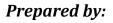
# **REMEDIAL DESIGN WORK PLAN (RDWP)**

# For

# NOSS INDUSTRIAL PARK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT NYSDEC SITE ID E712011 CORTLAND, CORTLAND COUNTY, NEW YORK





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### Acronym List

AA	ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS
ASP	ANALYTICAL SERVICES PROTOCOL
BGS	BELOW GROUND SURFACE
САМР	COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING PLAN
CVOC	CHLORINATED VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND
DER	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION
DUSR	DATA USABILITY AND SUMMARY REPORT
EDD	Electronic Data Deliverable
ELAP	ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM
ESA	Environmental Site Assessment
FER	FINAL ENGINEERING REPORT
HASP	HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN
MS/MSD	MATRIX SPIKE / MATRIX SPIKE DUPLICATE
MSL	Mean Sea Level
DNAPL	DENSE NON-AQUEOUS PHASE LIQUID
NYSDEC	NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
NYSDOH	NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NYSDOL	NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
РАН	POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS
PPM	PARTS PER MILLION
РСВ	Polychlorinated Biphenyl
PID	PHOTO-IONIZATION DETECTOR
PDI	PRE DESIGN INVESTIGATION
QA/QC	QUALITY ASSURANCE / QUALITY CONTROL
RAO	Remedial Action Objective
REC	RECOGNIZED ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION
RDI	Remedial Design Investigation
RI	Remedial Investigation
RWP	Remedial Work Plan
SCG	Standards, Criteria, Guidance
SCO	Soil Cleanup Objective
Site	Noss Industrial Park Site , Cortland, New York
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SMP	SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN
SVOC	Semi volatile Organic Compound
TAL	TARGET ANALYTE LIST
ТСЕ	TRICHLOROETHENE
TCL	TARGET COMPOUND LIST
TCLP	TOXICITY CHARACTERISTIC LEACHING PROCEDURE
TOGS	TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE SERIES
USEPA	UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
USGS	UNITED STATES GEOLOGIC SERVICE
VOC	VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND
VOV	VOLATILE ORGANIC VAPOR
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I, John T. Camp, certify that I am currently a NYS Registered Professional Engineer and that this Remedial Design Work Plan was prepared in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations and in substantial conformance with the DER Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation (DER-10).

John T. Camp, P.E. State of New York Professional Engineer No. 082375 *May 20, 2020* 



#### 1 <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

C&S Engineers, Inc. (C&S) has prepared this Remedial Design Work Plan (RDWP) on behalf of the City of Cortland for Site No. E712011, the Noss Industrial Park Site, located in the City of Cortland, Cortland County, New York (the "Site"). **Figure 1** shows the location of the Site. A metes and bounds survey and deed description are included in **Appendix A**.

The City of Cortland and the State of New York have entered into a State Assistance Contract (SAC). The Site is to be remediated under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) Environmental Restoration Program (ERP), and is being funded through an ERP Grant.

The primary objective of this work plan is to provide the framework for implementing the chosen remedy described in the Record of Decision (ROD) issued by the NYSDEC for the Site in March 2018.

#### 1.1 Site Description

The Site is a 4.76-acre parcel of industrially zoned land located in the City of Cortland. The property is currently a vacant parcel, but was formerly the location of industrial activity. The majority of the site is densely wooded and is at the terminus of Noss Park Drive, on the east side of South Main Street. The former Rosen Brothers property creates the eastern boundary of the site and is a designated United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) superfund site (Region 7, DEC class 2; Site Code #7-12-004; CERCLIS No. NYD982272734). The northern boundary of the site consists of a small strip of property reputedly owned by Cortland County Industrial Development followed by a rail line. Land uses in the neighborhood include a mix of vacant, residential, commercial, and industrial lands.

The site was investigated under the NYSDEC ERP. The investigation found that the magnitude of contaminants at the site is a concern relative to public health and the environment, to the extent that it requires remediation. The disposal or release of contaminants at this site has contaminated various environmental media and is reported to have been caused by releases of hazardous waste. The primary contaminants of concern are benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, dibenzo(a,h)anthracene, and arsenic in soil and trichloroethene (TCE) in groundwater.

An overview of the selected remedy described in the NYSDEC ROD, is as follows:

- Development and implementation of a remedial design program to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, optimization, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program for the Site.
- Excavation, and off-site disposal of an area of soils on the southwest portion of the Site. The remedy calls for the removal of the upper one-foot of soil where there are contraventions of the Commercial Use Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) for metals and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs).
- Import of clean backfill to fill the resulting excavation.
- Development of a Site Management Plan (SMP) to identify all use restrictions and engineering controls for the Site.

• Imposition of an Institutional Control in the form an environmental easement for the site, which will restrict site usage to restricted residential use and require compliance with the Site Management Plan.

A copy of the ROD is attached as **Appendix B** of this document.

#### 1.2 Remedial Action Objectives

The objectives for the remedial program have been established through the remedy selection process stated in 6 NYCRR Part 375. The goal for the remedial program is to restore the site to pre-disposal conditions to the extent feasible. At a minimum, the remedy shall eliminate or mitigate all significant threats to public health and the environment presented by the contamination identified at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

The Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs) for this site, as defined in the ROD, are:

#### <u>Groundwater</u>

RAOs for Public Health Protection

- Prevent ingestion of groundwater with contaminant levels exceeding drinking water standards.
- Prevent contact with, or inhalation of volatiles, from contaminated groundwater.

RAOs for Environmental Protection

• Prevent the discharge of contaminants to surface water.

#### <u>Soil</u>

RAOs for Public Health Protection

- Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.
- Prevent inhalation of or exposure from contaminants volatilizing from contaminants in soil.

RAOs for Environmental Protection

• Prevent migration of contaminants that would result in groundwater or surface water contamination.

#### Soil Vapor

RAOs for Public Health Protection

• Mitigate impacts to public health resulting from existing, or the potential for, soil vapor intrusion into buildings at a site.

#### 1.3 Standards, Criteria, and Guidance

The remedy must conform to promulgated standards and criteria that are directly applicable or that are relevant and appropriate. The standards, criteria and guidance (SCGs) that will be, or will likely be, directly applicable to the site's remediation include those listed below. A more complete listing of SCGs can be found at: <a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html</a>

- Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (6 NYCRR) Part 375 Environmental Remediation Programs
- 6 NYCRR Part 364 Waste Transporters
- 6 NYCRR Part 700-706 Water Quality Regulations for Surface Waters and Groundwater
- NYSDEC guidance document "*DER-10 Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation*", dated May 2010, as updated by its errata sheet
- NYSDEC guidance document "CP-51: Soil Cleanup Guidance Policy", dated October 2010 (CP-51)
- NYSDEC Division of Water (DOW) Technical and Operational Guidance Series (TOGS)
- NYSDEC DOW guidance document *"Technical and Operational Guidance Series (TOGS) 1.1.1 Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values and Groundwater Effluent Limitations",* including its errata sheets and addenda
- New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) guidance document *"Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion in New York"*, October 2006, with 2015 updates
- Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 1910.120 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response

#### 2 PRE-DESIGN INVESTIGATION

#### 2.1 General

The following sections describe proposed elements of the Pre-design Investigation (PDI). The following Appendices were developed to support the PDI field efforts:

- Appendix A Metes and Bounds Survey and Deed Description
- **Appendix B** Record of Decision
- Appendix C Health and Safety Plan
- **Appendix D** Community Air Monitoring Plan
- **Appendix E** Quality Assurance Project Plan

A Health and Safety Plan (HASP) is included and provides a description of the procedures to be followed during the PDI to protect the health and safety of the field personnel and the public in the vicinity of the site. Site contractors will abide by this HASP or their own HASP which meets or exceeds the PDI HASP.

A Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) is included and specifies when real-time air monitoring for VOCs and particulate levels will be necessary to protect 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 CAMP will be implemented for all intrusive site work.

A Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) is included and specifies procedures for data collection and quality control in the field and in the laboratory.

#### 2.2 Surface and Near-Surface Soil Sampling

Soils in the upper foot on the southwestern portion of the site are impacted by SVOCs and metals at concentrations greater than the Commercial Use SCOs. To further delineate the impacts, discrete surface and near-surface samples will be collected on a grid basis. The purpose of this sampling is to delineate the extent of the area where certain SVOCs and metals exceeded commercial use SCOs during previous sampling. Samples will be collected at a depth of 0-2 inches and 2-12 inches below grade at each location. The sampling locations are shown as A through H in the sampling grids on **Figure 2**. **Table 1** (below) summarizes the sampling plan. Locations will be located with a hand-held global positioning system (GPS) device or tape measured from existing site features.

A typical sampling kit will include a shovel, pick-axe, stainless steel spoon, and nitrile gloves. Sample collection will be done wearing nitrile gloves and using a decontaminated stainless steel spoon to transfer the soil into the appropriate sample jars. The sampling kit will be decontaminated between sample collections. These precautions help prevent cross contamination of the samples.

Sample Locations	Benzo(a) anthracene	Benzo(a) pyrene	Benzo(b) fluoranthene	Dibenzo(a,h) anthracene	Indeno(1,2,3 -cd)pyrene	Arsenic	Cadmium	Copper	Lead
SS-6 A through H	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
SS-7 A through H							Х		

Table 1 Sampling Program

#### 2.3 Groundwater Sampling

Existing monitoring wells MW-6 through MW-10 will be sampled to determine TCE concentrations along the northern boundary of the Site. Although the sampling is being performed to assess natural attenuation and does not have bearing upon the remedy, the results will be included in the pre-design investigation report. Prior to sampling, the wells will be redeveloped due to the extended period of inactivity. We have assumed that the previously installed wells are in sufficient condition to be used for sampling purposes. The samples will be analyzed for VOCs via USEPA Method 8260.

Low-flow techniques will be used to collect the samples, and create sampling logs to document the groundwater water quality parameters measured during purging.

Before purging the wells, water levels will be measured using an electric water level sounder capable of measuring to the 0.01-foot accuracy. Purging will be conducted with either a peristaltic or bladder pump and the rate will be so the draw down in the well will be no more than 0.3 feet. While purging, water quality parameters such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, specific conductance, oxidation-reduction potential, and turbidity will be recorded every gallon. Sampling may commence once either stabilization occurs. Peristaltic or bladder pumps using manufacturer-specified tubing will be used for purging and sampling groundwater. In addition, calibration, purging and sampling procedures will be performed as specified by the USEPA for low-flow sampling. Decontamination will be conducted after each well is sampled to reduce the likelihood of cross contamination. Calibration times, purging volumes, water levels and field measurements will be recorded in a field log and will be provided in the Remedial Investigation Report.

#### 2.4 Reporting

Under this task, C&S will prepare a report summarizing the PDI findings and submit it to the NYSDEC along with monthly progress reports for the period in which they were completed. This data will be submitted as part of the 50% preliminary design package described in the next section.

Analytical data will be submitted electronically using the NYSDEC's electronic data deliverable (EDD) format.

#### 3 <u>REMEDIAL DESIGN PROCESS</u>

The process for the remedial design will include submission of a preliminary design package; submission of a draft final design package; obtaining necessary permits; generating an engineer's cost estimate; issuing the final design package for bid; obtaining bids; and issuing a contract for remedial action.

#### 3.1 Preliminary Design Package

A preliminary design package for at least 50% completion level including key preliminary findings and specifications related to technical evaluations completed to date will be submitted for review by the NYSDEC and NYSDOH. The document will be developed in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York (6 NYCRR) Part 375 and NYSDEC's Division of Environmental Remediation-10 Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation (DER-10). It will consist of the following:

- List of specifications to be included in design package;
- List of drawings to be included in the design package;
- Existing conditions map(s), including a depiction of RI and PDI sampling locations;
- Sketch/drawing of areas to be excavated;
- Updated list of applicable standards, criteria and guidance;
- Updated list of applicable laws, regulations, etc. that will be applicable to the remediation;
- Identification of necessary permits, approvals, and access agreements and a schedule for obtaining them;
- To the extent possible, identification of any seasonal restrictions that may be expected to impact the work (e.g., tree clearing) and, if necessary, a recommendation as to whether certain preliminary activities (tree clearing) should be conducted prior to completion of the design;
- Tabulated RI and PDI sampling results; and
- All RI and PDI field data sheets, including but not necessarily limited to any of the following which may be generated: boring logs, sampling logs, groundwater pumping logs, photo log, etc.

#### 3.2 Draft Final Design Package

A draft final design package for at least 95% completion level will be submitted to the NYSDEC and NYSDOH. It will consist of the items listed below and will be accompanied by any access agreements which were obtained and/or documentation of any attempts to obtain access agreements, though the access agreements will not be included in the plans and specifications:

- Specifications, which must include, but not be limited to, requirements for erosion and sedimentation control, community air monitoring, health and safety, site restoration, etc.;
- Plans showing existing conditions, areas to be excavated, consolidation area, restoration details, backfill details, etc.;
- Other information to be made available to bidders, including but not necessarily

limited to information from the RI and PDI (figures, tables, boring logs, laboratory data, field data forms, etc.); and

• Copies of any permits obtained or proof that the process to obtain necessary permits has been initiated with a schedule for obtaining permits.

### 3.3 Final Design Package

The Final Design package will include the same information/sections as the Draft Final design, with any necessary revisions required by the NYSDEC, NYSDOH, or other regulatory agency, and with copies of all necessary permits/approvals. If the Draft Final design package is approvable, or sufficiently close to being approvable, and if all necessary permits have been obtained, it is possible the Final Design submittal would not be necessary.

#### 3.4 Engineer's Cost Estimate

Upon approval of the Final Design Package, or upon a determination that a Final Design Package submittal is not necessary, an engineer's estimate must be completed. The final engineer's estimate must be submitted by the design engineer on the contract bid forms with the signature and stamp of the New York State licensed Professional Engineer affixed.

#### 3.5 Biddable Plans and Specifications

The plans and specifications to be released for bid will be the same as the final design submittal with any necessary revisions and all necessary permits attached/included and with the appropriate prevailing wage schedule included.

#### 3.6 Bidding process

C&S will provide assistance to the City in the bidding process once the Contract Document are prepared, including the following subtasks:

- Preparing the advertisement for bids
- Assist the City in publishing the advertisement for bids
- Attending the bid opening
- Securing bids
- Tabulating and analyzing the bid results
- Furnishing a recommendation of award to the City and the NYSDEC

After a successful bidder has been selected by the City, C&S will assist the City in the award process, including review and verification of the successful bidder's qualifications and financial, surety and insurance submittals. C&S will act as the City's representative during the duration of the Contract.

#### 4 PERMITS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

In addition to performance requirements established to ensure that the design of the remedial action meets the remedial action objectives set in the ROD, the design will also be prepared to meet permitting and other regulatory requirements of local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

#### 4.1 State Environmental Quality Review Act

Pursuant to 6 NYCRR 375-4.11(b), the remediation project is not subject to State Environmental Quality Review Act, provided that it does not:

- Commit the department or any other agency to specific future uses or actions; and
- Prevent evaluation of a reasonable range of alternative future uses of or actions on the remediation site.

The remediation for this Site will not commit to any specific future use and will allow for a reasonable range of futures uses.

#### 4.2 NYSDEC Permits

Pursuant to 6 NYCRR 375-1.12(b), the NYSDEC may exempt a remedial party from the requirement to obtain any department-issued permits for sites if:

- The activity is conducted on the site or on premises that are under common control or are contiguous to or physically connected with the site and the activity manages exclusively contamination, which the remedial party is handling as part of the site remedial program;
- All substantive technical requirements applicable to like activity conducted pursuant to a permit are complied with, as determined by the department; and
- The activity is a component of a program selected by a process complying with the citizen participation requirements of 6 NYCRR 375-1.10, to the extent applicable.

Erosion controls will be included in the plans and specifications for the remediation. As such a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity (GP-0-15-002) will not be needed for remedial activities. Erosion and sedimentation controls that will be included in the plans and specifications include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- limiting the area which is disturbed at any time;
- providing permanent and/or temporary stabilization for areas as construction progresses;
- covering soil stockpiles;
- silt fencing and hay bales;
- constructing and operating a truck decontamination pad; and
- constructing and maintaining a stabilized construction entrance; etc.

#### 5 <u>Schedule</u>

Anticipated Date	Milestone		
April / May 2020	Pre-design investigation		
June 2020	Communication of pre-design findings to the NYSDEC with finalization of remedial scope		
June 2020	Preparation of contract documents		
June 2020	Bidding assistance		
July 2020	Bid review and contractor selection		
August 2020	Mobilization		
August 2020	Site Work		
September 2020	Reporting		
November 2020	Closure documentation to include SMP and FER		

The remedial design will be conducted according to the following schedule.

The schedule is dependent on obtaining any necessary permits and is subject to change in order to accommodate the necessary periods of review and revision. An updated schedule will be included with each design package submittal.

The draft SMP will be submitted to the NYSDEC and NYDOH no later than 60 days after final completion of construction. The draft FER will be submitted to the NYSDEC and NYDOH no later than 90 days after final completion of construction.

If there is a deadline for issuance of a Certificate of Completion for any reason (e.g., imminent redevelopment, expiration of the State Assistance Contract, etc.), the draft SMP will be submitted to the NYSDEC and NYSDOH no later than 5 months prior to the date by which a Certificate of Completion is desired or 60 days after final completion of construction, whichever is earlier. Similarly, if there is a deadline for issuance of a Certificate of Completion, the draft FER will be submitted to the NYSDEC and NYSDOH at least 3 months prior to the date by which a Certificate of Completion is desired or 90 days after final completion of construction, whichever is earlier.

#### 6 <u>POST-CONSTRUCTION PLANS</u>

#### 6.1 Reporting and Closure Assistance

C&S will prepare the FER and the SMP, as required in the ROD and ERP Work Plan. These documents will contain all sections and appendices as required by NYSDEC guidance.

#### 6.2 SMP Requirements

The SMP is a required element of the remedial program. After completion of the remedial work, some contamination will remain onsite. Because of this, institutional controls and engineering controls will be placed on the site and an SMP will be developed. The SMP will include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- a summary of the results of the site investigation and remediation;
- a summary of the remaining contamination;
- a list and description of the institutional controls (environmental easement) and engineering controls (cover system);
- a description of the process required to remove controls from the site or portions of the site;
- a copy of the environmental easement;
- figures depicting the site boundaries, areas of remaining contamination, the extent of the engineering controls, and engineering control details;
- inspection and monitoring requirements, which will include field protocol, HASP, CAMP, and a QAPP;
- periodic review requirements;
- inspection forms; and
- an Excavation Work Plan which will describe requirements for future excavations, including HASP, CAMP, QAPP, erosion and sedimentation controls, and engineering control restoration details.

#### 6.3 FER Requirements

The FER will include a description of the remedial action performed along with a description of any deviations from the plans and specifications and will include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- Metes and bounds survey and description of the site;
- tabulation of analytical data, daily tabulation of waste loads, waste disposal summary (e.g., total tonnage for each disposal facility for each waste stream), remedial cost summary, and any other pertinent data;
- figure(s) showing conditions prior to remediation, surveyed limits of excavations, surveyed sampling locations, surveyed limits of consolidation area, surveyed limits of soil cover, any other pertinent information;
- copies of all permits;
- Engineer's daily inspection reports;
- photo log;
- soil disposal documentation including
  - waste characterization sampling laboratory data reports;

- waste profile(s) submitted to the disposal facility;
- acceptance letter from the disposal facility(ies);
- waste hauler permits;
- waste manifests for each load;
- CAMP data;
- endpoint sampling data, including Category B data deliverables and DUSR(s);
- imported fill documentation including:
  - pre-qualification sampling data, incl. Category B data deliverables and DUSR(s);
  - bills of lading for each load delivered; and
- summary of remedial costs.

The FER will also include certification by a PE. The PE certification will be in accordance with NYSDEC guidance. DER-10 states the FER certification will include the following statement.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_certify that I am currently a NYS registered professional engineer, I had primary direct responsibility for the implementation of the subject construction program, and I certify that the Plans and Specifications were implemented and that all construction activities were completed in substantial conformance with the DER-approved Plans and Specifications.

If the Plans and Specifications identify time frames to be achieved by the remedial program, the certification must include this paragraph: The data submitted to DER demonstrates that the remediation requirements set forth in the Plans and Specifications and all applicable statutes and regulations have been or will be achieved in accordance with the time frames, if any, established in the Plans and Specifications.

All use restrictions, institutional controls, engineering controls and/or any operation and maintenance requirements applicable to the site are contained in an environmental easement created and recorded pursuant to ECL 71-3605 and that any affected local governments, as defined in ECL 71-3603, have been notified that such easement has been recorded.

A Site Management Plan has been submitted for the continual and proper operation, maintenance, and monitoring of any engineering controls employed at the site including the proper maintenance of any remaining monitoring wells, and that such plan has been approved by DER.

If the remedial program requires financial assurance, the certification must include this paragraph:

Any financial assurance mechanisms required by DEC pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law have been executed.

#### 7 <u>References</u>

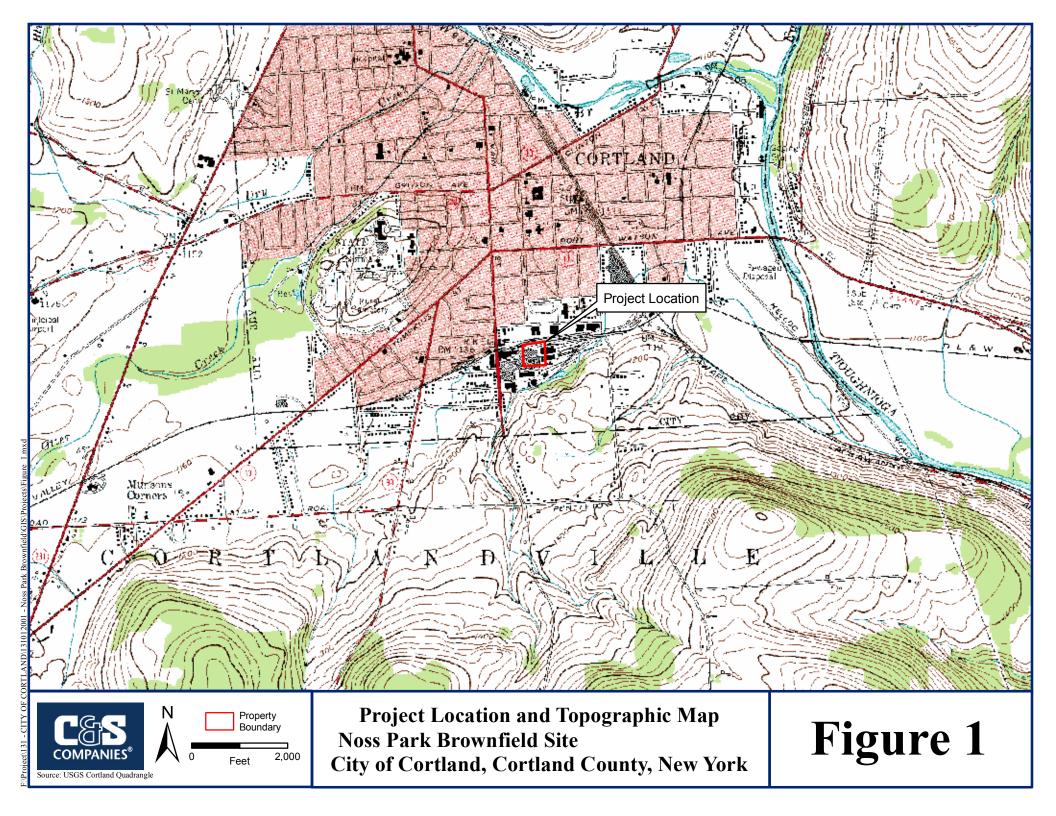
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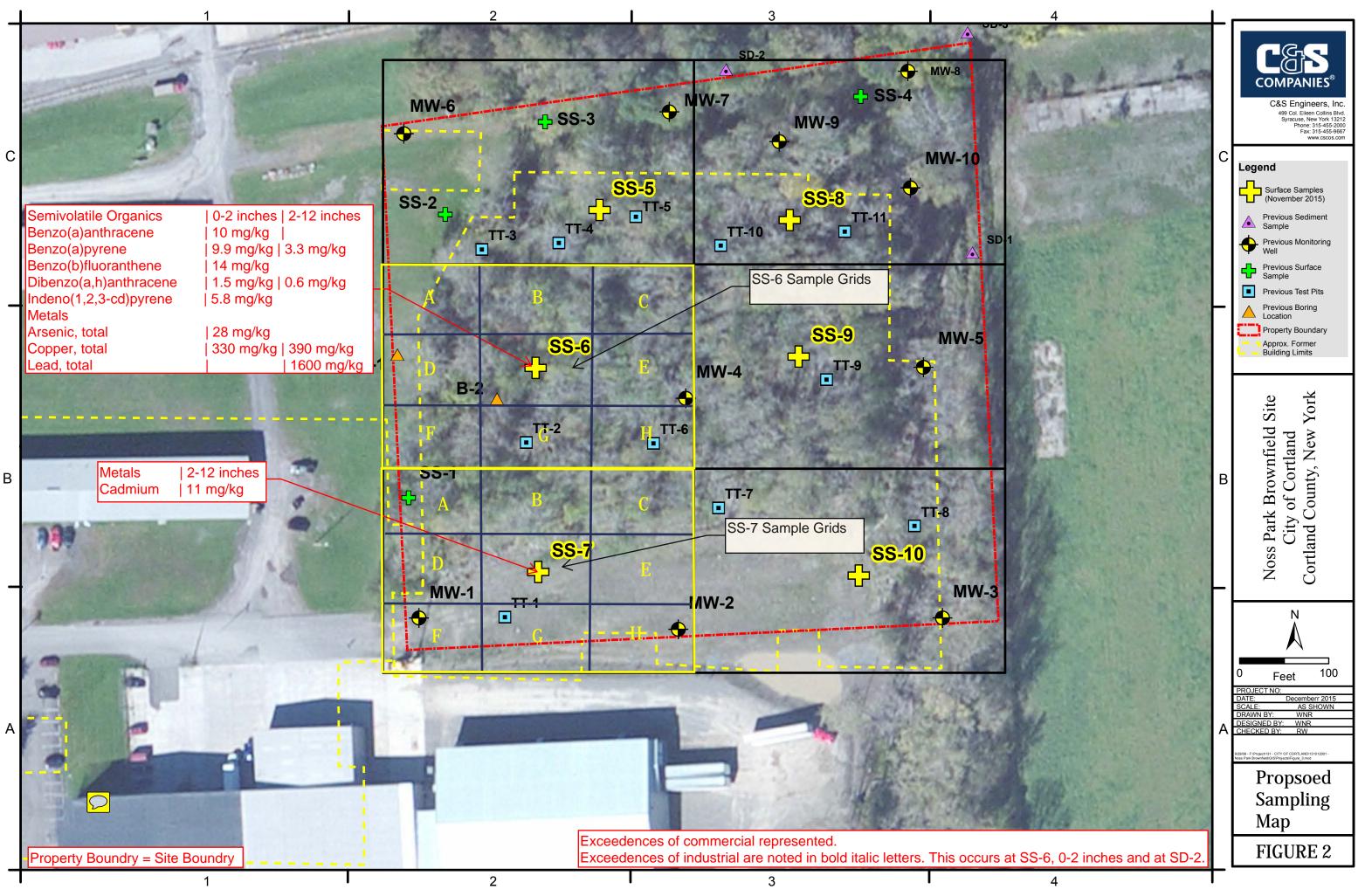
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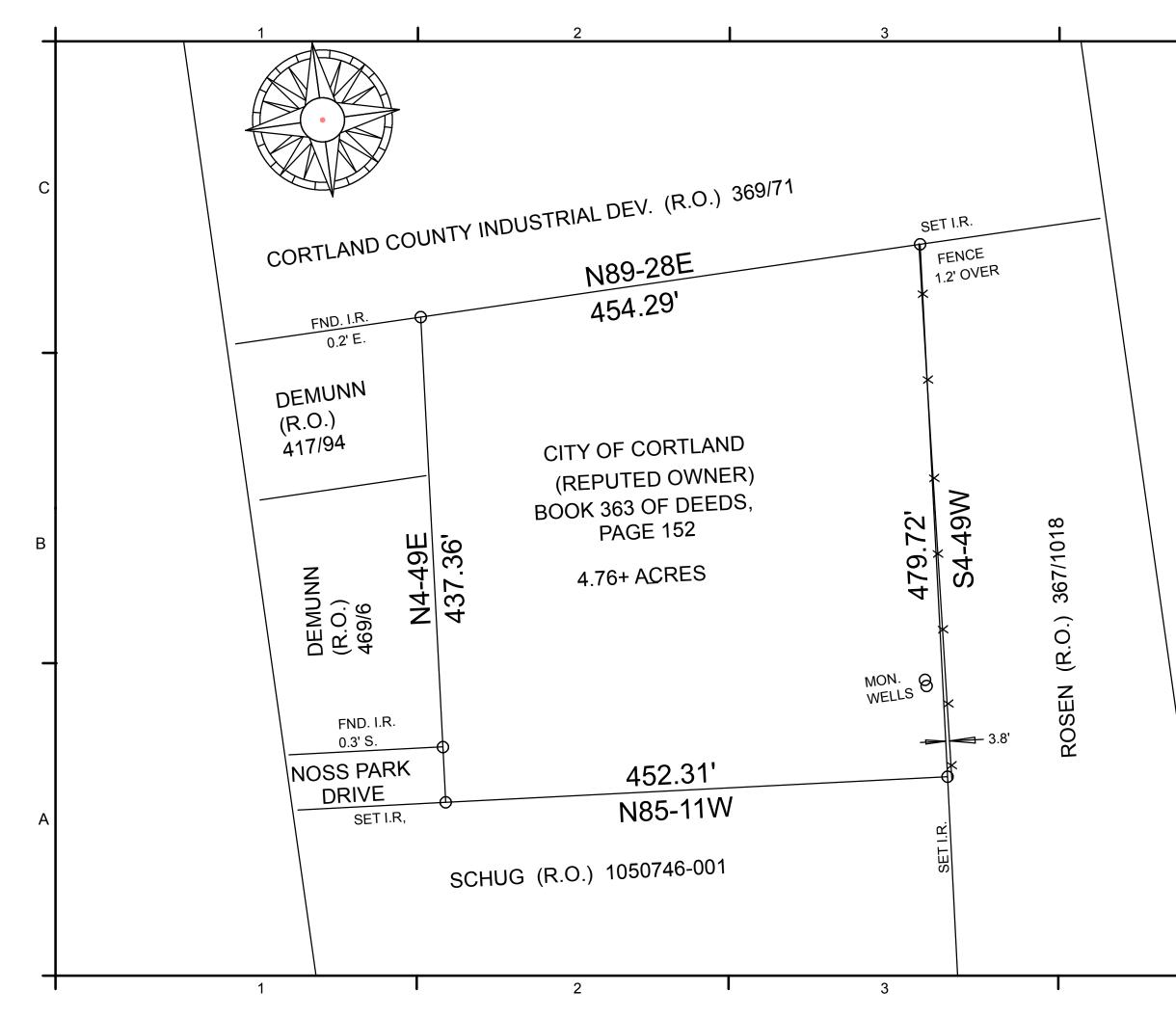
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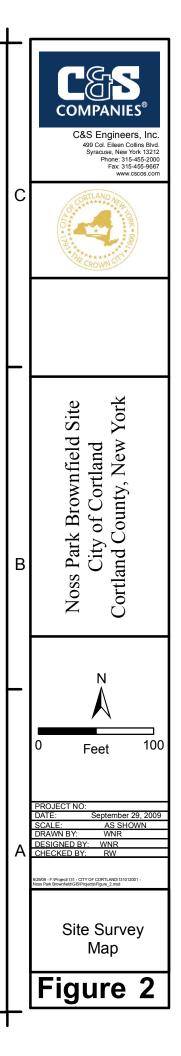
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# **APPENDIX** A





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	ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the City of Cortland, County of Cortland and State of New York being located on South Main Street bounded and described as follows:
	Beginning at a point marked by a set iron marker on the East walk line of South Main Street, said point being Located Southwesterly a distanseeof 524 feet $\pm$ from the intersection of said East walk line of South Main Street with the center line of Huntington Street, said point also being on the division line between Lands of the Lehigh Valley Reilroad (R.C.) on the North and Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc. (R.C.) on the South; running thence N-69°-28'-E along the division line between lands of the Lehigh Valley Reilroad (R.C.) on the North and Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc. (R.C.) on the South a distance of 875.12 feet to a point marked by an existing iron marker on the division line between lands of Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc. (R.O.) on the West and Rosen (R.O.) on the East; thence S-04°-49'-W along the division line between lands of Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc. (R.O.) on the West and Rosen (R.O.) on the East a distance of 840.55 feet to a point marked by an existing iron marker on the division line between lands of Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc. (R.O.) on the West and Rosen (R.O.) on the East a distance of 840.56 feet to a point marked by an existing iron marker on the division line between lands of Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc. (R.O.) on the North and Cortland City School District (R.O.) on the South; thence S-73°-53'-W along the division line between lands of Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc. (R.O.) on the South a distance of 99,37 feet to a point marked by a set iron marker on the division line between lands of Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc. (R.O.) on the West and Cortland City School Districe (R.O.) on the East; thence S-03°-35'-W along the division line between lands of Keystone Consolid dated Industries, Inc. (R.O.) on the West and Cortland City School District (R.O.) on the East a distance of 209,04 feet to a point marked by an existing iron marker on the division line between lands of Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc. (R.O.)

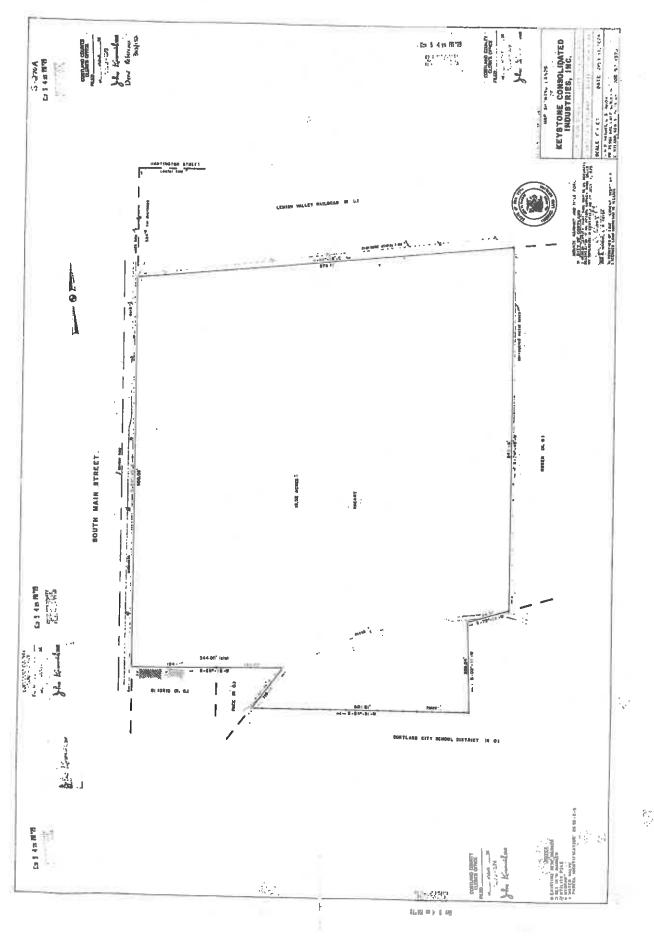
Pace (R.O.) on the West and Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc. (R.O.) on the East a distance of 116.03 feat to a point marked by a set iron marker on the division line between lands of Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc. (R.O.) on the North and Pace and Dilorio (R.O.) on the South; thence N-85<sup>O</sup>-35'-W along the division line between lands of Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc. (R.O.) on the North and Pace and Dilorio (R.O.) on the South passing through an existing iron marker at 150.00 feet for a total distance of 344.00 feet to a point marked by a set iron marker on the afore mentioned East walk line of South Main Street; thence N-04<sup>O</sup>-49'-E along the East walk line of South Main Street a distance of 900.09 feet to the place of beginning and containing 19.52 acres of land more or less.

All rights, title and interest, if any, in and to a strip of land abutting the above described parcel on the West extending to the center line of South Main Street subject to its use as a public highway.

Subject to utility easements as may affect the property.

The above-described premises are the same as those shown on a survey map of Lands of Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc., dated July 11, 1979, made by Jon D. Haight, L.L.S. #48154, and intended to be filed in the Cortland County Clerk's office simultaneously with the recording therein of this instrument.



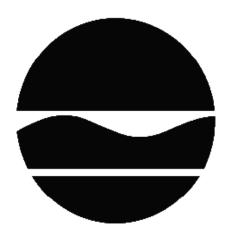


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# **APPENDIX B**

## **RECORD OF DECISION**

Noss Industrial Park Environmental Restoration Project Cortland, Cortland County Site No. E712011 March 2018



Prepared by Division of Environmental Remediation New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

## **DECLARATION STATEMENT - RECORD OF DECISION**

## Noss Industrial Park Environmental Restoration Project Cortland, Cortland County Site No. E712011 March 2018

#### **Statement of Purpose and Basis**

This document presents the remedy for the Noss Industrial Park site, an environmental restoration site. The remedial program was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (6 NYCRR) Part 375.

This decision is based on the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) for the Noss Industrial Park site and the public's input to the proposed remedy presented by the Department. A listing of the documents included as a part of the Administrative Record is included in Appendix B of the ROD.

#### **Description of Selected Remedy**

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

1. Remedial Design

A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, optimization, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program. Green remediation principles and techniques will be implemented to the extent feasible in the design, implementation, and site management of the remedy as per DER-31. The major green remediation components are as follows;

- Considering the environmental impacts of treatment technologies and remedy stewardship over the long term;
- Reducing direct and indirect greenhouse gases and other emissions;
- Increasing energy efficiency and minimizing use of non-renewable energy;
- Conserving and efficiently managing resources and materials;
- Reducing waste, increasing recycling and increasing reuse of materials which would otherwise be considered a waste;
- Maximizing habitat value and creating habitat when possible;
- Fostering green and healthy communities and working landscapes which balance ecological, economic and social goals; and
- Integrating the remedy with the end use where possible and encouraging green and sustainable re-development.

### 2. Excavation

All soils in the upper foot which exceed the commercial SCOs will be excavated and transported off-site for disposal.

It is estimated approximately 1,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be removed from the site.

Clean backfill meeting the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d) will be brought in to replace the excavated soil and establish the designed grades at the site.

## 3. Institutional Control

Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement for the controlled property which will:

- require the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls in accordance with Part 375-1.8 (h)(3);
- allow the use and development of the controlled property for commercial and/or industrial use as defined by Part 375-1.8(g), although land use is subject to local zoning laws;
- restrict the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or County DOH; and
- require compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan.

## 4. Site Management Plan

A Site Management Plan is required, which includes the following:

A. an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site and details the steps and media-specific requirements necessary to ensure the following institutional and/or engineering controls remain in place and effective:

Institutional Controls: The Environmental Easement discussed in Paragraph 3 above. This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- an Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;
- descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use, and groundwater use restrictions;
- a provision for evaluation of the potential for exposure via soil vapor intrusion for any buildings on the site, including provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion;
- provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;
- maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
- the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.

B. a Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy. The plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- monitoring of groundwater to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy;
- a schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the Department;
- monitoring for vapor intrusion for any buildings on the site, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.

### New York State Department of Health Acceptance

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) concurs that the remedy for this site is protective of human health.

### **Declaration**

The selected remedy is protective of human health and the environment, complies with State and Federal requirements that are legally applicable or relevant and appropriate to the remedial action to the extent practicable, and is cost effective. This remedy utilizes permanent solutions and alternative treatment or resource recovery technologies, to the maximum extent practicable, and satisfies the preference for remedies that reduce toxicity, mobility, or volume as a principal element.

March 27, 2018

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Michael J. Ryan, P.E., Director Division of Environmental Remediation

## **RECORD OF DECISION**

Noss Industrial Park Cortland, Cortland County Site No. E712011 March 2018

#### SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has selected a remedy for the above referenced site. The disposal of contaminants at the site has resulted in threats to public health and the environment that would be addressed by the remedy. The disposal or release of contaminants at this site, as more fully described in this document, has contaminated various environmental media. Contaminants include hazardous waste and/or petroleum. The remedy is intended to attain the remedial action objectives identified for this site for the protection of public health and the environment. This Record of Decision (ROD) identifies the selected remedy, summarizes the other alternatives considered, and discusses the reasons for selecting the remedy.

The 1996 Clean Water/ Clean Air Bond Act provides funding to municipalities for the investigation and cleanup of brownfields. Brownfields are abandoned, idled, or under-used properties where redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. They typically are former industrial or commercial properties where operations may have resulted in environmental contamination. Brownfields often pose not only environmental, but legal and financial burdens on communities. Under the Environmental Restoration Program, the state provides grants to municipalities to reimburse up to 90 percent of eligible costs for site investigation and remediation activities. Once remediated, the property can then be reused.

The Department has issued this document in accordance with the requirements of New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 375. This document is a summary of the information that can be found in the site-related reports and documents.

## SECTION 2: <u>CITIZEN PARTICIPATION</u>

The Department seeks input from the community on all remedies. A public comment period was held, during which the public was encouraged to submit comment on the proposed remedy. All comments on the remedy received during the comment period were considered by the Department in selecting a remedy for the site. Site-related reports and documents were made available for review by the public at the following document repositories:

Cortland Free Library Attn: Periodicals Room 32 Church Street Cortland, NY 13405 Phone: 607-753-1042

NYSDEC Region 7 Headquarters Attn: Stephanie Fitzgerald 615 Erie Blvd West Syracuse, NY 13204 Phone: 315-426-7411

A public meeting was also conducted. At the meeting, the findings of the remedial investigation (RI) and the alternatives analyses (AA) were presented along with a summary of the proposed remedy. After the presentation, a question-and-answer period was held, during which verbal or written comments were accepted on the proposed remedy.

Comments on the remedy received during the comment period are summarized and addressed in the responsiveness summary section of the ROD.

## **Receive Site Citizen Participation Information By Email**

Please note that the Department's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) is "going paperless" relative to citizen participation information. The ultimate goal is to distribute citizen participation information about contaminated sites electronically by way of county email listservs. Information will be distributed for all sites that are being investigated and cleaned up in a particular county under the State Superfund Program, Environmental Restoration Program, Brownfield Cleanup Program, Voluntary Cleanup Program, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program. We encourage the public to sign up for one or more county listservs at <a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html</a>

## SECTION 3: SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

Location: The Noss Industrial Park site is a 5+/- acre unimproved parcel located at Noss Park Drive and Main Street, Cortland, Cortland County.

Site Features: The property is currently an unimproved parcel, but was formerly the location of industrial activity. The site is densely wooded and is at the terminus of Noss Park Drive, on the east side of Main Street. The former Rosen Brothers property creates the eastern boundary of the site, an EPA designated National Priorities List site (Region 7, DEC class 2; Site ID No. 7-12-004). The northern boundary of the site consists of a small strip of City-owned property followed by a rail line.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The site is currently inactive, and is zoned for industrial use. The surrounding parcels are currently used for a combination of commercial, light industrial, and mix of residential.

Past Use of the Site: A Phase I Environmental Risk Report, published in August 1998 for the subject property, indicates the site was occupied by the former Wickwire Brothers, Inc. wire factory from about 1866 to 1970. The site was formerly covered by the Nail Mill, Netting Mill, Glass Cloth Weave Mill and several storage buildings while the company was in existence. When buildings were demolished, a considerable amount of rubble was reportedly bulldozed into basements and was used to fill excavations, depressions, and large trenches. Some concrete floor slabs, foundation walls, and footings at or below ground level were reportedly not removed. The Phase I report also indicates that past use of the property as a wire and woven wire manufacturing site. In addition, chemical pickling of wire involved the use of strong acids. The property has been served by public sewers since approximately 1900. The City of Cortland obtained ownership of the site on November 1, 1979.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: The geology at the site consists of approximately 4 to 6 feet of fill containing ash, brick, concrete and rubble. A silty sand unit approximately 4 feet thick underlays the fill, and sandy gravel unit for the remainder of the borings, terminated at approximately 20 feet below ground surface. Groundwater at the site is encountered at approximately 10-17 feet below ground surface. Groundwater flows in a north to northeasterly direction. Groundwater within this unit comprises the Cortland-Homer-Preble Aquifer System, designated by the USEPA as a sole-source aquifer and by the NYSDEC as a primary aquifer. This aquifer serves as the potable water supply for the City of Cortland and the town of Cortlandville. City wells (2) are located approximately two miles upgradient of the site.

A site location map is attached as Figure 1.

## SECTION 4: LAND USE AND PHYSICAL SETTING

The Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonably anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings when evaluating a remedy for soil remediation. For this site, alternatives (or an alternative) that restrict(s) the use of the site to commercial use (which allows for industrial use) as described in Part 375-1.8(g) were/was evaluated in addition to an alternative which would allow for unrestricted use of the site.

A comparison of the results of the RI to the appropriate standards, criteria and guidance values (SCGs) for the identified land use and the unrestricted use SCGs for the site contaminants is included in the Tables for the media being evaluated in Exhibit A.

## SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT STATUS

Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) are those who may be legally liable for contamination at a site. This may include past or present owners and operators, waste generators, and haulers.

No PRPs have been documented to date.

Since no viable PRPs have been identified, there are currently no ongoing enforcement actions. However, legal action may be initiated at a future date by the state to recover state response costs should PRPs be identified. The City of Cortland will assist the state in its efforts by providing all information to the state which identifies PRPs. The City of Cortland will also not enter into any agreement regarding response costs without the approval of the Department.

## SECTION 6: SITE CONTAMINATION

## 6.1: <u>Summary of the Remedial Investigation</u>

A Remedial Investigation (RI) has been conducted. The purpose of the RI was to define the nature and extent of any contamination resulting from previous activities at the site. The field activities and findings of the investigation are described in the RI Report.

The following general activities are conducted during an RI:

- Research of historical information,
- Geophysical survey to determine the lateral extent of wastes,
- Test pits, soil borings, and monitoring well installations,
- Sampling of waste, surface and subsurface soils, groundwater, and soil vapor,
- Sampling of surface water and sediment,
- Ecological and Human Health Exposure Assessments.

The analytical data collected on this site includes data for:

- groundwater
- soil

## 6.1.1: Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs)

The remedy must conform to promulgated standards and criteria that are directly applicable or that are relevant and appropriate. The selection of a remedy must also take into consideration guidance, as appropriate. Standards, Criteria and Guidance are hereafter called SCGs.

To determine whether the contaminants identified in various media are present at levels of concern, the data from the RI were compared to media-specific SCGs. The Department has developed SCGs for groundwater, surface water, sediments, and soil. The NYSDOH has developed SCGs for drinking water and soil vapor intrusion. The tables found in Exhibit A list the applicable SCGs in the footnotes. For a full listing of all SCGs see: <u>http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html</u>

## 6.1.2: <u>RI Results</u>

The data have identified contaminants of concern. A "contaminant of concern" is a contaminant that is sufficiently present in frequency and concentration in the environment to require evaluation for remedial action. Not all contaminants identified on the property are contaminants of concern. The nature and extent of contamination and environmental media requiring action are summarized in Exhibit A. Additionally, the RI Report contains a full discussion of the data. The contaminant(s) of concern identified at this site is/are:

benzo(b)fluoranthene	benzo(a)anthracene
benzo(a)pyrene	arsenic
dibenz[a,h]anthracene	lead
indeno(1,2,3-CD)pyrene	cadmium
copper	trichloroethene (TCE)

As illustrated in Exhibit A, the contaminant(s) of concern exceed the applicable SCGs for:

- groundwater - soil

### 6.2: Interim Remedial Measures

An interim remedial measure (IRM) is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before issuance of the Record of Decision.

There were no IRMs performed at this site during the RI.

#### 6.3: <u>Summary of Environmental Assessment</u>

This section summarizes the assessment of existing and potential future environmental impacts presented by the site. Environmental impacts may include existing and potential future exposure pathways to fish and wildlife receptors, wetlands, groundwater resources, and surface water.

Based upon the resources and pathways identified and the toxicity of the contaminants of ecological concern at this site, a Fish and Wildlife Resources Impact Analysis (FWRIA) was deemed not necessary.

Nature and Extent of Contamination:

Soil and groundwater were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and pesticides. Based upon investigations conducted to date, the primary contaminants of concern include benzo (a) anthracene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(a)pyrene, dibenz[a,h]anthracene, arsenic, and trichloroethene (TCE).

Soil - Benzo (a)pyrene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, dibenz[a,h]anthracene, and arsenic are found in shallow soils exceeding industrial soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) at the western center portion of the site. Benzo (a) anthracene, indeno(1,2,3-CD)pyrene, copper and lead are found slightly exceeding commercial SCOs in this location. Cadmium is found slightly exceeding commercial SCOs in the south-western portion of the site. One surface sample in a ditch just north of the site, SD-2, has four PAHs slightly exceeding unrestricted SCOs. The ditch is at the bottom of a bank that extends up to the railroad. Surface soil samples on site near the northern portion of the site do not indicate PAHs above unrestricted SCOs, therefor indicating the detections in SD-2 are likely to be related to the railroad. Data does not indicate any off-site impacts in soil related to this site, based on samples collected at the perimeter of the site.

Groundwater - TCE is found at the north end of the site slightly exceeding standards (5 parts per billion (ppb)), with a maximum concentration of 9 ppb. Off-site impacts in groundwater related to the site thus are limited.

## 6.4: <u>Summary of Human Exposure Pathways</u>

This human exposure assessment identifies ways in which people may be exposed to site-related contaminants. Chemicals can enter the body through three major pathways (breathing, touching or swallowing). This is referred to as *exposure*.

Persons who enter the site can contact contaminants in the soil by walking on the site, and contaminants in the soil and groundwater by digging below the surface, or otherwise disturbing the soil. People are not drinking the contaminated groundwater because the area is served by a public water supply that is not affected by this contamination. Volatile organic compounds in the groundwater may move into the soil vapor (air spaces within the soil), which in turn may move into overlying buildings and affect the indoor air quality. This process, which is similar to the movement of radon gas from the subsurface into the indoor air of buildings, is referred to as soil vapor intrusion. Because the site is vacant, the inhalation of contaminants due to soil vapor intrusion for any future on-site development. Sampling indicates soil vapor intrusion is not a concern for off-site buildings.

## 6.5: <u>Summary of the Remediation Objectives</u>

The objectives for the remedial program have been established through the remedy selection process stated in 6 NYCRR Part 375. The goal for the remedial program is to restore the site to pre-disposal conditions to the extent feasible. At a minimum, the remedy shall eliminate or mitigate all significant threats to public health and the environment presented by the contamination identified at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

The remedial action objectives for this site are:

## <u>Groundwater</u>

## **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Prevent ingestion of groundwater with contaminant levels exceeding drinking water standards.
- Prevent contact with, or inhalation of volatiles, from contaminated groundwater.

## **RAOs for Environmental Protection**

• Prevent the discharge of contaminants to surface water.

### <u>Soil</u>

## **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.
- Prevent inhalation of/exposure to contaminants in soil.

## **RAOs for Environmental Protection**

Prevent migration of contaminants that would result in groundwater or surface water contamination.

## <u>Soil Vapor</u>

### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

• Mitigate impacts to public health resulting from existing, or the potential for, soil vapor intrusion into buildings at a site.

## SECTION 7: SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

To be selected the remedy must be protective of human health and the environment, be costeffective, comply with other statutory requirements, and utilize permanent solutions, alternative technologies or resource recovery technologies to the maximum extent practicable. The remedy must also attain the remedial action objectives identified for the site, which are presented in Section 6.5. Potential remedial alternatives for the Site were identified, screened and evaluated in the alternatives analysis (AA) report.

A summary of the remedial alternatives that were considered for this site is presented in Exhibit B. Cost information is presented in the form of present worth, which represents the amount of money invested in the current year that would be sufficient to cover all present and future costs associated with the alternative. This enables the costs of remedial alternatives to be compared on a common basis. As a convention, a time frame of 30 years is used to evaluate present worth costs for alternatives with an indefinite duration. This does not imply that operation, maintenance, or monitoring would cease after 30 years if remediation goals are not achieved. A summary of the Remedial Alternatives Costs is included as Exhibit C.

The basis for the Department's remedy is set forth at Exhibit D.

The selected remedy is referred to as the Excavation remedy.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is \$161,000. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$115,000 and the estimated average annual cost is \$3,000.

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

### 1. Remedial Design

A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, optimization, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program. Green remediation principles and techniques will be implemented to the extent feasible in the design, implementation, and site management of the remedy as per DER-31. The major green remediation components are as follows;

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- monitoring of groundwater to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy;
- a schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the Department;
- monitoring for vapor intrusion for any buildings on the site, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.

## Exhibit A

## Nature and Extent of Contamination

This section describes the findings of the Remedial Investigation for all environmental media that were evaluated. As described in Section 6.1, samples were collected from various environmental media to characterize the nature and extent of contamination.

For each medium for which contamination was identified, a table summarizes the findings of the investigation. The tables present the range of contamination found at the site in the media and compares the data with the applicable SCGs for the site. The contaminants are arranged into **four categories**; volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), pesticides/ polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and inorganics (metals and cyanide). For comparison purposes, the SCGs are provided for each medium that allows for unrestricted use. For soil, if applicable, the Restricted Use SCGs identified in Section 4 and Section 6.1.1 are also presented.

#### Groundwater

Groundwater samples were collected from overburden monitoring wells. The samples were collected to assess groundwater conditions on-site. The results indicate that contamination in shallow groundwater at the site slightly exceeds the SCGs for the volatile organic compound trichloroethene. Figure 2 summarizes the pertinent results of the groundwater sampling.

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppb) <sup>a</sup>	SCG <sup>b</sup> (ppb)	Frequency Exceeding SCG		
VOCs					
Trichloroethene	ND-9	5	4/10		
SVOCs	SVOCs				
Benzo(a)anthracene	ND-0.2	0.002	1/10		
Inorganics					
Sodium	31,800-72,000	20,000	8/8		

#### Table #1 - Groundwater

a - ppb: parts per billion, which is equivalent to micrograms per liter, ug/L, in water.

b- SCG: Standard Criteria or Guidance - Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values (TOGs 1.1.1), 6 NYCRR Part 703, Surface water and Groundwater Quality Standards, and Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code (10 NYCRR Part 5).

The primary groundwater contaminants is the chlorinated VOC trichlorethene (TCE), which was present at concentrations exceeding NYSDEC Class GA Groundwater Standards in samples collected from four monitoring wells (MW-6, MW-7, MW-9, and MW-10). The maximum concentration of 9 parts per billion (ppb) was detected in the groundwater sample from MW-6. Initial groundwater sampling indicated several metals above groundwater standards. A second round of groundwater sampling was conducted for metals due to highly turbid conditions during the initial sampling event. Data results from the second groundwater sampling event indicated the only metal above standards to be sodium, which is not expected to be site related. Benzo(a)anthracene was detected in one well in the center of the site. Benzo(a)anthracene was not detected in the downgradient wells, therefore is not considered a contaminant of concern. Pesticides and PCBs were not detected in groundwater.

Surface and subsurface soil samples were collected at the site during the RI. Surface soil samples were collected from a depth of 0-2 inches to assess human exposure via direct contact. Shallow and subsurface soil samples were collected from a depth of 2 to 12 inches and 2 - 22 feet to assess soil contamination impacts to groundwater. The results indicate that soils at the site exceed the unrestricted SCOs for semi-volatile, metals, and pesticides/PCBs. VOCs were not detected in soils.

Figure 3 summarizes the pertinent results of the soil sampling.

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	Unrestricted SCG <sup>b</sup> (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCG	Commercial Use SCG <sup>c</sup> (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Restricted SCG
SVOCs					
Benzo(a)anthracene	ND-11	1	5/42	5.6	1/42
Benzo(a)pyrene	ND-9.9	1	4/42	1	2/42
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	ND-14	1	6/42	5.6	1/42
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	ND-13	0.8	2/42	56	0/42
Chrysene	ND-13	1	6/42	56	0/42
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	ND-1.5	.033	2/42	0.56	2/42
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	ND-5.8	0.5	5/42	5.6	1/42
Phenol	ND-1.4	0.33	1/42	500	0/42
		Inorganics			
Arsenic - Total	3.5-28	13	2/42	16	1/42
Cadmium - Total	ND-11	2.5	5/42	9.3	1/42
Chromium - Total	11.0-35.5	30.0	2/42	1,500	0/42
Nickel - Total	11.1-81	30.0	3/42	310	0/42
Copper - Total	34.1-390	50.0	17/42	270	2/42
Lead – Total	6.4-1,600	63.0	11/42	1,000	1/42
Manganese - Total	163-2,900	1,600	3/42	10,000	0/42
Mercury – Total	0.015-0.655	0.18	6/42	2.8	0/42
Zinc - Total	54-2,700	109.0	25/42	10,000.0	0/42
Pesticides/PCBs					
4,4'-DDT	ND-0.0298	0.0033	4/42	47	0/42

Table #2 - Soil

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	Unrestricted SCG <sup>b</sup> (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCG	Commercial Use SCG <sup>c</sup> (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Restricted SCG
Dieldrin	ND-0.0154	0.005	2/42	1.4	0/42
Aroclor 1260	ND-0.153	0.1	2/42	1	0/42

a - ppm: parts per million, which is equivalent to milligrams per kilogram, mg/kg, in soil;

b - SCG: Part 375-6.8(a), Unrestricted Soil Cleanup Objectives.

c - SCG: Part 375-6.8(b), Restricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives for the Protection of Public Health for Commercial Use, unless otherwise noted.

d - SCG: Part 375-6.8(b), Restricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives for the Protection of Groundwater.

The primary soil contaminants are SVOCs and metals from the former wire manufacturing operations.

Soils containing levels of several metals exceeding "Unrestricted Use" SCOs are present within both the vadose zone and the saturated zone (to the approximately twenty-foot terminal depth of investigation). One or more PAHs were detected at levels exceeding "Unrestricted Use" SCOs at one of twelve soil boring locations and at one of eleven test pit locations. There were no detections of analytical parameters in subsurface soil that exceeded "Commercial Use" SCOs. There were no detections of analytical parameters in surface soil from the 2015 sampling that exceeded "Commercial Use" SCOs with the exception of the samples from location SS-6. The contaminants include benzo(a)pyrene at 9.9 parts per million (ppm) at 0" to 2" interval and 3.3 ppm (CU-SCO 1ppm), benzo(b)fluoranthene at 14 ppm at 0" to 2" (CU-SCO 5.6 ppm), dibenzo(a,h,)anthracene at 1.5 ppm at 0" to 2" (CU-SCO 16 ppm).

Based on the findings of the Remedial Investigation, the past disposal of hazardous waste has resulted in the contamination of soil. The site contaminants identified in soil which are considered to be the primary contaminants of concern, to be addressed by the remedy selection process are, benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, dibenzo(a,h)anthracene, and arsenic.

## Exhibit B

### **Description of Remedial Alternatives**

The following alternatives were considered based on the remedial action objectives (see Section 6.5) to address the contaminated media identified at the site as described in Exhibit A.

#### Alternative 1: No Action

The No Action Alternative is evaluated as a procedural requirement and as a basis for comparison. This alternative leaves the site in its present condition and does not provide any additional protection to public health and the environment.

### Alternative 2: Soil Excavation Meeting Commercial Use Soil Cleanup Objectives with Off-Site Disposal

This alternative includes excavation of soil in the top foot exceeding commercial SCOs from areas measuring approximately 29,000 square feet (approximately 1,000 cubic yards). This area is in the eastern portion of the site. See Figure 4 for the extent of the excavations. Clean backfill meeting the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d) will be brought in to replace the excavated soil and establish the designed grades at the site.

Trichloroethene is present at the northern boundary of the site at levels slightly exceeding groundwater standards. Groundwater monitoring will determine if natural attenuation has occurred or is occurring that will allow for attainment of the groundwater standard. After a minimum of 5 years of monitoring, should natural attenuation be determined insufficient; in-situ/ex-situ remediation of groundwater will be evaluated further.

Prior to implementing the excavation, a remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction of the remedial program. The remedial design will include development of detailed engineering plans and specifications for the excavation, including restoration of the excavation. It is estimated the design of the excavation will take four to six months to complete.

This alternative includes institutional controls, in the form of an environmental easement and a site management plan, necessary to protect public health and the environment from any remaining contamination identified at the site.

Present Worth:	\$161,000
Capital Cost:	\$115,000
Annual Costs:	\$3,000

#### **Alternative 3: Restoration to Unrestricted Conditions**

This alternative achieves all of the SCGs discussed in Section 6.1.1 and Exhibit A and soil meets the unrestricted soil clean objectives listed in Part 375-6.8 (a). This alternative would include: excavation and off-site disposal of all waste and soil contamination above the unrestricted soil cleanup objectives to 15 feet below ground surface. The excavation area will be approximately 174,000 square feet. Backfill meeting the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d) will be brought in to replace the excavated soil and establish the designed grades at the site.

This alternative might require institutional controls due to residual groundwater contamination, in the form of an environmental easement and a site management plan, necessary to protect public health and the environment from any remaining contamination identified at the site, until data determines controls are no longer necessary.

Trichloroethene is present at the northern boundary of the site at levels slightly exceeding groundwater standards. Groundwater monitoring will determine if natural attenuation has occurred or is occurring to allow for attainment of groundwater standards. After a minimum of 5 years of monitoring, should natural attenuation be determined insufficient; in-situ/ex-situ remediation of groundwater will be evaluated further.

Prior to implementing the excavation, a remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction of the remedial program. The remedial design will include development of detailed engineering plans and specifications for the excavation, including restoration of the excavation. It is estimated the design of the excavation will take four to six months to complete.

Capital Cost:	87,	0	)(	J	)	)(
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Exhibit C

## **Remedial Alternative Costs**

Remedial Alternative	Capital Cost (\$)	Annual Costs (\$)	Total Present Worth (\$)
No Action	0	0	0
Excavation and Backfill to commercial use	\$115,000	\$3,000	\$161,000
Excavation and Backfill to unrestricted use	\$7,541,000	\$3,000	\$7,587,000

## Exhibit D

## SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

The Department has selected Alternative 2, Soil Excavation Meeting Commercial Use Soil Cleanup Objectives with Off-Site Disposal as the remedy for this site. Alternative 2 would achieve the remediation goals for the site by removing soils that exceed commercial use SCOs from the site and managing remaining contamination through ICs and SMP. The elements of this remedy are described in Section 7. The selected remedy is depicted in Figure 4.

### **Basis for Selection**

The selected remedy is based on the results of the RI and the evaluation of alternatives. The criteria to which potential remedial alternatives are compared are defined in 6 NYCRR Part 375. A detailed discussion of the evaluation criteria and comparative analysis is included in the AA report.

The first two evaluation criteria are termed "threshold criteria" and must be satisfied in order for an alternative to be considered for selection.

1. <u>Protection of Human Health and the Environment.</u> This criterion is an overall evaluation of each alternative's ability to protect public health and the environment.

The selected remedy (Alternative 2: Soil Excavation Meeting Commercial Use Soil Cleanup Objectives with Off-Site Disposal) would satisfy this criterion by preventing exposure to contamination through excavation of all soils which exceed the commercial SCOs in the upper foot, and institutional controls, namely an environmental easement.

Alternative 1 (No Action) does not provide any additional protection to public health and the environment and will not be evaluated further.

Alternatives 1 and 2 rely on a restriction of groundwater use at the site to protect human health. Alternative 3 may require a short-term restriction on groundwater use; however, it is expected the restriction will be able to be removed once analytical results verify SCGs have been attained. The potential for soil vapor intrusion is expected to be reduced by Alternative 3, resulting from the remedial action. The potential for soil vapor intrusion will be assessed for on-site buildings in both Alternative 2 and 3 and appropriate actions will be implemented to address exposures.

Alternative 3, by removing all soil contaminated above the unrestricted soil cleanup objective, and through institutional controls until analytical verifies SCGs attained, meets the threshold criteria.

2. <u>Compliance with New York State Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs).</u> Compliance with SCGs addresses whether a remedy will meet environmental laws, regulations, and other standards and criteria. In addition, this criterion includes the consideration of guidance which the Department has determined to be applicable on a case-specific basis.

Alternative 2 complies with SCOs to the extent practicable. It complies with the restricted use soil cleanup objectives at the surface through excavation of the upper foot which exceeds commercial SCOs. Alternative 3, by restoring the site to unrestricted conditions, also complies with this criterion. Alternative 3 will achieve groundwater SCGs by the evaluation and potential implementation of in-situ/ex-situ remediation if SCGs have not been attained by natural attenuation within 5 years, while groundwater contamination above SCGs may remain on-site under Alternatives 2 for many years. Alternative 2 and 3 complies with SVI SCGs by evaluating on-site buildings and implementing actions to address exposures.

# Because Alternatives 2 and 3 satisfy the threshold criteria, the remaining criteria are particularly important in selecting a final remedy for the site

The next six "primary balancing criteria" are used to compare the positive and negative aspects of each of the remedial strategies.

3. <u>Long-term Effectiveness and Permanence</u>. This criterion evaluates the long-term effectiveness of the remedial alternatives after implementation. If wastes or treated residuals remain on-site after the selected remedy has been implemented, the following items are evaluated: 1) the magnitude of the remaining risks, 2) the adequacy of the engineering and/or institutional controls intended to limit the risk, and 3) the reliability of these controls.

Alternative 2 will require a restriction on groundwater for the foreseeable future. A soil management plan will be included in the Site Management Plan under Alternative 2. Restrictions of on-site groundwater usage will be removed once analytical results verify SCGs have been met under Alternative 3. The potential for soil vapor intrusion will be evaluated for both Alternative 2 and 3 with appropriate actions implemented to address exposures.

4. <u>Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility or Volume</u>. Preference is given to alternatives that permanently and significantly reduce the toxicity, mobility or volume of the wastes at the site.

Alternative 3 will result in the largest reduction in the volume of contamination at the site by a large margin, followed by Alternative 2. Alternative 2 controls potential remaining exposures with institutional controls, while Alternative 3 permanently reduces the toxicity, mobility and volume of contaminants and is not expected to require long term institutional controls. Alternative 3 requires the excavation of approximately 1,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil.

5. <u>Short-term Impacts and Effectiveness</u>. The potential short-term adverse impacts of the remedial action upon the community, the workers, and the environment during the construction and/or implementation are evaluated. The length of time needed to achieve the remedial objectives is also estimated and compared against the other alternatives.

The potential and actual short-term adverse impacts are greater for Alternative 3 than Alternative 2. Both alternatives will create noise and traffic, due to the operation of construction equipment and hauling soil to and from the site. Alternative 3 will create noise and traffic for a longer period of time. Each also requires the disturbance of contaminated soils. During intrusive activities, the potential exists to generate dust which could migrate off-site if not controlled. The potential also exists to generate contaminated runoff from exposed soils. The greater the volume of soil disturbed, the greater the potential for off-site impacts, though controls employed during construction will mitigate these risks. The greater amount of construction necessary produces greater Green House Gas emissions from construction equipment and trucks.

6. <u>Implementability</u>. The technical and administrative feasibility of implementing each alternative are evaluated. Technical feasibility includes the difficulties associated with the construction of the remedy and the ability to monitor its effectiveness. For administrative feasibility, the availability of the necessary personnel and materials is evaluated along with potential difficulties in obtaining specific operating approvals, access for construction, institutional controls, and so forth.

Alternatives 2 is favorable in that it is readily implementable. Alternative 3 is also implementable, but the volume of soil excavated under this alternative necessitates increased truck traffic on local roads for several months. Alternative 3 will need shoring due to depth, and possible dewatering or treatment of groundwater during excavation activities.

7. <u>Cost-Effectiveness</u>. Capital costs and annual operation, maintenance, and monitoring costs are estimated for each alternative and compared on a present worth basis. Although cost-effectiveness is the last balancing criterion evaluated, where two or more alternatives have met the requirements of the other criteria, it can be used as the basis for the final decision.

The costs of the alternatives vary significantly. Alternative 2 has a moderately low cost and allows the site to be used for commercial use. With its large volume of soil to be handled, Alternative 3 (excavation and off-site disposal) has the higher present worth cost than Alternative 2. Excavation and off-site disposal of the top foot is much less expensive than Alternative 3, yet it reduces risk of exposure. Alternative 2 requires annual maintenance costs, but present worth costs under Alternative 3 remain considerably greater.

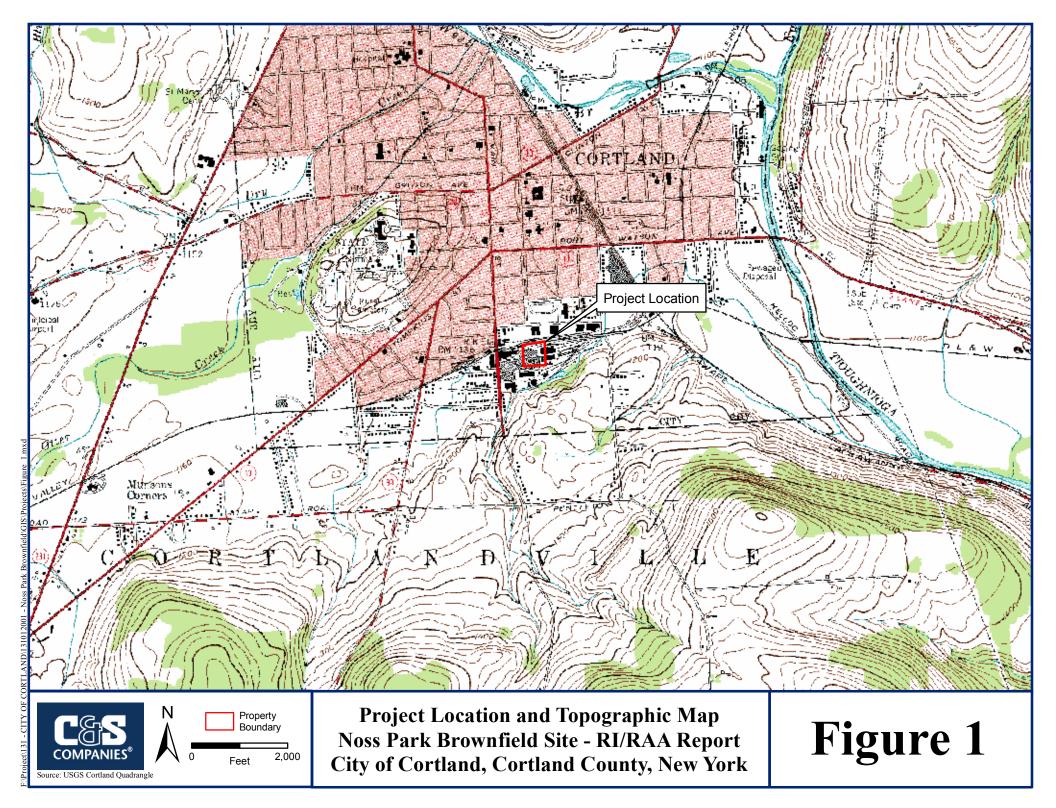
8. <u>Land Use</u>. When cleanup to pre-disposal conditions is determined to be infeasible, the Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonable anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings in the selection of the soil remedy.

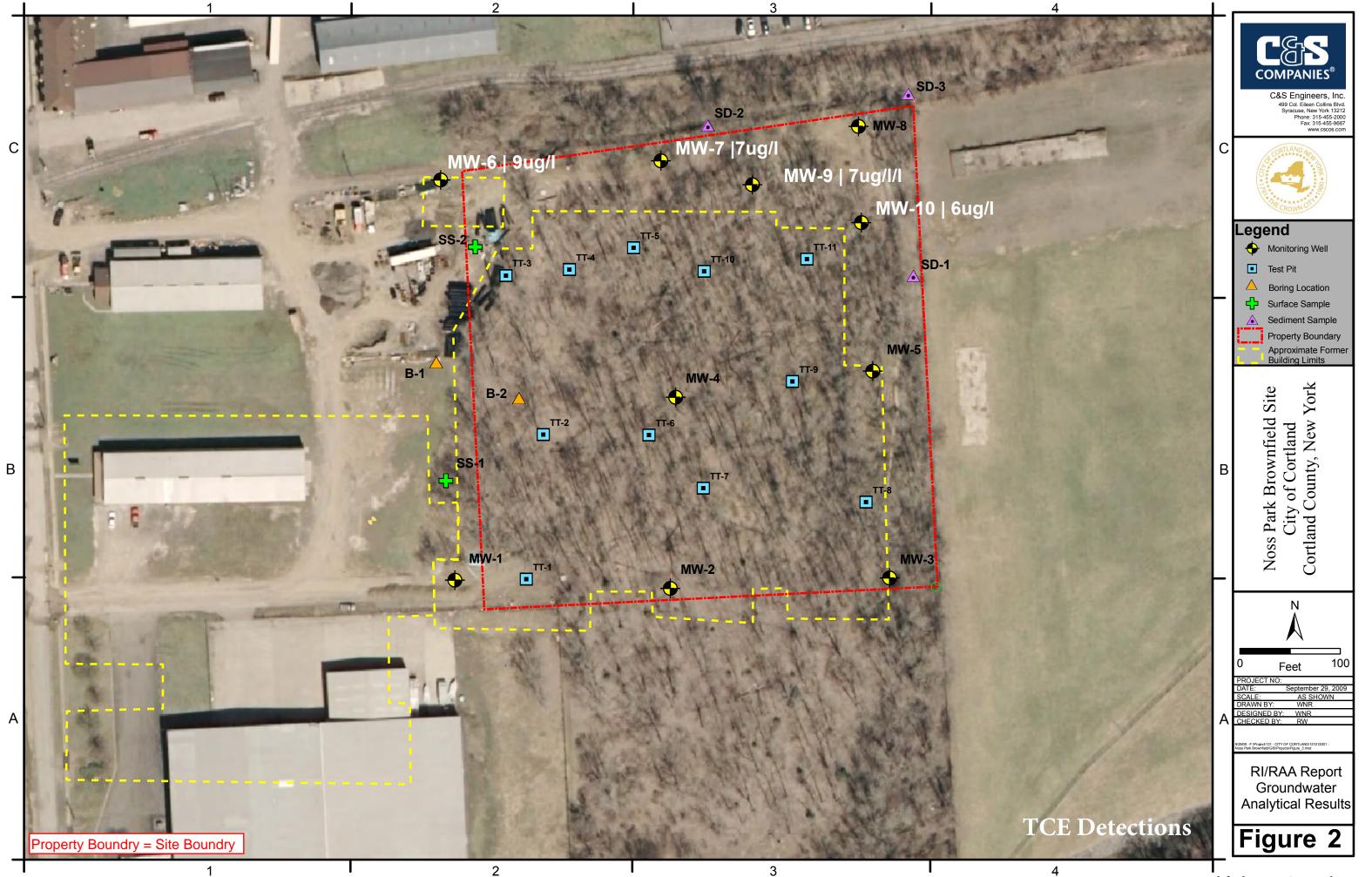
# Alternative 2 allows the site to be used for commercial use, which is its reasonable anticipated future use. Alternative 3 results in no restrictions on the future use of the site.

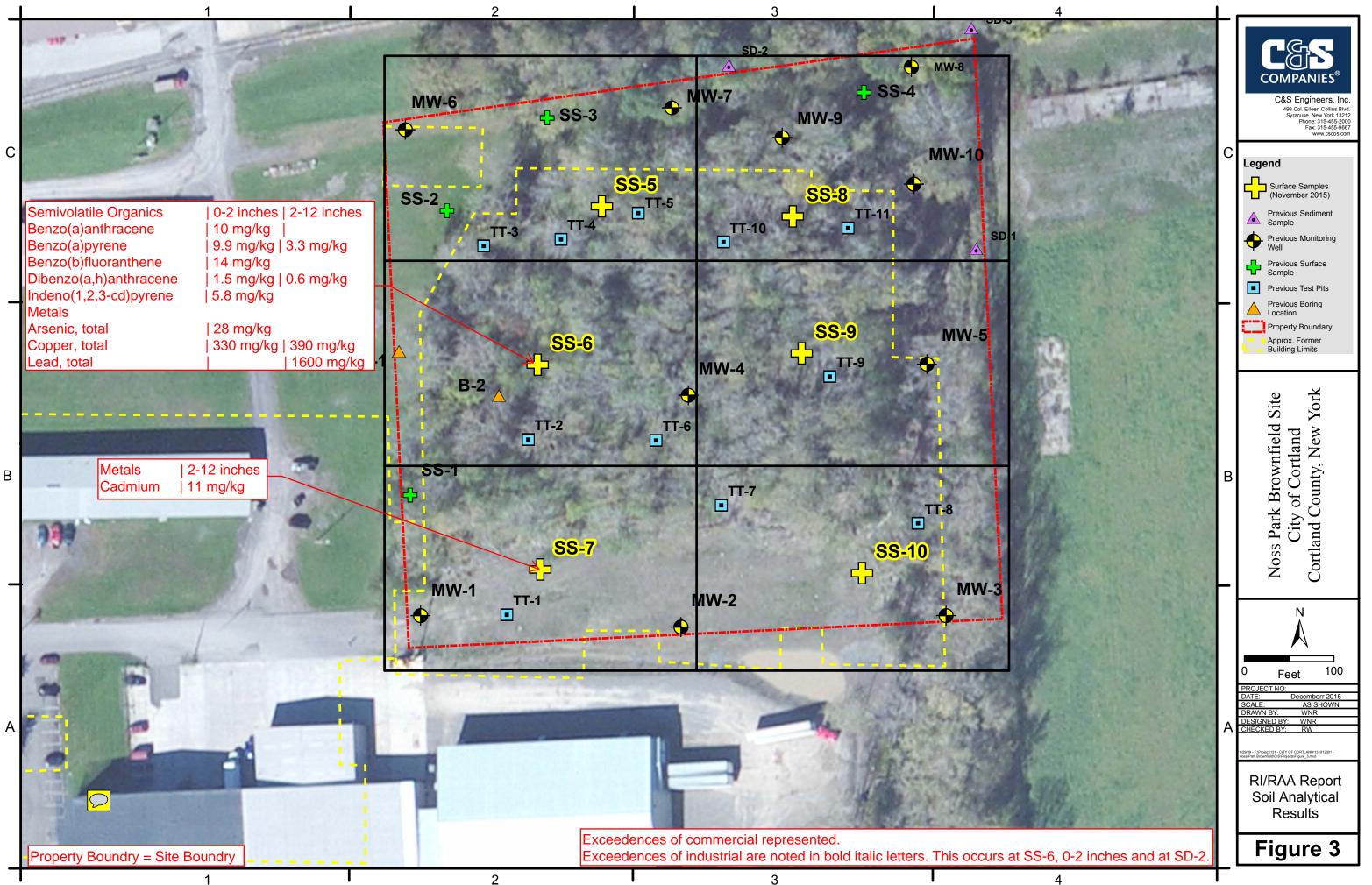
The final criterion, Community Acceptance, is considered a "modifying criterion" and is taken into account after evaluating those above. It is evaluated after public comments on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan have been received.

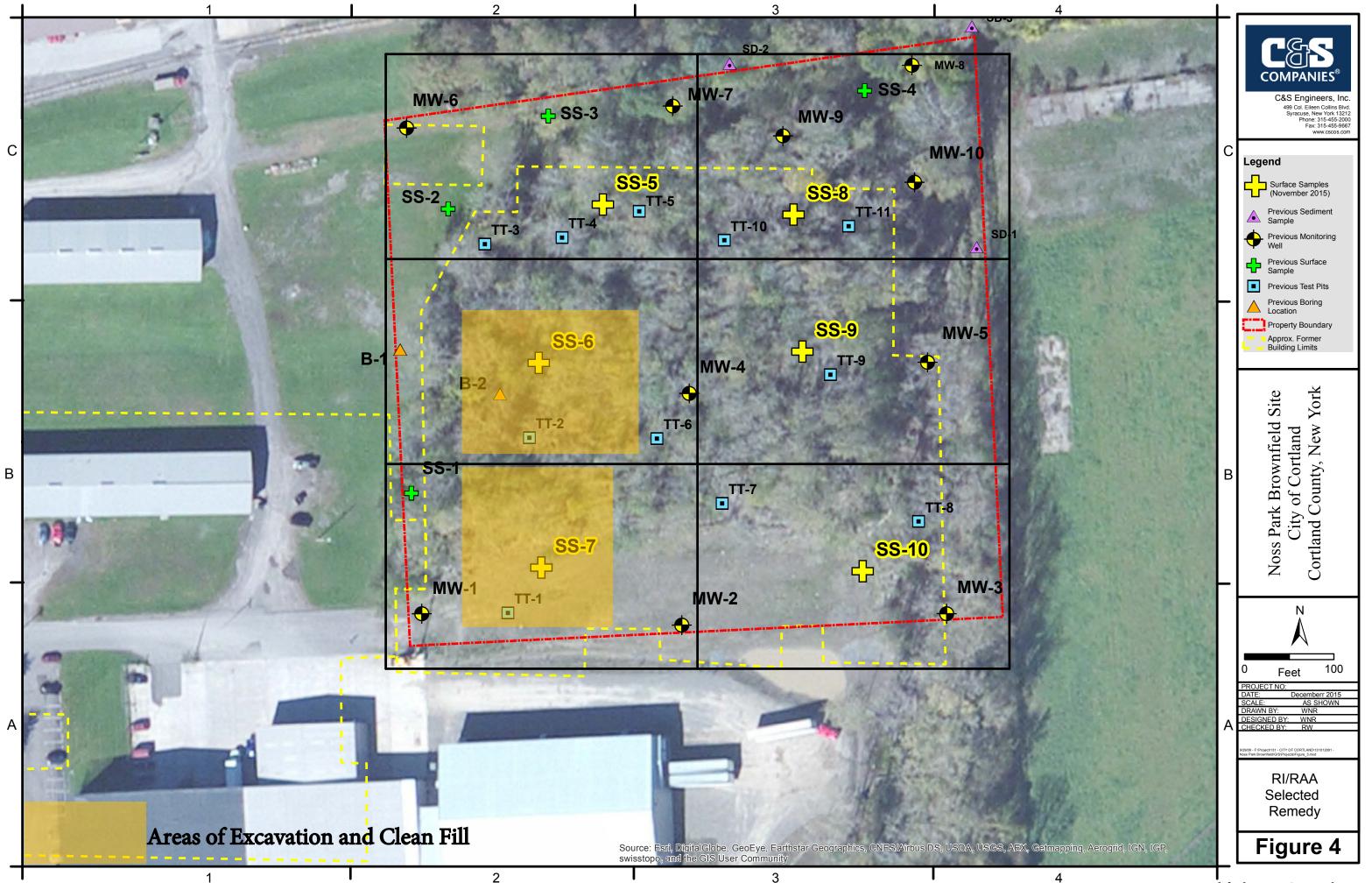
9. <u>Community Acceptance</u>. Concerns of the community regarding the investigation, the evaluation of alternatives, and the PRAP are evaluated. A responsiveness summary has been prepared that describes public comments received and the manner in which the Department will address the concerns raised.

Alternative 2 has been selected because, as described above, it satisfies the threshold criteria and provides the best balance of the balancing criterion.









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Modified By DEC, March 23, 2017

# **APPENDIX A**

**Responsiveness Summary** 

# **RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY**

#### Noss Industrial Park Environmental Restoration Project City of Cortland, Cortland County, New York Site No. E712011

The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Noss Industrial Park site was prepared by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and was issued to the document repositories on February 9, 2018. The PRAP outlined the remedial measure proposed for the contaminated soil, groundwater, and soil vapor at the Noss Industrial Park site.

The release of the PRAP was announced by sending a notice to the public contact list, informing the public of the opportunity to comment on the proposed remedy.

A public meeting was held on March 7, 2018, which included a presentation of the remedial investigation and alternative analysis (RI/AA) for the Noss Industrial Park as well as a discussion of the proposed remedy. The meeting provided an opportunity for citizens to discuss their concerns, ask questions and comment on the proposed remedy. These comments have become part of the Administrative Record for this site. The public comment period for the PRAP ended on March 26, 2018.

This responsiveness summary responds to all questions and comments raised during the public comment period. The following are the comments received, with the Department's responses:

#### There were no questions or comments during the Public Meeting.

There were no written comments received during the Public Comment Period.

# **APPENDIX B**

**Administrative Record** 

# **Administrative Record**

#### Noss Industrial Park Environmental Restoration Project City of Cortland, Cortland County, New York Site No. E712011

- 1. Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Noss Industrial Park site, dated February 2018, prepared by the Department.
- 2. The Department and the City of Cortland entered into a State Assistance Contract, Contract No. C302976, May 15, 2006.
- 3. State Assistance Contract (SAC) No. C303843 and SAC Amendments 1, 2 and 3.
- 4. Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis Report, dated December 2015, prepared by C&S Engineers

# **APPENDIX C**

# Health and Safety Plan for Remedial Design Work Plan (RDWP)

# Noss Industrial Park Environmental Restoration Project Cortland, Cortland County, New York

# NYSDEC Site ID E712011

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## SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

The Health and Safety Plan (HASP) described in this document will address health and safety considerations for all those activities that personnel employed by C&S Engineers, Inc., may be engaged in during site investigation and remediation work at the Noss Park Industrial Site located in the City of Cortland, Cortland County, New York (Site). **Figure 1** shows the approximate location of the Site. This HASP will be implemented by the Health and Safety Officer (HSO) during site work.

Compliance with this HASP is required of all C&S personnel who enter this Site. The content of the HASP may change or undergo revision based upon additional information made available to the health, safety, and training (H&S) committee, monitoring results or changes in the technical scope of work. Any changes proposed must be reviewed by the H&S committee.

#### DISCLAIMER

This document addresses health and safety considerations for all those activities that personnel employed by C&S Engineers, Inc., may be engaged in during site investigation and remediation work. Every contractor is expected to prepare and implement their own site-specific health and safety plan. This document may be used as a general outline to inform the creation of other health and safety plans for this NYSDEC ERP site.

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#### **Emergency Phone Numbers**

Emergency Medical Service	911
Police: Onondaga County Sheriff or NYS Police	911
<u>Fire</u> : Syracuse Fire Department	911
Hospital: Guthrie Medical Center	(607) 756-3500



National Response Center	(800) 424-8802
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## SECTION 2 - HEALTH AND SAFETY PERSONNEL

#### 2.0 Health and Safety Personnel Designations

The following information briefly describes the health and safety designations and general responsibilities for this Site.

#### 2.1 Project Manager (PM)

The PM is responsible for the overall project including the implementation of the HASP. Specifically, this includes allocating adequate manpower, equipment, and time resources to conduct Site activities safely.

#### 2.2 Health and Safety Manager

- Has the overall responsibility for coordinating and reporting all health and safety activities and the health and safety of Site Workers.
- Must have completed, at a minimum, the OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Training, and either the 24-Hour training course for the Occasional Hazardous Waste Site Worker or the 40-Hour training course for the Hazardous Waste Operations Worker that meets OHSA 29 CFR 1910.
- Must have completed the 8-Hour Site supervisor/manager's course for supervisors and managers having responsibilities for hazardous waste Site operations and management.
- Directs and coordinates health and safety monitoring activities.
- Ensures that field teams utilize proper personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Conducts initial on-site specific training prior to Site Workers commencing work.
- Conducts and documents daily and periodic safety briefings.
- Ensures that field team members comply with this HASP.
- Immediately notifies the Construction Manager (CM) Project Manager and Superintendent of all accident/incidents.
- Determines upgrading or downgrading of PPE based on Site conditions and/or real time monitoring results.
- Ensures that monitoring instruments are calibrated daily or as the manufacturer's instructions determine.
- Reports to the CM Project Manager and Superintendent to provide summaries of field operations and progress.
- Submits and maintains all documentation required in this HASP and any other pertinent health and safety documentation.

#### 2.3 Health and Safety Officer (HSO)

- Must be designated to the Health and Safety Manager by each Subcontractor as a Competent Person having, at a minimum, the OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Training
- Must schedule and attend a Pre-Construction Safety Meeting with the Health and Safety Manager to discuss the Subcontractor Safety Requirements and must attend the Weekly Subcontractor Coordination Meeting.



- Responsible for ensuring that their lower tier contractors comply with project safety requirements.
- Must make frequent and regular inspections of their work areas and activities and ensure hazards that are under their control are corrected immediately and all other hazards are reported to the Construction Manager's Project Manager and Health and Safety Manager.
- Must report all work related injuries, regardless of severity, to the Construction Manager's Project Manager and the Health and Safety Manager within 24 hours after they occur.

### 2.4 Emergency Coordinator

- The Emergency Coordinator or his on-site designee will implement the emergency response procedures whenever conditions at the Site warrant such action.
- The Emergency Coordinator or his on-site designee will be responsible for assuring the evacuation, emergency treatment, emergency transport of C&S personnel as necessary, and notification of emergency response units (refer to phone listing in the beginning of this HASP) and the appropriate management staff.

### 2.5 Site Workers

- Report any unsafe or potentially hazardous conditions to the Health and Safety Manager.
- Maintain knowledge of the information, instructions, and emergency response actions contained in the HASP.
- Comply with rules, regulations, and procedures as set forth in this HASP, including any revisions that are instituted.
- Prevent unauthorized personnel from entering work Site.



# **SECTION 3 - PERTINENT SITE INFORMATION**

## 3.1 Site Location and General History

The Site is currently a vacant parcel, but was formerly the location of industrial activity. The majority of the site is densely wooded and is at the terminus of Noss Park Drive, on the east side of South Main Street. The former Rosen Brothers property creates the eastern boundary of the site and is a designated United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) superfund site (Region 7, DEC class 2; Site Code #7-12-004; CERCLIS No. NYD982272734). The northern boundary of the site consists of a small strip of property reputedly owned by Cortland County Industrial Development followed by a rail line.

Figure 1 presents the Site's location.

### Site History and Suspect Recognized Environmental Conditions

The site was investigated under the NYSDEC ERP. The investigation found that the magnitude of contaminants at the site is a concern relative to public health and the environment, to the extent that it requires remediation. The disposal or release of contaminants at this site has contaminated various environmental media and is reported to have been caused by releases of hazardous waste. The primary contaminants of concern are benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, dibenzo(a,h)anthracene, and arsenic in soil and trichloroethene (TCE) in groundwater.

An overview of the selected remedy described in the NYSDEC Record of Decision (ROD), is as follows:

- Development and implementation of a remedial design program to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, optimization, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program for the Site.
- Excavation, and off-site disposal of an area of soils on the southwest portion of the Site. The remedy calls for the removal of the upper one-foot of soil where there are contraventions of the commercial SCOs for metals and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs).
- Import of clean backfill to fill the resulting excavation.
- Development of a Site Management Plan (SMP) to identify all use restrictions and engineering controls for the Site.
- Imposition of an Institutional Control in the form an environmental easement for the site, which will restrict site usage to restricted residential use and require compliance with the Site Management Plan.



## SECTION 4 - HAZARD ASSESSMENT AND HAZARD COMMUNICATION

Hazards to workers during site work include typical construction-related hazards such as slip-tripfall, equipment malfunction, faulty electrical grounding, and heat/cold/excessive noise exposure. In addition to those typical construction-related hazards, there is also the potential for chemical exposures associated with environmental conditions. The most likely routes of chemical exposure during site work tasks include skin adsorption and inhalation of airborne dust particles.

It is difficult to draw a correlation between the concentrations of contaminants found in one media and the potential for exposure to these contaminants to site workers. However, their potential presence indicates that the potential for exposure to these compounds exist, and the requirements for protective measures and monitoring of exposure is based on this potential.



## **SECTION 5 – TRAINING**

## 5.1 Site-specific Training

Training will be provided that specifically addresses the activities, procedures, monitoring, and equipment for the Site operations prior to going on site. Training will include familiarization with Site and facility layout, known and potential hazards, and emergency services at the Site, and details all provisions contained within this HASP. This training will also allow Site Workers to clarify anything they do not understand and to reinforce their responsibilities regarding safety and operations for their particular activity.

## 5.2 Safety Briefings

C&S project personnel will be given briefings by the HSO on a daily or as needed basis to further assist Site Workers in conducting their activities safely. Pertinent information will be provided when new operations are to be conducted. Changes in work practices must be implemented due to new information made available, or if Site or environmental conditions change. Briefings will also be given to facilitate conformance with prescribed safety practices. When conformance with these practices is not occurring or if deficiencies are identified during safety audits, the project manager will be notified.



## **SECTION 6 – ZONES**

Four types of Site activity zones are identified for the ERP investigation activities, including the Exclusion Zone, Contamination Reduction Zone, Remediation Zone and the Support Zone. Prior to commencement of field work a further definition of where these zones will be set up will be established.

## 6.1 Exclusion Zone

The area where the unexpected condition is discovered would be considered the Exclusion Zone (EZ). All excavation and handling of contaminated materials generated as a result of the discovery of an unexpected condition would take place within the EZ. This zone will be clearly delineated by hay bales, jersey barriers, and/or similar methods. Safety tape may be used as secondary delineation within the EZ. The zone delineation markings may be opened in areas for varying lengths of time to accommodate equipment operation or specific construction activities. The Site Safety Manager/Director may establish more than one EZ where different levels of protection may be employed or where different hazards exist. Site Workers will not be allowed in the EZ without:

- A buddy (co-worker);
- Appropriate PPE in accordance with OSHA regulations;
- Medical authorization; and
- Training certification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.120.

## 6.2 Contamination Reduction Zone

A Contamination Reduction Zone (CRZ) will be established between the EZ and the property limits. The CRZ contains the Contamination Reduction Corridor (CRC) and provides an area for decontamination of Site equipment. The CRZ will be used for general Site entry and egress, in addition to access for heavy equipment and emergency support services. Site Workers will not be allowed in the CRZ without:

- A buddy (co-worker);
- Appropriate PPE in accordance with OSHA regulations;
- Medical authorization; and
- Training certification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.120.

In addition, the CRZ will include a Site Worker Cleaning Area that will include a field wash station for Site Workers, equipment, and PPE to allow Site Workers to wash their hands, arms, neck, and face after exiting areas of grossly contaminated soil or hazardous materials. All Site Workers will be required to pass through the Site Worker Cleaning Area and wash their hands and remove any loose fill and soils from their clothing and boots prior to exiting the CRZ.

## 6.3 Remediation Zone

A Remediated Zone (RZ) will be established in portions of the Site where the remediation has been completed and only general construction work will be performed. Setup of the RZ will consist of implementing several measures designed to reduce the risk of workers' exposure and prevent non-trained workers from entering the non-remediated zone. Non-trained workers will work only



in areas where the potential for exposure has been minimized by removal of all hazardous materials. The remediated zone will then be separated from the non-remediated zone by installing and maintaining temporary plywood or other construction fences along the boundary between the two zones. If potentially impacted material is uncovered in the RZ, all non-trained workers will be removed and the Site Safety Manager/Director will assess the potential risks. If, at any other time, the risk of exposure increases while non-trained workers are present in the RZ, the non-trained workers will be removed. At all times, when non- trained workers are present in the RZ, air monitoring for the presence of VOCs will be conducted in the RZ, as well as at the fence line of the non-remediated zone.

### 6.4 Support Zone

The Support Zone (SZ) will be an uncontaminated area that will be the field support area for the Site operations. The SZ will contain the temporary project trailers and provide for field team communications and staging for emergency response. Appropriate sanitary facilities and safety equipment will be located in this zone. Potentially contaminated equipment or materials are not allowed in this zone. The only exception will be appropriately packaged/decontaminated and labeled samples. Meteorological conditions will be observed and noted from this zone, as well as those factors pertinent to heat and cold.



# **SECTION 7 - PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

## 7.1 General

The level of protection to be worn by field personnel will be defined and controlled by the HSO. Depending upon the type and levels of material present or anticipated at the site, varying degrees of protective equipment will be needed. If the possible hazards are unknown, a reasonable level of protection will be taken until sampling and monitoring results can ascertain potential risks. The levels of protection listed below are based on USEPA Guidelines. A list of the appropriate clothing for each level is also provided.

<u>Level A</u> protection must be worn when a reasonable determination has been made that the highest available level of respiratory, skin, eye, and mucous membrane protection is needed. It should be noted that while Level A provides maximum available protection, it does not protect against all possible hazards. Consideration of the heat stress that can arise from wearing Level A protection should also enter into the decision making process. Level A protection includes:

- Open circuit, pressure-demand self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)
- Totally encapsulated chemical resistant suit
- Gloves, inner (surgical type)
- Gloves, outer, chemical protective
- Boots, chemical protective

<u>Level B</u> protection must be used when the highest level of respiratory protection is needed, but hazardous material exposure to the few unprotected areas of the body (e.g., the back of the neck) is unlikely. Level B protection includes:

- Open circuit, pressure-demand SCBA or pressure airline with escape air bottle
- Chemical protective clothing: Overalls and long sleeved jacket; disposal chemical resistant coveralls; coveralls; one or two piece chemical splash suit with hood
- Gloves, inner (surgical type)
- Gloves, outer, chemical protective
- Boots, chemical protective

<u>Level C</u> must be used when the required level of respiratory protection is known, or reasonably assumed to be, not greater than the level of protection afforded by air purifying respirators; and hazardous materials exposure to the few unprotected areas of the body (e.g.., the back of the neck) is unlikely. Level C protection includes:

- Full or half face air-purifying respirator
- Chemical protective clothing: Overalls and long-sleeve jacket; disposable chemical resistant coveralls; coveralls; one or two piece chemical splash suit
- Gloves, inner (surgical type)
- Gloves, outer, chemical protective
- Boots, chemical protective



<u>Level D</u> is the basic work uniform. It cannot be worn on any site where respiratory or skin hazards exist. Level D protection includes:

- Safety boots/shoes
- Safety glasses
- Hard hat with optional face shield

Note that the use of SCBA and airline equipment is contingent upon the user receiving special training in the proper use and maintenance of such equipment.

#### 7.2 Personal Protective Equipment – Site Specific

Level D with some modification will be required when working in the work zone on this Site. In addition to the basic work uniform specified by Level D protection, Nitrile gloves will be required when contact with soil or ground water is likely. Hearing protection will be worn when power equipment is used to perform subsurface investigation work. An upgrade to a higher level (Level C) of protection may occur if determined necessary by the HSO.



## **SECTION 8 - MONITORING PROCEDURES**

## 8.1 Monitoring During Site Operations

All Site environmental monitoring should be accompanied by periodic meteorological monitoring of appropriate climatic conditions.

#### <u>8.1.1 Drilling Operations – Monitoring Well Installation, Subsurface Borings, and Test Pit</u> <u>Excavations</u>

Monitoring will be performed by the HSO or drilling observer during the conduct of work. A photoionization detector (PID) equipped with a 11.6 eV lamp will be utilized to monitor for the presence of volatile organic vapors within the breathing zone, the borehole, and subsurface samples upon their retrieval. Drill cuttings and excavation spoils will also be monitored by use of the PID. The PID will be field checked for calibration accuracy three times per day (morning, lunch, and end of day. If subsurface conditions warrant, a combustible gas indicator (CGI) with oxygen alarm may also be used to monitor the borehole for the presence of combustible gases. Similar monitoring of fluids produced during well development will also be conducted.

#### 8.1.2 Remedial Measures

During Remedial Measures (RM), monitoring will be performed during excavation and sampling operations when C&S personnel are within the work zone. Although historical information previously obtained at the Site indicates low level of volatile organic vapors and compounds, a photoionization detector (PID) will be used during subsurface activities. If RM is performed, the, the remedial contractor will be required to employ dust control practices during work.

#### 8.2 Action Levels

If readings on the PID exceed 10 ppm for more than fifteen minutes consecutively, then personal protective equipment should be upgraded to Level C. The air purifying respirator used with Level C protective equipment must be equipped with organic vapor cartridges. If readings on the explosive gas meter are within a range of 10%-25% of the LEL then continuous monitoring will be implemented. Readings above 25% of the LEL indicate the potential for an explosive condition. Sources of ignition should be removed and the Site should be evacuated.

#### 8.3 Personal Monitoring Procedures

Personal monitoring shall be performed as a contingency measure in the event that VOC concentrations are consistently above the 10 ppm action level as detected by the PID. If the concentration of VOCs is above this action level, then amendments to the HASP must be made before work can continue at the Site.



# SECTION 9 – COMMUNICATIONS

A phone will be located on Site to be utilized by personnel conducting investigation and remedial efforts. Cell phones will be the primary means of communicating with emergency support services/facilities.



# SECTION 10 - SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS FOR SITE OPERATIONS

## 10.1 General

Standard safe work practices that will be followed include:

- Do not climb over/under drums, or other obstacles.
- Do not enter the work zone alone.
- Practice contamination avoidance, on and off-site.
- Plan activities ahead of time, use caution when conducting concurrently running activities.
- No eating, drinking, chewing or smoking is permitted in work zones.
- Due to the unknown nature of waste placement at the Site, extreme caution should be practiced during excavation activities.
- Apply immediate first aid to any and all cuts, scratches, abrasions, etc.
- Be alert to your own physical condition. Watch your buddy for signs of fatigue, exposure, etc.
- A work/rest regimen will be initiated when ambient temperatures and protective clothing create a potential heat stress situation.
- No work will be conducted without adequate natural light or without appropriate supervision.
- Task safety briefings will be held prior to onset of task work.
- Ignition of flammable liquids within or through improvised heating devices (barrels, etc.) or space heaters is forbidden.
- Entry into areas of spaces where toxic or explosive concentrations of gases or dust may exist without proper equipment is prohibited.
- Any injury or unusual health effect must be reported to the Site health and safety officer.
- Prevent splashing or spilling of potentially contaminated materials.
- Use of contact lenses is prohibited while on site.
- Beards and other facial hair that would impair the effectiveness of respiratory protection are prohibited if respiratory protection is necessary.
- Field crew members should be familiar with the physical characteristics of investigations, including:
  - Wind direction in relation to potential sources
  - Accessibility to co-workers, equipment, and vehicles
  - Communication
  - Hot zones (areas of known or suspected contamination)
  - ♦ Site access
  - Nearest water sources
- The number of personnel and equipment in potentially contaminated areas should be minimized consistent with site operations.



## **10.2 Field Operations**

## 10.2.1 Intrusive Operations

The HSO or designee will be present on-site during all intrusive work, e.g., drilling operations, excavations, trenching, and will provide monitoring to oversee that appropriate levels of protection and safety procedures are utilized by C&S Engineers, Inc., personnel. The use of salamanders or other equipment with an open flame is prohibited and the use of protective clothing, especially hard hats and boots, will be required during drilling or other heavy equipment operations.

## 10.2.2 Excavations and Excavation Trenching

Guidance relating to safe work practices for C&S employees regarding excavations and excavating/trenching operation is presented in **Appendix A** of this HASP.



# **SECTION 11 - DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURES**

Decontamination involves physically removing contaminants and/or converting them chemically into innocuous substances. Only general guidance can be given on methods and techniques for decontamination. Decontamination procedures are designed to:

- Remove contaminant(s).
- Avoid spreading the contamination from the work zone.
- Avoid exposing unprotected personnel outside of the work zone to contaminants.

Contamination avoidance is the first and best method for preventing spread of contamination from a hazardous site. Each person involved in site operations must practice the basic methods of contamination avoidance listed below. Additional precautions may be required in the HASP.

- Know the limitations of all protective equipment being used.
- Do not enter a contaminated area unless it is necessary to carry out a specific objective.
- When in a contaminated area, avoid touching anything unnecessarily.
- Walk around pools of liquids, discolored areas, or any area that shows evidence of possible contamination.
- Walk upwind of contamination, if possible.
- Do not sit or lean against anything in a contaminated area. If you must kneel (e.g., to take samples), use a plastic ground sheet.
- If at all possible, do not set sampling equipment directly on contaminated areas. Place equipment on a protective cover such as a ground cloth.
- Use the proper tools necessary to safely conduct the work.

Specific methods that may reduce the chance of contamination are:

- Use of remote sampling techniques.
- Opening containers by non-manual means.
- Bagging monitoring instruments.
- Use of drum grapplers.
- Watering down dusty areas.

Equipment which will need to be decontaminated includes tools, monitoring equipment, and personal protective equipment. Items to be decontaminated will be brushed off, rinsed, and dropped into a plastic container supplied for that purpose. They will then be washed with a detergent solution and rinsed with clean water. Monitoring instruments may be wrapped in plastic bags prior to entering the field in order to reduce the potential for contamination. Instrumentation that is contaminated during field operations will be carefully wiped down. Heavy equipment, if utilized for operations where it may be contaminated, will have prescribed decontamination procedures to prevent contaminant materials from potentially leaving the Site. On-site contractors, such as drillers or backhoe operators, will be responsible for decontaminating all construction equipment prior to demobilization.



## SECTION 12 – DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

All discarded materials, waste materials, or other objects shall be handled in such a way as to reduce or eliminate the potential for spreading contamination, creating a sanitary hazard, or causing litter to be left on-site. All potentially contaminated materials, e.g., clothing, gloves, etc., will be bagged or drummed as necessary and segregated for proper disposal. All contaminated waste materials shall be disposed of as required by the provisions included in the contract and consistent with regulatory provisions. All non-contaminated materials shall be collected and bagged for appropriate disposal. Investigation derived waste will be managed consistent with the work plan for this Site and DER-10 Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation dated May 2010.



## **SECTION 13 - EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES**

As a result of the hazards at the Site, and the conditions under which operations are conducted, there is the possibility of emergency situations. This section establishes procedures for the implementation of an emergency plan.

## **13.1 Emergency Coordinator**

Emergency Coordinator:..... Jordan Berti ...... Cell Phone: (315) 657-6202

The Emergency Coordinator or his on-site designee will, in concert with the City of Cortland, implement the emergency response procedures whenever conditions at the Site warrant such action. The Emergency Coordinator or his on-site designee will be responsible for assuring the evacuation, emergency treatment, emergency transport of C&S personnel as necessary, and notification of emergency response units (refer to phone listing in the beginning of this HASP) and the appropriate management staff.

## **13.2 Evacuation**

In the event of an emergency situation, such as fire, explosion, significant release of toxic gases, etc., all personnel will evacuate and assemble in a designated assembly area. The Emergency Coordinator or his on-site designee will have authority to contact outside services as required. Under no circumstances will incoming personnel or visitors be allowed to proceed into the area once the emergency signal has been given. The Emergency Coordinator or his on-site designee must see that access for emergency equipment is provided and that all ignition sources have been shut down once the emergency situation is established. Once the safety of all personnel is established, the Fire Department and other emergency response groups will be notified by telephone of the emergency.

## **13.3** Potential or Actual Fire or Explosion

Immediately evacuate the Site and notify local fire and police departments, and other appropriate emergency response groups, if LEL values are above 25% in the work zone or if an actual fire or explosion has taken place.

## **13.4** Environmental Incident (spread or release of contamination)

Control or stop the spread of contamination if possible. Notify the Emergency Coordinator and the Project Manager. Other appropriate response groups will be notified as appropriate.

## 13.5 Personnel Injury

Emergency first aid shall be applied on-site as necessary. Then, decontaminate (en route if necessary) and transport the individual to nearest medical facility if needed. The ambulance/rescue squad shall be contacted for transport as necessary in an emergency. The directions to the hospital are shown in Section 1 of this HASP and a map is shown in **Attachment A**.



## **13.6** Personnel Exposure

- *Skin Contact*: Use copious amounts of soap and water. Wash/rinse affected area thoroughly, and then provide appropriate medical attention. Eyes should be thoroughly rinsed with water for at least 15 minutes.
- *Inhalation*: Move to fresh air and/or, if necessary, decontaminate and transport to emergency medical facility.
- *Ingestion*: Decontaminate and transport to emergency medical facility.
- *Puncture Wound/Laceration*: Decontaminate, if possible, and transport to emergency medical facility.

## **13.7** Adverse Weather Conditions

In the event of adverse weather conditions, the HSO will determine if work can continue without sacrificing the health and safety of field workers.

## **13.8 Incident Investigation and Reporting**

In the event of an incident, procedures discussed in the Medical Emergency/Incident Response Protocol, presented in **Appendix B** of this HASP, shall be followed.



## **SECTION 14 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

## 14.1 Community Health and Safety Plan

### 14.1.1 Community Health and Safety Monitoring

As part of the site work, three general types of efforts are scheduled, including, non-intrusive reconnaissance tasks, sampling or monitoring tasks (monitoring point sampling), and intrusive tasks (test trenching, subsurface borings, monitoring well installation). During completion of general reconnaissance and sampling or monitoring tasks, potential for health and safety risks to off-site landowners or the local community are not anticipated.

During completion of intrusive efforts at or adjacent to the Site, health and safety monitoring efforts will be concentrated on the area or areas in which intrusive efforts are being completed. Since the air pathway is the most available and likely avenue for the release of potential contaminants to the atmosphere at or near the Site, in addition to limiting public or community access to the areas in which intrusive efforts are completed, health and safety measures will primarily consist of monitoring the air pathway for worker exposure.

### 14.1.2 Community Air Monitoring Plan

Efforts will be taken to complete field work in a manner which will minimize the creation of airborne dust or particulates. Under dry conditions, work areas may be wetted to control dust. During periods of extreme wind, intrusive field work may be halted until such time as the potential for creating airborne dust or particulate matter as a result of investigation activities is limited. Periodic monitoring following the guidelines of the site's Community Air Monitoring Plan (see **Appendix D** of the RDWP) will be implemented during all non-intrusive Site investigation activities, including surface soil and sediment sampling, and collection of groundwater samples from groundwater monitoring wells.

During completion of Site investigation, a community air monitoring plan meeting the requirements of the site's Community Air Monitoring Plan will be implemented for the duration of intrusive activities. These additional air monitoring activities will include establishment of background conditions, continuous monitoring for volatile organic compounds and/or particulates at the downwind work area (exclusion zone) perimeter, recording of monitoring data, and institution and documentation of Response Levels and appropriate actions in accordance with NYSDOH guidance.



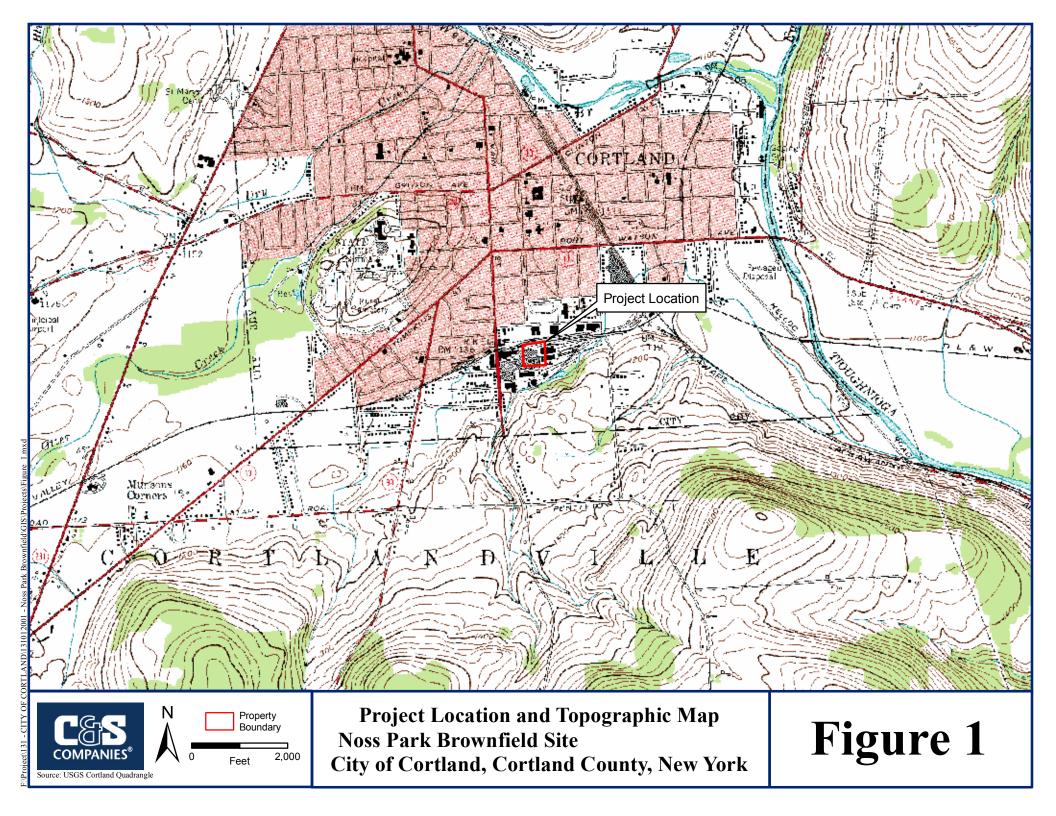
# **SECTION 15 - AUTHORIZATIONS**

Personnel authorized to enter the Site while operations are being conducted must be approved by the HSO. Authorization will involve completion of appropriate training courses, medical examination requirements, and review and sign-off of this HASP. No C&S personnel should enter the work zone alone. Each site visitor should check in with the HSO or Project Manager prior to entering the work zones.

# **FIGURE 1**

SITE LOCATION MAP

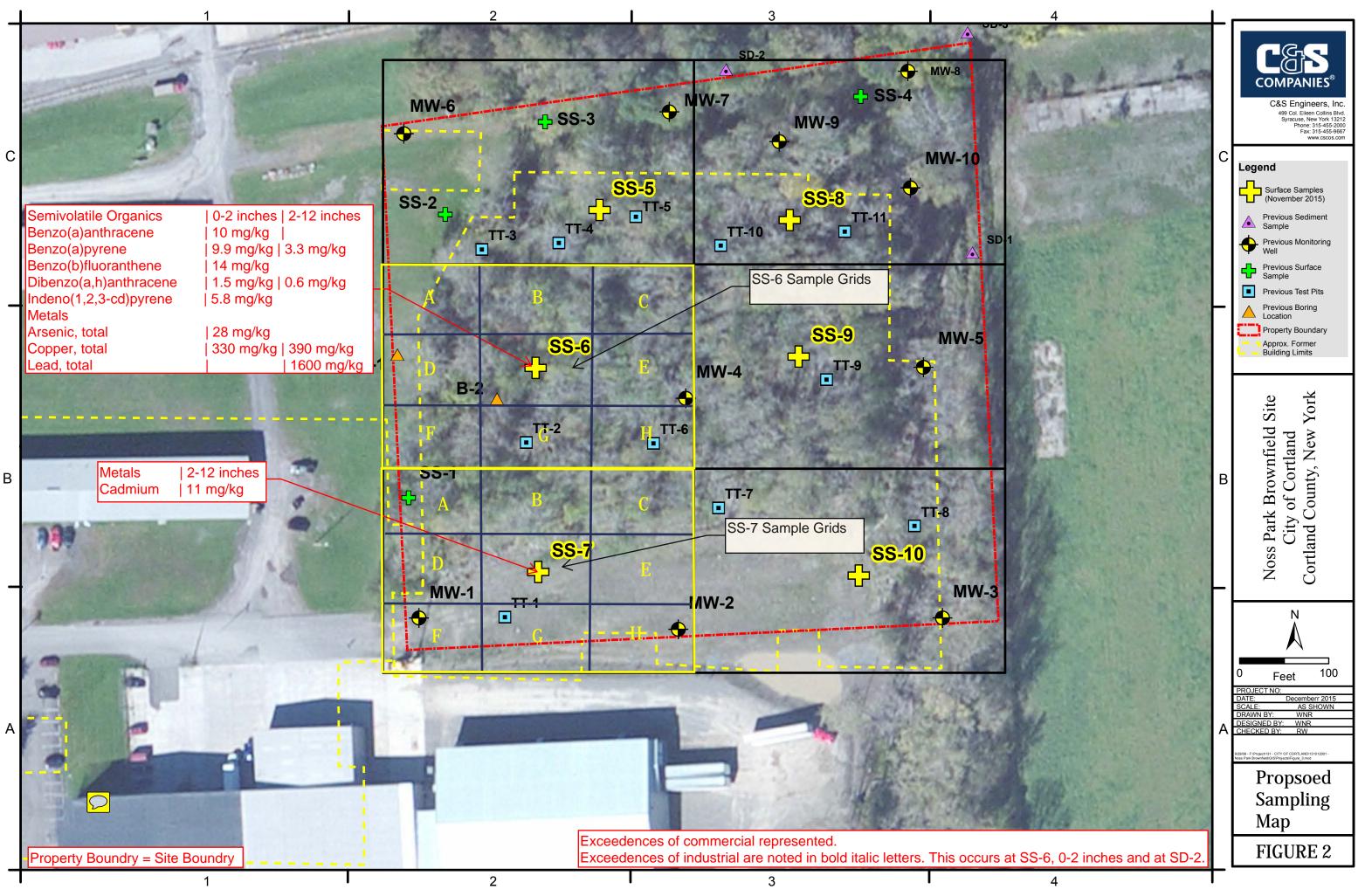




# FIGURE 2

SITE AERIAL PHOTO

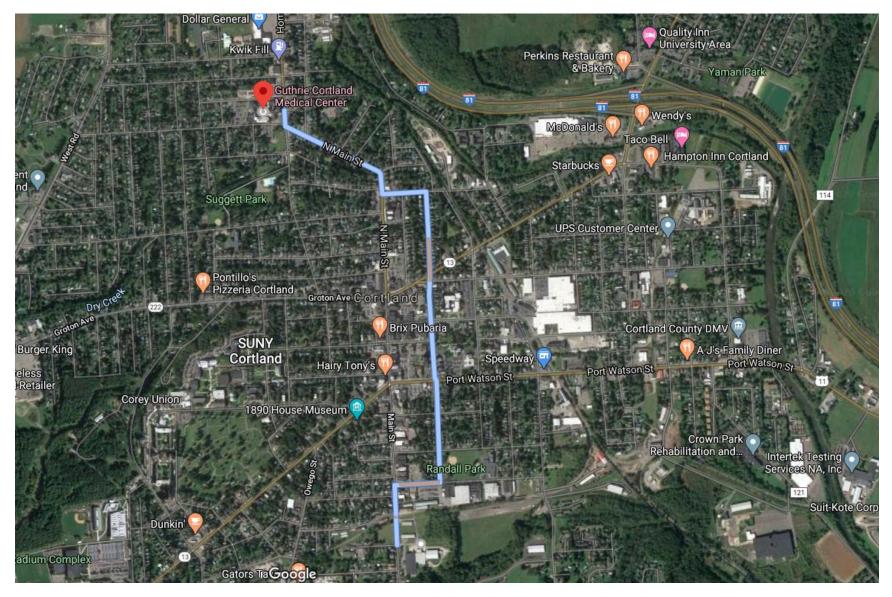




# ATTACHMENT A

MAP TO HOSPITAL





## Attachment A – Map and Directions to Guthrie Medical Center

# **Appendix A**

EXCAVATION / TRENCHING GUIDELINE



## C&S ENGINEERS, INC. HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINE #14 EXCAVATION/TRENCHING OPERATIONS

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## **C&S ENGINEERS, INC. EXCAVATION/TRENCHING OPERATIONS**

## **1.0 PURPOSE**

To establish safe operating procedures for excavation/trenching operations at C&S work sites.

## **2.0 SCOPE**

Applies to all C&S activity where excavation or trenching operations take place.

## **3.0 DEFINITIONS**

Excavation — Any manmade cavity or depression in the earth's surface, including its sides, walls, or faces, formed by earth removal and producing unsupported earth conditions by reasons of the excavation.

**Trench** — A narrow excavation made below the surface of the ground. In general, the depth is greater than the width, but the width of a trench is not greater than 15 feet.

## 4.0 **RESPONSIBILITY EMPLOYEES**

**Employees** — All employees must understand and follow the procedures outlined in this guideline during all excavation and trenching operations.

Health and Safety Coordinator/Officer (HSC/HSO) - The HSC/HSO is responsible for ensuring that these procedures are implemented at each work site.

## 5.0 GUIDELINES

## 5.1 Hazards Associated With Excavation/Trenching

The principal hazards associated with excavation/trenching are:

- Suffocation, crushing, or other injury from falling material.
- Damage/failure of installed underground services and consequent hazards.
- Tripping, slipping, or falling.
- Possibility of explosive, flammable, toxic, or oxygen-deficient atmosphere in excavation.

## **5.2 Procedures Prior to Excavation**

- 1. Underground Utilities
  - Determine the presence and location of any underground chemical or utility pipes, electrical, telephone, or instrument wire or cables.
  - If the local DigSafely NY is unable to locate private/domestic or plant utilities, then an independent utility locating service must be contacted and mobilized to the site.
  - Identify the location of underground services by stakes, markers or paint.
  - Arrange to de-energize or isolate underground services during excavation. If not possible, or if location is not definite, method of excavation shall be established to minimize hazards by such means as:
    - a) Use of hand tools in area of underground services.
    - b) Insulating personnel and equipment from possible electrical contact.
    - c) Use of tools or equipment that will reduce possibility of damage to underground services and hazard to worker.
- 2. Identify Excavation Area Areas to be excavated shall be identified and segregated by means of barricades, ropes, and/or signs to prevent access of unauthorized personnel and equipment. Suitable means shall be provided to make barriers visible at all times.
- 3. Surface Water Provide means of diverting surface water from excavation.
- 4. Shoring/Bracing Shoring or bracing that may be required for installed equipment adjacent to the excavation shall be designed by a competent person.
- 5. Structural Ramps Structural ramps that are used solely by employees as a means of access to or egress from the excavation shall be designed by a competent person.

## **5.3 Procedures For Doing The Excavation**

- 1. **Determine the need for shoring/sloping** the type of soil will establish the need for shoring, slope of the excavation, support systems, and equipment to be used. The soil condition may change as the excavation proceeds. Appendices A, B, C, D, E, and F of the OSHA Excavation Regulation, 29 CFR 1926 Subpart P, are to be used in defining shoring and sloping requirements.
- 2. **Mobile equipment** For safe use of mobile industrial equipment in or near the excavation, the load carrying capacity of soil shall be established and suitable protection against collapse of soil provided by the use of mats, barricades, restricting the location of equipment, or shoring.
- 3. Excavated material (spoil) shall be stored at least two (2) feet from the edge of the excavation.
- 4. All trench (vertical sides) excavations greater than five (5) feet deep shall be shored.

- 5. The excavation shall be inspected daily for changes in conditions, including the presence of ground water, change in soil condition, or effects of weather such as rain or freeze. A safe means of continuing the work shall be established based on changes in condition. Typically test trench excavations made as part of an environmental subsurface nvestigation are made and backfilled the same day.
- 6. Appropriate monitoring for gas, toxic, or flammable materials will be conducted to establish the need for respiratory equipment, ventilation, or other measures required to continue the excavation safely.
- 7. Adequate means of dewatering the excavation shall be provided by the contractor as required.
- 8. A signal person shall be provided to direct powered equipment if working in the excavation with other personnel.
- 9. A signal person shall be provided when backfilling excavations to direct powered equipment working in the excavation with other personnel.
- 10. Warning vests will be worn when employees are exposed to public vehicular traffic.
- 11. Employees shall stand away from vehicles being loaded or unloaded, and shall not be permitted underneath loads handled by lifting or dragging equipment.
- 12. Emergency rescue equipment, such as breathing apparatus, a safety harness and line, or a basket stretcher, shall be readily available if hazardous atmospheric conditions exist or may be expected to develop. The specifics will be determined by the HSC/HSM.
- 13. Walkways or bridges with standard guardrail shall be provided where employees or equipment are required or permitted to cross over excavations.

## 5.4 Entering the Excavation

No C&S Engineers, Inc., employee shall enter an excavation which fails to meet the requirements of Section 5.3 of this guideline.

## 6.0 **REFERENCES**

29 CFR 1926, Subpart P - Excavations

## 7.0 ATTACHMENTS

29 CFR 1926 Subpart P - Appendices A, B, F



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(a) Scope and application - (1) Scope. This appendix describes a method of classifying soil and rock deposits based on site and environmental conditions, and on the structure and composition of the earth deposits. The appendix contains definitions, sets for requirements, and describes acceptable visual and manual tests for use in classifying soils.

(2) Application. This appendix applies when a sloping or benching system is designed in accordance with the requirements set for 1926.652(b)(2) as a method of protection for employees from cave-ins. This appendix also applies when timber shoring for excav designed as a method of protection from cave-ins in accordance with appendix C to subpart P of part 1926, and when aluminum shoring is designed in accordance with appendix D. This Appendix also applies if other protective systems are designed and selec from data prepared in accordance with the requirements set forth in 1926.652(c), and the use of the data is predicated on the us classification system set forth in this appendix.

(b) Definitions. The definitions and examples given below are based on, in whole or in part, the following; American Society for T Materials (ASTM) Standards D653-85 and D2488; The Unified Soils Classification System; The U.S. Department of Agriculture (US Textural Classification Scheme; and The National Bureau of Standards Report BSS-121.

"Cemented soil" means a soil in which the particles are held together by a chemical agent, such as calcium carbonate, such that a hand-size sample cannot be crushed into powder or individual soil particles by finger pressure.

"Cohesive soil" means clay (fine grained soil), or soil with a high clay content, which has cohesive strength. Cohesive soil does not crumble, can be excavated with vertical sideslopes, and is plastic when moist. Cohesive soil is hard to break up when dry, and exhibits significant cohesion when submerged. Cohesive soils include clayey silt, sandy clay, silty clay, clay and organic clay.

"Dry soil" means soil that does not exhibit visible signs of moisture content.

"Fissured" means a soil material that has a tendency to break along definite planes of fracture with little resistance, or a material that exhibits open cracks, such as tension cracks, in an exposed surface. "Granular soil" means gravel, sand, or silt (coarse grained soil) with little or no clay content. Granular soil has no cohesive strength. Some moist granular soils exhibit apparent cohesion. Granular soil cannot be molded when moist and crumbles easily when dry.

"Layered system" means two or more distinctly different soil or rock types arranged in layers. Micaceous seams or weakened planes in rock or shale are considered layered.

"Moist soil" means a condition in which a soil looks and feels damp. Moist cohesive soil can easily be shaped into a ball and rolled into small diameter threads before crumbling. Moist granular soil that contains some cohesive material will exhibit signs of cohesion between particles. "Plastic" means a property of a soil which allows the soil to be

deformed or molded without cracking, or appreciable volume change. "Saturated soil" means a soil in which the voids are filled with water. Saturation does not require flow. Saturation, or near saturation, is necessary for the proper use of instruments such as a pocket penetrometer or sheer vane. "Soil classification system" means, for the purpose of this subpart, a method of categorizing soil and rock deposits in a hierarchy of Stable Rock, Type A, Type B, and Type C, in decreasing order of stability. The categories are determined based on an analysis of the properties and performance characteristics of the deposits and the characteristics of the deposits and the environmental conditions of exposure. "Stable rock" means natural solid mineral matter that can be excavated with vertical sides and remain intact while exposed. "Submerged soil" means soil which is underwater or is free seeping. "Type A" means cohesive soils with an unconfined, compressive strength of 1.5 ton per square foot (tsf) (144 kPa) or greater. Examples of cohesive soils are: clay, silty clay, sandy clay, clay loam and, in some cases, silty clay loam and sandy clay loam. Cemented soils such as caliche and hardpan are also considered Type A. However, no soil is Type A if: (i) The soil is fissured; or (ii) The soil is subject to vibration from heavy traffic, pile driving, or similar effects; or (iii) The soil has been previously disturbed; or (iv) The soil is part of a sloped, layered system where the layers dip into the excavation on a slope of four horizontal to one vertical (4H:1V) or greater; or (v) The material is subject to other factors that would require it to be classified as a less stable material. "Type B" means: (i) Cohesive soil with an unconfined compressive strength greater than 0.5 tsf (48 kPa) but less than 1.5 tsf (144 kPa); or (ii) Granular cohesionless soils including: angular gravel (similar to crushed rock), silt, silt loam, sandy loam and, in some cases, silty clay loam and sandy clay loam. (iii) Previously disturbed soils except those which would otherwise be classed as Type C soil. (iv) Soil that meets the unconfined compressive strength or cementation requirements for Type A, but is fissured or subject to vibration; or (v) Dry rock that is not stable; or (vi) Material that is part of a sloped, layered system where the layers dip into the excavation on a slope less steep than four horizontal to one vertical (4H:1V), but only if the material would otherwise be classified as Type B. "Type C" means: (i) Cohesive soil with an unconfined compressive strength of 0.5 tsf (48 kPa) or less; or (ii) Granular soils including gravel, sand, and loamy sand; or (iii) Submerged soil or soil from which water is freely seeping; or (iv) Submerged rock that is not stable, or (v) Material in a sloped, layered system where the layers dip into the excavation or a slope of four horizontal to one vertical (4H:1V) or steeper. "Unconfined compressive strength" means the load per unit area at which a soil will fail in compression. It can be determined by laboratory testing, or estimated in the field using a pocket penetrometer, by thumb penetration tests, and other methods. "Wet soil" means soil that contains significantly more moisture than moist soil, but in such a range of values that cohesive material will slump or begin to flow when vibrated. Granular material that would exhibit cohesive properties when moist will lose those cohesive properties when wet.

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(c) Requirements - (1) Classification of soil and rock deposits. Each soil and rock deposit shall be classified by a competent perso Rock, Type A, Type B, or Type C in accordance with the definitions set forth in paragraph (b) of this appendix.

(2) Basis of classification. The classification of the deposits shall be made based on the results of at least one visual and at least ( analysis. Such analyses shall be conducted by a competent person using tests described in paragraph (d) below, or in other recog methods of soil classification and testing such as those adopted by the American Society for Testing Materials, or the U.S. Depart Agriculture textural classification system.

(3) Visual and manual analyses. The visual and manual analyses, such as those noted as being acceptable in paragraph (d) of thi shall be designed and conducted to provide sufficient quantitative and qualitative information as may be necessary to identify prc properties, factors, and conditions affecting the classification of the deposits.

(4) Layered systems. In a layered system, the system shall be classified in accordance with its weakest layer. However, each laye classified individually where a more stable layer lies under a less stable layer.

(5) Reclassification. If, after classifying a deposit, the properties, factors, or conditions affecting its classification change in any w changes shall be evaluated by a competent person. The deposit shall be reclassified as necessary to reflect the changed circumst

(d) Acceptable visual and manual tests. - (1) Visual tests. Visual analysis is conducted to determine qualitative information regarc excavation site in general, the soil adjacent to the excavation, the soil forming the sides of the open excavation, and the soil take samples from excavated material.

(i) Observe samples of soil that are excavated and soil in the sides of the excavation. Estimate the range of particle sizes and the amounts of the particle sizes. Soil that is primarily composed of fine-grained material material is cohesive material. Soil composed of coarse-grained sand or gravel is granular material.

(ii) Observe soil as it is excavated. Soil that remains in clumps when excavated is cohesive. Soil that breaks up easily and does no clumps is granular.

(iii) Observe the side of the opened excavation and the surface area adjacent to the excavation. Crack-like openings such as tens could indicate fissured material. If chunks of soil spall off a vertical side, the soil could be fissured. Small spalls are evidence of m ground and are indications of potentially hazardous situations.

(iv) Observe the area adjacent to the excavation and the excavation itself for evidence of existing utility and other underground s and to identify previously disturbed soil.

(v) Observed the opened side of the excavation to identify layered systems. Examine layered systems to identify if the layers slop the excavation. Estimate the degree of slope of the layers.

(vi) Observe the area adjacent to the excavation and the sides of the opened excavation for evidence of surface water, water see the sides of the excavation, or the location of the level of the water table.

(vii) Observe the area adjacent to the excavation and the area within the excavation for sources of vibration that may affect the : the excavation face.

(2) Manual tests. Manual analysis of soil samples is conducted to determine quantitative as well as qualitative properties of soil a provide more information in order to classify soil properly.

(i) Plasticity. Mold a moist or wet sample of soil into a ball and attempt to roll it into threads as thin as 1/8-inch in diameter. Cohe material can be successfully rolled into threads without crumbling. For example, if at least a two inch (50 mm) length of 1/8-inch be held on one end without tearing, the soil is cohesive.

(ii) Dry strength. If the soil is dry and crumbles on its own or with moderate pressure into individual grains or fine powder, it is g combination of gravel, sand, or silt). If the soil is dry and falls into clumps which break up into smaller clumps, but the smaller clu only be broken up with difficulty, it may be clay in any combination with gravel, sand or silt. If the dry soil breaks into clumps who break up into small clumps and which can only be broken with difficulty, and there is no visual indication the soil is fissured, the s considered unfissured.

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(iii) Thumb penetration. The thumb penetration test can be used to estimate the unconfined compressive strength of cohesive so test is based on the thumb penetration test described in American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard designatior "Standard Recommended Practice for Description of Soils (Visual - Manual Procedure).") Type A soils with an unconfined compressive strength of 1.5 tsf can be readily indented by the thumb; however, they can be penetrated by the thumb, and can be molde finger pressure. This test should be conducted on an undisturbed soil sample, such as a large clump of spoil, as soon as practicat excavation to keep to a minimum the effects of exposure to drying influences. If the excavation is later exposed to wetting influe flooding), the classification of the soil must be changed accordingly.

(iv) Other strength tests. Estimates of unconfined compressive strength of soils can also be obtained by use of a pocket penetron using a hand-operated shearvane.

(v) Drying test. The basic purpose of the drying test is to differentiate between cohesive material with fissures, unfissured cohesi and granular material. The procedure for the drying test involves drying a sample of soil that is approximately one inch thick (2.5 six inches (15.24 cm) in diameter until it is thoroughly dry:

(A) If the sample develops cracks as it dries, significant fissures are indicated.

(B) Samples that dry without cracking are to be broken by hand. If considerable force is necessary to break a sample, the soil ha cohesive material content. The soil can be classified as an unfissured cohesive material and the unconfined compressive strength determined.

(C) If a sample breaks easily by hand, it is either a fissured cohesive material or a granular material. To distinguish between the 1 pulverize the dried clumps of the sample by hand or by stepping on them. If the clumps do not pulverize easily, the material is cc fissures. If they pulverize easily into very small fragments, the material is granular.

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(b) <i>Definitions</i> .				
<b>Actual slope</b> means the slope to w	hich an excavation face is excavated.			
<b>Distress</b> means that the soil is in a condition where a cave-in is imminent or is likely to occur. Distress is evidenced by such phen- the development of fissures in the face of or adjacent to an open excavation; the subsidence of the edge of an excavation; the slu material from the face or the bulging or heaving of material from the bottom of an excavation; the spalling of material from the fa excavation; and ravelling, i.e., small amounts of material such as pebbles or little clumps of material suddenly separating from the excavation and trickling or rolling down into the excavation.				
	s the steepest incline of an excavation face that is a expressed as the ratio of horizontal distance to vertic			
Short term exposure means a per	riod of time less than or equal to 24 hours that an ex	xcavation is open.		
(c) <b>Requirements</b> (1) <b>Soil classification</b> . Soil and rock deposits shall be classified in accordance with appendix A to subpart   1926.				
(2) <b>Maximum allowable slope</b> . The maximum allowable slope for a soil or rock deposit shall be determined from Table B-1 of th appendix.				
(3) <b>Actual slope</b> . (i) The actual slop	pe shall not be steeper than the maximum allowable	e slope.		
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determine the degree to which the a	ed material or equipment, operating equipment, or t actual slope must be reduced below the maximum al acent structures shall be evaluated in accordance wit	lowable slope, and shall assure that such i		
(4) Configurations. Configurations	of sloping and benching systems shall be in accorda	ance with Figure B-1.		

#### TABLE B-1 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SLOPES

SOIL OR ROCK TYPE	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SLOPES (H:V)(1) FOR EXCAVATIONS LESS THAN 20 FEET DEEP(3)
STABLE ROCK TYPE A (2) TYPE B TYPE C	VERTICAL (90°) 3/4:1 (53°) 1:1 (45°) 1 ½:1 (34°)

Footnote(1) Numbers shown in parentheses next to maximum allowable slopes are angles expressed in degrees from the horizontal. Angle rounded off.

Footnote(2) A short-term maximum allowable slope of 1/2H:1V (63°) is allowed in excavations in Type A soil that are 12 feed (3.67 m) or I depth. Short-term maximum allowable slopes for excavations greater than 12 feet (3.67 m) in depth shall be 3/4H:1V (53°).

Footnote(3) Sloping or benching for excavations greater than 20 feet deep shall be designed by a registered professional engineer.

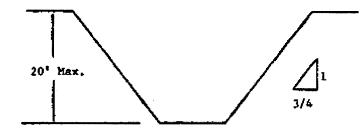
#### Figure B-1

#### **Slope Configurations**

(All slopes stated below are in the horizontal to vertical ratio)

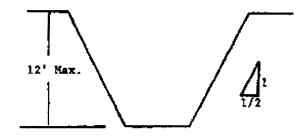
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1. All simple slope excavation 20 feet or less in depth shall have a maximum allowable slope of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>:1.



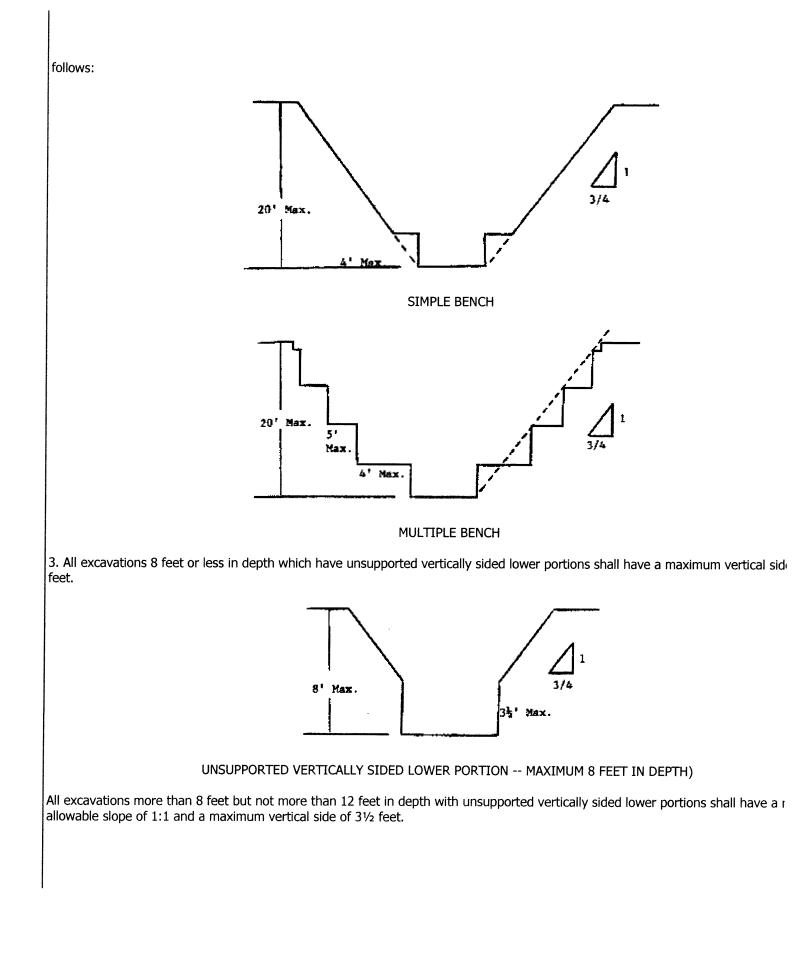
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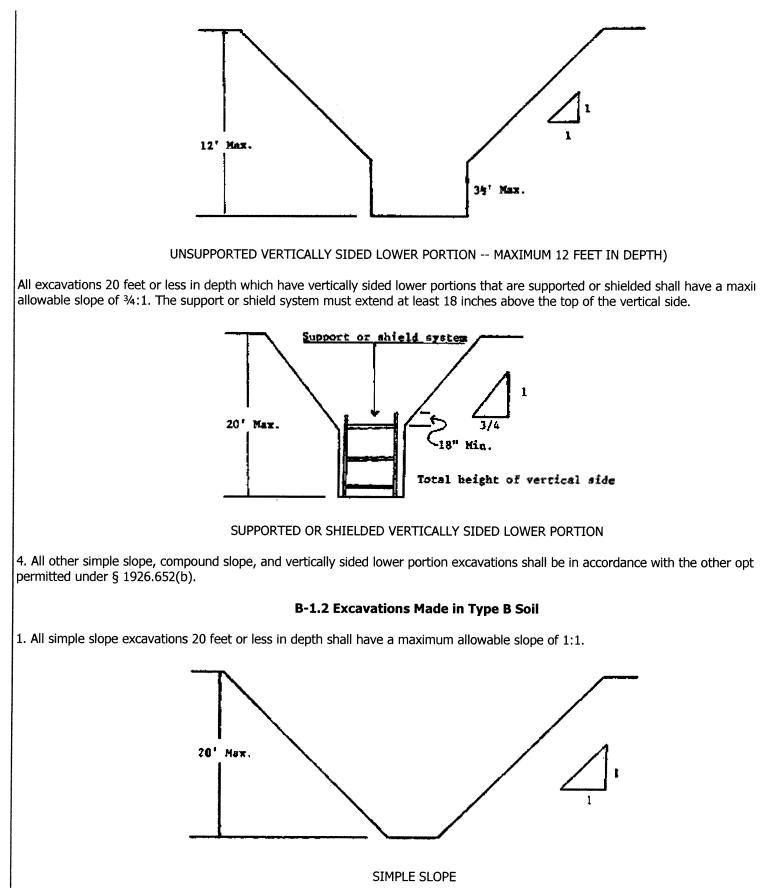
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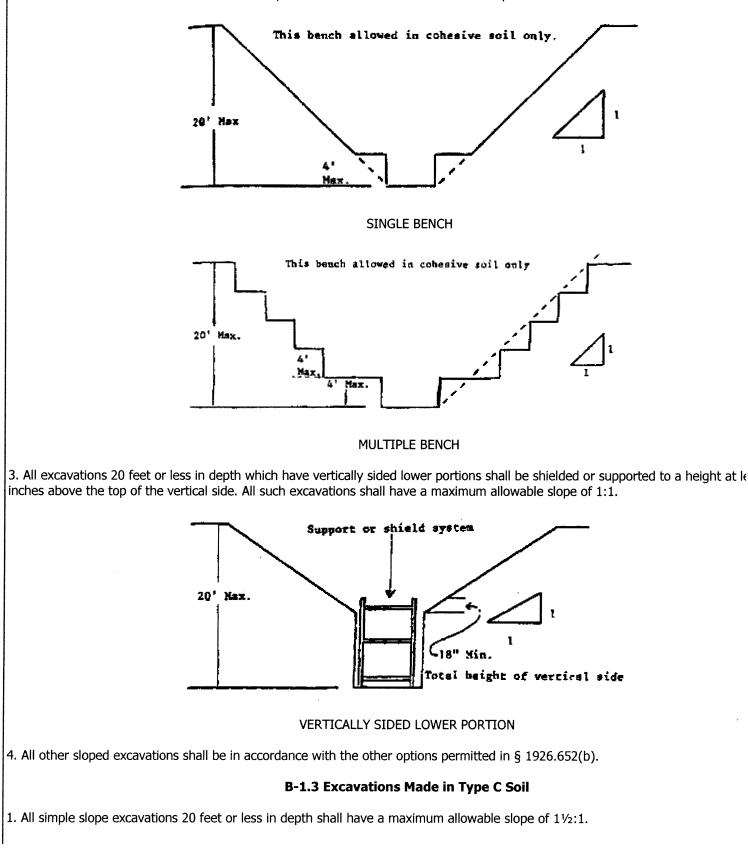
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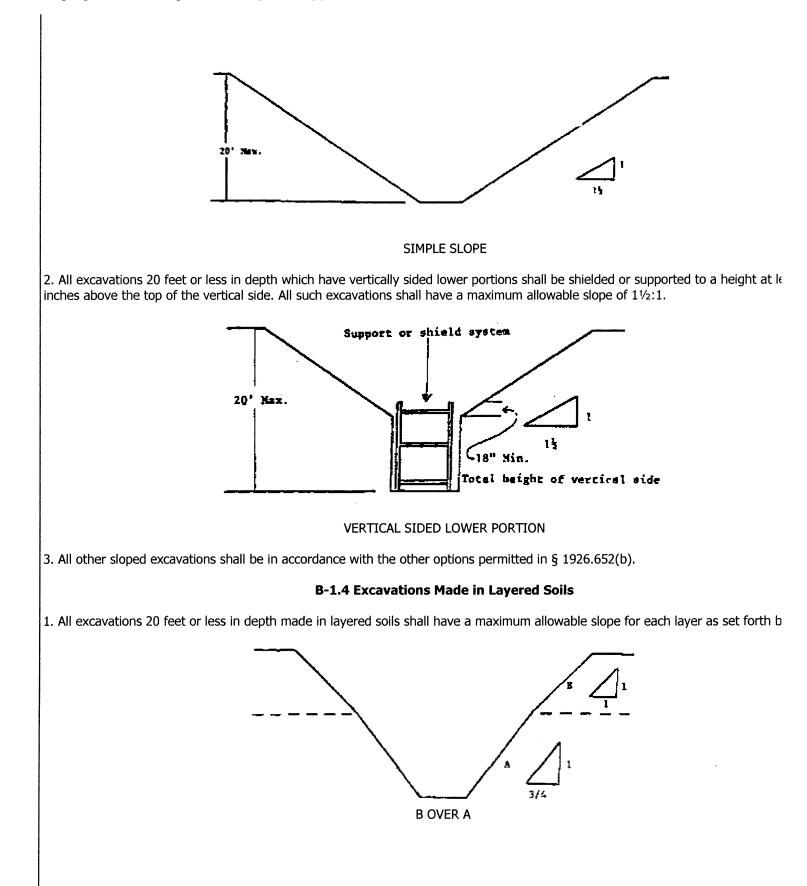
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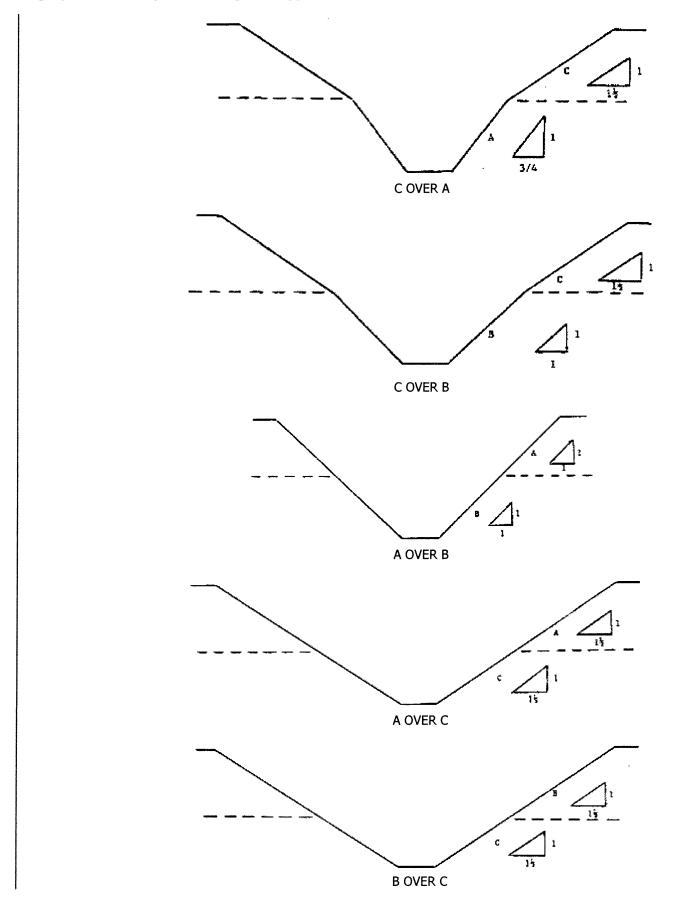




2. All benched excavations 20 feet or less in depth shall have a maximum allowable slope of 1:1 and maximum bench dimensions







2. All other sloped excavations shall be in accordance with the other options permitted in § 1926.652(b).

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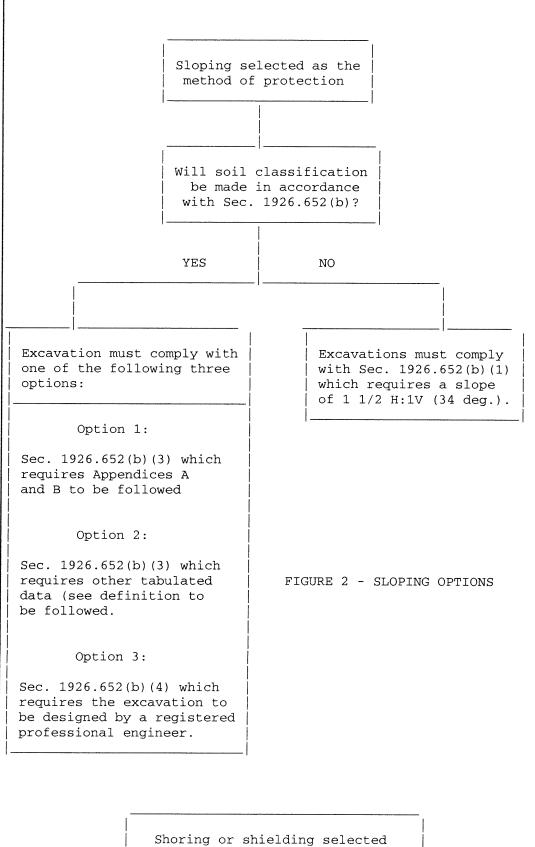
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	Option 2	
	Sec. 1926.652(c)(2) which requires manufacturers data to be followed (e.g. hydraulic shoring, trench jacks, air shores, shields).	
	Option 3	
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# **Appendix B**

**GUIDANCE ON INCIDENT INVESTIGATION** 

AND REPORTING



3. Following the treatment and care of the injured employee, the emergency coordinator or his on-site designee and the project manager will initiate the completion of the first injury report. The Health & Safety Manager will assist.

#### **Project Manager**

- 1. Upon notification of a personal injury or illness on the job site, will notify C & S Engineers, Inc, President and Corporate Legal and C&S Companies Health and Safety Manager.
- 2. Will report to the worksite to initiate the first injury report.
- 3. Will report to the treatment facility to check on the well being of the injured employee. The project manager will ensure that the treatment facility is aware that this is a workers compensation case.
- 4. Will assist the Health and Safety Manager in the analysis of the incident.

#### Health & Safety Manager

- 1. Upon notification of the personal injury will determined if it is necessary to report to the treatment facility or the accident site, depending on the nature of the injuries and the circumstances of the accident.
- 2. Will report to the worksite to begin a root cause analysis investigation of the accident. The investigation may include interview of witnesses, field crew, and project manager, the photographing of the scene, reconstruction of the accident scene, using test instruments and taking measurements. The Health and Safety Manager may draw diagrams from the information learned.
- 3. The Health and Safety Manager will work with the owner/client as necessary to investigate the accident.
- 4. The Health & Safety manager will ensure that the site is safe to resume work.
- 5. The Health & Safety Manager shall initiate the New York State Compensation form requirements (C-2) and forward a copy of the C-2 to the C & S Engineers, Inc. controller for transmittal to the Compensation Carrier within 8 hrs of notification of the incident or by the end of the next business day.
- 6. The Health and Safety manager, upon completion of the investigation, will provide the Project Manager with a written investigative report (copy to the President)
- 7. The accident will be reviewed at the next Project Managers meeting with the intent to prevent further or similar events on other projects.
- 8. The Health & Safety Manager will assess the incident to determine OSHA record ability and make record if necessary on the OSHA 300 form, within five working days.

#### **Incident Response**

#### 1.0 PURPOSE

To prevent the occurrence of accidents on C&S Engineers, Inc., work sites and to establish a procedure for investigation and reporting of incidents occurring in, or related to C&S work activities.

#### 2.0 SCOPE

Applies to all incidents related to C&S Engineers, Inc. work activities.

#### 3.0 **DEFINITIONS**

<u>Accident</u> - An undesired event resulting in personal injury and/or property damage, and/or equipment failure.

Fatality - An injury or illness resulting in death of the individual.

<u>Incident</u> - Any occurrence which results in, or could potentially result in, the need for medical care or property damage. Such incidents shall include lost time accidents or illness, medical treatment cases, unplanned exposure to toxic materials or any other significant occurrence resulting in property damage or in "near misses."

<u>Incidence Rate</u> - the number of injuries, illnesses, or lost workdays related to a common exposure base of 100 full-time workers. The rate is calculated as:

#### N/EH x 200,000

N = number of injuries and illnesses or lost workday cases; EH = total hours worked by all associates during calendar year. 200,000 = base for 100 full-time equivalent workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year).

<u>Injury</u> - An injury such as a cut, fracture, sprain, amputation, etc. which results from a work accident or from a single instantaneous event in the work environment.

<u>Lost Workday Case</u> - A lost workday case occurs when an injured or ill employee experiences days away from work beginning with the next scheduled work day. Lost workday cases do not occur unless the employee is effected beyond the day of injury or onset of illness.

<u>Recordable Illness</u> - An illness that results from the course of employment and must be entered on the OSHA 300 Log and Summary of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. These illnesses require medical treatment and evaluation of work related injury. For example, dermatitis, bronchitis, irritation of eyes, nose, and throat can result from work and non-work related incidents. <u>Recordable Injury</u> - An injury that results from the course of employment and must be entered on the OSHA 300 Log and Summary of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. These injuries require medical treatment; may involve loss of consciousness; may result in restriction of work or motion or transfer to another job; or result in a fatality.

<u>Near Miss</u> - An incident which, if occurring at a different time or in a different personnel or equipment configuration, would have resulted in an incident.

#### 4.0 **RESPONSIBILITIES**

<u>Employees</u> - It shall be the responsibility of all C&S Engineers, Inc. employees to report all incidents as soon as possible to the HSC, regardless of the severity.

<u>Human Resources</u> - has overall responsibility for maintaining accident/ incident reporting and investigations according to current regulations and recording injuries/ illness on the OSHA 300 log, and posting the OSHA 300 log.

<u>Emergency Coordinator</u> - It is the responsibility of the Emergency Coordinator to investigate and prepare an appropriate report of all accidents, illnesses, and incidents occurring on or related to C&S Engineers, Inc. work. The Emergency Coordinator shall complete Attachment A within 24 hours of the incident occurrence.

<u>Health and Safety Manager (HSM)</u> - It is the responsibility of the HSM to investigate and prepare an appropriate report of all lost time injuries and illnesses and significant incidents occurring on or related to C&S Companies. The HSM shall maintain the OSHA 300 form.

<u>Project Managers (PM)</u> - It shall be the PM's responsibility to promptly correct any deficiencies in personnel, training, actions, or any site or equipment deficiencies that were determined to cause or contribute to the incident investigated.

## 5.0 GUIDELINES

#### 5.1 Incident Investigation

The Project Manager will immediately investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident and will make recommendations to prevent recurrence. The HSM shall be immediately notified by telephone if a serious accident/ incident occurs. The incident shall be evaluated to determine whether it is OSHA recordable. If the incident is determined to be OSHA 300 recordable, it shall be entered on the OSHA 300 form.

The Project Manager with assistance from the HSM must submit to the office an incident report form pertaining to any incident resulting in injury or property damage.

## 5.2 Incident Report

The completed incident report must be completed by the Project Manager within 12 hours of the incident and distributed to the HSM, and Human Resources. This form shall be maintained by Human Resources for at least five years for all OSHA recordable cases. This form serves as an equivalent to the OSHA 101 form.

## 5.3 Incident Follow-up Report

The Incident Follow-Up Report (Attachment B) shall be distributed with the Incident Report within one week of the incident. Delay in filing this report shall be explained in a brief memorandum.

## 5.4 **Reporting of Fatalities or Multiple Hospitalization Accidents**

Fatalities or accidents resulting in the hospitalization of three or more employees must be reported to OSHA verbally or in writing within 8 hours. The report must contain 1) circumstances surrounding the accident(s), 2) the number of fatalities, and 3) the extent of any injuries.

## 5.5 OSHA 300A Summary Form

Recordable cases must be entered on the log within six workdays of receipt of the information that a recordable case has occurred. The OSHA log must be kept updated to within 45 calendar days.

OSHA 300 forms must be updated during the 5 year retention period, if there is a change in the extent or outcome of an injury or illness which affects an entry on a log. If a change is necessary, the original entry should be lined out and a corrected entry made on that log. New entries should be made for previously unrecorded cases that are discovered or for cases that initially weren't recorded but were found to be recordable after the end of the year. Log totals should also be modified to reflect these changes.

## 5.5.1 Posting

The log must be summarized at the end of the calendar year and the summary must be posted from February 1 through May 31.

## 5.6 OSHA 300A

Facilities selected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to participate in surveys of occupational injuries and illnesses will receive the OSHA 300A. The data from the annual summary on the OSHA 300 log should be transferred to the OSHA 300A, other requested information provided and the form returned as instructed by the BLS.

#### 5.7 Access to OSHA Records

All OSHA records (accident reporting forms and OSHA 300 logs) should be available for inspection and copying by authorized Federal and State government officials.

Employees, former employees, and their representatives must be given access for inspection and copying to only the log, OSHA No. 300, for the establishment in which the employee currently works or formerly worked.

#### 6.0 **REFERENCES**

29 CFR Part 1904

#### 7.0 ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Incident Investigation Form Attachment B - Incident Follow-Up Report Attachment C - Establishing Recordability

## ATTACHMENT A

## INCIDENT INVESTIGATION FORM

Accident investigation should include:
Location:
Time of Day:
Accident Type:
Victim:
Nature of Injury:
Released Injury:
Hazardous Material:
Unsafe Acts:
Unsafe Conditions:
Policies, Decisions:
Personal Factors:
Environmental Factors:

## ATTACHMENT B

Date
Foreman:
INCIDENT FOLLOW-UP REPORT
Date of Incident:
Site:
Brief description of incident:
Outcome of incident:
Physician's recommendations:
Date the injured returned to work:
Project Manager Signature:
Date:

ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THIS FORM

#### ATTACHMENT C

#### ESTABLISHING RECORDABILITY

1. Deciding whether to record a case and how to classify the case.

Determine whether a fatality, injury or illness is recordable.

A fatality is recordable if:

- Results from employment

An injury is recordable if:

- Results from employment and
- It requires medical treatment beyond first aid or
- Results in restricted work activity or job transfer, or
- Results in lost work day or
- Results in loss of consciousness

An illness is recordable if:

- It results from employment

2. Definition of "Resulting from Employment"

Resulting from employment is when the injury or illness results from an event or exposure in the work environment. The work environment is primarily composed of: 1) The employer's premises, and 2) other locations where associates are engaged in work-related activities or are present as a condition of their employment.

The employer's premises include company rest rooms, hallways, cafeterias, sidewalks and parking lots. Injuries occurring in these places are generally considered work related.

The employer's premises EXCLUDES employer controlled ball fields, tennis courts, golf courses, parks, swimming pools, gyms, and other similar recreational facilities, used by associates on a voluntary basis for their own benefit, primarily during off work hours.

Ordinary and customary commute, is not generally considered work related.

Employees injured or taken ill while engaged in consuming food, as part of a normal break or activity is not considered work related. Employees injured or taken ill as the result of smoking, consuming illegal drugs, alcohol or applying make up are generally not considered work related. Employee injured by un authorized horseplay is generally not considered work related, however, an employee injured as a result of a fight or other workplace violence act, may be considered work related.

Associates who travel on company business are considered to be engaged in work related activities all the time they spend in the interest of the company. This includes travel to and from customer contacts, and entertaining or being entertained for purpose of promoting or discussing business. Incidents occurring during normal living activities (eating, sleeping, recreation) or if the associate deviates from a reasonably direct route of travel are not considered OSHA recordable.

3. Distinction between Medical Treatment and First Aid.

First aid is defined as any one-time treatment, and any follow up visit for the purpose of observation, of minor scratches, cuts, burns, splinters, etc., which do not ordinarily require medical care. Such one time treatment, and follow up visit for the purpose of observation, is considered first aid even though provided by a physician or registered professional personnel.

Medical Treatment (recordable)

- a) They must be treated only by a physician or licensed medical personnel.
- b) They impair bodily function (i.e. normal use of senses, limbs, etc.).
- c) They result in damage to physical structure of a non superficial nature (fractures).
- d) They involve complications requiring follow up medical treatment.

## **APPENDIX D**

# Community Air Monitoring Plan for Remedial Design Work Plan (RDWP)

# Noss Industrial Park Environmental Restoration Project Cortland, Cortland County, New York

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#### **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.

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.

**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, such as isobutylene. The equipment should be capable of calculating 15minute 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 (mcg/m<sub>3</sub>) 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 mcg/m<sub>3</sub> 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 mcg/m3 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 mcg/m<sup>3</sup> 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. The NYSDEC and NYSDOH will be provided data summary tables at a minimum weekly basis and exceedances of action levels and corresponding corrective actions will be reported with 24 hours.

#### **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/m3 (1 to 400,000 :ug/m3);

(c) Precision (2-sigma) at constant temperature: +/-10 :g/m3 for one second averaging; and +/-1.5 g/m3 for sixty second averaging;

(d) Accuracy: +/-5% of reading +/- precision (Referred to gravimetric calibration with SAE fine test dust (mmd= 2 to 3 :m, g= 2.5, as aerosolized);

(e) Resolution: 0.1% of reading or 1g/m3, 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;

(1) Operating Temperature: -10 to  $50_{\circ}$  C (14 to  $122_{\circ}$  F); and

(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 ug/m3 (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/m3, the upwind background level must be confirmed immediately. If the working site particulate measurement is greater than 100 ug/m3 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/m3 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-10 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.

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/m3 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.

## **APPENDIX E**

# Quality Assurance Project Plan for Remedial Design Work Plan (RDWP)

# Noss Industrial Park Environmental Restoration Project Cortland, Cortland County, New York

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Attachment A – Supporting Documentation for PFAS Analysis

## 1 Introduction

C&S' Quality Control (QC) Program is a vital part of its approach to remedial investigations. Through our thorough QC program, our firm is able to provide accurate and dependable data. QC also provides safe working conditions for field staff.

The QC program contains procedures, which provide for collected data to be properly evaluated, and which document that quality control procedures have been followed in the collection of samples. The QC program represents the methodology and measurement procedures used in collecting quality field data. This methodology includes the proper use of equipment, documentation of sample collection, and sample handling practices.

Procedures used in the firm's QC program are consistent with federal, state, and local regulations, as well as, appropriate professional and technical standards.

This QC program has been organized into the following areas:

- QC Objectives
- Field Sampling Techniques
  - Procedures
  - o Preparation
  - Measurement
  - Decontamination
  - Sample Management

## 2 Quality Control Objectives

## 2.1 Data Quality Objectives

Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) are statements which describe the desired quality of data necessary to meet the objectives of the sampling program. The DQOs for the site sampling program were formulated during the scoping effort and developed as part of this Plan. The general steps followed in preparation of the DQOs were as follows:

- Identification of the media to be sampled Identifies the media being investigated (e.g., ground water, surface soil).
- Identification of the data uses Identifies the intended use of the data according to the following:
  - Site Characterization Data are used to determine the composition, nature, and extent of contamination.
  - Risk Assessment Data are used to evaluate the actual or potential risks posed by contaminants determined to be present on-site. Particular attention is given to sampling at locations where human exposure is possible.
  - Health and Safety Plan (HASP) Data are used to establish the level of protection needed for on-site workers during site characterization activities.
  - Monitoring Data are used during the monitoring of the remedial action to access the effectiveness of such action.
  - PRP Enforcement Data are used to help establish potentially responsible parties (PRP's).
  - Evaluation of Alternatives Data are used to evaluate various proposed remedial technologies and assist in proper design of alternatives.
- ► *Identification of the data types* Identifies what types of analyses are to be performed.
- ► *Sample Collected* Describes the sample types to be collected.
  - Environmental Refers to a specific media sampled such as water, soil, air, or biological.
  - Source Refers to sampling an actual contamination source.
  - Grab A discrete sample representative of a specific location.
  - Composite A sample that represents a mixture of a number of grab samples that represents the average properties over the extent of areas sampled.
  - Biased -Sampling that focuses on a specific area of expected contamination or uncontaminated area (background).
- Identification of the data quality needs Identifies the analytical options available to support data collection activities and are identified as follows:
  - Level I: *Field Screening* portable type instruments which provide real-time data.
  - Level II: Field Analysis portable analytical instruments in an on-site lab or

transported to the site.

- Level III: *Standard Analytical Protocols* standard analytical protocols or without the NYSDEC Analytical Services Protocol (ASP) (2000) deliverables/reportables documentation.
- Level IV: *NYSDEC ASP Reportables/Deliverables* rigorous QA / QC protocols and reportables/deliverables documentation; NYSDEC ASP (2000) Category B deliverables.
- Level V: *Non-Standard* methods which have been modified to meet specific site study or remediation needs or by use of some other specialized analytical methods that cannot be obtained through standard or typical avenues of analytical support.
- Identification of Data Quality Factors Describes factors which influence the quality or quantity of data to be collected. Primary contaminants and associated levels of concern are identified concerning ARARs or potential risks. The required detection limit are also given or referenced.
- Identification of QA / QC Samples Specifies additional samples to be collected to support Quality Assurance / Quality Control (QA / QC) procedures. Additional samples to be collected could include:
  - *Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicates* Matrix spike and matrix spike duplicate samples are collected as a duplicate sample to which the analytical laboratory will add known amounts of target analytes. These QA / QC samples are intended to assess the extraction procedure used by the laboratory.
  - *Blind Duplicates* Blind duplicates are a duplicate of another sample submitted for analysis. The location of the sample is recorded in the field book and not disclosed on the chain of custody. These QA / QC samples are intended to assess the repeatability of analysis by the laboratory.
  - *Field Blanks* Field (equipment) blanks are samples which are obtained by running analyte-free water through the sample collection equipment in a way that is identical to the sample collection procedures. Field blanks may be used during QA / QC procedures to evaluate if sampling equipment has contributed contaminants to the samples.
  - *Trip Blanks* Trip blanks are samples which are prepared prior to the sampling event in the same type of sample container and are kept with the collected samples throughout the sampling event unit analysis. Trip blank vials are not opened in the field and are analyzed for volatile organics only.

## 2.2 Sampling Procedures

Sampling objectives, locations, and procedures have been included as the Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RDWP) and are further described in Section 3. Items including Field Measurement Techniques, General Field Decontamination, and Sample Management have also been included in Sections 3 and 4.

## 2.3 Laboratory Certification and Coordination

Contract Laboratory Protocol (CLP) certification is a tier of accreditation issued by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) within the Solid and Hazardous Waste category. Such laboratories have demonstrated that they meet the requirements of the NYSDEC Analytical Services Protocol. All chemical analyses for samples from the site will be completed by a CLP laboratory capable of performing project specific analyses as indicated in this QA / QC plan. The project QA / QC Officer will also be responsible for all project related laboratory coordination.

Supporting documentation related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) analysis, such as standard operating procedures (SOPs), analyte lists, and method detection limits (MDLs) are provided in **Attachment A**.

#### 2.4 Analytical Methodologies

Sampling and analysis will be performed for the Target Compound List (TCL) parameters including volatiles. The specific analyses will be conducted according to the following NYSDEC ASP 2000 methodologies:

Parameter Group	Analysis Method
Volatiles	8260C or TO-15 for air
Semivolatiles	8270D
PCBs	8082A
Pesticides	8081B
Herbicides	8151A
Metals / Inorganics	6010D, 7471B, 9010C/9012B, 7196A
PFOA/PFOS	LC-MS/MS using 537.1 methodologies

Samples will be analyzed by Alpha Analytical and the data will be presented in Category B reportables / deliverables format.

## 2.5 Analytical Quality Control

Analytical quality control for this Project will be consistent with the methodology and quality assurance/quality control requirements in the NYSDEC ASP 2000.

The tables on the following page detail sample volumes, containers, preservation, and holding time for typical analytes.

#### 2.6 Data Usability Summary Report

A Data Usability Summary Report (DUSR) will be prepared by Environmental Data Usability (EDU) consistent with NYSDECs Guidance for the Development of Quality Assurance Plans and Data Usability Summary Reports as given in DER-10. The main objective of the DUSR is to determine whether the data presented meets the project specific needs for data quality and data use.

Type of Analysis	Type and Size of Container	Number of Containers and Sample Volume (per sample)	Preservation	Holding Time Until Extraction/ Analysis
VOCs	40-ml glass vial with Teflon-backed septum	Two (2); fill completely, no headspace	Cool to 4° C (ice in cooler), Hydrochloric acid to pH <2	14 days
Semi-volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs)	1,000 or 200-ml amber glass jar	One (1); fill completely	Cool to 4° C (ice in cooler)	7/40 days
Pesticides	1,000-ml amber glass jar	One (1); fill completely	Cool to 4° C (ice in cooler)	7/40 days
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)	1,000-ml amber glass jar	One (1); fill completely	Cool to 4° C (ice in cooler)	7/40 days
Metals	250-ml HDPE	One (1); fill completely	Cool to 4° C (ice in cooler) Nitric acid to pH <2	180 days (28 for mercury)
Cyanide	1,000-mL HDPE		Cool to 4° C (ice in cooler) Nitric acid to pH <2	14 days

## Table 2.5a Water Samples

Note:

All sample bottles will be prepared in accordance with USEPA bottle washing procedures.

Consult with laboratory as bottleware may vary by laboratory.

Holding time begins at the time of sample collection.

## Table 2.5b **Soil Samples**

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Type of Analysis	Type and Size of Container	Number of Containers and Sample Volume (per sample)	Preservation	Holding Time Until Extraction/ Analysis
VOCs	4-oz, glass jar with Teflon-lined cap	One (1), fill as completely as possible	Cool to 4° C (ice in cooler)	14 days
VOCs via EPA 5035	40 mL vials with sodium bisulfate, methanol, and/or DI water	Three (3), 5 grams each	Cool to 4° C (ice in cooler)	2 days
SVOCs	4-oz, glass jar with Teflon-lined cap	One (1), fill as completely as possible	Cool to 4° C (ice in cooler)	7/40 days
PCBs	4-oz, glass jar with Teflon-lined cap	One (1), fill as completely as possible	Cool to 4° C (ice in cooler)	7/40 days
Pesticides	4-oz, glass jar with Teflon-lined cap	One (1), fill as completely as possible	Cool to 4° C (ice in cooler)	14/40 days
Metals	4-oz. glass jar with Teflon-lined cap	One (1), fill as completely as possible	Cool to 4° C (ice in cooler)	180 days (28 for mercury)
Cyanide	4-oz, glass jar with Teflon-lined cap	One (1), fill as completely as possible	Cool to 4° C (ice in cooler)	14 days

Note:

All sample bottles will be prepared in accordance with USEPA bottle washing procedures. Consult with laboratory as bottleware may vary by laboratory. Holding time begins at the time of sample collection.

#### Applicable information for PFAS samples is as follows:

#### Table 2.5c **PFAS Samples**

Type and Matrix Size of Container		Number of Containers and Sample Volume (per sample)	Preservation	Holding Time Until Extraction / Analysis
Water	2 – 250 ml polypropylene	completely as lin cooleri 1 /		14 days to extraction 28 days after extraction
Soil	1 – 250 ml HDPE or polypropylene	One (1) fill as completely as possible	Cool to 4°C (ice in cooler)	28 days

## 3 Field Sampling Plan

### 3.1 Sampling Procedures

The following sections provide procedures for collecting a variety of samples, not all of which will be needed at this site.

#### 3.1.1 Preparation for Sampling

The sample collection technique is of prime importance to assure the integrity of the collected sample. The following techniques include provisions so that:

- A representative sample is obtained;
- Contamination of the sample is minimized;
- ► The sample is properly preserved; and
- ► An acceptable Chain-of-Custody record is maintained.

The QA / QC Sampling Component of the Plan includes:

- ► Incorporation of accepted sampling techniques referenced in the sampling plan;
- ▶ Procedures for documenting any field actions contrary to the QA / QC Plan;
- Documentation of all preliminary activities such as equipment check-out, calibrations, and container storage and preparation;
- Documentation of field measurement quality control data (quality control procedures for such measurements shall be equivalent to corresponding QC procedures);
- Documentation of field activities;
- Documentation of post-field activities including sample shipment and receipt, field team debriefing, and equipment check-in;
- Generation of quality control samples including duplicate samples, field blanks, equipment blanks, and trip blanks;
- ► The use of these samples in the context of data evaluation with details of the methods employed (including statistical methods) and of the criteria upon which the information generated will be judged; and
- ► The number of QA / QC samples generally required are shown in the following table. When there is a disagreement with QA / QC sample numbers and types, between this document and a Work Plan, the Work Plan shall prevail.

Sample Type	Analysis	Number	Note
MS / MSD	Full Suite	Every sample batch, or	Two additional samples at a given
		minimum of 5% (1 per 20)	location
Trip Blank	VOC	One per day or 5% (1 per 20),	Vials of clean water provided by
		whichever is more frequent	laboratory. Packed with collected
			samples.
Field Blank PFAS		One per day or 5% (1 per 20),	Clean water passed through / over
		or whichever is more frequent	decontaminated sample collection
			equipment / tubing
Blind Duplicate	Same as	Every sample batch, or	An additional sample at a given
	field sample	minimum of 5% (1 per 20)	location

Table 3-1 QA / QC Samples

The personnel responsible for collection of groundwater, soil, air, miscellaneous media, and petroleum spill remediation/verification samples will be familiar with standard sampling procedures and follow the appropriate protocol. Field records will be maintained in bound notebooks with numbered pages to document daily instrument calibration, locations sampled, field observations, and weather conditions. Each page will be dated and signed by the sampler. Each notebook will be numbered and a log of notebooks will be maintained by the project manager.

Prior to sampling, all equipment must be procured and accommodations for sample container delivery, and sample shipment must be made. The following is a list of general equipment that would be on hand for sampling events. Special equipment for each sampling event is presented in the section describing that specific sampling event.

#### **General Field Sampling Equipment**

- ► Field Data Sheets
- ► Chain-of-Custody forms
- ► Engineers tape and folding ruler with 0.01 foot intervals
- ► Field Record Sheets
- ► Latex gloves
- ► Face-safety shield
- ► Tyvek coveralls
- ► Respirators
- Photoionization detector
- Bio-degradable phosphate free detergent
- ► Coolers and ice (no blue ice)

- Drums
- ► Sample bottles
- ► Aluminum foil
- ► Duct and filament tape
- ► Tap water
- Distilled water
- Laboratory grade methanol and hexane
- Wash buckets
- Decontamination towels / cloths
- ► Large disposal containers
- ► Large plastic sheets

## 3.2 Sample Collection Techniques

## 3.2.1 Surface Soil Sampling

Surface soil samples will be collected at the locations and depths indicated in the RIWP. When sampling is conducted in areas where a vegetative turf has been established, a precleaned trowel or shovel will be used to remove the turf so that it may be replaced at the conclusion of sampling. Samples will then be collected using a pre-cleaned, stainless steel spoon. When the sample is obtained, it will be deposited into a stainless steel bowl for mixing prior to filling the sample containers. The soil will be mixed thoroughly in the bowl until the material is homogenized. At that point, the soil will be placed into the laboratory provided containers.

Once removed from the ground the soil will immediately be observed for soil characteristics, including general soil type (sand, silt, clay), moisture, and evidence of impairment (e.g. petroleum or chemical odors, staining, volatile organic vapors as measured by a PID).

When PFAS sampling / testing is required, no sampling equipment components or sample containers should come into contact with aluminum foil, LDPE, glass, or Teflon tape. Acceptable equipment includes stainless steel spoons and bowl, and steel shovels or augers that are not coated.

## 3.2.2 Subsurface Soil Sampling – Direct Push Drilling

## 3.2.2.1 Boring Advancement

Generally, soil borings will be advanced with a Geoprobe direct push sampling system. The use of direct push technology allows for rapid sampling, observation, and characterization of relatively shallow overburden soils. The Geoprobe utilizes a four to five-foot macrocore sampler, with disposable polyethylene sleeves. Soil cores will be retrieved in four or five-foot sections, and can be easily cut from the polyethylene sleeves for observation and sampling. The macrocore sampler will be decontaminated between boring locations using an alconox and water solution.

Prior to initiating drilling activities, the Macrocores, drive rods, and pertinent equipment, will be steam cleaned or washed with an alconox and water solution. This cleaning procedure will also be used between each boring. Throughout and after the cleaning processes, direct contact between the equipment and the ground surface will be avoided. Plastic sheeting and/or clean support structures (e.g., pallets, sawhorses) will be used.

Test borings will be advanced with 2-inch (or larger) inside diameter (ID) direct push Macrocore through overburden soils. Drilling fluids, other than potable water will not be allowed without special consideration and agreement from NYSDEC. The use of lubricants is also not allowed unless approved by the NYSDEC representative.

## 3.2.3 Subsurface Soil Sampling – Hollow Stem Auger

The drilling and installation of monitoring wells will be performed using a rotary drill rig which will have sufficient capacity to perform 4 1/4-inch ID hollow-stem auger drilling in the overburden, retrieve Macrocore or split-spoon samples. Equipment sizes and diameters may vary based on project-specific criteria. Any investigative derived waste generated during the advancement of soil borings and monitoring well installations will be containerized and characterized for proper disposal.

Prior to initiating drilling activities, the augers, rods, Macrocore, split spoons, and other pertinent equipment will be steam cleaned or washed with an alconox and water solution. This cleaning procedure will also be used between each boring. Steam cleaning activities will be performed in a designated on-site decontamination area. During and after the cleaning processes, direct contact between the equipment and the ground surface will be avoided. Plastic sheeting and/or clean support structures (e.g., pallets, sawhorses) will be used.

Test borings will be advanced with 4 1/4-inch ID hollow stem augers through overburden, driven by truck-, track-, or trailer-mounted drilling equipment. Alternative methods of drilling or equipment may be allowed or requested for project specific criteria, but must be approved by the NYSDEC. Drilling fluids, other than water from a NYSDEC-approved source, will not be allowed without special consideration and agreement from NYSDEC. The use of lubricants is also not allowed unless approved by the NYSDEC representative.

Hollow stem auger advanced groundwater-monitoring wells typically utilize minimum 2inch threaded flush joint PVC pipe with 0.010-in. slotted screen or pre-packed well screens. PVC piping used for risers and screens will conform to the requirements of ASTM-D 1785 Schedule 40 pipe. All materials used to construct the wells will be NSF/ASTM approved. Solvent PVC glue shall not be used at any time in the construction of the wells. The bottom of the screen shall be sealed with a treated cap or plug. No lead shot or lead wool is to be employed in sealing the bottom of the well or for sealant at any point in the well.

## 3.2.3.1 Subsurface Soil Sample Screening and Collection

When polyethylene sleeves or split spoons are removed from borings, the soil will immediately be observed for soil characteristics, including general soil type (sand, silt, clay), moisture, confining layers, and evidence of impairment (e.g. petroleum or chemical odors, staining, volatile organic vapors as measured by a PID). Generally, sample selection is based on evidence of impairment, depth, spatial distribution, or for delineation purposes. Normally, sample locations will not be known until the end of each day in the field. Therefore, samples for potential analysis will be placed in new Ziploc bags and placed on ice until they are placed into laboratory provided glassware.

When PFAS sampling / testing is required, no sampling equipment components or sample containers should come into contact with aluminum foil, LDPE, glass, or Teflon tape.

Acceptable equipment includes stainless steel spoons and bowl, and steel tools that are not coated.

### 3.2.4 Groundwater Monitoring Well Construction / Completion

#### Artificial Sand Pack

When utilized, granular backfill will be chemically and texturally clean, inert, siliceous, and of appropriate grain size for the screen slot size and the host environment The sand pack will be installed using a tremie pipe, when possible (i.e., a tremie pipe may not fit into smaller, 2-in. diameter boreholes). When utilized, the well screen and casing will be installed, and the sand pack placed around the screen and casing to a depth extending at least 2-ft. A pre-packed well screen may be used if pre-approved by the NYSDEC.

#### **Bentonite Seal**

A minimum 2-ft. thick seal will be placed directly on top of the sand pack, and care will be taken to avoid bridging. In the event that Site geology does not allow for a 2-ft. seal (e.g., only 1-ft. of space remains between the top of the sand pack and ground surface), the remaining space in the annulus will be filled with bentonite.

#### **Grout Mixture**

Upon completion of the bentonite seal, the well may be grouted with a non-shrinking cement grout (e.g., Volclay R) mix to be placed from the top of the bentonite seal to the ground surface. The cement grout shall consist of a mixture of Portland cement (ASTM C 150) and water, in the proportion of not more than 7 gallons of clean water per bag of cement (1 cubic foot or 94 pounds). Additionally, 3% by weight of bentonite powder may be added.

#### **Surface Protection**

At all times during the progress of the work, precautions shall be used to prevent tampering with or the entrance of foreign material into the well. Upon completion of the well, a suitable cap shall be installed to prevent material from entering the well. Where permanent wells are to be installed, the well riser shall be protected by a flush mounted road box set into a concrete pad or locking well cap for stick-up wells. A concrete pad, sloped away from the well, shall be constructed around the flush mount road box or stick-up casing at ground level.

Any well that is to be temporarily removed from service or left incomplete due to delay in construction shall be capped with a watertight cap.

#### Surveying

Coordinates and elevations will be established for each monitoring well and sampling location. Elevations to the closest 0.01 foot shall be used for the survey. These elevations shall be referenced to a regional, local, or project-specific datum. The location, identification, coordinates, and elevations of the wells will be plotted on maps with a scale large enough to show their location with reference to other structures at each site.

### Well Development

After completion of the well, but not sooner than 24 hours after grouting is completed, development will be accomplished using pumping, bailing, or surge blocking. No dispersing agents, acids, disinfectants, or other additives will be used during development or introduced into the well at any other time. During development, water will be removed throughout the entire water column by periodically lowering and raising the pump intake (or bailer stopping point).

Development water will be either properly contained and treated as waste until the results of chemical analysis of samples are obtained or discharged on Site as determined by the Site-specific work plans and/or consultation with the NYSDEC representatives on Site.

The development process will continue until removal of a minimum of 110% of the water lost during drilling, three well volumes; whichever is greater, or as specified in the Work Plan. In the event that limited recharge does not allow for the recovery of all drilling water lost in the well or three well volumes, the well will be allowed to stabilize to conditions deemed representative of groundwater conditions. Stabilization periods will vary by project but will be confirmed with the NYSDEC prior to sampling.

## 3.2.4.1 Groundwater Sample Collection

Groundwater samples will be collected using a dedicated low flow pump. When analysis is limited to VOCs, samples may be collected with disposable bailers. When PFAS sampling / testing is required, only the following equipment will be permitted:

- Stainless steel inertia pump with HDPE tubing
- Peristaltic pump with HDPE and silicone tubing
- Stainless steel bailer with stainless steel ball
- Bladder pump (identified as PFAS-free) with HDPE tubing

All sampling equipment will be properly decontaminated in the field (see Section 3.4). The following equipment will be available for sampling of monitoring wells in addition to the general sampling equipment list:

► Well Data Sheets

► Water Quality Meter

- ► Acid resistant gloves
- ▶ Pump ► Electronic water level indicator

The following activities will be completed before going into the field every day before the start of sampling:

- 1. Fill out appropriate section on Well Data Sheet for the wells to be sampled;
- 2. Obtain the sampling schedule for each well to be sampled;
- 3. Calibrate the PID with the calibration gas;
- 4. Determine the amount of sampling to be done for the day and prepare the

necessary number of coolers;

- 5. Each well to be sampled will have designated coolers containing the pre-labeled, certified clean, sample bottles. The groundwater samples will be placed in the cooler labeled for the well from which they were taken. The bottle shall be labeled with large distinguishable letters, so that the groundwater samples will be placed in the proper cooler; and
- 6. Select the appropriate sample bottles for the day's sampling. The bottles shall be pre-marked with a sample parameter and preservatives. Reusable glass bottles will have been cleaned and prepared at the laboratory. The bottles for the various parameters to be analyzed from each well location will then be placed in a cooler.

The following steps describe the sample collection of groundwater:

- 1. Unlock and remove the well cap;
- 2. Test the air at the wellhead with the calibrated PID. If the gases from the well have caused the air in the breathing zone to read greater than 5 ppm, stop work and refer to the HASP. Record the reading on the Well Data Sheet;
- 3. In order to obtain a representative sample of the formation water, the well must be purged of the static water within the well. Prior to purging, the static water level within the well must be measured and the measurement recorded on the Well Data Sheet. To determine the amount of water necessary to purge, find the liquid column height in the well to determine the total volume (three liquid column borehole volumes) of liquid to be purged;
- 4. Purge the well; lower pump slowly into the well until it is below the water surface. In accordance with NYSDEC Guidance, purge waters will be disposed within the vicinity of the respective well.
- 5. Record the amount of water purged in the field logbook and on the Well Data Sheet.
- 6. If the well goes dry during pumping, allow for full recovery (measure the water level) and then sample. If recovery takes more than twenty minutes, proceed to next well but return to sample within 24 hours.
- 7. Fill the appropriate sample bottles according to the sampling schedule for each well. While filling the sample bottles, record the well number, type, volume of container, and the preservatives used on the Ground Water Sampling Analyses form.
- 8. The preservatives for the various sampling parameters were previously added to the clean sample bottles by the laboratory. Some parameters may require additional special handling.
- 9. Volatile organics analyses samples must be free of air bubbles. When a bubble-free sample has been obtained, it must be immediately chilled.
- 10. Collect the matrix spike duplicates, duplicates, field blanks, and trip blanks, as applicable. Take samples according to sampling schedule presented in the Work Plan.
- 11. Record all pertinent information in field logbook and on the Well Data Sheet (include color, odor, sediment content of sample, etc.). Any situations at the site that have the potential to interfere with the analytical results should also be recorded

here.

- 12. Lock well, inspect well site, and note any maintenance required.
- 13. Dispose of potentially contaminated materials in designated container for contaminated solids.

## 3.2.5 Air Sample Collection

## **Indoor Air Sampling**

Indoor air samples will be collected using a SummaTM canister (1-Liter capacity) equipped with a critical orifice flow regulation device sized to allow an air sample to be collected over a 24-hour sampling period. Care is taken to deploy the canisters away from the direct influence of any forced air emanating from air conditioning units, central air conditioning vents, furnaces or heaters. The indoor air sampling procedure is as follows:

- Building spaces are examined to determine a location for deploying the sample. The canister is deployed in areas not subject to disturbances and which will not interfere with the occupant's normal activities.
- Building occupants are requested to keep out of the sampling area during the sampling event.
- Air sample canisters are labeled with a unique sample designation number. The sample number and location is recorded in the field log book.
- The canister vacuum is measured using an integrated vacuum gauge immediately prior to canister deployment, and recorded in the field log book. The critical orifice flow controller is installed, as supplied by the laboratory, on the canister, the canister is opened fully at the beginning of sample collection period, and the start time is recorded.
- The canister valve is closed fully at the end of the sample period by disconnecting the regulator from the canister (after 24-hours) and the end time recorded. Any evidence of canister disturbance during the sample collection will be recorded.
- The canister vacuum is measured and recorded immediately after canister retrieval at the end of the sample period. Once the vacuum is measured, the canisters are returned to their sampling boxes for safe storage and shipping. Field data is verified as correctly entered into field books prior to shipment; and canisters are shipped to the laboratory under a chain-of-custody.

## Sub-Slab Soil Gas Sampling

Sub-slab sampling points are installed to collect soil gas immediately below the slab. Subslab gas samples are collected using a 1-Liter Summa<sup>™</sup> canister fitted with a flow orifice pre-calibrated to collect a 1-Liter sample over a 24-hour period. Once the 24-hour sampling period has been completed, the canister is boxed and shipped to the laboratory for analysis. A brief summary of the sampling protocol is provided below. The sub-slab vapor points are installed by first advancing a small diameter hole (approximately 3/8-inches in diameter) through the floor slab to determine thickness. The holes are drilled via a hammer drill or concrete core. The hole extends through the slab and terminates at the interface with underlying material (i.e. gravel base or soil). A sample point consisting of a length of tubing is placed into the boring. The cored slab annulus is filled with clay placed around the sub-slab vapor point. The bottom of the sub-slab vapor point extends to the bottom of slab. Prior to sub-slab soil gas sample collection, the monitoring point and above grade tubing is purged at a rate not exceeding 200 ml/min. The total volume purged prior to sample collection equals three volumes of air in the open space of tubing and the sample point. At the end of the sampling event, a pressure gauge reading is recorded. The 1-Liter canister with a calibrated 24-hour orifice is connected to the tubing. The following summarizes the above:

- The sub-slab sampling point construction is temporary, with the sampling points securely mounted through the concrete slab and grouted in place using pottery clay.
- Prior to sub-slab soil gas sample collection, the monitoring point and above grade tubing is purged at a rate not exceeding 200 ml/min.
- Samples are collected over a 24-hour period at a flow rate not greater than 200 mL/min.
- Helium is used as a field tracer during sampling. The Helium is introduced into a dome next to the above grade sampling train and Summa<sup>™</sup> canister. The helium is read using a helium meter that is capable to read down to 1-2%.
- Field documentation is maintained in a field notebook and on field data forms.

## Ambient Air Sampling

Ambient air samples are collected in the same manner as the indoor air samples

## 3.3 Field Measurement Techniques

<u>*Water Level Measurement*</u> - Water elevations will be taken on all wells prior to purging and sampling. All measurements will be taken within a 24-hour period to obtain consistent elevations and recorded on well data sheets. The procedure for measuring water levels in the monitoring wells is:

- ► Unlock and remove well cap;
- Test the atmosphere of the well with the calibrated PID. If the gases from the well have caused the air in the breathing zone to read greater than 5 ppm, stop work and refer to the HASP
- Measure water level to nearest 0.01 foot with a water level indicator (electronic).
- ► Water level indicators will be decontaminated before moving to next well. The tape and cable are decontaminated by washing in a bucket of distilled water-biodegradable phosphate free-detergent solution, followed by a rinse with distilled water.

*Specific Conductance Measurement* - A specific conductance meter will be field calibrated daily, using a 1M KCl reference solution, to 1413 µmhos/cm at 25 degrees centigrade.

Sample aliquots for specific conductance and temperature will be obtained directly from the sampling point in 100 ml disposable beakers.

<u>*Photoionization Detector (PID)*</u> - The PID will be calibrated daily (and more often as required by the manufacturer's data) prior to use in the field, using calibration test gases.

#### 3.4 General Decontamination

The following procedures will be performed for the decontamination of exploration equipment, sampling equipment, and personnel after each drilling/sampling event:

<u>Drill rig, backhoe, and excavator</u> - The drill rig, direct-push rig, backhoe, and/or excavator will be cleaned prior to their entrance and exit of the site. Greases and oils will not be used on any down hole equipment during drilling or exploration activities.

*Exploration equipment* - To avoid cross contamination, use of a PID meter and cleaning between each sampling site will be employed on backhoe arms, buckets, hollow stem augers, casing drill rods, down-hole tools, and appurtenant equipment.

<u>Split spoon sampler</u> - The split spoon sampler will be scrubbed, cleaned, and put through a series of rinses between each sampling event. A number of split spoon samplers will be used so that one can be utilized for sampling while the others are being cleaned.

<u>*Reusable equipment*</u> - The following steps will be employed to decontaminate reusable equipment:

- ► Rinse equipment of soil or foreign material with potable water;
- Immerse and scrub equipment with bio-degradable phosphate-free detergent and potable water;
- ▶ Immerse and scrub in a potable water rinse without detergent;
- Immerse and scrub in deionized/distilled water;
- ► Saturate by spraying or immersion in laboratory-grade hexane;
- ► Air dry and wrap cleaned equipment in foil to carry to next monitoring site to prevent contamination of equipment during transfer; and
- ► The decontamination wash and rinse water will not be considered hazardous unless visual inspection or monitoring by the PID and other equipment indicate that contaminants may be present. The rinse waters can be discharged on-site if they are not contaminated. If contaminants are expected to be present, the rinsate waters should be placed in 55 gallon drums and stored on-site.

*<u>Disposable equipment</u>* - The following steps will be employed to decontaminate disposable equipment:

- ► Rinse with potable water;
- ► Remove all standing liquid from the piece of equipment;

- Dispose of the equipment in a dedicated container for contaminated solids; and
- Dispose of rinse water in 55 gallon drums if contaminants are found to be present.

<u>Sample containers</u> - upon filling and capping sample bottles, the outside of the bottle will be wiped off with a clean paper towel. These towels will be disposed of in a dedicated container for contaminated solids.

<u>*Personnel decontamination*</u> - The following procedures will be used to decontaminate sampling personnel.

- After each sampling event chemical resistant gloves will be disposed of in a dedicated container for contaminated solids;
- ► At the end of each sampling day, Tyvek<sup>™</sup> coveralls will be disposed of in a dedicated container for contaminated solids;
- Boots will be rinsed off with water to remove mud, clay, or any other contaminants; and
- ▶ Personnel will be required to follow procedures outlined in the HASP.

#### **Special Considerations When Sampling for PFAS**

- Clothing that contains PTFE material, including Gore-Tex or that have been waterproofed with PFAS materials should be avoided. All clothing worn by sampling personnel should first be laundered multiple times. Acceptable rain gear includes PVC, polyurethane, or rubber. If such materials are required because site conditions warrant additional protection for samplers, their use will be documented in the field notes.
- Decontamination water shall be verified in advance to be PFAS-free through laboratory analysis or certification. Previous results of non-detect for PFAS are acceptable.

## 4 Sample Management Plan

#### 4.1 Sample Management

This Sample Management Plan provides procedures to document and track samples and results obtained during this work effort. A series of pre-printed forms with the appropriate information serves as a vehicle for documentation and tracking.

In order to accomplish this task, the documentation materials will include sample labels, sample characterization and Chain-of-Custody sheets, daily field reports, and a sample log.

<u>Sample Label</u> - A sample label will be completed for each sample obtained and will be affixed to the sample container. The label is configured in a way to address various types of mediums. Information on the label includes, at a minimum, client name, location, sample description, sample number, date, time, grab sample, composite sample, notes, and sampler's name.

<u>Sample Characterization & Chain-of-Custody Sheet</u> - All pertinent field information will be entered onto the sample characterization and chain-of-custody sheets including client name, sample ID, sample description, location of sample, sampling method, number of containers, container type, analysis required, and preservation. The monitoring well form has space allotted for entering information regarding the well including depth to water, well volume, sample pH, temperature, color, etc. The Chain-of-Custody section of the form will document the sample's pathway of sample shipment which will include names of persons delivering/receiving, dates, and times. The reverse side of this form will be used by the laboratory to document analysis performed on the sample. Copies of the completed forms will be retained by the Engineer and the analytical laboratory. The original sample characterization and Chain-of-Custody sheets will be submitted in the Remedial Investigation report along with the laboratory results.

<u>*Daily Field Reports*</u> - Daily activities will be recorded on the Inspection Report form. The purpose of this form will be to summarize the work performed on the site each day. The completed forms will be submitted to the Project Manager on a daily basis for short term site activity and on a weekly basis for site activities of a longer duration.

<u>Sample Log</u> - The sample log will be utilized to track each individual sample obtained at the site. The upper portion, "Field Identification" will be completed the day the sample is taken. The form will accompany the sample characterization and Chain-of-Custody form to the laboratory. Personnel at the laboratory will complete the middle section of this form and return it to the Engineer, who will use the document to track incoming results. The bottom of the sheet has space allocated to enter "Recommended Actions" based on laboratory results.

## 4.2 Sample Handling

Each collected sample will be dispensed into the appropriate sample containers for the type of analysis to be performed. Sampling staff will wear nitrile gloves at all times when handling samples. Appropriate sample preservatives will be added to the sample containers by the contracted analytical laboratory prior to the delivery into the field, except in cases where the sample preservative must be added after sample collection. All samples that require cool storage will be immediately placed in coolers with appropriate packaging materials so as to protect the breakage of sample containers during shipment. The sample coolers will be filled with cubed ice (no "Blue Ice") prior to leaving the sample collection location. In the instance that a local analytical laboratory is contracted, the samples will be hand delivered to the laboratory each sampling day. The chain-of-custody forms will be signed by the laboratory personnel picking up the samples and placed within the coolers. In the instance that an analytical laboratory is contracted which is not based locally and a common carrier is used for sample shipment, the chain-of-custody forms will be signed by the sampler and the carrier personnel and placed inside of the coolers. Careful packaging techniques will be used to prevent sample containers from breakage during shipment. Materials such as cardboard, foam wrap, or Styrofoam may be used as packaging materials. All samples will be delivered to the contracted analytical laboratory on the day they were collected and will be received by the laboratory within 24 hours of sample collection. The samples will be collected with sufficient time allowed at the end of the day for the analytical laboratory to properly process the sample chain-of-custody form.

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## Determination of Selected Perfluorinated Alkyl Substances by Solid Phase Extraction and Liquid Chromatography/Tandem Mass Spectrometry Isotope Dilution (LC/MS/MS)

**Reference:** LPA Method 537, Version 1.1, September 2009, EPA Document #: EPA/600/R-08/09

EPA Method 537.1, Version 1, November 2018, EPA Document #: LPA/600/R-18/352

Department of Defense, Quality Systems Manual for Environmental Laboratories, Version 5.2, .2019

## 1. Scope and Application

Matrices: Drinking water, Non-potable Water, and Soll Matrices

Definitions: Refer to Alpha Analytical Quality Manual.

- **1.1** This is a liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS) method for the determination of selected perfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) in Nor-Drinking Water and soil Matrices. Accuracy and precision data have been generated in reagent water, and finished ground and surface waters for the compounds listed in Table 1.
- **1.2** The data report packages present the documentation of any method modification related to the samples tested. Depending upon the nature of the modification and the extent of intended use, the laboratory may be required to demonstrate that the modifications will produce equivalent results for the matrix. Approval of all method modifications is by one or more of the following laboratory personnel before beforeing the modification: Area Supervisor, Department Supervisor, Laboratory Director, or Quality Assurance Officer.
- **1.3** This method is restricted to use by or under the supervision of analysts experienced in the operation of the LC/MS MS and in the interpretation of LC/MS MS data. Each analyst must demonstrate the ability to generate acceptable results with this method by performing an initial demonstration of capability.

## 2. Summary of Method

2.1 A 250-ml water sample is fortified with extracted internal standards (FIS) and passed through a solid phase extraction (WAX) cartridge containing a mixed mode, Weak Anion Exchange, reversed phase, water-wettable polymer to extract the method analytes and isoteoically-labeled compoundes. The compounds are cluted from the solid phase in two fractions with methanol followed by a small amount of 2% ammonium hydroxide in methanol solution. The extract is concentrated with nitregen in a heated water bath, and then adjusted to a 1-mL volume with 80:20% (vol/vol) methanol:water. A 3 µl injection is made into an LC equipped with a C18 column that is interfaced to an MS/MS. The analytes are separated and identified by comparing the acquired mass spectra and retention times to reference spectra and retention times for calibration standards acquired under identical LC MS/MS conditions. The concentration of each analyte is determined by using the isoteoe dilution technique. Extracted Internal Standards (EIS) analytes are used to menitor the extraction efficiency of the method analytes.

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#### 2.2 Method Modifications from Reference

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#### Table 1

Parameter	Acronym	CAS						
PERFLUOROALKYL ETHER CARBOXYLIC ACIDS (PFECAs)								
Tetraflucro-2-(heptafluoropropoxy)propanoid adid	HFPO-DA	62037-80-3						
4,8-cioxa-3H-perfluorononanoic acid	ADONA	919005-14-4						
PERFLUOROALKYLCARBOXILIC ACIDS (PFCAs)								
Perfluorobutanoic acid	PFBA	375-22-1						
Perfluoropentanolo acio	PFPeA	2706-90-3						
Perfluorohexanoic acid	PFHxA *	307-24-4						
Perfluoroheptanoic acio	PFHpA *	375-85-9						
Perfluorooctancic acid	PFOA *	335-67-1						
Perfluorononanoic acid	PFN <b>Λ</b> *	375-95-1						
Perfluorodecanoic acid	ΡΓD <b>Λ</b> *	335-76-2						
Períluoroundecanoic acid	PI UnA *	2058-94-8						
Perlluorododecanoic acid	PFDoA *	307-55-1						
Perlluorotridecanoic acio	PFTrDA *	72629-94-8						
Perfluorotetradecanoic acid	PFTA *	376-06-7						
Perfluorohexadecanoic acid	PFHxJA	67905-19-5						
Perfluorpoctadecanoic acid	PFODA	16517-11-6						
PERFLUOROALKYLSULFONATES (PFASs)								
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid	PFBS *	375-73-5						
Perfluoropentanesulfonic acid	PFPeS	2706-91-4						
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid	PFHx\$ *	355-46-4						
Perfluoroheptanesul fonic acid	PI LIpS	375-92-8						
Perlluoroodanesulfenic acid	PFOS *	1763-23-1						
Perlluorononanesullonic acid	PFNS	68259-12-1						
Perfluorodecanesulfonic acid	PFDS	335-77-3						
Perfluorododecanesulfonic acid	PFDoS	79780-39-5						
* also reportable via the standard 527 method								

\* also reportable via the standard 537 method

Parameler	Acronym	CAS
CHLORO-PERFLUOROALKYLSULFONATE		
11-chloroelcosafluoro-3-oxaundecane-1-sulfonic acid	11CI- PF30UdS	/63051-92-9
9-chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxanone-1-sulfonic acid	9CI-PF3ONS	756426-58-1
PERFLUOROOCTANESULFONAMIDES (FOSAs)	-	
Perfluorooctanesulfenamide	PI OSA	/54-91-6
N-methylper/lucro-1-octanesulfenamide	NMCFOŜA	31506-32-8
N-ethylperfluoro-1-octanesultonamide	NEIFOSA	4151-50-2
TELOMER SULFONATES		
1H,1H,2H,2H-perfluorohexane sulfonate (/ :2)	4:2FTS	27619-93-8
1H,1H,2H,2H-perfluoropotane aulfonate (6:2)	6:2FTS	27619-97-2
1H,1H,2H,2H-perfluorodecane sulfonate (8:2)	8:2FTS	39108-34-4
1H,1H,2H,2H-perfluorododecane sulfonate (10:2)	10:2FTS	120226-60-0
PERFLUOROOCTANESULFONAMIDOACETIC ACID	\$	
N-methyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid	NMeFOSAA *	2355-31-9
N-ethyl perfluorooctanesulfonamideacetic acid	NLtI OSAA *	2991-50-6
NATIVE PERFLUOROOCTANESULFONAMIDOETHA	NOLS (FOSEs)	
2-(N-methylperfluoro-1-octanesul'onamico)-ethanci	NMeFOSE	24448-09-7
2-(N-athylperfluoro-1-octanesulfonamido)-ethanol	NEIFOSE	1691-99-2

#### Table 1 Cont.

\* also reportable via the standard 537 method

## 3. Reporting Limits

The reporting limit for P-AS's is 2 ng L for aqueous samples (20 ng/L for HFPO-DA) and 1 ng g (10 ng/g for HFPO-DA) for soil samples.

## 4. Interferences

- **4.1** PEAS standards, extracts and samples should not come in contact with any glass containers or pipettes as these analytes can potentially adsorb to glass surfaces. PEAS analyte and EIS standards commercially purchased in glass ampoules are acceptable; however, all subsequent transfers or dilutions performed by the analyst must be prepared and stored in polyprobylene containers.
- **4.2** Method interferences may be caused by contaminants in solvents, reagents (including reagent water), sample bottles and caps, and other sample processing hardware that lead to discrete artifacts and or elevated baselines in the chromatograms. The method analytes in this method can also be found in many common laboratory supplies and equipment, such

as PTFE (polytetralluoroethylene) products. LC solvent lines, methanol, aluminum toil. SPE sample transfer lines, etc. All items such as these must be routinely demonstrated to be linee from interferences (less than 1/3 the RL for each method analyte) under the conditions of the analysis by analyzing laboratory reagent blanks as described in Section 9.2. **Subtracting blank values from sample results is not permitted.** 

- **4.3** Matrix interferences may be caused by contaminants that are co-extracted from the sample. The extent of matrix interferences will vary considerably from source to source, depending upon the nature of the water. Humic and or fulvic material can be co-extracted during SPL and high levels can cause enhancement and/or suppression in the electrospray ionization source or low recoveries on the SPL screent. Total organic carbon (TOC) is a good indicator of humic content of the sample.
- **4.4** SPE cartridges can be a source of interferences. The analysis of field and laboratory reagent blanks can provide important information regarding the presence or absence of such interferences. Brands and lots of SPE devices should be tested to ensure that contamination coes not preclude analyte identification and quantitation.

## 5. Health and Safety

- **5.1** The toxicity or carcinogenicity of each reagent and standard used in this method is not fully established; however, each chemical compound should be treated as a potential health hazard. From this viewpoint, exposure to these chemicals must be reduced to the lowest possible level by whatever means available. A reference file of material safety data sheets is available to all personnel involved in the chemical analysis. Additional references to laboratory safely are available in the Chemical Hygiene Plan.
- **5.2** All personnel handling environmental samples known to contain or to have been in contact with municipal waste must follow safety bractices for handling known disease causative agents.
- **5.3** PEOA has been described as "likely to be carcinogenic to humans." Pure standard materials and stock standard solutions of these method analytes should be handled with suitable protection to skin and eyes, and care should be taken not to breathe the vapors or ingest the materials.

## 6. Sample Collection, Preservation, Shipping and Handling

#### 6.1 Sample Collection for Aqueous Samples

- **6.1.1** Samples must be collected in two (2) 250-mL high density polyethylene (HDPF) container with an unlined plastic screw cap.
- **6.1.2** The sample handler must wash their hands before sampling and wear nitrile gloves while filling and scaling the sample bottles. PFAS contamination during sampling can occur from a number of common sources, such as food packaging and contain foods and beverages. Proper hand washing and wearing nitrile gloves will aid in minimizing this type of accidental contamination of the samples.
- **6.1.3** Open the tap and allow the sγstem to flush until the water temperature has stabilized (approximately 3 to 5 min). Collect samples from the llowing system.

- 6.1.4 Fill sample bollles. Samples do not need to be collected headspace free.
- **6.1.5** After collecting the sample and cap the bottle. Keep the sample sealed from time of collection until extraction.
- 6.1.6 Field Reagent Black (FRB)
  - **6.1.6.1** A FRB must be handled along with each sample set. The sample set is composed of samples collected from the same sample site and at the same time. At the laboratory, till the field blank sample bottle with reagent water and preservatives, seal, and ship to the sampling site along with the sample bottles. For each FRB shipped, an empty sample bottle (no preservatives) must also be shipped. At the sampling site, the sampler must open the shipped FRB and pour the reagent water into the empty shipped sample bottle, seal and label this bottle as the FRB. The FRB is shipped back to the laboratory along with the samples and analyzed to ensure that PFAS's were not introduced into the sample during sample collection/handling.

The reagent water used for the FRBs must be initially analyzed for method analytes as a MB and must meet the MB criteria in Section 9.2.1 prior to use. This requirement will ensure samples are not being discarded due to contaminated reagent water rather than contamination during sampling.

#### 6.2 Sample Collection for Soil and Sediment samples.

Grab samples are collected in polypropylene containers. Sample containers and contact surfaces containing PTFE shall be avoided.

#### 6.3 Sample Preservation

Not applicable.

#### 6.4 Sample Shipping

Samples must be chilled during shipment and must not exceed 10 °C during the first 48 hours after collection. Sample temperature must be confirmed to be at or below 10 °C when the samples are received at the laboratory. Samples stored in the lab must be held at or below 6 °C until extraction, but should not be frozen.

**NOTE:** Samples that are significantly above 10° C, at the time of collection, may need to be ided or refrigerated for a period of time, in order to chill them prior to shipping. This will allow them to be shipped with sufficient ide to meet the above requirements.

#### 6.5 Sample Handling

- 6.5.1 Holding Times
  - 6.5.1.1 Water samples should be extracted as soon as possible but must be extracted within 14 days. Soil samples should be extracted within 28 days. Extracts are stored at < 10 \* C and analyzed within 28 days after extraction.</p>

## 7. Equipment and Supplies

- **7.1** SAMPLE CONTAINERS 250-mL high density polyethylene (HDPL) bottles fitted with unlined screw caps. Sample bottles must be discarced after use.
- **7.2** POLYPROPYLENE BOTTLES 4-mL narrow-mouth polypropylene bottles.
- **7.3** CENTRIFUGE TUBES 50-mL conical polypropylene tubes with polypropylene screw caps for storing standard solutions and for collection of the extracts.
- **7.4** AUTOSAMPLER VIALS Polypropylene 0.7-mL autosampler vials with polypropylene caps.
  - **7.4.1** NOTE: Polypropylene vials and caps are necessary to prevent contamination of the sample from PTFE coated septa. However, polypropylene caps do not reseal, so evaporation occurs after injection. Thus, multiple injections from the same vial are not possible.
- **7.5** POLYPROPYLENE GRADUATED CYEINDERS Suggested sizes include 25, 50, 100 and 1000-mL cylinders.
- **7.6** Auto Pipets Suggested sizes include 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 250, 500, 1000, 5000 and 10,000-µls.
- 7.7 PLASTIC PIPETS Polypropylene or polyethylene disposable pipets.
- **7.8** ANALYTICAL BALANCE Capable of weighing to the nearest 0.0001 g.

#### 7.9 SOLID PHASE EXTRACTION (SPE) APPARATUS FOR USING CARTRIDGES

- **7.9.1** SPL CARTRIDG\_S = 0.5 g SPL cartridges containing a reverse phase cooplymer characterized by a weak anion exchanger (WAX) sorbent phase.
- **7.9.2** VACUUM EXTRACTION MANIFOLD A manual vacuum manifold with large volume sampler for cartridge extractions, or an automatic robotic sample preparation system designed for use with SPL cartridges, may be used if all QC requirements discussed in Section 9 are met. Extraction and/or elution steps may not be changed or omitted to accommodate the use of an automated system. Care must be taken with automated SPE systems to ensure the PTFE commonly used in these systems does not contribute to unacceptable analyte concentrations in the MB (Sect. 9.2.1).
- 7.9.3 SAMPLE DELIVERY SYSTEM Use of a polypropylone transfer tube system, which transfers the sample directly from the sample container to the SPE cartriage, is recommended, but not mandatory. Standard extraction manifolds come equipped with PTFE transfer tube systems. These can be replaced with 1/8" O.D. x 1/16" I.D. polypropylone or polyethylene tubing cut to an appropriate length to ensure no sample contamination from the sample transfer lines. Other types of non-PTTE tubing may be used provided it meets the MB (Sect. 9.2.1) and LCS (Sect. 9.3) QC requirements. The PTFE transfer tubes may be used, but an MB must be run on each PTTE transfer tube and the QC requirements in Section 13.2.2 must be met. In the case of automated SFE, the removal of PTFE lines may not be feasible; therefore, MBs will need to be rotated among the ports and must meet the QC requirements of Sections 13.2.2 and 9.2.1.
- 7.10 Extract Clean-up Cartridge 250 mg 6ml SPE Cartridge containing graphitized polymer carbon

- **7.11** LXTRACT CONCLNTRATION SYSTEM Extracts are concentrated by evaporation with nitrogen using a water bath set no higher than 65 °C.
- **7.12** LABORATORY OR ASPIRATOR VACUUM SYSTEM Sufficient capacity to maintain a vacuum of approximately 10 to 15 inches of mercury for extraction cartridges.
- 7.13 IQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY (IC)/TANDEM MASS SPECTROMETER (MS MS) WITH DATA SYSTEM
  - 7.13.1 LC SYSTEM Instrument capable of reproducibly injecting up to 10-µL aliquots, and performing binary linear gradients at a constant flow rate near the Tow rate used for development of this method (0.4 mL min). The LC must be capable of pumping the water/methanol mobile phase without the use of a degasser which pulls vacuum on the mobile phase bottle (other types of degassers are acceptable). Degassers which pull vacuum on the mobile phase causing the analyte peaks to shift to earlier retention times over the course of the analysis batch. The usage of a column heater is optional.

NOTE: During the course of method development, it was discovered that while icle for more than one day, PEAS's built up in the PTEE solvent transfer lines. To prevent long delays in purging high levels of PEAS's from the LC solvent lines, they were replaced with PEEK tubing and the PTEE solvent firts were replaced with stainless steel frits. It is not possible to remove all PEAS background contamination, but these measures help to minimize their background levels.

- 7.13.2 LC/TANDEM MASS SPECTROMETER The LC MS/MS must be capable of negative ion electrospray ionization (FSI) near the suggested I C flow rate of 0.4 mL/min. The system must be capable of performing MS/MS to produce unique product ions for the method analytes within specified retention time segments. A minimum of 10 scans across the chromatographic peak is required to ensure adequate precision.
- **7.13.3** DATA SYSTEM An interfaced cata system is required to acquire, store, reduce, and output mass spectral data. The computer software should have the capability of processing stored LC/MS MS data by recognizing an LC peak within any given retention time window. The software must allow integration of the ion abundance of any specific ion within specified time or scan number limits. The software must be able to calculate relative response factors, construct linear regressions or quadratic calibration curves, and calculate analyte concentrations.
- **7.13.4** ANALYTICAL COLUMN An LC BEH  $C_{18}$  column (2.1 x 50 mm) packed with 1.7  $\mu$ m  $c_{0}$   $C_{10}$  solid phase particles was used. Any column that provides adequate resolution, peak shape, capacity, accuracy, and precision (Sect. 9) may be used.

## 8. Reagents and Standards

- **8.1** GASES, REAGENTS, AND SOLVENTS Reagent grade or better chemicals should be used.
  - 8.1.1 REAGENT WATER Purified water which does not contain any measurable quantities of any method analytes or interfering compounds greater than 1.3 the RL for each method analyte of interest. Prior to daily use, at least 3 L of reagent water should be flushed from the purification system to rinse out any build-up of analytes in the system's tubing.

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- **8.1.2** METHANOL (CH<sub>3</sub>OH. CAS#: 67-56-1) High purily, demonstrated to be free of analytes and interferences.
- **8.1.3** AMMONIUM ACETATE (NH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, CAS#: 631-61-8) High purity, demonstrated to be tree of analytes and interferences.
- **8.1.4** ACETIC ACID (H<sub>3</sub>CCOOH. CAS#: 64-19-7) High purity, demonstrated to be free of analγtes and interferences.
- **8.1.5** 1M AMMONIUM ACETATE/REAGENT WATER High purity, domonstrated to be free of analytes and interferences.
- 8.1.6 2mM AMMONIUM ACETATE METHANOL:WATER (5:95) To prepare, mix 2 mL of 1M AMMONIUM ACETATE,1 ml ACETIC ACID and 50 ml METHANOL into L Liter of REAGENT WATER.
- **8.1.7** Methanol/Water (80:20) To prepare a 1 Liter bottle, mix 200 m1 of REAGENT WATER with 800 mL of METHANOL.
- **8.1.8** AMMONIUM HYDROXIDE (NH<sub>3</sub>, CAS#: 1336-21-6) High purity, demonstrated to be free of analytes and interferences.
- **8.1.9** Socium Acetate (NaOOCCH<sub>3</sub>, CAS#: 127-09-3) High purity, demonstrated to be free of analytes and interferences.
- **8.1.10** 25 mM Sodium Acetate Buffer To prepare 250mls, dissolve .625 grams of sodium acetate into 100 mls of reagent water. Add 4 mls Acetic Acid and adjust the final volume to 250 mls with reagent water.
- **8.1.11** NITROGEN Used for the following purposes: Nitrogen aids in serosol generation of the ESI liquid spray and is used as collision gas in some MS MS instruments. The nitrogen used should meet or exceed instrument manufacturer's specifications. In addition, Nitrogen is used to concentrate sample extracts (Utra High Purity or equivalent).
- **8.1.12** ARGON Used as collision gas in MS MS instruments. Argon should meet or exceed instrument manufacturer's specifications. Nitrogen gas may be used as the collision gas provided sufficient sensitivity (production formation) is achieved.
- **8.2** STANDARD SOLUTIONS When a compound purity is assayed to be 96% or greater, the weight can be used without correction to calculate the concentration of the stock standard. PEAS analyte and IS standards commercially purchased in glass ampoules are acceptable; however, all subsequent transfers or dilutions performed by the analyst must be prepared and stored in polyprobylene containers. Standards for sample fortification generally should be prepared in the smallest volume that can be accurately measured to minimize the addition of excess organic solvent to aqueous samples.

**NOTE:** Stock standards and diluted stock standards are stored at ≤4 °C.

- 8.2.1 ISOTOPE DILUTION Extracted Internal Standard (ID EIS) STOCK SOLUTIONS
  ID EIS stock standard solutions are stable for at least 6 months when stored at 4 °C. The stock solution is purchased at a concentration of 1000 ng mL.
- 8.2.2 ISOTOPE DILUTION Extracted Internal Standard PRIMARY DILUTION STANDARD (ID FIS PDS) Prepare the ID FIS PDS at a concentration of 500 ng/mL. The ID PDS is prepared in 80:20% (vol/vol) methanol:water. The ID PDS is stable for 6 months when stored at ≤4 °C.

lsotope Labeled Standard	Conc. of EIS Stock (ng/mL)	Vol. of EIS Stock (mL)	Final Vol. of EIS PDS (mL)	Final Conc. of EIS PDS (ng/mL)
N∕47FBA	1000	1.0	2.0	500
M5PE? <del>e</del> A	1000	1.0	2.0	500
M5PEHxA	1000	1.0	2.0	500
M4PFHpA	1000	1.0	2.0	500
Μ8ΡΕΟΑ	1000	1.0	2.0	500
M9PFNA	1000	1.0	2.0	500
M6PFDA	1000	1.0	2.0	500
M7PFUcA	1000	1.0	2.0	500
MPFDoA	1000	1.0	2.0	500
M2PFTeDA	1000	1.0	2.0	500
M2PFHxDA	50,000	.02	2.0	500
d3-N-MeFOSA	50,000	.02	2.0	500
d5-N-F:FOSA	50,000	.02	2.0	500
d7-N-MeFOSF	50,000	.02	2.0	500
d9-N-F:FOSF	50,000	.02	2.0	500
M8FOSA	1000	1.0	2.0	500
o3-N-MeFOSAA	1000	1.0	2.0	500
d5-N-FtFOSAA	1000	1.0	2.0	500
M37FBS	929	1.0	2.0	464.5
M3PEHxS	94ն	1.0	2.0	∠73
M8PFOS	957	1.0	2.0	478.5
N2-4:2FTS	935	1.0	2.0	467.5
N2-6:2FTS	949	1.0	2.0	474.5
N2-8:2FTS	958	1.0	2.0	<u>۲</u> 9
M3HFPO-DA	50,000	.4	2.0	10,000

#### Table 2

- **8.2.3** ANALYTE STOCK STANDARD SOLUTION Analyte stock standards are stable for at least 6 months when stored at 4 °C. When using these stock standards to prepare a PDS, care must be taken to ensure that these standards are at room temperature and adequately vortexed.
- **8.2.4** Analyte Secondary Spiking Standard Prepare the spiking solution of additional add on components for project specific requirements only. ANALYTE PRIMARY SPIKING STANDARD Prepare the spiking standard at a concentration of 500 ng/mL in methanol. The spiking standard is stable for at least two months when stored in polypropylene centrifuge tubes at room temperature.

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Table 3								
Analyte	Conc. of IS Stock (ng/mL)	Vol. of IS Stock (mL)	Final Vol. of IS PDS (mL)	Final Conc. of IS PDS (ng/mL)				
PFBA	2000	1	۷.	500				
PFPeA	2000	1	۷	500				
PFHxA	2000	1	۷	500				
РFHpA	2000	1	۷	500				
<b>PFOA</b>	2000	1	۷	500				
PENA	2000	1	۷	500				
ΓΕΟΑ	2000	1	۷	500				
PFUdA	2000	1	۷	500				
PFDoA	2000	1	۷.	500				
PFTrDA	2000	1	۷.	500				
₽ <b>F</b> ¯eD <b>A</b>	2000	1	۷	500				
FOSA	2000	1	۷	500				
N-MeFOSAA	2000	1	۷	500				
N-FtFOSAA	2000	1	۷	500				
I-PFBS	1770	1	۷	442.5				
I -PFPeS	1880	1	۷	<b>47</b> 0				
-PFHxSK	1480	1	۷	370				
Br-PFHxSK	344	1	۷	86				
-PFHpS	1900	1	۷	475				
I-PFOSK	1460	1	۷	365				
<b>϶</b> ϝ-ℙΞΟ <u></u> ϐΚ	391	1	۷.	97.75				
I-PENS	1920	1	۷.	480				
I -PFDS	1930	1	۷	482.5				
4:2F <sup></sup> S	1870	1	۷	467.5				
6:2F <sup></sup> S	1900	1	۷	475				
8:2F <sup></sup> S	1920	1	۷.	480				

**8.2.5** Analyte Secondary Spiking Standard Prepare the spiking solution of additional add on components for project specific requirements only.

Analyle	Cand, of IS	Vol. of IS Stock	Final Vol. of IS PDS	Final Conc. of IS
	Stock (ng mL)	(mL)	(mL)	PDS (ng/mL)
ADONA	2000	1	۷	500
⊃FHxDA	2000	1	۷	500
PFODA	2000	1	۷	500
HFPO-DA	100,000	.4	۷	10,000
9CIPF3ONS	50,000	0.04	Z	500
11CIPF3OUdS	50,000	0.04	Z	500

#### Table 4

- **8.2.6** LOW, MEDIUM AND HIGH LEVEL LCS The LCS's will be prepared at the following concentrations and rotated per batch; 2 ng/L, 40 ng L, 500 ng L for drinking waters. The analyte PDS contains all the method analytes of interest at various concentrations in methanol. The analyte PDS has been shown to be stable for six months when stored at <4 °C.
- **8.2.7** Isotope Dilution Labeled Recovery Stock Solutions (ID REC) ID REC Stock solutions are stable for at least 6 months when stored at 4 °C. The stock solution is purchased at a concentration of 1000 ng/mL.
- **8.2.8** Isotope Dilution Labeled Recovery Primary Dilution Standard (ID REC PDS) Prepare the ID REC PDS at a concentration of 500 ng/mL. The ID REC PDS is prepared in 80:20% (vol/vol) methanol:water. The ID REC PDS is stable for at least six months when stored in polypropylene certrifuge tubes at ≤4 °C.

Analyte	Conc. of REC Stock (ng/mL)	Vol. of REC Stack (mL)	Final Vol. of REC PDS (mL)	Final Conc. of REC PDS (ng/mL)
M2PFOA	2000	1	۲	500
M2PFDA	2000	1	۷	500
M3PFBA	2000	1	۷	500
M4PFOS	2000	1	۷	500

#### Table 5

#### 8.2.9 CALIBRATION STANDARDS (CAL) -

Current Concentrations (ng mL): 0.5, 1.0, 5.0, 10.0, 50.0, 125, 150, 250, 500

Preoare the CAI standards over the concentration range of interest from dilutions of the analyte PDS in methanol containing 20% reagent water. 20  $\mu$ I of the EIS PDS and REC PDS are acceed to the CAL standards to give a constant concentration of 10 ng ml. The lowes, concentration CAL standard must be at or below the RL (2 ng/L), which may depend on system sensitivity. The CAL standards may also be used as CCVs (Sect. 9.8). To make calibration stock standards:

#### Table 6

Calibration Standard Concentration	Final Aqueous Cal STD Level Concentration	Final Soil Cal STD Level Concentration	24 compound stock added (ul)	PFHxDA Stock added (vil)	500 ng/ml PFHxDA dilution added (vI)	PFODA Stock added (ul)	500 ng/ml PFOD <b>A</b> dilutian added (ul)	ADONA. HFPO-DA, 11CI- PF3OUdS, 9CI- PF3ONS Stock added (ul)	500 ng/ml ADONA dilution added (ul)	Final Volume in MeDH/H₂O (82:20)
5 rg/m	2 rg/L	.25 ng g	6.25		25		25		25	25 mis
1 ng/m	4 rg∕L	.5 ng/g	53		20		20		20	10 mis
5 rg/m	20 rg/L	1 ng/g	25		100		103		120	10 mis
10 rg/ml	40 ng/l	5 ng/g	125	5		5		5		25 mis

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50 rg/ml	200 ng/l	25 ng/g	250	10	<u>´</u> 0	10	10 mis
125 ng/ml	500 ng/L	62.5 ng/g	625	25	25	25	10 m/s
150 ng/ml	600 ng/L	75 ng/g	750	30	30	30	10 m/s
250 ng/ml	1000 rg/L	125 ng/g	625				5 m s
500 ng/ml	2000 rig/L	250 ng/g	1250				5 m s

## 9. Quality Control

The laboratory must maintain records to document the quality of data that is generated. Ongoing data quality checks are compared with established performance criteria to determine if the results of analyses meet the performance characteristics of the method.

#### 9.1 MINIMUM REPORTING LIMIT (MRL) CONFIRMATION

**9.1.1** Fortify, extract, and analyze seven replicate LCSs at 2 ng/l. Calculate the mean measured concentration (*Mean*) and standard deviation for these replicates. Determine the Half Range for the prediction interval of results ( $HR_{P,R}$ ) using the equation below

HR <sub>PIK</sub> = 3.963s

Where:

s = the standard deviation 3.963 = a constant value for seven replicates.

**9.1.2** Confirm that the upper and lower limits for the Prediction Interval of Result (*PIR* =  $Mean = HR_{PIR}$ ) meet the upper and lower recovery limits as shown below

The Upper PIR Limit must be <150% recovery.

 $\frac{Mean + HR_{PR}}{Fortified Concentration} \times 100\% < 150\%$ 

The I ower PIR I imit must be  $\geq 50\%$  recovery.

 $\frac{Mean - HR_{PlE}}{Forlified Concentration} \ge 50\%$ 

**9.1.3** The RL is validated if both the Upper and Lower PIR Limits meet the criteria described above. If these criteria are not met, the RL has been set too low and must be determined again at a higher concentration.

## 9.2 Blank(s)

**9.2.1 METHOD BLANK (MB)** – A Method Blank (MB) is required with each extraction batch to confirm that potential background contaminants are not interfering with the identification or quantitation of method analytes. Prep and analyze a MB for every 20 samples. If the MB produces a beak within the retention time window of any analyte that would prevent the determination of that analyte, determine the source of contamination and eliminate the interference before processing samples. Background contamination must be reduced to an acceptable level before proceeding. Background from method analytes or other contaminants that

Printouts of this document may be out of date and should be considered uncontrolled. To accomplish work, the published version of the document should be viewed online. Document Type: SOP-Technical Pre-Qualtrax Document ID: N/A interfere with the measurement of method analytes must be below the RL. If the method analytes are detected in the MB at concentrations equal to or greater than this level, then all data for the problem analyte(s) must be considered invalid for all samples in the extraction batch. Because background contamination is a significant problem for several method analytes, it is highly recommenced that the analyst maintain a historical record of MB data.

**9.2.2 FIELD REAGENT BLANK (FRB)** - The purpose of the FRB is to ensure that PFAS's measured in the Field Samples were not inadvertently introduced into the sample during sample collection handling. Analysis of the FRB is required only if a Field Sample contains a method analyte or analytes at or above the RL. The FRB is processed, extracted and analyzed in exactly the same manner as a Field Sample.

# 9.3 Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) and Laboratory Control Sample Duplicates (LCSD)

**9.3.1** An LCS is required with each extraction batch. The fortified concentration of the LCS may be rotated between low, medium, and high concentrations from batch to batch. Default limits of 50-150% of the true value may be used for analytes until sufficient replicates have been analyzed to generate proper control limits. Calculate the percent recovery (%*R*) for each analyte using the equation

Where:

- A = measured concentration in the fortilied sample B =fortification concentration.
- **9.3.2** Where applicable, I CSD's are to be extracted and analyzed. The concentration and analyte recovery criteria for the LCSD must be the same as the batch LCS. The RSD's must fall within ≤30% of the true value for medium and high level replicates, and <50° for low level replicates. Calculate the relative percent difference (RPD) for duplicate MSs (MS and MSD) using the equation

$$\frac{\text{RPD} = \frac{||CS - |CSD|}{(LCS + LCSD)/2} \times 100$$

9.3.3 If the LCS and or LCSD results do not meet these criteria for method analytes, then all data for the problem analyte(s) must be considered invalid for all samples in the extraction batch.

## 9.4 Labeled Recovery Standards (REC)

The analyst must monitor the beak areas of the REC(s) in all injections during each analysis day. **9.5** Extracted Internal Standards (FIS)

**9.5.1** The FIS standard is fortified into all samples, CCVs, MBs, LCSs, MSs, MSDs, FD, and FRB prior to extraction. It is also addee to the CAL standards. The EIS is a means of assessing method performance from extraction to final

chromatographic measurement. Calculate the recovery (%R) for the EIS using the following equation

Where:

A = calculated EIS concentration for the QC or Field Sample B = fortilied concentration of the EIS.

**9.5.2** Default limits of 50-150% may be used for analytes until sufficient replicates have been analyzed to generate proper control limits. A low or high percent recovery for a sample, blank, or CCV does not require discarcing the analytical data but it may indicate a potential problem with future analytical data. When FIS recovery from a sample, blank, or CCV are outside control limits, check 1) calculations to locate possible errors, 2) standard solutions for degradation, 3) contamination, and 4) instrument performance. For CCVs and QC elements spiked with all larget analytes, if the recovery of the corresponding target analytes meet the acceptance criteria for the EIS in question, the data can be used but all potential biases in the recovery of the FIS must be documented in the sample report. If the associated target analytes do not meet the acceptance criteria, the data must be reanalyzed.

#### 9.6 Matrix Spike (MS)

- **9.6.1** Analysis of an MS is required in each extraction batch and is used to determine that the sample matrix does not adversely affect method accuracy. Assessment of method precision is accomplished by analysis of a Field Duplicate (FD) (Sect. 9.6); however, infrequent occurrence of method analytes would hinder this assessment. If the occurrence of method analytes in the samples is infrequent, or if historical trends are unavailable, a second MS, or MSD, must be prepared, extracted, and analyzed from a duplicate of the Field Sample. Extraction batches that contain MSDs will not require the extraction of a field sample duplicate. If a variety of different sample matrices are analyzed regularly, for example, drinking water from groundwater and surface water sources, method performance should be established for each. Over time, MS data should be documented by the laboratory for all routine sample sources.
- **9.6.2** Within each extraction batch, a minimum of one Field Sample is fortified as an MS for every 20 Field Samples analyzed. The MS is prepared by spiking a sample with an appropriate amount of the Analyte Stock Standard (Sect. 8.2.3). Use historical data and rotate through the low, mid and high concentrations when selecting a fertifying concentration. Calculate the percent recovery (%*R*) for each analyte using the equation

$$%R = (A - B) \times 100$$

Where:

A – measured concentration in the fortified sample

- *B* = measured concentration in the unfortified sample
- C fortification concentration.
- **9.6.3** Analyte recoveries may exhibit matrix bias. For samples fortified at or above their native concentration, recoveries should range between 50-150%. If the accuracy of any analyte falls outside the designated range, and the laboratory performance for that analyte is shown to be in control in the LCS, the recovery is judged to be

matrix biased. The result for that analyte in the unfortified sample is labeled suspect/matrix to inform the data user that the results are suspect due to matrix effects.

#### 9.7 Laboratory Duplicate

- **9.7.1** FILLD DUPLICATE OR LABORATORY FORTHTLD SAMPLE MATRIX DUPLICATE (FD or MSD) Within each extraction batch (not to exceed 20 Field Samples), a minimum of one FD or MSD must be analyzed. Dublicates check the precision associated with sample collection, preservation, storage, and laboratory precedures. If method analytes are not routinely observed in Field Samples, an MSD should be analyzed rather than an FD.
- **9.7.2** Galculate the relative percent difference (*RPD*) for cupilcate measurements (*LD1* and *FD2*) using the equation

$$RPD = \frac{|FD^{2} - FD2|}{(|D^{2} - D2)|2} \times 100$$

- **9.7.3** RPDs for TDs should be ≤30%. Greater variability may be observed when TDs have analyte concentrations that are within a factor of 2 of the RL. At these concentrations, TDs should have RPDs that are ≤50%. If the RPD of any analyte falls outside the designated range, and the laboratory performance for that analyte is shown to be in control in the CCV, the recovery is judged to be matrix biased. The result for that analyte in the unfortified sample is labeled suspect/matrix to inform the data user that the results are suspect due to matrix effects.
- **9.7.4** If an MSD is analyzed instead of a FD, calculate the relative percent difference (RPD) for duplicate MSs (MS and MSD) using the equation

$$\frac{|MS - MSD|}{(MS - MSD)/2} \times 100$$

**9.7.5** RPDs for dublicate MSs should be ≤30% for samples fortified at or above their native concentration. Greater variability may be observed when MSs are fortified at analyte concentrations that are within a factor of 2 of the RL. MSs fortified at these concentrations should have RPDs that are ≤50% for samples fortified at or above their native concentration. If the RPD of any analyte falls outside the designated range, and the laboratory performance for that analyte is shown to be in control in the LCSD where applicable, the result is judged to be matrix biased. If no LCSD is present, the associated MS and MSD are to be re-analyzed to determine if any analytical has occurred. If the resulting RPDs are still outside control limits, the result for that analyte in the unfortified sample is labeled suspect/matrix to inform the data user that the results are suspect due to matrix effects.

#### 9.8 Initial Calibration Verification (ICV)

**9.8.1** As part of the IDC (Sect. 13.2), and after each ICAL analyze a QCS sample from a source different from the source of the CAL standards. If a second vendor is not available, then a different lot of the standard should be used. The QCS should be prepared and analyzed just like a CCV. Acceptance criteria for the QCS are identical to the CCVs; the calculated amount for each analyte must be +

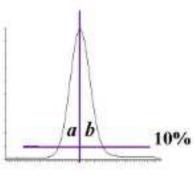
Printouts of this document may be out of date and should be considered uncontrolled. To accomplish work, the published version of the document should be viewed online, Document Type: SOP-Technical Pre-Qualtrax Document ID: N/A 30% of the expected value. If measured analyte concentrations are not of acceptable accuracy, check the entire analytical procedureto locate and correct lhe meldara.

## 9.9 Continuing Calibration Verification (CCV)

9.9.1 CCV Standards are analyzed at the beginning of each analysis batch, after every 10 Field Samples, and at the end of the analysis batch. See Section 10.7 for concentration requirements and acceptance criteria.

#### 9.10 Method-specific Quality Control Samples

9.10.1 PEAK ASYMMETRY FACTOR - A peak asymmetry factor must be calculated using the equation below during the IDL and every time a calibration curve is generaled. The peak asymmetry factor for the first two eluting peaks in a midlevel CAL standard (if only two analytes are being analyzed, both must be evaluated) must fall in the range of 0.8 to 1.5. Modifying the standard or extract composition to more aqueous content to prevent poor shape is not permitted. See guidance in Section 10.6.4.1 if the calculated



peak asymmetry factors do not meet the criteria.

Where:

 $A_x$  = peak asymmetry factor

- b = width of the back half of the peak measured (at 10% peak height) from the trailing edge of the peak to a line dropped percendicularly from the peak apex.
- a the width of the front half of the peak measured (at 10% peak height) from the leading edge of the peak to a line dropped percendicularly from the apex.

## 9.11 Method Sequence

- CCV-LOW
- M3
- LCS ٠
- LCSD
- MS •
- Duplicate or MSD ٠
- Field Samples (1-10)
- CCV-MID
- Hield Samples (11-20)
- CCV-LOW

## 10. Procedure

#### 10.1 Equipment Set-up

- **10.1.1** This procedure may be performed manually or in an automated mode using a robotic or automatic sample preparation device. If an automated system is used to prepare samples, follow the manufacturer's operating instructions, but all extraction and elution steps must be the same as in the manual procedure. Extraction and/or elution steps may not be changed or omitted to accommodate the use of an automated system. If an automated system is used, the MBs should be rotated among the ports to ensure that all the valves and tubing meet the MB requirements (Sect. 9.2).
- **10.1.2** Some of the PEAS's adsorb to surfaces, including polypropylene. Therefore, the aqueous sample bottles must be rinsed with the elution solvent (Sect 10.3.4) whether extractions are performed manually or by automation. The bottle rinse is passed through the cartridge to clute the method analytes and is then collected (Sect. 10.3.4).
- **10.1.3 NOTE:** The SPE cartridges and sample bottles described in this section are designed as single use items and should be discarded after use. They may not be refurbished for reuse in subsequent analyses.

#### **10.2 Sample Preparation and Extraction of Aqueous Samples**

**10.2.1** Samples are preserved, collected and stored as presented in Section 6.

The entire sample that is received must be sent through the SPF cartriage. In addition, the bottle must be solvent rinsed and this rinse must be sent through the SPF cartridge as well. The method blank (MB) and laboratory control sample (LCS) must be extracted in exactly the same manner (i.e., must include the boffle solvent rinse). It should be noted that a water rinse alone is not sufficient. This does not apply to samples with high concentrations of PFAS that are prepared using serial dilution and not SPE.

**10.2.2** Determine sample volume. Weigh all samples to the nearest 1g. If visible sediment is present, centrifuge and decan, into a new 250mL HDPE bottle and record the weight of the new container.

NOTE: Some of the PFAS's adsorb to surfaces, thus the sample volume may **NO**T be transferred to a graduated cylinder for volume measurement.

- **10.2.3** The MB, LCS and FRB may be prepared by measuring 250 mL of reagent water with a polypropγlene graduated cylinder or filling a 250-mL sample bottle to near the top.
- 10.2.4 Adjust the QC and sample pH to 3 by adding acetic acid in water dropwise
- **10.2.5** Add 20 μL of the EIS PDS (Sec., 8.2.2) to each sample and QC, cap and invertite mix.
- **10.2.6** If the sample is an LCS, LCSD, MS, or MSD, add the necessary amount of analyte PDS (Sect. 8.2.3). Cap and invert each sample to mix.

## 10.3 Cartridge SPE Procedure

- **10.3.1** CARTRIDGE CLEAN-UP AND CONDITIONING DO NOT allow cartridge packing material to go cry during any of the conditioning steps. Rinse each cartridge with 3 X 5 mL ol 2% ammonium hydroxide in methanol. followed by 5mls of methanol. Next, rinse each cartridge with 5 mls of the 25 mM acetate buffer, followed by 15 mL of reagent water, without allowing the water to drop below the top edge of the packing. If the cartridge goes dry during the conditioning phase, the conditioning must be started over. Add 4-5 mL of reagent water to each cartridge, attach the sample transfer tubes (Sect. 7.9.3), turn on the vacuum, and begin acding sample to the cartridge.
- **10.3.2** SAMPLE EXTRACTON Adjust the vacuum so that the approximate flow rate is approximately 4 mL/min. Do not allow the cartriage to go dry before all the sample has passed through.
- **10.3.3** SAMPLE BOTTLE AND CARTRIDGE RINSE After the entire sample has passed through the cartridge, rinse the sample bottles with 4 ml reagent water followed by 4 ml 25 mM acetate buffer at p114 and draw the aliquet through the sample transfer tubes and the cartridges. Draw air or nitrogen through the cartridge for 5-10 min at high vacuum (10-15 in. Hg). NOTE: If empty plastic reservoirs are used in place of the sample transfer tubes to pass the samples through the cartridges, these reservoirs must be treated like the transfer tubes. After the entire sample has passed through the cartridge, the reservoirs must be rinsed to waste with reagent water.
- **10.3.4** SAMPLE BOTTLE AND CARTRIDGE FLUTION, Fraction 1 Turn off and release the vacuum. Lift the extraction manifold top and insert a rack with collection tubes into the extraction tank to collect the extracts as they are eluted from the cartridges. Rinse the sample bottles with 12 mls of methanol and craw the aliquot through the sample transfer tubes and cartridges. Use a low vacuum such that the solvent exits the cartridge in a dropwise fashion.

SAMPLE BOTTLE AND CARTRIDGE ELUTION, Fraction 2 In a separate collection vial, rinse the sample bottles with 12 mL of  $2^{\circ}_{\nu}$  ammonium hydroxide in methanol and clute the analytes from the cartridges by pulling the 4 mL of methanol through the sample transfer tubes and the cartridges. Use a low vacuum such that the solvent exits the cartridge in a droowise fashion. To the final extract, add 50 ul of acetic acid.

**NOTE:** If empty plastic reservoirs are used in place of the sample transfer tubes to pass the samples through the cartridges, these reservoirs must be treated like the transfer tubes. After the reservoirs have been rinsed in Section 10.3.3, the elution solvent used to rinse the sample bottles must be swirled down the sides of the reservoirs while eluting the cartridge to ensure that any method analytes on the surface of the reservoirs are transferred to the extract.

CLEAN-UP CARTRIDGE ELUTION. Elute the clean-up cartridge with 8 additional mis of methanol and draw the aliquot through the cartridge. Use a low vacuum such that the solvent exits the cartridge in a croowise fashion.

**10.3.5** Fractions 1 and 2 are to be combined during the concentration stage (section10.6)

#### **10.4 Sample Prep and Extraction Protocol for Soils**

- **10.4.1** Homogenize and weigh 2 grams of sample (measured to the rearest hundredth of a gram) into 50 ml polγpropγlene centrifuge tube. For laboratory control blanks and spikes, 2 grams of clean sand is used.
- 10.4.2 Add 20 ull of the FIS PDS (Sect. 8.2.2) to each sample and QC.
- **10.4.3** If the sample is an LCS, LCSD, MS, or MSD, add the necessary amount of analyte PDS (Sect. 8.2.3). Cap and invert each sample to mix.
- **10.4.4** To all samples, add 10 mls of methanol, cap, vortex for 25 seconds at 3000RPM and mix for 30 minutes using a shaker table of tumbler at 120RPM.
- **10.4.5** Following mixing, sonicate each sample for 30 minutes and let samples sit overnight (at least 2 hours is required for RUSH samples).
- **10.4.6** Centriluge each sample at 3500RPM for 10 minutes.
- **10.4.7** Remove supernatant, and reserve for clean-up.

#### 10.5 Extract Clean-up

- **10.5.1** CARTRIDCE CLEAN-UP AND CONDITIONING –. Rinse each cartridge with 15 mL of methanol and discard. If the cartridge goes dry during the conditioning phase, the conditioning must be started over. Attach the sample transfer tubes (Sect. 7.9.3), turn on the vacuum, and begin adding sample to the cartridge.
- **10.5.2** Adjust the vacuum so that the approximate flow rate is 1-2 mL min. Do not allow the cartridge to go dry before all the sample has passed through.
- **10.5.3** SAMPLE BOTTLE AND CARTRIDCE RINSE After the entire sample has passed through the cartridge, rinse the sample collection vial with two 1-mL aliquots of methanol and draw each aliquot through the cartridges. Draw air or nitregen through the cartridge for 5 min at high vacuum (10-15 in. Hg).
- **10.5.4** If extracts are not to be immediately evaporated, cover collection tubes and store at amblent temperature till concentration.

#### 10.6 Extract Concentration

10.6.1 Concentrate the extract to dryness under a gentle stream of nitrogen in a heated water bath (60-65 °C) to remove all the water methanol mix. Add the appropriate amount of 80:20% (vol/vol) methanol:water solution and 20 µl of the ID REC PDS (Sect. 8.2.7) to the collection vial to bring the volume to 1 mL and vortex. Transfer two aliquots with a plastic pipet (Sect. 7.6) into 2 polyprobylene autosampler vials.

**NOTE:** It is recommended that the entire 1-mL aliquot not be transferred to the autosampler vial because the polypropylene autosampler caps do not reseal after injection. Therefore, do not store the extracts in the autosampler vials as evaporation losses can occur occasionally in these autosampler vials. Extracts can be split between 2 X 700  $\mu$ l vials (Sect. 7.4).

**10.7 Sample Volume Determination** 

- **10.7.1** If the level of the sample was marked on the sample bottle, use a graduated cylinder to measure the volume of water required to fill the original sample bottle to the mark made prior to extraction. Determine to the nearest 10 mL.
- **10.7.2** If using weight to determine volume, weigh the empty bottle to the nearest 10 g and determine the sample weight by subtraction of the empty bottle weight from the original sample weight (Sect. 10.2.2). Assume a sample censity of 1.0 g/mL in either case, the sample volume will be used in the final calculations of the analyte concentration (Sect. 11.2).
- **10.8 Initial Calibration** Demonstration and documentation of acceptable initial calibration is required before any samples are analyzed. After the Initial calibration is successful, a CCV is required at the beginning and end of each period in which analyses are performed, and after every tenth Field Sample.
  - 10.8.1 ESI-MS/MS TUNE
    - **10.8.1.1** Calibrate the mass scale of the MS with the calibration compounds and procedures prescribed by the manufacturer.
    - **10.8.1.2** Optimize the [M-H]- for each method analyte by infusing approximately 0.5-1.0 µg/mL of each analyte (prepared in the initial mobile phase conditions) directly into the MS at the chosen LC mobile phase flow rate (approximately 0.4 mL min). This tune can be done on a mix of the method analytes. The MS parameters (voltages, temperatures, gas flows, etc.) are varied until optimal analyte responses are determined. The method analytes may have different optimal requiring some compromise between the optima.
    - **10.8.1.3** Optimize the product ion for each analyte by infusing approximately 0.5-1.0 μg/mL of each analyte (prepared in the initial mobile phase conditions) directly into the MS at the chosen LC mobile phase flow rate (approximately 0.4 mL/min). This tune can be done on a mix of the method analytes. The MS/MS parameters (collision gas pressure, collision energy, etc.) are varied until optimal analyte responses are determined. Typically, the carboxylic acids have very similar MS/MS conditions.
  - **10.8.2** Establish LC operating parameters that optimize resolution and peak shape. Modifying the standard or extract composition to more aqueous content to prevent poor shape is not permittee.

Cautions: LC system components, as well as the mobile phase constituents, contain many of the method analytes in this method. Thus, these PFAS's will build up on the head of the LC column during mobile phase equilibration. To minimize the background PFAS peaks and to keep background levels constant, the time the LC column sits at initial conditions must be kept constant and as short as possible (while ensuring reproducible retention times). In addition, prior to daily use, flush the column with 100% methanol for at least 20 min before initiating a sequence. It may be necessary on some systems to flush other LC components such as wash syringes, sample needles or any other system components before daily use.

**10.8.3** Inject a mid-level CAL standard under LC/MS conditions to obtain the retention times of each method analyte. If analyzing for PTTA, ensure that the LC

conditions are adequate to prevent co-elution of PFTA and the mobile phase interferants. These interferants have the same precursor and products ions as PFTA, and under laster LC conditions may co-elute with PFTA. Divide the chromatogram into retention time windows each of which contains one or more chromatographic peaks. During MS/MS analysis, fragment a small number of selected precursor ions ([M-H]-) for the analytes in each window and choose the most abundant product ion. For maximum sensitivity, small mass windows of ±0.5 dations around the product ion mass were used for quantifation.

- **10.8.4** Inject a mic-level CAL standard under optimized LC MS/MS conditions to ensure that each method analyte is observed in its MS/MS window and that there are at leas. 10 scans across the peak for optimum precision.
  - 10.8.4.1 If broad, split or fronting peaks are observed for the first two eluting chromatographic peaks (if only two analytes are being analyzed, both must be evaluated), change the initial mobile phase conditions to higher aqueous content until the peak asymmetry ratio for each peak is 0.8 1.5. The peak asymmetry factor is calculated as described in Section 9.9.1 on a mid-level CAL standard. The peak asymmetry factor must meet the above differia for the first two eluting peaks during the IDL and every time a new calibration curve is generated. Modifying the standard or extract composition to more aqueous content to prevent poor shape is not permitted.

NOTE: PFHxS, PFOS, NMeFOSAA, and NEtFOSAA have multiple chromatographic peaks using the LC conditions in Table 5 due to chromatographic resolution of the linear and branched isomers of these compounds. Most PFAS's are produced by two different processes. One process gives rise to linear PFAS's only while the other process produces both linear and branched isomers. Thus, both branched and linear PFAS's can potentially be found in the anvironment. For the aforementioned compounds that give rise to more than one peak, all the chromatographic peaks observed in the standard must be integrated and the areas totaled. Chromatographic peaks in a sample must be integrated in the same way as the CAL standard.

- **10.8.5** Prepare a set of CAL standards as described in Section 8.2.5. The lowest concentration CAL standard must be at or below the RL (2 ng/L), which may depend on system sensitivity.
- **10.8.6** The LC/MS MS system is calibrated using the IS technique. Use the LC/MS MS data system software to generate a linear regression or quadratic calibration curve for each of the analytes. This curve **must always** be forced through zero and may be concentration weighted, if necessary. Forcing zero allows for a better estimate of the background levels of method analytes. A minimum of 5 levels are required for a linear calibration model and a minimum of 6 levels are required for a quadratic calibration model.
- **10.8.7** CALIBRATION ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA A linear fit is acceptable if the coefficient of determination ( $r^2$ ) is greater than 0.99. When quantitated using the initial calibration curve, each calibration point, except the lowest point. For each analyte should calculate to be within 70-130° of its true value. The lowest CAL point should calculate to be within 50-150% of its true value. If these criteria cannot be met, the analyst will have difficulty meeting ongoing QC criteria. It is

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- **10.8.7.1 CAUTION:** When accuiring MS/MS data, I C operating conditions must be carefully reproduced for each analysis to provide reproducible retention times. If this is not done, the correct ions will not be monitored at the appropriate times. As a precautionary measure, the chromatographic peaks in each window must not elute too close to the edge of the segment time window.
- **10.9 CONTINUING CALIBRATION CHECK (CCV)** Minimum daily calibration verification is as follows. Verify the initial calibration at the beginning and end of each group of analyses, and after every tenth sample during analyses. In this context, a "sample" is considered to be a Hold Sample. MBs, CCVs, LCSs, MSs, HDs HRBs and MSDs are not counted as samples. The beginning CCV of each analysis batch must be at or below the RL in order to verify instrument sensitivity prior to any analyses. If standards have been prepared such that all low CAL points are not in the same CAL solution, it may be necessary to analyze two CAL standards to meet this requirement. Alternatively, the analyte concentrations in the analyte PDS may be customized to meet these criteria. Subsequent CCVs should alternate between a medium and Low concentration CAL standard.
  - **10.9.1** Inject an aliquot of the appropriate concentration CAL standard and analyze with the same conditions used during the initial calibration.
  - 10.9.2 Calculate the concentration of each analyte and EIS in the CCV. The calculated amount for each analyte for medium level CCVs must be within ± 30% of the true value with an allowance of 10% of the reported analytes to be greater than 30%, but less than 40%. The calculated amount for each EIS must be within ± 50% of the true value. The calculated amount for the lowest calibration peint for each analyte must be within ± 50%. If these conditions do not exist, then all data for the problem analyte must be considered invalid, and remedial action should be taken (Sect. 10.7.4) which may require recalibration. Any Field or QC Samples that have been analyzed since the last acceptable calibration verification should be reanalyzed after adequate calibration has been restored, with the following exception. If the CCV falls because the calculated concentration is greater than 130% (150% for the low-level CCV) for a particular method analyte, and Field Sample extracts show no detection for that method analyte, non-detects may be reported without re-analysis.
  - **10.9.3** REMEDIAL ACTION Failure to meet CCV QC performance criteria may require remedial action. Major maintenance, such as cleaning the electrospray probe, atmospheric pressure ionization source, cleaning the mass analyzer, replacing the LC column, etc., requires recalibration (Sect 10.6) and verification of sensitivity by analyzing a CCV at or below the RL (Sect 10.7).

#### 10.10 EXTRACT ANALYSIS

- **10-10-1** Establish operating conditions equivalent to those summarized in Tables 6-8 of Section 16. Instrument conditions and columns should be obtimized prior to the initiation of the IDC.
- **10.10.2** Establish an appropriate retention time window for each analyte. This should be based on measurements of actual retention time variation for each method analyte in CAL standard solutions analyzed on the LC over the course of time. A value of plus or minus three times the standard deviation of the retention time obtained for each method analyte while establishing the initial calibration and completing the IDC can be used to calculate a suggested window size. However, the experience of the analyst should weigh heavily on the celemination of the appropriate retention window size.
- **10.10.3** Calibrate the system by either the analysis of a calibration curve (Sect. 10.6) or by confirming the initial calibration is still valid by analyzing a CCV as described in Section 10.7. If establishing an initial calibration, complete the IDC as described in Section 13.2.
- **10.10.4** Begin analyzing Field Samples, including QC samples, at their appropriate frequency by injecting the same size aliquots under the same conditions used to analyze the CAL standards.
- **10-10-5** At the conclusion of data acquisition, use the same software that was used in the calibration procedure to identify peaks of interest in predetermined retention time windows. Use the data system software to examine the ion abundances of the peaks in the chromatogram. Identify an analyte by comparison of its retention time with that of the corresponding method analyte peak in a reference standard.
- **10.10.6** The analyst must not extrapolate beyond the established calibration range. If an analyte peak area exceeds the range of the initial calibration curve, the sample should be re-extracted with a reduced sample volume in order to bring the out of range target analytes into the calibration range. If a smaller sample size would not be representative of the entire sample, the following options are recommended. Re-extract an additional aliquot of sufficient size to insure that it is representative of the entire sample. Spike it with a higher concentration of internal standard. Prior to LC/MS analysis, dilute the sample so that it has a concentration of internal standard equivalent to the present in the calibration standard. Then, analyze the diluted extract.

## 11. Data Evaluation, Calculations and Reporting

- **11.1** Complete chromatographic resolution is not necessary for accurate and precise measurements of analyte concentrations using MS/MS. In validating this method, concentrations were calculated by measuring the product ions listed in Table 7.
- **11.2** Calculate analyte concentrations using the multipoint calibration established in Section 10.6. Do not use cally calibration verification data to quantitate analytes in samples. Adjust final analyte concentrations to reflect the actual sample volume determined in Section 10.6 where:

 $C_{cx}$  = (Area of target analyte \* Concentration of Labeled analog) / (area of labeled analog \* CF)

 $C_x = (C_{ax} / sample volume in ml) * 1000$ 

 $C_{cs}$  – The concentration of the analyte in the extract

CF = calibration factor from calibration.

- **11.3** Prior to reporting the data, the chromatogram should be reviewed for any incorrect peak identification or poor integration.
- **11.4** PI HxS, PI OS, PI OA, NMel OSAA, and NLU OSAA have multiple chromatographic peaks using the LC conditions in Table 5 due to the linear and branch isomers of these compounds (Sec., 10.6.4.1). The areas of all the linear and branched isomer peaks observed in the CAL standards for each of these analytes must be summed and the concentrations reported as a total for each of these analytes.
- **11.5** Calculations must utilize all available digits of precision, but final reported concentrations should be rounded to an appropriate number of significant figures (one digit of uncertainty), typically two, and not more than three significant figures.

# 12. Contingencies for Handling Out-of-Control Data or Unacceptable Data

- **12.1** Section 9.0 putlines sample batch QC acceptance criteria. If non-compliant organic compound results are to be reported, the Organic Section Head and/or the Laboratory Director, and the Operations Manager must approve the reporting of these results. The laboratory Project Manager shall be notified, and may choose to relay the non-compliance to the client, for approval, or other corrective action, such as re-sampling and re-analysis. The analyst, Data Reviewer, or Department Supervisor performing the secondary review initiates the project narrative, and the narrative must clearly document the non-compliance and provide a reason for acceptance of these results.
- **12.2** All results for the organic compounds of interest are reportable without qualification if extraction and analytical holding times are met, preservation requirements (including cooler temperatures) are met, all QC criteria are met, and matrix interference is not suspected during extraction or analysis of the samples. If any of the below QC parameters are not met, all associated samples must be evaluated for re-extraction and/or re-analysis.

## **13. Method Performance**

## 13.1 Detection Limit Study (DL) / Limit of Detection Study (LOD) / Limit of Quantitation (LOQ)

**13.1.1** The laboratory follows the procedure to determine the DL, LOD, and/or LOQ as outlined in Alpha SOP ID 1732. These studies performed by the laboratory are maintained on file for review.

#### 13.2 Demonstration of Capability Studies

- **13.2.1** The IDC must be successfully performed prior to analyzing any Field Samples. Prior to conducting the IDC, the analyst must first generate an acceptable Initial Calibration following the procedure outlined in Section 10.6.
- 13.2.2 INITIAL DEMONSTRATION OF LOW SYSTEM BACKGROUND Any time a new lot of SPL cartridges, solvents, centrifuge tubes, disposable pibets, and autosampler vials are used, it must be demonstrated that an MB is reasonably free of contamination and that the criteria in Section 9.2.1 are met. If an automated extraction system is used, an MB should be extracted on each port to ensure that all the valves and tubing are free from potential P\_AS contamination.
- 13.2.3 INITIAL DEMONSTRATION OF PRECISION (IDP) Prepare, extract, and analyze four to seven replicate LCSs fortified near the midrange of the initial calibration curve according to the procedure described in Section 10. Sample preservatives as described in Section 6.2.1 must be addee to these samples. The relative standard deviation (RSD) of the results of the replicate analyses must be less than 20%.
- 13.2.4 INITIAL DEMONSTRATION OF ACCURACY (IDA) Using the same set of replicate data generated for Section 13.2.3, calculate average recovery. The average recovery of the replicate values must be within  $\pm 30\%$  of the true value.
- 13.2.5 INITIAL DEMONSTRATION OF PEAK ASYMMETRY FACTOR Peak asymmetry factors must be calculated using the equation in Section 9.10.1 for the first two eluting beaks (if only two analytes are being analyzed, both must be evaluated) in a mid-level CAL standard. The peak asymmetry factors must fall in the range of 0.8 to 1.5. See guidance in Section 10.6.4.1 If the calculated peak asymmetry factors coinct meet the criteria.
- 13.2.6 Refer to Alpha SOP ID 1/39 for further Information regarding IDC/DOC Generation.
- **13.2.7** The analyst must make a centinuing, annual, demonstration of the ability to generate acceptable accuracy and precision with this method.

## 14. Pollution Prevention and Waste Management

- **14.1** Refer to Alpha's Chemical Hygiche Plan and Hazarobus Waste Management and Disposal SOP for further pollution prevention and waste management information.
- **14.2** This method utilizes SPF to extract analytes from water. It requires the use of very small volumes of ordanic solvent and very small quantities of oure analytes, thereby minimizing the potential hazards to both the analyst and the environment as compared to the use of large volumes of organic solvents in conventional liquid-liquid extractions.
- **14.3** The analytical procedures described in this method generate relatively small amounts of waste since only small amounts of reagents and solvents are used. The matrices of concern are finished drinking water or source water. However, laboratory waste management practices must be conducted consistent with all applicable rules and regulations, and that laboratories protect the air, water, and land by minimizing and controlling all releases from tume hoods and bench operations. Also, compliance is required with any sewage discharge permits and regulations, particularly the hazarcous waste identification rules and land disposal restrictions.

## 15. Referenced Documents

Chemical Hygiene Plan – ID 2124

SOP ID 1732 Detection Limit (DL), Limit of Detection (LOD) & Limit of Quantitation (LOQ) SOP

SOP ID 1739 Demonstration of Capability (DOC) Generation SOP

SOP ID 1728 Hazardous Waste Management and Disposal SOP

## 16. Attachments

#### Table 7: LC Method Conditions

Time (min)	2 mM Ammonium Acetate (5:95 McOH/H <sub>2</sub> O)	100% Methanol				
Initia	100.0	0.0				
1.0	100.0	0.0				
2.2	85.0	15.0				
11	20.0	80.0				
11.4	0.0	100.0				
12.4	100.0	00.0				
15.5	100.0	0.0				
Waters Aquity U	PLC ® BEHC <sub>1s</sub> 2.1 x 50 mm packed wi	th 1.7 µm BEH C <sub>13</sub>				
	stationary phase					
	Flow rate of 0.4 mL/min					
	2-5 μL injection					

#### Table 8: ESI-MS Method Conditions

ESI Conditions					
Polarity	Negative ion				
Capillary needle voltage	.5 kV				
Cone Gas Flow	25 L/hr				
Nitrogen desolvation gas	1000 L/hr				
Desolvation gas temp.	500 "C				

#### Table 9: Method Analyte Source, Retention Times (RTs), and EIS References

#	Analyte	Transition	RT	IS	Түре
,	M3₽⊰A	216>171	2.65		R-C
2	ΡΈΔΛ	213 > 169	2,65	2: M4PF3∧	
3	M4P-6A	217 > 172	2.65	1 МЗРВА	⊦IŞ
4	Ρ <sup>-</sup> ΡeΛ	263 > 219	5.67	4: Μ5ΡΓΡΕΛ	
5	м5 <b></b>	268 > 223	5.66	1 МЗРВА	⊦ış
6	PTBS	299 > 20	8,35	6: M3PF3S	
7	M3P-65	302 > 80	8.35	29 M4PECS	ЫŞ
5	FtS 4:2	327 > 307	7 47	9: M2-4:2FTS	

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#	Analyte	Transition	RT	ıS	Туре
g	M2-4.2FTS	329 > 51	7./7	29.M/PECS	EIS
10	Р-НхА	303 - 269	646	10: MGPEHXA	
1-	М5₽⁻ЧхА	318 > 273	7.57	19:M2PFOA	EIS
12	P-PoS	3 <b>4</b> 9 > ‼0	688	18: MGPEHXS	
13	P <sup>-</sup> HpA	365 > 319	5,30	14: M/ FEHgA	
14	М4Р-ЧрА	367 × 322	8.80	19:M2PEČA	⊦is
15	L-P <sup>-H</sup> xS	399 > 80	8,94	18: M3PFHxS	
16	b-PEHxŜ	399 > 90	8.72	18: M3PEHxS	
17	P <sup>-</sup> HxS Total	399 > 80	5.91	18: M3FFHxS	
18	M3P-HxS	402 > ‼0	8.94	29:M4PEOS	ЫŜ
12	МГГСА	415 > 370	9.7		REC
20	P-0A	413 × 369	9.7	23: MaPEÓA	
2-	Ь′-РГСА	415 > 369	9.78	23: M8FFCA	
22	P-OA otal	413 - 369	9.7	23: MaPECA	
23		421 > 376	9.7	19. M2PTOA	EIS
24	HS 8:2	427 - 407	8.66	25: M2-6:2E1\$	
25	M2-6.2FTS	429 > 7 69	9,66	29.M/PECS	EIS
26	Р-нр\$	<b>44</b> 9 > ‼0	9.7B	33: MaPEOS	
27	P-NA	465 > 7 19	10.41	33: MAPEOS	
28	M9P-NA	412 - 421	10.41	19: M2P-ÓA	FIŜ
22		501 > 80	10.45		REC
30	P-08	<b>∠</b> £9 > ‼0	10.45	33: Mappos	
31	b'-PECS	∕ <u>9</u> 9 > 80	10.27	35: MAPEOS	
32	P-OS otal	<b>4</b> 99 <b>&gt;</b> 90	10.45	33: MaPEOS	
33		507 > 80	10.45	29. M/ PTOS	EIS
34	FIS 8:2	527 × 507	10.99	38: M2-8:2E1\$	
35	M2-8.2FTS	529 > 509	10.39	29.M/PECS	EIS
36	M2P-DA	515 - 470	11.00		R-C
37	P <sup>-</sup> DA	513 > 769	11.00	38: M6FEDA	
38	MSP-DA	519 - 474	11.00	36: M2P-DA	⊟Ś
32	P⁻NS	549 > 80	11.02	33:M8PFOS	
∠0	NMeHOSAA	57D <b>~ 41</b> 9	11.41	41: D3-NMc-OSAA	
1-	c3- <b>\Me</b> ⁻OSAA	575 > / 19	11.41	36. M2P <sup>+</sup> DA	EIS
22	P-06A	498 > 78	11.48	29: MaEOSA	
/3	MELOSA	506 > 78	11.48	19. M2PTOA	EIS
∠4	P-Ur JA	- 9 <b>63 -</b> 519	11.51	41: M741, DA	
15		570 > 525	11.51	36. M2P°DA	EIS
76	P=DS	599 > 50	11.51	33:M8PFOS	
۷	NHI-ÓŜAA	584 > 419	11.98	48: 55-NETEOSAA	

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#	Analyte	Transition	RT	IS	Турө
78	05-NEIFOSAA	589 > 7 19	11.58	36. M2PTDA	EIS
∠9	P-DoA	613 ~ 569	11.96	6D: MPEDÓA	
50		615 > 570	11.96	36. M2P <sup>+</sup> DA	EIS
$q^*$	P-InA	663 - 619	12.34	60: MPEDÓA	
52	₽⁻T <del>e</del> A	715 > 669	2.8	53: M2PFTEDA	
63	M2P-TE (A	715 ~ 670	12.6	36: M2P-DA	нŝ
51		329>285	7,97	19. M2PTOA	EIS
45	HEPC-DA	332-287	6.97	(14) M3HE-20-DA	
58		377>251	5.00	23: MAPECA	
47	P-HxDA	813-789	13.20	69: M2PEHxDA	
58		913>869	15.50	59: M2PFHxDA	
68	ман-нхра	815-770	13.20	36:M2PEDA	HIS
60	NELTOSA	526>169	11.00	61: N MeFOSA	
6°	NECHOSA	612-189	10.50	63: d3-NMcFOSA	
62	c3- <b>\Me</b> ⊺OSA	515>169	10.50	29. M/ PTOS	EIS
62	cu-N−1HÔSA	631~189	11.00	29: M4P-OS	⊢IS
61	NMerose	556>122	11.25	66: 37-NMeFCSE	
65	NHT-OGH	570-136	10.75	67: 59-NE-FÔSE	
66	¢7- <b>\</b> Μ⊌ <sup>−</sup> ΟΘΕ	583>126	11.25	29. M/ PTOS	EIS
67	c9-N-1HOSH	G79-142	10.75	29: M4P-08	HS
65	ΓIS 10.2	627>607	11.50	25: M2-6.2FTS	
69	P-Do\$	699>99	12.50	33: MaPEOS	