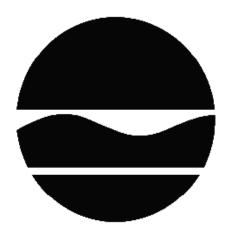
OBI, LLC State Superfund Project Rochester, Monroe County Site No. 828188 March 2020



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DECLARATION STATEMENT - RECORD OF DECISION

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Statement of Purpose and Basis

This document presents the remedy for the OBI, LLC site, a Class 2 inactive hazardous waste disposal site. The remedial program was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (6 NYCRR) Part 375, and is not inconsistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan of March 8, 1990 (40CFR300), as amended.

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

Description of Selected Remedy

The selected remedy is referred to as the Site Cover for Industrial Use with Groundwater Containment remedy.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is \$1,660,000. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$698,000 and the estimated average annual cost is \$30,000.

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

1. Remedial Design

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

• Considering the environmental impacts of treatment technologies and remedy stewardship over the long term;

- Reducing direct and indirect greenhouse gases and other emissions;
- Increasing energy efficiency and minimizing use of non-renewable energy;
- Conserving and efficiently managing resources and materials;

• Reducing waste, increasing recycling and increasing reuse of materials which would otherwise be considered a waste;

• Maximizing habitat value and creating habitat when possible;

• Fostering green and healthy communities and working landscapes which balance ecological, economic and social goals;

• Integrating the remedy with the end use where possible and encouraging green and sustainable re-development; and

• Additionally, to incorporate green remediation principles and techniques to the extent feasible in the future development at this site, any future on-site buildings will include, at a minimum, a 20-mil vapor barrier/waterproofing membrane on the foundation to improve energy efficiency as an element of construction.

2. Cover System

A site cover will be required to allow industrial use of the site in areas where the upper one foot of exposed surface soil will exceed the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs). Where a soil cover is to be used it will be a minimum of one foot of soil placed over a demarcation layer, with the upper six inches of soil of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetative layer. Soil cover material, including any fill material brought to the site, will meet the SCOs for cover material for the use of the site as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d). Substitution of other materials and components may be allowed where such components already exist or are a component of the tangible property to be placed as part of site redevelopment. Such components may include, but are not necessarily limited to: pavement, concrete, paved surface parking areas, sidewalks, building foundations and building slabs.

3. Groundwater Extraction and Treatment

Groundwater extraction and treatment will be implemented to treat contaminants in groundwater and to ensure contaminated groundwater does not migrate off-site. The groundwater extraction system will be designed and installed so that the capture zone is sufficient to intercept the groundwater contaminant plume to stop further migration. The extraction system will create a depression of the water table so that contaminated groundwater is directed toward the extraction wells within the plume area. Groundwater will be extracted from the subsurface from the area of the groundwater contaminant plume shown on Figure 2. Further details of the extraction system will be determined during the remedial design.

Prior to the full implementation of this technology, studies will be conducted to more clearly define design parameters, including extraction well spacing. Between the pilot and the full-scale implementations, it is estimated that at least 2 shallow and at least 1 deep extraction wells will be installed.

The extracted groundwater will be treated using granular activated carbon (GAC). GAC will be used to remove dissolved contaminants from extracted groundwater by adsorption. The GAC system will consist of one or more vessels filled with carbon connected in series and/or parallel. Following treatment, the groundwater will be discharged to the sanitary sewer.

Monitoring will be required: up-gradient and down-gradient of the groundwater extraction wells; from accessible source areas; at the perimeter of the site; and off-site as necessary. Monitoring will be conducted for contaminants of concern.

4. Enhanced Bioremediation (Targeted Polishing Step)

Once operation of the groundwater extraction system achieves asymptotic concentrations at a level that is acceptable to the Department in the primary source area (the area around well MW-5 shown on Figure 2), in-situ enhanced biodegradation will be employed to treat chlorinated volatile organic compounds in groundwater in primary source area around well MW-5 and the secondary source area around well MW-H depicted on Figure 2. The biological breakdown of contaminants through anaerobic reductive dechlorination will be enhanced by injecting an emulsified vegetable oil solution (or similar) into the subsurface to promote microbe growth via injection points in the overburden with injection intervals from approximately 8 to 12 feet. Groundwater extraction and treatment will continue, as needed, at the rest of the site.

Monitoring will be required: up-gradient, down-gradient, and within the treatment zone; at the perimeter of the site; and off-site as necessary. Monitoring will be conducted for contaminants of concern. The treatment zone will be monitored for dissolved oxygen and oxidation/reduction potential.

5. Contingent Remedy: Enhanced Bioremediation plus Activated Carbon Perimeter Barrier

If the groundwater extraction system and targeted enhanced bioremediation elements, along with the existing phytoremediation system, are unable to prevent contaminated groundwater from migrating off-site, especially in the direction of occupied structures, activated carbon will be added to the subsurface to capture and prevent the migration of chlorinated volatile organic compounds. Emulsified vegetable oil solution (or similar) will also be added to enhance the biodegradation. In the area of the captured contamination, conditions will be maintained that will allow anaerobic degradation of the chlorinated volatile organic compounds to occur. Activated carbon and bioremediation amendments will be added to the subsurface to create a permeable barrier between source areas and the areas where off-site migration occurs via injection points in the overburden with injection intervals from approximately 8 to 12 feet and in bedrock through open-cores with injection intervals from approximately 15 to 25 feet.

Monitoring will be required up-gradient and down-gradient of the barrier. Monitoring will be conducted for contaminants of concern.

6. Treatment Remedy Shutdown

The operation of the components of the remedy will continue until the remedial objectives have been achieved, or until the Department determines that continued operation is technically impracticable or not feasible.

7. Tank Closure

The 10,000-gallon underground storage tank shown on Figure 2 will be properly decommissioned. Further details of the decommissioning method will be determined during the remedial design.

8. Institutional Control

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

• require the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls in accordance with Part 375-1.8 (h)(3);

• allow the use and development of the controlled property for industrial use as defined by Part 375-1.8(g), although land use is subject to local zoning laws;

• restrict the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or County DOH; and

• require compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan

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

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

Institutional Controls: The Environmental Easement discussed in Paragraph 8 above.

Engineering Controls: The soil cover discussed in Paragraph 2, the groundwater extraction and treatment system discussed in Paragraph 3, the contingent perimeter barrier discussed in Paragraph 5, the positive pressure vapor intrusion mitigation system Interim Remedial Measure, and the phytoremediation system installed prior to the execution of the Order-on-Consent.

This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

o an Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;

o a provision for further investigation and remediation should large scale redevelopment occur, if any of the existing structures are demolished, or if the subsurface is otherwise made accessible. The nature and extent of contamination in areas where access was previously limited or unavailable will be immediately and thoroughly investigated pursuant to a plan approved by the Department. Based on the investigation results and the Department determination of the need for a remedy, a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) will be developed for the final remedy for the site, including removal and/or treatment of any source areas to the extent feasible. Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) activities will continue through this process. Any necessary remediation will be completed prior to, or in association with, redevelopment. This includes underneath the main building, the courtyard in the north central portion of the site, areas proximate to high voltage electric line, and bulk welding gas storage tanks;

o a provision for removal or treatment of the chlorinated solvent, petroleum, and cyanide source areas located under, and proximate to, the Main Building if and when

the building is demolished or becomes vacant;

o descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use and groundwater use restrictions;

o a provision for evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion for any occupied buildings on the site and in off-site areas of contamination, including provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion;

o a provision that should a building foundation or building slab be removed in the future, a cover system consistent with that described in Paragraph 2 above will be placed in any areas where the upper one foot of exposed surface soil exceed the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs);

o provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;

o maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and

o the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.

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

o monitoring of groundwater, soil vapor, sub-slab soil vapor, and indoor air to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy;

o a schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the Department;

o monitoring for vapor intrusion for any buildings, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.

3. an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan to ensure continued operation, maintenance, optimization, monitoring, inspection, and reporting of any mechanical or physical components of the remedy. The plan includes, but is not limited to:

o procedures for operating and maintaining the remedy;

o compliance monitoring of treatment systems to ensure proper O&M as well as providing the data for any necessary permit or permit equivalent reporting;

o maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and

o providing the Department access to the site and O&M records.

New York State Department of Health Acceptance

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

Declaration

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

March 26, 2020 Date

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

RECORD OF DECISION

OBI, LLC Rochester, Monroe County Site No. 828188 March 2020

SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has selected a remedy for the above referenced site. The disposal of hazardous wastes at the site has resulted in threats to public health and the environment that would be addressed by the remedy. The disposal or release of hazardous wastes at this site, as more fully described in this document, has contaminated various environmental media. Contaminants include hazardous waste and/or petroleum.

The New York State Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Remedial Program (also known as the State Superfund Program) is an enforcement program, the mission of which is to identify and characterize suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites and to investigate and remediate those sites found to pose a significant threat to public health and environment.

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

SECTION 2: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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

DECInfo Locator - Web Application https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/dil/index.html?rs=828188

Lincoln Branch Library Attn: Joan Lee 851 Joseph Avenue Rochester, NY 14621 Phone: (585) 428-8210

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

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

Receive Site Citizen Participation Information By Email

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

SECTION 3: SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

Location: The OBI, LLC site is located in an urban area in the City of Rochester and is approximately 200 feet north of the intersection of Balfour Drive and Hollenbeck Street. The site is about 6.3 acres in size and consists of three parcels identified as:

- 245-265 Hollenbeck Street;
- 271 Hollenbeck Street; and
- 50 Balfour Drive.

Site Features: The main site features include two one-story slab-on-grade buildings surrounded by parking areas and roadways. The main building covers 134,000 square feet and the second building covers 8,000 square feet. Grass and tree covered areas are present along the northern and western edges of the site. The site is fenced with controlled access.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The site is currently active and is zoned for industrial use. The main building is used for manufacturing and the smaller building is used for storage. The surrounding parcels are currently either vacant or used for a combination of commercial, industrial, residential, and recreational purposes. The nearest residential area is adjacent to the site to the south.

Past Use of the Site: The site was originally developed in 1923 for various industrial/manufacturing operations that included printing, lithographing, appliance manufacturing, metal plating, sheet metal fabrication and metal stamping. Prior activities

that appear to have contributed to site contamination include a trichloroethene (TCE) degreaser that was used at the site until approximately 1992.

The owner sampled soil and groundwater at the site on several occasions between 1997 and 2013. From 2008 until 2013 the owner conducted bioremediation and phytoremediation studies to evaluate these technologies as potential remedial elements. The phytoremediation project includes approximately 150 hybrid poplar and 10 willow trees that are present along the northern boundary of the site. The Department was not involved with these investigations and evaluations. A summary of the results was provided to the Department in August 2013. The results indicated the presence of TCE contamination in on-site soil and groundwater. Based on these results, OBI, LLC signed an Order-On-Consent with the Department to address the site contamination in November 2013.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: The ground surface at the site is relatively flat. The average depth to bedrock is approximately 12-feet. The overburden consists of a combination of fill and native soil. Where present, the fill material is up to five feet thick and includes sand, cinders, ash, and slag. The underlying native soil consists of a layer of silty sand followed by glacial till to the top of bedrock

The Rochester Shale underlies the overburden at the site.

The depth to groundwater is approximately 7 feet below the ground surface and flows to the east.

A site location map is attached as Figure 1.

SECTION 4: LAND USE AND PHYSICAL SETTING

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

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

SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT STATUS

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

The PRPs for the site, documented to date, include:

OBI, LLC

The Department and OBI, LLC entered into a Consent Order, Index No. 88-0815-13-10, on November 6, 2013. The Order obligates the responsible party to implement a full remedial program.

SECTION 6: SITE CONTAMINATION

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

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

The following general activities are conducted during an RI:

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

The analytical data collected on this site includes data for:

- groundwater;
- soil;
- soil vapor;
- indoor air; and
- sub-slab vapor.

6.1.1: Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs)

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

To determine whether the contaminants identified in various media are present at levels of concern, the data from the RI were compared to media-specific SCGs. The

Department has developed SCGs for groundwater, surface water, sediments, and soil. The NYSDOH has developed SCGs for drinking water and soil vapor intrusion. The tables found in Exhibit A list the applicable SCGs in the footnotes. For a full listing of all SCGs see: <u>http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html</u>

6.1.2: <u>RI Results</u>

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

trichloroethene (TCE)cis-1,2-dichloroethenecyanides (soluble cyanide salts)vinyl chloridepolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbonscopper(PAHS), totalnickelpetroleum productspolychlorinated biphenyls (PCB)

As illustrated in Exhibit A, the contaminants of concern exceed the applicable SCGs for:

- groundwater
- soil
- soil vapor intrusion
- indoor air

6.2: Interim Remedial Measures

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

The following IRM has been completed at this site based on conditions observed during the RI.

IRM for Vapor Intrusion Mitigation - Positive Pressure System

The on-site soil vapor intrusion evaluation detected trichloroethene (TCE) in the indoor air of the main building on Balfour Drive at concentrations up to 8.1 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m³), which exceeds the NYSDOH air guideline concentration of 2 ug/m³. Based on these results, it was determined that mitigation measures were needed at the main on-site building to address current and potential indoor air contamination of volatile organic compounds associated with soil vapor intrusion.

The IRM included modifications and repairs to the building's existing HVAC system to maintain a positive pressure in the building. Construction of the IRM was completed in February 2015.

Post construction testing verified that the system was effectively pressurizing the building and indoor air concentrations of TCE were reduced to concentrations below the applicable NYSDOH air guideline concentrations. Construction details and post construction testing results are provided in the document entitled Construction Completion Report: Interim Remedial Measures for Mitigation of Potential Soil Vapor Intrusion dated February 2019.

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

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

Based upon the resources and pathways identified and the toxicity of the contaminants of ecological concern at this site, a Fish and Wildlife Resources Impact Analysis (FWRIA) was deemed not necessary for OU 01.

Nature and Extent of Contamination:

Soil and groundwater were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), metals (including cyanide), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and pesticides. Groundwater was also analyzed for 1,4-dioxane and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Based on investigations conducted to date, the primary contaminants of concern for the site include trichloroethene (TCE) and associated degradation products, petroleum-related compounds, a group of SVOCs called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), cyanide, and PFAS.

Soil: PAHs, especially benzo(a)pyrene (B(a)P), appear to be the primary contaminants in the on-site surface soils in grass covered areas on the eastern and western portions of the site. B(a)P exceeds the 1 part per million (ppm) soil cleanup objective (SCO) for unrestricted use and the 1.1 ppm SCO for industrial use, with a maximum concentration of 5.9 ppm. PAHs are also present in the 0-1 foot interval under existing pavement where B(a)P is detected at concentrations up to 34 ppm. To a lesser extent copper (up to 548 ppm), nickel (up to 1860 ppm), cyanide (up to 34.7 ppm), and PCBs (up to 1.77 ppm) are also present in the 0-1 foot interval. The respective unrestricted use SCOs for these compounds are: copper - 50 ppm; nickel - 30 ppm; cyanide - 27 ppm; and PCBs - 0.1 ppm.

TCE and associated degradation products are found in shallow soil (0 to 1 foot below grade) outside of the northwest portion of the main building. TCE is also found in deeper soil (5 to 12 feet below grade) underneath much of the central portion of the main building and outside the north central portion of the main building. Maximum soil

concentrations and the applicable 6 NYCRR Part 375 Protection of Groundwater SCOs, are provided below for TCE, cis-1,2-dichloroethene (cis-1,2-DCE), and vinyl chloride (VC). For these compounds, the Protection of Groundwater SCO is the same as the Unrestricted Use SCO. During the Remedial Investigation, TCE was detected in soils at up to 5.6 parts per million (ppm), which exceeds the SCO of 0.47 ppm. Cis-1,2-DCE was detected in soils at up to 7.5 ppm which exceeds the SCO of 0.25 ppm. VC was detected in soils at up to 1.3 ppm which exceeds the SCO of 0.02 ppm.

Similar to TCE, petroleum impacted soils are also present underneath the central portion of the main building and outside the north central portion of the main building. A 10,000-gallon underground storage tank was found during the Remedial Investigation outside the north central portion of the main building. Petroleum impacts are present in the form of nuisance odors and Tentatively Identified Compounds.

Data do not indicate any off-site impacts in soil related to this site.

Groundwater: Throughout the site, TCE and its associated degradation products (cis-1,2-DCE and VC) were found in groundwater at concentrations exceeding the groundwater standards (5 parts per billion (ppb) for TCE and cis-1,2-DCE and 2 ppb for VC). The highest concentrations were found in the overburden from the groundwater surface (typically about 7 to 10 feet below ground) to the top of bedrock (approximately 12 feet below ground). The maximum concentrations found during the Remedial Investigation were: 286 ppb for TCE; 40,500 ppb for cis-1,2-DCE; and 3,880 ppb for VC.

The primary source of TCE contamination is located in the north-central portion of the site under and adjacent to the main building. PFAS compounds are also present in this area. Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) were reported at concentrations of up to 40 and 43 parts per trillion (ppt), respectively, exceeding the 10 ppt screening levels for groundwater for each. No other individual PFAS exceeded the 100 ppt screening level. The total concentration of PFAS, including PFOA and PFOS, were reported at concentrations of up to 180 ppt, below the 500 ppt screening level for total PFAS in groundwater.

Additional TCE source areas are present under the central and eastern portions of the main building as well as outside the northwest portion of the main building adjacent to a high voltage electric line and bulk welding gas storage tanks.

TCE and associated degradation products are present in bedrock groundwater to a depth of at least 30 feet, but at lower concentrations. The maximum concentrations in bedrock groundwater were 400 ppb for TCE; 543 ppb for cis-1,2-DCE; and 230 ppb for VC.

Cyanide is present in overburden groundwater at concentrations up to 738 ppb in a localized area under the eastern portion of the main building. The groundwater standard for cyanide is 200 ppb.

1,4-Dioxane was reported at concentrations of up to 0.74 parts per billion (ppb), below the screening level of 1 ppb in groundwater.

Based on off-site groundwater monitoring performed during the Remedial Investigation, off-site migration of site contaminants in groundwater does not appear to be significant at this time. Site contaminants were detected in groundwater at the site boundary, but not in downgradient off-site groundwater.

Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL): LNAPL was detected on top of groundwater in a localized area under the eastern portion of the main building at thicknesses ranging from 0.1 to 0.6 inches. The material was determined to be Number 2 Fuel Oil.

Soil Vapor and Indoor Air: A mitigation system was installed in the main building on Balfour Drive to address soil vapor intrusion at the site. Prior to mitigation, TCE was detected in on-site sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air at elevated concentrations.

Based on off-site soil vapor sampling performed during the Remedial Investigation no additional actions were needed to address soil vapor intrusion.

6.4: Summary of Human Exposure Pathways

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

Direct contact with contaminants in the soil is unlikely because the majority of the site is covered with buildings and pavement and the site is fenced with restricted access. Contaminated groundwater at the site is not used for drinking or other purposes and the site is served by a public water supply that obtains water from a different source not affected by this contamination. Volatile organic compounds in soil vapor (air spaces within the soil), may move into buildings and affect the indoor air quality. This process, which is similar to the movement of radon gas from the subsurface into the indoor air of buildings, is referred to as soil vapor intrusion. Measures are in place to control the potential inhalation of site contamination due to soil vapor intrusion for the impacted onsite building. Sampling indicated that soil vapor intrusion is not a concern for offsite buildings.

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

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

The remedial action objectives for this site are:

Groundwater

RAOs for Public Health Protection

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

RAOs for Environmental Protection

- Restore ground water aquifer to pre-disposal/pre-release conditions, to the extent practicable.
- Remove the source of ground or surface water contamination.

<u>Soil</u>

RAOs for Public Health Protection

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

RAOs for Environmental Protection

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

<u>Soil Vapor</u>

RAOs for Public Health Protection

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

SECTION 7: SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

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

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

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

The selected remedy is referred to as the Soil Cover to Commercial Use with Groundwater Containment remedy.

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• Integrating the remedy with the end use where possible and encouraging green and sustainable re-development; and

• Additionally, to incorporate green remediation principles and techniques to the extent feasible in the future development at this site, any future on-site buildings will include, at a minimum, a 20-mil vapor barrier/waterproofing membrane on the foundation to improve energy efficiency as an element of construction.

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A site cover will be required to allow industrial use of the site in areas where the upper one foot of exposed surface soil will exceed the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs). Where a soil cover is to be used it will be a minimum of one foot of soil placed over a demarcation layer, with the upper six inches of soil of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetative layer. Soil cover material, including any fill material brought to the site, will meet the SCOs for cover material for the use of the site as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d). Substitution of other materials and components may be allowed where such components already exist or are a component of the tangible property to be placed as part of site redevelopment. Such components may include, but are not necessarily limited to: pavement, concrete, paved surface parking areas, sidewalks, building foundations and building slabs.

3. Groundwater Extraction and Treatment

Groundwater extraction and treatment will be implemented to treat contaminants in groundwater and to ensure contaminated groundwater does not migrate off-site. The groundwater extraction system will be designed and installed so that the capture zone is sufficient to intercept the groundwater contaminant plume to stop further migration. The extraction system will create a depression of the water table so that contaminated groundwater is directed toward the extraction wells within the plume area. Groundwater will be extracted from the subsurface from the area of the groundwater contaminant plume shown on Figure 2. Further details of the extraction system will be determined during the remedial design.

Prior to the full implementation of this technology, studies will be conducted to more clearly define design parameters, including extraction well spacing. Between the pilot and the full-scale implementations, it is estimated that at least 2 shallow and at least 1 deep extraction wells will be installed.

The extracted groundwater will be treated using granular activated carbon (GAC). GAC will be used to remove dissolved contaminants from extracted groundwater by adsorption. The GAC system will consist of one or more vessels filled with carbon connected in series and/or parallel. Following treatment, the groundwater will be discharged to the sanitary sewer.

Monitoring will be required: up-gradient and down-gradient of the groundwater extraction wells; from accessible source areas; at the perimeter of the site; and off-site as necessary. Monitoring will be conducted for contaminants of concern.

4. Enhanced Bioremediation (Targeted Polishing Step)

Once operation of the groundwater extraction system achieves asymptotic concentrations at a level that is acceptable to the Department in the primary source area (the area around well MW-5 shown on Figure 2), in-situ enhanced biodegradation will be employed to treat chlorinated volatile organic compounds in groundwater in primary source area around well MW-5 and the secondary source area around well MW-H depicted on Figure 2. The biological breakdown of contaminants through anaerobic reductive dechlorination will be enhanced by injecting an emulsified vegetable oil solution (or similar) into the subsurface to promote microbe growth via injection points in the overburden with injection intervals from approximately 8 to 12 feet. Groundwater extraction and treatment will continue, as needed, at the rest of the site.

Monitoring will be required: up-gradient, down-gradient, and within the treatment zone; at the perimeter of the site; and off-site as necessary. Monitoring will be conducted for contaminants of concern. The treatment zone will be monitored for dissolved oxygen and oxidation/reduction potential.

5. Contingent Remedy: Enhanced Bioremediation plus Activated Carbon Perimeter Barrier

If the groundwater extraction system and targeted enhanced bioremediation elements, along with the existing phytoremediation system, are unable to prevent contaminated groundwater from migrating off-site, especially in the direction of occupied structures, activated carbon will be added to the subsurface to capture and prevent the migration of chlorinated volatile organic compounds. Emulsified vegetable oil solution (or similar) will also be added to enhance the biodegradation. In the area of the captured contamination, conditions will be maintained that will allow anaerobic degradation of the chlorinated volatile organic compounds to occur. Activated carbon and bioremediation amendments will be added to the subsurface to create a permeable barrier between source areas and the areas where off-site migration occurs via injection points in the overburden with injection intervals from approximately 8 to 12 feet and in bedrock through open-cores with injection intervals from approximately 15 to 25 feet.

Monitoring will be required up-gradient and down-gradient of the barrier. Monitoring will be conducted for contaminants of concern.

6. Treatment Remedy Shutdown

The operation of the components of the remedy will continue until the remedial objectives have been achieved, or until the Department determines that continued operation is technically impracticable or not feasible.

7. Tank Closure

The 10,000-gallon underground storage tank shown on Figure 2 will be properly decommissioned. Further details of the decommissioning method will be determined during the remedial design.

8. Institutional Control

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

• require the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls in accordance with Part 375-1.8 (h)(3);

• allow the use and development of the controlled property for industrial use as defined by Part 375-1.8(g), although land use is subject to local zoning laws;

• restrict the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or County DOH; and

• require compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan

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

a. an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site and details the steps and media-specific requirements necessary to ensure the following institutional and/or engineering controls remain in place and effective: Institutional Controls: The Environmental Easement discussed in Paragraph 8 above. Engineering Controls: The soil cover discussed in Paragraph 2, the groundwater extraction and treatment system discussed in Paragraph 3, the contingent perimeter barrier discussed in Paragraph 5, the positive pressure vapor intrusion mitigation system Interim Remedial Measure, and the phytoremediation system installed prior to the execution of the Order-on-Consent.

This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

o an Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;

o a provision for further investigation and remediation should large scale redevelopment occur, if any of the existing structures are demolished, or if the subsurface is otherwise made accessible. The nature and extent of contamination in areas where access was previously limited or unavailable will be immediately and thoroughly investigated pursuant to a plan approved by the Department. Based on the investigation results and the Department determination of the need for a remedy, a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) will be developed for the final remedy for the site, including removal and/or treatment of any source areas to the extent feasible. Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) activities will continue through this process. Any necessary remediation will be completed prior to, or in association with, redevelopment. This includes underneath the main building, the courtyard in the north central portion of the site, areas proximate to high voltage electric line, and bulk welding gas storage tanks;

o a provision for removal or treatment of the chlorinated solvent, petroleum, and cyanide source areas located under, and proximate to, the Main Building if and when the building is demolished or becomes vacant;

o descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use and groundwater use restrictions;

o a provision for evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion for any occupied buildings on the site and in off-site areas of contamination, including provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion;

o a provision that should a building foundation or building slab be removed in the future, a cover system consistent with that described in Paragraph 2 above will be placed in any areas where the upper one foot of exposed surface soil exceed the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs);

o provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;

o maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and

o the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.

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

o monitoring of groundwater, soil vapor, sub-slab soil vapor, and indoor air to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy;

o a schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the Department;

o monitoring for vapor intrusion for any buildings, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.

3. an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan to ensure continued operation, maintenance, optimization, monitoring, inspection, and reporting of any mechanical or physical components of the remedy. The plan includes, but is not limited to:

o procedures for operating and maintaining the remedy;

o compliance monitoring of treatment systems to ensure proper O&M as well as providing the data for any necessary permit or permit equivalent reporting;

o maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and

o providing the Department access to the site and O&M records.

Nature and Extent of Contamination

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

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

Waste/Source Areas

As described in the RI report, waste/source materials were identified at the site and are impacting groundwater, soil, and soil vapor.

Wastes are defined in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.2(aw) and include solid, industrial and/or hazardous wastes. Source areas are defined in 6 NYCRR Part 375(au). Source areas are areas of concern at a site where substantial quantities of contaminants are found which can migrate and release significant levels of contaminants to another environmental medium. Wastes and source areas were identified at the site include:

- the north-central portion of the site under and adjacent to the main building where cis-1,2dichloroethene is present in soil at concentrations up to 7.5 parts per million (ppm);
- under the central and eastern portions of the main building where trichloroethene is present in soil at concentrations up to 5.58 ppm;
- outside the northwest portion of the main building adjacent to a high voltage electric line and bulk welding gas storage tanks where trichloroethene is present in soil at concentrations up to 0.826 ppm; and
- Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL) located under the eastern section of the main building at thicknesses ranging from 0.1 to 0.6 inches.

The multiple sources of chlorinated solvent contamination appear to be associated with past industrial operations at the site that included degreasing operations. These sources resulted in widespread groundwater contamination and on-site soil vapor intrusion impacts.

The LNAPL appears to be associated with the past use of Number 2 Fuel Oil at the site. The extent of the LANPL is limited to underneath the eastern portion of the main building and it does not appear to be migrating.

The waste/source areas identified will be addressed in the remedy selection process.

Groundwater

Groundwater samples were collected from overburden and bedrock monitoring wells. The samples were collected to assess groundwater conditions on and off-site. The results indicate that contamination in shallow groundwater at the site exceeds the SCGs for chlorinated volatile organic compounds and cyanide. Contaminant levels in bedrock groundwater exceeded the guidance values for chlorinated volatile organic compounds. Groundwater samples were collected from monitoring wells in the surrounding neighborhood. Chlorinated volatile organic compounds were only found in one well located hydraulically upgradient from the site.

The per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) were reported at concentrations of up to 40 and 43 parts per trillion (ppt), respectively, exceeding the 10 ppt screening levels for groundwater for each. No other individual PFAS exceeded the 100 ppt screening level. The total concentration of PFAS, including PFOA and PFOS, were reported at concentrations of up to 180 ppt, below the 500 ppt screening level for total PFAS in groundwater.

Table #1 - Groundwater						
Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppb) ^a	SCG⁵ (ppb)	Frequency Exceeding SCG			
VOCs						
Trichloroethene Cis-1,2- Dichloroethene Vinyl chloride	ND - 286 ND – 40,500 ND - 3,880	5 5 5	31 of 67 41 of 67 34 of 67			
SVOCs						
No Exceedances	NA	NA	0 of 28			
Inorganics						
Cyanide	ND - 738	200	2 of 27			
Pesticides/PCBs						
No Exceedances	NA	NA	0 of 17			

Table #1 - Groundwater

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

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

The primary groundwater contaminants are cyanide, PFOA. PFOS, and the chlorinated volatile organic compounds trichloroethene, cis-1,2-dichloroethene, and vinyl chloride. These compounds are

associated with past industrial operations at the site. As noted on Figure 3, the primary groundwater contamination is located in the north central portion of the site. Additional sources are located under the main building and just outside the northwest portion of the main building.

Based on the findings of the RI, the presence of trichloroethene, cis-1,2-dichloroethene, vinyl chloride, cyanide, PFOA, and PFOS has resulted in the contamination of groundwater. The site contaminants that are considered to be the primary contaminants of concern which will drive the remediation of groundwater to be addressed by the remedy selection process are: trichloroethene, cis-1,2-dichloroethene, and vinyl chloride. Cyanide is found in only one location under the building and will not drive the remediation of groundwater. Similarly, the PFOA and PFOS plume is co-mingled with, and smaller than, the chlorinated solvent plume and will not drive the remediation of groundwater.

Soil

Surface and subsurface soil samples were collected at the site during the RI. Surface soil samples were collected from a depth of 0-2 inches to assess direct human exposure and 0-1 foot to assess the existing cover system. Subsurface soil samples were collected from a depth of 1-12 feet to assess soil contamination impacts to groundwater. The results indicate that soils at the site exceed the unrestricted SCG for volatile and semi-volatile organics, metals, cyanide, and PCBs.

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) ^a	Unrestricted SCG ^b (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCG	Restricted Use SCG ^c (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Restricted SCG
VOCs				<u>.</u>	
Trichloroethene	ND – 5.6	0.47	9 of 50	0.47 ^d	9 of 50
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	ND – 7.5	0.25	4 of 50	0.25 ^d	4 of 50
Vinyl chloride	ND – 1.3	0.02	3 of 50	0.02 ^d	3 of 50
SVOCs					
Benz(a)anthracene	ND – 24.1	1	7 of 46	11	2 of 46
Benzo(a)pyrene	ND – 34.5	1	7 of 46	1.1	7 of 46
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	ND – 47.9	1	7 of 46	11	2 of 46
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	ND – 4.98	0.33	5 of 46	1.1	2of 46
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	ND – 26.1	0.5	9 of 46	11	1 of 46
Inorganics					
Copper	5.2 – 548	50	7 of 46	10,000	0 of 46
Nickel	6.35 – 1860	30	6 of 46	10,000	0 of 46
Cyanide	ND – 34.7	27	1 of 46	10,000	0 of 46
Pesticides/PCBs					
PCBs	ND – 1.77	0.1	4 of 41	25	0 of 14

Table #2 - Soil

- a ppm: parts per million, which is equivalent to milligrams per kilogram, mg/kg, in soil;
- b SCG: Part 375-6.8(a), Unrestricted Soil Cleanup Objectives.
- c SCG: Part 375-6.8(b), Restricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives for the Protection of Public Health for Industrial Use, unless otherwise noted.
- d SCG: Part 375-6.8(b), Restricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives for the Protection of Groundwater.

The primary subsurface soil contaminants are trichloroethene, cis-1,2-dichloroethene, and vinyl chloride associated with past industrial operations including degreasing. As noted on Figure 4, the primary soil contamination areas are located: in the north-central portion of the site under and adjacent to the main building; under the central and eastern portions of the main building; and outside the northwest portion of the main building adjacent to a high voltage electric line and bulk welding gas storage tanks.

As shown on Figure 5, benzo(a)pyrene [B(a)P] surface soil (0-2 inches) and cover system (0-1 foot) contamination was found above the Protection of Public Health SCOs for an industrial property. The B(a)P contamination appears to be associated with a former railroad spur line that serviced the site and historic fill material that contained asphalt, coal, slag, ash, cinders, and concrete.

Based on the findings of the Remedial Investigation, the presence of trichloroethene, cis-1,2dichloroethene, vinyl chloride, and B(a)P has resulted in the contamination of soil. The site contaminants identified in soil which are considered to be the primary contaminants of concern, to be addressed by the remedy selection process are, trichloroethene, cis-1,2-dichloroethene, and vinyl chloride.

Soil Vapor

The evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion resulting from the presence of site related soil or groundwater contamination was evaluated by the sampling of soil vapor, sub-slab soil vapor under structures, and indoor air inside structures. At this site, due to the presence of buildings in the impacted area, a full suite of samples was collected to evaluate whether soil vapor intrusion was occurring.

Soil vapor samples were collected from the sub-slab of both structures located on the site. Indoor air and outdoor air samples were also collected at this time. The samples were collected to assess the potential for soil vapor intrusion. The results indicate trichloroethene (TCE) was detected in on-site sub-slab vapor and on-site indoor air of the main building.

Based on the concentration detected, in comparison with the NYSDOH Soil Vapor Intrusion Guidance, soil vapor contamination identified during the RI was addressed during the IRM described in Section 6.2.

Soil vapor samples were also collected from locations within the Right-of-Way of the surrounding neighborhood to assess the potential for soil vapor intrusion to impact air quality of occupied buildings near the site. no additional actions were recommended to address soil vapor intrusion.

Description of Remedial Alternatives

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

Alternative 1: No Further Action

The No Further Action Alternative recognizes the remediation of the site completed by the IRM described in Section 6.2. This alternative leaves the site in its present condition and does not provide any additional protection of the environment.

Alternative 2: Restoration to Pre-Disposal or Unrestricted Conditions

This alternative achieves all of the SCGs discussed in Section 6.1.1 and Exhibit A and soil meets the unrestricted soil clean objectives listed in Part 375-6.8 (a). This alternative would include: demolition of all on-site buildings and removal of underground utilities; excavation and off-site disposal of all waste and soil contamination above the unrestricted soil cleanup objectives; and chemical oxidation of remaining groundwater contamination.

Capital Cost:\$28,300,000

Alternative 3: Site Cover for Industrial Use with Focused Groundwater Treatment

This alternative would include:

- A site cover will be required to allow industrial use of the site in areas where the upper one foot
 of exposed surface soil exceeds the applicable SCOs. Where a soil cover is to be used it will
 be a minimum of one foot of soil placed over a demarcation layer, with the upper six inches of
 soil of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetative layer. Soil cover material, including any fill
 material brought to the site, will meet the SCOs for cover material for the industrial use of the
 site as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d). Substitution of other materials and components
 may be allowed where such components already exist or are a component of the tangible
 property to be placed as part of site redevelopment. Such components may include, but are
 not necessarily limited to: pavement, concrete, paved surface parking areas, sidewalks,
 building foundations and building slabs.
- Groundwater extraction and treatment will be implemented to treat contaminants in groundwater and will be focused to the area with the highest concentrations of chlorinated solvents. The extraction system will create a depression of the water table so that contaminated groundwater is directed toward the extraction wells within the targeted area. The extracted groundwater will be treated using granular activated carbon (GAC).
- Once operation of the groundwater extraction system achieves asymptotic concentrations at a level that is acceptable to the Department in the primary source area (the area around well MW-5 shown on Figure 2), in-situ enhanced biodegradation will be employed as a polishing

step to treat chlorinated volatile organic compounds in groundwater in the primary source area depicted on Figure 2. The biological breakdown of contaminants through anaerobic reductive dechlorination will be enhanced by injecting an emulsified vegetable oil solution (or similar) into the subsurface to promote microbe growth via injection points in the overburden with injection intervals from approximately 8 to 12 feet.

- The 10,000-gallon underground storage tank shown on Figure 2 will be properly decommissioned.
- As a contingency, if the groundwater extraction system and targeted enhanced bioremediation elements, along with the existing phytoremediation system, are unable to ensure contaminated groundwater does not migrate off-site, especially in the direction of occupied structures, activated carbon will be added to the subsurface to capture and prevent the migration of chlorinated volatile organic compounds. Emulsified vegetable oil solution (or similar) will also be added to enhance the biodegradation. In the area of the captured contamination, conditions will be maintained that will allow anaerobic degradation of the chlorinated volatile organic compounds to occur. Activated carbon and bioremediation amendments will be added to the subsurface to create a permeable barrier between source areas and the areas where off-site migration occurs via injection points in the overburden with injection intervals from approximately 8 to 12 feet and in bedrock through open-cores with injection intervals from approximately 15 to 25 feet.

This alternative also includes: engineering controls, in the form of the site cover, the groundwater extraction and treatment system, the existing phytoremediation system, and the positive pressure vapor intrusion mitigation system IRM; and institutional controls, in the form of an environmental easement and site management plan, necessary to protect public health and the environment from contamination remaining at the site.

Present Worth:	\$1,080,000
Capital Cost:	\$598,000
Annual Costs:	

Alternative 4: Site Cover for Industrial Use with Groundwater Containment

This alternative would include:

- A site cover will be required to allow industrial use of the site in areas where the upper one foot of exposed surface soil will exceed the applicable SCOs. Where a soil cover is to be used it will be a minimum of one foot of soil placed over a demarcation layer, with the upper six inches of soil of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetative layer. Soil cover material, including any fill material brought to the site, will meet the SCOs for cover material for the industrial use of the site as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d). Substitution of other materials and components may be allowed where such components already exist or are a component of the tangible property to be placed as part of site redevelopment. Such components may include, but are not necessarily limited to: pavement, concrete, paved surface parking areas, sidewalks, building foundations and building slabs.
- Groundwater extraction and treatment will be implemented to treat contaminants in groundwater and to ensure contaminated groundwater does not migrate off-site. The groundwater extraction system will be designed and installed so that the capture zone is sufficient to intercept the groundwater contaminant plume to stop further migration. The

extraction system will create a depression of the water table so that contaminated groundwater is directed toward the extraction wells within the plume area. The extracted groundwater will be treated using granular active carbon (GAC).

- Once operation of the groundwater extraction system achieves asymptotic concentrations at a level that is acceptable to the Department in the primary source area (the area around well MW-5 shown on Figure 2), in-situ enhanced biodegradation will be employed as a polishing step to treat chlorinated volatile organic compounds in groundwater in the primary source area around well MW-5 and the secondary source area around well MW-H depicted on Figure 2. The biological breakdown of contaminants through anaerobic reductive dechlorination will be enhanced by injecting an emulsified vegetable oil solution (or similar) into the subsurface to promote microbe growth via injection points in the overburden with injection intervals from approximately 8 to 12 feet. Groundwater extraction and treatment will continue, as needed, at the rest of the site.
- The 10,000-gallon underground storage tank shown on Figure 2 will be properly decommissioned.
- As a contingency, if the groundwater extraction system and targeted enhanced bioremediation elements, along with the existing phytoremediation system, are unable to ensure contaminated groundwater does not migrate off-site, especially in the direction of occupied structures, activated carbon will be added to the subsurface to capture and prevent the migration of chlorinated volatile organic compounds. Emulsified vegetable oil solution (or similar) will also be added to enhance the biodegradation. In the area of the captured contamination, conditions will be maintained that will allow anaerobic degradation of the chlorinated volatile organic compounds to occur. Activated carbon and bioremediation amendments will be added to the subsurface to create a permeable barrier between source areas and the areas where off-site migration occurs via injection points in the overburden with injection intervals from approximately 8 to 12 feet and in bedrock through open-cores with injection intervals from approximately 15 to 25 feet.

This alternative also includes: engineering controls, in the form of the site cover, the groundwater extraction and treatment system, the contingent perimeter barrier, the existing phytoremediation system, and the positive pressure vapor intrusion mitigation system IRM; and institutional controls, in the form of an environmental easement and site management plan, necessary to protect public health and the environment from contamination remaining at the site.

Present Worth:	\$1,660,000
Capital Cost:	\$698,000
Annual Costs:	

Remedial Alternative Costs

Remedial Alternative	Capital Cost (\$)	Annual Costs (\$)	Total Present Worth (\$)
#1 No Further Action	0	0	0
#2 Restoration to Pre-Disposal or Unrestricted Conditions	\$28,300,000	0	\$28,300,000
#3 Site Cover for Industrial Use with Focused Groundwater Treatment	\$598,000	\$30,000	\$1,590,000
#4 Site Cover for Industrial Use with Groundwater Containment	\$698,000	\$30,000	\$1,660,000

Exhibit D

SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

The Department is selecting Alternative #4, Soil Cover for Industrial Use with Groundwater Containment as the remedy for this site. Alternative #4 achieves the remediation goals for the site by: using of groundwater extraction and treatment, in-situ bioremediation, phytoremediation, and barrier walls (as needed) to ensure contaminated groundwater does not migrate off-site. Exposure to contaminated soil and groundwater will be prevented by constructing a cover system, restricting future use of the property to industrial activities, restricting groundwater use, and adherence to a Site Management Plan. Exposure to contaminated soil vapor will be prevented by the continued operation of the existing positive pressure vapor intrusion mitigation system. The elements of this remedy are described in Section 7. The selected remedy is depicted in Figure 2.

Basis for Selection

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

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

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

The selected remedy (Alternative 4) satisfies this criterion by: installing a protective cover to prevent contact with impacted soil; continued operation of the positive pressure IRM to prevent inhalation of impacted soil vapor; a long-term groundwater use restriction to prevent exposure to impacted groundwater; phytoremediation, groundwater extraction and treatment, and a contingency to install a bioremediation and liquid activated carbon barrier to prevent contaminated groundwater from migrating off site, especially toward occupied structures; and limited in-situ bioremediation source area treatment to reduce source mass in two areas that are accessible. The sources of the groundwater contamination are located under the main building, in the vicinity of underground utilities, or in other locations that are difficult to access. Alternative 4 addresses source areas to the extent feasible given current site use. Alternative 1 (No Further Action) does not provide any protection to public health and the environment and will not be evaluated further. Alternative 2, by removing all soil contaminated above the Unrestricted use soil cleanup objectives, meets the threshold criteria. Alternatives 3 and 4 achieve the same level of cleanup in the cover system (industrial use). Alternatives 3 and 4 rely on a restriction of groundwater use at the site to protect human health. Alternatives 2 and 4 provide a higher degree of contaminant containment than Alternative 3. Alternative 2 may require a short-term restriction on groundwater use; however, it is expected the restriction will be able to be removed in less than 10 years. The potential for soil vapor intrusion will be significantly reduced by Alternative 2 and, to a lesser extent, Alternatives 4. The potential for soil vapor intrusion, especially off-site, will remain highest under Alternative 3 as it provides a lower level of contaminant migration control unless the contingent remedy is implemented. Soil vapor mitigation is required on-site under Alternatives 3 and 4 in order to protect human health.

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

Alternative 2 complies with all SCGs. It addresses source areas of contamination and complies with the unrestricted use soil cleanup objectives throughout the site. It also creates the conditions necessary to restore groundwater quality to pre-release conditions. Alternatives 3, 4 also comply with this criterion but to a lesser degree or with lower certainty. Because Alternatives 2, 3, and 4 satisfy the threshold criteria, the remaining criteria are particularly important in selecting a final remedy for the site. It is expected Alternative 2 will achieve groundwater SCGs in less than 10 years, while groundwater contamination above SCGs will remain on-site under Alternatives 3 and 4 for many years.

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

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

Long-term effectiveness is best accomplished by those alternatives involving excavation of the contaminated overburden soils (Alternative 2). Alternative 2 results in removal of all of the chemical contamination at the site and eliminates the need for property use restrictions and long-term monitoring. Alternatives 3 and 4 do not address contaminant sources in the unsaturated soils. Alternative 3 uses in-situ bioremediation as a polishing step to address source material to a limited extent in the saturated zone in the area with the greatest chlorinated solvent impacts. Alternative 4 provides a higher level of source treatment than Alternative 3 by: expanding the in-situ bioremediation polishing step to include accessible portions of the chlorinated solvent source area in the northwest portion of the site; installing groundwater extraction wells in areas that will collect LNAPL and cyanide under the building in addition to chlorinated solvents and PFAS; and including a provision to implement a more aggressive source removal in the future if the source areas become accessible. The presence of detectable levels of chlorinated solvents in perimeter groundwater monitoring wells in all directions calls into question the long-term effectiveness of Alternative 3, which is not expected to provide hydraulic control throughout the site. Alternative 4 is expected to provide hydraulic control. Alternatives 3 and 4 include contingencies to prevent off-site migration of contaminated groundwater.

Alternative 3 is more energy efficient than Alternative 4. Alternative 3 will have fewer extraction wells than Alternative 4, and all of the Alternative 3 wells are expected to be shut down after approximately three years. Some of the Alternative 4 extraction wells are expected to operate for at least 30 years. Consideration will be given to using renewable energy sources under Alternative 4. Alternative 2 will generate a large volume of soil and construction and demolition waste that will be managed off-site.

Alternatives 3 and 4 require a long-term groundwater use restriction. Soil vapor mitigation is required on-site under Alternatives 3 and 4 in order to protect human health. By focusing on containment, Alternative 4 is favored over Alternative 3 for preventing soil vapor intrusion impacts off-site.

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

Alternative 2, excavation and off-site disposal, reduces the mobility and volume of on-site waste by transferring the material to an approved off-site location. However, depending on the disposal facility, the volume of the material may not be reduced. The groundwater extraction and treatment elements of Alternatives 3 and 4 reduce the mobility and volume of material by transferring the contaminants to another media, such as activated carbon, which is then managed at an approved off-site location. The in-situ bioremediation elements of Alternatives 3 and 4 permanently reduces the toxicity, mobility and volume of contaminants by breaking down the contaminants using enhanced biological treatment. Alternative 4 will provide greater reductions than Alternative 3 by using more extraction wells and more bioremediation injection locations. Alternatives 3 and 4 also include a contingency to install a bioremediation/activated carbon barrier, if needed, to further reduce the mobility of contamination in groundwater. The activated carbon portion of the barrier has the added benefit of controlling PFAS in addition to chlorinated solvents.

Alternative 2 is expected to require short-term groundwater use restrictions and also provides the greatest reduction in the potential for soil vapor intrusion. All of the other alternatives require long-term groundwater use restrictions and require continued operation of the existing on-site vapor mitigation system. By proactively focusing on containment, Alternative 4 is favored over Alternative 3 for preventing soil vapor intrusion impacts off-site. Alternative 3 addresses off-site migration in a reactive manner through the bioremediation/activated carbon barrier contingent remedy which will be installed after off-site groundwater migration is identified as a concern.

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

Alternative 2 requires demolition of on-site buildings and removal of some underground utilities. This would be a severe burden to this active manufacturing facility. Alternatives 3 and 4 will have some impact on the facility during construction of the groundwater extraction and treatment system and injection of bioremediation amendments, but these can be addressed. The time needed to achieve the remediation goals is the shortest for Alternative 2 and longest for Alternative 3.

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

Alternatives 3 and 4 are favorable in that they are readily implementable. Alternative 2 is not implementable, as it requires demolition of an active manufacturing building.

7. <u>Cost-Effectiveness.</u> Capital costs and annual operation, maintenance, and monitoring costs are estimated for each alternative and compared on a present worth basis. Although cost-effectiveness

is the last balancing criterion evaluated, where two or more alternatives have met the requirements of the other criteria, it can be used as the basis for the final decision.

The costs of the alternatives vary significantly. Alternative 3 has the lowest cost, but the highest potential for contaminants to migrate off-site in groundwater and result in indoor air impacts in off-site occupied buildings. Alternative 2 has the highest cost but requires demolition of an active manufacturing building and is not implementable. Alternative 4 is more expensive than Alternative 3 but, by using more groundwater extraction wells than Alternative 3, Alternative 4 will provide greater migration control and a higher level of protection for the surrounding neighborhood. Because Alternative 3 provides a lower level of migration control, it is also more likely that the contingent remedy will need to be implemented for Alternative 3 than Alternative 4. This could make Alternative 3 more expensive than Alternative 4.

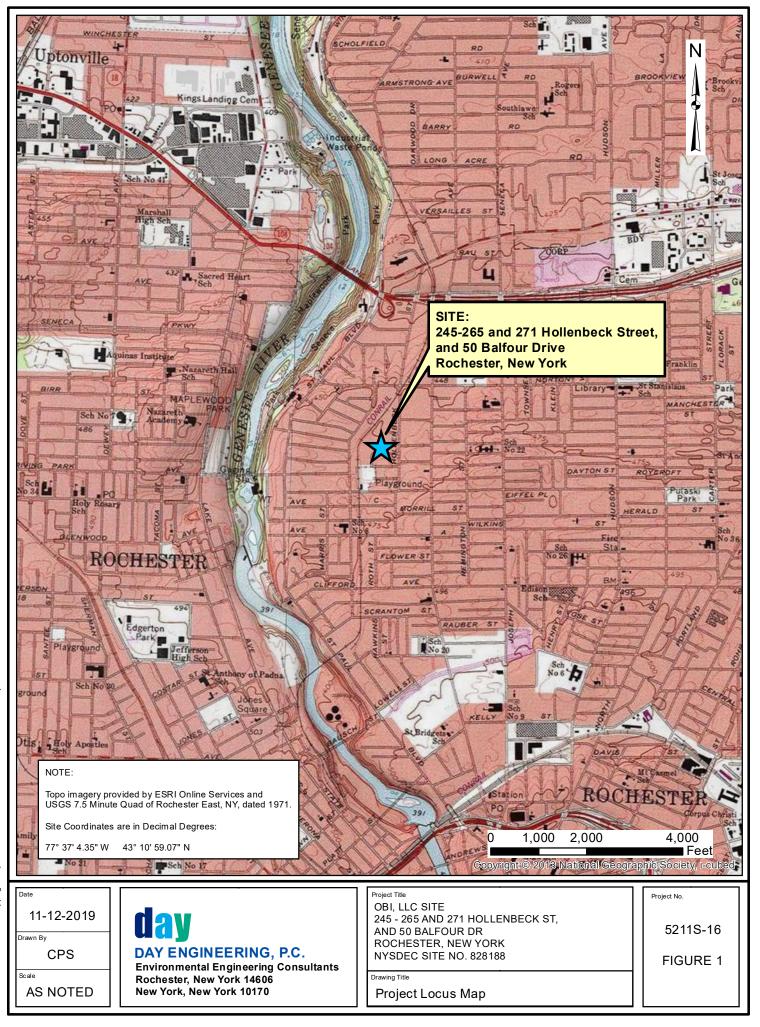
8. <u>Land Use</u>. When cleanup to pre-disposal conditions is determined to be infeasible, the Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonable anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings in the selection of the soil remedy.

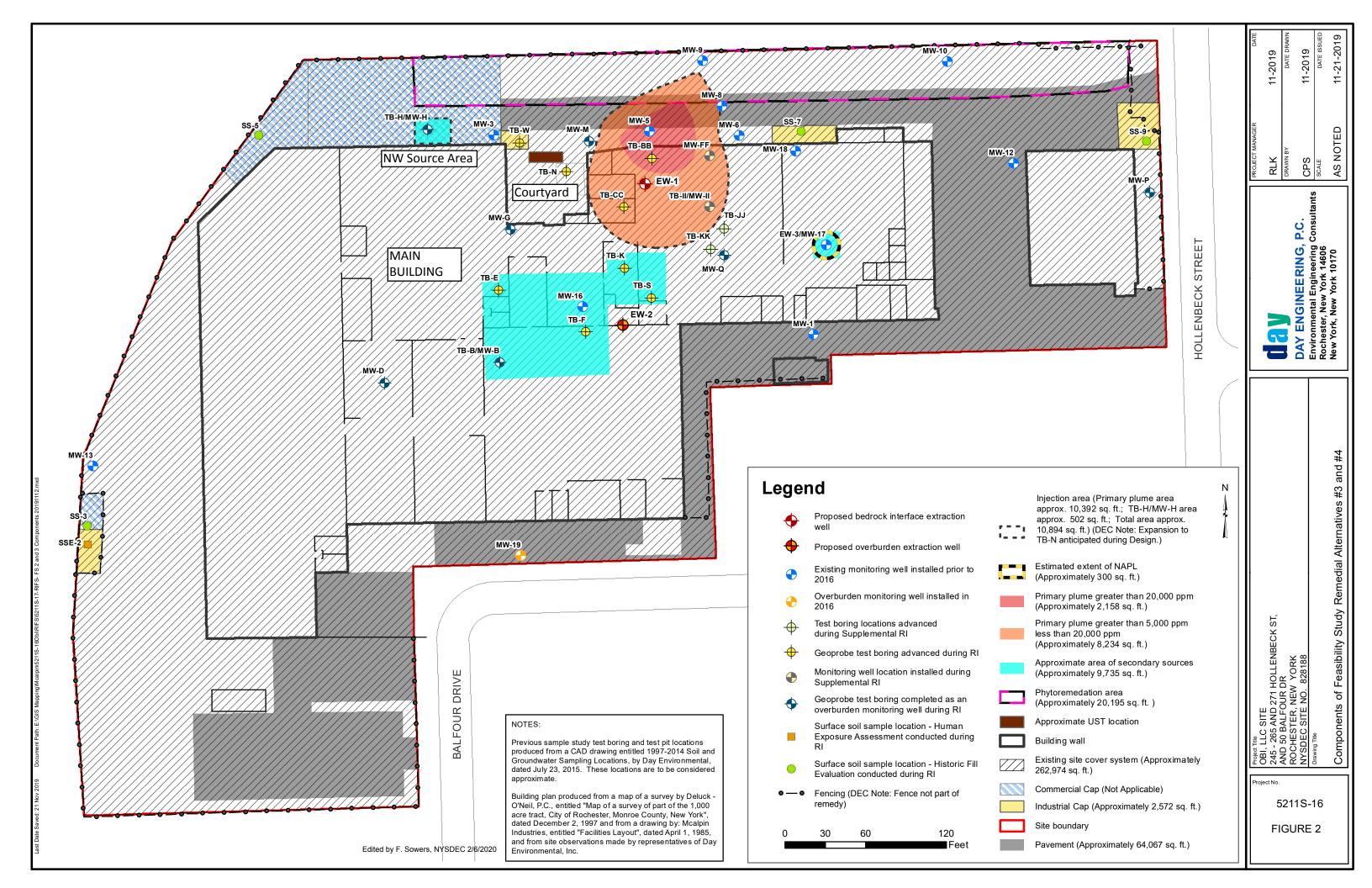
Since the current use of the site is industrial, Alternatives 3 and 4 comply with this criterion through placement of a cover for industrial use. Alternative 2 will remove or treat the contaminated soil permanently and would achieve an unrestricted land use. The remaining contamination with Alternatives 3 and 4 would be controllable with implementation of a Site Management Plan. With Alternative 2 restrictions on the site use would not be necessary since all soil is removed to unrestricted use levels.

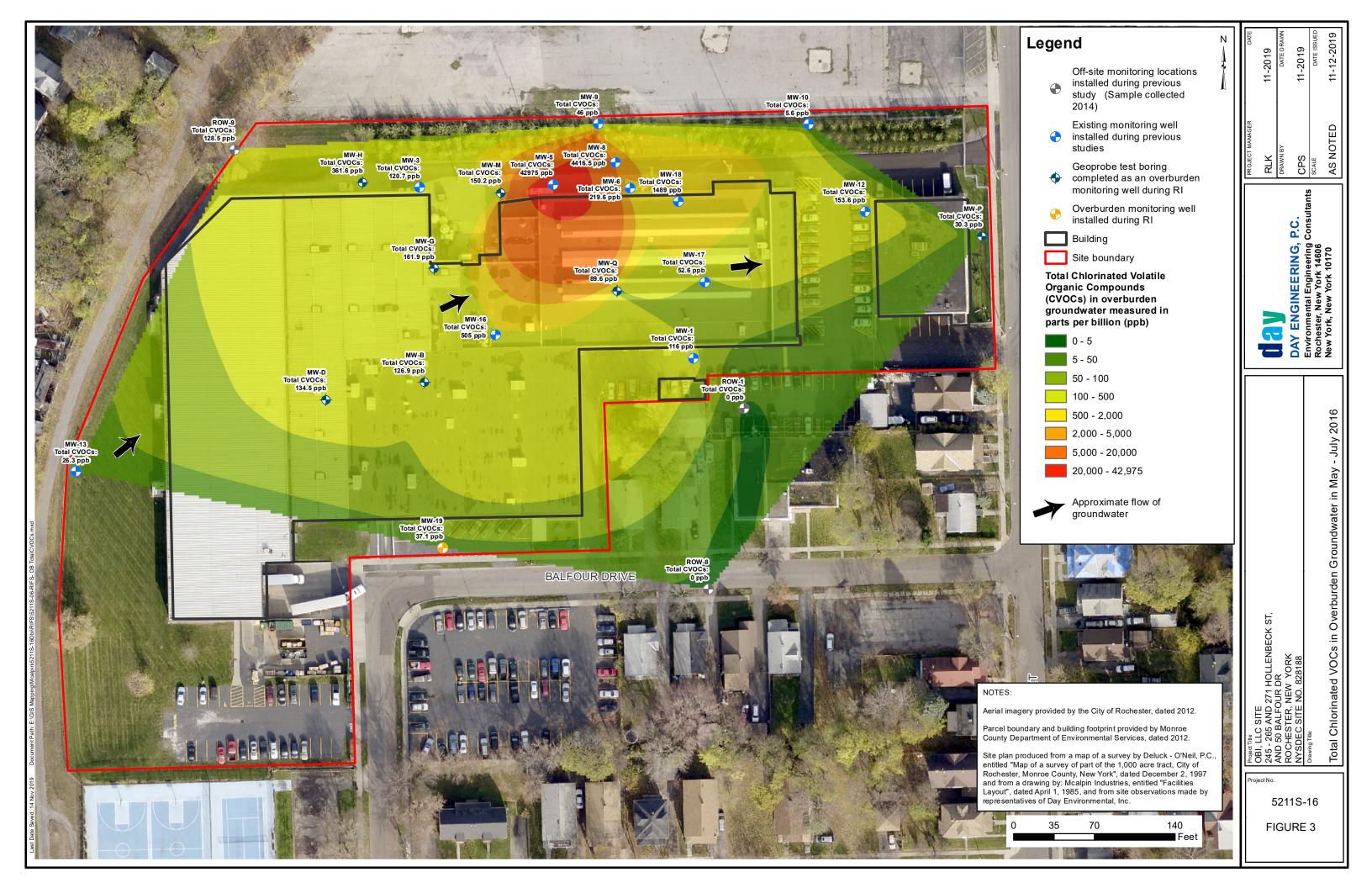
The final criterion, Community Acceptance, is considered a "modifying criterion" and is taken into account after evaluating those above. It is evaluated after public comments on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan have been received.

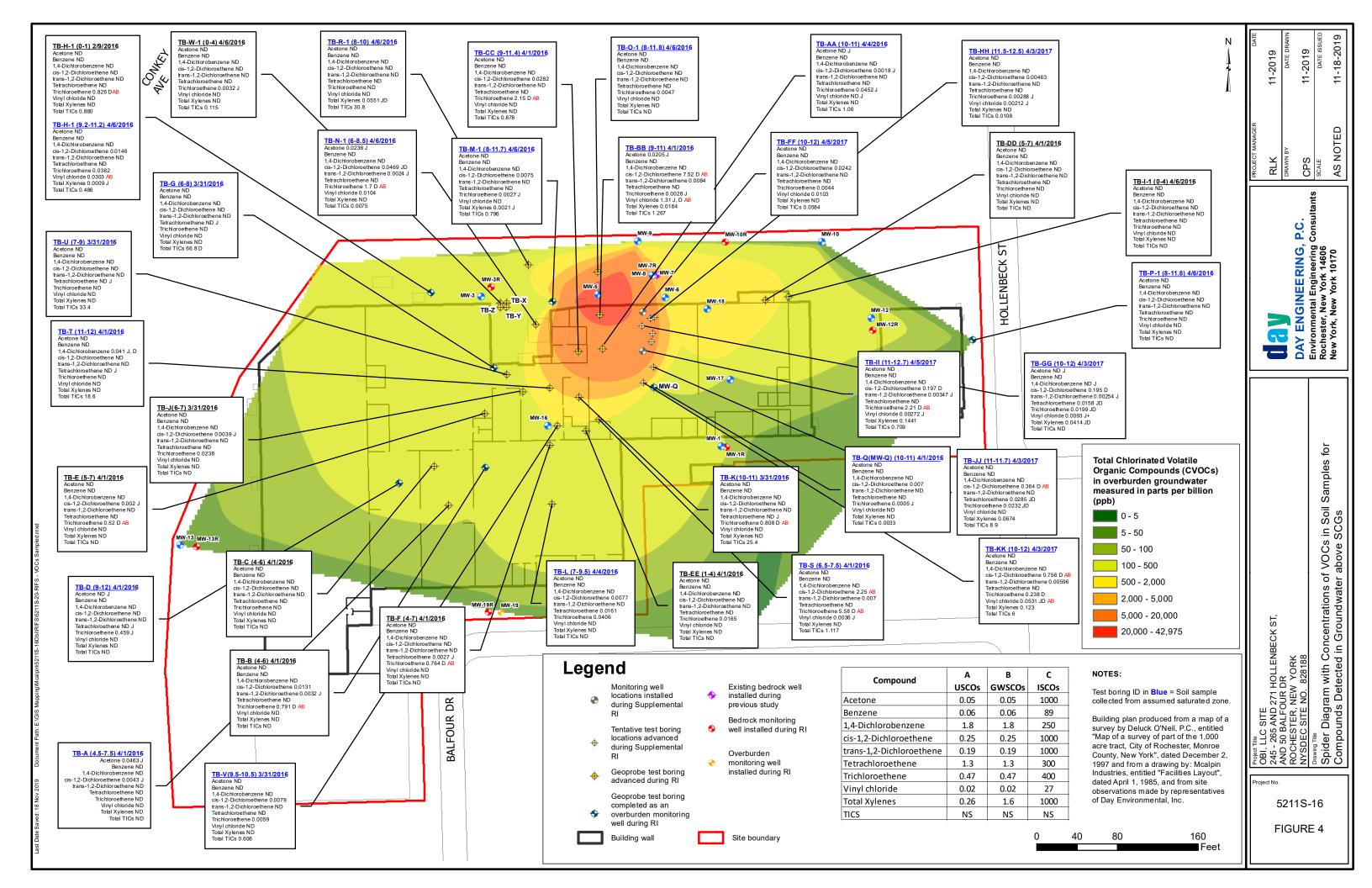
9. <u>Community Acceptance.</u> Concerns of the community regarding the investigation, the evaluation of alternatives, and the PRAP are evaluated. A responsiveness summary has been prepared that describes public comments received and the manner in which the Department will address the concerns raised.

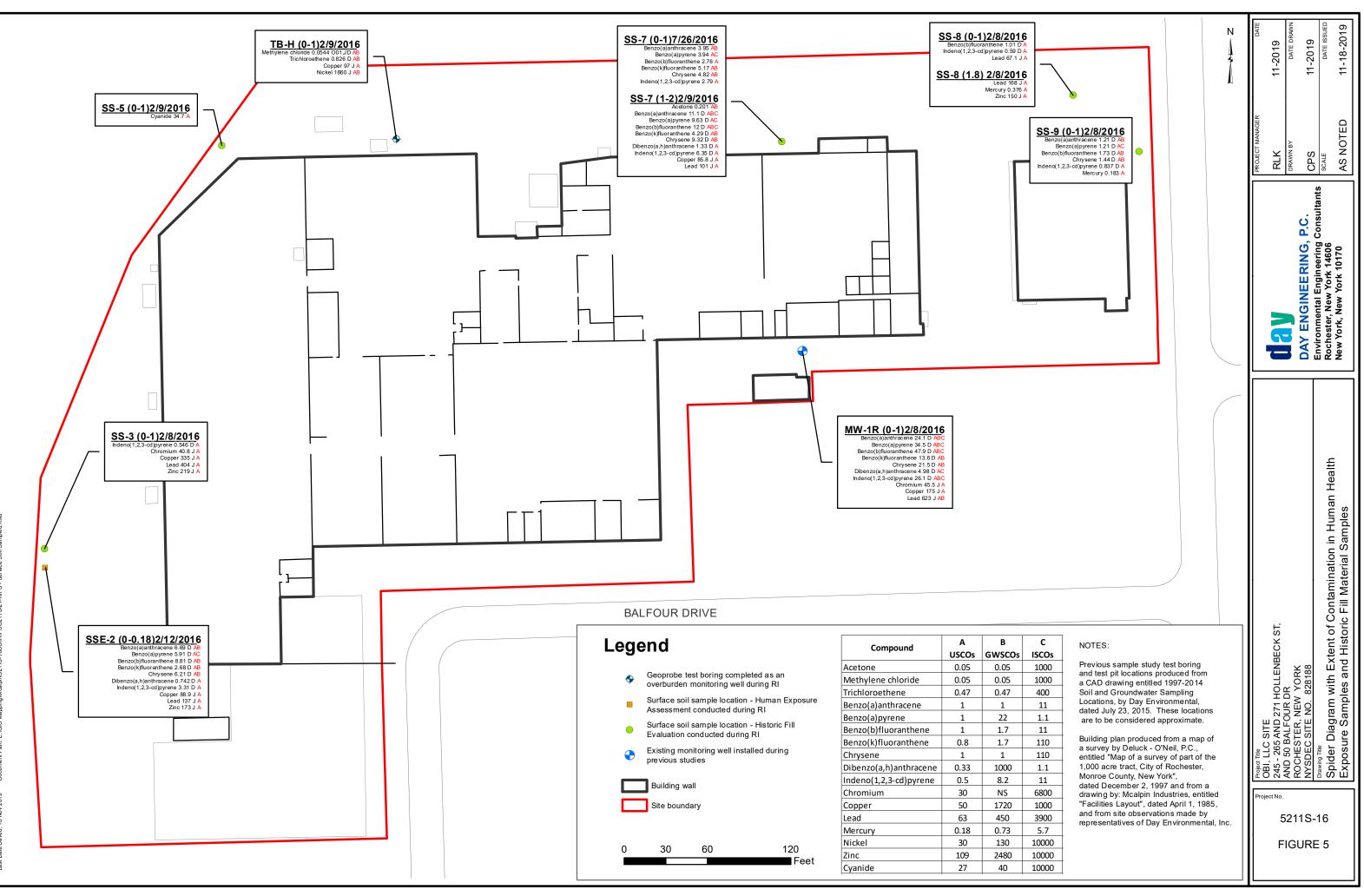
Alternative #4 has been selected because, as described above, it satisfies the threshold criteria and provides the best balance of the balancing criterion.











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APPENDIX A

Responsiveness Summary

RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

OBI, LLC State Superfund Project Rochester, Monroe County, New York Site No. 828188

The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the OBI, LLC site was prepared by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and was issued to the document repositories on February 19, 2020. The PRAP outlined the remedial measure proposed for the contaminated soil, soil vapor, and groundwater at the OBI, LLC site.

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

A public meeting was held on March 2, 2020, which included a presentation of the remedial investigation feasibility study (RI/FS) for the OBI, LLC site as well as a discussion of the proposed remedy. The meeting provided an opportunity for citizens to discuss their concerns, ask questions and comment on the proposed remedy. These comments have become part of the Administrative Record for this site. The public comment period for the PRAP ended on March 20, 2020.

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

COMMENT 1: When will cleanup start?

RESPONSE 1: The next step is for OBI, LLC to prepare a detailed Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) Work Plan to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, optimization, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program. Unless otherwise approved by the Department, the RD/RA Work Plan is due within 60 days of the Record of Decision being issued. The RD/RA Work Plan will include a schedule for implementing the plan.

COMMENT 2: Will the cost of the cleanup put OBI, LLC out of business?

RESPONSE 2: OBI, LLC was involved with developing the selected remedy and determined that the plan is economically feasible.

COMMENT 3: How do tree limbs and other waste associated with the phytoremediation trees need to be managed?

RESPONSE 3: All waste streams associated with remediation activities need to be properly characterized and managed.

William Wyatt submitted an email dated February 20, 2020 which included the following comment:

COMMENT 4: I own property adjacent to the old railway bed and bike trail that runs west of the site. What changes are being made that may affect our backyard?

RESPONSE 4: No cleanup actions are needed on nearby private properties at this time. If new information indicates that action is needed in the future, the property owner will be contacted in advance to discuss the proposed action and answer questions. No work will be performed unless the property owner gives permission.

Ravi Srirangam submitted an email dated February 20, 2020 which included the following comment:

COMMENT 5: My company has expertise in bioremediation technologies. Who is the consulting firm doing the remedial design?

RESPONSE 5: The owner has identified Day Engineering, P.C. as the firm who will manage the remediation of the OBI, LLC site.

Donna Cummings submitted an email dated February 27, 2020 which included the following comment:

COMMENT 6: My company has expertise with activated carbon. Who is the consulting firm doing the remedial design? **RESPONSE 6:** See Response 5.

APPENDIX B

Administrative Record

Administrative Record

OBI, LLC State Superfund Project Rochester, Monroe County, New York Site No. 828188

- 1. *Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the OBI, LLC site,* dated February 2020, prepared by the Department.
- 2. Order on Consent, Index No. B8-0815-13-10, between the Department and OBI, LLC, executed on November 6, 2013.
- 3. "Right-Of-Way and Site Perimeter Soil Vapor and Groundwater Evaluation Work Plan," dated January 2014, prepared by DAY Environmental, Inc.
- 4. "Soil Vapor Intrusion Evaluation of On-Site Structures Work Plan," dated February 2014, prepared by DAY Environmental, Inc.
- 5. "Records Search Report," dated March 2014, prepared by DAY Environmental, Inc.
- 6. "Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan for Mitigation of Potential Soil Vapor Intrusion," dated December 2014, prepared by DAY Environmental, Inc.
- 7. "Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan," dated August 2015, prepared by DAY Environmental, Inc.
- 8. "Supplemental RI Work Plan," dated September 2016, prepared by DAY Environmental, Inc.
- 9. "Supplemental Remedial Investigation Work Plan," dated March 2017, prepared by DAY Environmental, Inc.
- "Construction Completion Report: Interim Remedial Measures for Mitigation of Potential Soil Vapor Intrusion," dated February 2019, prepared by Day Engineering, P.C
- 11. "Interim Site Management Plan," dated February 2019, prepared by DAY Environmental, Inc.
- 12. "Citizen Participation Plan," dated May 2019, prepared by the Department.
- 13. "Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report," dated November 2019, prepared by Day Engineering, P.C.
- 14. Email dated February 20, 2020 from William Wyatt, adjacent property owner.
- 15. Email dated February 20, 2020 from Ravi Srirangam of PeroxyChem, LLC.
- 16. Email dated February 27, 2020 from Donna Cummings of General Carbon Corp.