record the end time on the Summa Canister Data Sheet. There should still be a slight vacuum in the Summa canister. If no vacuum remains in the canister, or the canister does not show a significant net loss in vacuum after sampling, the sample should be re-collected using a new Summa canister and flow controller. Disconnect any tubing and candy cane fittings from the Summa canister and remove the flow controller. Replace the brass plug on the canister. Ship canister, with COCs, overnight, to the selected laboratory

### 8.3 QUALITY CONTROL

The number of Quality Control samples (duplicates) to be taken during sub-slab sampling may be found in the QA/QC Plan. The duplicate sample rate is usually 10 percent. Field duplicates for sub-slab, indoor air and outdoor air samples will be collected by attaching the T-fitting supplied by the laboratory to two Summa canisters with attached regulators. For sub-slab samples, the inlet of the T-fitting will then be attached to the sub-slab sample tubing using a Swagelok fitting. For indoor and outdoor air samples, any tubing used to raise the sampling height will also be attached to the inlet of the T fitting. For sampling, both Summa canister valves are opened and closed simultaneously.

### 8.4 SAMPLE LABELING

Each sub-slab sample should have the following information at a minimum placed on the laboratory supplied sample label:

- Site name
- Sample identification – see below
- Date/time
- Sampler's initials
- Analysis required – **TO-15**

The serial number of the canister and regulator used during sampling is also noted on the Summa canister identification tag and on the COC. Each sub-slab, indoor air and outdoor air sample will be assigned a unique alpha-numeric code. An example of this code and a description of its components are presented below. Field duplicate samples will be assigned a unique identification alphanumeric code that specifies the date of collection, the letters FD (for field duplicate) and an ascending number that records the number of duplicate samples collected that day. For example, the first field duplicate collected on February 22, 2009 would be assigned the sample number in the format YYYYMMDD-FD-1 = 20090222-FD-1.

Subsequent duplicates collected on the same day will be assigned FD-2, FD-3 etc. Field sampling crew will record the duplicate sample information on the Summa Canister Data Sheets and in the field book.

## 8.5 FIELD DOCUMENTATION

Field notebooks are used during all on-site work. A dedicated field notebook is maintained by the field technician overseeing the site activities. Sub-slab sampling procedures should be photo-documented. The field sampling team will maintain sampling records that include the following data:

- Sample Identification
- Date and time of sample collection
- Identity of samplers
- Sampling methods and devices
- Purge volumes (soil vapor)
- Volume of soil vapor sample extracted
- The Summa canister vacuum before and after samples collected
- Chain of Custody and shipping information

The proper completion of the following forms/logs is considered correct procedure for documentation during the indoor air-sampling program:

1. Field Logbook - weather-proof hand-bound field book
2. Summa Canister Data Sheet
3. Chain of Custody Form

## 8.6 SAMPLE SHIPPING

Proper documentation of sample collection and the methods used to control these documents are referred to as chain-of-custody procedures. Chain-of-custody procedures are essential for presentation of sample analytical chemistry results as evidence in litigation or at administrative hearings held by regulatory agencies. Chain-of-custody procedures also serve to minimize loss or misidentification of samples and to ensure that unauthorized persons do not tamper with collected samples.

The following chain-of-custody guidelines should be utilized during sample collection as outlined in and prepared by the National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) Policies and Procedures of the USEPA Office of Enforcement:

- Complete the chain-of-custody (COC) record with all relevant information.
- Ship original COC with the samples in a sealed waterproof plastic bag and place inside the box containing a Summa canister.
- Retain a copy of the COC for field records.
- Ship Summa canisters in the same boxes the laboratory used for shipping.
- Place the lab address on top of sample box/cooler.
- Fix numbered custody seals across box lid flaps and cooler lid.
- Cover seals with wide, clear tape.
- Ship samples via overnight carrier within three days of sample collection if possible.

## 9.0 Handling of Investigation Derived waste

Investigation derived waste (IDW) including drill cuttings/cores, well development/purge water, PPE and miscellaneous solid/liquid waste generated on site during the investigation phase that may be

impacted will be containerized on site in approved 55-gallon drums or approved equivalent. All containers will be properly managed, sampled (as necessary), labeled and disposed offsite per regulations. All containerized IDW as described above will be disposed offsite at a NYSDEC approved disposal and/or recycling facility. Miscellaneous non-impacted solid waste will be disposed of in an on-site dumpster.



# APPENDIX D

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

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**Note:** The information presented in this Citizen Participation Plan was current as of the date of its approval by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Portions of this Citizen Participation Plan may be revised during the site's investigation and cleanup process.



## **1.0 What is New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program?**

New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) works with private developers to encourage the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and developed. These uses include recreation, housing, and business.

A *brownfield* is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination. A brownfield typically is a former industrial or commercial property where operations may have resulted in environmental contamination. A brownfield can pose environmental, legal, and financial burdens on a community. If a brownfield is not addressed, it can reduce property values in the area and affect economic development of nearby properties.

The BCP is administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) which oversees Applicants that conduct brownfield site investigation and cleanup activities. An Applicant is a person who has requested to participate in the BCP and has been accepted by NYSDEC. The BCP contains investigation and cleanup requirements, ensuring that cleanups protect public health and the environment. When NYSDEC certifies that these requirements have been met, the property can be reused or redeveloped for the intended use.

For more information about the BCP, go online at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>.

## **2.0 Citizen Participation Activities**

Why NYSDEC?

Involves the Public and Why It Is Important

NYSDEC involves the public to improve the process of investigating and cleaning up contaminated sites, and to enable citizens to participate more fully in decisions that affect their health, environment, and social wellbeing. NYSDEC provides opportunities for citizen involvement and encourages early two-way communication with citizens before decision makers form or adopt final positions.

Involving citizens affected and interest in site investigation and cleanup programs is important for many reasons. These include:

- Promoting the development of timely, effective site investigation and cleanup programs that protect public health and the environment
- Improving public access to, and understanding of, issues and information related to a site and that site's investigation and cleanup process
- Providing citizens with early and continuing opportunities to participate in NYSDEC's site investigation and cleanup process
- Ensuring that NYSDEC makes site investigation and cleanup decisions that benefit from input that reflects the interests and perspectives found within the affected community
- Encouraging dialogue to promote the exchange of information among the affected/interested public, State agencies, and other interested parties that strengthens trust among the parties, increases understanding of site and community issues and concerns, and improves decision making.

This Citizen Participation (CP) Plan provides information about how NYSDEC will inform and involve the public during the investigation and cleanup of the site identified above. The public information and involvement program will be carried out with assistance, as appropriate, from the Applicant.

### *Project Contacts*

**Appendix A** identifies NYSDEC project contact(s) to which the public should address questions or request information about the site's investigation and cleanup program. The public's suggestions about this CP Plan and the CP program for the site are always welcome. Interested people are encouraged to share their ideas and suggestions with the project contacts at any time.

### *Locations of Reports and Information*

The locations of the reports and information related to the site's investigation and cleanup program also are identified in **Appendix A**. These locations provide convenient access to important project documents for public review and comment. Some documents may be placed on the NYSDEC web site. If this occurs, NYSDEC will inform the public in fact sheets distributed about the site and by other means, as appropriate.

### *Site Contact List*

**Appendix B** contains the site contact list. This list has been developed to keep the community informed about, and involved in, the site's investigation and cleanup process. The site contact list will be used periodically to distribute fact sheets that provide updates about the status of the project. These will include notifications of upcoming activities at the site (such as fieldwork), as well as availability of project documents and announcements about public comment periods. The site contact list includes, at a minimum:

- chief executive officer and planning board chairperson of each county, city, town and village in which the site is located;
- residents, owners, and occupants of the site and properties adjacent to the site;
- the public water supplier which services the area in which the site is located;
- any person who has requested to be placed on the site contact list;
- the administrator of any school or day care facility located on or near the site for purposes of posting and/or dissemination of information at the facility;
- Location (s) of reports and information.

The site contact list will be reviewed periodically and updated as appropriate. Individuals and organizations will be added to the site contact list upon request. Such requests should be submitted to the NYSDEC project contact(s) identified in **Appendix A**. Other additions to the site contact list may be made at the discretion of the NYSDEC project manager, in consultation with other NYSDEC staff as appropriate.

### *CF Activities*

The table at the end of this section identifies the CP activities, at a minimum, that have been and will be conducted during the site's investigation and cleanup program. The flowchart in **Appendix C** shows how these CP activities integrate with the site investigation and cleanup process. The public is informed about these CP activities through fact sheets and notices distributed at significant points during the program. Elements of the investigation and cleanup process that match up with the CP activities are explained briefly in Section 5.

- **Notices and fact sheets** help the interested and affected public to understand contamination issues related to a site, and the nature and progress of efforts to investigate and clean up a site.
- **Public forums, comment periods and contact with project managers** provide opportunities for the public to contribute information, opinions and perspectives that have potential to influence decisions about a site's investigation and cleanup. The site developer will be establishing a website in the future that describes the planned development activities at the site.

The public is encouraged to contact project staff at any time during the site's investigation and cleanup process with questions, comments, or requests for information. This CP Plan maybe revised due to changes in major issues of public concern identified in Section 3 or in the nature and scope of investigation and cleanup activities.

#### *Technical Assistance Grant*

NYSDEC must determine if the site poses a significant threat to public health or the environment. This determination generally is made using information developed during the investigation of the site, as described in Section 5.

If the site is determined to be a significant threat, a qualifying community group may apply for a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG). The purpose of a TAG is to provide funds to the qualifying group to obtain independent technical assistance. This assistance helps the TAG recipient to interpret and understand existing environmental information about the nature and extent of contamination related to the site and the development/implementation of a remedy.

An eligible community group must certify that its membership represents the interests of the community affected by the site, and that its members' health, economic well-being or enjoyment of the environment may be affected by a release or threatened release of contamination at the site. For more information about TAGs, go online at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2590.html>

Note: The table identifying the citizen participation activities related to the site's investigation and cleanup program follows on the next page:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES	TIMING OF CP ACTIVITIES
<b>Application Process</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare site contact list</li> <li>• Establish document repositories</li> <li>• Publish notice in Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) announcing receipt of application and 30- day public comment period</li> <li>• Publish above ENB content in local newspaper</li> <li>• Mail above ENB content to site contact list</li> <li>• Conduct 30-day public comment period</li> </ul>	<p>At time of preparation of application to participate in the BCP.</p> <p>When NYSDEC determines that BCP application is complete. The 30-day public comment period begins on date of publication of notice in ENB. End date of public comment period is as stated in ENB notice. Therefore, ENB notice, newspaper notice, and notice to the site contact list should be provided to the public at the same time.</p>
<b>After Execution of Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreement</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare Citizen Participation (CP) Plan</li> </ul>	Before start of Remedial Investigation
<b>Before NYSDEC Approves RIWP</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute fact sheet to site contact list about proposed RI activities and announcing 30-day public comment period about draft RI Work Plan</li> <li>• Conduct 30-day public comment period</li> </ul>	Before NYSDEC approves RI Work Plan. If RI Work Plan is submitted with application, public comment periods will be combined, and public notice will include fact sheet. Thirty-day public comment period begins/ends as per dates identified in fact sheet.
<b>After Applicant Completes RI</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute fact sheet to site contact list that describes RI results</li> </ul>	Before NYSDEC approves RI Report
<b>Before NYSDEC Approves RAWP</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute fact sheet to site contact list about proposed RWP and announcing 45-day public comment period</li> <li>• Public meeting by NYSDEC about proposed RWP (if requested by affected community or at discretion of NYSDEC project manager)</li> <li>• Conduct 45-day public comment period</li> </ul>	Before NYSDEC approves RWP. Forty-five-day public comment period begins/ends as per dates identified in fact sheet. Public meeting would be held within the 45-day public comment period.
<b>Before Applicant Starts Cleanup Action</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute fact sheet to site contact list that describes upcoming cleanup action</li> </ul>	Before the start of cleanup action.
<b>After Applicant Completes Cleanup Action</b>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute fact sheet to site contact list that announces that cleanup action has been completed and that summarizes the Final Engineering Report</li> <li>• Distribute fact sheet to site contact list announcing issuance of Certificate of Completion (COC)</li> </ul>	<p>At the time NYSDEC approves Final Engineering Report. These two fact sheets are combined if possible if there is not a delay in issuing the COC.</p>
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**3.0 Major Issues of Public Concern**

This section of the CP Plan identifies major issues of public concern as they relate to the site. Additional major issues of public concern may be identified during the site’s remedial process.

At this juncture the public has not identified major concerns with the project. In the event major concerns are expressed, future communication addressing those concerns will be issued to stakeholders.

**4.0 Site Information**

Note: please refer to the BCP Application and RIWP (and corresponding appendices) for more detailed information on the Site. Below is a summary of Site description, future use of Site, historical use of Site, and Site environmental history.

*Site Description*

The Site is a 1.559-acre L-shaped industrial Site located in an urban setting. The Site is zoned industrial and is located in an area consisting primarily of commercial and industrial businesses located along the east and west sides of Niagara Street. The Site is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Niagara Street and Albany Street. To the east is Niagara Street; to the west is a railroad easement and Interstate 190; to the north the building abuts Oliver Gear; and to the south is a newly constructed restaurant.

The northern 2/3 of the Site currently contains several empty abutting buildings with sections ranging from one to three stories in height. The very southern and eastern portion of the site is composed of unimproved grassy/weed covered area that contains some soil as well as some construction and demolition debris along with some blacktop surface areas.

*Future Use of the Site*

the project will consist of a wide range of uses – a brewery, hotel, residential, office, retail and parking. The Curtiss Malt House renovation project aims to renovate the long-vacant, historically important, and visually prominent 1898-built Curtiss Malt House into an architecturally significant, high vitality destination that attracts local, regional and global visitors.

*History of Site Use*





Historical maps show the Property was vacant in 1889. In 1899 it had been developed as the C. G. Curtiss Malting Drum House. By 1925 the property had been developed as the Co-Operative Grange League Federation Exchange, Inc consisting of a steel, brick, cement and wood that was destroyed by fire in 1927. It was subsequently rebuilt using the existing foundations, concrete floors, masonry walls and was reconstructed entirely of fireproof steel at a greatly reduced height (its present height). The original heavy timber building was a 190-foot-high structure. Sanborn maps indicate that the property was the Co-Operative Grange League Federation Exchange until after 1981, when the property was vacated. An art gallery was located in the rear of the facility during the late 1980's, however it is unknown when the building was permanently vacated.

### *Site Environmental History*

#### Phase 1 ESA - by GES, Inc – October 2012

#### **Recognized Environmental Conditions**

- There is a spill that occurred in the storage building from a leaking 55-gallon drum of oil. While the oil was cleaned up, the staining on the floor and wall remains.
- There are approximately a dozen fluorescent light ballasts in an electric/tool room located in an upstairs room to the left of the main building entry way.

The following RECs were found outside of the building on the property:

- Soil as well as construction and demolition debris have been dumped along the building between the south wall of the storage area and Albany Street. Used medical syringes were also observed scattered around the debris piles. The origin of this material is from off-site and it is unknown if this material may have contamination associated with it.
- There are two propane tanks on site near the front entry way to the building; a 20-pound cylinder just to the right of the entry way, and a 40-pound cylinder alongside of the office building near the entry way to the main building.

The following are suspect environmental conditions (SECs) that were observed or discovered within the interior of the building during the completion of this Phase I ESA:

- The interior brick building walls are stained a dark brownish color. This could have been from the use of a coating to seal the brick through time, or could be related to past industrial practices that occurred within the building.
- Industrial cleaning fluids were reportedly within the building immediately to the right of the main building entry way.
- There are a number of sumps on the main floor of the building that have been filled in with either soil or concrete.
- There is a drain on the main floor of the building that may have historically received cleaning fluids from onsite industrial processes. It is unknown where this drain discharges.
- There is a sump under the mezzanine approximately two feet deep that is filled with sediment and water. The chemical nature of the sediment and water in this sump are unknown
- There is a shaft under the grain elevators/bins with standing water, sediment and refuse

in it. The chemical nature of sediment and water are unknown.

- There is a drain in the basement boiler room that likely received condensate from the boiler. It is unknown where this drain discharges.

The following SEC was found outside of the building on the property:

- There are pole mounted transformers along the electric right of way along the south property boundary with Albany Street.

The following SECs were discovered as part of our site visit and electronics data file search using Sanborn property maps, and review of City of Buffalo files:

- To the east of Niagara Street, Keystone Chromium Corporation operated a chrome plating facility from before 1951 to after 1986. There may have been releases of heavy metals and/or solvents to soil that migrated down to the groundwater table. Since this facility was located upgradient of 1100 Niagara Street, any groundwater contamination that may have occurred as result of their manufacturing processes may have migrated through time downgradient onto the 1100 Niagara Street property.
- In addition, the industrial manufacturing processes used at Keystone Chromium Corporation may have caused releases of heavy metals to the environment via the air or soil routes in and around the location of the plant.
- Immediately south of the 1100 Niagara Street, an oil distribution facility was in place from before 1925 until after 1951. This facility reportedly had petroleum storage tanks on location, which may have leaked creating soil and groundwater contamination. Since this location is side gradient to general flow direction, it is unknown whether or not there are any impacts to soil and groundwater from industrial activities at this site, or whether or not potential impacts have effected soil and groundwater at 1100 Niagara Street.
- Immediately adjacent to the north, Modern Heat Treating and Fabricating has had a facility since before 1986 but after 1981. Modern treats metal products. There is a 1,500-gallon tank for methanol located on site. There is a potential for the release of heavy metals and/or solvents from this facility. It is unknown whether or not there have been any releases, or whether they would affect soil and groundwater quality at 1100 Niagara Street.
- Immediately west of 1100 Niagara Street is a railroad right of way. Historically, various chemical, petroleum and metal products and various other products are transported by rail. It is unknown if there have been any spills by rail transportation in the immediate vicinity of 1100 Niagara Street that may have impacted site soils or groundwater.

## **Preliminary Phase 2 ESA – by GES, Inc. – November 2012**

### **Conclusions**

The Preliminary Phase II investigation for the property at 1100 Niagara Street was completed in November 2012. Analytical results for soil samples SC-1 through SC-4 show the presence of metals, a pesticide and SVOCs above the restricted residential soil cleanup objectives in the surface soils.

Sediment sample MSS-5 collected from the mezzanine sump significantly exceeded the

restricted residential use soil cleanup objectives for several metals, a pesticide, and 14 SVOCs. This composite sample from the sump likely contains a mixture of materials that were used within the building including lead paint residue from the walls, and burned wood debris that was present in the sump.

The wall residue sample is most likely not residue from manufacturing processes. The dark grey-brown coating on the interior walls of the main building is likely to be lead based paint since there were significant concentrations of Cadmium, Lead, and Zinc that are present in the sample. The origin of Mercury in the sample is unknown.

The presence of Dieldrin and Acetone above TOGS 1.1.1 indicates the likely presence of pesticides use onsite as well as compound containing VOCs, possibly for cleaning purposes.

## **Phase 2 ESA – by BE3 – June 2019 South Half of Site**

### **Conclusions**

Data reviewed from remedial investigations at adjacent/nearby properties indicated potential impacts to groundwater and soils at these adjacent/nearby properties which could potentially impact the subject property.

Field observations and laboratory results indicate that there are urban fill conditions in the near-surface soil resulting in compounds above residential SCOs. Metal and SVOC exceedances were observed in six (6) of the seven (7) samples collected and these represent areas across the property. The fill depth varied from one foot to fifteen feet across the property and bedrock depth varied from nine (9) to almost sixteen (16) feet bgs. The one groundwater result indicates that groundwater up gradient of the property is impacted with chlorinated solvents above groundwater guidance. Immediately adjacent and nearby properties east and north of the property have the historical use potential for chlorinated solvents that could impact groundwater. The overburden does not appear to be a source of a significant water bearing zone.

More detailed investigations may require assessment of groundwater in the bedrock aquifer. However, it is likely that impacts to groundwater are from adjacent or nearby properties.

## **Phase 2 ESA – by BE3 – March 2023 - Northern Half of Site (former parcels 1106/1110)**

The purpose of this assessment was to identify potential environmental impacts at 1106-1110 Niagara Street in Buffalo, New York. The property was previously commercial/industrial. Adjacent properties have a history of industrial operations associated with metal work, plating and machining which involves the use of solvents and petroleum compounds.

A geophysical survey was conducted as part of the Phase II. The objective of the survey was to assess if a tank or tanks remained on the property based on historical information suggesting a 1,400-gallon methanol UST as well as a 1,000-gallon oil UST may be located on the eastern side of the site. The survey entailed the use of a high-sensitive metal detector (i.e., Geonics EM61) instrument to survey the near surface for the presence of metallic or metal-containing objects. The investigation was conducted across the asphalt surface area east of the building. Anomalies that may be related to buried USTs, metal pipes, or metal fill material were recorded and annotated on

a site map. The results of the survey suggested that a tank may be located in the northwest corner of the property adjacent to the building.

The laboratory results indicate that there are urban fill conditions existing at the property to at least 0-2 feet bgs resulting in target compounds (metals and SVOCs) above NYSDEC restricted residential SCOs (see **Figure 2** BE3 2019/2023 Phase 2 ESAs). Also, soil sample analytical results are provided in **Table 3** and Groundwater sample results in **Table 4**.

Historical use, previous environmental investigations, and this assessment indicate environmental impacts exist at the property in soils above NYSDEC SCOs.

## **5.0 Remedial Cleanup Process**

### *Application*

The Applicant is applying for acceptance into New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program as a Volunteer. This means that the Applicant is not responsible for the disposal or discharge of the contaminants or whose ownership or operation of the site took place after the discharge or disposal of contaminants. The Volunteer must fully characterize the nature and extent of contamination onsite, and must conduct a qualitative exposure assessment, a process that characterizes the actual or potential exposures of people, fish and wildlife to contaminants on the site and to contamination that has migrated from the site.

The Applicant in its Application proposes that the site will be used for restricted purposes. To achieve this goal, the Applicant will conduct investigation and/or cleanup activities at the site with oversight provided by NYSDEC. The Brownfield Cleanup Agreement to be executed by NYSDEC and the Applicant sets forth the responsibilities of each party in conducting these activities at the site.

### *Investigation*

The Applicant will complete a RI as part of the BCP. NYSDEC will use the information in the investigation report to determine if the site poses a significant threat to public health or the environment. If the site is a significant threat, it must be cleaned up using a remedy selected by NYSDEC from an analysis of alternatives prepared by the Applicant and approved by NYSDEC. If the site does not pose a significant threat, the Applicant may select the remedy from the approved analysis of alternatives.

### *Remedy Selection*

The Applicant will recommend in its application that action needs to be taken to address site contamination. Pending approval of the investigation report by the NYSDEC, the Applicant has proposed a remediation of impacted soil to meet at least restricted residential use.

The RI results will help develop a remedial approach which may include an IRM. When the Applicant submits the proposed Remedial Work Plan for approval, NYSDEC will announce the availability of the proposed plan for public review during a 45-day public comment period.

### *Cleanup Action*

NYSDEC will consider public comments and revise the draft Remedial Work Plan, if necessary, before approving the proposed remedy. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy.

The Applicant may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination. NYSDEC and NYSDOH will oversee the activities. When the Applicant completes cleanup activities, it will prepare a final engineering report that certifies that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved within a specific time frame. NYSDEC will review the report to be certain that the cleanup is protective of public health and the environment for the intended use of the site.

### *Certificate of Completion*

When NYSDEC is satisfied that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved for the site, it will approve the final engineering report. NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) to the Applicant. The COC states that cleanup goals have been achieved and relieves the Applicant from future liability for site-related contamination, subject to certain conditions. The Applicant would be eligible to redevelop the site after it receives a COC.

### *Site Management*

Site management is the last phase of the site cleanup program. This phase begins when the COC is issued. Site management may be conducted by the Applicant under NYSDEC oversight, if contamination will remain in place. Site management incorporates any institutional and engineering controls required to ensure that the remedy implemented for the site remains protective of public health and the environment. All significant activities are detailed in a Site Management Plan.

An institutional control is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction that would prevent or restrict certain uses of the property. An institutional control may be used when the cleanup action leaves some contamination that makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses.

An engineering control is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination. Examples include: caps, covers, barriers, fences, and treatment of water supplies.

Site management also may include the operation and maintenance of a component of the remedy, such as a system that is pumping and treating groundwater. Site management continues until NYSDEC determines that it is no longer needed.

# **Appendix A**

## **Project Contacts and Locations of Reports and Information**

For information about the site's investigation and cleanup program, the public may contact any of the following project staff:

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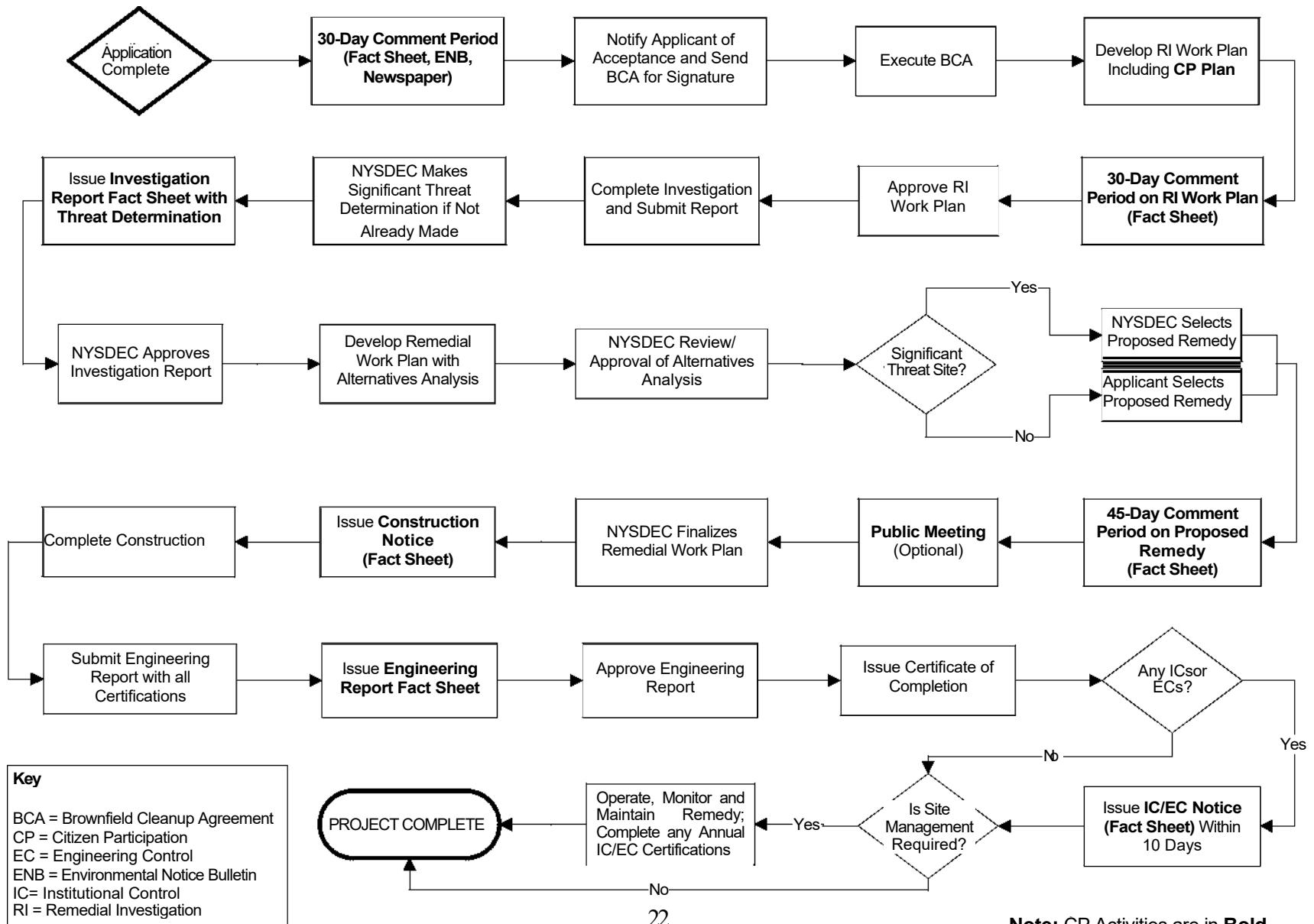
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## **Appendix C**

# BCP Process Flowchart



**APPENDIX E**

**COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING PLAN**

# COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING PLAN

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## **1.0 COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING PROGRAM (CAMP)**

A Community Air Monitoring Program (CAMP) requires real-time monitoring for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and particulates (i.e., dust) at the upwind and downwind perimeter of each designated work area when certain activities are in progress at contaminated sites. The program is not intended for use in establishing action levels for worker respiratory protection. Rather, its intent is to provide a measure of protection for the downwind community (i.e., off-site receptors and on-site workers not directly involved with work activities) from potential airborne contaminant releases as a direct result of investigative and remedial work activities. A NYSDOH generic CAMP obtained from NYSDEC DER-10 is presented in Attachment 1 that will be followed and adhered to for work activities that could release potential contaminants from an impacted area.

A program for suppressing fugitive dust and particulate matter monitoring will also be conducted in accordance NYSDEC DER-10 titled Appendix 1B Fugitive Dust and Particulate Monitoring, which is also provided in Attachment 1. The fugitive dust suppression and particulate monitoring program will be employed at the site during building demolition, site investigations/remediation and other intrusive activities which warrant its use.

Both the CAMP and the fugitive dust and particulate monitoring program will be administered by the environmental engineer/consultant. Monitoring results of the CAMP will be reported to the New York State Department of Health daily for review.

NYSDEC and NYSDOH are to be provided CAMP data on a daily basis when collected. When sample excursions occur, identify the reason for the excursions and measures to address the excursions.

# ATTACHMENT 1

## NYSDOH Generic CAMP and Fugitive Dust and Particulate Monitoring

**Appendix 1A**  
**New York State Department of Health**  
**Generic Community Air Monitoring Plan**

Overview

A Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) requires real-time monitoring for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and particulates (i.e., dust) at the downwind perimeter of each designated work area when certain activities are in progress at contaminated sites. The CAMP is not intended for use in establishing action levels for worker respiratory protection. Rather, its intent is to provide a measure of protection for the downwind community (i.e., off-site receptors including residences and businesses and on-site workers not directly involved with the subject work activities) from potential airborne contaminant releases as a direct result of investigative and remedial work activities. The action levels specified herein require increased monitoring, corrective actions to abate emissions, and/or work shutdown. Additionally, the CAMP helps to confirm that work activities did not spread contamination off-site through the air.

The generic CAMP presented below will be sufficient to cover many, if not most, sites. Specific requirements should be reviewed for each situation in consultation with NYSDOH to ensure proper applicability. In some cases, a separate site-specific CAMP or supplement may be required. Depending upon the nature of contamination, chemical-specific monitoring with appropriately-sensitive methods may be required. Depending upon the proximity of potentially exposed individuals, more stringent monitoring or response levels than those presented below may be required. Special requirements will be necessary for work within 20 feet of potentially exposed individuals or structures and for indoor work with co-located residences or facilities. These requirements should be determined in consultation with NYSDOH.

Reliance on the CAMP should not preclude simple, common-sense measures to keep VOCs, dust, and odors at a minimum around the work areas.

Community Air Monitoring Plan

Depending upon the nature of known or potential contaminants at each site, real-time air monitoring for VOCs and/or particulate levels at the perimeter of the exclusion zone or work area will be necessary. Most sites will involve VOC and particulate monitoring; sites known to be contaminated with heavy metals alone may only require particulate monitoring. If radiological contamination is a concern, additional monitoring requirements may be necessary per consultation with appropriate DEC/NYSDOH staff.

**Continuous monitoring** will be required for all ground intrusive activities and during the demolition of contaminated or potentially contaminated structures. Ground intrusive activities include, but are not limited to, soil/waste excavation and handling, test pitting or trenching, and the installation of soil borings or monitoring wells.

**Periodic monitoring** for VOCs will be required during non-intrusive activities such as the collection of soil and sediment samples or the collection of groundwater samples from existing monitoring wells. "Periodic" monitoring during sample collection might reasonably consist of taking a reading upon arrival at a sample location, monitoring while opening a well cap or

overturning soil, monitoring during well baling/purging, and taking a reading prior to leaving a sample location. In some instances, depending upon the proximity of potentially exposed individuals, continuous monitoring may be required during sampling activities. Examples of such situations include groundwater sampling at wells on the curb of a busy urban street, in the midst of a public park, or adjacent to a school or residence.

#### VOC Monitoring, Response Levels, and Actions

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) must be monitored at the downwind perimeter of the immediate work area (i.e., the exclusion zone) on a continuous basis or as otherwise specified. Upwind concentrations should be measured at the start of each workday and periodically thereafter to establish background conditions, particularly if wind direction changes. The monitoring work should be performed using equipment appropriate to measure the types of contaminants known or suspected to be present. The equipment should be calibrated at least daily for the contaminant(s) of concern or for an appropriate surrogate. The equipment should be capable of calculating 15-minute running average concentrations, which will be compared to the levels specified below.

1. If the ambient air concentration of total organic vapors at the downwind perimeter of the work area or exclusion zone exceeds 5 parts per million (ppm) above background for the 15-minute average, work activities must be temporarily halted and monitoring continued. If the total organic vapor level readily decreases (per instantaneous readings) below 5 ppm over background, work activities can resume with continued monitoring.

2. If total organic vapor levels at the downwind perimeter of the work area or exclusion zone persist at levels in excess of 5 ppm over background but less than 25 ppm, work activities must be halted, the source of vapors identified, corrective actions taken to abate emissions, and monitoring continued. After these steps, work activities can resume provided that the total organic vapor level 200 feet downwind of the exclusion zone or half the distance to the nearest potential receptor or residential/commercial structure, whichever is less - but in no case less than 20 feet, is below 5 ppm over background for the 15-minute average.

3. If the organic vapor level is above 25 ppm at the perimeter of the work area, activities must be shutdown.

4. All 15-minute readings must be recorded and be available for State (DEC and NYSDOH) personnel to review. Instantaneous readings, if any, used for decision purposes should also be recorded.

#### Particulate Monitoring, Response Levels, and Actions

Particulate concentrations should be monitored continuously at the upwind and downwind perimeters of the exclusion zone at temporary particulate monitoring stations. The particulate monitoring should be performed using real-time monitoring equipment capable of measuring particulate matter less than 10 micrometers in size (PM-10) and capable of integrating over a period of 15 minutes (or less) for comparison to the airborne particulate action level. The equipment must be equipped with an audible alarm to indicate exceedance of the action level. In addition, fugitive dust migration should be visually assessed during all work activities.

1. If the downwind PM-10 particulate level is 100 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\text{mcg}/\text{m}^3$ ) greater than background (upwind perimeter) for the 15-minute period or if airborne dust is observed leaving the work area, then dust suppression techniques must be employed. Work may continue with dust suppression techniques provided that downwind PM-10 particulate levels do not exceed  $150 \text{ mcg}/\text{m}^3$  above the upwind level and provided that no visible dust is migrating from the work area.

2. If, after implementation of dust suppression techniques, downwind PM-10 particulate levels are greater than  $150 \text{ mcg}/\text{m}^3$  above the upwind level, work must be stopped and a re-evaluation of activities initiated. Work can resume provided that dust suppression measures and other controls are successful in reducing the downwind PM-10 particulate concentration to within  $150 \text{ mcg}/\text{m}^3$  of the upwind level and in preventing visible dust migration.

3. All readings must be recorded and be available for State (DEC and NYSDOH) and County Health personnel to review.

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## Appendix 1B Fugitive Dust and Particulate Monitoring

A program for suppressing fugitive dust and particulate matter monitoring at hazardous waste sites is a responsibility on the remedial party performing the work. These procedures must be incorporated into appropriate intrusive work plans. The following fugitive dust suppression and particulate monitoring program should be employed at sites during construction and other intrusive activities which warrant its use:

1. Reasonable fugitive dust suppression techniques must be employed during all site activities which may generate fugitive dust.

2. Particulate monitoring must be employed during the handling of waste or contaminated soil or when activities on site may generate fugitive dust from exposed waste or contaminated soil. Remedial activities may also include the excavation, grading, or placement of clean fill. These control measures should not be considered necessary for these activities.

3. Particulate monitoring must be performed using real-time particulate monitors and shall monitor particulate matter less than ten microns (PM10) with the following minimum performance standards:

- (a) Objects to be measured: Dust, mists or aerosols;
- (b) Measurement Ranges: 0.001 to 400 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (1 to 400,000 µg/m<sup>3</sup>);
- (c) Precision (2-sigma) at constant temperature: +/- 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for one second averaging; and +/- 1.5 g/m<sup>3</sup> for sixty second averaging;
- (d) Accuracy: +/- 5% of reading +/- precision (Referred to gravimetric calibration with SAE fine test dust (mmd= 2 to 3 µm, g= 2.5, as aerosolized);
- (e) Resolution: 0.1% of reading or 1 g/m<sup>3</sup>, whichever is larger;
- (f) Particle Size Range of Maximum Response: 0.1-10;
- (g) Total Number of Data Points in Memory: 10,000;
- (h) Logged Data: Each data point with average concentration, time/date and data point number
- (i) Run Summary: overall average, maximum concentrations, time/date of maximum, total number of logged points, start time/date, total elapsed time (run duration), STEL concentration and time/date occurrence, averaging (logging) period, calibration factor, and tag number;
- (j) Alarm Averaging Time (user selectable): real-time (1-60 seconds) or STEL (15 minutes), alarms required;
- (k) Operating Time: 48 hours (fully charged NiCd battery); continuously with charger;
- (l) Operating Temperature: -10 to 50° C (14 to 122° F);
- (m) Particulate levels will be monitored upwind and immediately downwind at the working site and integrated over a period not to exceed 15 minutes.

4. In order to ensure the validity of the fugitive dust measurements performed, there must be appropriate Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC). It is the responsibility of the remedial party to adequately supplement QA/QC Plans to include the following critical features: periodic instrument calibration, operator training, daily instrument performance (span) checks, and a record keeping plan.

5. The action level will be established at 150 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (15 minutes average). While conservative,

this short-term interval will provide a real-time assessment of on-site air quality to assure both health and safety. If particulate levels are detected in excess of 150 ug/m<sup>3</sup>, the upwind background level must be confirmed immediately. If the working site particulate measurement is greater than 100 ug/m<sup>3</sup> above the background level, additional dust suppression techniques must be implemented to reduce the generation of fugitive dust and corrective action taken to protect site personnel and reduce the potential for contaminant migration. Corrective measures may include increasing the level of personal protection for on-site personnel and implementing additional dust suppression techniques (see paragraph 7). Should the action level of 150 ug/m<sup>3</sup> continue to be exceeded work must stop and DER must be notified as provided in the site design or remedial work plan. The notification shall include a description of the control measures implemented to prevent further exceedances.

6. It must be recognized that the generation of dust from waste or contaminated soil that migrates off-site, has the potential for transporting contaminants off-site. There may be situations when dust is being generated and leaving the site and the monitoring equipment does not measure PM<sub>10</sub> at or above the action level. Since this situation has the potential to allow for the migration of contaminants off-site, it is unacceptable. While it is not practical to quantify total suspended particulates on a real-time basis, it is appropriate to rely on visual observation. If dust is observed leaving the working site, additional dust suppression techniques must be employed. Activities that have a high dusting potential--such as solidification and treatment involving materials like kiln dust and lime--will require the need for special measures to be considered.

7. The following techniques have been shown to be effective for the controlling of the generation and migration of dust during construction activities:

- (a) Applying water on haul roads;
- (b) Wetting equipment and excavation faces;
- (c) Spraying water on buckets during excavation and dumping;
- (d) Hauling materials in properly tarped or watertight containers;
- (e) Restricting vehicle speeds to 10 mph;
- (f) Covering excavated areas and material after excavation activity ceases; and
- (g) Reducing the excavation size and/or number of excavations.

Experience has shown that the chance of exceeding the 150ug/m<sup>3</sup> action level is remote when the above-mentioned techniques are used. When techniques involving water application are used, care must be taken not to use excess water, which can result in unacceptably wet conditions. Using atomizing sprays will prevent overly wet conditions, conserve water, and provide an effective means of suppressing the fugitive dust.

8. The evaluation of weather conditions is necessary for proper fugitive dust control. When extreme wind conditions make dust control ineffective, as a last resort remedial actions may need to be suspended. There may be situations that require fugitive dust suppression and particulate monitoring requirements with action levels more stringent than those provided above. Under some circumstances, the contaminant concentration and/or toxicity may require additional monitoring to protect site personnel and the public. Additional integrated sampling and chemical analysis of the dust may also be in order. This must be evaluated when a health and safety plan is developed and when appropriate suppression and monitoring requirements are established for protection of health and the environment.



### Special Requirements for Work Within 20 Feet of Potentially Exposed Individuals or Structures

When work areas are within 20 feet of potentially exposed populations or occupied structures, the continuous monitoring locations for VOCs and particulates must reflect the nearest potentially exposed individuals and the location of ventilation system intakes for nearby structures. The use of engineering controls such as vapor/dust barriers, temporary negative-pressure enclosures, or special ventilation devices should be considered to prevent exposures related to the work activities and to control dust and odors. Consideration should be given to implementing the planned activities when potentially exposed populations are at a minimum, such as during weekends or evening hours in non-residential settings.

- If total VOC concentrations opposite the walls of occupied structures or next to intake vents exceed 1 ppm, monitoring should occur within the occupied structure(s). Depending upon the nature of contamination, chemical-specific colorimetric tubes of sufficient sensitivity may be necessary for comparing the exposure point concentrations with appropriate pre-determined response levels (response actions should also be pre-determined). Background readings in the occupied spaces must be taken prior to commencement of the planned work. Any unusual background readings should be discussed with NYSDOH prior to commencement of the work.
- If total particulate concentrations opposite the walls of occupied structures or next to intake vents exceed 150 mcg/m<sup>3</sup>, work activities should be suspended until controls are implemented and are successful in reducing the total particulate concentration to 150 mcg/m<sup>3</sup> or less at the monitoring point.
- Depending upon the nature of contamination and remedial activities, other parameters (e.g., explosivity, oxygen, hydrogen sulfide, carbon monoxide) may also need to be monitored. Response levels and actions should be pre-determined, as necessary, for each site.

### Special Requirements for Indoor Work With Co-Located Residences or Facilities

Unless a self-contained, negative-pressure enclosure with proper emission controls will encompass the work area, all individuals not directly involved with the planned work must be absent from the room in which the work will occur. Monitoring requirements shall be as stated above under “Special Requirements for Work Within 20 Feet of Potentially Exposed Individuals or Structures” except that in this instance “nearby/occupied structures” would be adjacent occupied rooms. Additionally, the location of all exhaust vents in the room and their discharge points, as well as potential vapor pathways (openings, conduits, etc.) relative to adjoining rooms, should be understood and the monitoring locations established accordingly. In these situations, it is strongly recommended that exhaust fans or other engineering controls be used to create negative air pressure within the work area during remedial activities. Additionally, it is strongly recommended that the planned work be implemented during hours (e.g. weekends or evenings) when building occupancy is at a minimum.

# APPENDIX F

## PROJECT SCHEDULE



# APPENDIX G

## DER-10 APPENDIX 3C FISH & WILDLIFE DECISION KEY

Appendix 3C Fish and Wildlife Resources Impact Analysis Decision Key		If YES Go to:	If NO Go to:
1.	Is the site or area of concern a discharge or spill event?	13	2
2.	Is the site or area of concern a point source of contamination to the groundwater which will be prevented from discharging to surface water? Soil contamination is not widespread, or if widespread, is confined under buildings and paved areas.	13	3
3.	Is the site and all adjacent property a developed area with buildings, paved surfaces and little or no vegetation?	4	9
4.	Does the site contain habitat of an endangered, threatened or special concern species?	Section 3.10.1	5
5.	Has the contamination gone off-site?	6	14
6.	Is there any discharge or erosion of contamination to surface water or the potential for discharge or erosion of contamination?	7	14
7.	Are the site contaminants PCBs, pesticides or other persistent, bioaccumulable substances?	Section 3.10.1	8
8.	Does contamination exist at concentrations that could exceed ecological impact SCGs or be toxic to aquatic life if discharged to surface water?	Section 3.10.1	14
9.	Does the site or any adjacent or downgradient property contain any of the following resources? i. Any endangered, threatened or special concern species or rare plants or their habitat ii. Any DEC designated significant habitats or rare NYS Ecological Communities iii. Tidal or freshwater wetlands iv. Stream, creek or river v. Pond, lake, lagoon vi. Drainage ditch or channel vii. Other surface water feature viii. Other marine or freshwater habitat ix. Forest x. Grassland or grassy field xi. Parkland or woodland xii. Shrubby area xiii. Urban wildlife habitat xiv. Other terrestrial habitat	11	10
10.	Is the lack of resources due to the contamination?	3.10.1	14
11.	Is the contamination a localized source which has not migrated and will not migrate from the source to impact any on-site or off-site resources?	14	12
12.	Does the site have widespread surface soil contamination that is not confined under and around buildings or paved areas?	Section 3.10.1	12
13.	Does the contamination at the site or area of concern have the potential to migrate to, erode into or otherwise impact any on-site or off-site habitat of endangered, threatened or special concern species or other fish and wildlife resource? (See #9 for list of potential resources. Contact DEC for information regarding endangered species.)	Section 3.10.1	14
14.	No Fish and Wildlife Resources Impact Analysis needed.		