
Voluntary Cleanup Program

SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN

for
AREA I
(Former Republic (LTV) Steel Parcel)

STEELFIELDS SITE
BUFFALO, NY
(NYSDEC SITE #V00619-9)

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OPERATION, MONITORING, & MAINTENANCE PLAN

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MAINTENANCE PLAN
for
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

In October, 2002 Steelfields Ltd. purchased several vacant industrial properties in South Buffalo, New York (See Figure 1-1 and Figure 1-2) out of bankruptcy from the LTV Steel Company and Hanna Furnace Corporation (a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Steel Corporation). At the same time, Steelfields entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement (VCA) with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). A Work Plan for Voluntary Cleanup Program Remedial Design /Remedial Action for the Former Steel and Coke Manufacturing Site (by TurnKey Environmental Restoration, LLC, September 2002) was approved by the NYSDEC on December 27, 2002. This OM&M Plan pertains to the subdivided parcel known as Area I (former Republic Steel Plant Parcel).

1.2 Purpose and Scope

This Operation, Monitoring, & Maintenance Plan (OM&M Plan) has been prepared for inclusion in the Site Management Plan. The sole purpose of this plan and that of the Soil/Fill Management Plan is to ensure protection of both the environment and human health during redevelopment and use of the Site, subsequent to completion of Voluntary Cleanup activities.

The RD/RA Work Plan addresses remediation activities to be performed as part of the Voluntary cleanup of the site. Following completion of the Voluntary Cleanup activities, post remediation requirements will need to be implemented by subsequent owners or developers of the site to comply with the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement terms and conditions. This Plan summarizes the tasks and obligations required by those parties.

1.3 Operation, Monitoring, and Maintenance Program Responsibility

The developer, Steelfields, LLC and/or property owner(s) will be responsible for all monitoring, implementation, and reporting as required by the OM&M Plan. The NYSDEC will be informed of any change in ownership, redevelopment, site configuration, or subdivision of the property and the “Responsible Party” information below will be revised and resubmitted. The implementation of this plan will continue until such time as the NYSDEC determines the long-term obligations and implementation of this OM&M Plan, including that described in detail in Appendix B of this Document entitled the “Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring Plan” have been fulfilled.

Upon initiation of the OM&M Plan, the developer and/or property owner will be required to submit the following documents to the NYSDEC for review and approval:

- An appropriate Health and Safety Plan
- A Schedule for Required Inspections & Reporting
- Contact information for party responsible for implementation of the OM&M Program

Currently on file, the responsible party for the Area I Property is:

Steelfields, LTD.
P.O. Box 981,
Webster, NY 14580

2.0 OM&M PLAN COMPONENTS

The Operation, Maintenance, & Monitoring (OM&M) Plan for Area I consists of three major components:

- A1-MW-6 Operation, Maintenance, & Monitoring Program
- Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring (LTGWM) Plan
- Annual Inspection & Certification Program

Each of these components is described within this section in detail.

2.1 A1-MW-6 Operation, Maintenance & Monitoring Program

The presence of an immiscible layer detected within monitoring well A1-MW-6 has resulted in the development of an Area-specific OM&M Plan to address that issue. Although the history of the immiscible layer within monitoring well A1-MW-6 has already been submitted in the LTGWM 2004 Annual Report for Area I (revised January 2005), it has been repeated within this document for completeness. The subsequent long-term OM&M of the immiscible layer in monitoring well A1-MW-6 and the LTGWM Plan for Area I are discussed below.

2.1.1 Immiscible Layer Background

During well development and initial sampling activities of the September 2004 Area I LTGWM Event, field personnel performed visual immiscible layer surveillance of each well and observed no non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) in any of the on-site monitoring wells, except monitoring well A1-MW-6. Monitoring well A1-MW-6 is located approximately 45-feet from the Buffalo River adjacent to Subarea A (approximately 60 feet) as shown on Figure 1-3. A discussion pertaining to the immiscible layer detected in monitoring well A1-MW-6 follows. During well development and sampling, an immiscible layer, measuring approximately 0.3 feet thick, was observed floating within monitoring well A1-MW-6 (approximately 16.5 fbg). The LNAPL was described as black and oily with a “weathered” petroleum odor.

2.1.2 Immiscible Layer OM&M

The OM&M of the PetroTrap™ free product passive skimmer will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis in accordance with the following procedure on relatively calm, non-windy days.

- Sampling personnel will obtain the following supplies prior to mobilization to well A1-MW-6:
 - Polyethylene tarp (minimum 5 feet by 20 feet)
 - Nitrile gloves
 - Poly-coated Tyvek
 - 5-gallon container with lid
 - Calibrated 1-gallon temporary container with lid
 - Well keys
 - Project Field Book
 - Oil absorbent pads
 - Paper towels
 - Oil/water interface probe
 - Shovel
- Mobilize to well A1-MW-6
- Cut small hole in center of polyethylene tarp and place over well. Lay out tarp and secure in place (typically using surrounding rocks/concrete at grade) making sure tarp is relatively tight against the well casing.
- Unlock well and place lock and J-plug at a secure location away from well
- Slowly remove the skimmer using the safety rope while coiling the vent tubing, taking care to prevent the tube from contacting un-tarped ground. Care should also be taken to prevent the coiled hose between the filter assembly and top centralizer from kinking.
- Once the skimmer is clear of the well, carefully hover the skimmer over the calibrated 1-gallon container and open the bottom ball valve, emptying the contents. Secure the lid, set the container aside, and allow sufficient time for captured groundwater, if any, and LNAPL to separate. Upon separation, record both quantities in the Project Field Book.
- Once the skimmer is emptied, close the bottom ball valve and carefully lay the skimmer, safety rope, and vent tubing on the polyethylene tarp.
- Take the oil/water interface probe and measure the depth of the immiscible layer and groundwater to the nearest 0.01-foot from the top of well riser and record the measurements in the Project Field Book.
- Slowly retract the interface probe from the well while wiping the tape with paper towels keeping residual product within well casing. Wipe down probe and set meter aside, clear of the well.

- If groundwater was recovered from the skimmer, the depth of the skimmer should be raised slightly in the well by untying the safety rope and re-tying the rope to the well at the new depth before lowering back into the well.
- Carefully pick up the skimmer assembly and slowly lower into the well using the safety rope making sure the coiled hose between the filter assembly and top centralizer has not kinked.
- Replace the J-plug, close the well, and replace the lock.
- Carefully wrap up the polyethylene tarp making sure not to spill any residual product on the ground. If residual product does contact the ground, immediately hand excavate the impact soils and place in garbage bag for disposal.
- Place all disposables (i.e., gloves, Tyvek, tarp etc.) in a standard garbage bag and seal.
- Take 1-gallon temporary container to the Groundwater Pre-Treatment Building and transfer the contents to the 5-gallon container. Place the 1-gallon container in the garbage bag after use.

Following sufficient operational experience and subject to NYSDEC approval, the frequency of monitoring and product removal may be reduced. The removed LNAPL will be stored in a properly labeled and sealed 5-gallon container with secondary containment inside the Groundwater Pre-Treatment Building located at the Steelfields Site. Once the container is full, arrangements will be made with local oil recycling firm for disposal as non-hazardous.

2.2 Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring (LTGWM) Plan

Appendix 4 of this document includes the LTGWM Plan that is required at the Site to monitor the effectiveness of the source area removals, treatment, and controls implemented in accordance with the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement. Groundwater quality trends shall continue to be monitored along the perimeters of the Site in accordance with the schedule presented in Appendix IV Table 1.

2.3 Annual Inspection & Certification Program

The Area I property including wells and other physical components of the site shall be inspected annually by a qualified person representing the Owner or Property Manager/Representative. This qualified person shall at a minimum hold a four-year college degree in environmental sciences or engineering, and be supervised by a New York State Licensed Professional Engineer.

Annual Certification shall be stamped and signed by a New York State Licensed Professional Engineer and must certify and attest that:

- The institutional controls and/or engineering controls employed at such site are unchanged from the previous certification and are:
- In place and effective;
- Performing as designed; and
- Nothing has occurred that would impair the ability of the controls to protect the public health and environment
- Nothing has occurred that would constitute a violation or failure to comply with any operation and maintenance plan for such controls; and
- Access is available to the site to evaluate continued maintenance of such controls.

The Property Owner/ Owner's Representative shall also certify on a yearly basis that no new information has come to the site owner's attention, including groundwater monitoring data from wells located at the site boundary, to indicate that the assumptions made in the qualitative exposure assessment of offsite contamination are no longer valid.

This information can be included in either the Annual Certification documentation, or the Long Term Groundwater Monitoring Annual Report.

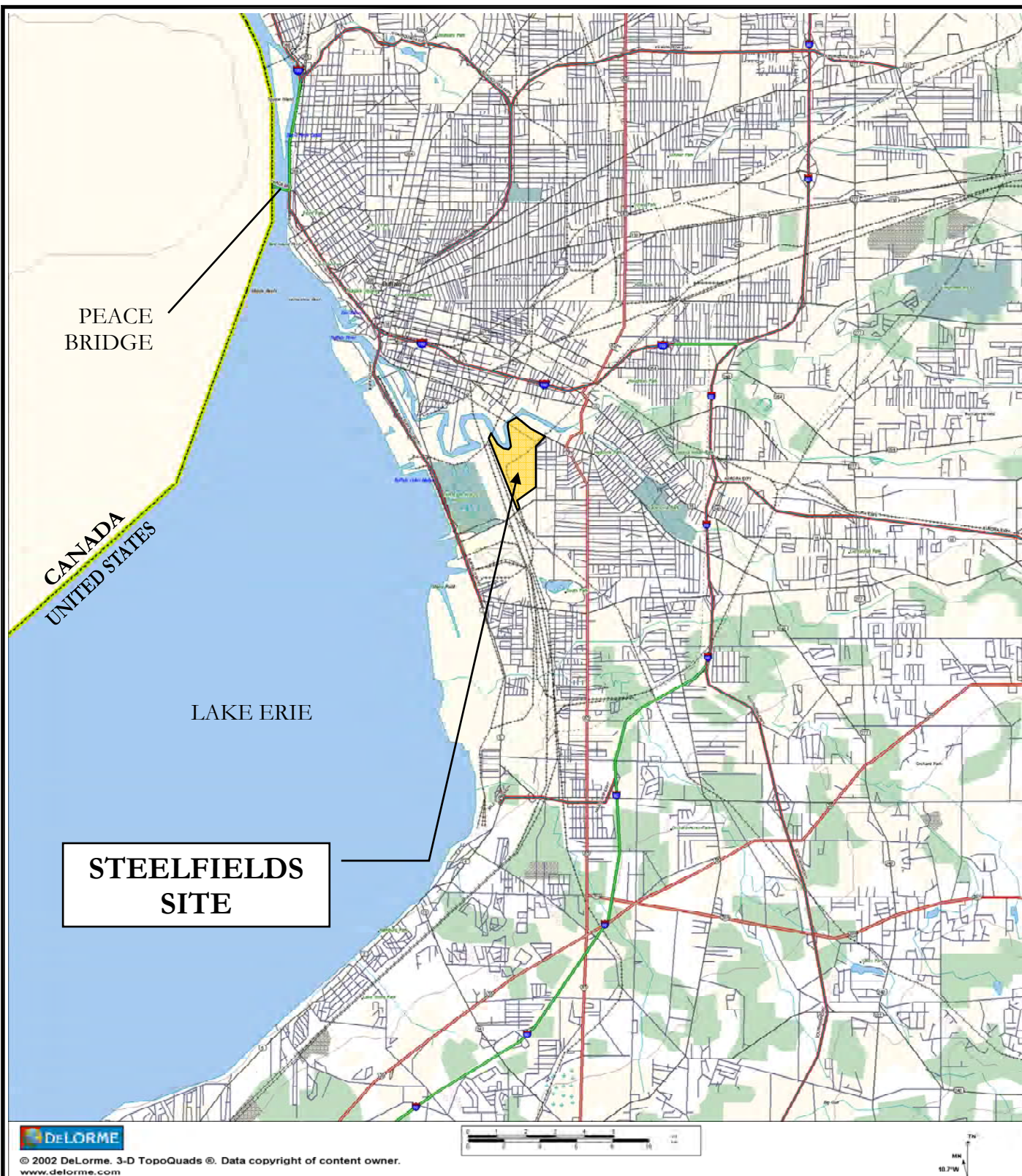
In addition to the above certification requirements, the annual inspection will require the completion of the Environmental Inspection Form (attachment A1). The Corrective Actions Certification (Attachment A2) may be required if something is noted for attention during the initial inspection. If maintenance is required, the owner shall notify the NYSDEC and schedule repairs. The NYSDEC shall be informed by the Property Owner/Manager when repairs have been completed. The Inspection forms shall be submitted to the NYSDEC within 60 days of completion, with a letter signed by a New York State Licensed Professional Engineer verifying that all institutional and engineering controls are in place and operating correctly and/or pending repair and maintenance.

Every five years, the Property Owner/ Owner's Representative shall document and certify that the assumptions made in the qualitative exposure assessment remain valid.

FIGURES

FIGURE 1-1

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726 EXCHANGE STREET
SUITE 624
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14210
(716) 856-0635

PROJECT NO.: 0062-008-400

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2004

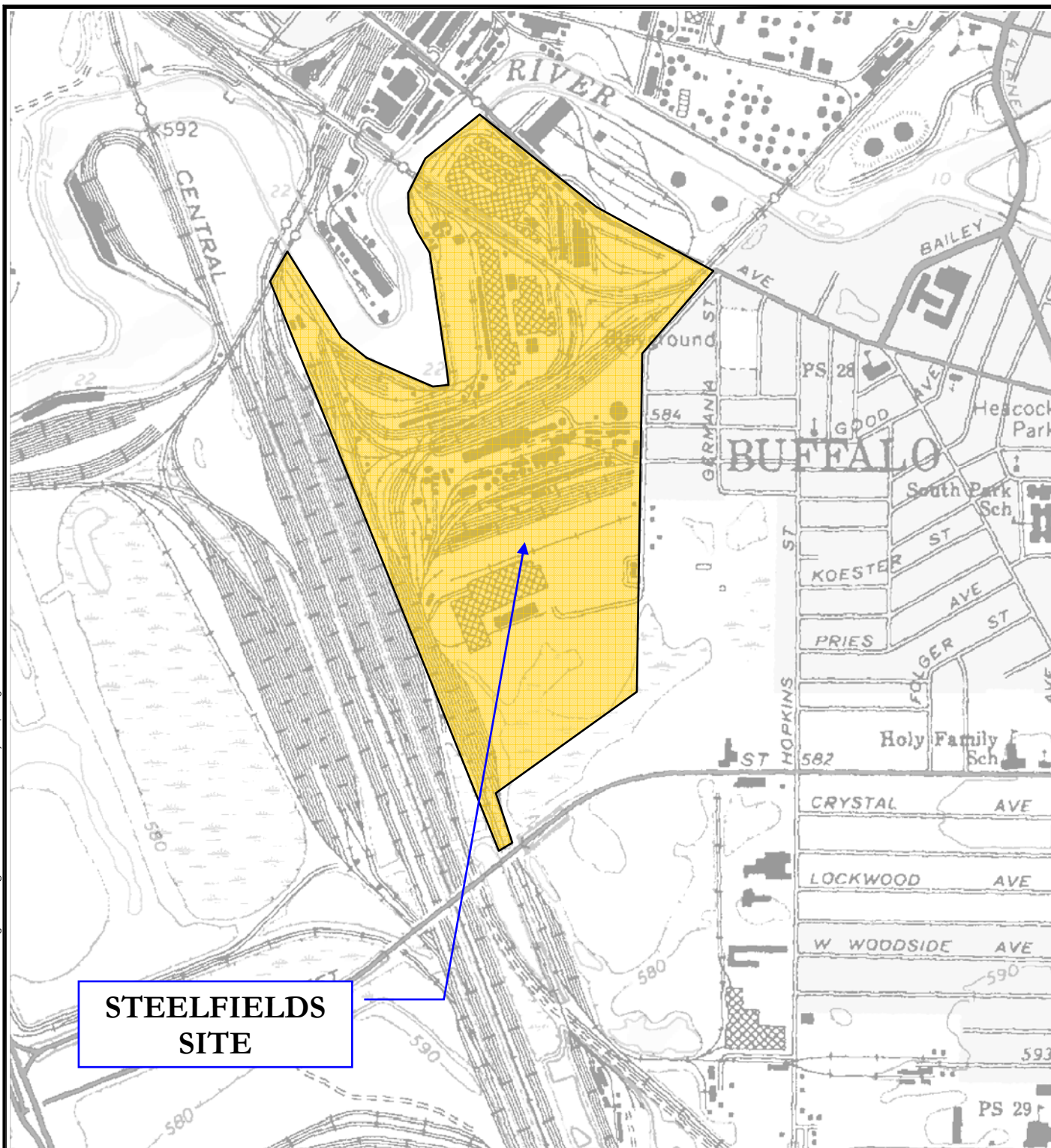
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SITE REGIONAL MAP

O.M. & M PLAN
AREA I - FORMER REPUBLIC (LTV) STEEL PARCEL
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

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FIGURE 1-2



**STEELFIELDS
SITE**



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SUITE 624
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SITE VICINITY MAP

O. M. & M PLAN

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APPENDIX I

ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION FORM



Environmental Inspection Form Operation, Monitoring, & Maintenance Work Plan

Property Name:		Project No.:	
Client:			
Property Address:		City, State:	Zip Code:
Property ID: (Tax Assessment Map)	Section:	Block:	Lot(s):
Preparer's Name:		Date/Time:	

CERTIFICATION

The results of this inspection were discussed with the owner and/or owner's representative. Any corrective actions required have been identified and noted in this report, and a supplemental Corrective Actions Form has been completed. Proper implementation of these corrective actions have been discussed with the owner, agreed upon, and scheduled.

Preparer / Inspector:	Date:
Signature: _____	
Next Scheduled Inspection (date):	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>

Final Surface Cover / Vegetation

In accordance with the Soil/Fill Management Plan, vegetative or other (eg. Asphalt, buildings, concrete) surface coverage over the entire redeveloped parcel is required by the developer or owner as a pre-condition of occupancy. The following documents the condition of the above.

1. Final Cover is in Place and in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Cover consists of (mainly): _____			
2. Evidence of erosion?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Cracks visible in pavement?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
4. Evidence of distressed vegetation/turf?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
5. Evidence of unintended traffic and/or rutting?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
6. Evidence of uneven settlement and/or ponding?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
7. Damage to any surface coverage?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

If yes to any question above, please provide more information below.



Environmental Inspection Form Operation, Monitoring, & Maintenance Work Plan

Property Security & Access

In accordance with the Soil/Fill Management Plan, fencing is required to restrict access in all undeveloped areas and as necessary in redeveloped areas. In addition, all fencing around undeveloped areas will be posted with "No Trespassing" signs.

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|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Is access controlled by perimeter fencing? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| If not, please note: _____ | | | |
| 2. Is fencing in need of repair? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| 3. Area access gates in working order? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| 4. Sufficient signage posted (No Trespassing)? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| 5. Has there been any noted or reported trespassing? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

Please note any irregularities/ changes in site access and security: _____

Property Use Changes / Site Development

Has the property usage changed, or site been redeveloped since the last inspection?

☐ yes ☐ no ☐ N/A

If so, please list with date: _____

This space for Notes and Comments

Please include the following Attachments:

1. Site Sketch
 2. Photographs
-

APPENDIX II

CORRECTIVE ACTION CERTIFICATION



Corrective Action Certification Operation, Monitoring, & Maintenance Work Plan

Property Name:		Project No.:	
Client:			
Property Address:		City, State:	Zip Code:
Property ID: (Tax Assessment Map)	Section:	Block:	Lot(s):
Preparer's Name:		Date/Time:	

Issue Addressed

The environmental Inspection of the above property determined the need for corrective action. This form has been completed to document the required corrective action and it's implementation.

Description of site Issue identified during Environmental Inspection (include sketch & photographs):

Corrective Action Taken

Date Completed: _____

Describe Action Taken (include sketch & photographs): _____

Certification of Implementation

The signatory hereby certifies that the corrective action as described in this form has been completed in accordance with all relevant requirements of the Soil/Fill Management Plan and other applicable documents.

Preparer / Inspector:	Date:
Signature: _____	

Please verify inclusion of the following Attachments:

1. Site Sketch
2. Photographs

APPENDIX III

NYSDEC INSTITUTIONAL AND ENGINEERING CONTROLS CERTIFICATION FORM



Enclosure 1
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Site Management Periodic Review Report Notice
Institutional and Engineering Controls Certification Form



Site Details		Box 1	
Site No.	V00619-9		
Site Name	Steelfields Site (AREA I)		
Site Address:		Zip Code: 14210	
City/Town:	Buffalo		
County:	Erie, County		
Current Use:	Storage / Vacant		
Intended Use:	Commercial / Industrial Redevelopment		

Verification of Site Details		Box 2	
		YES	NO
1.	Are the Site Details above, correct?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If NO, are changes handwritten above or included on a separate sheet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.	Has some or all of the site property been sold, subdivided, merged, or undergone a tax map amendment since the initial/last certification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If YES, is documentation or evidence that documentation has been previously submitted included with this certification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Have any federal, state, and/or local permits (e.g., building, discharge) been issued for or at the property since the initial/last certification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If YES, is documentation or evidence that documentation has been previously submitted included with this certification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Has a change-of-use occurred since the initial/last certification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	If YES, is documentation or evidence that documentation has been previously submitted included with this certification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.	For non-significant-threat Brownfield Cleanup Program Sites subject to ECL 27-1415.7(c), has any new information revealed that assumptions made in the Qualitative Exposure Assessment for offsite contamination are no longer valid?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If YES, is the new information or evidence that new information has been previously submitted included with this Certification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.	For non-significant-threat Brownfield Cleanup Program Sites subject to ECL 27-1415.7(c), are the assumptions in the Qualitative Exposure Assessment still valid (must be certified every five years) ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SITE NO. V00619-9

Box 3

Description of Institutional/Engineering Control

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Environmental Easements & Restrictions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Site Management Plan Adherence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Control Certification Statement

For each Institutional or Engineering control listed above, I certify by checking "Yes" that all of the following statements are true:

- (a) the Institutional Control and/or Engineering Control employed at this site is unchanged since the date that the Control was put in-place, or was last approved by the Department;
- (b) nothing has occurred that would impair the ability of such Control, to protect public health and the environment;
- (c) nothing has occurred that would constitute a violation or failure to comply with the Site Management Plan for this Control; and
- (d) access to the site will continue to be provided to the Department, to evaluate the remedy, including access to evaluate the continued maintenance of this Control.
- (e) if a financial assurance mechanism is required by the oversight document for the site, the mechanism remains valid and sufficient for its intended purpose established in the document.

**IC/EC CERTIFICATIONS
SITE NO.**

Box 5

SITE OWNER OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

I certify that all information and statements in Boxes 2 & 3 are true. I understand that a false statement made herein is punishable as a Class "A" misdemeanor, pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

I _____ at _____,
print name print business address

am certifying as _____ (Owner or Remedial Party)

for the Site named in the Site Details Section of this form.

Signature of Owner or Remedial Party Rendering Certification

Date

Box 6

QUALIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL (QEP) SIGNATURE

I certify that all information and statements in Box 4 are true. I understand that a false statement made herein is punishable as a Class "A" misdemeanor, pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

I _____ at _____,
print name print business address

am certifying as a Qualified Environmental Professional for the _____

(Owner or Remedial Party) for the Site named in the Site Details Section of this form.

Signature of Qualified Environmental Professional, for
the Owner or Remedial Party, Rendering
Certification

Stamp (if Required)

Date

Enclosure 2

Certification of Institutional Controls/ Engineering Controls (ICs/ECs) Step-by-Step Instructions, Certification Requirements and Definitions

The Owner, or Remedial Party, and when necessary, a Professional Engineer (P.E.), or the Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP), must review and complete the IC/EC Certification Form, sign the IC/EC Certifications Signature Page, and return it, along with the Periodic Review Report (PRR), within 45 days of the date of this notice.

Please use the following instructions to complete the IC/EC Certification.

I. Verification of Site Details (Box 1 and Box 2):

Answer the six questions in the Verification of Site Details Section. Questions 5 and 6 refer to only sites in the Brownfield Cleanup Program. ECL Section 27-1415-7(c) is included in

IV. IC/EC Certification Requirements. The Owner and/or your P.E. or QEP may include handwritten changes and/or other supporting documentation, as necessary.

II. Verification of Institutional / Engineering Controls (Box 3 and Box 4)

Review the listed Institutional / Engineering Controls, confirming that all existing controls are listed, and that all existing controls are still applicable. If there is a control that is no longer applicable the Owner / Remedial Party is to petition the Department requesting approval to remove the control.

2. Select "YES" or "NO" for **Control Certification** for each IC/EC, based on Sections (a)-(e) of the **Control Certification Statement**.

If the Department concurs with the explanation, the corrective measures, and the proposed schedule, a letter authorizing the implementation of those corrective measures will be issued by the Project Manager. If the Department has any questions or concerns regarding the completion of the certification, the Project Manager will contact you.

3. If you cannot certify "Yes" for each Control, please continue to complete the remainder of this **Control Certification** form. Attach supporting documentation that explains why the **Control Certification** cannot be rendered, as well as a statement of proposed corrective measures, and an associated schedule for completing the corrective measures. Note that this **Control Certification** form must be submitted even if an IC or EC cannot be certified; however, the certification process will not be considered complete until corrective action is conducted.

If the Department concurs with the explanation, the corrective measures, and the proposed schedule, a letter authorizing the implementation of those corrective measures will be issued by the Project Manager. Once the corrective measures are complete a new Periodic Review Report (with IC/EC Certification) is to be submitted within 45 days to the Department. If the Department has any questions or concerns regarding the PRR and/or completion of the IC/EC Certification, the Project Manager will contact you.

III. IC/EC Certification by Signature (Box 5 and Box 6):

1. If you certified "Yes" for each Control, please complete and sign the IC/EC Certifications page. To determine WHO signs the **IC/EC Certification**, please use Table 1. Signature Requirements for the IC/EC Certification, which follows.

Table 1. Signature Requirements for Control Certification Page		
Type of Control	Example of IC/EC	Required Signatures
IC only	Environmental Easement Deed Restriction.	A site or property owner or remedial party.
IC with an EC which does not include a treatment system or engineered caps.	Fence, Clean Soil Cover, Individual House Water Treatment System, Vapor Mitigation System	A site or property owner or remedial party, and a QEP. (P.E. license not required)
IC with an EC that includes treatment system or an engineered cap.	Pump & Treat System providing hydraulic control of a plume, Part 360 Cap.	A site or property owner or remedial party, and a QEP with a P.E. license.

IV. IC/EC Certification Requirements:

Division of Environmental Remediation Program Policy requires periodic certification of IC(s) and EC(s) as follows:

For Environmental Restoration Projects: N.Y. Env'tl Conserv.Law Section 56-0503
(Environmental restoration projects; state assistance)

For State Superfund Projects: Env'tl Conserv.Law Section 27-1318.
(Institutional and engineering controls)

For Brownfields Cleanup Program Projects: Env'tl Conserv.Law Section 27-1415. (Remedial program requirements)

Env'tl Conserv.Law Section 27-1415-7(c) states:

- (c) At non-significant threat sites where contaminants in groundwater at the site boundary contravene drinking water standards, such certification shall also certify that no new information has come to the owner's attention, including groundwater monitoring data from wells located at the site boundary, if any, to indicate that the assumptions made in the qualitative exposure assessment of offsite contamination are no longer valid. Every five years the owner at such sites shall certify that the assumptions made in the qualitative exposure assessment remain valid. The requirement to provide such certifications may be terminated by a written determination by the Commissioner in consultation with the Commissioner of Health, after notice to the parties on the brownfield site contact list and a public comment period of thirty days.

Voluntary Cleanup Program: Applicable program guidance.

Petroleum Remediation Program: Applicable program guidance.

Federal Brownfields: Applicable program guidance.

Manufactured Gas Plant Projects: Applicable program guidance (including non-registry listed MGPs).

WHERE to mail the signed Certification Form by Thursday, May 24, 2007 (45 days of the date of the notice):

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Remediation

Attn: , Project Manager

Please note that extra postage may be required.

V. Definitions

“Engineering Control” (EC), means any physical barrier or method employed to actively or passively contain, stabilize, or monitor contamination, restrict the movement of contamination to ensure the long-term effectiveness of a remedial program, or eliminate potential exposure pathways to contamination. Engineering controls include, but are not limited to, pavement, caps, covers, subsurface barriers, vapor barriers, slurry walls, building ventilation systems, fences, access controls, provision of alternative water supplies via connection to an existing public water supply, adding treatment technologies to such water supplies, and installing filtration devices on private water supplies.

“Institutional Control” (IC), means any non-physical means of enforcing a restriction on the use of real property that limits human and environmental exposure, restricts the use of groundwater, provides notice to potential owners, operators, or members of the public, or prevents actions that would interfere with the effectiveness of a remedial program or with the effectiveness and/or integrity of operation, maintenance, or monitoring activities at or pertaining to a remedial site.

“Professional Engineer” (P.E.) means an individual or firm licensed or otherwise authorized under article 145 of the Education Law of the State of New York to practice engineering.

“Property Owner” means, for purposes of an IC/EC certification, the actual owner of a property. If the site has multiple properties with different owners, the Department requires that the owners be represented by a single representative to sign the certification.

“Oversight Document” means any document the Department issues pursuant to each Remedial Program (see below) to define the role of a person participating in the investigation and/or remediation of a site or area(s) of concern. Examples for the various programs are as follows:

BCP (after approval of the BCP application by DEC) - Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreement.

ERP (after approval of the ERP application by DEC) - State Assistance Contract.

Federal Superfund Sites - Federal Consent Decrees, Administrative Orders on Consent or Unilateral Orders issued pursuant to CERCLA.

Oil Spill Program - Order on Consent, or Stipulation pursuant to Article 12 of the Navigation Law (and the New York Environmental Conservation Law).

State Superfund Program - Administrative Consent Order, Record of Decision.

VCP (after approval of the VCP application by DEC) - Voluntary Cleanup Agreement.

RCRA Corrective Action Sites- Federal Consent Decrees, Administrative Orders on Consent or permit conditions issued pursuant to RCRA.

“Qualified Environmental Professional” (QEP), means a person who possesses sufficient specific education, training, and experience necessary to exercise professional judgment to develop opinions and conclusions regarding the presence of releases or threatened releases to the surface or subsurface of a property or off-site areas, sufficient to meet the objectives and performance factors for the areas of practice identified by this Part. Such a person must:

(1) hold a current professional engineer’s or a professional geologist’s license or registration issued by the State or another state, and have the equivalent of three years of full-time relevant experience in site investigation and remediation of the type detailed in this Part; or

(2) be a site remediation professional licensed or certified by the federal government, a state or a recognized accrediting agency, to perform investigation or remediation tasks consistent with Department guidance, and have the equivalent of three years of full-time relevant experience.

“Qualitative Exposure Assessment” means a qualitative assessment to determine the route, intensity, frequency, and duration of actual or potential exposures of humans and/or fish and wildlife to contaminants.

“Remedial Party” means a person implementing a remedial program at a remedial site pursuant to an order, agreement or State assistance contract with the Department.

“Site Management” (SM) means the activities undertaken as the last phase of the remedial program at a site, which continue after a Certificate of Completion is issued. Site management is conducted in accordance with a site management plan, which identifies and implements the institutional and engineering controls required for a site, as well as any necessary monitoring and/or operation and maintenance of the remedy.

“Site Management Plan” (SMP) means a document which details the steps necessary to assure that the institutional and engineering controls required for a site are in-place, and any physical components of the remedy are operated, maintained and monitored to assure their continued effectiveness, developed pursuant to Section 6 (DER10 Technical Guide).

“Site Owner” means the actual owner of a site. If the site has multiple owners of multiple properties with ICs and/or ECs, the Department requires that the owners designate a single representative for IC/EC Certification activities.

APPENDIX IV

LONG-TERM GROUNDWATER MONITORING WORK PLAN

WORK PLAN for LONG-TERM GROUNDWATER MONITORING

**FORMER STEEL MANUFACTURING SITE
BUFFALO, NY**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This groundwater monitoring program has been designed to monitor the effectiveness of the source area removal, treatment, and controls to be implemented at the Former Steel Manufacturing Site in accordance with the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement. Groundwater quality trends will be monitored along the perimeter of the Site and along the Buffalo River. Groundwater elevation and/or quality trends will be monitored inside and adjacent to the Area II containment cell to assess its effectiveness in collecting, containing and controlling groundwater flows.

2.0 GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM

2.1 Monitoring Network

The long-term groundwater monitoring network and monitoring frequency for this program is presented in Table C1. Figure C1 presents the monitoring well locations.

If any existing wells identified to be in the Groundwater Monitoring Program become damaged or unusable during remedial construction, those wells will be replaced within 30 days of completion of remedial construction. The potential need to install additional wells or adjust the location of new wells will be determined during the remedial activities as additional field information is gathered. New well installations will be surveyed to accurately determine their location and elevation.

2.2 Groundwater Flow and Hydrodynamics

For the first year of monitoring (began 2004) following construction of the Area II groundwater collection and containment system, a complete round of water table elevation data will be collected quarterly from the new wells and all other functional wells that remain on the Site and groundwater isopotential maps prepared. Thereafter, groundwater elevation data will be collected and an isopotential map prepared annually. Slug testing will be performed for any new monitoring wells installed adjacent to the Buffalo River (i.e. A1-MW-6) and used for calculating average annual groundwater constituent loadings to the River.

2.3 Groundwater Sampling

2.3.1 Sampling Frequency

Each newly installed well in the Groundwater Monitoring Program will be sampled semi-annually for two years after completion of remedial work in a subarea and then annually thereafter. In addition, existing monitoring wells will be sampled semi-annually for one year after completion of remedial work in a subarea and then annually thereafter. Following semi-annual sampling events, all Monitoring Program wells will continue to be sampled annually thereafter or at the frequency identified on Table C1. Any wells installed

after remediation is complete (as listed in Section 2.1) will be sampled to establish a historical baseline for each monitoring well.

2.3.2 Sampling Method

The monitoring wells in the program will be sampled using USEPA Region II Low Stress (i.e. low-flow) Purging and Sampling technique. The low flow method produces samples with lower turbidity and smaller volumes of purge water than using conventional bailer techniques. Low-flow sampling also produces less agitation of the groundwater. As a result, the low-flow method provides a more representative sample, in relation to actual groundwater conditions, by not drastically altering the chemistry of the groundwater while withdrawing the sample. TurnKey's Field Operating Procedure (FOP) for the low-flow technique is provided as Attachment C1.

2.3.3 Analyses

For the first year, groundwater samples will be analyzed for the parameters and analytical methods presented in Table C2. After the first year, the parameter list will be reviewed for each monitoring well to determine whether the parameter list can be reduced based on the analytical results as well as the proposed activities for the site.

2.4 Statistical Evaluations

2.4.1 Parameters of Interest

Based upon the groundwater test results to date, the following parameters of interest will be statistically evaluated for all water quality monitoring wells in Area I:

- Benzene, lead, cyanide and TPH (for those wells that TPH and cyanide are analyzed), and
- Any parameters exceeding the groundwater quality standard for two (2) consecutive events.

For each “parameter of interest”, statistical tables in spreadsheet form will be generated that include parameter concentration for each sampling event number, laboratory detection limit, moving average, standard deviation, and mean. The moving average will involve averaging four sequential concentrations in succession for analytical data.

2.4.2 Data Evaluation

For each monitoring location, a graph will then be generated which has the individual sample results and moving average concentration versus sampling event (i.e. time). A trend line will be plotted of the moving average, and evaluated to assess an increasing, decreasing, or neutral trend (neutral is having no significant increasing or decreasing trend).

The results will be interpreted in the following manner:

- If an increasing trend occurs for two consecutive monitoring events and the concentrations of each of the monitoring events are above New York State Groundwater Quality Standards/Guidance Values (GWQS/GV), an evaluation will be made to determine the potential cause. The type of evaluation will depend on which parameter(s) has the increasing trend.
- If there is a neutral or decreasing trend in a monitoring well for four consecutive monitoring events (after source removal or implementation of remedial measure), the parameter list and/or frequency of sampling may be reduced subject to NYSDEC approval.
- If there is a neutral or decreasing long-term trend in a monitoring well for all parameters for eight consecutive monitoring events, that location will be considered for elimination from further monitoring subject to NYSDEC approval.
- If an increasing trend occurs along the Buffalo River, the loadings calculation will be performed for the segment belonging to that well. The methodology described in Attachment C2 will be used to calculate loadings, if needed.

2.5 Immiscible Layer Surveillance

During well development and 2004 Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring sampling activities in Area I, field personnel performed visual immiscible layer surveillance of each well and observed no immiscible layer in any of the on-site monitoring wells, except monitoring well A1-MW-6. Monitoring well A1-MW-6 is located approximately 45-feet from the Buffalo River adjacent to Subarea A as shown on Figure C1. In response to NYSDEC's December 27, 2004 letter, a discussion pertaining to the immiscible layer detected in monitoring well A1-MW-6 was presented in the Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring 2004 Annual Report (revised January 2005).

2.5.1 Product Skimmer Installation and Performance

On February 1, 2005, TurnKey personnel installed the PetroTrap™ free product passive skimmer to mitigate the localized immiscible layer in and adjacent to monitoring well A1-MW-6 in accordance with the Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring (LTGWM) 2004 Annual Report for Area I (revised January 2005). The PetroTrap™ free product passive skimmer separates and recovers petroleum and light hydrocarbons from the groundwater. Incorporating hydrophobic filter technology with a storage canister, the device will automatically collect floating product down to a sheen. The PetroTrap™ has a vertical travel of 24 inches to compensate for water table fluctuation.

At the time of installation of the device, the immiscible layer thickness measured 3.35 feet. Based upon this measurement, the monitoring and product removal was conducted twice per week. Subsequent immiscible layer monitoring events at well A1-MW-6 indicated substantial removal of immiscible material with a corresponding decrease in layer thickness within the well. The attached Table C3 summarizes the recovered immiscible material quantities and layer thickness measurements for each monitoring event since the February 2005 installation. As indicated on Figure C3, substantial immiscible layer removal progress has been made since installation of the device.

2.5.2 Monitoring Procedure

Upon arrival at monitoring well A1-MW-6, field personnel will adhere to the following procedure:

- Don appropriate personal protective equipment, such as poly-coated Tyvek and nitrile gloves.
- Place a large polyethylene tarp covering the ground surface around the well using surrounding stones/concrete pieces to secure the tarp in place.
- Unlock well and remove J-plug.
- Carefully remove the PetroTrap™ device by pulling on the safety rope while rolling up the vent tubing; do not pull the device by the vent tubing.
- While holding the device in a vertical position over the tarp, open the bottom valve to drain the collected product into a sealable storage device, such as a plastic bucket with a lid. The bucket should have calibrated markings on the side so that the quantity of product recovered can be determined and recorded.

- Upon product removal, lay the device on the plastic tarp taking care to avoid contact between the device and un-tarped ground surface.
- Slowly lower the interface probe down to the product surface and record the measurement depth.
- Continue lowering the probe through the immiscible layer to the water table and record the measurement depth.
- Remove probe taking care to wipe excess product from the tape of the probe.
- Gather up the PetroTrap™ device and tubing making sure the coiled hose from the hydrophobic filter assembly and storage canister is not kinked and moves freely.
- Slowly lower the device into the well using the safety rope and unrolling the vent tubing.
- If excess water is recovered from the device, raise the device approximately one-foot. If subsequent visits indicate persistent water infiltration, the hydrophobic filter assembly may require replacement.
- Replace the J-plug and lock the well.
- Gather up all disposables (i.e., tarp, gloves, Tyvek, paper towels etc.) and place in standard garbage bag for disposal.
- Transfer recovered product to a properly labeled and sealed 5-gallon bucket with secondary containment inside the Groundwater Pretreatment Building at the Site. Once the bucket is full, a representative sample will be collected and characterized for appropriate off-site disposal.

2.5.3 Monitoring Schedule

Now that the immiscible layer thickness has been substantially decreased, the monitoring frequency will be conducted monthly. Based upon continued monthly monitoring progress of the device, the frequency of monitoring and product removal may be modified, subject to NYSDEC approval.

2.5.4 Petroleum Product Storage and Disposal

The removed petroleum product will be stored in a properly labeled and sealed 5-gallon bucket with secondary containment inside the Groundwater Pretreatment Building at the Site. As discussed in Section 2.5.2, the immiscible layer has been characterized as petroleum product and will be handled as such. Once the bucket is nearly full, a licensed

used oil service contractor will be contacted to pick up the recovered product for proper recycling or disposal.

3.0 REPORTING

During the first two years of semi-annual monitoring described in Section 2.3.1, two reports per year will be provided to the NYSDEC. A semi-annual report summarizing the first semi-annual event that includes graphs with trend lines, sampling data, discussion of results, isopotential map, and analytical data presented as tables and maps and an annual report presenting a summary of all semi-annual analytical data collected during the calendar year as well as an engineering and geologic evaluation of all of the data. After the first two years of semi-annual monitoring described above, one annual report will be provided to the NYSDEC, Region 9 Office, by March 1 of each calendar year that includes the information listed above.

Any and all changes to the Monitoring Program will be approved by the NYSDEC prior to implementation.

TABLES



TABLE 1

GROUNDWATER MONITORING NETWORK AND
SAMPLE FREQUENCY

Steelfields, LTD.
Former Steel Manufacturing Site
Buffalo, New York

Well Designation	Type of Well		Former Well Designation ¹	Monitoring Event				
	New	Existing		Year 1		Year 2		Year 3
				1 SA	2SA	1 SA	2SA	Annually
AREA I								
A1-MW-1		x	--	x	x	x		x
A1-MW-2		x	--	x	x	x		x
A1-MW-3		x	--	x	x	x		x
A1-MW-4	x		--	x	x	x	x	x
A1-MW-5	x		--	x	x	x	x	x
A1-MW-6	x		A1-MW-9A	x	x	x	x	x
A1-MW-7	x		--	water level only				
A1-MW-8	x		A1-MW-F2	x	x	x	x	x
A1-MW-9	x		A1-P-1	x	x	x	x	x
A1-MW-M2		x	--	x	x	x		x
A1-P-4		x	--	x	x	x		x
AREA II								
A2-MW-3		x	--	x	x	x		x
A2-MW-4		x	--	x	x	x		x
A2-MW-5		x	--	x	x	x		x
A2-MW-6		x	--	water level only				
A2-MW-7		x	--	water level only				
A2-MW-10		x	--	x	x	x		x
A2-MW-12		x	--	water level only				
A2-MW-13		x	--	x	x	x		x
A2-MW-14	x		--	x	x	x	x	x
A2-MW-15 ²	x		--	x				x
A2-MW-16	x		--	x	x	x	x	x
A2-MW-17	x		--	x	x	x	x	x
A2-MW-18	x		--	water level only				
A2-MW-19 ³	x		--	water level only				
Various Piezometers ⁴	x		--	water level only				
AREA III								
A3-MW-7		x	--	x	x	x		x
A3-MW-9 ³	x		--	water level only				
AREA IV								
A4-MW-4		x	--	x	x	x		x
A4-MW-6		x	--	water level only				
A4-MW-7		x	--	x	x	x		x
A4-MW-8		x	--	x	x	x		x
A4-MW-9 ³	x		--	x	x	x	x	x

Notes:

1. The existing monitoring well was either destroyed during construction activities and not present or required decommissioning due to an obstruction; a replacement well was installed during 2004 drilling activities with a new well designation.
2. Monitoring well will be sampled every two years.
3. Monitoring well will be installed within 30 days of remedial work completion.
4. Various piezometers will be installed in the Area II collection trench to assist in hydraulic monitoring.
5. Monitoring well requires the installation of a protective casing.



TABLE 2

ANALYTICAL PARAMETERS PER AREA

**Steelfields, LTD.
Former Steel Manufacturing Site
Buffalo, New York**

Areas I & II	Areas III & IV
STARS List VOCs (Method 8021)	STARS List VOCs (Method 8021)
Arsenic (Method 6010)	Arsenic (Method 6010)
Chromium (Method 6010)	Chromium (Method 6010)
Lead (Method 6010)	Lead (Method 6010)
TPH (Method 1664) for wells: A1-MW-1 A1-MW-3 A1-MW-6 A1-MW-9	Cyanide (Method 335)

Notes:

1. For the first semi-annual event, wells will be analyzed for "Full List" (i.e., TCL and STARS List VOCs).



TABLE 3

SUMMARY OF LNAPL THICKNESS / REMOVAL IN A1-MW-6

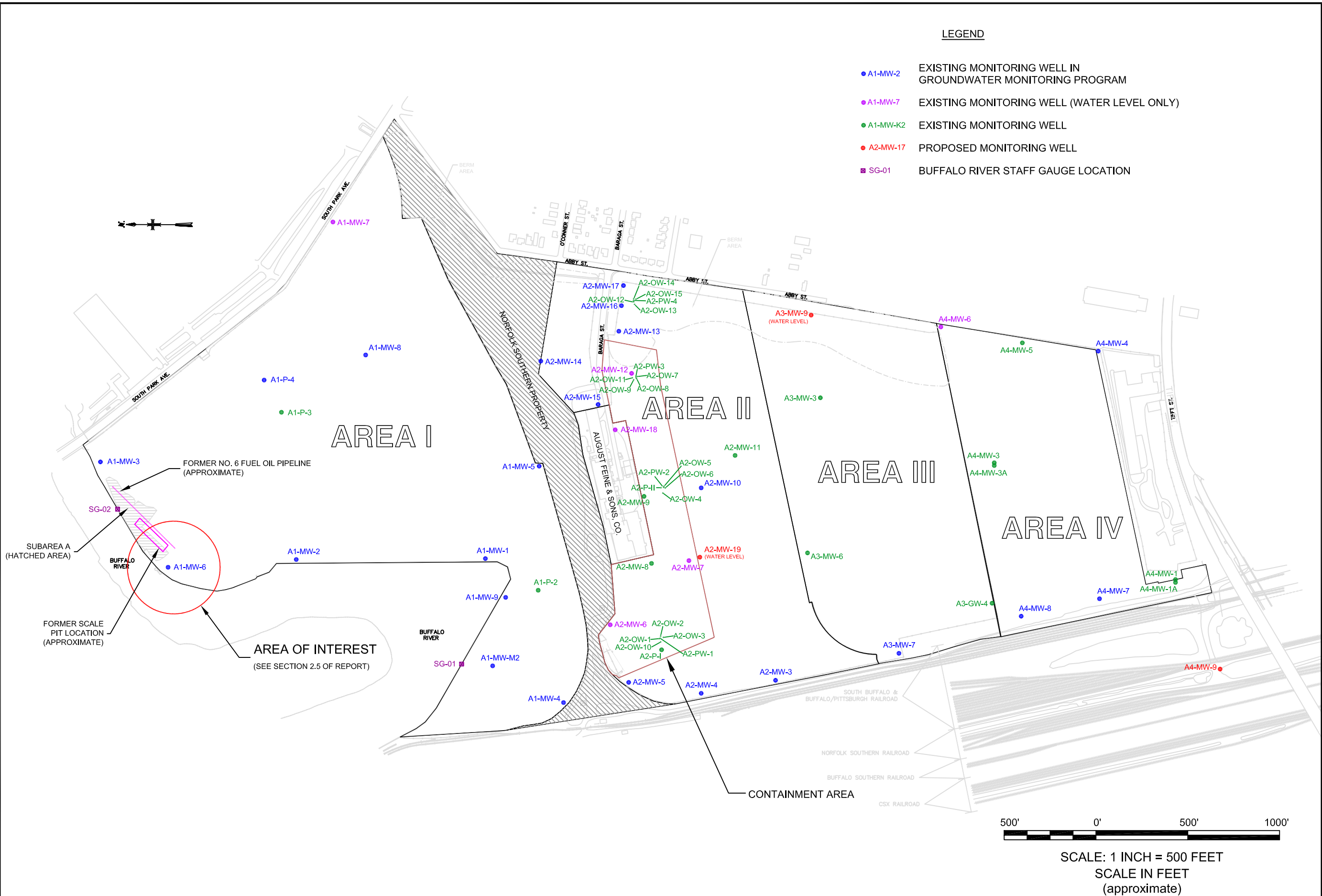
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Date	Days Since Last Visit	LNAPL Measurement			Quantity Removed (oz.)	Progress Report #	Comments
		Top (fbTOR)	Bottom (fbTOR)	Thickness (feet)			
09/21/04	--	18.10	18.40	0.30	NA	1	well development
09/23/04	2	18.10	18.40	0.30	NA		Fall 2004 groundwater monitoring event
02/01/05	131	17.50	20.85	3.35	NA		installed Petro Trap passive skimmer @ 16.00 fbTOR
02/08/05	7	17.94	19.89	1.95	16		first LNAPL removal from Petro Trap
02/11/05	3	17.89	19.75	1.86	20		ok
02/15/05	4	18.10	18.52	0.42	20		ok
02/18/05	3	17.59	17.91	0.32	12		ok
02/25/05	7	18.02	18.51	0.49	2		Petro Trap tubing was tangled
03/04/05	7	18.13	18.63	0.50	6	2	Petro Trap tubing was tangled
03/18/05	14	18.00	18.74	0.74	3.5		checked Petro Trap for leaks, none located
04/08/05	21	17.37	18.20	0.83	24		ok; raised Petro Trap approximately 1-foot
04/14/05	27	17.65	17.81	0.16	22		ok
04/28/05	41	16.23	16.25	0.02	26	3 (to be submitted)	ok
05/17/05	39	17.62	17.80	0.18	14		~14 oz. of water in Petro Trap; raised approx. 1-foot

Total Quantity Removed To Date: 165.5 oz.

FIGURES

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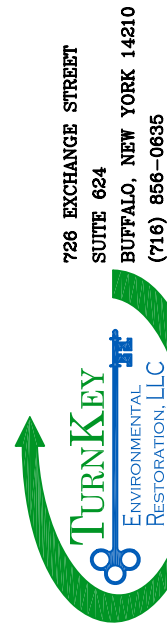


PROPOSED NEW & EXISTING MONITORING WELLS

LONG TERM GROUNDWATER MONITORING PLAN

FORMER STEEL MANUFACTURING SITE
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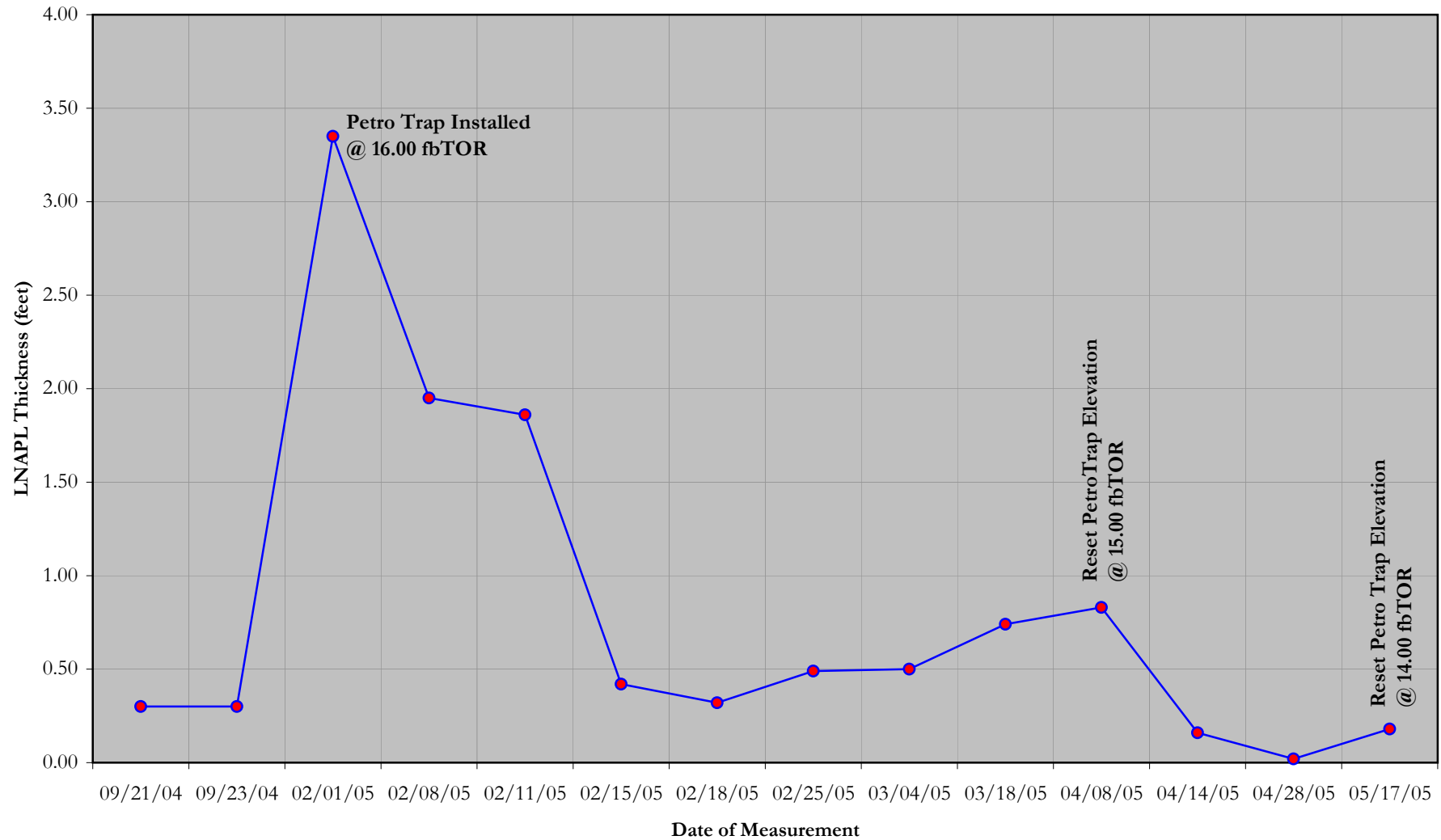
FIGURE C1



FIGURE 2

LNAPL THICKNESS WITHIN A1-MW-6 VERSUS TIME

Steelfields, LTD.
Former Steel Manufacturing Site
Buffalo, New York



ATTACHMENT C1

LOW-FLOW PURGING/SAMPLING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

FIELD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Low-Flow (Minimal
Drawdown)
Groundwater Purging
& Sampling Procedure

**LOW FLOW (MINIMAL DRAWDOWN) GROUNDWATER
PURGING & SAMPLING PROCEDURES**

PURPOSE

This procedure describes the methods used for performing low flow (minimal drawdown) purging, also referred to as micro-purging, at a well prior to groundwater sampling to obtain a representative sample from the water-bearing zone. This method of purging is used to minimize the turbidity of the produced water. This may increase the representativeness of the groundwater samples by avoiding the necessity of filtering suspended solids in the field prior to preservation of the sample.

Well purging is typically performed immediately preceding groundwater sampling. The sample should be collected as soon as the parameters measured in the field (i.e., pH, specific conductance, dissolved oxygen, Eh, temperature, and turbidity) have stabilized.

PROCEDURE

1. Water samples should not be taken immediately following well development. Sufficient time should be allowed to stabilize the groundwater flow regime in the vicinity of the monitoring well. This lag time will depend on site conditions and methods of installation but may exceed one week.
2. Prepare the electronic water level indicator (e-line) in accordance with the procedures referenced in the Benchmark's Groundwater Level Measurement FOP and decontaminate the e-line probe and a lower portion of cable following the procedures referenced in the Benchmark's Non-disposable and Non-dedicated Sampling Equipment Decontamination FOP. Store the e-line in a protected area until use. This may include wrapping the e-line in clean plastic until the time of use.
3. Calibrate all sampling devices and monitoring equipment in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, the site Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and/or Field Sampling Plan (FSP). Calibration of field

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instrumentation should be followed as specified in Benchmark's Calibration and Maintenance FOP for each individual meter.

4. Inspect the well/piezometer for signs of vandalism or damage and record condition on the Groundwater Well Purge & Sample Collection Log form (sample attached). Specifically, inspect the integrity of the following: concrete surface seal, lock, protective casing and well cover, well casing and J-plug/cap. Report any irregular findings to the Project Manager.
5. Unlock and remove the well protective cap or cover and place on clean plastic to avoid introducing foreign material into the well.
6. Monitor the well for organic vapors using a PID, as per the Work Plan. If a reading of greater than 5 ppm is recorded, the well should be allowed to vent until levels drop below 5 ppm before proceeding with purging.
7. Lower the e-line probe slowly into the monitoring well and record the initial water level in accordance with the procedures referenced in Benchmark's Groundwater Level Measurement FOP. Refer to the construction diagram for the well to identify the screened depth.
8. Decontaminate all non-dedicated pump and tubing equipment following the procedures referenced in the Benchmark's Non-disposable and Non-dedicated Sampling Equipment Decontamination FOP.
9. Lower the purge pump or tubing (i.e., low-flow electrical submersible, peristaltic, etc.) slowly into the well until the pump/tubing intake is approximately in the middle of the screened interval. Rapid insertion of the pump will increase the turbidity of well water, and can increase the required purge time. This step can be eliminated if dedicated tubing is already within the well.

Placement of the pump close to the bottom of the well will cause increased entrainment of solids, which may have settled in the well over time. Low-flow purging has the advantage of minimizing mixing between the overlying

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stagnant casing water and water within the screened interval. The objective of low-flow purging is to maintain a purging rate, which minimizes stress (drawdown) of the water level in the well. Low-flow refers to the velocity with which water enters the pump intake and that is imparted to the formation pore water in the immediate vicinity of the well screen.

10. Lower the e-line back down the well as water levels will be frequently monitored during purge and sample activities.
11. Begin pumping to purge the well. The pumping rate should be between 100 and 500 milliliters (ml) per minute (0.03 to 0.13 gallons per minute) depending on site hydrogeology. Periodically check the well water level with the e-line adjusting the flow rate as necessary to stabilize drawdown within the well. If possible, a steady flow rate should be maintained that results in a stabilized water level (drawdown of 0.3 feet or less). If the water level exceeds 2 feet below static and declining, slow the purge rate until the water level generally stabilizes. Record each pumping rate and water level during the event.

The low flow rate determined during purging will be maintained during the collection of analytical samples. At some sites where geologic heterogeneities are sufficiently different within the screened interval, high conductivity zones may be preferentially sampled.

12. Measure and record field parameters (pH, specific conductance, Eh, dissolved oxygen (DO), temperature, and turbidity) during purging activities. In lieu of measuring all of the parameters, a minimum subset could be limited to pH, specific conductance, and turbidity or DO.

Water quality indicator parameters should be used to determine purging needs prior to sample collection in each well. Stabilization of indicator parameters should be used to determine when formation water is first encountered during purging. In general, the order of stabilization is pH, temperature, and specific conductance, followed by Eh, DO and turbidity. Performance criteria for determination of stabilization should be based on water-level drawdown, pumping rate and equipment specifications for measuring indicator

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parameters. An in-line flow through cell to continuously measure the above parameters may be used. The in-line device should be disconnected or bypassed during sample collection.

13. Purging will continue until parameters of water quality have stabilized. Record measurements for field indicator parameters (including water levels) at regular intervals during purging. The stability of these parameters with time can be used to guide the decision to discontinue purging. Proper adjustments must be made to stabilize the flow rate as soon as possible.
14. Record well purging and sampling data in the Project Field Book or on the attached Groundwater Well Purge & Sample Collection Log (sample attached). Measurements should be taken approximately every three to five minutes, or as merited given the rapidity of change.
15. Purging is complete when field indicator parameters stabilize. Stabilization is achieved after all field parameters have stabilized for three successive readings. Three successive readings should be within ± 0.1 units for pH, $\pm 3\%$ for specific conductance, ± 10 mV for Eh, and $\pm 10\%$ for turbidity and dissolved oxygen. These stabilization guidelines are provided for rough estimates only, actual site-specific knowledge may be used to adjust these requirements higher or lower.

An in-line water quality measurement device (e.g., flow-through cell) should be used to establish the stabilization time for several field parameters on a well-specific basis. Data on pumping rate, drawdown and volume required for parameter stabilization can be used as a guide for conducting subsequent sampling activities.

16. Collect all project-required samples from the discharge tubing at the flow rate established during purging in accordance with Benchmark's Groundwater Sample Collection Procedures FOP. **If a peristaltic pump and dedicated tubing is used, collect all project-required samples from the discharge tubing as stated before, however volatile organic compounds should be collected in accordance with the procedure presented in the next**

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section. Continue to maintain a constant flow rate such that the water level is not drawn down as described above. Fill sample containers with minimal turbulence by allowing the ground water to flow from the tubing along the inside walls of the container.

17. If field filtration is recommended as a result of increased turbidity, an in-line filter equipped with a 0.45-micron filter should be utilized.
18. Replace the dedicated tubing down the well taking care to avoid contact with the ground surface.
19. Restore the well to its capped/covered and locked condition.
20. Upon purge and sample collection completion, slowly lower the e-line to the bottom of the well/piezometer. Record the total depth to the nearest 0.01-foot and compare to the previous total depth measurement. If a significant discrepancy exists, re-measure the total depth. Record observations of purge water to determine whether the well/piezometer had become silted due to inactivity or damaged (i.e., well sand within purge water). Upon confirmation of the new total depth and determination of the cause (i.e., siltation or damage), notify the Project Manager following project field activities.

PERISTALTIC PUMP VOC SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURE

The collection of VOCs from a peristaltic pump and dedicated tubing assembly shall be collected using the following procedure.

1. Once all other required sample containers have been filled, turn off the peristaltic pump. The negative pressure effects of the pump head have not altered groundwater remaining within the dedicated tubing assembly and as such, this groundwater can be collected for VOC analysis.
2. While maintaining the pressure on the flexible tubing within the pump head assembly, carefully remove and coil the polyethylene tubing from the well; taking care to prevent the tubing from coming in contact with the ground

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surface and without allowing groundwater to escape or drain from the tubing intake.

3. Once the polyethylene tubing is removed, turn the variable speed control to zero and reverse the pump direction.
4. Slowly increase the pump rate allowing the groundwater within the polyethylene tubing to be “pushed” out of the intake end (i.e., positive displacement) making sure the groundwater within the tubing is not “pulled” through the original discharge end (i.e., negative displacement). Groundwater pulled through the pump head assembly CANNOT be collected for VOC analysis.
5. Slowly fill each VOC vial by holding the vial at a 45-degree angle and allowing the flowing groundwater to cascade down the side until the vial is filled with as minimal disturbance as possible. As the vial fills, slowly rotate the vial to vertical. **DO NOT OVERFILL THE VIAL, AS THE PRESERVATIVE WILL BE LOST.** The vial should be filled only enough so that the water creates a slight meniscus at the vial mouth.
6. Cap the VOC vials leaving no visible headspace (i.e., air-bubbles). Gently tap each vial against your hand checking for air bubbles.
7. If an air bubble is observed, slowly remove the cap and repeat Steps 5 and 6.

ATTACHMENTS

Groundwater Well Purge & Sample Collection Log (sample)

REFERENCES

United States Environmental Protection Agency, 540/S-95/504, 1995. *Low-Flow (Minimal Drawdown) Ground-Water Sampling Procedures.*

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Benchmark FOPs:

- 007 *Calibration and Maintenance of Portable Dissolved Oxygen Meter*
- 008 *Calibration and Maintenance of Portable Field pH/Eh Meter*
- 009 *Calibration and Maintenance of Portable Field Turbidity Meter*
- 011 *Calibration and Maintenance of Portable Photoionization Detector*
- 012 *Calibration and Maintenance of Portable Specific Conductance Meter*
- 022 *Groundwater Level Measurement*
- 024 *Groundwater Sample Collection Procedures*
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LOW FLOW (MINIMAL DRAWDOWN) GROUNDWATER PURGING & SAMPLING PROCEDURES



LOW FLOW METHOD GROUNDWATER PURGE & SAMPLE COLLECTION LOG

Project Name:	WELL LOCATION:	
Project Number:	Sample Matrix:	groundwater
Client:	Weather:	

WELL DATA:		Volume Calculation	
		Well Diameter	Volume gal/ft
Casing Diameter (inches):	Casing Material:	1"	0.041
Screened interval (ftTOR):	Screen Material:	2"	0.163
Static Water Level (ftTOR):	Bottom Depth (ftTOR):	3"	0.367
Elevation Top of Well Riser (fmsl):	Ground Surface Elevation (fmsl):	4"	0.653
Elevation Top of Screen (fmsl):	Stick-up (feet):	5"	1.020
Standing volume in gallons: [(bottom depth - static water level) x vol calculation in table per well diameter]:		6"	1.469

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SAMPLING DATA:		DATE:	START TIME:	END TIME:
Method: low-flow with dedicated pump			Was well sampled to dryness?	yes no
Initial Water Level (ftTOR):			Was well sampled below top of sand pack?	yes no
Final Water Level (ftTOR):			Field Personnel:	

PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL DATA:	WATER QUALITY MEASUREMENTS					
Appearance:	pH	TEMP.	SC	TURB.	DO	ORP
Color:	(units)	(°C)	(uS)	(NTU)	(ppm)	(mV)
Odor:						
Sediment Present?						

REMARKS: _____

PREPARED BY: _____

EXHIBIT C1

EPA REGION II LOW STRESS (OR LOW FLOW) PURGING AND SAMPLING PROCEDURE



Ground Water Issue

LOW-FLOW (MINIMAL DRAWDOWN) GROUND-WATER SAMPLING PROCEDURES

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Background

The Regional Superfund Ground Water Forum is a group of ground-water scientists, representing EPA's Regional Superfund Offices, organized to exchange information related to ground-water remediation at Superfund sites. One of the major concerns of the Forum is the sampling of ground water to support site assessment and remedial performance monitoring objectives. This paper is intended to provide background information on the development of low-flow sampling procedures and its application under a variety of hydrogeologic settings. It is hoped that the paper will support the production of standard operating procedures for use by EPA Regional personnel and other environmental professionals engaged in ground-water sampling.

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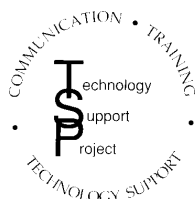
I. Introduction

The methods and objectives of ground-water sampling to assess water quality have evolved over time. Initially the emphasis was on the assessment of water quality of aquifers as sources of drinking water. Large water-bearing

units were identified and sampled in keeping with that objective. These were highly productive aquifers that supplied drinking water via private wells or through public water supply systems. Gradually, with the increasing awareness of subsurface pollution of these water resources, the understanding of complex hydrogeochemical processes which govern the fate and transport of contaminants in the subsurface increased. This increase in understanding was also due to advances in a number of scientific disciplines and improvements in tools used for site characterization and ground-water sampling. Ground-water quality investigations where pollution was detected initially borrowed ideas, methods, and materials for site characterization from the water supply field and water analysis from public health practices. This included the materials and manner in which monitoring wells were installed and the way in which water was brought to the surface, treated, preserved and analyzed. The prevailing conceptual ideas included convenient generalizations of ground-water resources in terms of large and relatively homogeneous hydrologic *units*. With time it became apparent that conventional water supply generalizations of *homogeneity* did not adequately represent field data regarding pollution of these subsurface resources. The important role of *heterogeneity* became increasingly clear not only in geologic terms, but also in terms of complex physical,

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chemical and biological subsurface processes. With greater appreciation of the role of heterogeneity, it became evident that subsurface pollution was ubiquitous and encompassed the unsaturated zone to the deep subsurface and included unconsolidated sediments, fractured rock, and *aquifers* or low-yielding or impermeable formations. Small-scale processes and heterogeneities were shown to be important in identifying contaminant distributions and in controlling water and contaminant flow paths.

It is beyond the scope of this paper to summarize all the advances in the field of ground-water quality investigations and remediation, but two particular issues have bearing on ground-water sampling today: aquifer heterogeneity and colloidal transport. Aquifer heterogeneities affect contaminant flow paths and include variations in geology, geochemistry, hydrology and microbiology. As methods and the tools available for subsurface investigations have become increasingly sophisticated and understanding of the subsurface environment has advanced, there is an awareness that in most cases a primary concern for site investigations is characterization of contaminant flow paths rather than entire aquifers. In fact, in many cases, plume thickness can be less than well screen lengths (e.g., 3-6 m) typically installed at hazardous waste sites to detect and monitor plume movement over time. Small-scale differences have increasingly been shown to be important and there is a general trend toward smaller diameter wells and shorter screens.

The hydrogeochemical significance of colloidal-size particles in subsurface systems has been realized during the past several years (Gschwend and Reynolds, 1987; McCarthy and Zachara, 1989; Puls, 1990; Ryan and Gschwend, 1990). This realization resulted from both field and laboratory studies that showed faster contaminant migration over greater distances and at higher concentrations than flow and transport model predictions would suggest (Buddemeier and Hunt, 1988; Enfield and Bengtsson, 1988; Penrose et al., 1990). Such models typically account for interaction between the mobile aqueous and immobile solid phases, but do not allow for a mobile, reactive solid phase. It is recognition of this third *phase* as a possible means of contaminant transport that has brought increasing attention to the manner in which samples are collected and processed for analysis (Puls et al., 1990; McCarthy and Degueudre, 1993; Backhus et al., 1993; U. S. EPA, 1995). If such a phase is present in sufficient mass, possesses high sorption reactivity, large surface area, and remains stable in suspension, it can serve as an important mechanism to facilitate contaminant transport in many types of subsurface systems.

Colloids are particles that are sufficiently small so that the surface free energy of the particle dominates the bulk free energy. Typically, in ground water, this includes particles with diameters between 1 and 1000 nm. The most commonly observed mobile particles include: secondary clay minerals; hydrous iron, aluminum, and manganese oxides; dissolved and particulate organic materials, and viruses and bacteria.

These reactive particles have been shown to be mobile under a variety of conditions in both field studies and laboratory column experiments, and as such need to be included in monitoring programs where identification of the *total* mobile contaminant loading (dissolved + naturally suspended particles) at a site is an objective. To that end, sampling methodologies must be used which do not artificially bias *naturally* suspended particle concentrations.

Currently the most common ground-water purging and sampling methodology is to purge a well using bailers or high speed pumps to remove 3 to 5 casing volumes followed by sample collection. This method can cause adverse impacts on sample quality through collection of samples with high levels of turbidity. This results in the inclusion of otherwise immobile artifactual particles which produce an overestimation of certain analytes of interest (e.g., metals or hydrophobic organic compounds). Numerous documented problems associated with filtration (Danielsson, 1982; Laxen and Chandler, 1982; Horowitz et al., 1992) make this an undesirable method of rectifying the turbidity problem, and include the removal of potentially mobile (contaminant-associated) particles during filtration, thus artificially biasing contaminant concentrations low. Sampling-induced turbidity problems can often be mitigated by using low-flow purging and sampling techniques.

Current subsurface conceptual models have undergone considerable refinement due to the recent development and increased use of field screening tools. So-called hydraulic *push* technologies (e.g., cone penetrometer, Geoprobe®, QED HydroPunch®) enable relatively fast screening site characterization which can then be used to design and install a monitoring well network. Indeed, alternatives to conventional monitoring wells are now being considered for some hydrogeologic settings. The ultimate design of any monitoring system should however be based upon adequate site characterization and be consistent with established monitoring objectives.

If the sampling program objectives include accurate assessment of the magnitude and extent of subsurface contamination over time and/or accurate assessment of subsequent remedial performance, then some information regarding plume delineation in three-dimensional space is necessary prior to monitoring well network design and installation. This can be accomplished with a variety of different tools and equipment ranging from hand-operated augers to screening tools mentioned above and large drilling rigs. Detailed information on ground-water flow velocity, direction, and horizontal and vertical variability are essential baseline data requirements. Detailed soil and geologic data are required prior to and during the installation of sampling points. This includes historical as well as detailed soil and geologic logs which accumulate during the site investigation. The use of borehole geophysical techniques is also recommended. With this information (together with other site characterization data) and a clear understanding of sampling

objectives, then appropriate location, screen length, well diameter, slot size, etc. for the monitoring well network can be decided. This is especially critical for new in situ remedial approaches or natural attenuation assessments at hazardous waste sites.

In general, the overall goal of any ground-water sampling program is to collect water samples with no alteration in water chemistry; analytical data thus obtained may be used for a variety of specific monitoring programs depending on the regulatory requirements. The sampling methodology described in this paper assumes that the monitoring goal is to sample monitoring wells for the presence of contaminants and it is applicable whether mobile colloids are a concern or not and whether the analytes of concern are metals (and metal-loids) or organic compounds.

II. Monitoring Objectives and Design Considerations

The following issues are important to consider prior to the design and implementation of any ground-water monitoring program, including those which anticipate using low-flow purging and sampling procedures.

A. Data Quality Objectives (DQOs)

Monitoring objectives include four main types: detection, assessment, corrective-action evaluation and resource evaluation, along with *hybrid* variations such as site-assessments for property transfers and water availability investigations. Monitoring objectives may change as contamination or water quality problems are discovered. However, there are a number of common components of monitoring programs which should be recognized as important regardless of initial objectives. These components include:

- 1) Development of a conceptual model that incorporates elements of the regional geology to the local geologic framework. The conceptual model development also includes initial site characterization efforts to identify hydrostratigraphic units and likely flow-paths using a minimum number of borings and well completions;
- 2) Cost-effective and well documented collection of high quality data utilizing simple, accurate, and reproducible techniques; and
- 3) Refinement of the conceptual model based on supplementary data collection and analysis.

These fundamental components serve many types of monitoring programs and provide a basis for future efforts that evolve in complexity and level of spatial detail as purposes and objectives expand. High quality, reproducible data collection is a common goal regardless of program objectives.

High quality data collection implies data of sufficient accuracy, precision, and completeness (i.e., ratio of valid analytical results to the minimum sample number called for by the program design) to meet the program objectives. Accuracy depends on the correct choice of monitoring tools and procedures to minimize sample and subsurface disturbance from collection to analysis. Precision depends on the repeatability of sampling and analytical protocols. It can be assured or improved by replication of sample analyses including blanks, field/lab standards and reference standards.

B. Sample Representativeness

An important goal of any monitoring program is collection of data that is truly representative of conditions at the site. The term *representativeness* applies to chemical and hydrogeologic data collected via wells, borings, piezometers, geophysical and soil gas measurements, lysimeters, and temporary sampling points. It involves a recognition of the statistical variability of individual subsurface physical properties, and contaminant or major ion concentration levels, while explaining extreme values. Subsurface temporal and spatial variability are facts. Good professional practice seeks to maximize representativeness by using proven accurate and reproducible techniques to define limits on the distribution of measurements collected at a site. However, measures of representativeness are dynamic and are controlled by evolving site characterization and monitoring objectives. An evolutionary site characterization model, as shown in Figure 1, provides a systematic approach to the goal of consistent data collection.

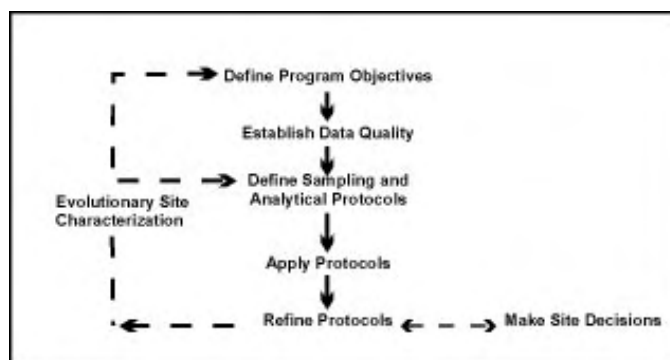


Figure 1. Evolutionary Site Characterization Model

The model emphasizes a recognition of the causes of the variability (e.g., use of inappropriate technology such as using bailers to purge wells; imprecise or operator-dependent methods) and the need to control avoidable errors.

1) Questions of Scale

A sampling plan designed to collect representative samples must take into account the potential scale of changes in site conditions through space and time as well as the chemical associations and behavior of the parameters that are targeted for investigation. In subsurface systems, physical (i.e., aquifer) and chemical properties over time or space are not statistically independent. In fact, samples taken in close proximity (i.e., within distances of a few meters) or within short time periods (i.e., more frequently than monthly) are highly auto-correlated. This means that designs employing high-sampling frequency (e.g., monthly) or dense spatial monitoring designs run the risk of redundant data collection and misleading inferences regarding trends in values that aren't statistically valid. In practice, contaminant detection and assessment monitoring programs rarely suffer these *over-sampling* concerns. In corrective-action evaluation programs, it is also possible that too little data may be collected over space or time. In these cases, false interpretation of the spatial extent of contamination or underestimation of temporal concentration variability may result.

2) Target Parameters

Parameter selection in monitoring program design is most often dictated by the regulatory status of the site. However, background water quality constituents, purging indicator parameters, and contaminants, all represent targets for data collection programs. The tools and procedures used in these programs should be equally rigorous and applicable to all categories of data, since all may be needed to determine or support regulatory action.

C. Sampling Point Design and Construction

Detailed site characterization is central to all decision-making purposes and the basis for this characterization resides in identification of the geologic framework and major hydro-stratigraphic units. Fundamental data for sample point location include: subsurface lithology, head-differences and background geochemical conditions. Each sampling point has a proper use or uses which should be documented at a level which is appropriate for the program's data quality objectives. Individual sampling points may not always be able to fulfill multiple monitoring objectives (e.g., detection, assessment, corrective action).

1) Compatibility with Monitoring Program and Data Quality Objectives

Specifics of sampling point location and design will be dictated by the complexity of subsurface lithology and variability in contaminant and/or geochemical conditions. It should be noted that, regardless of the ground-water sampling approach, few sampling points (e.g., wells, drive-points, screened augers) have zones of influence in excess of a few

feet. Therefore, the spatial frequency of sampling points should be carefully selected and designed.

2) Flexibility of Sampling Point Design

In most cases *well-point* diameters in excess of 1 7/8 inches will permit the use of most types of submersible pumping devices for low-flow (minimal drawdown) sampling. It is suggested that *short* (e.g., less than 1.6 m) screens be incorporated into the monitoring design where possible so that comparable results from one device to another might be expected. *Short*, of course, is relative to the degree of vertical water quality variability expected at a site.

3) Equilibration of Sampling Point

Time should be allowed for equilibration of the well or sampling point with the formation after installation. Placement of well or sampling points in the subsurface produces some disturbance of ambient conditions. Drilling techniques (e.g., auger, rotary, etc.) are generally considered to cause more disturbance than *direct-push* technologies. In either case, there may be a period (i.e., days to months) during which water quality near the point may be distinctly different from that in the formation. Proper development of the sampling point and adjacent formation to remove fines created during emplacement will shorten this water quality *recovery* period.

III. Definition of Low-Flow Purging and Sampling

It is generally accepted that water in the well casing is non-representative of the formation water and needs to be purged prior to collection of ground-water samples. However, the water in the screened interval may indeed be representative of the formation, depending upon well construction and site hydrogeology. Wells are purged to some extent for the following reasons: the presence of the air interface at the top of the water column resulting in an oxygen concentration gradient with depth, loss of volatiles up the water column, leaching from or sorption to the casing or filter pack, chemical changes due to clay seals or backfill, and surface infiltration.

Low-flow purging, whether using portable or dedicated systems, should be done using pump-intake located in the middle or slightly above the middle of the screened interval. Placement of the pump too close to the bottom of the well will cause increased entrainment of solids which have collected in the well over time. These particles are present as a result of well development, prior purging and sampling events, and natural colloidal transport and deposition. Therefore, placement of the pump in the middle or toward the top of the screened interval is suggested. Placement of the pump at the top of the water column for sampling is only recommended in unconfined aquifers, screened across the water table, where this is the desired sampling point. Low-

flow purging has the advantage of minimizing mixing between the overlying stagnant casing water and water within the screened interval.

A. Low-Flow Purging and Sampling

Low-flow refers to the velocity with which water enters the pump intake and that is imparted to the formation pore water in the immediate vicinity of the well screen. It does not necessarily refer to the flow rate of water discharged at the surface which can be affected by flow regulators or restrictions. Water level drawdown provides the best indication of the stress imparted by a given flow-rate for a given hydrological situation. The objective is to pump in a manner that minimizes stress (drawdown) to the system to the extent practical taking into account established site sampling objectives. Typically, flow rates on the order of 0.1 - 0.5 L/min are used, however this is dependent on site-specific hydrogeology. Some extremely coarse-textured formations have been successfully sampled in this manner at flow rates to 1 L/min. The effectiveness of using low-flow purging is intimately linked with proper screen location, screen length, and well construction and development techniques. The reestablishment of natural flow paths in both the vertical and horizontal directions is important for correct interpretation of the data. For high resolution sampling needs, screens less than 1 m should be used. Most of the need for purging has been found to be due to passing the sampling device through the overlying casing water which causes mixing of these stagnant waters and the dynamic waters within the screened interval. Additionally, there is disturbance to suspended sediment collected in the bottom of the casing and the displacement of water out into the formation immediately adjacent to the well screen. These disturbances and impacts can be avoided using dedicated sampling equipment, which precludes the need to insert the sampling device prior to purging and sampling.

Isolation of the screened interval water from the overlying stagnant casing water may be accomplished using low-flow minimal drawdown techniques. If the pump intake is located within the screened interval, most of the water pumped will be drawn in directly from the formation with little mixing of casing water or disturbance to the sampling zone. However, if the wells are not constructed and developed properly, zones other than those intended may be sampled. At some sites where geologic heterogeneities are sufficiently different within the screened interval, higher conductivity zones may be preferentially sampled. This is another reason to use shorter screened intervals, especially where high spatial resolution is a sampling objective.

B. Water Quality Indicator Parameters

It is recommended that water quality indicator parameters be used to determine purging needs prior to sample collection in each well. Stabilization of parameters such as pH, specific conductance, dissolved oxygen, oxida-

tion-reduction potential, temperature and turbidity should be used to determine when formation water is accessed during purging. In general, the order of stabilization is pH, temperature, and specific conductance, followed by oxidation-reduction potential, dissolved oxygen and turbidity. Temperature and pH, while commonly used as purging indicators, are actually quite insensitive in distinguishing between formation water and stagnant casing water; nevertheless, these are important parameters for data interpretation purposes and should also be measured. Performance criteria for determination of stabilization should be based on water-level drawdown, pumping rate and equipment specifications for measuring indicator parameters. Instruments are available which utilize in-line flow cells to continuously measure the above parameters.

It is important to establish specific well stabilization criteria and then consistently follow the same methods thereafter, particularly with respect to drawdown, flow rate and sampling device. Generally, the time or purge volume required for parameter stabilization is independent of well depth or well volumes. Dependent variables are well diameter, sampling device, hydrogeochemistry, pump flow rate, and whether the devices are used in a portable or dedicated manner. If the sampling device is already in place (i.e., dedicated sampling systems), then the time and purge volume needed for stabilization is much shorter. Other advantages of dedicated equipment include less purge water for waste disposal, much less decontamination of equipment, less time spent in preparation of sampling as well as time in the field, and more consistency in the sampling approach which probably will translate into less variability in sampling results. The use of dedicated equipment is strongly recommended at wells which will undergo routine sampling over time.

If parameter stabilization criteria are too stringent, then minor oscillations in indicator parameters may cause purging operations to become unnecessarily protracted. It should also be noted that turbidity is a very conservative parameter in terms of stabilization. Turbidity is always the last parameter to stabilize. Excessive purge times are invariably related to the establishment of too stringent turbidity stabilization criteria. It should be noted that natural turbidity levels in ground water may exceed 10 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU).

C. Advantages and Disadvantages of Low-Flow (Minimum Drawdown) Purging

In general, the advantages of low-flow purging include:

- samples which are representative of the *mobile* load of contaminants present (dissolved and colloid-associated);
- minimal disturbance of the sampling point thereby minimizing sampling artifacts;
- less operator variability, greater operator control;

- reduced stress on the formation (minimal drawdown);
- less mixing of stagnant casing water with formation water;
- reduced need for filtration and, therefore, less time required for sampling;
- smaller purging volume which decreases waste disposal costs and sampling time;
- better sample consistency; reduced artificial sample variability.

Some disadvantages of low-flow purging are:

- higher initial capital costs,
- greater set-up time in the field,
- need to transport additional equipment to and from the site,
- increased training needs,
- resistance to change on the part of sampling practitioners,
- concern that new data will indicate a *change in conditions* and trigger an *action*.

IV. Low-Flow (Minimal Drawdown) Sampling Protocols

The following ground-water sampling procedure has evolved over many years of experience in ground-water sampling for organic and inorganic compound determinations and as such summarizes the authors' (and others) experiences to date (Barcelona et al., 1984, 1994; Barcelona and Helfrich, 1986; Puls and Barcelona, 1989; Puls et. al. 1990, 1992; Puls and Powell, 1992; Puls and Paul, 1995). High-quality chemical data collection is essential in ground-water monitoring and site characterization. The primary limitations to the collection of *representative* ground-water samples include: mixing of the stagnant casing and *fresh* screen waters during insertion of the sampling device or ground-water level measurement device; disturbance and resuspension of settled solids at the bottom of the well when using high pumping rates or raising and lowering a pump or bailer; introduction of atmospheric gases or degassing from the water during sample handling and transfer, or inappropriate use of vacuum sampling device, etc.

A. Sampling Recommendations

Water samples should not be taken immediately following well development. Sufficient time should be allowed for the ground-water flow regime in the vicinity of the monitoring well to stabilize and to approach chemical equilibrium with the well construction materials. This lag time will depend on site conditions and methods of installation but often exceeds one week.

Well purging is nearly always necessary to obtain samples of water flowing through the geologic formations in the screened interval. Rather than using a general but arbitrary guideline of purging three casing volumes prior to

sampling, it is recommended that an in-line water quality measurement device (e.g., flow-through cell) be used to establish the stabilization time for several parameters (e.g., pH, specific conductance, redox, dissolved oxygen, turbidity) on a well-specific basis. Data on pumping rate, drawdown, and volume required for parameter stabilization can be used as a guide for conducting subsequent sampling activities.

The following are recommendations to be considered before, during and after sampling:

- use low-flow rates (<0.5 L/min), during both purging and sampling to maintain minimal drawdown in the well;
- maximize tubing wall thickness, minimize tubing length;
- place the sampling device intake at the desired sampling point;
- minimize disturbances of the stagnant water column above the screened interval during water level measurement and sampling device insertion;
- make proper adjustments to stabilize the flow rate as soon as possible;
- monitor water quality indicators during purging;
- collect unfiltered samples to estimate contaminant loading and transport potential in the subsurface system.

B. Equipment Calibration

Prior to sampling, all sampling device and monitoring equipment should be calibrated according to manufacturer's recommendations and the site Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and Field Sampling Plan (FSP). Calibration of pH should be performed with at least two buffers which bracket the expected range. Dissolved oxygen calibration must be corrected for local barometric pressure readings and elevation.

C. Water Level Measurement and Monitoring

It is recommended that a device be used which will least disturb the water surface in the casing. Well depth should be obtained from the well logs. Measuring to the bottom of the well casing will only cause resuspension of settled solids from the formation and require longer purging times for turbidity equilibration. Measure well depth after sampling is completed. The water level measurement should be taken from a permanent reference point which is surveyed relative to ground elevation.

D. Pump Type

The use of low-flow (e.g., 0.1-0.5 L/min) pumps is suggested for purging and sampling all types of analytes. All pumps have some limitation and these should be investigated with respect to application at a particular site. Bailers are inappropriate devices for low-flow sampling.

1) General Considerations

There are no unusual requirements for ground-water sampling devices when using low-flow, minimal drawdown techniques. The major concern is that the device give consistent results and minimal disturbance of the sample across a range of *low* flow rates (i.e., < 0.5 L/min). Clearly, pumping rates that cause minimal to no drawdown in one well could easily cause *significant* drawdown in another well finished in a less transmissive formation. In this sense, the pump should not cause undue pressure or temperature changes or physical disturbance on the water sample over a reasonable sampling range. Consistency in operation is critical to meet accuracy and precision goals.

2) Advantages and Disadvantages of Sampling Devices

A variety of sampling devices are available for low-flow (minimal drawdown) purging and sampling and include peristaltic pumps, bladder pumps, electrical submersible pumps, and gas-driven pumps. Devices which lend themselves to both dedication and consistent operation at definable low-flow rates are preferred. It is desirable that the pump be easily adjustable and operate reliably at these lower flow rates. The peristaltic pump is limited to shallow applications and can cause degassing resulting in alteration of pH, alkalinity, and some volatiles loss. Gas-driven pumps should be of a type that does not allow the gas to be in direct contact with the sampled fluid.

Clearly, bailers and other *grab* type samplers are ill-suited for low-flow sampling since they will cause repeated disturbance and mixing of *stagnant* water in the casing and the *dynamic* water in the screened interval. Similarly, the use of inertial lift foot-valve type samplers may cause too much disturbance at the point of sampling. Use of these devices also tends to introduce uncontrolled and unacceptable operator variability.

Summaries of advantages and disadvantages of various sampling devices are listed in Herzog et al. (1991), U. S. EPA (1992), Parker (1994) and Thurnblad (1994).

E. Pump Installation

Dedicated sampling devices (left in the well) capable of pumping and sampling are preferred over any other type of device. Any portable sampling device should be slowly and carefully lowered to the middle of the screened interval or slightly above the middle (e.g., 1-1.5 m below the top of a 3 m screen). This is to minimize excessive mixing of the stagnant water in the casing above the screen with the screened interval zone water, and to minimize resuspension of solids which will have collected at the bottom of the well. These two disturbance effects have been shown to directly affect the time required for purging. There also appears to be a direct correlation between size of portable sampling devices relative to the well bore and resulting purge volumes and times. The key is to minimize disturbance of water and solids in the well casing.

F. Filtration

Decisions to filter samples should be dictated by sampling objectives rather than as a *fix* for poor sampling practices, and field-filtering of certain constituents should not be the default. Consideration should be given as to what the application of field-filtration is trying to accomplish. For assessment of truly dissolved (as opposed to operationally *dissolved* [i.e., samples filtered with 0.45 µm filters]) concentrations of major ions and trace metals, 0.1 µm filters are recommended although 0.45 µm filters are normally used for most regulatory programs. Alkalinity samples must also be filtered if significant particulate calcium carbonate is suspected, since this material is likely to impact alkalinity titration results (although filtration itself may alter the CO₂ composition of the sample and, therefore, affect the results).

Although filtration may be appropriate, filtration of a sample may cause a number of unintended changes to occur (e.g. oxidation, aeration) possibly leading to filtration-induced artifacts during sample analysis and uncertainty in the results. Some of these unintended changes may be unavoidable but the factors leading to them must be recognized. Deleterious effects can be minimized by consistent application of certain filtration guidelines. Guidelines should address selection of filter type, media, pore size, etc. in order to identify and minimize potential sources of uncertainty when filtering samples.

In-line filtration is recommended because it provides better consistency through less sample handling, and minimizes sample exposure to the atmosphere. In-line filters are available in both disposable (barrel filters) and non-disposable (in-line filter holder, flat membrane filters) formats and various filter pore sizes (0.1-5.0 µm). Disposable filter cartridges have the advantage of greater sediment handling capacity when compared to traditional membrane filters. Filters must be pre-rinsed following manufacturer's recommendations. If there are no recommendations for rinsing, pass through a minimum of 1 L of ground water following purging and prior to sampling. Once filtration has begun, a filter cake may develop as particles larger than the pore size accumulate on the filter membrane. The result is that the effective pore diameter of the membrane is reduced and particles smaller than the stated pore size are excluded from the filtrate. Possible corrective measures include prefiltering (with larger pore size filters), minimizing particle loads to begin with, and reducing sample volume.

G. Monitoring of Water Level and Water Quality Indicator Parameters

Check water level periodically to monitor drawdown in the well as a guide to flow rate adjustment. The goal is minimal drawdown (<0.1 m) during purging. This goal may be difficult to achieve under some circumstances due to geologic heterogeneities within the screened interval, and may require adjustment based on site-specific conditions and personal experience. In-line water quality indicator parameters should be continuously monitored during purging. The water quality

indicator parameters monitored can include pH, redox potential, conductivity, dissolved oxygen (DO) and turbidity. The last three parameters are often most sensitive. Pumping rate, drawdown, and the time or volume required to obtain stabilization of parameter readings can be used as a future guide to purge the well. Measurements should be taken every three to five minutes if the above suggested rates are used. Stabilization is achieved after all parameters have stabilized for three successive readings. In lieu of measuring all five parameters, a minimum subset would include pH, conductivity, and turbidity or DO. Three successive readings should be within ± 0.1 for pH, $\pm 3\%$ for conductivity, ± 10 mv for redox potential, and $\pm 10\%$ for turbidity and DO. Stabilized purge indicator parameter trends are generally obvious and follow either an exponential or asymptotic change to stable values during purging. Dissolved oxygen and turbidity usually require the longest time for stabilization. The above stabilization guidelines are provided for rough estimates based on experience.

H. Sampling, Sample Containers, Preservation and Decontamination

Upon parameter stabilization, sampling can be initiated. If an in-line device is used to monitor water quality parameters, it should be disconnected or bypassed during sample collection. Sampling flow rate may remain at established purge rate or may be adjusted slightly to minimize aeration, bubble formation, turbulent filling of sample bottles, or loss of volatiles due to extended residence time in tubing. Typically, flow rates less than 0.5 L/min are appropriate. The same device should be used for sampling as was used for purging. Sampling should occur in a progression from least to most contaminated well, if this is known. Generally, volatile (e.g., solvents and fuel constituents) and gas sensitive (e.g., Fe^{2+} , CH_4 , $\text{H}_2\text{S}/\text{HS}^-$; alkalinity) parameters should be sampled first. The sequence in which samples for most inorganic parameters are collected is immaterial unless filtered (dissolved) samples are desired. Filtering should be done last and in-line filters should be used as discussed above. During both well purging and sampling, proper protective clothing and equipment must be used based upon the type and level of contaminants present.

The appropriate sample container will be prepared in advance of actual sample collection for the analytes of interest and include sample preservative where necessary. Water samples should be collected directly into this container from the pump tubing.

Immediately after a sample bottle has been filled, it must be preserved as specified in the site (QAPP). Sample preservation requirements are based on the analyses being performed (use site QAPP, FSP, RCRA guidance document [U. S. EPA, 1992] or EPA SW-846 [U. S. EPA, 1982]). It may be advisable to add preservatives to sample bottles in a controlled setting prior to entering the field in order to reduce the chances of improperly preserving sample bottles or

introducing field contaminants into a sample bottle while adding the preservatives.

The preservatives should be transferred from the chemical bottle to the sample container using a disposable polyethylene pipet and the disposable pipet should be used only once and then discarded.

After a sample container has been filled with ground water, a Teflon™ (or tin)-lined cap is screwed on tightly to prevent the container from leaking. A sample label is filled out as specified in the FSP. The samples should be stored inverted at 4°C.

Specific decontamination protocols for sampling devices are dependent to some extent on the type of device used and the type of contaminants encountered. Refer to the site QAPP and FSP for specific requirements.

I. Blanks

The following blanks should be collected:

- (1) field blank: one field blank should be collected from each source water (distilled/deionized water) used for sampling equipment decontamination or for assisting well development procedures.
- (2) equipment blank: one equipment blank should be taken prior to the commencement of field work, from each set of sampling equipment to be used for that day. Refer to site QAPP or FSP for specific requirements.
- (3) trip blank: a trip blank is required to accompany each volatile sample shipment. These blanks are prepared in the laboratory by filling a 40-mL volatile organic analysis (VOA) bottle with distilled/deionized water.

V. Low-Permeability Formations and Fractured Rock

The overall sampling program goals or sampling objectives will drive how the sampling points are located, installed, and choice of sampling device. Likewise, site-specific hydrogeologic factors will affect these decisions. Sites with very low permeability formations or fractures causing discrete flow channels may require a unique monitoring approach. Unlike water supply wells, wells installed for ground-water quality assessment and restoration programs are often installed in low water-yielding settings (e.g., clays, silts). Alternative types of sampling points and sampling methods are often needed in these types of environments, because low-permeability settings may require extremely low-flow purging (<0.1 L/min) and may be technology-limited. Where devices are not readily available to pump at such low flow rates, the primary consideration is to avoid dewatering of

the well screen. This may require repeated recovery of the water during purging while leaving the pump in place within the well screen.

Use of low-flow techniques may be impractical in these settings, depending upon the water recharge rates. The sampler and the end-user of data collected from such wells need to understand the limitations of the data collected; i.e., a strong potential for underestimation of actual contaminant concentrations for volatile organics, potential false negatives for filtered metals and potential false positives for unfiltered metals. It is suggested that comparisons be made between samples recovered using low-flow purging techniques and samples recovered using passive sampling techniques (i.e., two sets of samples). Passive sample collection would essentially entail acquisition of the sample with no or very little purging using a dedicated sampling system installed within the screened interval or a passive sample collection device.

A. Low-Permeability Formations (<0.1 L/min recharge)

1. Low-Flow Purging and Sampling with Pumps

- a. "portable or non-dedicated mode" - Lower the pump (one capable of pumping at <0.1 L/min) to mid-screen or slightly above and set in place for minimum of 48 hours (to lessen purge volume requirements). After 48 hours, use procedures listed in Part IV above regarding monitoring water quality parameters for stabilization, etc., but do not dewater the screen. If excessive drawdown and slow recovery is a problem, then alternate approaches such as those listed below may be better.
- b. "dedicated mode" - Set the pump as above at least a week prior to sampling; that is, operate in a dedicated pump mode. With this approach significant reductions in purge volume should be realized. Water quality parameters should stabilize quite rapidly due to less disturbance of the sampling zone.

2. Passive Sample Collection

Passive sampling collection requires insertion of the device into the screened interval for a sufficient time period to allow flow and sample equilibration before extraction for analysis. Conceptually, the extraction of water from low yielding formations seems more akin to the collection of water from the unsaturated zone and passive sampling techniques may be more appropriate in terms of obtaining "representative" samples. Satisfying usual sample volume requirements is typically a problem with this approach and some latitude will be needed on the part of regulatory entities to achieve sampling objectives.

B. Fractured Rock

In fractured rock formations, a low-flow to zero purging approach using pumps in conjunction with packers to isolate the sampling zone in the borehole is suggested. Passive multi-layer sampling devices may also provide the most "representative" samples. It is imperative in these settings to identify flow paths or water-producing fractures prior to sampling using tools such as borehole flowmeters and/or other geophysical tools.

After identification of water-bearing fractures, install packer(s) and pump assembly for sample collection using low-flow sampling in "dedicated mode" or use a passive sampling device which can isolate the identified water-bearing fractures.

VI. Documentation

The usual practices for documenting the sampling event should be used for low-flow purging and sampling techniques. This should include, at a minimum: information on the conduct of purging operations (flow-rate, drawdown, water-quality parameter values, volumes extracted and times for measurements), field instrument calibration data, water sampling forms and chain of custody forms. See Figures 2 and 3 and "Ground Water Sampling Workshop -- A Workshop Summary" (U. S. EPA, 1995) for example forms and other documentation suggestions and information. This information coupled with laboratory analytical data and validation data are needed to judge the "useability" of the sampling data.

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Information: 2 in = 617 ml/ft, 4 in = 2470 ml/ft: $\text{Vol}_{\text{cyl}} = \pi r^2 h$, $\text{Vol}_{\text{sphere}} = 4/3 \pi r^3$

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ATTACHMENT C2

CALCULATION PROCEDURE-CONTAMINANT LOADING CALCULATION

(TO BE REVISED)

CALCULATION PROCEDURE

CONTAMINANT LOADING CALCULATION

1.0 GENERAL

This procedure presents a method to calculate contaminant loading from the former Steel Manufacturing Site to the Buffalo River, if necessary. This calculation would only be required along the affected segment if an increasing trend in contaminant concentration occurs along the Buffalo River during long-term groundwater monitoring of the site.

2.0 SITE-SPECIFIC CONTAMINANT LOADINGS TO BUFFALO RIVER

Data collected during the long term groundwater monitoring will be used to estimate the groundwater contaminant loading offsite (toward South Park or to the Buffalo River). The calculation of groundwater contaminant mass loading from the Site will be based upon the following assumptions:

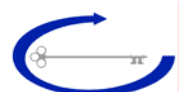
- The shoreline of the Buffalo River and the segment along South Park Avenue to the north-northeast will be approximated as four straight lines. Each line will be further segmented as shown on **Figure C2-1** and described below:

Line 1: Segment 1-1 from monitoring well A1-MW-7 to A1-P-4 (approximately 940 feet long). Segment 1-2 from monitoring well A1-P-4 to A1-MW-3 (approximately 1000 feet long).

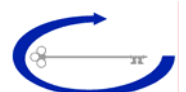
Line 2: Segment 2-1 from monitoring well A1-MW-3 to monitoring well A1-MW-6 (approximately 682 feet long). Segment 2-2 from monitoring well A1-MW-6 to monitoring well A1-MW-2 (approximately 700 feet long).

Line 3: Segment 3-1 from monitoring well A1-MW-2 to monitoring well A1-MW-1 (approximately 1030 feet). Segment 3-2 from monitoring well A1-MW-1 to approximately 230 feet south.

Line 4: Segment 4-1 from 230 feet south of monitoring well A1-MW-1 to A1-MW-9 (approximately 245 feet). Segment 4-2 from A1-MW-9 to monitoring well A1-MW-M2 (approximately 360 feet). Segment 4-3 from monitoring well A1-MW-M2 approximately 506 feet northwest.



- Only groundwater in the uppermost-saturated zone (viz. fill material) is contributing contaminants to the Buffalo River. Table C2-1 provides saturated fill thickness of existing monitoring wells measured on September 23, 2004.
- The hydraulic conductivity, hydraulic gradient, and groundwater constituent concentration for each segment will be calculated by taking the arithmetic average of the specific variable for each of the wells that define the segment (the values that currently exist are presented in Tables C2-2 and C2-3).
- The west end point of Segment 4-3 will be assumed to have the same chemical properties as monitoring well A1-MW-M2.
- Segment 4-3 hydraulic conductivity will be the average hydraulic conductivity of A1-MW-M2, A1-MW-9, and A1-P-2.
- The hydraulic and chemical properties of south end of Segment 3-2 and the east end of Segment 4-1 will be estimated by interpolating data between A1-MW-1 and A1-MW-9.
- For compounds where the practical quantitation limit exceeds the groundwater quality standard and was detected in Area I groundwater, a value of one-half the method detection limit will be factored into the loading calculations for that compound.
- Any segments with the water table surface existing in the alluvium will be represented with a zero because there would be no flow contribution from saturated fill offsite (Table C-3).



Using the data described above, the groundwater flow rate from the northern boundary of Area I to the Buffalo River will be estimated for each segment using Darcy's Law:

$$2.1.1.1 \quad Q=kiA$$

where:

Q = Groundwater flow rate

k = average hydraulic conductivity of the segment

i = average hydraulic gradient of the segment

A = saturated cross-sectional area

The estimated groundwater flows from each segment will then be combined to give the total estimated groundwater flow rate from the Site to the River (of 82,446) in cubic feet per day. Groundwater flow rate calculations will be summarized in tabular form (Table 4-7).

Using the groundwater flow rate and the estimated groundwater concentrations for each segment, the off-site contaminant loading will be calculated using the following equation:

$$(\text{Mass Loading})_{i,j} = (6.243 \times 10^{-8}) Q_i C_{i,j}$$

where:

$(\text{Mass Loading})_{i,j}$ = mass loading of constituent j in segment i (lb/day)

Q_i = groundwater flow rate through segment i (ft³/day)

$C_{i,j}$ = concentration of constituent j in segment i (ug/l)

6.243×10^{-8} = conversion factor to lb/day

Calculations of groundwater contaminant mass loadings for each segment will be summarized in tabular form (Table 4-8) and total off-site contaminant mass loadings from



the Site to the Buffalo River summarized in tabular form (Table 4-9). Total off-site VOC and SVOC loadings to the Buffalo River will be estimated in lb/day and shown in tabular (4-9) form.

2.2 3.0 Assessment of Groundwater Impacts on Buffalo River Quality

Using the groundwater contaminant loadings procedure presented above, the estimated increase in downstream constituent concentrations in the Buffalo River at average summer flow rates of 49 million gallons per day (Source: Buffalo River Remedial Action Plan, NYSDEC, November 1989), will be calculated and then compared with New York State Class “D” Water Quality Standards or Guidance Values.

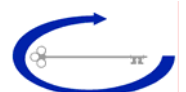




TABLE 2-1

SATURATED FILL THICKNESS FOR MONITORING WELLS

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Buffalo, New York**

Well Designation	Measurement Date	Ground Elevation (fmsl)	Groundwater Elevation (09/23/04) (fmsl)	Depth to Native Soil (fbgs)	Bottom of Fill Elevation (fmsl)	Saturated Soil/Fill Thickness (feet)
A1-MW-1	09/23/04	583.94	574.94	5.5	578.4	<i>note 1</i>
A1-MW-2	09/23/04	584.30	577.78	12.7	571.6	6.2
A1-MW-3	09/23/04	589.68	573.48	17.0	572.7	0.8
A1-MW-6	09/23/04	589.74	573.20	10.0	579.7	<i>note 1</i>
A1-MW-7	09/23/04	584.32	574.39	2.0	582.3	<i>note 1</i>
A1-MW-9 ²	09/23/04	585.73	574.75	11.5	574.2	0.5
A1-P-4	09/23/04	586.97	576.21	4.0	583.0	<i>note 1</i>
A1-MW-M2	09/23/04	586.08	580.66	6.5	579.6	1.1

Notes:

1. Well screened within native soil. No saturated fill at this location.

2. Monitoring well A1-MW-9 was installed adjacent to and within 6-feet of decommissioned piezometer A1-P-1 on May 10, 2004.

Table 2-2
Calculated Average Groundwater Constituent Concentrations By Segment

Site Assessment Report (Area I)
LTV Steel Company

Constituent	Segment 1-1	Segment 1-2	Segment 1-3	Segment 1-4	Segment 2-1	Segment 2-2	Segment 2-3	Segment 3-1	Segment 3-2	Segment 3-3
Volatile Organic Compounds (ug/L):										
Acetone	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11.5	23
Benzene ⁽¹⁾	0.435	0.435	0.435	0.435	0.435	0.435	0.435	0.435	0.435	0.435
Ethylbenzene	0	0	0.0	0.2	1.2	1	0	0	0	0
Toluene	0	0	3.5	6.3	2.8	0	0	0	0	0
Xylene (total) ⁽²⁾	1.75	1.75	7.9	12.7	6.2	1.375	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Semivolatile Organic Compounds (ug/L):										
Acenaphthene	0	0	2	5.1	10.6	7.5	0.21	0.61	0.4	0
Anthracene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.26	0.76	0.5	0
Fluorene	0	0	3	7.8	16.8	12	0	0	0	0
2-Methylnaphthalene	0	0	10.5	30.8	80.3	60	0	0	0	0
Naphthalene	0	0	4.5	14.6	43.1	33.5	0.74	0.24	0	0
Phenanthrene	0	0	4	11.2	27.2	20	0.26	0.76	0.5	0
Phenol ⁽³⁾	0.465	0.465	1.233	1.848	1.081	0.465	0.465	0.465	0.465	0.465

Notes:

1. Benzene was not detected in the site perimeter groundwater samples. Since the practical quantitation limit was above the groundwater quality standard, a concentration of 1/2 the method detection limit (0.87 ug/L) was used.
2. Xylene was not detected in the site perimeter groundwater samples that define Segments 1-1, 1-2, 2-3, 3-1, 3-2, and 3-3. Since the practical quantitation limit was above the groundwater quality standard, a concentration of 1/2 the method detection limit (3.5 ug/L) was used.
3. Phenol was not detected in the site perimeter groundwater samples that define Segments 1-1, 1-2, 2-2, 2-3, 3-1, 3-2, and 3-3. Since the practical quantitation limit was above the groundwater quality standard, a concentration of 1/2 the method detection limit (0.93 ug/L) was used.

= slug testing to be performed

PART II

SOIL / FILL MANAGEMENT PLAN

SOIL/FILL MANAGEMENT PLAN
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FORMER STEEL MANUFACTURING
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

LTV Steel Company owns, or co-owns with The Hanna Furnace Corporation, a vacant industrial property located along the Buffalo River in Buffalo, New York (See Figure 1-1 and Figure 1-2). The property, hereinafter referred to as the Former Steel Manufacturing Site or Site, is subdivided into four parcels (refer to Figure 1-3) totaling 219 acres, more or less, based on the operational and ownership history of each. The parcels are designated:

- Area I –Republic Steel Plant Parcel
- Area II –Donner-Hanna Coke Plant Parcel
- Area III –Republic Warehouse Parcel
- Area IV –Donner-Hanna Coke Yard Parcel

Two Voluntary Cleanup Site Assessment Reports (April, 1999) were prepared; one characterizing environmental conditions in Area I and the other characterizing the environmental conditions in Area II, III and IV. Two addendum reports to the Area I report (October 1999 and January 2000) and one to the Area II, III, and IV report (January 2000) were prepared to present supplemental site investigation data.

A voluntary cleanup of the Site will be performed in accordance with a Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) Work Plan approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The voluntary cleanup program will render the Site suitable for planned redevelopment and use for commercial and industrial purposes.

1.2 Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this Soil/Fill Management Plan (S/FMP) is to protect both the

environment and human health during redevelopment of the Site, subsequent to completion of Voluntary Cleanup activities.

While an assessment of surface and subsurface soil/fill and groundwater at the Site has already been performed and additional off-site field investigations are planned in accordance with the RD/RA Work Plan, subsurface information is never 100 percent complete or accurate, especially on such a large site with a long and diverse manufacturing history. As such, it is not unreasonable to anticipate the possibility that some quantity of subsurface soil/fill contamination may be encountered after completion of the Voluntary Cleanup. In particular, soil/fill contamination may be encountered during development activities such as infrastructure construction (i.e. roads, waterline, sewers, electric cable etc.) or foundation excavation and site grading.

Compliance with this S/FMP is required to properly manage subsurface soil contamination. This S/FMP was developed and incorporated into the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement for the Site with the express purpose of addressing unknown subsurface contamination if and when encountered, thus maintaining the release and covenant not to sue by the NYSDEC. The S/FMP also facilitates the transfer of responsibilities with property ownership.

This S/FMP provides protocols for the proper handling of site soil/fill during development activities, including:

- excavation, grading, sampling and handling of site soils.
- acceptability of soils/fill from off-site sources for backfill or subgrade fill.
- erosion and dust control measures.
- fencing and other access controls.
- health and safety procedures for subsurface construction work and the protection of the surrounding community.
- acceptability and placement of final soil and vegetative cover.
- deed restrictions.

- rezoning of the property.
- program responsibilities.
- notification and reporting requirements.

1.3 Soil/Fill Management Program Responsibility

The developer, Steelfields, LLC and the property owner(s) will be responsible for all monitoring, implementation and reporting requirements of the S/FMP. The developer and owner will not perform, nor contract, nor permit their employees, agents, or assigns to perform any excavations or disturbance of site soils, except as delineated in this S/FMP. Any excavation, regrading or disturbance of on-site soils inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan may be grounds for NYSDEC to void its release from claims, actions, suits, proceeding by the Department against the site owner(s), successor(s) or assigns for environmental conditions on the Site. Such nonconformance with this S/FMP may also void or limit environmental insurance protection of the owner(s) and their successors and assigns in accordance with policy terms and conditions. The property owner(s) or their agents will be responsible for proper notification and reporting to regulatory agencies (i.e., NYSDEC Region 9, Division of Environmental Remediation and NYS Department of Health) prior to and following site development as described in Section 2.8.

The NYSDEC will provide periodic construction oversight and monitoring during site redevelopment activities to verify that the requirements of this S/FMP are adhered to.

2.0 SOIL/FILL MANAGEMENT

2.1 Excavation and Handling of On-Site Soil/Fill

TurnKey Environmental Restoration, LLC or a Professional Engineer with experience in environmental site investigations and the New York State Voluntary Cleanup Program will inspect soil/fill excavations or disturbances on behalf of the subject property owner. The soil/fill will be inspected for staining or discoloration, and will be field screened for the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) with a photoionization detector (PID). The PID detector will be calibrated as per the manufacturer's requirements. Excavated soil/fill that is visibly petroleum or tar-stained, discolored or produces elevated PID readings (i.e. sustained readings of 5 ppm above background or greater) will be stockpiled in an area away from the primary work activities and then sampled for reuse, treatment or disposal. The length of time that potentially impacted soil can be temporarily stockpiled while awaiting analytical results shall be limited to 21 days. Sampling and analysis will be in accordance with the protocols delineated in Section 2.3. Analyzed soil/fill that is determined to contain one or more constituents in excess of the site-specific action levels (SSALs) and additional criteria shown in Table 2-1 shall be covered or treated on-site according to a NYSDEC-approved treatment plan or transported off-site to a permitted waste management facility for disposal. Soil/fill that exhibits no petroleum or tar staining, discoloration or elevated PID readings, or soil/fill, which has been analyzed and found to meet SSALs, may be reused on-site as subgrade backfill. No excavated soil/fill may be removed from the site except for off-site disposal at a permitted waste management facility.

2.2 Subgrade Material

Subgrade material used to backfill excavations or to increase site grades or elevations shall meet the following criteria:

- Excavated on-site soil/fill meeting the requirements of Section 2.1.
- On-site soil/fill treated in accordance with a NYSDEC-approved treatment plan and tested to meet the requirements of Table 2-1.
- Off-site soil/fill originating from known sources having no evidence of disposal or releases of hazardous substances, hazardous, toxic or radioactive wastes, or petroleum and tested to meet all SSALs.
- All off-site sources of material to be used as backfill must be tested in accordance with the Sampling and Analytical Protocol (Section 2.3), and found to contain concentrations less than criteria listed in Table 2-1 plus organic pesticides/herbicides and PCBs as defined in Appendix A of Technical and Administrative Guidance Memorandum (TAGM) Number 4046.
- No off-site materials meeting the definition of a solid waste as defined in 6 NYCRR, Part 360-1.2 (a) shall be used as backfill.

TABLE 2-1

PARAMETER	MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION IN SOIL/FILL (mg/kg) ^(1,2)
Individual VOC	1
Total VOCs ⁽³⁾	10
Total SVOCs ⁽⁴⁾	500
Total cPAHs ⁽⁵⁾	10
Arsenic	75
Barium	1,000
Cadmium	15
Chromium	1,000
Lead	1,000
Mercury	10
Selenium	61
Silver	10
Cyanide (Total Amenable)	1,600

NOTES:

- (1) Off-site backfill material shall also meet recommended soil cleanup objectives for organic pesticides/herbicides and PCBs as defined in TAGM 4046.
- (2) All analyses shall be performed per USEPA SW-846 methodology or other methods acceptable to NYSDEC.
- (3) NYSDEC STARS List VOCs per USEPA Method 8021
- (4) Target Compound List (TCL) SVOCs per USEPA Method 8270

- (5) Carcinogenic polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (i.e., benzo(a)anthracene, benzo(a)pyrene, dibenzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene, chrysene, dibenzo(a,h)anthracene, indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene per USEPA Method 8270.

2.3 Soil/Fill Sampling and Analysis Protocol

2.3.1 Excavated On-Site Soil/Fill

Excavated soil/fill that is visibly stained, discolored or produces elevated PID readings will be sampled and classified for reuse, treatment or off-site disposal. A tiered approach based upon the volume of soil/fill being excavated will be used to determine the frequency of sampling. A minimum of one composite sample will be collected for each 250 cubic yards up to 1000 cubic yards of material excavated. If more than 1,000 cubic yards of soils are excavated from the same general vicinity and all samples of the first 1,000 cubic yards meet the SSALs in Table 2-1, the sample collection frequency may be reduced to one composite for each additional 1,000 cubic yards of soil from the same general vicinity, up to 5,000 cubic yards. For excavations that generate greater than 5,000 cubic yards, sampling frequency may be reduced to one sample per 5,000 cubic yards, providing all earlier samples met SSALs. A minimum of four grab samples will be collected for each composite sample. Approximately equal aliquots of the grab samples will be composited in the field using a stainless steel trowel and bowl. The trowel and bowl shall be decontaminated with detergent and tap water between sampling locations. The composite sample will be analyzed by a NYSDOH ELAP certified laboratory for the parameters listed on Table 2-1. VOCs may be excluded from the analysis provided that the soil/fill does not exhibit elevated PID readings.

Any excavated soil that produces elevated PID readings will be separately stockpiled in 1000 cubic yard or smaller piles. A single grab sample will be collected from the stockpile from the zone displaying the most elevated field PID reading. The grab sample will be analyzed by a NYSDOH ELAP certified laboratory for volatile organic compounds (EPA Method 8021). A composite sample shall also be prepared from each stockpile for analysis of the other parameters listed in Table 2-1.

If the analysis of the soil/fill samples reveals levels of parameters greater than one or more SSAL, then a duplicate sample will be analyzed by the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) method for the particular metal or compounds in question to determine the appropriate off-site disposal method. If TCLP hazardous waste characteristic values are exceeded, the soil/fill will be disposed of in a permitted hazardous waste disposal facility. If TCLP analytical results are below hazardous waste characteristic values, the soil/fill will be either disposed of off-site in a permitted sanitary landfill or possibly on-site within the Area II containment cell.

The containment cell may be used as an on-site disposal area only if:

- The groundwater collection, containment and treatment systems are fully functional,
- The final cover system construction has not been completed,
- There is sufficient space available based on the containment cell design, and
- Prior written approval is received from both the NYSDEC and owner/operator of the containment cell.

All soil/fill disposed of within the containment cell will be compacted in maximum twelve-inch lifts to specified density and uniformly graded to promote positive surface water runoff. Proper erosion and dust control methods as described in Section 2.5 will be implemented during soil placement activities.

2.4 Final Surface Coverage

Vegetative or other (e.g., asphalt, buildings, concrete) surface coverage over the entire redeveloped parcel will be required by the developer or owner as a pre-condition of occupancy.

Topsoil used for the final soil cover shall meet the following general specifications:

1. Fertile, friable, natural loam surface soil, capable of sustaining plant growth, free of, clods of hard earth, plants or roots, sticks or other extraneous material harmful to plant growth. Supply a well-graded topsoil with the following approximate analysis:

(a)

Sieve Size	Percent Passing by Weight
3-inch	100
No. 4	>75
No. 200	>30
0.002 mm	<20

(b) pH 5.5 to pH 7.6.

(c) Minimum organic content of 2.5 percent as determined by ignition loss.

(d) Soluble salt content not greater than 500 ppm.

2. Before delivery, collect soil samples for every 5,000 cubic yards of topsoil provided by Developer.

In addition to the above specifications, all topsoil must be tested and found to contain constituent concentrations less than those specified in NYSDEC Technical and Administrative Guidance Memorandum (TAGM) 4046.

TAGM 4046 establishes soil cleanup objectives for inorganics based on site background. The following background levels for heavy metals will be utilized for topsoil:

Parameter	Concentration (mg/kg)
Arsenic	25
Barium	1000
Cadmium	15
Chromium	350
Lead	400
Mercury	1.0
Selenium	5.0
Silver	5.0

(Note: The methodology used to develop background levels for the above described metals (except lead) is based on background concentrations throughout the Buffalo, N.Y. area as described in Appendix A of the April 1999 Site

Assessment Reports. The proposed limit for lead was derived from the February 1998 NYSDEC document entitled Guidelines for Petroleum Spill Inactivation.)

Grass seed used for the final soil cover shall meet the following general specifications:

1. Grass seed mixture: Provide fresh, clean, new-crop seed complying with the tolerance for purity and germination established by the Official Seed Analysts of North America. Provide seed of the grass species, proportions and minimum percentages of purity, germination, and maximum percentage of weed seed, as specified.
2. The entire ground surface disturbed by construction operations shall be seeded with 100 lbs/acre of seed conforming to the following:

Name of Grass	Application Rate (lbs/acre)	Purity (%)	Germination (%)
Perennial Ryegrass	10	95	85
Kentucky Bluegrass	20	85	75
Strong Creeping Red Fescue	20	95	80
Chewings Fescue	20	95	80
Hard Fescue	20	95	80
White Clover	10	98	75

- (a) Germination and purity percentages should equal or exceed the minimum seed standards listed. If it is necessary to use seed with a germination percentage less than the minimum recommended above, increase the seeding rate accordingly to compensate for the lower germinations.
- (b) Weed seed content not over 0.25 percent and free of noxious weeds.
- (c) All seed shall be rejected if the label lists any of the following grasses:
 - 1) Sheep Fescue
 - 2) Meadow Fescue
 - 3) Canada Blue
 - 4) Alta Fescue
 - 5) Kentucky 31 Fescue
 - 6) Bent Grass
3. In addition to the seed mixtures listed above, one bushel per acre of oats or rye seed shall be sowed over the entire area, including drainage ditches, to provide a quick shade cover and to prevent erosion during turf establishment.

2.5 Erosion Controls

An important element of soil and fill management on this site is the mitigation and control of surface erosion from stormwater runoff. For this reason a Master Erosion Control Plan to be used by all developers has been developed and incorporated as Attachment A2.

2.6 Dust Controls

Particulate monitoring will be performed along the downwind occupied perimeter of subareas or parcels during subgrade excavation, grading and handling activities in accordance with the Community Monitoring Plan further detailed in Section 3.0 as well as in accordance with NYSDEC TAGM 4031 (Fugitive Dust Suppression and Particulate Monitoring Program at Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites) presented in Appendix A4.

Dust suppression techniques will be employed as necessary to mitigate fugitive dust from unvegetated or disturbed soil/fill to the extent practicable during post-remediation construction and redevelopment. Such techniques shall be employed even if the community air monitoring results indicate particulate levels are below action levels. Techniques to be utilized may include one or more of the following:

- Applying water on haul roads.
- Wetting equipment and excavation faces.
- Spraying water on buckets during excavation and dumping.
- Hauling materials in properly tarped containers or vehicles.
- Restricting vehicle speeds on-site.
- Covering excavated areas and materials after excavation activity ceases.
- Reducing the excavation size and/or number of excavations.

All reasonable attempts will be made to keep visible and/or fugitive dust to a minimum.

2.7 Fencing and Access Control

A 6-foot tall chain link fence currently surrounds Area I. Additional interior fencing shall be erected and maintained as necessary by the property owner as

remediation/redevelopment proceeds to control access to subdivided or undeveloped parcels and separate them from parcels in active use. Fencing will be relocated by the property owner(s) as necessary as development proceeds. The Area II containment cell and groundwater pretreatment system will be isolated from the remainder of the Site by a 6-foot chain link fence. All fencing around undeveloped areas will be posted with “No Trespassing” signs.

2.8 Property Use Limitations

Requirements for surface coverage over the site and limitations placed on the type of buildings to be constructed will be enforced through the issuance of building permits by the City of Buffalo. Obtaining a building permit from the City will be contingent upon agreeing to implement and comply with this S/FMP. Site limitations will be enforced through the same deed restrictions described in the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement. Deed restrictions shall be applicable to successors and assigns of the property. Specifically, the deed restrictions will be recorded with the Erie County Clerk and:

1. shall prohibit any parcel or subparcel of the Site from being used for purposes other than for the industrial, commercial, and recreational use (and designed) to preclude contact with contamination by humans without the express written waiver of such prohibition by the NYSDEC (Department), or if at such time the Department shall no longer exist, any New York State department, bureau, or other entity replacing the Department;
2. shall prohibit the use of the groundwater underlying any parcel or subparcel of the Site for drinking water, industrial, or other purposes;
3. shall require owner(s) or the site and subparcels thereof and their successors and assigns to continue in full force and effect any institutional controls, operation and maintenance, and/or soils management required by the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement (VCA), the RD/RA Work Plan (including the Soil/Fill Management Plan), and/or the O&M Plan;
4. shall provide that Volunteers, on behalf of themselves and their successors and assigns, consent to the enforcement by the Department, or if at such time the Department shall no longer exist, any New York State department, bureau, or

- other entity replacing the Department, of the prohibitions and restrictions that the VCA requires to be recorded, and thereby covenant not to contest such enforcement.
5. the prohibitions described in the VCA shall be for the duration provided in that document and shall be enforceable only by the Department, or, if at such time the Department shall no longer exist, any New York State department, bureau, or other entity replacing the Department, but shall not be enforceable by any other party,
 6. if there is performed on the Site an additional response action acceptable to the Department, or, if at such time the Department shall no longer exist, any New York State department, bureau, or other entity replacing the Department, such as to allow it to be used for residential or other purposes, the Department or its successor shall execute a document in recordable form terminating that portion of the instrument relating to the matter identified in the VCA for the area in the Site which the Department has determined may be used for residential purposes; and
 7. in the event of a conflict between the above-described Deed Restrictions and those contained in or attached to the VCA, those contained in or attached to the VCA shall apply.

The industrial/commercial use of the site will also be controlled by the City through zoning restrictions. The responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the collection/cover system and groundwater monitoring shall remain with LTV Steel Company and the Hanna Furnace Corporation and/or their successors or assigns. Said responsibilities will be clearly described in any purchase or sale agreements between LTV Steel/The Hanna Furnace Corporation and possible future property owner(s).

Certain stormwater system design criteria will also be required to be implemented during site development. In areas with known groundwater impacts, subsurface injection of storm water from building and parking area stormwater systems could mobilize additional contaminants. In these areas, stormwater injection (drywells) will be prohibited on the Site and stormwater conveyance pipes will be required to have gasketed joints for water tightness to prevent the infiltration of impacted groundwater into the collection systems.

2.9 Notification and Reporting Requirements

The following minimum notification and reporting requirements shall be followed by the property owner prior to and following site development, as appropriate:

- The NYSDEC and NYSDOH will be notified that subgrade activities are being initiated a minimum of 5 working days in advance of construction.
- A construction certification report stamped by a NYS-licensed Professional Engineer, will be prepared and submitted to the NYSDEC and NYSDOH within 90 days after development of each parcel. At a minimum, the report will include:
 - An area map showing the parcel that was developed;
 - A topographic map of the developed property showing actual building locations and dimensions, roads, parking areas, utility locations, berms, fences, property lines, sidewalks, green areas, contours and other pertinent improvements and features;
 - Plans showing areas and depth of fill removal;
 - Copies of daily inspection reports;
 - Description of erosion control measures;
 - A text narrative describing the excavation activities performed, health and safety monitoring performed (both site specific and Community Air Monitoring), quantities and locations of soil/fill excavated, disposal locations for the soil/fill, soil sampling locations and results, a description of any problems encountered, location and acceptability test results for backfill sources, and other pertinent information necessary to document that the site activities were carried out properly;
 - Plans showing before and after survey elevations on a 100-foot grid system to document the thickness of the clean soil cover system; and
 - A certification that all work was performed in conformance with the S/FMP.
- The owners of developed parcels shall complete and submit to the New York State

Department of Environmental Conservation, an Annual Report by January 15th of the following year. This report shall contain certification that the institutional controls put in place, pursuant to the Soil/Fill Management Plan, are still in place, have not been altered and are still effective. The recommended NYSDEC Certification Form is included as Appendix A3, of this Soil/Fill Management Plan.

3.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

During redevelopment activities, the developer shall be responsible for implementing suitable procedures to prevent both site construction workers and the community from adverse exposure to residual parameters of concern and other potential hazards posed by the redevelopment work. This will be accomplished through adherence to a written, parcel-specific worker Health and Safety Plan, prepared in accordance with the regulations contained in OSHA 29CFR 1910.120 and the attached Community Air Monitoring Plan.

Although voluntary cleanup remedial measures are anticipated to reduce the potential for encountering parameters of concern above site-specific action levels, the redevelopment activities governed by this Soils Management Plan are a required element of the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement for the site. Thus, 29CFR 1910.120(a)(1)(iii) indicates that these activities are subject to OSHA's hazardous waste operations and emergency response (Hazwopper) standard. This includes the requirement for preparation and implementation of a site-specific worker Health and Safety Plan addressing the following items:

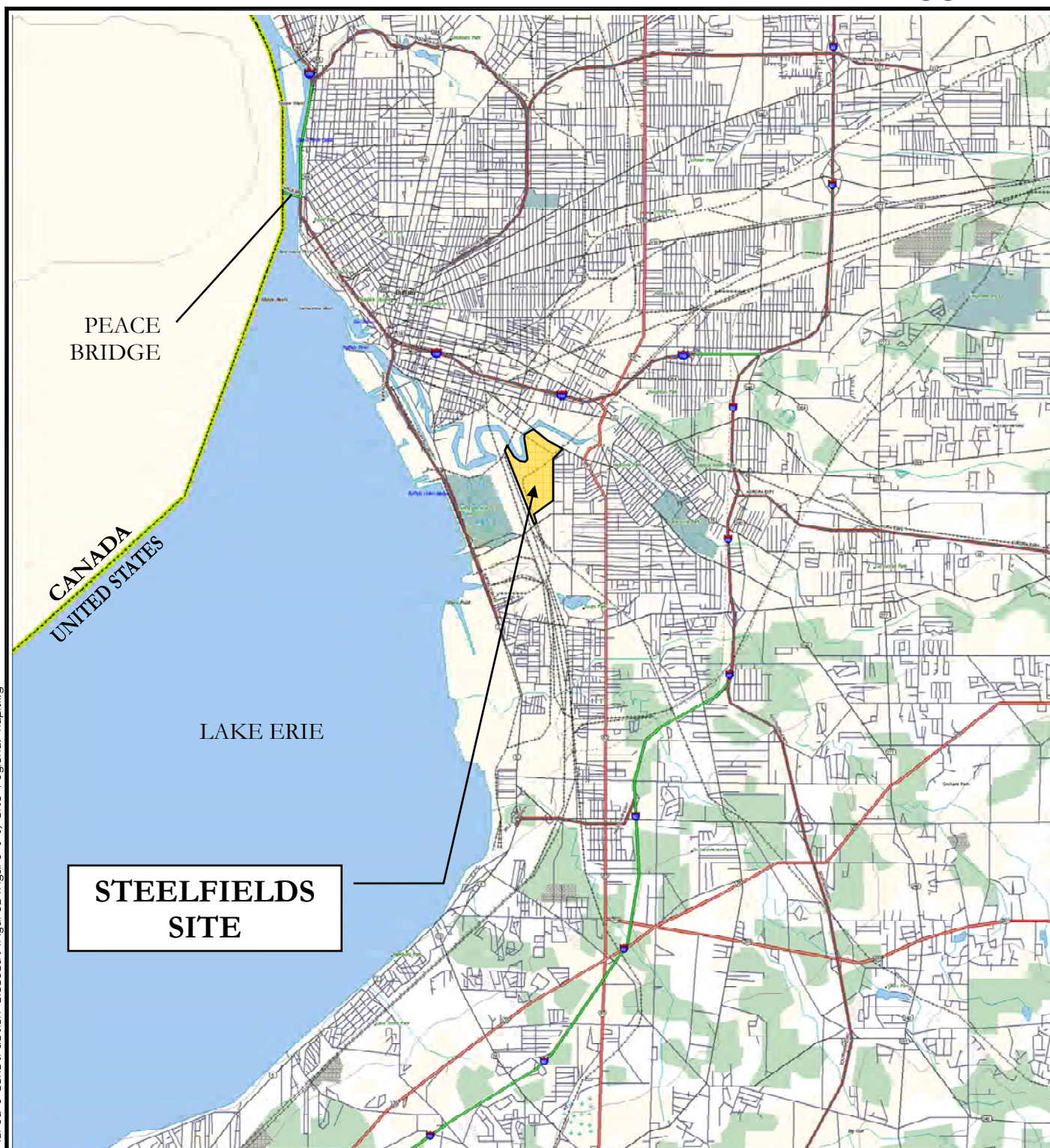
- A safety and health or hazard analysis for each site task and operation.
- Employee training requirements.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) to be used by employees for the site tasks.
- Medical surveillance requirements.
- Frequency and type of air monitoring, personnel monitoring, and environmental sampling techniques and instrumentation to be used, including methods of maintenance and calibration of equipment.
- Site control measures.
- Decontamination procedures.
- An emergency response plan.
- Confined space entry procedures.

- A spill containment program.

As an integral component of the worker HASP, the developer or site/parcel owner will be responsible for implementing a Community Air Monitoring Plan designed to prevent the surrounding community from adverse exposures due to potential release/migration of airborne particulates or vapors. The community as referenced herein includes potential receptors located off-site (e.g., neighboring residents or businesses) as well as on-site receptors not directly involved in redevelopment activities (e.g. businesses or contractors occupying the site prior to final redevelopment). The Community Air Monitoring Plan presented as Attachment A will be implemented during redevelopment work involving disturbance or handling of Site fill soils. The Plan includes appropriate monitoring, mitigation and response measures consistent with NYSDOH and NYSDEC guidelines. The results of the Community Air Monitoring Plan must be documented to the NYSDEC as described in Section 2.8.

FIGURES

FIGURE 1-1



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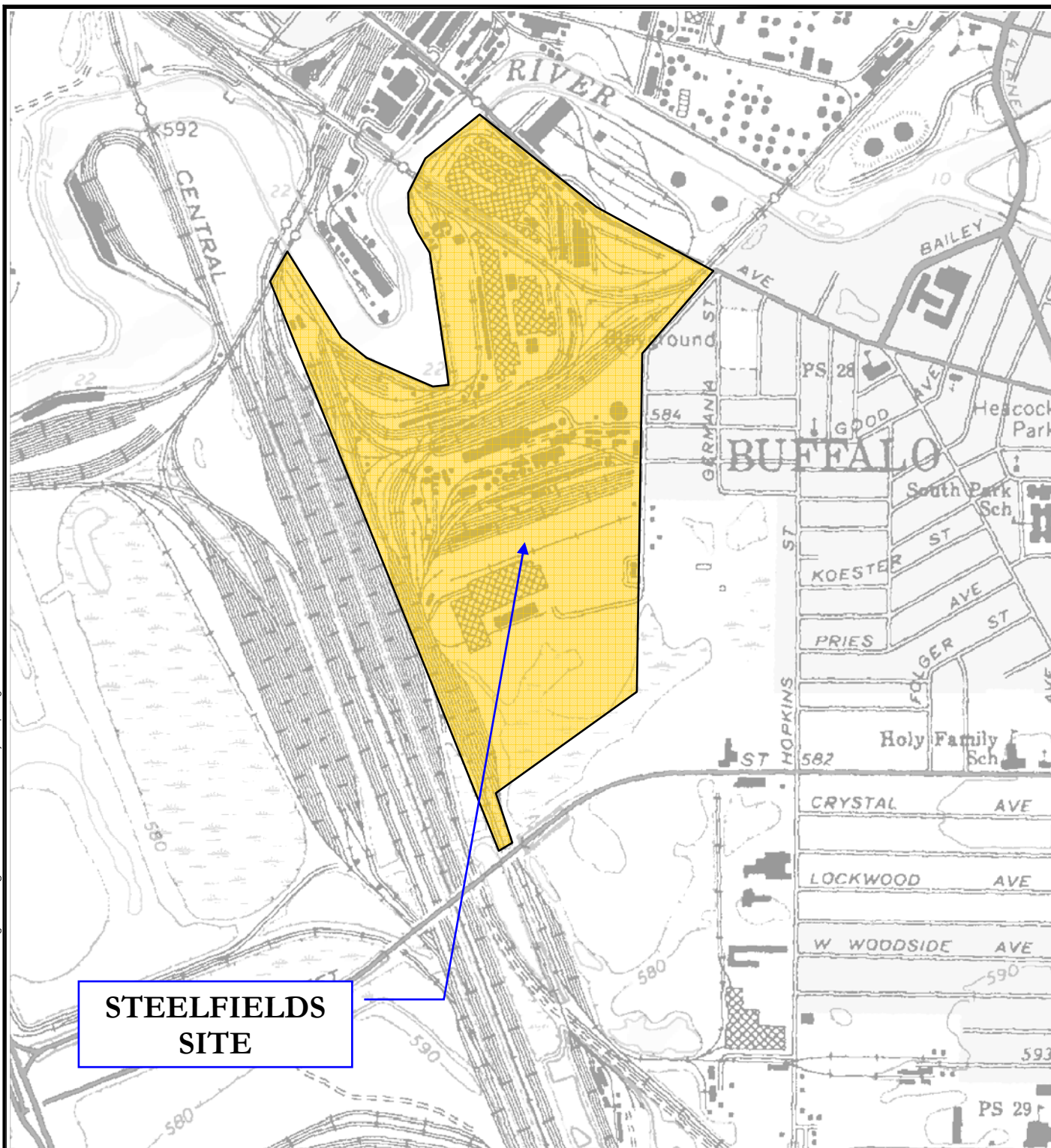
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FIGURE 1-2



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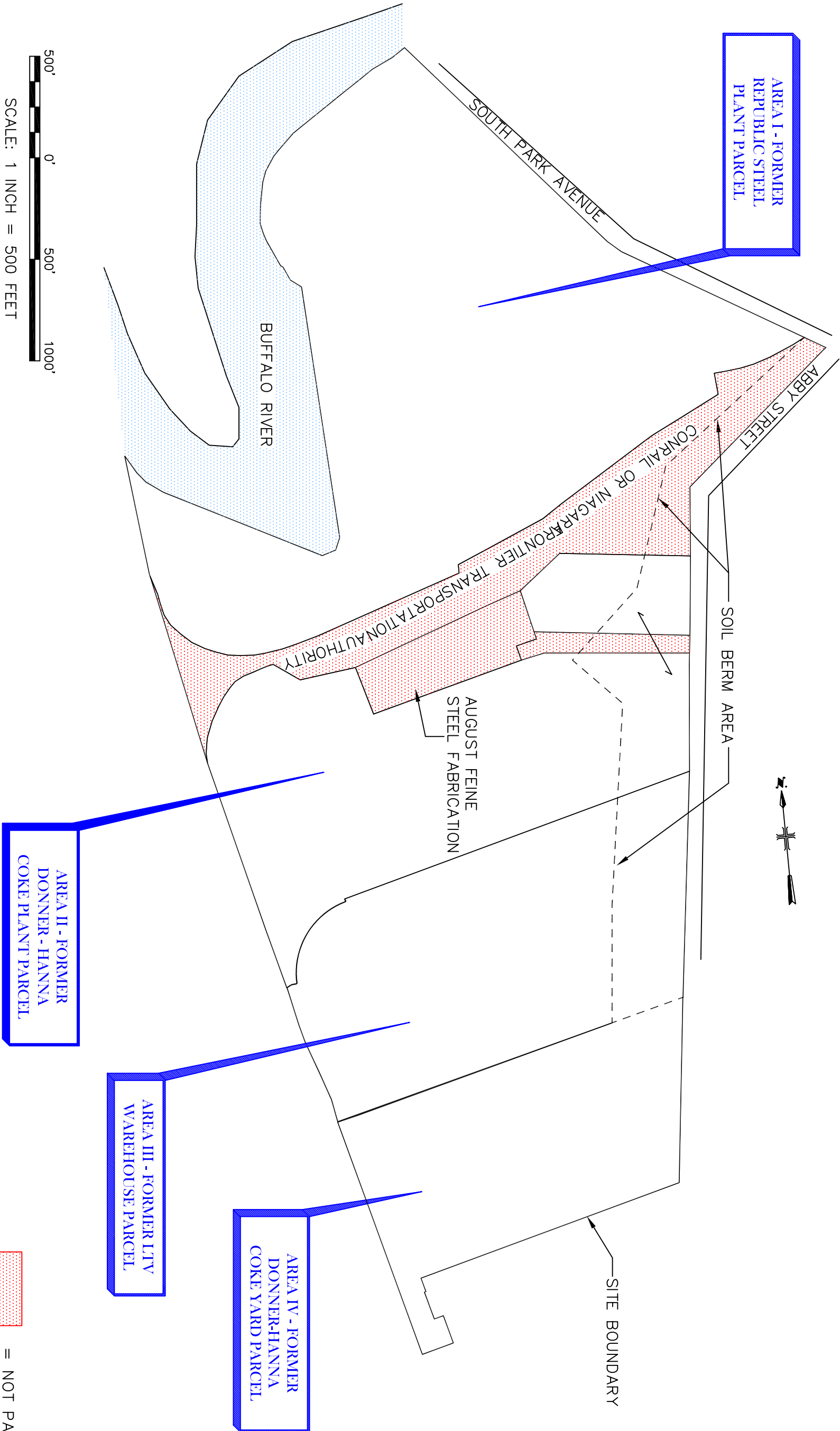
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SITE VICINITY MAP

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500' 0' 500' 1000'

SCALE: 1 INCH = 500 FEET

 = NOT PART OF SITE

FORMER STEEL MANUFACTURING SITE
SITE MAP
AREA I CLOSE-OUT REPORT
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PROJECT NO.: 0062-008-400
PROJECT LOCATION: BUFFALO, NEW YORK

FIGURE 1-3



ATTACHMENT A1

Community Air Monitoring Documentation Forms

PROJECT: _____	DATE/ TIME: _____
AIR MONITORING PERSONNEL: _____	WEATHER: _____
_____	Temp: _____
AIR MONITORING EQUIPMENT: _____	Wind: _____

Calibration Time: _____
Type/Concentration of Calibration Standard(s): _____
Post-Calibration Meter Response: _____
Calibration Notes: _____

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1. The first step in the process of identifying a problem is to recognize that a problem exists. This is often done by comparing current performance with a desired state or goal. If there is a significant difference, a problem is identified.

Monitoring Personnel Signature(s): _____



**COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING PLAN:
PARTICULATE MONITORING RECORD (CONT.)**

DOWNWIND PARTICULATE MONITORING RESULTS:

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DESCRIPTION OF DUST SUPPRESSION TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENT A2
Master Erosion Control Plan

MASTER EROSION CONTROL PLAN for FORMER STEEL MANUFACTURING SITE

**FORMER STEEL MANUFACTURING SITE
BUFFALO, NY**

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MASTER EROSION CONTROL PLAN

FORMER STEEL MANUFACTURING SITE

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

LTV Steel Company owns, or co-owns with The Hanna Furnace Corporation, an industrial property located along the Buffalo River in Buffalo, New York (See Figure 1-1 and 1-2). The property, referred to as the Former Steel Manufacturing Site or Site, is subdivided into four parcels totaling 219 acres, more or less, based on the operational and ownership history of each. The parcels are designated:

- Area I – Republic Steel Plant Parcel
- Area II – Donner-Hanna Coke Plant Parcel
- Area III – Republic Warehouse Parcel
- Area IV – Donner-Hanna Coke Yard Parcel

A voluntary cleanup of the Site will be performed in accordance the Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) Work Plan approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The voluntary cleanup program will render the Site suitable for planned redevelopment and use for commercial and industrial purposes.

1.2 Purpose and Scope

A Soil/Fill Management Plan (S/FMP) was prepared as part of the RD/RA Work Plan that describes protocols for the proper handling of site soil/fill during development activities. The property owner at the time of development will be responsible for all monitoring, implementation and reporting requirements of the S/FMP.

Since erosion control will be a critical component of preventing the potential migration of contaminants onto developed property or off-site during development of the site, this Master Erosion Control Plan (MECP) was prepared to provide guidance to developers during build-out activities on the properties. This MECP is a critical component of the S/FMP. This document is generic in nature and provides minimum erosion control



practices to be utilized by site owners and/or developers. More specific plans for each parcel may be developed by the property owner(s) after the long-term development approach for each property has been determined.

2.0 GENERAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Redevelopment of the Site will be in accordance with the S/FMP and Voluntary Cleanup Agreement. Since development activities will disturb more than five acres of land, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et.seq.), and the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (Article 17, Titles 7 and 8, and Article 70) require that the project developer obtain coverage under the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation SPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Construction Activities that are classified as "Associated with Industrial Activity", Permit #GP-93-06 (Construction Storm Water General Permit).

Requirements for coverage under the general permit includes the submittal of a Notice of Intent form and the development of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The SWPPP must fulfill permit requirements and should be prepared in accordance with "Chapter Four: The Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Plan" in *Reducing Impacts of Storm Water Runoff from New York Development*, NYSDEC, 1992. The Notice of Intent application form and the text of the Construction Storm Water General Permit are provided in Attachment A2-1.

A complete Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Plan (SWM & ECP) should provide the following information:

- A background discussion of the scope of the construction project;
- A statement of the storm water management objectives;
- An evaluation of post-development runoff conditions;
- A description of proposed storm water control measures; and



- A description of the type and frequency of maintenance activities required to support the control measure.

The Plan should be parcel-specific and address issues such as erosion prevention, sedimentation control, hydraulic loading, pollutant loading, ecological protection, physical site characteristics that impact design, and site management planning. Descriptions of proposed features and structures at the site should include a description of drainage structure placement, supporting engineering data and calculations, construction scheduling, and references to established detailed design criteria.

3.0 POTENTIAL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL CONCERNS

Following remediation of individual parcels, redevelopment activities will proceed for commercial and light industrial uses of the properties. Parcel-specific design measures regarding erosion and sediment control measures will need to be determined at that time after the development approach for each area of the site has been determined.

Potential areas and items of concern during site re-development activities include the following:

- All portions of the site not covered by buildings, sidewalks, roadways, parking areas, or other structures will be required to be covered with 6"-12" of "clean" soils to limit exposure to remaining subsurface soil/fill materials. The transportation and placement activities associated with this work will require erosion and sediment controls to prevent the surface soil from being washed off the area being developed.
- Some portions of the river bank along the Buffalo River in Area I are protected by sheet piling while others are currently very steep, unstable, and prone to erosion. Any activities in the vicinity of the unprotected areas will require erosion measures to prevent runoff into the river.
- Remediated areas or off-site properties adjacent to unremediated parcels need protection so they do not become impacted by site operations.



- Storm water inlets will require protective measures to limit sediment transfer to storm sewers.
- Runoff from soil stockpiles will require erosion controls.
- Surface slopes need to be minimized as much as practical to control sediment transfer.
- Soil/fill excavated during development will require proper handling and disposal.

4.0 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

4.1 Background

Standard soil conservation practices need to be incorporated into the construction and development plans to mitigate soil erosion damage, off-site sediment migration, and water pollution from erosion. These practices combine vegetative and structural measures, many of which will be permanent in nature and become part of the completed project (ie. drainage channels and grading). Other measures will be temporary and serve only during the construction stage. Selected erosion and sediment control measures will meet the following criteria:

- Minimize erosion through project design (maximum slopes, phased construction, etc.)
- Incorporate temporary and permanent erosion control measures; and
- Remove sediment from sediment-laden storm water before it leaves the site.

4.2 Temporary Measures

Temporary erosion and sedimentation control measures and facilities will be utilized during construction. They will be installed by the site Developer and will be maintained until



they are either no longer needed or until such time as permanent measures are installed and become effective. At a minimum, the following temporary measures will be used:

- Silt fencing
- Straw/hay bales
- Temporary vegetation/mulching
- Temporary sedimentation basins
- Cautious placement, compaction and grading of stockpiles

4.2.1 Silt Fencing

Construction and regrading activities will result in surface water flow to drainage ditches and swales, storm sewers, the Buffalo River, and adjacent properties. Silt fencing will be the primary sediment control measure used in these areas. Prior to extensive soil excavation or grading activities, silt fences will be installed along the perimeter of all construction areas. The orientation of the fencing will be adjusted as necessary as the work proceeds to accommodate changing site conditions.

Intermediate fencing will be utilized upgradient of the perimeter fencing to help lower surface water runoff velocities and reduce the volume of sediment to perimeter fencing. Stockpiles will also be surrounded with silt fencing.

As sediment collects, the silt fences will be cleaned as necessary to maintain their integrity. Removed sediment will be utilized elsewhere on-site as general fill. All perimeter silt fences will remain in place until construction activities in an area are completed and vegetative cover has been established. Silt fences will be installed in accordance with the details presented in Attachment A2-2.



4.2.2 Straw and/or Hay Bales

Straw and/or hay bales will be used to intercept sediment laden storm water runoff in drainage channels during construction. The use of either hay or straw will be based on the availability of materials at the time of construction.

Bales will be placed in swales and ditches where the anticipated flow velocity is not expected to be greater than 5 feet/second (fps). Intermediate bales will be placed upgradient of the final barrier to reduce flow velocities and sediment loadings where higher velocities are anticipated.

As with silt fencing, sediment will be removed as necessary from behind the bales and disposed of on-site. Bales that have become laden with sediment or that have lost their structural integrity or effectiveness due to the weather will be replaced. Bales should be installed in accordance with the details presented in Attachment A2-2.

4.2.3 Temporary Vegetation and Mulching

Due to the extensive nature of the planned site remediation activities and the anticipated project schedule, development of the site is expected to occur in phases as the remediation proceeds. As a result, intermediate areas where development activities will not occur or resume for an extended period of time (greater than 90 days) will be seeded with a quick germinating variety of grass or covered with a layer of mulch to control fugitive dust and erosion. Soil/fill stockpiles that will not be utilized for an extended period of time will also vegetated or covered.

4.2.4 Temporary Sedimentation Basins

Temporary sedimentation basins will be constructed as necessary upgradient of storm water inlets to reduce the volume of sediment laden runoff from the site. The basins can be as simple as a small excavated area along the alignment of a storm water ditch or as elaborate as a full-scale sedimentation basin with outlet structures designed for certain storm events



from a given area of the site. The basins will be cleaned as necessary and the removed sediment utilized elsewhere on-site as subgrade fill material.

4.2.5 Cautious Placement of Stockpiles

As development occurs, excavation activities will produce stockpiles of soil and subgrade fill materials. Careful placement and construction of stockpiles will be required to control erosion. Stockpiles will be placed no closer than fifty feet from the Buffalo River, storm water inlets and parcel boundaries. Additionally, stockpiles will be graded and compacted as necessary for positive surface water runoff and dust control.

4.3 Permanent Control Measures During Site Redevelopment

Permanent erosion and sedimentation control measures and structures will be installed as soon as practical during construction for long-term erosion protection. Since the detailed development approach for the site has not been determined, specific design features are yet to be selected. Examples of permanent erosion control measures could include:

- Utilizing maximum slopes in erosion prone areas (ie. along the Buffalo River) to limit erosion.
- Minimizing the potential contact with, and migration of, subsurface soil/fill through the placement of a “clean” soil cover system in all areas not covered with structures, roads, parking areas, sidewalks, etc.
- Construction of permanent storm water detention ponds where appropriate.
- Planting and maintaining vegetation.
- Limiting runoff flow velocities to the extent practical.
- Lining collection channels with riprap, erosion control fabric, vegetation, or similar materials.



5.0 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

5.1 General

The following general construction practices should be evaluated for erosion and sedimentation control purposes during site development activities:

- Clearing and grading only as much area as is necessary to accommodate the construction needs to minimize disturbance of areas subject to erosion (ie. phasing the work).
- Covering exposed or disturbed areas of the site as quickly as practical.
- All erosion and sediment control measures should be installed prior to disturbing the site subgrade.
- Both on-site and off-site tracking of soil by vehicles should be minimized by utilizing routine entry/exit routes.

5.2 Monitoring, Inspection and Maintenance

All erosion and sedimentation controls described in this Plan will be inspected by a qualified representative of the site developer within 24 hours of a heavy rainfall event and repaired or modified as necessary to effectively control erosion of turbidity problems. Inspections should include areas under construction, stockpile areas, erosion control devices (ie. silt fences, hay bales, etc.) and locations where vehicles enter and leave the site. Routine inspections of the entire site should also be made on a monthly basis during development.

If inspections indicate problems, corrective measures should be implemented within 24 hours. A report summarizing the scope of the inspection, name of the inspector, date, observations made, and a description of the corrective actions taken should be completed. Examples of inspection forms to be completed are included in Attachment A2-3.



ATTACHMENT A2-1
NYSDEC SPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER
DISCHARGES FROM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

1. Notice of Intent
2. NYSDEC SPDES General Permit For Storm Water Discharges from Construction



Notice of Intent ("NOI")

See Reverse for Instructions

**SPDES
FORM**



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233-3505

Notice of Intent (NOI) for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity Under the SPDES General Permit

Submission of this Notice of Intent constitutes notice that the party identified in Section I of this form intends to be authorized by a SPDES permit issued for storm water discharges associated with industrial activity in the State in Section II of this form. Becoming a permittee obligates such discharger to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit. ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED ON THIS FORM.

I. Facility Operator Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Status of Owner/Operator: ☐

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

II. Facility/Site Location Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____ Quarter: _____ Section: _____ Township: _____ Range: _____

Is the Facility Located on Indian Lands? (Y or N) ☐

III. Site Activity Information

MS4 Operator Name: _____

Receiving Water Body: _____

If You are Filing as a Co-permittee, Enter Storm Water General Permit Number: _____ Are There Existing Quantitative Data? (Y or N) ☐ Is the Facility Required to Submit Monitoring Data? (1, 2, or 3) ☐

SIC or Designated Activity Code: Primary: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____ 4th: _____

If This Facility is a Member of a Group Application, Enter Group Application Number: _____

If You Have Other Existing NPDES Permits, Enter Permit Numbers: _____

IV. Additional Information Required for Construction Activities Only

Project Start Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

Estimated Area to be Disturbed (in Acres): _____

Is the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan in Compliance with State and/or Local Sediment and Erosion Plans? (Y or N) ☐

V. Certification: I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Permit Number: NYR100000 (Construction)

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Expiration: August 1, 1998

APPENDIX A - Notice of Intent ("NOI")

Instruction—NYSDEC Form 91-19-12 (9/92)

Notice of Intent (NOI)

For Storm Water Discharges Associated With Industrial Activity to Be Covered Under the SPDES General Permit

Who Must File A Notice Of Intent Form

Federal law at 40 CFR Part 122 prohibits point source discharges of storm water associated with industrial activity to a water body(ies) of the U.S. without a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. New York State has been delegated the NPDES program and administers its State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) program in lieu of EPA's NPDES program. Wherever the term "NPDES" is used in the NOI form, the reader should substitute "SPDES". The operator of an industrial activity that has a storm water discharge that qualifies for coverage under a SPDES Storm Water General Permit must submit the NOI form to obtain coverage. If you have questions about whether federal regulations require you to obtain a permit for your storm water discharge, contact the EPA Storm Water Hotline at (703) 821-4823. If you have questions concerning the applicability and coverage of the SPDES Storm Water General Permits, contact the New York State of Environmental Conservation at (518) 457-9601. In order to cancel your coverage under the General Permit you must submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) form. Failure to submit a NOT will result in the obligation to pay a yearly Regulatory Fee.

Where To File The NOI Form

New York State intends on using EPA's information management system. Therefore, NOIs must be sent to the following address:
Storm Water Notice of Intent
PO Box 1215
Newington, VA 22122

Completing The Form

You must type or print using upper-case letters, in the appropriate areas only. Please place each character between the marks. Abbreviate if necessary to stay within the number of characters allowed for each item. Use one space for breaks between words, but not for punctuation marks unless they are needed to clarify your response. If you have any questions on this form, call the EPA Storm Water Hotline at (703) 821-4823.

Section I—Facility Operator Information

Give the legal name of the person, firm, public organization, or any other entity that operates the facility or site described in this application. The name of the operator may or may not be the same as the name of the facility. The responsible party is the legal entity that controls the facility's operation, rather than the plant or site manager. Do not use a colloquial name. Enter the complete address and telephone number of the operator.

Enter the appropriate letter to indicate the legal status of the operator of the facility:

F—Federal	M—Public (other than federal or state)
S—State	P—Private

Section II—Facility/Site Location Information

Give the facility's or site's official or legal name and complete street address, including city, state, and ZIP code. If the facility or site lacks a street address, indicate the state, the latitude and longitude of the facility to the nearest 15 seconds, or the quarter, section, township, and range (to the nearest quarter section) of the approximate center of the site.

Indicate whether the facility is located on Indian lands.

Section III—Site Activity Information

If the storm water discharges to a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), enter the name of the operator of the MS4 (e.g. municipality name, county name) and the receiving water of the discharge from the MS4. (A MS4 is defined as a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by a state, city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body which is designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water.)

If the facility discharges storm water directly to receiving water(s), enter the name of the receiving water.

If you are filing as a co-permittee and a storm water general permit number has been issued, enter that number in the space provided.

Indicate whether or not the owner or operator of the facility has existing quantitative data that represent the characteristics and concentration of pollutants in storm water discharges.

Indicate whether the facility is required to submit monthly data by entering one of the following:

- 1 Not required to submit monitoring data;
- 2 Required to submit monitoring data;
- 3 Not required to submit monitoring data; submitting certification for monitoring exclusion.

Those facilities that must submit monitoring data (e.g. choice 2) are Section 313 EPCRA facilities; primary metal industries; land disposal units/incinerators/BIFs; wood treatment facilities; facilities with coal pile runoff; and battery reclaimers.

List, in decreasing order of significance, up to four 4-digit standard industrial classification (SIC) codes that best describe the principal products or services provided at the facility or site identified in Section II of this application.

For industrial activities defined in 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(i)-(xi) that do not have SIC codes that accurately describe the principal products produced or services provided, the following 2-character codes are to be used

HZ Hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities, including those that are operating under interim status or a permit under subtitle C of RCRA [40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(iv)].

LF Landfills, land application sites, and open dumps that receive or have received any industrial wastes, including those that are subject to regulation under subtitle D of RCRA [40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(v)].

SE Steam electric power generating facilities, including coal handling sites [40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(vii)].

TW Treatment works treating domestic sewage or any other sewage sludge or wastewater treatment device or system, used in the storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal or domestic sewage [40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(ix)].

CO Construction activities [40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(x)].

If the facility listed in Section II has participated in Part 1 of an approved storm water group application and a group number has been assigned, enter the group application number in the space provided.

If there are other SPDES permits presently issued for the facility or site listed in Section II, list the permit numbers. If an application for the facility has been submitted but no permit number has been assigned, enter the application number.

Section IV—Additional Information Required for Construction Activities Only

Construction activities must complete Section IV in addition to Sections I through III. Only construction activities need to complete Section IV.

Enter the project start date and the estimated completion date for the entire development plan.

Provide an estimate of the total number of acres of the site on which soil will be disturbed (round to the nearest acre).

Indicate whether the storm water pollution prevention plan for the site is in compliance with approved state and/or local sediment and erosion plans, or storm water management plans.

Section V—Certification

Federal statutes provide for severe penalties for submitting false information on this application form. Federal regulations require this application to be signed as follows:

For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer, which means: (i) president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision making functions, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities employing more than 250 persons or having gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second-quarter 1980 dollars). If authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor; or

For a municipality, state, federal, or other public facility: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

Paperwork Reduction Notice

Public reporting burden for this application is estimated to average 0.5 hours per application, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate, any other aspect of the collection of information, or suggestions for improving this form, including any suggestions which may decrease or reduce the burden to: Chief, Information Policy Branch, PM-223, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, or Director, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503.



NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
SPDES GENERAL PERMIT
FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Permit No. GP-93-06

Issued Pursuant to Article 17, Titles 7, 8 and Article 70
of the Environmental Conservation Law

Effective Date: August 1, 1993

Expiration Date: August 1, 1998

George A. Danskin
Chief Permit Administrator

George A. Danskin
Authorized Signature

Address:
50 Wolf Road
Albany, N.Y. 12233-1750

Date: July 14, 1993

PREFACE

The Clean Water Act ("CWA")¹ provides that storm water discharges associated with industrial activity from a point source² (including discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer system) to waters of the United States³ are unlawful, unless authorized by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit. In New York which is a NPDES-delegated state, this is accomplished through the administration of the state Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("SPDES") program.

A discharger which is subject to the federal storm water (NPDES) regulations may be eligible to obtain coverage under a general permit by submitting a Notice of Intent ("NOI") to the address given on the NOI form.

¹ Also referred to as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (Pub.L. 92-500, as amended Pub. L. 95-217, Pub. L. 95-576, Pub. L. 96-483 and Pub. L. 97-117, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.)

² "Point Source" means any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, landfill leachate collection system, vessel or other floating craft from which pollutants are or may be discharges. This term does not include return flows from irrigated agriculture or agricultural storm water runoff.

³ "Waters of the United States" means:

- (a) All waters which are currently used, were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide;
- (b) All interstate waters, including interstate "wetlands";
- (c) All other waters such as interstate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds the use, degradation, or destruction of which would affect or could affect interstate or foreign commerce including any such waters:
 - (1) Which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes;
 - (2) From which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; or
 - (3) Which are used or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce;
- (d) All impoundments of waters otherwise defined as waters of the United States under this definition;
- (e) Tributaries of waters identified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this definition;
- (f) The territorial sea;
- (g) Wetlands adjacent to waters (other than waters that are themselves wetlands) identified in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this definition.

Waste treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons designed to meet the requirements of the CWA are not waters of the United States. This exclusion applies only to manmade bodies of water with neither were originally created in waters of the United States (such as disposal areas in wetlands) nor resulted from the impoundment of waters of the United States.

Copies of the General Permit and the Notice of Intent forms for New York are available by calling 1-(800)-952-2490. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established the Stormwater Hotline at (703) 821-4823 to provide information pertaining to the NPDES stormwater regulations.

If you have questions whether federal regulations require you to obtain a permit for your storm water discharge, contact the EPA Storm Water Hotline. If you have questions concerning the applicability and coverage of the SPDES Storm Water General Permits, contact the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in Albany at (518) 457-9601. In order to cancel your coverage under the General Permit, you must submit a Notice of Termination ("NOT") form. Failure to submit a NOT will result in the continued obligation to pay a yearly Regulatory Fee.

Additionally, copies of the general permit, the NOI form and the NOT form can be obtained by calling the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") Storm Water Information Line at (800) 952-2490 (in New York State), any DEC Regional Office (See Appendix B), or directly from DEC in Albany at the telephone number given above.

Coverage under this general permit is available August 1, 1993 and expires on August 1, 1998.

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
SPDES GENERAL PERMIT
FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
THAT ARE CLASSIFIED AS "ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY"

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Part I. COVERAGE UNDER THIS PERMIT

A. Permit Area & Applicability. The permit covers all areas of New York State where New York State implements Section 402 of the CWA. Except as in compliance with this general permit or with a duly authorized individual permit from DEC, discharge of stormwater associated with industrial activity from construction activity by any person shall be unlawful.

B. Eligibility.

1. This permit may authorize all discharges of storm water associated with industrial activity from construction activity⁴, (those sites or common plans of development or sale that will result in the disturbance of five or more acres total land area⁵), (henceforth referred to as storm water discharges from construction activities) occurring after the effective date of this permit, including discharges occurring after the effective date of this permit where the construction activity was initiated before the effective date of this permit, except for discharges identified under paragraph I.C (see below).

2. This permit may only authorize a storm water discharge from construction activities that is mixed with a storm water discharge associated with industrial activities other than construction, where:

a. the industrial activity other than construction is located on the same site as the construction activity;

b. storm water discharges from construction activities are in compliance with the terms of this permit; and

c. storm water discharges associated with industrial activity other than construction are occurring (including storm water discharges from dedicated asphalt plants and dedicated concrete plants) are covered by a different SPDES general permit or individual permit authorizing such discharges.

C. Limitations on Coverage. The following storm water discharges from construction activities are not authorized by this permit:

⁴ "Storm Water Discharges Associated With Industrial Activity" covered under this general permit includes those defined in 40 CFR Section 122.26(b)(14)(x).

⁵ On June 4, 1992, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit remanded the exemption for construction sites of less than five acres to the EPA for further rule making. (Nos. 90-70671 and 91-70200). Any effect of this decision on construction sites of less than five acres will not apply until further EPA or DEC action. Regulations for construction sites of five acres or more remain in effect.

1. Discharges associated with industrial activity after construction activities have been completed and the site has undergone final stabilization⁶;
2. Discharges that are mixed with sources of non-storm water other than those expressly authorized under this permit (Part II.A, Page 7 and Part III.D.5, Page 15);
3. Discharges that are subject to an existing SPDES individual or general permit or which are issued an individual or alternative general permit (Page 19); and
4. Discharges that are likely to adversely affect a listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species or its critical habitat.

D. Authorization.

1. An operator⁷ must submit a completed Notice of Intent ("NOI") form approved and provided by the State Director⁸ (or a photocopy thereof), in order to be authorized to discharge under this general permit⁹. The NOI shall be signed in accordance with Part V.G (see Page 18) of this permit and submitted to the address indicated on the approved NOI form.
2. All contractors and subcontractors of the operator identified under Part III.E.1 (Page 16) must provide certification under Part III.E.2 (Page 16) of this permit in order to be authorized to discharge storm water under this permit.
3. Unless notified by the State Director to the contrary, operators who submit an NOI in accordance with the requirements of this permit are authorized to discharge storm water from construction activities under the terms and conditions of this permit 2 days after the date that the NOI is postmarked. The State Director may deny coverage under this permit and require submittal of an application for an individual SPDES permit at any time based on a review of the NOI or other information (see Part V.J of this permit, Page 19).

⁶ "Final Stabilization" means that all soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed, and that a uniform perennial vegetative cover with a density of 70% the cover for the area has been established or equivalent stabilization measures (such as the use of mulches or geotextiles) have been employed.

⁷ For the purposes of this permit, the term "operator" means the person, persons, or legal entity which owns or leases the property on which the construction activity is occurring.

⁸ "State Director" means the New York State Commissioner of Environmental Conservation, or an authorized representative.

⁹ A copy of the approved NOI form is provided in Appendix A of this notice.

4. A copy of the NOI or other indication that storm water discharges from the site are covered under a SPDES permit, and a brief description of the project shall be posted at the construction site in a prominent place for public viewing (such as alongside a building permit).
5. A signed copy of the NOI shall also be submitted concurrently to the local governing body and any other authorized agency¹⁰ having jurisdiction or regulatory control over the construction project.
6. New storm water discharges from construction activities which require any other Uniform Procedures Act permit (Environmental Conservation Law, 6 NYCRR Part 621) must submit the information specified in Appendix G.

Upon review of this information, DEC may authorize the applicant to submit an NOI to obtain coverage under this general permit.

7. Renotification. Upon renewal of this general permit or issuance of a new general permit, the permittee is required to notify the State Director of his intent to be covered by the new general permit.

E. Deadlines for Notification.

1. Operators who intend to obtain coverage under this general permit for storm water discharges from construction activities shall submit an NOI in accordance with the requirements of this Part at least 2 days prior to the commencement of construction¹¹ activities ;
2. For storm water discharges from construction activities where the operator changes, a new NOI in accordance with the requirements of this Part shall be submitted by the new operator at least 2 days prior to the change in operator. Additionally, the operator being replaced must submit a Notice of Termination ("NOT") in accordance with Part VI (Page 21) of this permit and notify the new operator of the requirement to submit a new NOI to obtain coverage under this permit. The new operator must also review and sign the pollution prevention plan in accordance with Part III.B.

¹⁰ For the purposes of this general permit, "any other authorized agency" shall include any local, regional, or state entity or agency except the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) which has authority to review storm water discharge from the project, including authority under any approved watershed protection plan or regulations.

¹¹ "Commencement of Construction" means the initial disturbance of soils associated with clearing, grading, or excavating activities, or other construction activities

Part II. SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

A. Prohibition On Non-Stormwater Discharges.

Discharges other than storm water must be in compliance with a SPDES permit (other than this permit). However, the following non-storm water discharges are authorized by this permit: discharges from fire fighting activities; fire hydrant flushings; waters used to wash vehicles or control dust in accordance with Part III.D.2.e.(2) (Page 13); routine external building washdown which does not use detergents; pavement washwaters where spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred (unless all spilled material has been removed) and where detergents are not used; air conditioning condensate; springs; and foundation or footing drains where flows are not contaminated with process materials such as solvents. Except for flows from fire fighting activities, these discharges must be included in the storm water pollution prevention plan (See Part III).

B. Maintaining Water Quality - The discharge authorized by this general permit shall neither cause nor contribute to a violation of water quality standards as contained in Parts 700 through 705 of Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York including, but not limited to:

1. There shall be no increase in turbidity that will cause a substantial visible contrast to natural conditions;
2. There shall be no suspended, colloidal and settleable solids that will cause deposition or impair the waters for their best usages; and
3. There shall be no: residue from oil and floating substances; visible oil film; globules; or grease.

Part III. STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLANS

A storm water pollution prevention plan shall be developed by the operator for construction activities at each site to be covered by this permit. Storm water pollution prevention plans shall be prepared in accordance with good engineering practices. The plan shall identify potential sources of pollution which may reasonably be expected to affect the quality of storm water discharges. In addition, the plan shall describe and ensure the implementation of practices which will be used to reduce the pollutants in storm water discharges and to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. Operators are responsible for implementing the provisions of the storm water pollution prevention plan and ensuring that all contractors and

subcontractors who perform professional services at the site provide certification of the pollution prevention plan in accordance with Part I.D.2. (Page 5) and Part III.E.2. (Page 14) of this permit. All contractors and subcontractors identified in the storm water pollution prevention plan in accordance with Part III.E.1 (Page 16) of this permit must agree to implement applicable provisions of the pollution prevention plan and satisfy the certification requirement of Part III.E.2 (Page 16). Contractors and subcontractors which are not operators, as defined in this permit (Page 5), do not have to submit a NOI in addition to the NOI submitted by the operator.

A. Deadlines for Plan Preparation and Compliance.

1. For construction activities that have begun on or before February 1, 1994, the plan shall be developed prior to, and provide compliance with the terms and schedule of the plan beginning on, February 1, 1994. However, the plan for sedimentation basins shall provide for compliance no later than April 1, 1994.
2. For construction activities that begin after February 1, 1994, the plan shall be developed prior to the submittal of an NOI and provide for compliance with the terms and schedule of the plan beginning with the initiation of construction activities.

B. Signature and Plan Review

1. The plan shall be signed in accordance with Part V.G (Page 18), and be retained at the site where the construction activity occurs in accordance with Part IV (retention of records, Page 17) of this permit.
2. The permittee shall submit a copy of the pollution prevention plan and any amendments thereto to the local governing body and any other authorized agency having jurisdiction or regulatory control over the construction activity. The operator shall make plans available upon request to the State Director and any local agency having jurisdiction; or in the case of a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity which discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer system, to the municipal operator of the system.
3. The State Director, or authorized representative, may notify the permittee at any time that the plan does not meet one or more of the minimum requirements of this Permit. Such notification shall identify those provisions of the permit which are not being met by the plan, and identify which provisions of the plan requires modifications in order to meet the minimum requirements of this Permit. Within 7 days of such notification, (or

as otherwise provided by the State Director), the permittee shall make the required changes to the plan and shall submit to the State Director a written certification that the requested changes have been made.

C. Keeping Plans Current. The permittee shall amend the plan whenever:

1. There is a change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance, which has a significant effect on the potential for the discharge of pollutants to the waters of the United States and which has not otherwise been addressed in the plan; or
2. The storm water pollution prevention plan proves to be ineffective in:
 - a. Eliminating or significantly minimizing pollutants from sources identified under Part III.D.2 (See below) of this permit, or in otherwise
 - b. Achieving the general objectives of controlling pollutants in storm water discharges from construction activity.
3. Additionally, the plan shall be amended to identify any new contractor and/or subcontractor that will implement a measure of the storm water pollution prevention plan (See Part III.E, Page 16). Amendments to the plan may be reviewed by the State Director in the same manner as provided by Part III.B above.

D. Contents of Plan. The storm water pollution prevention plan shall include the following items and shall be prepared in accordance with Appendix F (THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN). Any deviation from Appendix F or the requirements listed below shall be explained and justified in the storm water pollution prevention plan.

1. Site Description. Each plan shall provide a description of pollutant sources and other information as indicated:
 - a. A description of the nature of the construction activity;
 - b. A description of the intended sequence of major activities which disturb soils for major portions of the site (e.g. grubbing, excavation, grading);
 - c. Estimates of the total area of the site and the total area of the site that is expected to be disturbed by excavation, grading, or other activities;

d. An estimate of the runoff coefficient¹² of the site after construction activities are completed and existing data describing the soil or the quality of any discharge from the site;

e. A site map indicating drainage patterns and approximate slopes anticipated after major grading activities, areas of soil disturbance, an outline of areas which will not be disturbed, the location of major structural and nonstructural controls identified in the plan, the location of areas where stabilization practices are expected to occur, surface waters (including wetlands), and locations where storm water is discharged to surface or ground water(s); and

f. The name of the receiving water(s) and areal extent of wetland acreage at the site.

2. **Controls.** Each plan shall include a description of appropriate controls and measures that will be implemented at the construction site. The plan will clearly describe for each major activity identified in Part III.D.1.b above, appropriate control measures and the timing during the construction process that the measures will be implemented. For example, the plan might provide the following: perimeter controls for one portion of the site will be installed after the clearing and grubbing necessary for installation of the measure, but before the clearing and grubbing for the remaining portions of the site; perimeter controls will be actively maintained until final stabilization of those portions of the site upward of the perimeter control; temporary perimeter controls will be removed after final stabilization. The description and implementation of controls shall address the following minimum components:

a. **Erosion and Sediment Controls**

Except as noted below in Part III.D.2.b, the erosion and sediment control component of a storm water pollution prevention plan shall conform to and be implemented in a manner consistent with the technical standards set forth in Appendix E. Where conformance to Appendix E is not attainable, the operator shall describe what equivalent erosion and sediment control practices will be implemented together with an explanation as to why conformance with Appendix E cannot be achieved. This explanation, together with the alternative erosion and sediment control measures and design specifications, shall be presented in the storm water pollution prevention plan.

¹² "Runoff coefficient" means the fraction of total rainfall that will appear at the conveyance as runoff.

A description of interim and permanent stabilization practices, including site-specific scheduling of the implementation of the practices. Site plans should ensure that existing vegetation is preserved where attainable and that disturbed portions of the site are stabilized. Stabilization practices may include: temporary seeding, permanent seeding, mulching, geotextiles, sod stabilization, vegetative buffer strips, protection of trees, preservation of mature vegetation, and other appropriate measures. A record of the dates when major grading activities occur, when construction activities temporarily or permanently cease on a portion of the site, and when stabilization measures are initiated shall be included in the plan. Except as provided in Parts III.D.2.(a)(1) and (2) below, stabilization measures shall be initiated as soon as practicable in portions of the site where construction activities have temporarily or permanently ceased, but in no case more than 14 days after the construction activity in that portion of the site has temporarily or permanently ceased.

(1). Where the initiation of stabilization measures by the 14th day after construction activity temporary or permanently cease is precluded by snow cover, stabilization measures shall be initiated as soon as practicable.

(2). Where construction activity will resume on a portion of the site within 21 days from when activities ceased, (e.g. the total time period that construction activity is temporarily ceased is less than 21 days) then stabilization measures do not have to be initiated on that portion of site by the 14th day after construction activity temporarily ceased.

b. Erosion and Sediment Controls - Structural Practices.

A description of structural practices to divert flows from exposed soils, store flows or otherwise limit runoff and the discharge of pollutants from exposed areas of the site to the degree attainable. Such practices may include silt fences, earth dikes, drainage swales, sediment traps, check dams, subsurface drains, pipe slope drains, level spreaders, storm drain inlet protection, rock outlet protection, reinforced soil retaining systems, gabions, and temporary or permanent sediment basins. Structural practices should be placed on upland soils to the degree attainable.

(1) For common drainage locations that serve an area with 10 or more disturbed acres at one time, a

temporary (or permanent) sediment basin providing 3,600 cubic feet of storage per acre drained, or equivalent control measures, shall be provided where attainable until final stabilization of the site. The 3,600 cubic feet of storage area per acre drained does not apply to flows from offsite areas and flows from onsite areas that are either undisturbed or have undergone final stabilization where such flows are diverted around both the disturbed area and the sediment basin. For drainage locations which serve 10 or more disturbed acres at one time and where a temporary sediment basin providing 3,600 cubic feet of storage per acre drained, or equivalent controls is not attainable, smaller sediment basins and/or traps shall be used.

(2) For drainage locations serving less than 10 acres, sediment basins and/or sediment traps should be used. At a minimum, silt fences or equivalent sediment controls are required for all sideslope and downslope boundaries of the construction area unless a sediment basin providing storage for 3,600 cubic feet of storage per acre drained is provided.

c. Storm Water Management.

Storm water management controls shall conform to and be implemented in a manner consistent with the technical standards set forth in Appendix D). Where conformance to Appendix D is not attainable, the operator shall describe what practices will be implemented together with an explanation as to why conformance with Appendix D cannot be achieved. This explanation, together with the alternative storm water management practices and design specifications shall be presented in the storm water pollution prevention plan.

A description of measures that will be installed during the construction process to control storm water discharges that will occur after construction operations have been completed. Structural measures should be placed on upland soils to the degree attainable.

(1) Such practices may include: storm water detention structures (including wet ponds); storm water retention structures; flow attenuation by use of open vegetated swales and natural depressions; infiltration of runoff onsite; and sequential systems (which combine several practices). The pollution prevention plan shall include an explanation of the technical basis used to select the practices to control pollution where flows exceed predevelopment levels.

(2) Velocity dissipation devices shall be placed at discharge locations and along the length of any outfall channel for the purpose of providing a non-erosive velocity flow from the structure to a water course so that the natural physical and biological characteristics and functions are maintained and protected (e.g., no significant changes in the hydrological regime of the receiving water).

d. Other Controls.

(1) Waste Disposal. No solid materials, including building materials, shall be discharged to waters of the United States, except as authorized by a federal or State law.

(2) Off-site vehicle tracking of sediments and the generation of dust shall be minimized.

(3) The plan shall ensure and demonstrate compliance with applicable State and local waste disposal, sanitary sewer or septic system regulations.

e. Approved Local or Regional Control Plans.

(1) Storm water pollution prevention plans must include procedures and requirements specified in applicable sediment and erosion site plans, site permits, storm water management site plans or site permits or duly adopted regulations approved by local officials or any authorized agency. Permittees shall provide a certification in their storm water pollution prevention plan that their storm water pollution prevention plan complies with all requirements applicable to protecting surface and ground water resources in sediment and erosion site plans or site permits, storm water management site plans, site permits, or duly adopted regulations approved by local governing bodies or any authorized agency. Permittees shall comply with any such requirements during the term of the permit.

(2) Storm water pollution prevention plans must be amended to reflect any change applicable to protecting surface and ground water resources in sediment and erosion site plans or site permits, storm water management site plans or site permits, or duly adopted regulations approved by local officials or any authorized agency for which the permittee receives written notice. Where the permittee receives such written notice of a change, the permittee shall provide a recertification in

the storm water pollution prevention plan that the storm water pollution prevention plan has been modified to address such changes.

(3) Operators seeking alternative permit requirements shall submit an individual permit application in accordance with Part V.J (Page 19) of the permit at the address indicated in Part IV.C (Page 17) of this permit for the appropriate DEC Office, along with a description of why requirements in approved local or regional plans, permits or regulations or changes to such plans, permits, or regulations, should not be applicable as a condition of a SPDES permit.

3. Maintenance. A description of procedures to ensure the timely maintenance of vegetation, erosion and sediment control measures and other protective measures identified in the site plan in good and effective operating condition.

In cases where the installed structural controls are designed, in whole or part, to provide for storm water management after construction activity is completed and final stabilization of the site, a description of the post-construction operation and maintenance needs shall be included.

A description of any arrangements that have been made to ensure long term maintenance of storm water facilities after construction operations have been completed and permit coverage is terminated, and a statement describing who will be responsible for maintenance shall be included.

4. Inspections. The operator or qualified personnel of the operator shall inspect disturbed areas of the construction site that have not been finally stabilized, areas used for storage of materials that are exposed to precipitation that have not been finally stabilized, structural control measures, and locations where vehicles enter or exit the site at least once every seven calendar days and within 24 hours of the end of a storm that is 0.5 inches or greater. Where portions of the construction area have been finally stabilized, inspection of such portions shall be conducted at least once every month until the entire site is finally stabilized.

a. Disturbed areas and areas used for storage of materials that are exposed to precipitation shall be inspected for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system. Erosion and sediment control measures identified in the plan shall be

observed to ensure that they are operating correctly. Where discharge locations or points are accessible, they shall be inspected to ascertain whether erosion control measures are effective in preventing significant impacts to receiving waters. Locations where vehicles enter or exit the site shall be inspected for evidence of offsite sediment tracking.

b. Based on the results of the inspection, the site description identified in the plan in accordance with paragraph III.D.1 (Page 9) of this permit and pollution prevention measures identified in the plan in accordance with paragraph III.D.2 (Page 10) of this permit shall be revised as appropriate, but in no case later than 7 calendar days following the inspection. Such modifications shall provide for timely implementation of any changes to the plan within 7 calendar days following the inspection.

c. A report summarizing the scope of the inspection, name(s) and qualifications of personnel making the inspection, the date(s) of the inspection, major observations relating to the implementation of the storm water pollution prevention plan, and actions taken in accordance with paragraph III.D.4.b (See above) of the permit shall be made and retained as part of the storm water pollution prevention plan for at least three years from the date that the site is finally stabilized. Such reports shall identify any incidents of non-compliance. Where a report does not identify any incidents of non-compliance, the report shall contain a certification that the facility is in compliance with the storm water pollution prevention plan and this permit. The report shall be signed in accordance with Part V.G (Page 18) of this permit.

5. Non-Storm Water Discharges - Except for flows from fire fighting activities, sources of non-storm water listed in Part II.A (Page 7) of this permit that are combined with storm water discharges from the construction activity must be identified in the plan. The plan shall identify and ensure the implementation of appropriate pollution prevention measures for the non-storm water component(s) of the discharge.

E. Contractors

1. The storm water pollution prevention plan must clearly identify for each measure identified in the plan, the contractor(s) and/or subcontractor(s) that will implement the measure. All contractors and subcontractors identified in the plan must sign a copy of the certification statement in Part III.E.2 (See below) of this permit in accordance with Part V.G (Page 18) of this permit. All certifications must be included in the storm water pollution prevention plan.
2. Certification Statement. All contractors and subcontractors identified in a storm water pollution prevention plan in accordance with Part III.E.1 (Page 16) of this permit shall sign a copy of the following certification statement before undertaking any construction activity at the site identified in the storm water pollution prevention plan:

"I certify under penalty of law that I understand and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the pollution prevention plan for the construction site identified in such plan as a condition of authorization to discharge storm water. I also understand that the operator must comply with the terms and conditions of the New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("SPDES") general permit for storm water discharges from construction activities and that it is unlawful for any person to cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards."

The certification must include the name and title of the person providing the signature in accordance with Part V.G (Page 18) of this permit; the name, address and telephone number of the contracting firm; the address (or other identifying description) of the site; and the date the certification is made.

Part IV. RETENTION OF RECORDS

- A. The operator shall retain copies of storm water pollution prevention plans and all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the NOI to be covered by this permit, for a period of at least three years from the date that the site is finally stabilized. This period may be extended by the State Director at any time upon written notification.
- B. The operator shall retain a copy of the storm water pollution prevention plan required by this permit at the construction site from the date of initiation of construction activities to the date of final stabilization.

- C. Addresses. Except for the submittal of NOIs and NOTs, all written correspondence under this permit directed to the DEC, including the submittal of individual permit applications, shall be sent to the address of the appropriate DEC Office as listed in Appendix B.

Part V. STANDARD PERMIT CONDITIONS

A. Duty to Comply.

The operator must comply with all conditions of this permit. All contractors and subcontractors must comply with the terms of the pollution prevention plan. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the CWA and the Environmental Conservation Law and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit revocation or modification; or for denial of a permit renewal application.

B. Continuation of the Expired General Permit.

This permit expires on August 1, 1998. However, an expired general permit continues in force and effect until a new general permit is issued. Operators seeking authorization under a new general permit must submit a new NOI in accordance with the terms of such new general permit.

- C. Need to halt or reduce activity not a defense. It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the construction activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

- D. Duty to Mitigate. The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

- E. Duty to Provide Information. The permittee shall furnish to the State Director; or local, or any other agency approving sediment and erosion plans, grading plans, or storm water management plans, or with regulatory control over the project; or in the case of a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity which discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer system with a SPDES permit, to the municipal operator of the system, any information which is requested to determine compliance with this permit or other information.

- F. Other Information. When the permittee becomes aware that he or she failed to submit any relevant facts or submitted incorrect information in the NOI or in any other report to the State Director, he or she shall promptly submit such facts or information.

G. Signatory Requirements. All NOIs, NOTs, storm water pollution prevention plans, reports, certifications or information required by this permit or submitted pursuant to this permit, shall be signed as follows:

1. All NOIs and NOTs shall be signed as follows:

a. For a corporation: by (1) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person authorized to and who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation; or (2) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production or operating facilities employing more than 250 persons or having gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25,000,000 (in second-quarter 1980 dollars) if authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures;

b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

c. For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this section, a principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes (1) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (2) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrators of EPA).

2. The pollution prevention plan and all reports required by the permit and other information requested by the State Director or local agency shall be signed by a person described above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:

a. The authorization is made in writing by a person described above and submitted to the State Director.

b. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of manager, operator, superintendent, or position of equivalent responsibility or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position).

c. Certification. Any person signing documents under paragraph V.G (Page 18) shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that false statements made herein are punishable as a class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law."

- H. Property Rights. The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, nor any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property nor any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of Federal, State or local laws or regulations.
- I. Severability. The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby.
- J. Requiring an individual permit or an alternative general permit.
 - 1. The State Director may require any person authorized by this permit to apply for and/or obtain either an individual SPDES permit or an alternative SPDES general permit. Where the State Director requires a discharger authorized to discharge under this permit to apply for an individual SPDES permit, the State Director shall notify the discharger in writing that a permit application is required. This notification shall include a brief statement of the reasons for this decision, an application form, a statement setting a deadline for the discharger to file the application, and a statement that on the effective date of issuance or denial of the individual SPDES permit or the alternative general permit as it applies to the individual permittee, coverage under this general permit shall automatically terminate. Applications shall be submitted to the appropriate DEC Office indicated in Appendix B of this permit. The State Director may grant additional time to submit the application upon request of the applicant. If a discharger fails to submit in a timely manner an individual SPDES permit application as required by the State Director under this paragraph, then the applicability of this permit to the individual SPDES permittee is automatically terminated at the end of the day specified by the State Director for application submittal.

2. Any discharger authorized by this permit may request to be excluded from the coverage of this permit by applying for an individual permit. In such cases, the permittee shall submit an individual application in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 122.26(c)(1)(ii) and 6 NYCRR Part 621, with reasons supporting the request, to the State Director at the address for the appropriate DEC Office (see addresses in Appendix B of this permit). The request may be granted by issuance of an individual permit or an alternative general permit at the discretion of the State Director.
3. When an individual SPDES permit is issued to a discharger otherwise subject to this permit, or the discharger is authorized to discharge under an alternative SPDES general permit, the applicability of this permit to the individual SPDES permittee is automatically terminated on the effective date of the individual permit or the date of authorization of coverage under the alternative general permit, whichever the case may be. When an individual SPDES permit is denied to an operator otherwise subject to this permit, or the operator is denied for coverage under an alternative SPDES general permit, the applicability of this permit to the individual SPDES permittee is automatically terminated on the date of such denial, unless otherwise specified by the State Director.

K. Proper Operation and Maintenance. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit and with the requirements of storm water pollution prevention plans. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. Proper operation and maintenance requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems, installed by a permittee only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

L. Inspection and Entry. The permittee shall allow the State Director or an authorized representative of EPA, the State, or, in the case of a construction site which discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer, an authorized representative of the municipal operator or the separate storm sewer receiving the discharge, upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

1. Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;

2. Have access to and copy at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit; and
 3. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities or equipment (including monitoring and control equipment).
- M. Permit Actions. This permit may, at any time, be modified, revoked, and renewed. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

Part VI. TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

- A. Notice of Termination ("NOT"). Where a site has been finally stabilized and all storm water discharges from construction activities that are authorized by this permit are eliminated¹³, the operator must submit an NOT form approved and provided by the State Director (or photocopy thereof). The NOT shall be signed in accordance with Part V.G (Page 18) of this permit and submitted to the address indicated on the approved NOT form.

¹³ For the purposes of this certification, elimination of storm water discharges from construction activity means that all disturbed soils at the identified facility have been finally stabilized and temporary erosion and sediment control measures have been removed or will be removed at an appropriate time, or that all storm water discharges associated with industrial activities from the identified site that are authorized by a SPDES general permit have otherwise been eliminated.

APPENDIX A - Notice of Intent ("NOI")

See Reverse for Instructions

SPDES
FORM



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233-3505

Notice of Intent (NOI) for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity Under the SPDES General Permit

Submission of this Notice of Intent constitutes notice that the party identified in Section I of this form intends to be authorized by a SPDES permit issued for storm water discharges associated with industrial activity in the State in Section II of this form. Becoming a permittee obligates such discharger to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit. ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED ON THIS FORM

I. Facility Operator Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Status of Owner/Operator: ☐
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

II. Facility/Site Location Information

Name: _____ Is the Facility Located on Indian Lands? (Y or N) ☐
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____
Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____ Quarter: _____ Section: _____ Township: _____ Range: _____

III. Site Activity Information

MS4 Operator Name: _____
Receiving Water Body: _____
If You are Filing as a Co-permittee, Enter Storm Water General Permit Number: _____ Are There Existing Quantitative Data? (Y or N) ☐ Is the Facility Required to Submit Monitoring Data? (1, 2, or 3) ☐
SIC or Designated Activity Code: Primary: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____ 4th: _____
If This Facility is a Member of a Group Application, Enter Group Application Number: _____
If You Have Other Existing NPDES Permits, Enter Permit Numbers: _____

IV. Additional Information Required for Construction Activities Only

Project Start Date: _____ Completion Date: _____ Estimated Area to be Disturbed (in Acres): _____ Is the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan in Compliance with State and/or Local Sediment and Erosion Plans? (Y or N) ☐

V. Certification: I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Permit Number: NYR100000 (Construction)

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Instruction—NYSDEC Form 91-19-12 (9/92)

Notice of Intent (NOI)

For Storm Water Discharges Associated With Industrial Activity to Be Covered Under the SPDES General Permit

Who Must File A Notice Of Intent Form

Federal law at 40 CFR Part 122 prohibits point source discharges of storm water associated with industrial activity to a water body(ies) of the U.S. without a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. New York State has been delegated the NPDES program and administers its State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) program in lieu of EPA's NPDES program. Wherever the term "NPDES" is used in the NOI form, the reader should substitute "SPDES". The operator of an industrial activity that has a storm water discharge that qualifies for coverage under a SPDES Storm Water General Permit must submit the NOI form to obtain coverage. If you have questions about whether federal regulations require you to obtain a permit for your storm water discharge, contact the EPA Storm Water Hotline at (703) 821-4823. If you have questions concerning the applicability and coverage of the SPDES Storm Water General Permits, contact the New York State of Environmental Conservation at (518) 457-8601. In order to cancel your coverage under the General Permit you must submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) form. Failure to submit a NOT will result in the obligation to pay a yearly Regulatory Fee.

Where To File The NOI Form

New York State intends on using EPA's information management system. Therefore, NOIs must be sent to the following address:

Storm Water Notice of Intent
PO Box 1215
Newington, VA 22122

Completing The Form

You must type or print using upper-case letters, in the appropriate areas only. Please place each character between the marks. Abbreviate if necessary to stay within the number of characters allowed for each item. Use one space for breaks between words, but not for punctuation marks unless they are needed to clarify your response. If you have any questions on this form, call the EPA Storm Water Hotline at (703) 821-4823.

Section I—Facility Operator Information

Give the legal name of the person, firm, public organization, or any other entity that operates the facility or site described in this application. The name of the operator may or may not be the same as the name of the facility. The responsible party is the legal entity that controls the facility's operation, rather than the plant or site manager. Do not use a colloquial name. Enter the complete address and telephone number of the operator.

Enter the appropriate letter to indicate the legal status of the operator of the facility:

F—Federal M—Public (other than federal or state)
S—State P—Private

Section II—Facility/Site Location Information

Give the facility's or site's official or legal name and complete street address, including city, state, and ZIP code. If the facility or site lacks a street address, indicate the state, the latitude and longitude of the facility to the nearest 15 seconds, or the quarter, section, township, and range (to the nearest quarter section) of the approximate center of the site.

Indicate whether the facility is located on Indian lands.

Section III—Site Activity Information

If the storm water discharges to a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), enter the name of the operator of the MS4 (e.g. municipality name, county name) and the receiving water of the discharge from the MS4. (A MS4 is defined as a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by a state, city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body which is designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water.)

If the facility discharges storm water directly to receiving water(s), enter the name of the receiving water.

If you are filing as a co-permittee and a storm water general permit number has been issued, enter that number in the space provided.

Indicate whether or not the owner or operator of the facility has existing quantitative data that represent the characteristics and concentration of pollutants in storm water discharges.

Indicate whether the facility is required to submit monthly data by entering one of the following:

- 1 Not required to submit monitoring data;
- 2 Required to submit monitoring data;
- 3 Not required to submit monitoring data; submitting certification for monitoring exclusion.

Those facilities that must submit monitoring data (e.g. choice 2) are: Section 313 EPCRA facilities; primary metal industries; land disposal units; incinerators/BIFs; wood treatment facilities; facilities with coal pile runoff; and battery reclaimers

List, in decreasing order of significance, up to four 4-digit standard industrial classification (SIC) codes that best describe the principal products or services provided at the facility or site identified in Section II of this application.

For industrial activities defined in 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(i)-(xi) that do not have SIC codes that accurately describe the principal products produced or services provided, the following 2-character codes are to be used

HZ Hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities, including those that are operating under interim status or a permit under subtitle C of RCRA [40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(iv)].

LF Landfills, land application sites, and open dumps that receive or have received any industrial wastes, including those that are subject to regulation under subtitle D of RCRA [40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(v)].

SE Steam electric power generating facilities, including coal handling sites [40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(vii)].

TW Treatment works treating domestic sewage or any other sewage sludge or wastewater treatment device or system, used in the storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal or domestic sewage [40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(ix)].

CO Construction activities [40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(xi)].

If the facility listed in Section II has participated in Part 1 of an approved storm water group application and a group number has been assigned, enter the group application number in the space provided.

If there are other SPDES permits presently issued for the facility or site listed in Section II, list the permit numbers. If an application for the facility has been submitted but no permit number has been assigned, enter the application number.

Section IV—Additional Information Required for Construction Activities Only

Construction activities must complete Section IV in addition to Sections I through III. Only construction activities need to complete Section IV.

Enter the project start date and the estimated completion date for the entire development plan.

Provide an estimate of the total number of acres of the site on which soil will be disturbed (round to the nearest acre).

Indicate whether the storm water pollution prevention plan for the site is in compliance with approved state and/or local sediment and erosion plans, or storm water management plans.

Section V—Certification

Federal statutes provide for severe penalties for submitting false information on this application form. Federal regulations require this application to be signed as follows:

For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer, which means: (i) president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision making functions, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities employing more than 250 persons or having gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second-quarter 1980 dollars), if authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor; or

For a municipality, state, federal, or other public facility: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

Paperwork Reduction Notice

Public reporting burden for this application is estimated to average 0.5 hours per application, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate, any other aspect of the collection of information, or suggestions for improving this form, including any suggestions which may decrease or reduce the burden to: Chief, Information Policy Branch, PM-223, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, or Director, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503.

APPENDIX B - Filing Locations

- Notices of Intent should be sent to: Storm Water Notice of Intent, P. O. Box 1215, Newington, VA 22122;
- Notices of Termination should be sent to: Storm Water Notice of Termination, P. O. Box 1185, Newington, VA 22112;
- Discharge Monitoring Reports ("DMRs") should be sent to DEC, Division of Water, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12233-3506;
- Written reports submitted in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 595 (Chemical Bulk Storage) should be sent to DEC, Division of Spill Prevention, Response and Remediation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12233-3520.

All other reports and submittals required by this permit, including individual SPDES applications, should be submitted in accordance with the table below.

The filing location depends on the county in which the discharge is located. To determine the mailing address for the proper Filing Location, find the county in which the discharge is located in the table below. Use the letter in the "KEY" column to the right of the county name to find the proper mailing address in the list at the right.

Discharge Location - County	NYSDEC Region	KEY	Discharge Location - County	NYSDEC Region	KEY
Albany	4	F	Ontario	8	N
Allegany	9	O	Orange	3	E
Broome	7	L	Orleans	8	N
Cattaraugus	9	O	Oswego	7	L
Cayuga	7	L	Otsego	4	G
Chautauqua	9	O	Putnam	3	E
Chemung	8	N	Rensselaer	4	F
Chenango	7	L	Rockland	3	E
Clinton	5	H	St. Lawrence	6	J
Columbia	4	F	Saratoga	5	I
Cortland	7	L	Schenectady	4	F
Delaware	4	G	Schoharie	4	G
Dutchess	3	E	Schuyler	8	N
Erie	9	O	Seneca	8	N
Essex	5	H	Steuben	8	N
Franklin	5	H	Suffolk	1	A
Fulton	5	I	Sullivan	3	E
Genesee	8	N	Tioga	7	L
Greene	4	F	Tompkins	7	L
Hamilton	5	H	Ulster	3	E
Herkimer	6	K	Warren	5	I
Jefferson	6	J	Washington	5	I
Lewis	6	J	Wayne	8	N
Livingston	8	N	Westchester	3	E
Madison	7	L	Wyoming	9	O
Monroe	8	N	Yates	8	N
Montgomery	4	F	Bronx	2	D
Nassau	1	A	Kings	2	D
Niagara	9	O	New York	2	D
Oneida	6	K	Queens	2	D
Onondaga	7	L	Richmond	2	D

KEY

- A NYSDEC REGION 1, Bldg. 40 SUNY Stony Brook, NY 11794; Phone: (516) 751-7900
- D NYSDEC REGION 2, One Hunters Point Plaza, 47-40 21st St, Long Island City, NY 11101; Phone: (718) 482-4851
- E NYSDEC REGION 3, 21 South Putt Corners Rd., New Paltz, NY 12561; Phone: (914) 255-5453
- F NYSDEC REGION 4, 2176 Guilderland Ave., Schenectady, NY 12306; Phone: (518) 382-0680
- G NYSDEC REGION 4 SUB-OFFICE, Route 10, Jefferson Road, Stamford, NY 12167; Phone: (607) 652-7364
- H NYSDEC REGION 5, Route 86, Ray Brook, NY 12977; Phone: (518) 891-1370
- I NYSDEC REGION 5 SUB-OFFICE, Hudson St., Warrensburg, NY 12885; Phone: (518) 623-3671
- J NYSDEC REGION 6, State Office Bldg., 317 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601; Phone: (315) 785-2245
- K NYSDEC REGION 6 SUB-OFFICE, State Office Building., 207 Genesee St., Utica NY 13501-2885; Phone: (315) 793-2554
- L NYSDEC REGION 7, 615 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, NY 13204; Phone: (315) 426-7400
- N NYSDEC REGION 8, 6274 East Avon-Lima Rd., Avon, NY 14414; Phone: (716) 226-2466
- O NYSDEC REGION 9, 270 Michigan Ave., Buffalo, NY 14203; Phone: (716) 851-7000

Mail individual SPDES permit applications to "Division of Regulatory Affairs"

APPENDIX C - Notice of Termination ("NOT")

Please See Instructions Before Completing This Form

SPDES
FORM



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233-3505

Notice of Termination (NOT) for Coverage Under the SPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity

Submission of this Notice of Termination constitutes notice that the party identified in Section II of this form is no longer authorized to discharge storm water associated with industrial activity under the SPDES program. ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED ON THIS FORM.

I. Permit Information

NPDES Storm Water
General Permit Number: _____

Check Here if You are No Longer
the Operator of the Facility: ☐

Check Here if the Storm Water
Discharge is Being Terminated: ☐

II. Facility Operator Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

III. Facility/Site Location Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____ Quarter: _____ Section: _____ Township: _____ Range: _____

IV. Certification: I certify under penalty of law that all storm water discharges associated with industrial activity from the identified facility that are authorized by a NPDES general permit have been eliminated or that I am no longer the operator of the facility or construction site. I understand that by submitting this Notice of Termination, I am no longer authorized to discharge storm water associated with industrial activity under this general permit, and that discharging pollutants in storm water associated with industrial activity to waters of the United States is unlawful under the Clean Water Act where the discharge is not authorized by a NPDES permit. I also understand that the submittal of this Notice of Termination does not release an operator from liability for any violations of this permit or the Clean Water Act.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Instructions For Completing Notice of Termination (NOT) Form

Who Should File A Notice of Termination (NOT) Form

Permittees who are presently covered under the New York State issued State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity should submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) form when their facilities no longer have any storm water discharges associated with industrial activity as defined in the storm water regulations at 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14), or when they are no longer the operator of the facilities. Failure to file a Notice of Termination will result in the continued obligation to pay a yearly Regulatory Fee.

For construction activities, elimination of all storm water discharges associated with industrial activity occurs when disturbed soils at the construction site have been finally stabilized and temporary erosion and sediment control measures have been removed or will be removed at an appropriate time, or that all storm water discharges associated with industrial activity from the construction site that are authorized by a SPDES general permit have otherwise been eliminated. Final stabilization means that all soil-disturbing activities at the site have been completed, and that a uniform perennial vegetative cover with a density of 70% of the cover for unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures has been established, or equivalent permanent stabilization measures (such as the use of riprap, gabions, or geotextiles) have been employed. Permit Number: NYR100000 (Construction)

Where to File NOT Form

New York State is using EPA's information management system. Therefore, NOTs must be sent to the following address:

Storm Water Notice of Termination
Box 1185
Newington, VA 22122

Completing the Form

Type or print, using upper-case letters, in the appropriate areas only. Please place each character between the marks. Abbreviate if necessary to stay within the number of characters allowed for each item. Use only spaces for breaks between words, but not for punctuation marks unless they are needed to clarify your response. If you have any questions about this form, call the EPA Storm Water Hotline at (703) 821-4823.

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM
FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

APPENDIX C - Notice of Termination ("NOT")

Instructions—NYSDEC Form 91-19-13(9/92)

Notice of Termination (NOT) of Coverage Under The SPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated With Industrial Activity

Section I Permit Information

Enter the existing SPDES Storm Water General Permit number assigned to the facility or site identified in Section III. If you do not know the permit number, contact the EPA Storm Water Hotline at (703) 821-4823.

Indicate your reason for submitting this Notice of Termination by checking the appropriate box.

If there has been a change of operator and you are no longer the operator of the facility or site identified in Section III, check the corresponding box.

If all storm water discharges at the facility or site identified in Section III have been terminated, check the corresponding box.

Section II Facility Operator Information

Give the legal name of the person, firm, public organization, or any other entity that operates the facility or site described in this application. The name of the operator may or may not be the same name as the facility. The operator of the facility is the legal entity which controls the facility's operation, rather than the plant or site manager. Do not use a colloquial name. Enter the complete address and telephone number of the operator.

Section III Facility/Site Location Information

Enter the facility's or site's official or legal name and complete address, including city, state and ZIP code. If the facility lacks a street address, indicate the state, the latitude and longitude of the facility to the nearest 15 seconds, or the quarter, section, township, and range (to the nearest quarter section) of the approximate center of the site.

Section IV Certification

Federal statutes provide for severe penalties for submitting false information on this application form. Federal regulations require this application to be signed as follows:

For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer, which means: (i) president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision making functions, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities employing more than 250 persons or having gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second-quarter 1980 dollars), if authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor; or

For a municipality, state, federal, or other public facility: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

Paperwork Reduction Notice

Public reporting burden for this application is estimated to average 0.5 hours per application, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate, any other aspect of the collection of information, or suggestions for improving this form, including any suggestions which may decrease or reduce the burden to: Chief, Information Policy Branch, PM-223, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20490, or Director, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503.

APPENDIX D STORMWATER MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT

I. BACKGROUND

Stormwater runoff from developing areas can lead to off-site problems including flooding and erosion and water quality degradation. By changing land cover on developed sites, there can be reduced infiltration into the soil, decreased interception of precipitation by vegetation, and changes in the timing of runoff. Large runoff volumes and high rates of discharge from these sites can cause flooding and erosion if not properly controlled and conveyed from the sites. Additionally, pollutants, such as sediment, oil, grease, metals and nutrients, can be washed off impervious areas during storm events and be transported to lakes and streams and may contribute to water quality degradation. This is reflected in the Nonpoint Source Assessment Report published by NYS DEC in February 1989.

To minimize the effects of development, ideally the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff that reaches surface waters during and after development should not be altered from pre-development conditions. A variety of structural and non-structural measures -- for example, detention ponds, recharge basins, infiltration pits and trenches, diversion ditches, storage terraces and vegetative swales and other vegetative measures including artificial wetlands -- may be used to control and alleviate the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff.

The following guidelines, which include guidance for siting, sizing, and design of stormwater management measures, may be considered in the preparation and review of stormwater management plans to ensure that runoff during and after development is not substantially altered from pre-development conditions. Of course, such preparation and review should proceed on a case-by-case basis, attendant to the facts and circumstances surrounding the particular project involved.

Generally, appropriate stormwater management plans will achieve the following water and natural resource management objectives:

- reduce the rate of runoff from new land development to prevent increases in flooding and flood damage;
- reduce the erosion potential from a development or construction project; assure the adequacy of existing and proposed culverts and bridges; increase water recharge into the ground; decrease nonpoint source pollution and water quality degradation;
- maintain stream channels for their biological functions as well as for drainage through reduced streambank erosion;
- increase opportunities for preserving open space through stream corridor and flood plain protection; and
- increase recreational opportunities through the multiple use of stormwater management facilities.

II. GUIDANCE

The attached guidelines were developed as an aid to persons preparing and reviewing stormwater management plans. They provide guidance on sound management practices, but are not fixed and inflexible rules to be applied in reviewing stormwater management plans without considering the particular facts and circumstances of a particular project. Local conditions, for example the protection of a sensitive lake or trout stream from the influence of urbanization, may indicate the need for additional control measures.

It should be noted that some communities may have duly adopted stormwater management requirements, and that they should be consulted and complied with. For example, special regulations for controlling stormwater runoff in the Lake George Park are being promulgated under Article 43-0112 of the Environmental Conservation Law and watershed rules and regulations for certain water supply watersheds have been adopted.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT

1. DEFINITIONS

Baseflow — The portion of stream flow that is not due to storm runoff, is supported by groundwater discharge into a channel.

Conditional negative declaration — A negative declaration may be issued by a lead agency for an unlisted action (under SEQR), in which the action as initially proposed may result in one or more significant adverse environmental effects; however mitigation measures will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result (6 NYCRR 617.6(b)).

Drywell — Similar to infiltration trench but smaller with inflow from pipe; commonly covered with soil and used for drainage areas of less than 1 acre such as roadside inlets and rooftop runoff.

EIS — An Environmental Impact Statement.

Extended detention — A practice designed to store stormwater run-off by collection as a temporary pool of water, usually having at least a 24 hour residence time. A practice which is used to control peak discharge rates, and which provides gravity settling of pollutants.

First flush — The delivery of a disproportionately large load of pollutants during the early part of storms due to the rapid runoff of accumulated pollutants. The first flush in these guidelines is defined as one-half inch of runoff per acre of land which has been made more impervious from pre-development (natural) conditions through land clearing, land grading and construction/development activities.

Flood plain — For a given flood event, that area of land adjoining a continuous watercourse which has been covered temporarily by water.

Forebay — An extra storage area or treatment area, such as a sediment pond or created wetland, near an inlet of a stormwater management facility to trap incoming sediments or take up nutrients before they reach a retention or extended detention pond.

HEC-2 — U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Computer Program 723-X6-1202A intended for calculating water surface profiles for steady or gradually varied flow in natural or man-made channels.

Impervious area — Impermeable surfaces, such as pavement or rooftops, which prevent the infiltration of water into the soil.

Infiltration — A practice designed to promote the recharge of groundwater by containment and concentration of stormwater in porous soils.

Infiltration basin — An impoundment made by excavation or embankment construction; commonly serves a drainage area of 5 to 50 acres; usually closer to 50.

Outfall — The terminus of a storm drain where the contents are released.

Peak flow — The maximum instantaneous flow of water during a storm, usually in reference to a specific design storm event.

Peak flow attenuation — The reduction of the peak discharge of storm runoff by storage and gradual release of that storage.

Retention — A practice designed to store stormwater run-off by collection as a permanent pool of water without release except by means of evaporation, infiltration, or attenuated release when runoff volume exceeds the permanent storage capacity of the permanent pool.

Riparian area — A relatively narrow strip of land that borders a stream or river.

Riprap — A combination of large stone, cobbles and boulders used to line channels, stabilize stream banks, reduce runoff velocities, or filter out sediment.

Riser — A vertical pipe extending from the bottom of a pond that is used to control the discharge rate from the pond for a specified design storm.

Sand attenuating filter — A chamber open to the surface containing a surface layer of sand over a high void aggregate base; these are innovative but apparently effective practices for atypical situations such as where a site is unsuitable for stormwater infiltration or retention.

SEQR — An acronym for the State Environmental Quality Review Act; Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

Sheetflow — Runoff which flows over the ground surface as a thin, even layer, not concentrated in a channel.

Special flood hazard area — an area in a community that has been identified as susceptible to a 1% or greater chance of flooding in any given year. A 1% probability flood also is known as the 100-year flood.

SPDES — An acronym for the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; A regulatory/permit program administered under Article 17 of the Environmental Conservation Law, by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to control point source discharges of water pollution.

Storm frequency — The average frequency of occurrence of events having a given volume and duration. For example: a 2-year, 10-year, or 100-year storm.

Storm drain — Any open or closed conduit designed to convey stormwater.

Storm duration — The length of time over which a precipitation event occurs (e.g., 24-hours).

Storm volume — The total amount of precipitation occurring over the storm duration.

Swale — A natural depression or wide shallow ditch used to temporarily route, or filter runoff.

TR-20 — A rainfall runoff model developed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service for hydrologic analyses of a watershed under present conditions of land cover/use and structural or channel modifications using single event storm rainfall-frequency data. Output consists of peaks and/or flood hydrographs, their time of occurrence and water surface elevations at any desired cross section or structure.

2. FLOOD CONTROL GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be used to ensure that stormwater runoff is safely conveyed through a development site during and after construction. Also through peak flow attenuation, the guidelines can be used to facilitate the control of stormwater runoff so as to minimize or alleviate flooding and stream bank erosion associated with land development and urbanization. The guidelines are as follows:

A. Peak Flow Attenuation

- (1) The release of stormwater runoff from development should not exceed pre-development (natural) conditions. To accomplish this, stormwater runoff should be controlled so that during and after development, the site will generate no greater peak than prior to development for a 2-year, 10-year, and 100-year 24-hour storm considered individually.
 - Attenuation of the 2-year storm is intended to achieve the stream channel erosion control objective.
 - Attenuation of the 10-year storm is intended to assure the adequacy of existing and proposed culverts and storm drain systems.
 - Attenuation of the 100-year storm is intended to reduce the rate of runoff from development to prevent expansion of the 100-year flood plain so as to alleviate flooding of improved properties and roadways.
- (2) It is not necessary that peak flow attenuation requirements be satisfied only by means of detention basins. For example, infiltration trenches, dry wells, or stone reservoirs underneath paving, may be used for the purpose of attenuating peak flows for smaller storms with appropriate consideration for length of life of the stormwater facility, and feasibility of maintenance.
- (3) Where dams are to be constructed for attenuating peak flows, approval may have to be obtained from DEC pursuant to Article 15-0503 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

B. 100-Year Flood Plains

- (1) At a minimum, encroachment into the special flood hazard area should be allowed only in compliance with local restrictions adopted for community participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). A permit is required for encroachment into flood plains in Part 500 communities¹.
- (2) A 50' buffer (building restriction line) should be established from the flood hazard area as a safety factor to allow for inaccuracy in the determination. Pursuant to Article 24 (ECL), a 100-foot buffer is required around a protected wetland.
- (3) The stormwater management plan for all developments of 5 or more acres or containing 5 or more dwelling units located wholly or partially within a 100-year flood plain where flood elevation data are not available through the NFIP, must include a study to determine 100-year flood plain elevations in accordance with TR-20, HEC-2 or other standard engineering methods. Such elevation data shall be used to regulate flood plain encroachments in accordance with the NFIP. The 100-year flood plain elevation and the building restriction line should be shown on the plan.

¹ Part 500 community – A community for which flood insurance regulations are administered by the State of New York under 6 NYCRR 500 pursuant to Article 36 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

C. Runoff Conveyance Systems

- (1) Priority should be given to maintaining natural drainage systems, including perennial and intermittent streams, swales and drainage ditches in an open condition.
- (2) Where closed storm drain systems (i.e., those involving a culvert or similar conduit) are deemed essential, justification should be made as to why it is necessary to have a closed system. When justified, the closed system should be designed to:
 - (a) convey the 10-year storm flow within the closed storm drain system; and
 - (b) provide for safe overland conveyance of flow of the 100-year storm through the development (generally over the top of the closed storm drain system). All overland flow conveyance structures should be at least 1' above the 100-year flood plain elevation and the outfalls of such conveyances should be stabilized with rip-rap or other suitable material to reduce erosion.
- (3) Any alteration to a protected stream, a stream bed or the banks thereof, including the installation of stormwater conveyance systems will require an Article 15, Protection of Water Permit and may require an Article 24, Freshwater Wetlands Permit. When stream protection measures are mandated on a protected stream, a fisheries habitat technician should be involved with the planning and design of such measures.
- (4) Any culvert or stormwater structure placed in a stream should not impede fish migration.

D. Stream Corridor Management

- (1) Consistent with the State's Stream Corridor Management Program, land clearing and land grading within a stream corridor should be avoided or minimized, except at stream crossing so that stream and drainage courses remain in a natural state.²
- (2) Care should be exercised to ensure that riparian vegetation, including grasses, shrubs and trees in the stream corridor or along the watercourse, remain undisturbed during land clearing, land grading and land development.

3. WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be used in conjunction with the flood control guidelines to protect water quality from runoff associated with land clearing, land grading and construction activities. The guidelines should be followed by a project applicant/sponsor in preparing and implementing a stormwater management plan (SMP). The guidelines should apply to all land areas where soil permeability has been changed as a result of land clearing, land grading and land development.

A. Control of "First Flush"

Control of the "first flush" is important in stormwater management because most runoff-related water quality contaminants are transported from land, particularly impervious surfaces, during the initial stages of a storm event. For example, from 70% to 95% of the contaminants in stormwater can be removed by capturing the first flush of runoff

² New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, "Stream Corridor Management: A Basic Reference Manual". Albany, 1986.

through infiltration practices³. Regardless of whether infiltration, retention or extended detention practices are used to capture the first flush, the guideline is as follows:

Provide for control of the first 1/2-inch of runoff from all land areas for which the perviousness has been changed over pre-development (natural) conditions due to land clearing, land grading and construction⁴.

B. Control of Thermal Discharges

Control of thermal energy in stormwater runoff in watersheds having streams which support cold water fisheries is essential. Impervious surfaces, for example, asphalt parking areas and roofs, store large quantities of heat during hot weather in summer. The heat from such surfaces is released to stormwater through conduction during storm events. Stormwater runoff having elevated temperatures can, in turn, increase stream temperatures during storm events and adversely impact cold water fisheries. Accordingly:

Stormwater discharges should be consistent with the thermal criteria found in Part 704 of the Water Quality Regulations, Title 6, Chapter X, New York State Codes, Rules and Regulations.

C. Hierarchy of Methods for Managing Stormwater Quality

The following stormwater management systems, summarized in descending order of preference, should be used to control the first flush when designing stormwater facilities. The practices are: (1) infiltration, (2) retention, and (3) extended detention. When a stream supporting a cold water fishery is the object of protection, extended detention should be placed ahead of retention in the hierarchy. A combination of these practices, including stormwater management adjuncts (number 4 in the hierarchy), may be used to achieve first flush control objectives. The project sponsor/applicant should provide justification for the rejection of practices listed as priority 1, 2, or 3.

- (1) **Infiltration** - Infiltration of runoff on-site by use of vegetated depressions and buffer areas, pervious surfaces, drywells, infiltration basins and trenches permits immediate recharge of groundwater and aids quality treatment through soil filtration. This practice eliminates or minimizes direct stormwater discharges to a waterbody and provides thermal benefits to cold water fisheries.
- (2) **Retention** - Retention by use of wet ponds and wetlands constructed in upland areas provides for the storage of collected runoff in a holding area prior to release in a waterway allowing quality treatment by sedimentation, flocculation, and biological removal. Retention is used when post-development runoff volume is expected to exceed the capabilities of infiltration. However, summer temperatures of water in a retention facility may exceed temperatures required to sustain a cold water fishery. Therefore, retention is not appropriate where stored (warm) water in a retention facility is displaced by storm runoff and discharged to a trout stream in contravention of Part 704 standards.
- (3) **Extended Detention** - Extended detention provides for the temporary storage of collected runoff in a holding area prior to release into a waterway. Settling is the primary pollutant removal mechanism associated with extended detention. As such, the degree of removal is dependent on whether a given pollutant is in particulate or soluble form. Removal is likely

³ Maryland Department of Natural Resources, "Minimum Water Quality Objectives and Planning Guidelines for Infiltration Practices," Water Resources Administration, Sediment and Stormwater Division, Annapolis, MD, April, 1986.

⁴ Note that, in addition to paved surface areas and land areas connected to buildings, the contributory area for which the first 1/2-inch of runoff should be controlled includes lawn and similarly landscaped surfaces.

to be quite high if a pollutant is a particulate, whereas very limited removal can be expected for soluble pollutants.

Extended detention can provide thermal benefits to a trout stream. By using a perforated, low flow drain pipe encased in a gravel jacket having an adequate mass, extended detention may be used to dissipate heat and cool stormwater runoff prior to its discharge to a trout stream.

- (4) Stormwater Management Adjuncts - Flow and pollutant attenuation by use of open vegetated swales, vegetated buffer zones, or filter strips, provides water quality treatment by filtration, attenuation, buffering, sedimentation, biological and removal and particle retention. These practices should be used to compliment infiltration, retention or extended detention.

4. DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR CONTROLLING THE FIRST ONE-HALF INCH OF RUNOFF

Following are design guidelines for controlling the first 1/2-inch of runoff from the contributory drainage.

A. Infiltration

- (1) Infiltration systems should be designed to capture the first one-half inch of stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces, lawns and similarly landscaped areas in the development site. Stormwater volumes in excess of this amount should be managed for quantity control by supplemental practices.
- (2) Infiltration systems should incorporate measures which:
 - a. Recognize that the recommended design time to drain stored runoff from an infiltration system depends on the specific method or practice. Accordingly, the following ponding or storage times represent the maximum design time period for the referenced facility:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TIME (24-hour days)</u>
Infiltration Basin	5
Infiltration Trench	15
Dry Wells	15
Porous Pavement	2
Vegetated Depression	1

- b. Ensure that infiltration measures are placed at least 100' from septic systems and water supply wells.
- c. Recognize that soils with infiltration rates less than .5 inches per hour are unsuitable for infiltration measures.
- d. Provide for a vertical separation distance of at least 4 feet between the bottom of the infiltration system and the seasonably high groundwater table or bedrock. (The excavation of an inspection trench/pit or soil borings at the proposed site of the infiltration facilities to determine the elevation of bedrock and groundwater, and the documentation of such tests must be conducted under the direction of a professional engineer, architect, or landscape architect licensed to practice in New York State.)
- e. Trap excess loads of sediment, grease, oils, and settleable solids and other objectionable materials including floatable organics, materials from roadways, parking surfaces, and similar paved areas before they enter the infiltration system.

- f. Route design runoff flows through an infiltration basin without scouring or eroding the basin floor and clogging the surface soil pores.
- g. Route base flow (if any exists) rapidly through the basin to prevent ponding or standing water.
- h. Distribute storm runoff volume evenly over the floor of the basin to maximize exfiltration rates.
- i. Provide for safe emergency overflow with measures to provide a non-erosive velocity or flow along its length and at the outfall.

In addition to the above;

- j. Infiltration systems should not receive runoff until the entire contributory drainage area to the infiltration system is permanently stabilized.
- k. Placement of infiltration facilities in areas which have been filled is unacceptable. Compacted fill material loses permeability and the in situ/fill material interface may cause slope failure due to slippage.
- l. If on-site septic systems are to be used, soils must be able to accommodate loading from both on-site infiltration facilities and on-site septic systems.

B. Retention

(1) Retention (Wet) Ponds

- a. Retention is the preferred method of stormwater management when the water table or bedrock is too high for infiltration and soils are poorly drained. Retention improves stormwater quality by gravity settling, naturally occurring chemical flocculation, and biological uptake.
- b. Wet ponds (another term for retention pond) should not be constructed by impounding existing wetlands unless authorized by the DEC under Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands Act. If existing wetlands are to be located in an anticipated permanent pool area, the maximum normal pool elevation should not increase mean water depth in the wetland area.
- c. Retention ponds should be enhanced with areas of shallow water habitat for additional water quality benefits. Retention ponds also can be part of a created shallow water wetland design, (see use of wetlands for stormwater management).
- d. Retention ponds (other than shallow marshes addressed later) should be designed as follows:
 - i. pond geometry should provide for complete mixing of inflow before discharging.
 - ii. in larger ponds, diversion barriers such as small islands should be used to increase effective length of flow and permit maximum mixing.

- iii. the depth of the pond will vary depending on its intended use. The pond contour should include:
- an average pond depth of 3–6 feet;
 - a shallow area 0.5' to 2' deep at the inlet;
 - a littoral area or bench 10 feet in width along the perimeter to promote marsh habitat for filtering and nutrient removal; and
 - an area 8' to 14' in depth to promote gravity settling and fish habitat.
- iv. the minimum drainage area to be served by a wet (retention) pond should be approximately 10 acres. Soils should have infiltration rates less than 0.5 inches/hour.
- v. if soils are so porous that an unreasonably large drainage area is required to sustain a relatively small pond, then infiltration practices should be used.
- vi. the residence time of pond water should be 24 to 40 hours to remove a minimum of two-thirds of the suspended solids and other pollutants from the incoming stormwater. For removal of phosphorus compounds in lake watersheds where eutrophication is a threat or problem, larger volume ponds should be designed to provide a 14-day residence time.
- vii. retention ponds should accommodate up to 10-year storm volumes. The minimum volume retained should be that associated with the first one-half inch of runoff. Excess volumes, for example, the 100-year storm, may be detained.
- viii. velocity dissipation devices should be placed at the outfall of all retention structures and along the length of any outfall channel as necessary to provide a non-erosive velocity of flow from the structure to water course. Velocity dissipation devices may be required in stream channels at outfall locations to prevent erosion and fisheries habitat degradation. Pursuant to Article 15 (ECL), a Protection of Waters Permit may have to be obtained in order to install in-stream velocity dissipation devices in protected streams.
- ix. the construction of wet (retention) ponds in and around class AA, A, B, C(T) and (TS) streams (water suitable for trout) may not be appropriate to protect these waters and should not be permitted except where, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 704 of the Water Quality Regulations, Title 6, Chapter X, retention will not be injurious to cold water fisheries or their habitat. This practice may elevate water temperatures as well as reduce dissolved oxygen levels.
- x. pursuant to Article 15-0503 of the Environmental Conservation Law, approval for construction of a dam for a stormwater retention facility may have to be obtained from DEC.

(2) Use of Wetlands in Stormwater Management

The use of wetlands for stormwater management is receiving increased attention. Wetlands are known to provide water quality benefits by filtering and trapping suspended solids including sediment, chemical adsorption, biological assimilation, microbial decomposition and chemical decomposition.

- a. **Use of Existing Wetlands** - It is generally not acceptable to discharge untreated stormwater directly into naturally existing wetlands. Direct, untreated discharges may overload the natural system, and make it impractical to manage (e.g., by periodic sediment removal) resulting in contamination of the wetland and accelerated succession. Direct discharges also may alter the hydrology and hydroperiod of the wetland, which may significantly alter the vegetative community therein.

However, incorporating an existing wetland in its natural state into a well-designed stormwater management plan may be an acceptable method of stormwater management when adverse impacts to the wetland can be avoided. Natural wetlands should be used only for final polishing after pre-treatment by preliminary practices, such as infiltration, retention or extended detention. In these situations, ultimate discharge to the natural wetland may maintain base flow into the system, thereby helping to maintain the health of the wetland.

Except as provided for in section B. (1) b., natural wetlands should not be impounded for the creation of either wet or dry ponds.

- b. **Use of Artificially Created Wetlands** - Wetlands may be created as part of a stormwater management plan to provide water quality improvement. They may enhance treatment provided by wet ponds and create extended detention areas by enlarging the wetland portions of existing basins.

A created wetland also can provide first-flush treatment when one or more smaller ponds are included. Such a design would be essential if no other pre-treatment practices are used. In the winter when vegetative uptake mechanisms are absent, a pond in the wetland retains higher levels of nitrogen compounds which would otherwise escape downstream.

- c. **Factors for Consideration in Designing Created Wetlands** -

- i. **Location** -- the preferred locations are: upland areas adjacent to, but separated from, existing streams and wetlands by vegetated filter

strips wide enough to provide a buffer; in an upland extended detention basin; or as a forebay to a wet pond or detention basin.

- ii. **Hydraulic design** -- specific stormwater management plan criteria must be determined for each site to ensure the created wetland is sufficient to meet the demands being place on it and to determine hydrologic impacts to receiving wetlands, if any.

- iii. **Expected inflows** -- inflows may be composed of stormwater surface water or groundwater. Stormwater should be introduced to wetlands as sheet flow whenever possible. If inflow is conveyed through the outfall, a forebay is necessary. Incoming velocities should not exceed 4 fps during two-year storm events.

- iv. Shape and depth -- shallow ponds do not have as long a residence time as deeper ponds. Therefore, caution should be used in substituting deep ponds with shallow marshes. However, the water quality values provided by the substrate, biota and vegetation in wetlands may provide services not provided by deeper ponds. It is important to determine what water quality improvement is needed and whether ponds or wetlands better serve that need.

When creating wetlands, 75% of the wetland should be 18 inches or shallower. Twenty-five percent of the total surface area should be reserved for open water areas that are deeper than 18 inches. However, if the water exits the wetland through an outlet structure, the outlet should be located in water approximately 3 feet deep. Similarly, if a forebay is used, it should be at least 3 feet deep and comprise 10% of the total wetland and pond volume.

- v. Vegetative composition -- the plant species selected should be compatible with the physical nature of the wetland (e.g., depth), the climate conditions of the area, and their tolerance to the presence of pollutants. A planting scheme and schedule should be incorporated into the stormwater management plan.

C. Extended Detention

- (1) Extended detention ponds may be used to enhance water quality in stormwater runoff. Extending the detention time of dry or wet ponds is an effective, low cost means of removing particulate pollutants and controlling increases in downstream bank erosion. Extended detention is preferred over retention where there is a need to maintain stream temperatures in support of a trout fishery pursuant to the thermal criteria found in Part 704 of the Water Quality Regulations, Title 6, Chapter X.
- (2) When extended detention ponds are used, they may be acceptable with the following conditions:
 - a. The "first-flush" runoff volume (i.e., the first one-half inch of runoff from the contributory drainage) should be extended over a 24-hour detention period.
 - b. Stormwater runoff volume generated from a one-inch storm should be released over a 24-hour detention period. The control device should be adjusted so that smaller runoff events (0.1 to 0.2 inches), which normally pass through the pond quickly, are detained for at least a minimum of six hours. In larger watersheds, up to 40 hours of extended detention may be needed for streambank erosion control.
 - c. Pond outfall velocities should not exceed 4 fps during 2-year storm events.
 - d. Velocity dissipation devices should be placed at the outfall of all extended detention structures and along the length of any outfall length channel as necessary to provide a non-erosive velocity of flow from the structure to a water course. Velocity dissipation devices may be required in stream channels at outfall locations to prevent erosion and fisheries habitat degradation. Pursuant to Article 15 (ECL), a Protection of Waters Permit may have to be obtained in order to install in-stream velocity dissipation devices in protected streams.

- c. Pursuant to Article 15-0503 of the Environmental Conservation Law, approval for construction of a dam for a stormwater detention facility may have to be obtained from DEC.

D. Stormwater Management Adjuncts

Generally, relatively small volumes of stormwater (i.e., drainage from less than 1 acre or relatively small storms) can be managed entirely by flow and pollution attenuation practices including vegetative swales, filter strips, and water quality inlets. These practices usually are used to supplement other practices such as those described above; therefore, they are referred to herein as stormwater management adjuncts. Where vegetative swales and filter strips will be used, stormwater should to the extent possible be managed as sheetflow and have velocities less than 4 fps during 2-year storm events. The following design criteria should be considered when swales, filter strips and water quality inlets are used to control stormwater runoff.

- (1) **Vegetative swales**⁵ - Vegetative swales typically are applied in single family residential developments and highway medians as an alternative to curb and gutter drainage systems. When individual lots are greater than 0.5 acre, open section roadways with vegetated swales and check dams are preferred over curb and gutter management systems for stormwater conveyance. In designing and constructing swales:
 - a. small slopes in the flow of swales should be graded as close to zero as drainage will permit. Side-slopes of swales should be no greater than 3:1.
 - b. a dense cover of water tolerant, erosion resistant grass must be established. Reed canary grass is recommended for this purpose. Swale grasses should not be mowed close to the ground, as this impedes the filtering and hydraulic functions of the swale. Also, if a swale is adjacent to a roadway, sensitive species with a low salt tolerance (e.g., bluegrass) should be avoided.
 - c. underlying soils should have a percolation rate of at least 0.5 inches per hour.
 - d. the swale should be tilled before the grass cover is established to restore infiltration capacity lost as a result of prior construction activities.
 - e. Check dams can be installed in swales to promote additional infiltration. A preferred method is to sink a railroad tie halfway into the swale, and place stones on the downstream side to prevent a scour hole from forming. If a check dam is used, the designer should make sure that the maximum ponding time of runoff backed up behind the check dam does not exceed 24 hours.
- (2) **Filter Strips**⁶ - Filter strips do not provide enough storage or infiltration to effectively reduce peak discharges to pre-development levels for design storms. Filter strips are however, viewed as one component of an integrated stormwater management system.
 - a. The top edge of the filter strip should follow across the same elevational contour. If a section on the top edge of the strips dips below the contour, it is likely that runoff will eventually form a channel toward the low spot.

⁵ Adopted from: Schueler, T.R. "Controlling Urban Runoff: A Practical Manual for Planning and Designing Urban BMPs". Department of Environmental Programs, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Washington, D.C. July, 1987.

⁶ Ibid.

- b. A shallow stone trench which follows the contour can be used as level spreader at the top of the strip to distribute flow evenly. This also can serve to protect the strip from anthropogenic damage.
- c. The top edge of the filter strip should directly abut the contributing impervious area. Otherwise, runoff may travel along the top of the filter strip rather than through it. Berms can be placed at 50–100 foot intervals perpendicular to the top edge of the filter strip to prevent runoff from by-passing the strip.
- d. As an absolute minimum, a grass strip should be at least 20 feet wide. Improved performance can be achieved if the strip is 50–75 feet wide, plus an additional four feet wide per each one percent of slope at the site (particularly if it is a forested strip).
- e. Wooded filter strips are preferred to grassed strips. If an existing wooded belt cannot be preserved at the project site, the grassed strip should be managed to gradually become wooded by intentional plantings.
- f. If a filter strip has been used as a sediment control measure during the construction phase, it is advisable to regrade and reseed the top edge of the strip. Otherwise, the sediment trapped in the filter strip may affect the flow patterns across the strip, thereby reducing its effectiveness.

- (3) **Water Quality Inlets (oil/grit separators)** - The primary function of a water quality inlet (also known as an oil/grit separator) is to remove sediment and hydrocarbon loadings from impervious surfaces such as parking lots less than one acre in size before runoff reaches an infiltration basin or other stormwater management facility. If contaminants such as sediment and oil or other petroleum-based products found on parking lots and street surfaces are not removed, they will clog soil pores and prevent infiltration of runoff in the soil in infiltration basins or trenches.

A water quality inlet usually is designed as an underground, reinforced concrete vault consisting of three chambers: a sediment/grit removal chamber, an oil separation chamber and an outlet chamber. Owing to their limited capacity, water quality inlets store only a small fraction of the 2-year design storm volume. Therefore, they play no role in attenuating the post-development peak discharge rate. Furthermore, since runoff rapidly flows through an inlet, only moderate removal of coarse sediment, oil/grease, and debris can be expected, while removal of fine-grained particulate pollutants such as silt and clay will be more limited. Water quality inlets have little effect on removing soluble pollutants such as phosphorus. It is to be noted that a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit may be needed for parking lots or impervious storage areas associated with industrial and commercial activities.

- a. oil/grit separators generally should be designed for areas less than one acre in size.
- b. the depth of the permanent pool in each chamber should be at least 4 feet, and there should be at least 400 cubic feet of wet storage in the chambers for each impervious acre in the contributory drainage.
- c. the first chamber should be designed for grit and sediment removal. The first and second chamber should be separated by a trash rack to prevent clogging orifices between the two chambers.
- d. the second chamber should be designed for separation of oil and other hydrocarbons from runoff. Separation can be achieved by installing an inverted pipe with a 90° elbow in the baffle or wall that separates the second from third chamber.

- c. the grit/oil separator should be equipped with manholes to facilitate cleanout and maintenance.

5. REFERENCES

The basic design criteria, methodologies and construction specifications for stormwater management should be those of the Soil Conservation Service, the Soil and Water Conservation Society, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Metropolitan Council of Governments which may be found in the most current edition of the following publications and their subsequent revisions:

- A. Empire State Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society, New York Guidelines for Urban Erosion and Sediment Control, Syracuse, 1988.
- B. Soil Conservation Service. "Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds", Technical Release No., 55. June 1986.
- C. Soil Conservation Service. "Engineering Field Manual", latest edition, as applicable.
- E. "Soil Conservation Service Standards and Specifications for Ponds." Specifications No. 378. July 1981. (This document allows for use of metal pipe risers. Steel structures may corrode in 20 years or less. Therefore, use materials other than steel, especially in aggressive environments.)
- F. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, Ponds-Planning Design. Construction. Agriculture Handbook No. 590. 1982.
- G. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, "Guidelines for Design of Dams", Revised January 1988.
- H. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, "An Owners Guidance Manual for the Inspection and Maintenance of Dams in New York State". June 1987.
- I. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. "Stream Corridor Management: A Basic Reference Manual." Albany, 1986
- J. Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Controlling Urban Runoff-A Practical Manual for Planning and Designing Urban BMPs. July 1987.

**NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
SELF-ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**

File No.: _____ Date Initiated: _____

Project Name: _____

Location: _____
(Address)

(County) Region

Applicant: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

FLOOD CONTROL

A. Peak Flow Attenuation

- The pre-development peak discharge rates from the project site are:
 2-year storm _____ cfs
 10-year storm _____ cfs
 100-year storm _____ cfs
- The post-development peak discharge rates from the project site are:
 2-year storm _____ cfs
 10-year storm _____ cfs
 100-year storm _____ cfs
- A dam(s) _____ (will/will not) be constructed for attenuating peak flows. If a dam is to be constructed, a permit for Dam Construction will/will not), pursuant to Article 15-0503 of the Conservation Law, be required.
- The proposed development project _____ (is/is not) in compliance with local restrictions adopted pursuant to the National Flood Insurance Program.
- All closed stormwater drainage systems on the project site are, at a minimum, designed to convey the _____-year storm while providing for the _____ year storm through the development.

- The proposed project _____ (is/is not) in compliance with all provisions of Article 15 (Protection of Waters Act), Article 24 (Freshwater Wetlands Act), and Article 25 (Tidal Wetlands Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

The Stormwater Management Facilities _____ (have, don't have) water quality improvement features.

If they do, what management facilities are included

Infiltration _____

Retention _____

Extended Detention _____

Is the first 1/2 inch of runoff from the altered land area being treated?

_____ (Yes)

_____ (No)

If not, how much runoff will be captured and treated?

If the proposed stormwater facilities do not provide for water quality management, or if less than the first 1/2 inch is managed, explain why:

The classification of the waters which receive the stormwater is

The thermal criteria contained in 6 NYCRR Part 704 _____ (will/will not) be met.

(Signature)

(License No.)

APPENDIX E EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL GUIDELINES

I. BACKGROUND

Sediment in runoff from construction sites can have a significant effect on the quality of downstream waters. Construction sites have also been identified as a significant source category in the State Nonpoint Source Assessment Report.

The potential effects of increased sediment are varied:

Sediment may destroy fish habitat through blanketing of fish spawning and feeding areas and elimination of certain food organisms, directly impact fish through gill abrasion and fin rot, and reduce sunlight penetration, thereby impairing photosynthesis of aquatic plants. Suspended sediment decreases recreational values, reduces fishery habitat, adds to the mechanical wear of water supply pumps and distribution systems, and adds to treatment costs for water supplies. Nutrients and toxic substances attached to sediment particles are transported to waterbodies and may enter aquatic food chains, cause fish toxicity problems, contribute to algal blooms, impair recreational uses, and degrade the water as a drinking water source.¹

The following guidelines are designed for consideration by both government officials and project sponsors in the preparation and review of erosion and sediment control plans for a land development project. If implemented properly, the guidelines herein will assist in achieving the following water and natural resource management objectives.

- reduce the erosion potential from a development or construction project;
- decrease nonpoint source pollution and water quality degradation;
- maintain stream channels for their biological functions, as well as for drainage, through reduced sediment deposition.

II. GUIDANCE

The attached guidelines were developed to aid persons in preparing and reviewing erosion and sediment control plans. They provide guidance on sound management practices, but are not fixed and inflexible rules to be applied in reviewing erosion control plans without considering the particular facts and circumstances of a particular project.

¹ Nonpoint Source Management Program. January, 1990.

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL GUIDELINES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT

- A. Existing vegetation on a project site should be retained and protected as much as possible to minimize soil loss on a project site and to minimize erosion control costs.
- B. Sediment control practices/measures, where necessary, should be designed to protect the natural character of rivers, streams, lakes, coastal waters or other waterbodies on-site and minimize erosion and sedimentation off-site from the start of land disturbance activities to establishment of permanent stabilization.
 - 1. The off-site impacts of erosion and sedimentation related to land clearing, grading and construction activities should not be any greater during and following land disturbance activities than under pre-development conditions.
 - 2. Pursuant to Part 700 et seq. of Title 6, Chapter X of NYCRR:
 - a. toxic and other deleterious substances shall not be discharged in amounts that will adversely affect the taste, color or odor thereof, or impair the waters of the state for their best (classified) usages,
 - b. suspended, colloidal and settleable solids shall not be discharged in amounts that causes substantial visible contrast to natural conditions, or causes deposition or impairs the waters for their best (classified) usages.

This means that stream reaches on-site and downstream of construction areas should not have substantial visible contrast relative to color, taste, odor, turbidity and sediment deposition from the reaches upstream of the construction area. Impacts such as these which result from construction or developmental activities are a violation of Part 700 water quality standards and may be subject to enforcement actions.

- C. Erosion and sediment control measures should be constructed in accordance with an erosion and sediment control plan. The plan should:
 - 1. describe the temporary and permanent structural and vegetative measures that will be used to control erosion and sedimentation for each stage of the project from land clearing to the finished stage.
 - 2. provide a map showing the location of erosion and sediment control measures.
 - 3. provide dimensional details of proposed erosion and sediment control facilities as well as calculations used in the siting and sizing sediment basins. (Guidance for performing calculations can be obtained in the reference cited in Section E.8.)
 - 4. identify temporary erosion and sediment control facilities which will be converted to permanent stormwater management facilities.
 - 5. provide an implementation schedule for staging temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control facilities.
 - 6. provide a maintenance schedule for soil erosion and sediment control facilities and describe maintenance activities to be performed.
- D. Erosion and sediment control measures should be constructed prior to beginning any other land disturbances. The devices should not be removed until the disturbed land areas are stabilized.

E. Specify guidance.

1. **Exposure Restrictions:** No more than 5 acres of unprotected soil should be exposed at any one time. Previous earthwork should be stabilized in accord with approved design standards and specifications referenced in Section E.8 before additional area is exposed. (Site factors including topography, soil erosion potential, proximity to wetlands and water courses may require limiting the amount of raw earth that can be exposed at any one time to less than 5 acres.)
2. **Grading:** Perimeter grading should blend with adjoining properties.
3. **Vegetative Protection:** Where protection of trees and/or other vegetation is required, the location of the site to be protected should be shown on the erosion control plan. The method of protecting vegetation during construction should conform to the design criteria referenced in Section E.8.
4. **Drainage control.**
 - a. Surface runoff that is relatively clean and sediment free should be diverted or otherwise prevented from flowing through areas of construction activity on the project site. This will greatly reduce sediment loading in surface runoff.
 - b. A fill associated with an approved temporary sediment control structure or permanent stormwater management structure, should not be created which causes water to pond off-site on adjacent property, without first having obtained ownership or permanent easement for such use from the owner of the off-site or adjacent property.
 - c. Natural drainage channels should not be altered or relocated without the proper approvals. Pursuant to Article 15 of the Environmental Conservation Law, a protected stream and the bed and banks thereof should not be altered or relocated without the approval of the Department of Environmental Conservation.²
 - d. Runoff from any land disturbing activity should not be discharged or have the potential to be discharged off-site or into storm drains or into watercourses unless such discharge is directed through a properly designed, installed and maintained structure, such as a sediment trap, to retain sediment on-site. Accumulated sediment should be removed when 60% of the storage capacity of the sediment retention structure is filled with sediment.
 - e. For finished grading, adequate gradients should be provided so as to prevent water from standing on the surface of lawns for more than 24 hours after the end of a rainfall, except in a swale flow area which may drain as long as 48 hours after the end of rainfall.
 - f. Permanent swales or other points of concentrated water flow should be stabilized with sod, rip-rap, paving, or covered with a approved erosion control matting as provided for in the design criteria referenced in Section E.8.

² A natural drainage channel refers to a swale, water course in a gully, or a protected or unprotected stream. Natural drainage channels should not be altered or relocated on adjacent properties without first having obtained ownership or a permanent easement for the altered or relocated drainage channel from the owner of the off-site or adjacent property.

- b. Where temporary work roads or haul roads cross stream channels, adequate waterway openings must be constructed using spans, culverts, washed rock backfill or other acceptable, clean methods that will ensure that road construction and use do not result in turbidity and sediment downstream. All stream crossing activities and appurtenances shall be in compliance with a permit issued pursuant to Article 15 of the Environmental Conservation Law, where applicable, and should be carried out in conformance with guidelines in DEC's Stream Corridor Management manual.⁴

7. Maintenance.

- a. An erosion control plan for a project site should identify maintenance requirements for erosion and sediment control practices utilized, and it should provide a maintenance schedule. All erosion and sediment control measures should be inspected periodically and maintained in conformance with the schedule so as to ensure they remain in effective, operating condition until such times as they are removed.
- b. All points of construction ingress and egress should be protected to prevent the deposition of materials onto traversed public thoroughfare, either by installing and maintaining a stabilized construction entrance, or by washing all vehicle wheels in a safe disposal area. All materials deposited onto public thoroughfares should be removed immediately. Proper precautions should be taken to ensure that materials deposited onto public thoroughfares are removed so that they do not enter catch basins, storm sewers, or combined sewers.
- c. Accumulated sediment should be removed when 60% of the storage capacity of the retention structure is filled with sediment.

8. Design specifications.

Designs, standards and specifications for controlling erosion and sedimentation are found in the following publication and should be identified and shown in the erosion control plan:

Empire State Chapter, Soil & Water Conservation Society,
New York Guidelines for Urban Erosion and Sediment
Control, Syracuse. March 1988.

⁴ New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, "Stream Corridor Management: A Basic Reference Manual," Albany, 1986.

Appendix F

THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN* (Structure and Content)

INTRODUCTION

Water quality impacts and flooding associated with land development can be mitigated by installing structural and vegetative stormwater control measures. In order to properly choose, size and site a stormwater management measure or a combination of measures for a specific project or development site, certain information must be gathered and analyzed beforehand. Such information gathering and analyses can best be accomplished within the framework of a stormwater management and erosion control plan. Such a plan should be required for all development proposals that meet applicability criteria set forth by the locality. Suggested criteria are presented in Chapter III. The purpose of this chapter is to provide local planning agencies, developers and consultants with a framework for (1) structuring a stormwater management and erosion control plan, (2) identifying the kinds of information that should be gathered, and (3) describing the kinds of analyses that should be made.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN: STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

At a minimum, a stormwater management and erosion control plan should:

- ◄ provide background information about the scope of the project.
- ◄ provide a statement of stormwater management objectives.
- ◄ compare post-development stormwater runoff conditions with pre-development conditions.
- ◄ describe proposed structural and vegetative stormwater measures to ensure that the quantity, temporal distribution and quality of stormwater runoff during and after development is not substantially altered from pre-development conditions.
- ◄ identify the type and frequency of maintenance required by the stormwater management and erosion control facilities utilized.

Within the above context, the following outline details the structure and content of a stormwater management and erosion control plan.

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Describe what is being proposed (i.e., residential lot subdivision, planned unit development, commercial/retail development, or industrial development).
2. Describe project size (i.e., number of acres, number of dwelling units, other buildings, and density).
3. Describe other improvements which will be made on project site, including streets and roads, utilities (water, sewer, etc.), and give particular attention to acreage of land that will become paved and covered with buildings. Lawn acreage also should be specified.

*Appendix F is a reprint of Chapter 4 of the NYS DEC April, 1992 publication entitled, Reducing the Impacts of Stormwater Runoff from New Development

4. Provide a location map.* Include watersheds in the community that may be impacted by project. Also, show highways, roads, and proximity of project to nearest city, village or hamlet, and to the nearest waterbody, and other prominent features.
5. Provide a base map containing boundary lines of the project site, sub-catchments, and contributory watersheds at a scale agreed upon by the municipality and developer. "
6. Provide an analysis of site limitations and development constraints by including such factors as slope, soil erodibility, depth to bedrock, depth to seasonal high water, soil percolation, etc., to facilitate evaluation of site suitability for proposed stormwater and erosion control facilities in relation to the overall development proposal.
7. Provide a statement describing how this project will meet stormwater management objectives established by the municipality.
8. Provide a general description of the approaches which will be taken to control erosion and sedimentation and stormwater runoff.
9. Provide a statement indicating when project is to begin and the expected date of completion.
10. Provide a map and description of all critical environmental areas, conservation areas, wildlife habitats, easements, etc., to be protected. (These areas should be marked in the field.)
11. Provide an analysis of potential impacts from the proposed development to natural resource features on-site and off-site such as streams, lakes, wetlands, water supplies, coastal estuaries, etc. A determination as to whether the proposed development will affect any designated primary or principal aquifer should also be included.

B. EXISTING (PRE-DEVELOPMENT) CONDITIONS

1. Provide map showing topography (contours) under existing conditions. On this same map, show drainage patterns, including ditches, culverts, permanent streams, intermittent/ephemeral streams or drainages, wetlands, or other waterbodies, and existing roads. Indicate sizes of existing culverts. Delineate watershed and sub-watershed boundaries on the map.
2. Provide a map showing existing land use, open space, public facilities, utility lines, water supply wells on site, and predominant vegetation cover types (forested, brushland, grassland, cropland, pasture, etc.).
3. Obtain soils survey information and, by sub-catchment, provide tabular information detailing the area in acres that are in each of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) Hydrologic Soil Groups A, B, C or D in Table 10 in Chapter III. Soils information should be obtained by conducting a site-specific soil survey.

* Include a north arrow on all maps.

" For subdivision review purposes, maps typically have a scale ranging from 1" = 50' to 1" = 200'. Map scales in the range of 1" = 1' to 1" = 40' are not uncommon depending on project size and amount of detail required. Maps for stormwater management planning can adopt any of the above scales. The contour interval for the maps should be two feet or an appropriate interval selected on the basis of site conditions and agreed upon by the municipality and developer.

4. Where applicable, provide a map showing designated 100-year flood plain boundaries in affected drainage basins in the community including any available 100-year flood elevations and floodways. Show culverts downstream of project and culvert size. Show existing easements for storm drains, sewers, and other utilities. Show the extent of the drainage area served by a man-made stormwater drainage network if that network system is collecting runoff from outside of the natural drainage basin and is discharging into the basin of concern.
5. Provide hydrologic data describing rainfall characteristics. This should include:
 - a. Precipitation data for several return periods (i.e., the 1-year, 2-year, 10-year, and 100-year storms for a 24-hour duration).
 - b. Provide stream channel survey data by sub-catchment showing channel conditions including roughness and vegetation.

C. PROPOSED FUTURE (DEVELOPMENT) CONDITIONS

1. Provide a map showing by sub-catchment, the completed project, including lot layout, approximate location of buildings, streets, and other paved surfaces, final contours, utility lines, water supply wells, individual sewage disposal systems, and location and types of easements.
2. Provide tabular information, by sub-catchment, showing the acres of impervious area created in the proposed development as well as the extent of lawn and areas where the land has been made more impervious than pre-development conditions.
3. By sub-catchment, show on a map changes to land surface, including areas of cuts and fills, changes in vegetative cover types, and final contours. Indicate by sub-catchment, land-clearing and earth moving start-up and completion dates.
4. Indicate construction schedule including estimated completion date(s) and proposed winter shutdowns.

II. COMPARISON OF PRE-DEVELOPMENT WITH POST-DEVELOPMENT RUNOFF

A. METHODOLOGIES

1. Describe or identify the methodology used to compare and evaluate pre- with post-development runoff conditions in terms of volumes, peak rates of runoff, routing, and hydrographs. (Chapter III. describes several commonly used hydrologic models for computing runoff.)
 - Peak discharge rates and total runoff volumes from the project area for existing site conditions and post-development conditions for the 2-year and 10-year, 24 hour storm events should be calculated. The relevant variables used in this determination, such as curve number and time of concentration should be included.
 - Downstream analysis of the 100-year, 24 hour event, including peak discharge rates, total runoff volumes and evaluation of impacts to receiving waters and/or wetlands should be evaluated.

- Storage volume and surface area requirements necessary to provide flood control for runoff generated during 2-year, 10-year and 100-year, 24 hour storm events should be calculated.
 - Discharge provisions for the proposed control measures, including peak discharge rates, outlet design, discharge capacity for each stage, outlet channel design, and a description of the point of discharge should be provided.
 - Sufficient detail should be provided to show that the stormwater facility(ies) is/are capable of withstanding the discharge from the 100-year storm event.
2. Describe or identify the methodology used to compare and evaluate pre- with post-development pollutant loading. Contaminants to be compared include total suspended solids, total phosphorus, total nitrogen, and biological oxygen demand. Pollutant loading coefficients may be used. (Chapter III. describes several commonly used models for calculating pollutant loading.)
- Water quality treatment facilities should be designed to control the first 1/2 inch of runoff or runoff from the 1-year, 24 hour storm event, or whichever is greater.
 - The necessary storage volumes should be calculated and the proposed stormwater measure(s) should be described in detail. The plans should provide sufficient detail of the water quality control measures to ensure that the relevant design criteria will be met.
 - Specific information may include surface area dimensions, depths, inlet designs, planting specifications for use of aquatic vegetation, percent solids removal expected, discharge rates and outlet design.

B. CALCULATIONS

1. State any assumptions used in making the calculations.
2. Provide assumptions and coefficient values used in the hydrologic calculations for making above comparisons. Evaluate the post-development effect of stormwater runoff on identified flood plains or designated flood hazard areas in the community.
3. Compare pollutant loading between before and after conditions. Provide computations.

III. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

A. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

1. Describe in a narrative and show on a map, by sub-catchment, proposed stormwater management facilities. A soil profile to at least one foot below the stormwater management facility should be provided.
2. Provide designs of proposed structural stormwater management facilities. Pursuant to the provisions in Chapter V. for peak flow attenuation and water quality management, indicate which facilities will be used to attenuate peak flows, which will be used to enhance stormwater runoff quality, and which facilities will serve a dual role. Identify the materials to be used in constructing these facilities.

3. Calculations for sizing stormwater facilities should be provided.
4. Provide designs and calculations for siting and sizing such specialized measures and devices as filter strips, water quality inlets (oil/grit separator) forebays, etc., which will be used to remove sediment, oil-based products, and other contaminants found in urban runoff.
5. Provide an evaluation of the amount of treatment or level of pollutant reduction that can be expected from the proposed stormwater management facility(ies). Contaminants to be considered in this evaluation include total suspended solids (TSS), total phosphorus (P), total nitrogen (N), biological oxygen demand (BOD) and thermal pollution. Evaluation of the effectiveness of stormwater management practices can be based on reports on the effectiveness of comparable stormwater facilities on similar sites. Pollutant loading coefficients for total P, total N and BOD, and models for making this evaluation are identified and briefly discussed in Chapter III.

Guidance for evaluating the level of reduction of TSS (and other pollutants attached thereto) that can be expected from selected stormwater management facilities can be found in the publication entitled "Methodology for Analysis of Detention Basins for Control of Urban Runoff Quality".¹ Also, the BMPSOFT model and P8 Urban Catchment Model referred to in Table 14 in Chapter VI may be used to calculate the level of reduction of TSS (and other pollutants) that can be expected from selected stormwater management facilities.

6. Provide information on the design provisions that address safety considerations (e.g., gentle slopes and benches in ponds) and accommodate maintenance needs (including access to conduct maintenance operations).

B. STORMWATER CONVEYANCE SYSTEM

1. Describe in a narrative and map by sub-catchment the stormwater conveyance (drainage) system. Indicate which segments of the drainage system are open channels and which segments are piped (culverts). Provide rationale and justification for installing piped segments.
2. Provide plan view and cross-sectional designs of stormwater conveyance systems. Hydrologic calculations for siting and sizing the stormwater conveyance system should be provided. Identify materials to be used.
3. Provide plans, designs and identify materials to be used for preventing erosion in channel sections of stormwater conveyance systems. Show how erosion at culvert inlets and outfalls will be prevented.

C. RECREATIONAL AND/OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES (Optional)

1. Describe and illustrate any recreational or landscape features which are to be factored into the stormwater management system to enhance the aesthetics of the facility(ies) and provide multiple use options.
2. On the map prepared under Section I.C.1., show the location of recreational facilities.
3. Provide landscaping sketches and designs for the stormwater management facilities.

IV. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

A. TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL FACILITIES

(to be used during land clearing, land grading and the construction phases)

1. Describe temporary structural facilities and vegetative measures which will be used to control erosion and sedimentation.
2. Provide a map showing, by sub-catchment, the location of temporary vegetative and structural erosion and sediment control facilities.
3. Provide dimensional details of proposed erosion and sediment control facilities and identify the materials that will be used in developing these facilities. Calculations used in siting and sizing sediment basins should be provided (see New York Guidelines for Urban Erosion and Sediment Control).
4. Identify temporary erosion and sediment control facilities which will be converted to permanent stormwater management facilities.
5. Provide an implementation schedule for the staging of temporary erosion and sediment control facilities.
6. Provide a maintenance schedule for soil erosion and sediment control facilities.

B. PERMANENT EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL FACILITIES

1. Describe permanent structural and vegetative practices which will be used to provide long-term control of erosion and sedimentation when construction activities are completed and the project site is restored.
2. Provide a map showing, by catchment, the location of permanent erosion control facilities, including both structural and vegetative.
3. By sub-catchment, provide an implementation schedule for restoring the project site with permanent erosion and sediment control facilities.

V. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE AND MAINTENANCE

- A. Provide an implementation schedule for staging of all stormwater management facilities. Describe how this schedule will be coordinated with the staging of erosion and sediment control facilities and construction activities.
- B. Provide a description of the arrangements which will be made for ensuring long-term maintenance of stormwater management and erosion control facilities. Back-up contingency plans should be provided and described. Those responsible for performing maintenance should be identified.

ACCOUNTABILITY DURING PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Significant progress has been made in preparing improved development plans that address stormwater and erosion control concerns. Quite often, however, there is a breakdown between what is called for in the plan and what is actually delivered during the plan implementation phase. Frequently erosion and sediment controls during construction tend to fail because they are either not properly installed or properly maintained. Deposition of sediment in a stream, lake, or other receiving waterbody is the end result.

There are two things that a municipality can do to ensure that stormwater management and erosion and sediment control practices are being properly installed and maintained during the construction phase of the project:

1. If the municipality has an inadequate inspection and enforcement staff, it can extract a fee from the developer(s) to retain staff to do the inspections and provide enforcement.
2. The municipality also can require the developer(s) to establish a dedicated fund, such as a surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit. In the event the developer fails to properly install and maintain required stormwater management and erosion control practices, the municipality can draw upon the fund to do the necessary work itself or to have it done by another firm. In such case, the municipality should require an easement for the purpose of entering onto the property to install, maintain or repair stormwater and erosion control practices.

ATTACHMENT A2-2 EROSION CONTROL DETAILS

1. Silt Fence
2. Straw Bale Dike
3. Perimeter Dike/Swale
4. Temporary Swale
5. Sediment Trap for Drop Inlet



STANDARD AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR STRAW BALE DIKE

Definition

A temporary barrier of straw or similar material used to intercept sediment laden runoff from small drainage areas of disturbed soil.

Purpose

The purpose of a bale dike is to reduce runoff velocity and effect deposition of the transported sediment load. Straw bale dikes are to be used for no more than three (3) months.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

The straw bale dike is used where:

1. No other practice is feasible.
2. There is no concentration of water in a channel or other drainage way above the barrier.
3. Erosion would occur in the form of sheet erosion.

4. Length of slope above the straw bale dike does not exceed these limits:

Constructed Slope:	Percent Slope	Slope Length (feet)
2:1	50	25
2 - 1/2:1	40	50
3:1	33	75
3 - 1/2:1	30	100
4:1	25	125

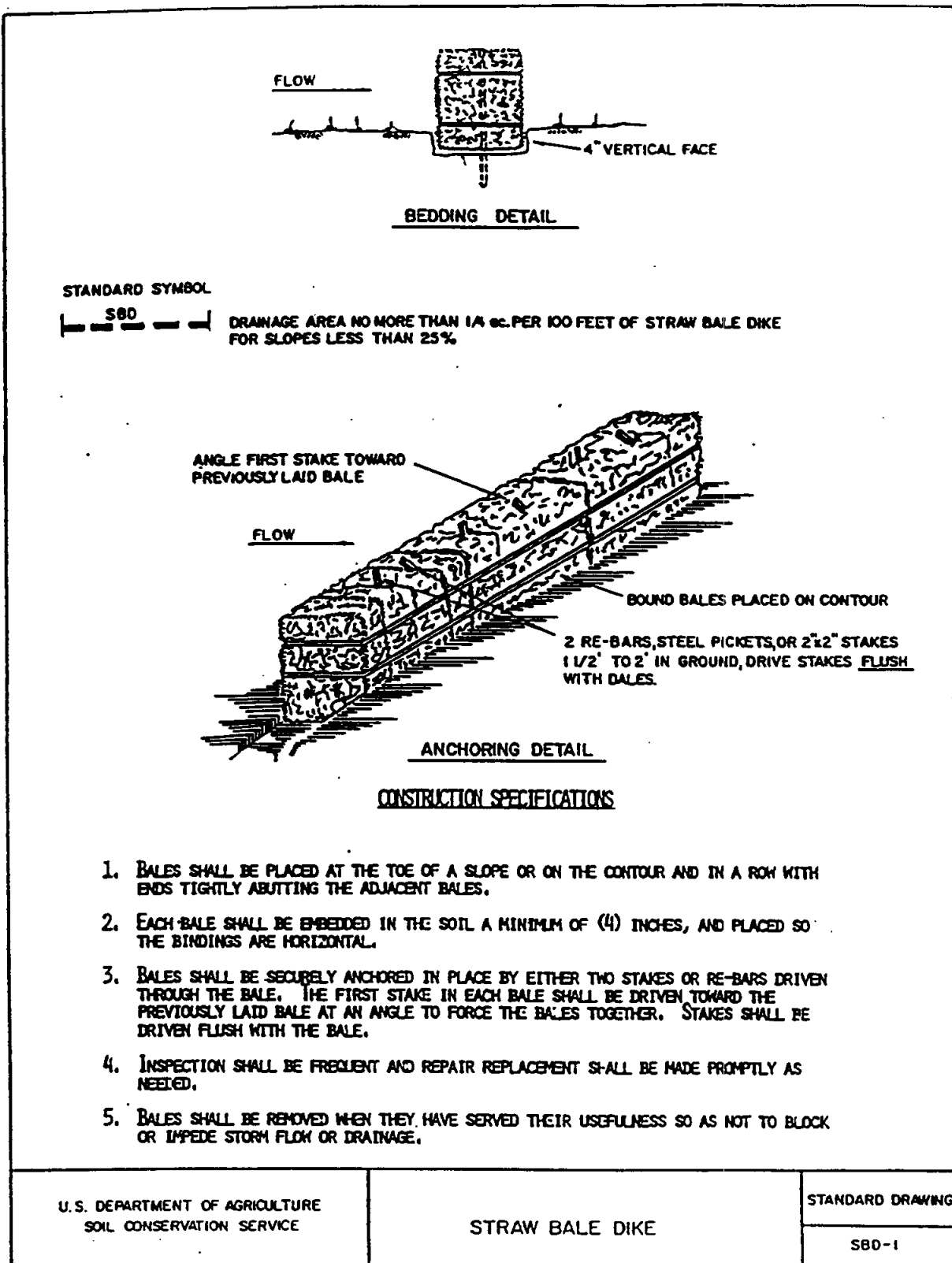
Where slope gradient changes through the drainage area, steepness refers to the steepest slope section contributing to the straw bale dike.

The practice may also be used for a single family lot if the slope is less than 15 percent. The contributing drainage area in this instance shall be less than one acre and the length of slope above the dike shall be less than 200 feet.

Design Criteria

A design is not required. All bales shall be placed on the contour with cut edge of bale adhering to the ground. See Figure 4.3 on page 4.10 or details.

**Figure 4.3
Straw Bale Dike Details**



STANDARD AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SILT FENCE

Definition

A temporary barrier of geotextile fabric (filter cloth) used to intercept sediment laden runoff from small drainage areas of disturbed soil.

Purpose

The purpose of a silt fence is to reduce runoff velocity and effect deposition of transported sediment load. Limits imposed by ultraviolet stability of the fabric will dictate the maximum period the silt fence may be used.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

A silt fence may be used subject to the following conditions:

1. Maximum allowable slope lengths contributing runoff to a silt fence are:

Slope Steepness	Maximum Slope Length (Ft)
2:1	50
3:1	75
4:1	125
5:1	175
Flatter than 5:1	200
2. Maximum drainage area for overland flow to a silt fence shall not exceed 1/2 acre per 100 feet of fence; and
3. Erosion would occur in the form of sheet erosion; and
4. There is no concentration of water flowing to the barrier.

Design Criteria

Design computations are not required. All silt fences shall be placed as close to the area as possible, and the area below the fence must be undisturbed or stabilized.

A detail of the silt fence shall be shown on the plan, and contain the following minimum requirements:

1. The type, size, and spacing of fence posts.
2. The size of woven wire support fences. (OPTIONAL)
3. The type of filter cloth used.
4. The method of anchoring the filter cloth.
5. The method of fastening the filter cloth to the fencing support.

Where ends of filter cloth come together, they shall be overlapped, folded and stapled to prevent sediment bypass. See Figure 4.4 on page 4.12 for details.

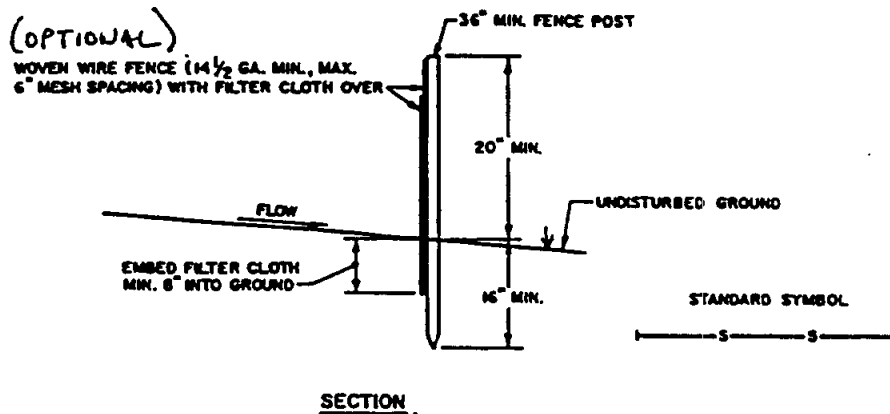
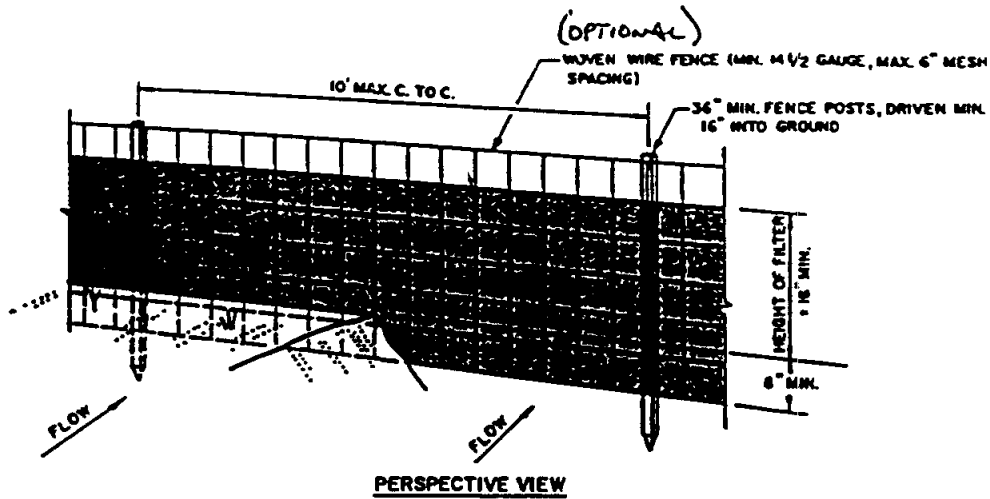
Criteria for Silt Fence Materials

1. Silt Fence Fabric: The fabric shall meet the following specifications unless otherwise approved by the appropriate erosion and sediment control plan approval authority. Such approval shall not constitute statewide acceptance. Statewide acceptability shall depend on in field and/or laboratory observations and evaluations.

Fabric Properties	Minimum Acceptable	
	Value	Test Method
Grab Tensile Strength (lbs)	90	ASTM D1682
Elongation at Failure (%)	50	ASTM D1682
Mullen Burst Strength (PSI)	190	ASTM D3786
Puncture Strength (lbs)	40	ASTM D751 (modified)
Slurry Flow Rate (gal/min/sf)	0.3	
Equivalent Opening Sizw	40-80	US Std Sieve CW-02215
Ultraviolet Radiation Stability (%)	90	ASTM G-26

2. Fence Posts (for fabricated units): The length shall be a minimum of 36 inches long. Wood posts will be of sound quality hardwood with a minimum cross sectional area of 3.0 square inches. Steel posts will be standard T and U section weighing not less than 1.00 pound per linear foot.
3. Wire Fence (for fabricated units): Wire fencing shall be a minimum 14-1/2 gage with a maximum 6 in. mesh opening, or as approved. (OPTIONAL)
4. Prefabricated Units: Envirofence or approved equal may be used in lieu of the above method providing the unit is installed per manufacturer's instructions.

Figure 4.4
Silt Fence Details



CONSTRUCTION NOTES FOR FABRICATED SILT FENCE

- (OPTIONAL)
1. WOVEN WIRE FENCE TO BE FASTENED SECURELY TO FENCE POSTS WITH WIRE TIES OR STAPLES.
 2. FILTER CLOTH TO BE FASTENED SECURELY TO WOVEN WIRE FENCE WITH TIES SPACED EVERY 24" AT TOP AND MID SECTION.
 3. WHEN TWO SECTIONS OF FILTER CLOTH ADJOIN EACH OTHER THEY SHALL BE OVERLAPPED BY SIX INCHES AND FOLDED.
 4. MAINTENANCE SHALL BE PERFORMED AS NEEDED AND MATERIAL REMOVED WHEN "BULGES" DEVELOP IN THE SILT FENCE.

POSTS: STEEL EITHER T OR U TYPE OR 2" HARDWOOD

FENCE: WOVEN WIRE, 14 1/2 GA. (OPTIONAL) 6" MAX. MESH OPENING

FILTER CLOTH: FILTER X, MIRAFIL 100, STAB-LINK 1140N OR APPROVED EQUAL

PREFABRICATED UNIT: GEOTAB, ENVIROFENCE, OR APPROVED EQUAL.

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SILT FENCE

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STANDARD AND SPECIFICATION FOR TEMPORARY SWALE

Definition

A temporary excavated drainage way.

Purpose

The purpose of a temporary swale is to prevent runoff from entering disturbed areas by intercepting and diverting it to a stabilized outlet or to intercept sediment laden water and divert it to a sediment trapping device.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

Temporary Swales are constructed:

1. To divert flows from a disturbed area.
2. Intermittently across disturbed areas to shorten overland flow distances.
3. To direct sediment laden water along the base of slopes to a trapping device.
4. To transport offsite flows across disturbed areas such as rights-of-way.

Swales collecting runoff from disturbed areas shall remain in place until the disturbed areas are permanently stabilized.

Design Criteria

See Figure 4.5 on page 4.14 for details.

Drainage Area	Swale A <5 Ac	Swale B 5-10 Ac
Bottom Width of Flow Channel	4 ft	6 ft
Depth of Flow Channel	1 ft	1 ft
Side Slopes	2:1 or Flatter	2:1 or Flatter
Grade	0.5% Min. 20% Max.	0.5% Min. 20% Max.

For drainage areas larger than 10 acres, refer to the Standard and Specifications for Waterways on page 4.91.

Stabilization

Stabilization of the swale shall be completed within 10 days of installation in accordance with the appropriate standard and specifications for vegetative stabilization or stabilization with mulch as determined by the time of year. The flow channel shall be stabilized as per the following criteria:

FLOW CHANNEL			
Type of Treatment	Channel Grade	A <5 Ac	B 5-10 Ac
1	0.5-3.0%	Seed & Straw Mulch	Seed & Straw Mulch
2	3.1-5.0%	Seed & Straw Mulch	Seed and cover with Jute or Excelsior, Sod, or lined with 2 in. stone
3	5.1-8.0%	Seed and cover with Jute or Excelsior, Sod line with 2 in. stone	Line with 4-8 in. stone or Recycled Concrete Equivalent
4	8.1-20%	Line with 4-8 in. stone or Recycled Concrete Equivalent ¹	Engineering Design

In highly erodible soils, as defined by local approving agency, refer to the next higher slope grade for type of stabilization.

¹ Recycled Concrete Equivalent shall be concrete broken into the required size, and shall contain no steel reinforcement.

Outlet

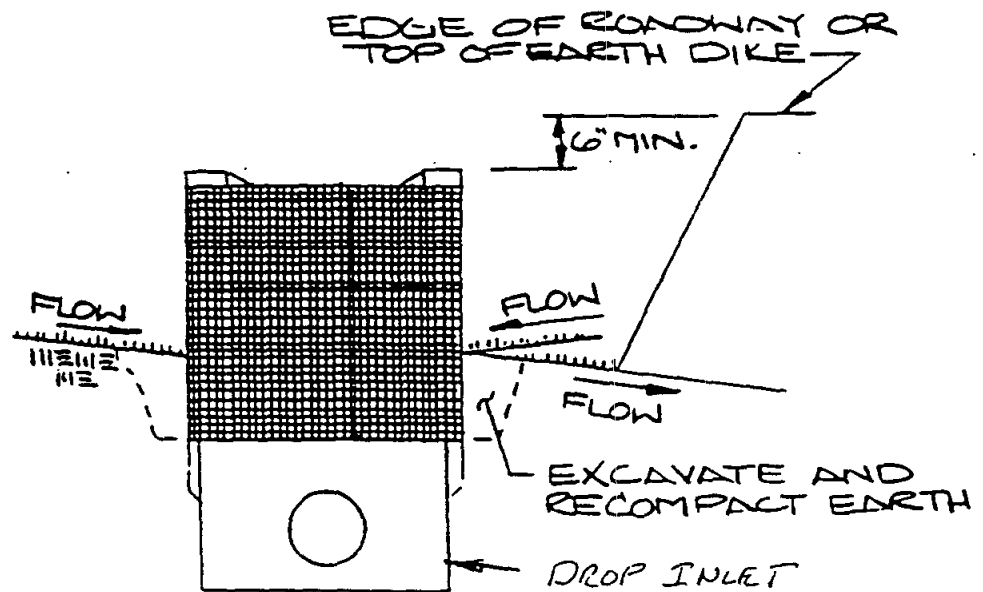
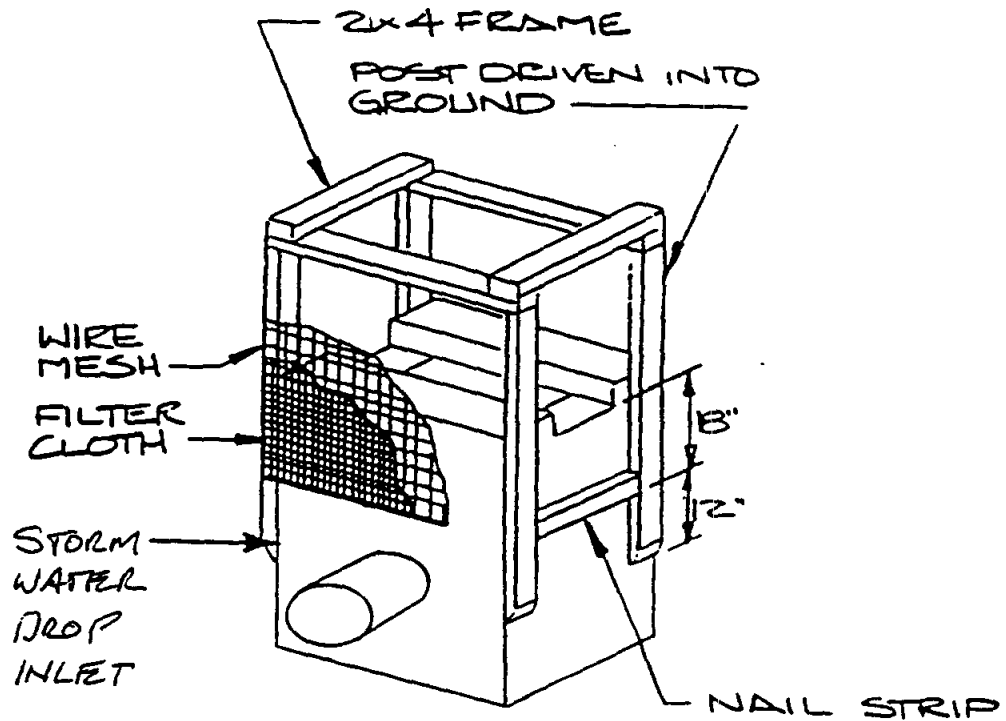
Swale shall have an outlet that functions with a minimum of erosion, and dissipates runoff velocity prior to discharge off the site.

Runoff shall be conveyed to a sediment trapping device such as a sediment trap or sediment basin until the drainage area above the swale is adequately stabilized.

The on-site location may need to be adjusted to meet field conditions in order to utilize the most suitable outlet condition.

If swale is used to divert flows from entering a disturbed area, a sediment trapping device may not be needed.

SEDIMENT TRAP FOR DROP INLETS



STANDARD AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR PERIMETER DIKE/SWALE

Definition

A temporary ridge of soil excavated from an adjoining swale located along the perimeter of the site or disturbed area.

Purpose

The purpose of a perimeter dike/swale is to prevent off site storm runoff from entering a disturbed area and to prevent sediment laden storm runoff from leaving the construction site or disturbed area.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

Perimeter dike/swale is constructed to divert flows from entering a disturbed area, or along tops of slopes to prevent flows from eroding the slope, or along base of slopes to direct sediment laden flows to a trapping device.

The perimeter dike/swale shall remain in place until the disturbed areas are permanently stabilized.

Design Criteria

See Figure 4.16 on page 4.34 for details.

The perimeter dike/swale shall not be constructed outside the property lines without obtaining legal easements from affected adjacent property owners. A design is not required for perimeter dike/swale. The following criteria shall be used:

Drainage area - Less than 2 acres (for drainage areas larger than 2 acres but less than 10 acres see earth dike; for drainage areas larger than 10 acres, see standard and

specifications for diversion).

Height - 18 inches minimum from bottom of swale to top of dike evenly divided between dike height and swale depth.

Bottom width of dike - 2 feet minimum.

Width of swale - 2 feet minimum.

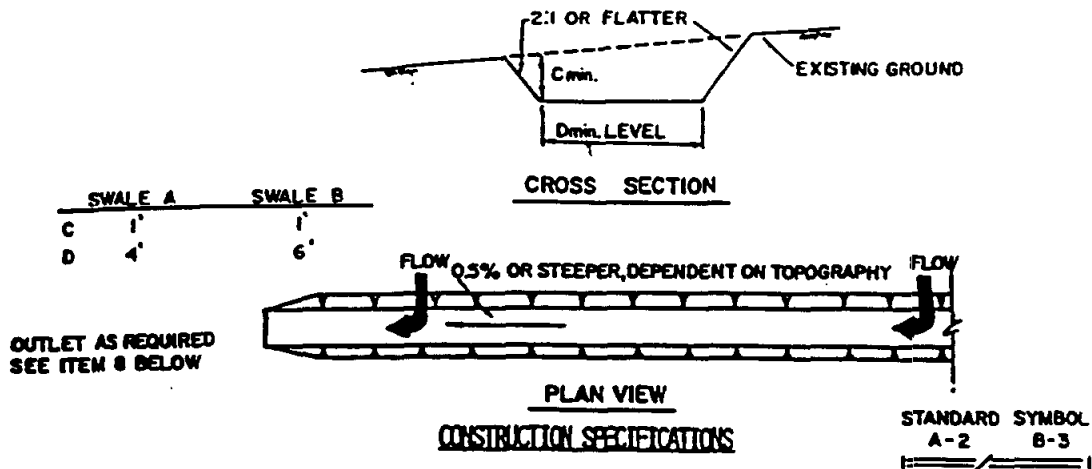
Grade - Dependent upon topography, but shall have positive drainage (sufficient grade to drain) to an adequate outlet. Maximum allowable grade not to exceed 20 percent.

Stabilization - The disturbed area of the dike and swale shall be stabilized within 10 days of installation, in accordance with the standard and specifications for seed and straw mulch or straw mulch only if not in the seeding season.

Outlet

1. Perimeter dike/swale shall have an outlet that functions with a minimum of erosion.
2. Diverted runoff from a protected or stabilized upland area shall outlet directly onto an undisturbed stabilized area.
3. Diverted runoff from a disturbed or exposed upland area shall be conveyed to a sediment trapping device such as a sediment trap, sediment basin, or to an area protected by any of these practices.
4. The on-site location may need to be adjusted to meet field conditions in order to utilize the most suitable outlet.

**Figure 4.5
Temporary Swale Detail**



1. ALL TEMPORARY SWALES SHALL HAVE UNINTERRUPTED POSITIVE GRADE TO AN OUTLET.
2. DIVERTED RUNOFF FROM A DISTURBED AREA SHALL BE CONVEYED TO A SEDIMENT TRAPPING DEVICE.
3. DIVERTED RUNOFF FROM AN UNDISTURBED AREA SHALL OUTLET DIRECTLY INTO AN UNDISTURBED STABILIZED AREA AT NON-EROSIVE VELOCITY.
4. ALL TREES, BRUSH, STUMPS, OBSTRUCTIONS, AND OTHER OBJECTIONABLE MATERIAL SHALL BE REMOVED AND DISPOSED OF SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF THE SWALE.
5. THE SWALE SHALL BE EXCAVATED OR SHAPED TO LINE, GRADE, AND CROSS SECTION AS REQUIRED TO MEET THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED HEREIN AND BE FREE OF BANK PROJECTIONS OR OTHER IRREGULARITIES WHICH WILL IMPERE NORMAL FLOW.
6. FILLS SHALL BE COMPACTED BY EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT.
7. ALL EARTH REMOVED AND NOT NEEDED ON CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE PLACED SO THAT IT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE FUNCTIONING OF THE SWALE.
8. STABILIZATION SHALL BE AS PER THE CHART BELOW:

FLOW CHANNEL STABILIZATION

<u>TYPE OF TREATMENT</u>	<u>CHANNEL GRADE</u>	<u>A (5 AC OR LESS)</u>	<u>B (5 AC - 10 AC)</u>
1	0.5-3.0%	SEED AND STRAW MULCH	SEED AND STRAW MULCH
2	3.1-5.0%	SEED AND STRAW MULCH	SEED USING JUTE OR EXCELSTOR
3	5.1-8.0%	SEED WITH JUTE OR EXCELSTOR; SOO	LINED RIP-RAP 4-8" RECYCLED CONCRETE EQUIVALENT
4	8.1-20%	LINED 4-8" RIP-RAP	ENGINEERED DESIGN

9. PERIODIC INSPECTION AND REQUIRED MAINTENANCE MUST BE PROVIDED AFTER EACH RAIN EVENT.

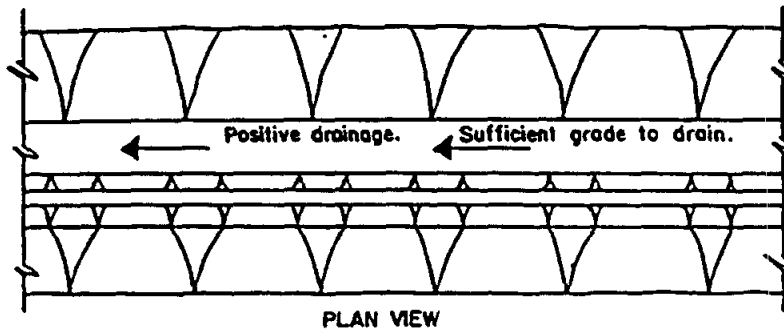
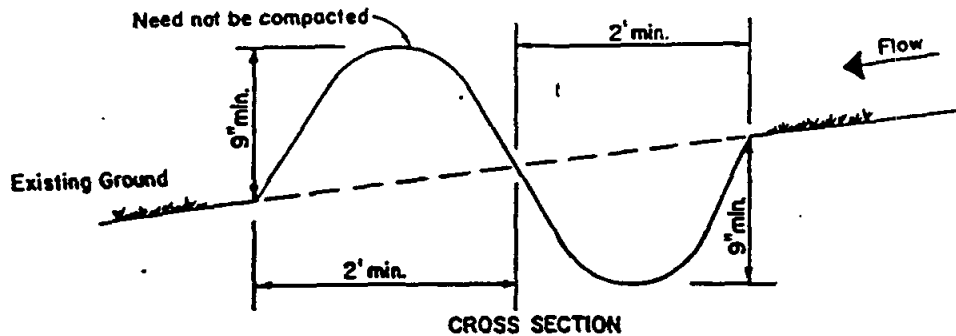
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TEMPORARY SWALE

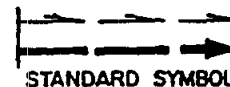
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Figure 4.16
Perimeter Swale Dike Detail



CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS



1. ALL PERIMETER DIKE/SWALE SHALL HAVE UNINTERRUPTED POSITIVE GRADE TO AN OUTLET.
2. DIVERTED RUNOFF FROM A DISTURBED AREA SHALL BE CONVEYED TO A SEDIMENT TRAPPING DEVICE.
3. DIVERTED RUNOFF FROM AN UNDISTURBED AREA SHALL OUTLET INTO AN UNDISTURBED STABILIZED AREA AT NON-EROSION VELOCITY.
4. THE SWALE SHALL BE EXCAVATED OR SHAPED TO LINE, GRADE, AND CROSS SECTION AS REQUIRED TO MEET THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN THE STANDARD.
5. STABILIZATION OF THE AREA DISTURBED BY THE DIKE AND SWALE SHALL BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD AND SPECIFICATION FOR SEED AND STRAW MULCH, AND SHALL BE DONE WITHIN 10 DAYS.
6. PERIODIC INSPECTION AND REQUIRED MAINTENANCE MUST BE PROVIDED AFTER EACH RAIN EVENT.

Max. Drainage Area Limit: 2 Acres

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ATTACHMENT A2-3
MONITORING, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN



MONITORING, INSPECTION, AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

IMPLEMENTATION

- A. The Contractor at this site shall at all times, properly construct, operate and maintain all erosion controls and features, as part of the closure construction activities, in accordance with regulatory requirements, and with good engineering and construction practices. Erosion control measures and activities will be in accordance with currently accepted Best Management Practices (BMPs).
- B. This erosion control monitoring, inspection, and maintenance plan has been developed to achieve compliance with the requirements of this construction site storm water and erosion control plan. The key elements of the monitoring effort include the following:
- Site Inspections and Maintenance;
 - BMPs Monitoring;
 - Recordkeeping;
 - Review and Modifications; and
 - Certification of Compliance.

SITE INSPECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

- A. The temporary erosion control features installed by the Contractor will be maintained by the contractor until no longer needed or permanent erosion control methods are installed.

Site inspections are required every seven days or within 24 hours of a rainfall of 0.5 inches or greater. All disturbed areas, areas for material storage, locations where vehicles enter or exit the site, and all of the erosion and sediment controls that are identified as part of this site's construction storm water and erosion control plan must be inspected. Controls must be in good operating condition until the affected area they protect has been completely stabilized and the construction activity is complete. If a repair is necessary, it must be completed within seven (7) days of receipt of a report or notice, if

practical. Inspection for specific erosion and sediment controls will include the following:

- Silt fence will be inspected to determine the following:
 - 1) depth;
 - 2) condition of fabric;
 - 3) that the fabric is attached to the posts; and
 - 4) that the fence posts are firmly in the ground.
 - The silt fences will be inspected weekly and within 24 hours of a 0.5 inch or greater storm event.
 - Diversion berms, if used, will be inspected and any breaches promptly repaired.
 - Temporary and permanent seeding and planting will be inspected for bare spots, washouts, and other potential erosion control problems.
 - The Contractor shall designate individual(s) that will be responsible for erosion control, maintenance, and repair activities. The designated individual will also be responsible for inspecting the site and filling out the inspection and maintenance report.
 - Personnel selected for inspection and maintenance responsibilities will receive training as directed by the Engineer. They will be trained in all the inspection and maintenance practices necessary for keeping the erosion and sediment controls used onsite in good working order.
- B. The individual inspecting the site must record any damages or deficiencies on an inspection form (attached). These forms can be used to request maintenance and repair and to document inspection and maintenance activities. Damages or deficiencies must be corrected as soon as possible after the inspection. Any changes that may be required to correct deficiencies in the Erosion Control Plan should also be made as soon as possible, but in no case later than seven days after the inspection.
- C. An Inspection and Maintenance Report Form is attached to record the inspection and assessment.

- D. The Contractor's erosion control inspection records must be presented to the Engineer at the site.

RECORDKEEPING

A. Records Retention

A copy of the Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Plan and inspection and maintenance records must be kept at the construction site from the time construction begins until the site is stabilized.

The Plan and related records will be made available upon request to any regulatory agency representatives or members of the public.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN

- A. During the course of construction, unanticipated changes may occur which affect this plan such as schedule changes, phasing changes, staging area modifications, offsite drainage impacts and repeated failures of designed controls. Any changes to the activities and controls identified in this plan must be documented and the Plan revised accordingly.
- B. Certification of revisions to this plan shall be included at the end of the document.

CONSTRUCTION SITE STORM WATER CONTROL PLAN INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT FORM

To be completed every 7 days and within 24 hours of a rainfall event of 0.5 inches or more

Regular Inspector: _____ Rainfall Event Inspector: _____ Rainfall (inches): _____

Contractor Activities	OK	NO	N/A	Notes
Are construction onsite traffic routes, parking and storage of equipment and supplies restricted to areas specifically designated for those uses?				
Are locations of temporary soil stock piles of construction materials in approved areas?				
Is there any evidence of spills and resulting cleanup procedures?				
General Erosion & Sediment Controls				
Are sediment and erosion BMPs installed in the proper location and according to the specifications set out in the SWM & ECP? Are all operational storm drain inlets protected from sediment inflow? Do any seeded or landscaped areas require maintenance, irrigation, fertilization, seeding or mulching? Is there any evidence that sediment is leaving the site? Is there any evidence of erosion or cut fill slopes?				
Perimeter Road Use				
<p>Does much sediment get tracked on to the perimeter road? Is the gravel clean or is it filled with sediment?</p> <p>Does all traffic use the perimeter road to leave the site?</p> <p>Is maintenance or repair required for the perimeter road?</p>				

Inspected by (Signature) _____

Date _____

CONSTRUCTION SITE STORM WATER CONTROL PLAN INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT FORM

To be completed every 7 days and within 24 hours of a rainfall event of 0.5 inches or more

Inspector: _____

STABILIZATION MEASURES					
Area	Date Since Last Disturbed	Date of Next Disturbance	Stabilized? Yes/No	Stabilized with	Condition

Stabilization Required: _____

To be performed by: _____ On or before: _____

ATTACHMENT A3

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Certification Form

Annual Certification of Institutional/Engineering Controls
LTV Voluntary Clean-up Program Site

Property Name:

Property Address:

County: Erie

City/Town: Buffalo

Property ID: (Tax Assessment Map)

Section: _____

Block: _____

Lot(s): _____

I (name), residing at (address), as owner of the property(ies) listed above which are located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Voluntary Cleanup Site named above; do certify that the engineering and/or institutional controls, as specified in the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for the Voluntary Cleanup Site are in-place and functioning as designed within the property(ies) listed above.

Signature: _____

(This area for notary public)

ATTACHMENT A4

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
TAGM 4031**

**TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM #4031**

**FUGITIVE DUST SUPPRESSION AND PARTICULATE MONITORING PROGRAM
AT INACTIVE HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES**

TO: Regional Hazardous Waste Remediation Engrs., Bur. Directors & Section Chiefs
FROM: Michael J. O'Toole, Jr., Director, Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation
SUBJECT: DIVISION TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE
MEMORANDUM -- FUGITIVE DUST SUPPRESSION AND
PARTICULATE MONITORING PROGRAM AT INACTIVE
HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES
DATE: Oct 27, 1989

Michael J. O'Toole, Jr. (signed)

1. Introduction

Fugitive dust suppression, particulate monitoring, and subsequent action levels for such must be used and applied consistently during remedial activities at hazardous waste sites. This guidance provides a basis for developing and implementing a fugitive dust suppression and particulate monitoring program as an element of a hazardous waste site's health and safety program.

2. Background

Fugitive dust is particulate matter--a generic term for a broad class of chemically and physically diverse substances that exist as discrete particles, liquid droplets or solids, over a wide range of sizes--which becomes airborne and contributes to air quality as a nuisance and threat to human health and the environment.

On July 1, 1987, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) revised the ambient air quality standard for particulates so as to reflect direct impact on human health by setting the standard for particulate matter less than ten microns in diameter (PM₁₀); this involves fugitive dust whether contaminated or not. Based upon an examination of air quality composition, respiratory tract deposition, and health effects, PM₁₀ is considered conservative for the primary standard--that requisite to protect public health with an adequate margin of safety. The primary standards are 150 ug/m³ over a 24-hour averaging time and 50 ug/m³ over an annual averaging time. Both of these standards are to be averaged arithmetically.

There exists real-time monitoring equipment available to measure PM_{10} and capable of integrating over a period of six seconds to ten hours. Combined with an adequate fugitive dust suppression program, such equipment will aid in preventing the off-site migration of contaminated soil. It will also protect both on-site personnel from exposure to high levels of dust and the public around the site from any exposure to any dust. While specifically intended for the protection of on-site personnel as well as the public, this program is not meant to replace long-term monitoring which may be required given the contaminants inherent to the site and its air quality.

3. Guidance

A program for suppressing fugitive dust and monitoring particulate matter at hazardous waste sites can be developed without placing an undue burden on remedial activities while still being protective of health and environment. Since the responsibility for implementing this program ultimately will fall on the party performing the work, these procedures must be incorporated into appropriate work plans. The following fugitive dust suppression and particulate monitoring program will be employed at hazardous waste sites during construction and other 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. Such activities shall also include the excavation, grading, or placement of clean fill, and control measures therefore should be considered.
3. Particulate monitoring must be performed using real-time particulate monitors and shall monitor particulate matter less than ten microns (PM_{10}) with the following minimum performance standards:

Object to be measured: Dust, Mists, Aerosols

Size range: <0.1 to 10 microns

Sensitivity: 0.001 mg/m^3

Range: $0.001 \text{ to } 10 \text{ mg/m}^3$

Overall Accuracy: $\pm 10\%$ as compared to gravimetric analysis of stearic acid or reference dust

Operating Conditions:

Temperature: $0 \text{ to } 40^\circ\text{C}$

Humidity: 10 to 99% Relative Humidity

Power: Battery operated with a minimum capacity of eight hours continuous operation

Automatic alarms are suggested.

Particulate levels will be monitored immediately downwind at the working site and integrated over a period not to exceed 15 minutes. Consequently, instrumentation

shall require necessary averaging hardware to accomplish this task; the P-5 Digital Dust Indicator as manufactured by MDA Scientific, Inc. or similar is appropriate.

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 entity operating the equipment 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/m^3 over the integrated period not to exceed 15 minutes. While conservative, this short-term interval will provide a real-time assessment of on-site air quality to assure both health and safety. If particulate levels are detected in excess of 150 ug/m^3 , the upwind background level must be measured immediately using the same portable monitor. If the working site particulate measurement is greater than 100 ug/m^3 above the background level, additional dust suppression techniques must be implemented to reduce the generation of fugitive dust and corrective action taken to protect site personnel and reduce the potential for contaminant migration. Corrective measures may include increasing the level of personal protection for on-site personnel and implementing additional dust suppression techniques (see Paragraph 7). Should the action level of 150 ug/m^3 be exceeded, the Division of Air Resources must be notified in writing within five working days; the notification shall include a description of the control measures implemented to prevent further exceedences.
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 migrate contaminants off-site, it is unacceptable. While it is not practical to quantify total suspended particulates on a real-time basis, it is appropriate to rely on visual observation. If dust is observed leaving the working site, additional dust suppression techniques must be employed. Activities that have a high dusting potential--such as solidification and treatment involving materials like kiln dust and lime--will require the need for special measures to be considered.
7. The following techniques have been shown to be effective for the controlling of the generation and migration of dust during construction activities:
 1. Applying water on haul roads.
 2. Wetting equipment and excavation faces.
 3. Spraying water on buckets during excavation and dumping.
 4. Hauling materials in properly tarped or watertight containers.
 5. Restricting vehicle speeds to 10 mph.
 6. Covering excavated areas and material after excavation activity ceases.
 7. Reducing the excavation size and/or number of excavations.

Experience has shown that utilizing the above-mentioned dust suppression techniques, within reason as not to create excess water which would result in

unacceptable wet conditions, the chance of exceeding the 150 ug/m^3 action level at hazardous waste site remediations is remote. Using atomizing sprays will prevent overly wet conditions, conserve water, and provide an effective means of suppressing the fugitive dust.

8. If the dust suppression techniques being utilized at the site do not lower particulates to an acceptable level (that is, below 150 ug/m^3 and no visible dust), work must be suspended until appropriate corrective measures are approved to remedy the situation. Also, the evaluation of weather conditions will be 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 appropriate toxics 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.

PART III

ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENTS

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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

AUG 16 2007

ERIE COUNTY
CLERK'S OFFICE

THIS COVENANT, made the 18th day of July 2007 by Steelfields LTD ("Steelfields"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York having an office for the transaction of business at 11 State Street, Pittsford, New York.

WHEREAS, Steelfields is the subject of a Voluntary Agreement executed by its Corporation Secretary as part of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (the "Department's") Voluntary Cleanup Program relative to real property located on South Park and Abby Street in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie, State of New York; and

WHEREAS, for a parcel of the real property known as Area I (hereinafter referred to as "the Property") the Department approved a remedy to eliminate or mitigate all significant threats to the environment presented by the contamination disposed at the Property and such remedy requires that the Property be subject to restrictive covenants,

NOW, THEREFORE, Steelfields, for itself and its successors and/or assigns, covenants that:

First, the Property subject to this Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions, is as shown on a legal description attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "A" and a map attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof.

Second, unless prior written approval by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or, if the Department shall no longer exist, any New York State agency or agencies subsequently created to protect the environment of the State and the health of the State's citizens, hereinafter referred to as "the Relevant Agency," is first obtained, there shall be no construction, use or occupancy of the Property requiring the disturbance or excavation of the Property which either threatens the integrity of the vegetative cover or which results in unacceptable human exposure to contaminated soils.

Third, the owner of the Property shall maintain the vegetative cover in accordance with the Site Management Plan included in the Construction Closeout Report for Area I or, after obtaining the written approval of the Relevant Agency, by covering the Property with another material.

Fourth, the owner of the Property shall prohibit the Property from ever being used for purposes other than for industrial and/or commercial use without the express written waiver of such prohibition by the Relevant Agency.

Fifth, the owner of the Property shall prohibit the use of the groundwater underlying the Property without treatment rendering it safe for drinking water or industrial purposes, as appropriate, unless the user first obtains permission to do so from the Relevant Agency.

Sixth, the owner of the Property shall comply with the requirements of the Construction Closeout Report for Area I and maintain in full force and effect any required institutional and

engineering controls unless the owner first obtains permission to discontinue such controls from the Relevant Agency;

Seventh, this Declaration is and shall be deemed a covenant that shall run with the land and shall be binding upon all future owners of the Property, and shall provide that the owner, and its successors and assigns, consents to enforcement by the Relevant Agency of the prohibitions and restrictions and hereby covenants not to contest the authority of the Relevant Agency to seek enforcement.

Eighth, any deed of conveyance of the Property, or any portion thereof, shall recite, unless the Relevant Agency has consented to the termination of such covenants and restrictions, that said conveyance is subject to this Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this instrument the day written below.

STEELFIELDS LTD

By Richard A. Palumbo
Richard A. Palumbo, Treasurer

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF MONROE) ss:

On the 18th day of July in the year 2007, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State, personally appeared RICHARD A. PALUMBO, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument as Treasurer of Steelfields LTD.

Wanda A. Vanderlee
Notary Public

WANDA A. VANDERLEE
Notary Public in the State of New York
Wayne County
Commission Expires December 15, 2010

EXHIBIT A

All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York being part of Lot 17, Township 10, Range 8 of the Ogden Gore Tract and Lots 57, 58 and 60, Township 10, Range 8 of the Buffalo Creek Indian Reservation, bounded and described as follows

Beginning at a point in the southwest bounds of South Park Avenue (also known as Abbott Road), being 66 feet wide, at a distance of 124.53 feet northwesterly from the northwest bounds of Abby Street, measured along said southwest bounds. Said point being the easterly corner of lands conveyed to Republic Steel Corporation by deed recorded in Liber 5814 at Page 42.

Thence southwesterly, at an angle of $57^{\circ}-09'-00''$ measured in the westerly quadrant from the said southwest bounds, a distance of 160.56 feet to the southwest corner of said Republic Steel Corporation lands, being a point of curvature in the former north line of lands owned by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway Company.

Thence westerly, curving to the right along the arc of a circular curve with a radius of 987.81 feet a distance of 275.12 feet to a point.

Thence southerly, radially to the last described course and along the easterly line of lands conveyed to Republic Steel Corporation by deed recorded in Liber 8777 at page 519, a distance of 99.0 feet to the southeast corner of the last described lands.

Thence southwesterly, at an interior angle of $111^{\circ}-23'-58''$ and along the south line of the last described lands, a distance of 385.72 feet to angle point in said south line.

Thence southwesterly, at an exterior angle of $174^{\circ}-54'-45''$ and continuing along the south line of the last described lands, a distance of 520.38 feet to a point.

Thence southwesterly, at an exterior angle of $156^{\circ}-42'-46''$, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point in the north line of lands formerly owned by the New York, Lackawanna and Western Railway Company

Thence westerly, curving to the right along the arc of a circular curve with a radius of 4,911.15 feet, being along the north line of the last described railway, a distance of 78.65 feet to the northeast corner of lands conveyed to Republic Steel Corporation by deed recorded in Liber 7622 at Page 649.

Thence southerly, along the east line of the last described lands, a distance of 6.00 feet to the southeast corner of said last described lands.

Thence westerly and northerly, along the south and west lines of the last described parcel, the following courses and distances:

Westerly, curving to the right along the arc of a circular curve with a radius of 4,767.15 feet, a distance of 285.00 feet to a point of tangency.

Westerly, tangent to the last describe curve, a distance of 172.06 feet to a point

Southerly, at an exterior angle of $108^{\circ}-44'-02''$ a distance of 39.90 feet to a point.

Westerly, at an interior angle of $105^{\circ}-24'-00''$ a distance of 745.51 feet to a point.

Westerly, at an interior angle of $175^{\circ}-27'-34''$ a distance of 171.82 feet to a point of curvature.

Westerly, curving to the right along the arc of a circular curve with a radius of 625.50 feet, a distance of 134.18 feet to a point of compound curvature.

Westerly, curving to the right along the arc of a circular curve with a radius of 445.85 feet, a distance of 213.99 feet to point of tangency.

Northwesterly, tangent to the last described curve, a distance of 23.46 feet to a point of curvature.

Northwesterly, curving to the right along the arc of a circular curve with a radius of 424.68 feet, a distance of 192.00 feet to a point of compound curvature.

Northwesterly, curving to the right along the arc of a circular curve with a radius of 293.82 feet, a distance of 74.16 feet to point in the east bounds of the South Buffalo Railway.

Thence northerly, along the east bounds of the South Buffalo Railway, a distance of 88.52 feet to a point.

Thence northerly, at an exterior angle of $179^{\circ}-10'-28''$ and continuing along the east bounds of the last mentioned railway, a distance of 566.34 feet to a point.

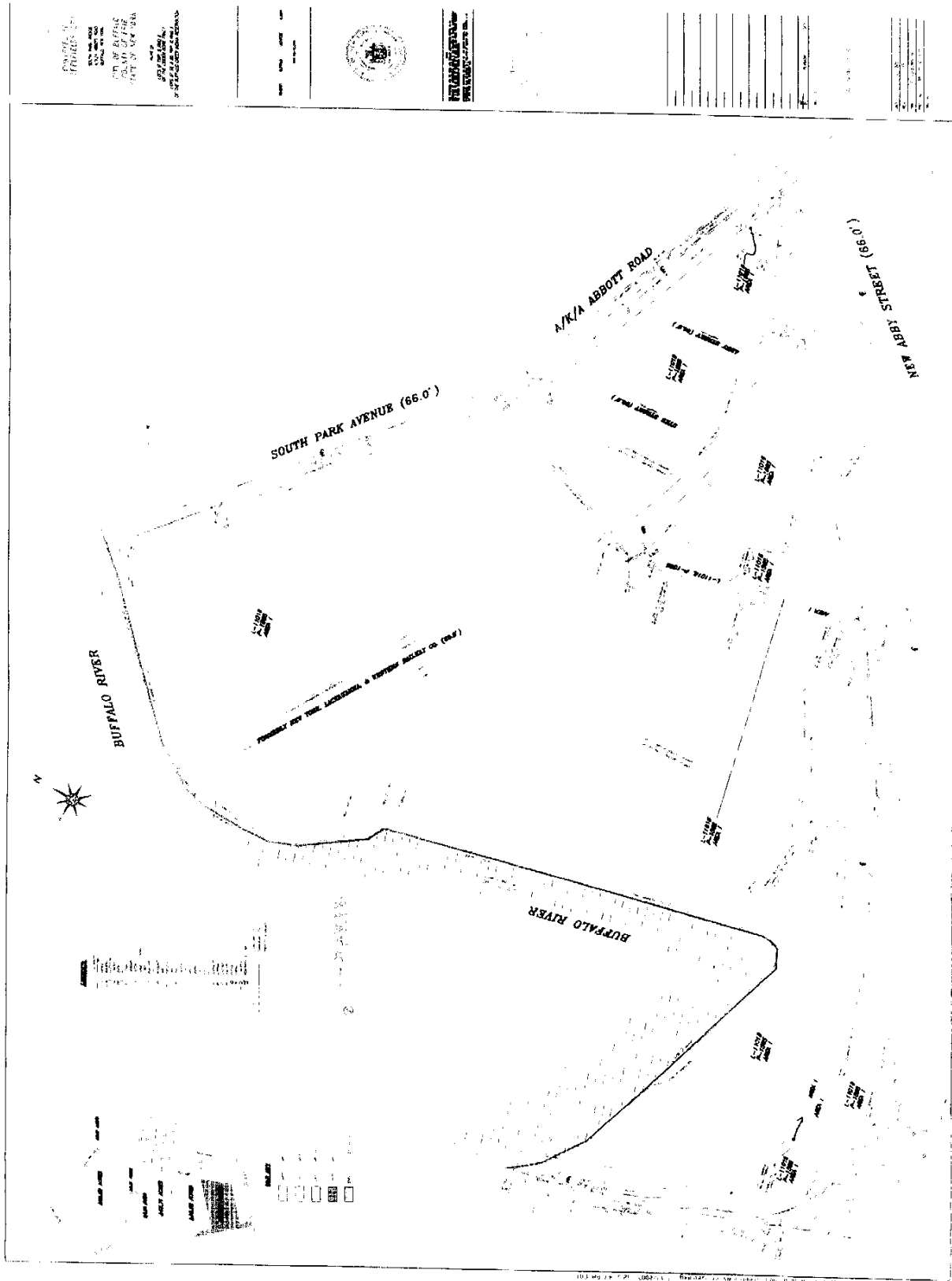
Thence northerly, at an interior angle of $167^{\circ}-44'-11''$ and continuing along the east bounds of the last mentioned railway, a distance of 107.48 feet to the intersection of said east bounds with the south edge of water of the Buffalo River.

Thence easterly and northerly, along the south edge of water of the Buffalo River a distance of 3,879.99 feet to its intersection with the southwest bounds of South Park Avenue.

Thence southeasterly, along the southwest bounds of South Park Avenue, a distance of 1,412.77 feet to an angle point in said southwest bounds.

Thence southeasterly, continuing along the southwest bounds of South Park Avenue, at an exterior angle of $161^{\circ}-28'-32''$, a distance of 953.66 feet to the point or place of beginning, containing 89.89 acres, more or less.

EXHIBIT B



Honorable Kathleen C. Hochul
County Clerk
Erie County
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County Clerk
Have a nice day!