RECORD OF DECISION

Crystal Cleaners
State Superfund Project
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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

DECLARATION STATEMENT - RECORD OF DECISION

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Statement of Purpose and Basis

This document presents the remedy for the Crystal Cleaners 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 Crystal Cleaners site and the public's input to the proposed remedy presented by the Department. A listing of the documents included as a part of the Administrative Record is included in Appendix B of the ROD.

Description of Selected Remedy

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

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

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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 31, 2016
Date

Robert W. Schick, P.E., Director
Division of Environmental Remediation

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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. The remedy is intended to attain the remedial action objectives identified for this site for the protection of public health and the environment. This Record of Decision (ROD) identifies the selected remedy, summarizes the other alternatives considered, and discusses the reasons for selecting the remedy.

The 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:

Pelham Village Hall
195 Sparks Avenue
Pelham, NY 10803
Phone: 914-738-2015

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, Voluntary Cleanup Program, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program. We encourage the public to sign up for one or more county listservs at http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

SECTION 3: SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

Location: The Crystal Cleaners Site is located at 113 Wolfs Lane in the downtown section of the Village of Pelham, Westchester County, NY.

Site Features: The Crystal Cleaners Site is a single-story commercial building which sits on approximately 0.1 acres of land in a row of similar buildings on Wolfs Lane. The site is entirely covered by the building except for an area of concrete sidewalk in the front. Ground elevation drops several feet behind the row of commercial buildings. A larger neighboring parcel behind these buildings is owned by the Village of Pelham and is used by the Village's Department of Public Works.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The site is zoned BUS-1, which allows for commercial use. Crystal Cleaners is an active dry cleaning establishment which utilizes solvents. The surrounding area is a mix of residential and commercial properties. The nearest residential property is located approximately 200 feet to the south-west of the site.

Past Use of the Site: The site has been utilized as a dry cleaning facility for several decades.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: Site overburden consists of a mixture of sand, gravel, silt, and clay. Groundwater is located at approximately 9 to 12 feet below ground surface and generally flows to the west - southwest. Bedrock is located approximately 12 to 14 feet below grade in the vicinity of the site but varies considerably in the surrounding area.

A site location map is attached as Figure 1.

SECTION 4: LAND USE AND PHYSICAL SETTING

The Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonably anticipated future land use

of the site and its surroundings when evaluating a remedy for soil remediation. For this site, alternatives (or an alternative) that restrict(s) the use of the site to as described in Part 375-1.8(g) were/was evaluated in addition to an alternative which would allow for unrestricted use of the site.

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

SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT STATUS

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

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

Crystal Cleaners of Pelham Corp.

A&M Crystal Cleaners & Launderers, Inc.

Myung H. Lee

Estate of Michael Covino

113 Wolf's Lane A&M Corp.

The PRPs for the site declined to implement a remedial program when requested by the Department. After the remedy is selected, the PRPs will again be contacted to assume responsibility for the remedial program. If an agreement cannot be reached with the PRPs, the Department will evaluate the site for further action under the State Superfund. The PRPs are subject to legal actions by the state for recovery of all response costs the state has incurred.

SECTION 6: SITE CONTAMINATION

6.1: Summary of the Remedial Investigation

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

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: http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html

6.1.2: RI Results

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 contaminant(s) of concern identified at this site is/are:

tetrachloroethene (PCE)	1,2-dichloroethene
trichloroethene (TCE)	vinyl chloride

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

- groundwater
- soil
- soil vapor intrusion

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(s) has/have been completed at this site based on conditions observed during the RI.

IRM - Vapor Mitigation Systems

In 2009 and 2010, Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) were implemented at two off-site buildings where the potential for soil vapor intrusion (SVI) was identified. A state contractor was hired to install sub-slab depressurization (SSDS) systems to mitigate vapor intrusion for these properties.

One building is a two story structure used for commercial purposes. Both floors of the structure are occupied by the restaurant. Prior to mitigation there was 20,614 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m^3) of PCE, 100 ug/m^3 of DCE and 542 ug/m^3 of TCE in the sub-slab soil vapor. PCE was detected in the basement air at a concentration of 463 ug/m^3. No contaminants were detected on the first floor of the structure.

The other building is used for restricted residential purposes by the Village of Pelham as the Village Hall. Prior to mitigation 53,096 ug/m^3 of PCE, 900 ug/m^3 of DCE and 482 ug/m^3 of TCE were detected in sub-slab soil vapor. PCE was detected in the basement air at a concentration of 5.63 ug/m^3.

The SSD systems create a vacuum beneath the buildings to prevent sub-slab vapors from migrating into the indoor air of the buildings. The systems consist of numerous suction points installed into the sub-structure. Piping is routed from the extraction points to a fan which extracts vapors from beneath the building and discharges them to the ambient air. Pressure testing conducted post-installation confirmed that the systems were providing an adequate vacuum beneath the structures and operating as designed. The results of the system installations are contained in the SSDS Final Installation Reports dated June 2010 and November 2010.

6.3: Summary of Environmental Assessment

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:

The Site Characterization identified the contaminants of concern at the site as tetrachloroethene (PCE) and three associated breakdown products: trichloroethene (TCE), cis-1,2 dichloroethene (DCE) and vinyl chloride. These all fall under the category of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Sampling for other contaminants was conducted, including metals and semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs) did not identify significant contamination, so subsequent investigation work focused on VOCs.

VOC contamination has been documented in both overburden and bedrock groundwater. There has also been contamination observed in soil and soil vapor at concentrations which exceed standards, criteria, or guidance (SCGs).

Groundwater - Contaminants were observed in both the overburden and bedrock aquifers. The plume originates in the vicinity of the dry cleaner building and flows to the southwest away from the site. PCE, TCE, DCE and vinyl chloride were detected in groundwater at maximum concentrations of 1400 parts per billion (ppb), 620 ppb, 1900 ppb and 170 ppb, respectively. The SCG for PCE, TCE and DCE is 5 ppb and for vinyl chloride is 2 ppb.

Soil - Contamination was observed in soil samples collected adjacent to the rear of the dry cleaner building. Samples were collected from the depth where the highest PID reading was observed which was generally the three to five foot interval. PCE was present in the soil samples at a maximum of 17 parts per million (ppm), compared to the protection of groundwater SCO of 1.3 ppm. Note that there were no surface soil samples collected as all soil near the site is covered by buildings and or pavement.

Soil Vapor, Sub-Slab Vapor, and Indoor Air – Samples were collected at eleven off-site buildings in total. Mitigation was recommended for four of the eleven off-site buildings due to the potential for indoor air impacts as a result of soil vapor intrusion. Two of the four buildings received sub-slab depressurization systems. The owners of the two remaining buildings did not respond to the offers to install sub-slab depressurization systems. Both of these structures are residential properties. One of them had concentrations of PCE, TCE and DCE detected at concentrations of 9,800, 560 and 2,500 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m3) in sub-slab vapor, respectively. The other building had PCE, TCE and DCE detected at concentrations of 8,300, 370 and 1,500 ug/m3, respectively. There were no detections in indoor air at any of the buildings. No further actions were needed at the remaining seven off-site buildings.

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 site is covered with a building and pavement. People are not drinking the contaminated groundwater because the area is served by a public water supply that is not affected by this contamination. Volatile organic compounds in the groundwater may move into the soil vapor (air spaces within the soil), which in turn may move into overlying buildings and affect the indoor air quality. This process, which

is similar to the movement of radon gas from the subsurface into the indoor air of buildings, is referred to as soil vapor intrusion. Indoor air impacts are expected in the on-site building since it is occupied by a dry cleaner that uses the same site related chemicals. An evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion to occur is recommended for the on-site building when the site related chemicals are no longer being used. Sub-slab depressurization systems (systems that ventilate/remove the air beneath the building) were installed at two of four recommended off-site buildings to prevent the indoor air quality from being affected by the contamination in soil vapor beneath the buildings. Owners of the remaining two off-site buildings have not permitted the installation of the sub-slab depressurization systems and therefore the potential exists for occupants of those two buildings to inhale site contaminants in indoor air due to soil vapor intrusion.

6.5: Summary of the Remediation Objectives

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

The remedial action objectives 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.

Soil

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.
- Prevent impacts to biota from ingestion/direct contact with soil causing toxicity or impacts from bioaccumulation through the terrestrial food chain.

Soil Vapor

RAOs for Public Health Protection

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

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 Removal and Enhanced Bioremediation of Groundwater remedy.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is $1,554,000. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be $804,000 and the estimated average annual cost is $25,000.

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Exhibit A

Nature and Extent of Contamination

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

For each medium, 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 of concern at the site are volatile organic compounds (VOCs). For comparison purposes, the SCGs are provided for each medium that allows for unrestricted use. For soil, the Restricted Use SCGs identified in Section 6.1.1 are also presented.

Waste/Source Areas

As described in the Remedial Investigation (RI) report, waste/source materials were present near the site. These contaminants have impacted groundwater, soil and soil vapor near the site.

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 identified near the site include an area of contaminated soil approximately 30 feet from the backdoor of the dry cleaner in the vicinity of the dumpster area. Figure 6 shows the general location of the source area for the primary contaminants of concern. It should be noted that disposal apparently took place very close to the southern boundary of the Crystal Cleaners property, and consequently high levels of soil contamination extend beyond, onto neighboring properties. It is also possible that some disposal activities may have introduced PCE wastes into the subsurface directly beneath the former Crystal Cleaners building itself.

Soil contaminants include PCE and its breakdown products TCE, cis-1,2 DCE and vinyl chloride, which are contaminants related to the chlorinated solvents that are associated with the past and current use of the site. Data collected in the investigation supports that significant quantities of hazardous wastes were disposed in this area at some time in the past, which resulted in the current soil contamination and groundwater contaminant plume.

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

Groundwater

The groundwater plume migrates to the south as seen in Figure 7 and the plume extends approximately 1000 feet from the site. Groundwater samples were collected from 24 locations during the RI to determine the nature and extent of contamination in the groundwater. Nine of the samples were collected from overburden monitoring wells. Six samples were collected from new and existing bedrock wells. Also, an additional nine samples were collected from temporary overburden sampling points to delineate off-site impacts in areas where conventional drilling would be more difficult.

As shown in Table 1, several samples exceeded the SCGs for the contaminants of concern. Contamination was detected above SCGs in both the overburden and bedrock groundwater. Figure 3 depicts the contaminants detected in the overburden groundwater wells. Figure 4 illustrates the bedrock well contamination.

Table # 1 – Groundwater Data

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppb)[a]	SCG[b] (ppb)	Frequency Exceeding SCG
VOCs			
Tetrachloroethene	ND – 1400	5	16 of 24
Trichloroethene	ND - 620	5	12 of 24
Vinyl Chloride	ND – 170	5	2 of 24
Cis 1,2 Dichloroethene	ND - 1900	5	14 of 24

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).

Based on the findings of the RI, the past disposal of hazardous waste 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: tetrachloroethene (PCE) and its breakdown products trichlorothene (TCE), Cis 1,2 Dichlorothene and Vinyl Chloride.

Soil

Subsurface soil samples were collected at the site during the RI. A total of 15 soil borings were advanced. Ten borings were advanced off-site in the source area as shown in Figure 5. Samples were collected off-site because the site is predominantly covered by the building. An additional five soil samples were collected from temporary monitoring wells while investigating the off-site plume. Soil samples were collected in five foot intervals and screened using a photoionization detector. One sample was collected from each boring. In general the samples were collected from where there was stained soil or where the PID readings were above background. The highest PID readings in the vicinity of the source were typically found at the 3 to 5 foot depth interval, where most of the samples were collected. Note that there were no surface soil samples collected as the site is covered by buildings and or pavement and the suspected source area is covered by an asphalt parking area.

Table 2 contains the results of the soil sampling.

Table # 2- Soil Data

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					
Tetrachloroethene	ND - 17	1.3	6 of 15	1.3	6 of 15

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 Groundwater.

The contaminant of concern, PCE, was detected above SCGs in six of the soil samples that were collected.

Based on the findings of the Remedial Investigation, the past disposal of hazardous waste has resulted in the contamination of soil. The site contaminant identified in soil which is considered to be the primary contaminant of concern, to be addressed by the remedy selection process, is PCE.

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 collection of sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air samples at nearby structures. On the site, there were no soil vapor intrusion samples collected since the site consists of only the dry cleaning structure and the drycleaner is still in business and continues to use the COCs.

Due to their locations relative to the site's groundwater plume, several off-site buildings were identified for soil vapor intrusion sampling. Seventeen notices were sent to surrounding residences and businesses requesting permission to sample the buildings. Samples were collected from eleven properties that granted access to perform the sampling. The purpose of the sampling was to assess the potential for soil vapor intrusion at each location. In general, one sub-slab sample and one indoor air sample were collected from each structure. An ambient air sample was also collected during each event. Based upon the results of the samples that were collected, it appears that the soil vapor contamination follows the groundwater plume closely with limited migration to the east or west.

Soil vapor contamination was identified at four off-site buildings during the RI. Site related contaminants in sub-slab vapor was identified at levels that warranted mitigation for two commercial buildings located adjacent to the site, and two residential buildings located along the path of the groundwater plume to the south of the site.

Soil vapor intrusion impacts identified during the RI were addressed at the two commercial buildings during the IRMs described in Section 6.2 through the installation of sub-slab depressurization systems. However, the owners of the two residential buildings to the south of the site declined the installation of the recommended SSDS.

Exhibit B

Description of Remedial Alternatives

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

Alternative 1: No Further Action

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

Present Worth: *$0*
Capital Cost: *$0*
Annual Costs: *$0*

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 cleanup objectives (SCOs) listed in Part 375-6.8(a). This alternative calls for the excavation, removal and disposal of contaminated soil above unrestricted SCOs. Alternative 2 also includes in-situ treatment of the groundwater plume where PCE is greater than 50 parts per billion (ppb). Alternative 2 utilizes in-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO) injections to treat the contamination in groundwater for both the bedrock and overburden plume. Alternative 2 calls for multiple rounds of ISCO injections until groundwater quality standards are achieved. Quarterly groundwater monitoring is estimated for five years and a short term Site Management Plan would be necessary until groundwater standards are met.

Present Worth: *$10,408,000*
Capital Cost: *$9,483,000*
Annual Costs: *$31,000*

Alternative 3: Soil Removal and Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) of Groundwater

This alternative calls for the removal of the contaminated soil in the source area near the former dry cleaner. Approximately 400 cubic yards of contaminated soil (roughly 40 dump truck loads) would be excavated and transported off site for proper treatment and disposal. Post-excavation soil samples would be collected to ensure that removal is complete, and the area would then be restored to its previous grade using clean soil materials from an off-site source.

No active groundwater treatment would be conducted. With the source of contamination removed, groundwater contaminant levels would be expected to decline over time, as a result of biological decay processes. The decay process would be monitored, with all of the current monitoring wells sampled periodically. Samples would be analyzed for PCE and all of its breakdown products, and for other chemical indicators of biological decay. It is assumed that this sampling would be conducted annually for the first five years following source removal, and conducted every five years thereafter.

Alternative 3 also utilizes institutional controls (ICs) to provide additional protection. The ICs include groundwater use and land use restrictions to prevent contact with contaminated groundwater. A Site Management Plan (SMP) will be needed to specify the details of the ICs, and provide for the management of remaining contamination and monitoring activities for the site.

Present Worth: *$993,000*
Capital Cost: *$423,000*
Annual Costs (30 years): *$19,000*

Alternative 4: Soil Removal and Enhanced Bioremediation of Groundwater

This alternative builds on the soil removal specified in Alternative 3, and also provides for accelerated biological treatment of contaminated groundwater.

Following excavation of the source area, enhanced in-situ bioremediation will be employed to treat PCE and related contaminants in groundwater. Emulsified activated carbon would be injected into the remaining overburden soils to encourage and hasten the bacterial decay of contaminants. The treatment would be applied over an area of approximately 7000 square feet, where groundwater contaminant concentrations exceed 500 ppb. It is estimated that approximately 110 injection points would be required, spaced approximately 7 feet apart. A single round of injections is anticipated, but could be repeated if the first round fails to meet cleanup objectives.

Institutional controls would be required similar to those involved in Alternative 3. However, it is anticipated that groundwater monitoring and use controls could be discontinued sooner, since the more aggressive treatment of contaminated groundwater is expected to degrade the plume more quickly than the natural attenuation approach called for in Alternative 3. Continuation of ICs would be determined based on the results of the groundwater monitoring program.

An SMP is also necessary for the groundwater monitoring program.

Present Worth: *$1,554,000*
Capital Cost: *$804,000*
Annual Costs: *$25,000*

Alternative 5: Soil Removal and In-Situ Chemical Oxidation of Groundwater

This alternative builds on Alternatives 3 and 4 by combining source removal with an alternative groundwater treatment technology based on direct chemical destruction of the contaminants.

Following excavation of the source area as described in the Alternatives above, in-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO) would be implemented to destroy remaining contaminants in groundwater. Chemical oxidants would be injected into the remaining overburden soils to react with the contaminants and destroy them in place. It is estimated that 24 injection points will be required, spaced approximately 15 feet apart. Two rounds of chemical injection are anticipated, although injections could be repeated if the initial effort falls short of treatment objectives. The specific oxidant to be employed would be determined during remedial design.

Institutional controls would be required similar to those involved in Alternatives 3 and 4. However, it is anticipated that groundwater monitoring and use controls could be discontinued sooner, since the more aggressive treatment of contaminated groundwater is expected to degrade the plume more quickly than the natural attenuation approach called for in Alternative 3. Continuation of ICs would be determined based on the results of the groundwater monitoring program.

An SMP is also necessary for the groundwater monitoring program.

Present Worth: *$2,075,000*
Capital Cost: *$1,235,000*
Annual Costs: *$28,000*

Exhibit C

Remedial Alternative Costs

Remedial Alternative	Capital Cost ($)	Annual Costs ($)	Total Present Worth ($)
Alternative 1	0	0	0
Alternative 2	9,483,000	31,000	10,408,000
Alternative 3	423,000	19,000	993,000
Alternative 4	804,000	25,000	1,554,000
Alternative 5	1,235,000	28,000	2,075,000

Exhibit D

SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

The Department is selecting Alternative 4, **Soil Removal and Enhanced Bioremediation of Groundwater** as the remedy for this site. Alternative 4 will achieve the remediation goals for the site by removing the source of the contamination in soil and significantly reducing the concentration of contaminants in the groundwater through in-situ treatment. The elements of this remedy are described in Section 7. The remedy is depicted in Figures 6 and 7.

Basis for Selection

The selection of the 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.

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

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

The selected remedy, Alternative 4 will satisfy this criterion by removing the contaminated soils that are the source of the groundwater contamination plume and thereby addressing the most significant threat to public health and the environment. Alternative 4 also treats the groundwater providing further health and environmental protection by reducing the potential for soil vapor intrusion at nearby structures from the overburden groundwater plume. Alternative 2, by removing all contaminated soil and treating groundwater, meets the threshold criteria with a high degree of certainty. Alternatives 3 and 5 also comply with this criterion because they would remove the source of the contamination.

2. Compliance with New York State Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs). 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.

All of the retained Alternatives, 2 through 5, comply with SCGs, but do so to different degrees over different time scales. Alternative 4 complies with SCGs to the extent practicable. It addresses the source area of contamination in soil by excavation and removal to meet soil SCOs in the off-site source area. Alternative 4 also will help reduce the levels of contamination in groundwater to meet groundwater standards in the overburden groundwater plume over time. Alternative 2 complies with this criterion to the highest degree of certainty by removing all soil above SCOs and treating groundwater contamination to levels to reach groundwater quality standards. Alternative 3 would comply with SCGs over a longer time period, but would rely on natural decay and dilution processes which could take many years to be fully effective. Alternative 5 offers a level of SCG compliance comparable with Alternative 4, by using a different approach to destroying groundwater contaminants and would extend the treatment from the overburden downward into the bedrock aquifer.

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

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

Alternative 2 provides the most long-term effectiveness and permanence since it will remove all of the soil contamination. Alternative 2 also provides extensive groundwater treatment for both the overburden and bedrock groundwater thus limiting the long term potential for soil vapor intrusion and groundwater use restrictions. Alternatives 3, 4 and 5 all provide a high degree of long term effectiveness with regards to soil by removing most of the contaminated soil. Alternatives 4 and 5 also provide additional long term effectiveness for groundwater by treating the areas of highest contamination within the groundwater plume, although to a lesser degree of effectiveness than Alternative 2. Alternatives 3, 4 and 5 are all expected to have groundwater use restrictions, but the restrictions for Alternative 4 and 5 are expected to be shorter in duration due to their additional groundwater treatment. Soil vapor intrusion potential would also be lower for Alternatives 4 and 5 as compared to Alternative 3, but not as low as Alternative 2.

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

Alternative 2 provides the most reduction in toxicity, mobility and volume as it removes all of the soil contamination near the site. Alternative 2 also treats the greatest volume of groundwater thus, reducing the most toxicity and mobility for both the bedrock and overburden groundwater plumes.

Alternatives 3, 4 and 5 reduce the toxicity, mobility and volume of soil contamination by excavating and removing the off-site source material and disposing at an approved location. Alternative 4 and 5 provide additional reduction of toxicity, mobility and volume of contamination by treating the areas of highest groundwater contamination in the overburden groundwater plume.

5. Short-term Impacts and Effectiveness. 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.

Alternatives 2 through 5 all have short-term impacts associated with their activities. Each alternative consists of intrusive ground activities to excavate contaminated soil, which may temporarily disrupt the activities of the local Department of Public Works (DPW) and the surrounding residential and commercial properties. Such disruptions can be minimized with careful coordination with surrounding landowners during the remedial design. A community air monitoring plan (CAMP) and health and safety plan (HASP) would be necessary during remediation activities for each of the Alternatives. However, Alternative 2 would have much greater short term impact due to the additional excavation and intense short term in-situ injection program. The time to perform the active remedy is approximately 6 months. Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 would all have much less short term impact due to the more limited source area removal and the intermittent injection schedule over a smaller area. The time to perform these remedies would be from 2 to 3 months. Alternative 2 is expected to achieve remedial objectives the fastest for the remediation of both soil and groundwater. Alternatives 3, 4 and 5 all achieve remedial objectives

for soil at an acceptable effectiveness in the short term. In addition, Alternatives 4 and 5 are expected to provide for short-term effectiveness in the groundwater because they actively treat the overburden plume whereas Alternative 3 does not.

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

Alternatives 2, 3, 4 and 5 are all technologically implementable with available methods, equipment, material and services. Alternative 2 would be the most difficult to implement because of the challenges associated with the depth of soil removal and with excavating below the water table. Alternative 2 also must deal with the challenges of treating bedrock groundwater contamination. In situ treatment of bedrock groundwater has proven difficult to accomplish at other sites, due to the complex pattern of bedrock fractures along which the injected fluid would need to move.

Alternative 3, 4 and 5 are all equally implementable in terms of soil remediation. The excavation activities for these remedies are more implementable than Alternative 2 because excavation below the water table will not be necessary to remove the bulk of the contaminated soil. The groundwater treatment proposed in Alternatives 4 and 5 is readily implementable. Potential administrative challenges exist for each remedy as portions of the DPW yard would need to be shut down during the excavation activities. In addition there may be additional administrative challenges for Alternative 2 regarding access, because groundwater treatment would be required on off-site residential properties.

7. Cost-Effectiveness. 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. Although Alternative 3 has the lowest present worth cost, the remedy would not actively address the contamination in groundwater. Since Alternative 2 requires the largest volume of soil to be handled and calls for additional bedrock groundwater treatment, it would have the highest present worth cost of all the alternatives. The costs associated with Alternatives 4 and 5 are much less expensive than Alternative 2, yet the remedies would provide similar overall levels of protection for human health and the environment. The total present worth cost of Alternatives 4 is lower than Alternative 5 primarily because it is anticipated to have a lower initial capital cost due to only one injection event anticipated. The annual monitoring and maintenance costs are similar for the remedies with Alternative 2 expected to have the shortest maintenance period and Alternative 3 the longest.

8. Land Use. 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.

The anticipated use of the site is commercial and the dry cleaner and surrounding buildings are all actively occupied. Thus, Alternative 3 is the least desirable remedy because soil vapor intrusion concerns will remain for the foreseeable future since the alternative does not actively address groundwater contamination. Alternatives 2, 4 and 5 are more desirable because they not only remove contaminated soil but also treat groundwater thereby

helping to address soil vapor intrusion issues. All of the alternatives require some degree of site management. Alternative 2 is expected to require the least amount of site management with Alternative 4 and 5 needing moderate site management activities. Alternative 3 requires the most site management because it is anticipated that to result in the most remaining contamination that would need to be monitored.

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. Community Acceptance. Concerns of the community regarding the investigation, the evaluation of alternatives, and the PRAP are evaluated. A responsiveness summary will be prepared that describes public comments received and the manner in which the Department will address the concerns raised. If the selected remedy differs significantly from the proposed remedy, notices to the public will be issued describing the differences and reasons for the changes.

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

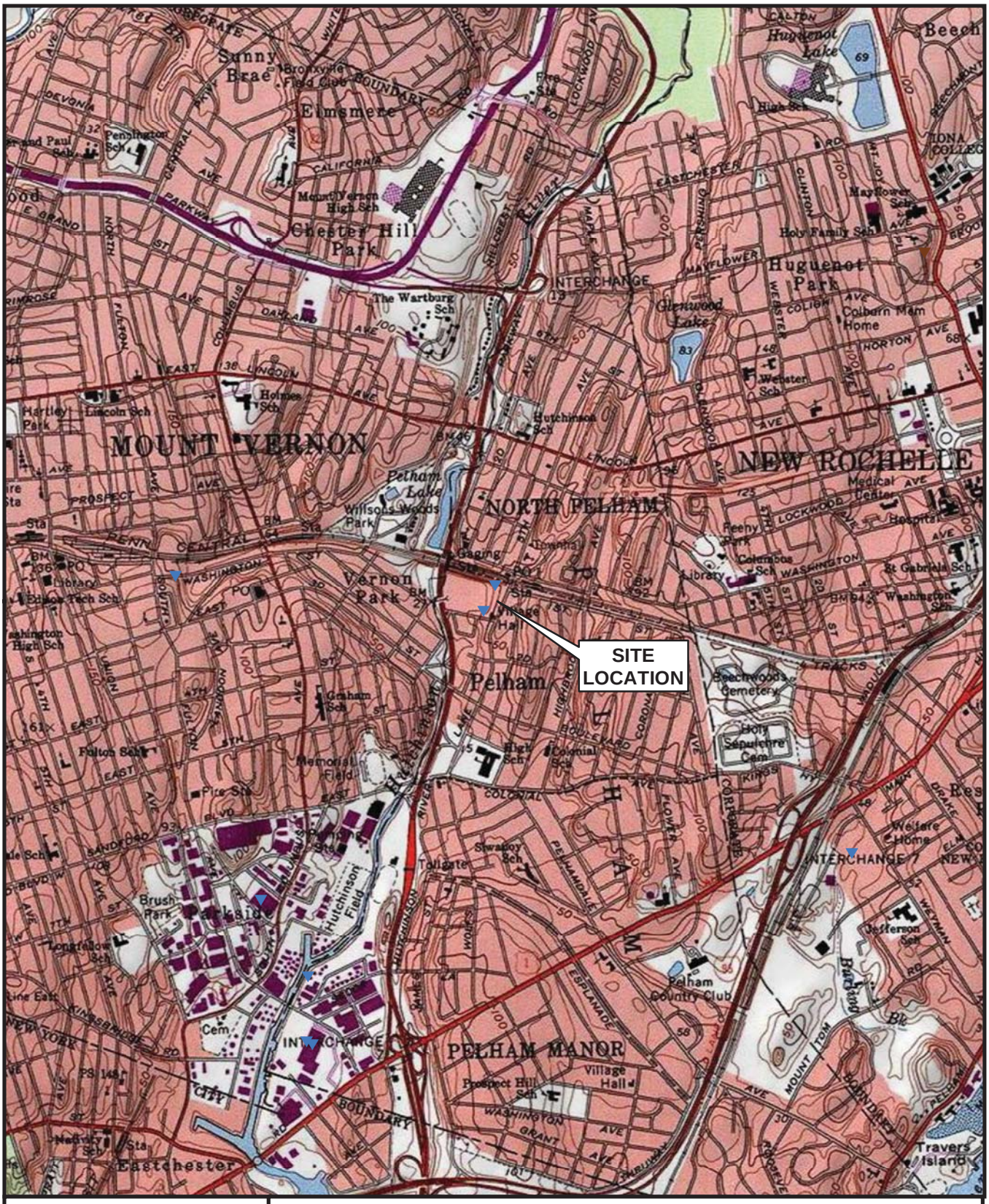

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Figure 1

Site Location Map

Crystal Cleaners Site
Village of Pelham
Westchester County
Site No. 360053

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Crystal Cleaners Site Property Boundary

Figure 2

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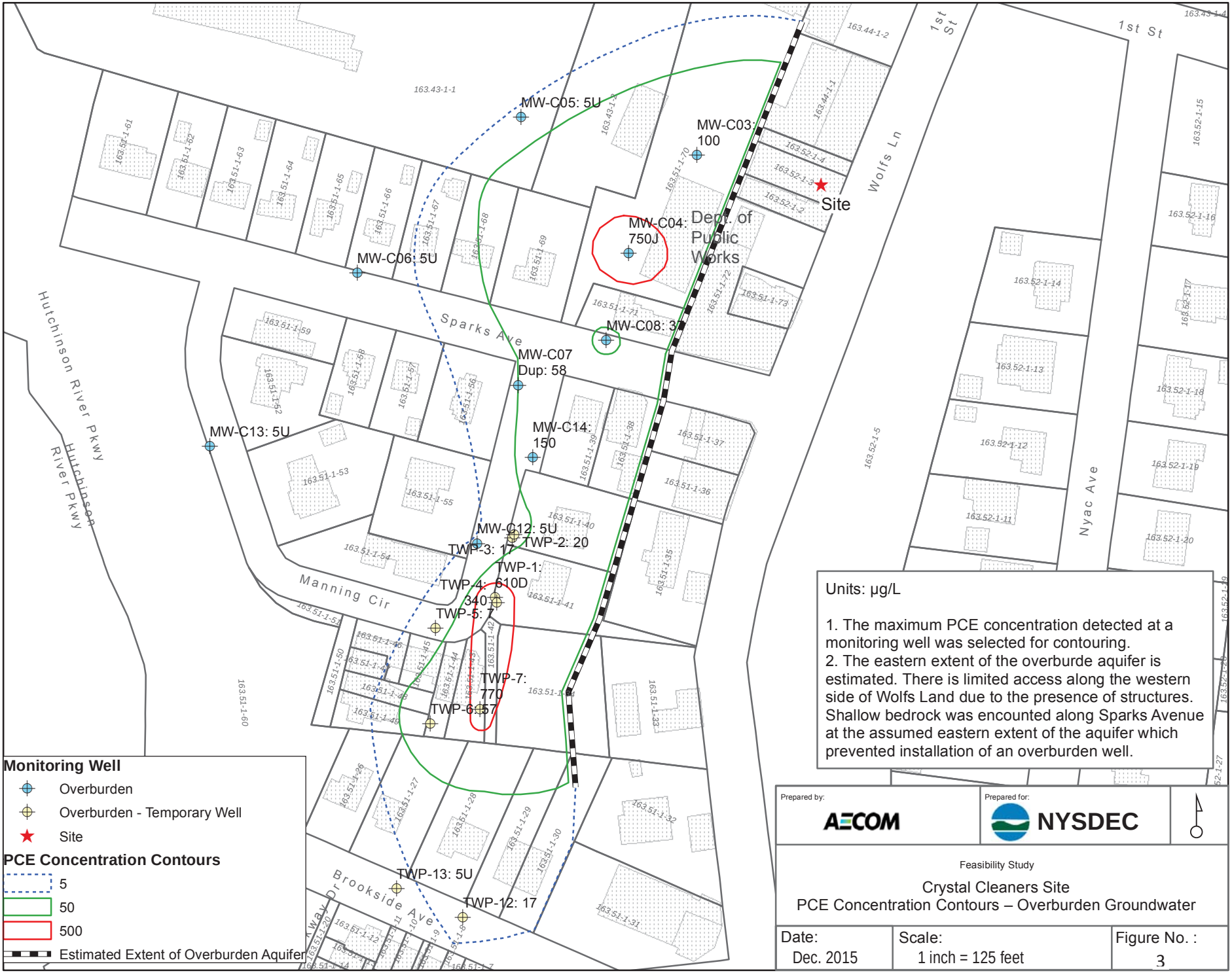
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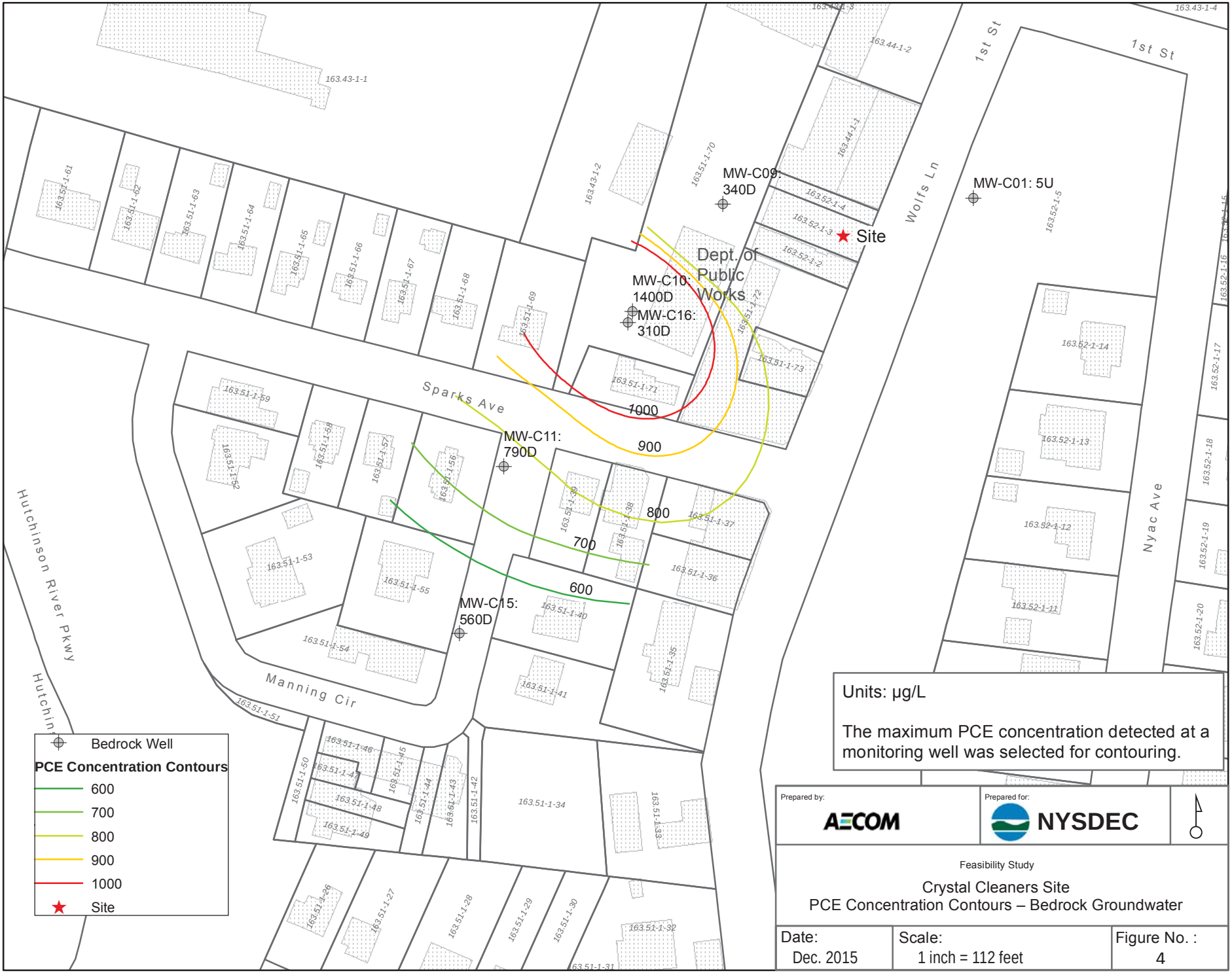
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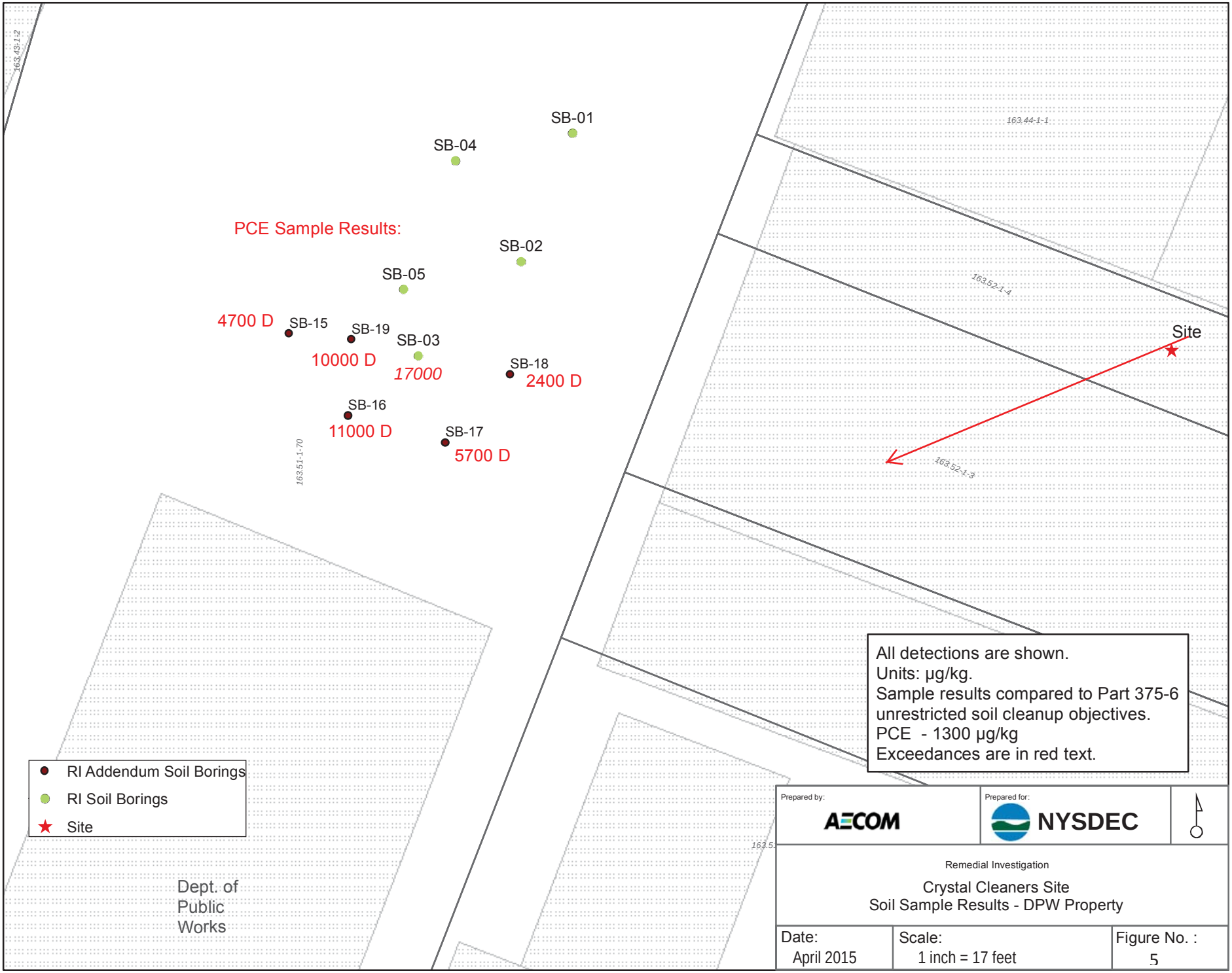
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Units: µg/kg.
Sample results compared to Part 375-6 unrestricted soil cleanup objectives.
PCE - 1300 µg/kg
Exceedances are in red text.
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Crystal Cleaners Site
Soil Sample Results - DPW Property
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Feasibility Study

Crystal Cleaners Site
Soil Removal Area

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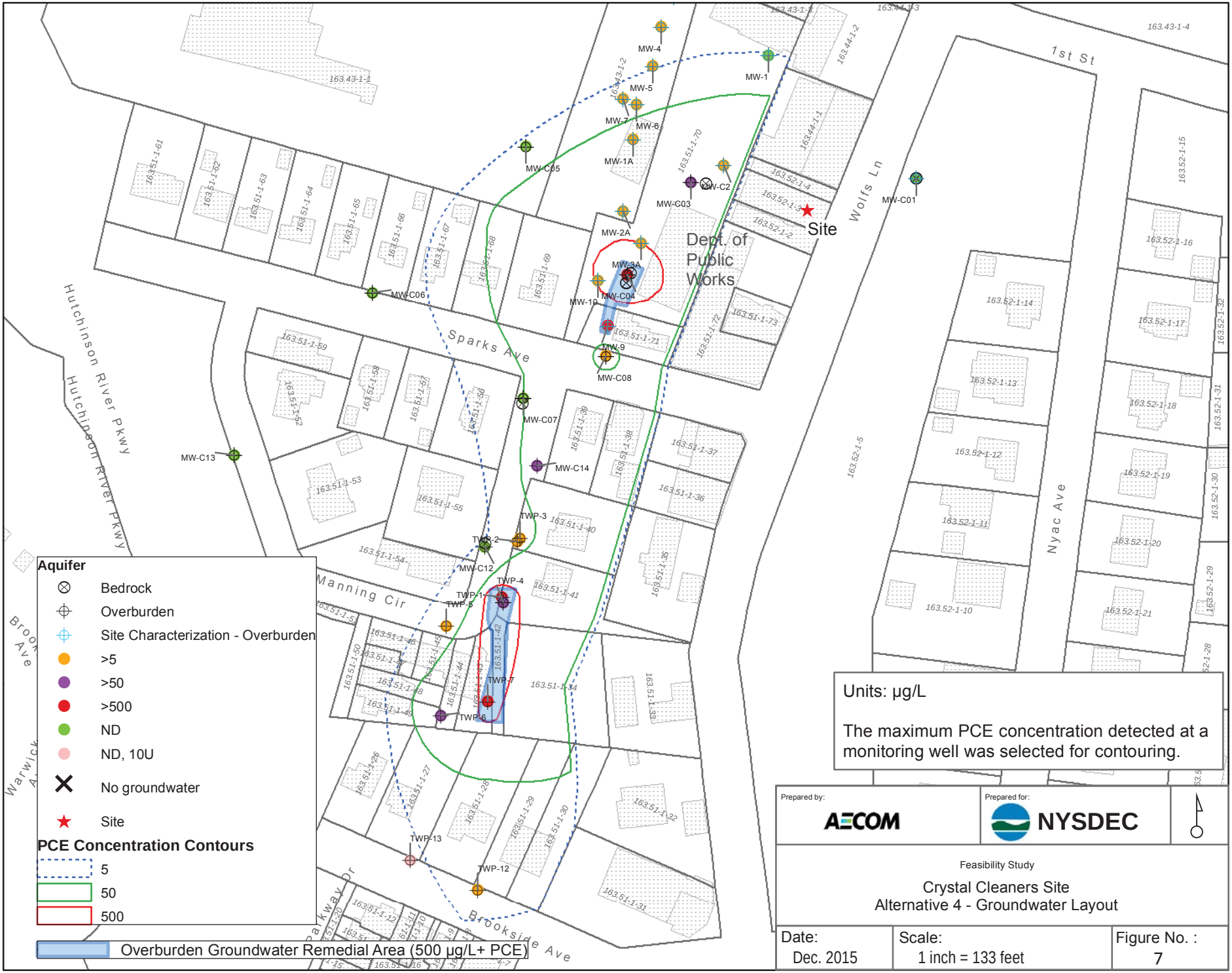
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APPENDIX A

Responsiveness Summary

RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

Crystal Cleaners Site
State Superfund Project
Village of Pelham, Westchester County, New York
Site No. 360053

The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Crystal Cleaners 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 29, 2016. The PRAP outlined the remedial measure proposed for the contaminated soil, groundwater and soil vapor at the Crystal Cleaners 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 22, 2016, which included a presentation of the remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) for the Crystal Cleaners 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 30, 2016.

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: What are the next steps in the process?

RESPONSE 1: The Department will finalize the Record of Decision, which formalizes the selection of the remedy. New York State will pursue potentially responsible parties to implement the site remedy. If none of the responsible parties are willing to perform the work, the State will implement the remedy using State Superfund funds. The remedial program will begin with a remedial design. This will likely include additional sampling to refine the specifications of the remedy. The remedy will then be implemented. Following implementation of the remedial action, the site will be monitored pursuant to a Site Management Plan.

COMMENT 2: Who is paying for this? Will the village need to pay anything?

RESPONSE 2: The Village is not considered to be a responsible party, and will not be responsible for cleanup costs, provided that necessary access is provided. Also see Response 1.

COMMENT 3: When is the end of the public comment period?

RESPONSE 3: The comment period ended on March 30th.

COMMENT 4: How long will it take to implement the remedy?

RESPONSE 4: It will depend on a number of factors such as the ability to secure a viable responsible party(ies) or the required referral to the State Superfund Program, as well as the duration of the design. The excavation on the DPW property may take one to two months once initiated. The entire remedy, including groundwater treatment, could be implemented within a few years.

COMMENT 5: How many trucks of soil will be removed?

RESPONSE 5: It is estimated that 40 trucks of soil will be excavated. That may change based upon the results of the design sampling.

COMMENT 6: There are numerous families that have school age children living in the area. Is the contamination a danger to them?

RESPONSE 6: Currently the only exposure pathway to citizens is through soil vapor intrusion. People are not expected to come in contact with contaminated soil because it is under pavement. Also, no one in the area is using a private drinking well. The Department has offered to test nearby homes to assess the potential for soil vapor intrusion. The Department will work with home owners who are interested in having their property sampled. If warranted, sub-slab depressurizations systems will be provided in the home to mitigate potential exposures at no cost to the property owner.

COMMENT 7: How intrusive is the sub-slab vapor sampling?

RESPONSE 7: The sampling only takes a few hours and is relatively non-intrusive. The hole that is drilled in the basement floor is very small, less than half an inch in diameter, and is plugged with cement when sampling is completed.

COMMENT 8: When were the groundwater wells tested? Will they be tested again?

RESPONSE 8: The groundwater wells have been sampled at various points over the course of the Remedial Investigation from 2011 to 2014. The wells will be sampled again to obtain a baseline prior to beginning the treatment of the groundwater. The wells will be monitored routinely afterwards to assess the performance of the remedy.

COMMENT 9: Is the groundwater plume still migrating?

RESPONSE 9: No, the groundwater plume appears to be in a steady state. The contaminants was disposed decades ago and there is no evidence of more recent releases. Therefore the position of the groundwater plume is not expected to change much at this point.

COMMENT 10: Will the comment period be extended since some of the citizens are on vacation? What if they want their homes sampled?

RESPONSE 10: Since the comments that have been expressed do not object to the remedy itself, the Department has issued the Record of Decision (ROD). The implementation of the ROD and any additional sampling of structures for soil vapor intrusion that may be requested can occur together.

COMMENT 11: What time of year will the excavation work take place? The disruption to the nearby DPW facility would be minimized if work began in June, when snow plowing work is at its minimum.

RESPONSE 11: This will be resolved during the Remedial Design. The Department will attempt to schedule the work so as to minimize impact to the DPW vehicle operations.

APPENDIX B

Administrative Record

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Crystal Cleaners Site
State Superfund Project
Village of Pelham, Westchester County, New York
Site No. 360053

1. Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Crystal Cleaners site, dated February 2016, prepared by the Department.

2. Referral Memorandum dated August 18, 2009 for Inactive hazardous waste disposal enforcement.

3. Site Characterization Report dated January 2009

4. Crystal Cleaners Form 2.11 Submittal dated November 2010

5. Final RI Report dated September 2014

6. Final FS Report dated March 2016