
Division of Environmental Remediation

Record of Decision
Pappas Dry Cleaners Site
Operable Unit No. 1
Dansville, Livingston County, New York
Site Number 826018

March 2009

DECLARATION STATEMENT - RECORD OF DECISION

Pappas Dry Cleaners Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Operable Unit No. 1 Dansville, Livingston County, New York Site No. 826018

Statement of Purpose and Basis

The Record of Decision (ROD) presents the selected remedy for Operable Unit #1 of the Pappas Dry Cleaners Site site, a Class 2 inactive hazardous waste disposal site. The selected remedial program was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law 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 Operable Unit #1 of the Pappas Dry Cleaners inactive hazardous waste disposal site, and the public's input to the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) 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.

Assessment of the Site

Actual or threatened releases of hazardous waste constituents from this site, if not addressed by implementing the response action selected in this ROD, presents a current or potential significant threat to public health and/or the environment.

Description of Selected Remedy

Based on the results of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Pappas Dry Cleaners site and the criteria identified for evaluation of alternatives, the Department has selected the demolition of the abandoned on-site building, excavation of PCE contaminated soil at concentrations greater than 1.3 ppm, treating the groundwater during excavation and the transportation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil and building debris. The components of the remedy are as follows:

1. A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction and monitoring of the remedial program.
2. Demolition of the abandoned Pappas Dry Cleaners building, excavation of on-site PCE contaminated soil at concentrations greater than 1.3 ppm, dewatering and treating the groundwater during excavation, backfilling of the excavation and the transportation of debris and contaminated soils to an off-site treatment and/or disposal facility.

3. Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement that will require: a) compliance with the approved site management plan; b) if necessary, the restriction of the use of on-site groundwater as a source of potable water; and c) requiring the property owner to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification.
4. Development of a site management plan to provide for sampling of groundwater.
5. The property owner will provide a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls, prepared and submitted by a professional engineer or such other expert acceptable to the Department, until the Department notifies the property owner in writing that this certification is no longer needed. This submittal will allow the Department access to the site.

New York State Department of Health Acceptance

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) concurs that the remedy selected 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.

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RECORD OF DECISION

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SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF THE RECORD OF DECISION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has selected this remedy for the Pappas Dry Cleaners, OU-1, on-site soil and groundwater. The presence of hazardous waste has created significant threats to human health and the environment that are addressed by this remedy. As more fully described in Sections 3 and 5 of this document, improper disposal of dry cleaning solvents have resulted in the disposal of hazardous wastes, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These wastes have contaminated the soil, groundwater and soil vapor at the site, and have resulted in:

- a significant threat to human health associated with current and potential exposure to tetrachloroethene (PCE) vapors impacting indoor air quality;
- a significant environmental threat associated with the current and potential impacts of contaminants to soil, groundwater and soil vapor.

To eliminate or mitigate these threats, the Department has selected the demolition of the abandoned on-site building, excavation of PCE contaminated soil at concentrations greater than 1.3 ppm, treating the groundwater during excavation and the transportation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil and building debris.

The selected remedy, discussed in detail in Section 8, is intended to attain the remediation goals identified for this site in Section 6. The remedy must conform with officially 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.

SECTION 2: SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The site is located at 44, 46 Ossian Street in the Village of Dansville, Livingston County, New York (Figure 1). The site is situated on a .44 acre lot in a primarily residential area with some commercial uses along Ossian Street. The property consists of a paved/gravel driveway and an abandoned building that was the location of the former dry cleaner. A commercial property located northwest of the Pappas' property, at 50 Ossian Street, is the location of the New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) – Dansville Former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site, Site No. 8-26-012 (Figure 2). The MGP Site is currently being addressed under a consent order with the Department as a separate

and downgradient source of soil and groundwater contamination. A Record of Decision was issued in March 2008 for the adjacent MGP site.

Operable Unit (OU) No. #1, which is the subject of this document, consists of the on-site soil and groundwater at Pappas Dry Cleaners property. An operable unit represents a portion of the site remedy that for technical or administrative reasons can be addressed separately to eliminate or mitigate a release, threat of release or exposure pathway resulting from the site contamination. The remaining operable unit for this site is: OU-2, which is off-site groundwater and soil vapor. Some of the investigation and remedial activities associated with OU-2 have already been initiated, including the sampling of off-site groundwater and the implementation of mitigation actions to address exposures associated with soil vapor intrusion. Additional off-site investigations and the remedy for OU-2 will be addressed in a decision document to be released for the public's review in the future.

The geology beneath the site was evaluated through investigation data collected on-site and data from the MGP site investigation. Site geology consist of a mixture of sandy-silt, gravel, cobbles, rock fragments and other debris to thirteen feet below ground surface. At eleven to thirteen feet a confining clay unit is encountered beneath the site. This clay unit limits the potential for downward migration of the contamination from the soil and groundwater. Shallow groundwater is present between nine and thirteen feet below the ground surface. Groundwater flow is to the northwest towards the MGP site.

SECTION 3: SITE HISTORY

3.1: Operational/Disposal History

This site operated as a dry cleaning business which serviced various commercial and residential customers from 1952 until 2002 when operations ceased. It appears that PCE was disposed of at the rear of the original site building.

3.2: Remedial History

In 2006, during their investigation of the former MGP site, under a consent order with the Department, NYSEG collected groundwater samples on the Pappas' property. Chlorinated VOCs were detected in the groundwater samples at levels above Class GA groundwater standards on the Pappas' property.

In 2006, using data from NYSEG's investigation, the Department listed the site as a Class 2 site in the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites in New York. A Class 2 site is a site where hazardous waste presents a significant threat to the public health or the environment and action is required.

SECTION 4: 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 PRP for the site, documented to date, is: Pappas Bros., Inc. The PRP declined to implement the work at the site when requested by the Department. The PRP is subject to legal actions by the state for recovery of all response costs the state has incurred.

SECTION 5: SITE CONTAMINATION

A remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) has been conducted to evaluate the alternatives for addressing the significant threats to human health and the environment.

5.1: Summary of the Remedial Investigation

The purpose of the RI was to define the nature and extent of any contamination resulting from previous activities at the site. The RI was conducted between May 2007 and January 2008. The field activities and findings of the investigation are described in the RI report.

The field program included a detailed evaluation of the area surrounding and within the site buildings, as well as the areas downgradient from the site. It included:

- Sub-slab vapor and indoor air sampling to evaluate the potential for vapor migration.
- Direct-push soil sampling based on data obtained from previous investigations to evaluate potential and known source areas and characterize the vertical distribution of contaminants in soil.
- Installation of an upgradient monitoring well and downgradient monitoring wells to provide additional groundwater analytical data and permanent groundwater monitoring points.
- Groundwater sampling of new wells and existing wells to evaluate groundwater conditions and provide data for OU-2.
- Direct push soil vapor sampling at locations selected based on results of passive soil vapor sampling to evaluate the potential for vapor migration at additional locations.

5.1.1: Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs)

To determine whether the soil, groundwater, and soil vapor contains contamination at levels of concern, data from the investigation were compared to the following SCGs:

- Groundwater, drinking water, and surface water SCGs are based on the Department's "Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values" and Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code.
- Soil SCGs are based on 6 NYCRR Subpart 375-6 – Remedial Program Soil Cleanup Objectives.

- Concentrations of VOCs in air were evaluated using the air guidelines provided in the NYSDOH guidance document titled "Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion in the State of New York," dated October 2006. Matrix 2 was referenced for PCE guidelines and Matrix 1 was referenced for trichloroethene (TCE) guidelines.

Based on the RI results, in comparison to the SCGs and potential public health and environmental exposure routes, certain media and areas of the site require remediation. These are summarized in Section 5.1.2. More complete information can be found in the RI report.

5.1.2: Nature and Extent of Contamination

This section describes the findings of the investigation for all environmental media that were investigated.

As described in the RI report, many soil, groundwater and soil vapor samples were collected to characterize the nature and extent of contamination. As seen in Figures 3 and 5 and summarized in Table 1, the main categories of contaminants that exceed their SCGs are VOCs and semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs). For comparison purposes, where applicable, SCGs are provided for each medium.

Chemical concentrations are reported in parts per billion (ppb) for water and parts per million (ppm) for soil. Air samples are reported in micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$).

Figures 3 and 5 and Table 1 summarizes the degree of contamination for the contaminants of concern in and compares the data with the SCGs for the site. The following are the media which were investigated and a summary of the findings of the investigation.

Subsurface Soil

A total of 39 soil borings (Figure 3) were advanced within the footprint of the on-site structure and the areas immediately to the north and west of the structure. One soil boring was installed at a location to the southeast of the structure to provide background soil analytical results. A total of 21 soil borings were installed within the structure beneath the sub-slab foundation, 7 soil borings in the area west of the structure, 10 soil borings in the area north of the structure, and 1 to the southeast of the structure.

Soil borings SB-01 through SB-38 were advanced until the confining clay unit was encountered. Shallow subsurface soil samples (1-2 ft) were collected from each of the 39 soil borings except for SB-01-2008 (8-26-018-SB-01-2008). One additional deep sample was collected from the remaining soil column, with the exception of SB-01 where two deep samples were collected.

VOCs were detected above the SCG in subsurface soil samples (below 1 ft bgs) at approximately 74 percent of the soil boring locations and approximately 63 percent of the VOC samples submitted for laboratory analysis. The most prevalent compounds detected above the SCGs included PCE, TCE, cis-1,2-DCE, and trans-1,2-DCE. Detection of PCE ranged from 0.022 ppm

at SB-23(9-10 ft bgs) to 620 ppm at SB-19(1-2 ft bgs). Detection results for TCE ranged from 0.0071 ppm at SB- 23 (1-2 ft bgs) to 650 ppm at SB-24 (7-9 ft bgs).

Visible staining and sheen impacts were observed at several of the soil borings and dense non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL) was observed at the top of the confining clay unit in two soil borings beneath the building floor.

The low level detections of SVOCs above SCGs were located along the eastern and northern perimeter of the site. The eastern and northern portion of the site is bounded by the MGP site and it is likely that these detections are a result of past operations at the MGP site.

Subsurface soil contamination identified during the RI/FS will be addressed in the remedy selection process.

Groundwater

On-site groundwater samples were collected from two locations around the site building by NYSEG during their investigation of the adjacent MGP site. An additional nine groundwater samples were collected by Pappas Bros., Inc at locations both inside and outside the abandoned on-site building.

Shallow on-site groundwater has been impacted by PCE and its breakdown products related to the former dry cleaner. The highest concentrations of contamination were found on the northwest side of the property between the on-site build and the MGP property. PCE was found in ten of the eleven on-site wells ranging from non-detect to 15,200 ppb. TCE was found in six of the eleven on-site wells ranging from non-detect to 20,800 ppb.

Groundwater contamination identified during the RI/FS will be addressed in the remedy selection process.

Soil Vapor/Sub-Slab Vapor/Air

A sampling program consisting of sub-slab vapor sampling and/or indoor air sampling of numerous structures downgradient of the Pappas' property was performed to evaluate the potential for vapor intrusion into the structures. A total of 58 locations were offered the opportunity to participate and of these 20 volunteered to participate. Analytical sampling results were compared to NYSDOH Guidelines.

Soil vapor and indoor air contamination identified during the RI/FS were addressed during the IRM described in Section 5.2.

5.2: 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 completion of the RI/FS.

The Department installed sub-slab depressurization systems in off-site residences to address human exposures (via inhalation) to site-related contaminants associated with soil vapor intrusion. The Department will maintain and monitor these systems as part of the investigation and remediation activities for OU-2.

5.3: Summary of Human Exposure Pathways:

This section describes the types of human exposures that may present added health risks to persons at or around the site. A more detailed discussion of the human exposure pathways can be found in Section 5 of the RI report. An exposure pathway describes the means by which an individual may be exposed to contaminants originating from a site. An exposure pathway has five elements: [1] a contaminant source, [2] contaminant release and transport mechanisms, [3] a point of exposure, [4] a route of exposure, and [5] a receptor population.

The source of contamination is the location where contaminants were released to the environment (any waste disposal area or point of discharge). Contaminant release and transport mechanisms carry contaminants from the source to a point where people may be exposed. The exposure point is a location where actual or potential human contact with a contaminated medium may occur. The route of exposure is the manner in which a contaminant actually enters or contacts the body (e.g., ingestion, inhalation, or direct contact). The receptor population is the people who are, or may be, exposed to contaminants at a point of exposure.

An exposure pathway is complete when all five elements of an exposure pathway exist. An exposure pathway is considered a potential pathway when one or more of the elements currently does not exist, but could in the future.

The surrounding area is served by public water and the majority of the site is paved or covered by the on-site structure. Therefore, exposure to drinking contaminated groundwater or exposures to contaminated sub-surface soil is not likely. The Department and NYSDOH have investigated and evaluated exposures related to soil vapor intrusion in residences off-site, and actions have been taken to minimize future exposures to occur.

5.4: Summary of Environmental Assessment

This section summarizes the assessment of existing and potential future environmental impacts presented by the site. Environmental impacts include existing and potential future exposure pathways to fish and wildlife receptors, as well as damage to natural resources such as aquifers and wetlands. The site is located in a residential/commercial area of the Village Dansville. There are no fish or wildlife receptors present. Site contamination has impacted the groundwater resource in the unconsolidated geologic unit beneath the site and downgradient of the site (Figures 4 & 5).

SECTION 6: SUMMARY OF THE REMEDIATION GOALS

Goals for the remedial program have been established through the remedy selection process stated in 6 NYCRR Part 375. At a minimum, the remedy selected must eliminate or mitigate all significant

threats to public health and/or the environment presented by the hazardous waste disposed at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

The remediation goals for this site are to eliminate or reduce to the extent practicable:

- exposures of persons at or around the site to VOCs in indoor air;
- the release of contaminants from soil into groundwater that may create exceedances of groundwater quality standards; and
- the release of contaminants from the subsurface soil and groundwater into indoor air through soil vapor intrusion.

Further, the remediation goals for the site include attaining to the extent practicable:

- ambient groundwater quality standards and
- implementation of the soil clean up objectives based on 6 NYCRR Subpart 375-6, Remedial Program Soil Cleanup Objectives, Table 375-6.8(b), Protection of Groundwater.

SECTION 7: SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The selected 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. Potential remedial alternatives for the Pappas Dry Cleaners Site were identified, screened and evaluated in the FS report which is available at the document repositories established for this site.

A summary of the remedial alternatives that were considered for this site is discussed below. The present worth 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.

7.1: Description of Remedial Alternatives

The following potential remedies were considered to address the contaminated soil and groundwater at the site.

Alternative 1: No Action

The No Action Alternative is evaluated as a procedural requirement and as a basis for comparison. It requires deed restrictions and institutional controls only, allowing the site to remain in an unremediated state. This alternative would leave the site in its present condition and would not

provide any additional protection to human health or the environment. There are no costs associated with this alternative.

Alternative 2: Soil Excavation and Off-Site Disposal

Present Worth	\$2,376,000
Capital Cost:.....	\$2,226,000
Present Worth Annual Monitoring:	
(Years 1-5):.....	\$150,000
(Years 5-30):.....	\$0

This alternative (Figure 6) is an aggressive approach to remediating the site aimed at removing the contaminated soil and treating the groundwater on the site. This alternative includes the demolition of the abandoned Pappas Dry Cleaners building, installation of temporary sheet piling, excavation of approximately 3,650 cubic yards of contaminated soils above and below the water table to the subsurface confining layer, dewatering and treating the groundwater during excavation and the removal and disposal of any underground storage tanks encountered during the excavation. A demolition survey would be conducted prior to the demolition of the building to identify possible hazardous materials (i.e., asbestos, lead paint) in the building. Utility lines would be capped prior to the demolition. Confirmation sampling for VOCs and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) would be conducted during excavation activities, with analytical results verifying attainment of remediation goals. Following contaminated soil removal, excavated areas would be backfilled with fill from an approved source per the allowable constituent levels for imported fill or soil found in 6 NYCRR Subpart 375-6.7(d). Excavated soil would be sampled for characterization prior to transportation for off-site treatment and/or disposal.

Alternative 3: Soil Vapor Extraction and In-Situ Chemical Treatment

Present Worth:.....	\$2,613,000
Capital Cost:.....	\$923,000
Present Worth Annual O&M:	
Years 1-10:.....	1,049,000
Present Worth Annual Monitoring:	
(Years 1-30):.....	\$641,000

This alternative (Figure 7) includes installation of a soil-vapor extraction (SVE) system, multiple in-situ chemical injections, long-term environmental monitoring to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment system and injections, locate and remove any on-site underground storage tanks and the implementation of institutional controls to limit site use and site access. A pre-design investigation would be conducted to develop design parameters that would include a SVE pilot test and bench scale tests to determine the in-situ chemical product and application rate.

Soil vapor extraction (SVE) would be implemented to address soil contamination in the unsaturated zone. Long term system monitoring would be required to establish baseline concentrations of VOC vapors extracted by the SVE system, and to allow for monitoring of system performance over time. The effectiveness and performance of the SVE system would be evaluated over time, including preparation of periodic reports presenting concentration trends and discussion of system performance.

Treatment of the saturated soil and groundwater would be implemented using in-situ chemical treatment, either chemical oxidation or chemical reduction depending on the results of the bench and pilot scale tests. Depending on the contact time chemical oxidants are capable of converting the VOC mass to a non-toxic compound; however multiple treatments will be required.

7.2 Evaluation of Remedial Alternatives

The criteria to which potential remedial alternatives are compared are defined in 6 NYCRR Part 375, which governs the remediation of inactive hazardous waste disposal sites in New York. 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. 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.

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.

The next five “primary balancing criteria” are used to compare the positive and negative aspects of each of the remedial strategies.

3. Short-term 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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.

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 for each alternative are presented in Table #2.

This final criterion 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.

8. Community Acceptance - Concerns of the community regarding the RI/FS reports and the PRAP have been evaluated. The responsiveness summary (Appendix A) presents the public comments received and the manner in which the Department addressed the concerns raised.

SECTION 8: SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

Based on the Administrative Record (Appendix B) and the discussion presented below, the Department has selected Alternative #2, Soil Excavation and Off-Site Disposal as the remedy for this site. The elements of this remedy are described at the end of this section.

The selected remedy is based on the results of the RI and the evaluation of alternatives presented in the FS.

Alternative 2 was selected because, as described below, it satisfies the threshold criteria and provides the best balance of the primary balancing criteria described in Section 7.2. It will achieve the remediation goals for the site by removing the soils and treating the groundwater that create a significant threat to public health and the environment, it will remove the source of contamination to the on-site groundwater, and it will eliminate the continued migration of on-site contaminants to the off-site area.

Alternative 1 does not include any remedial actions to remove contamination or to prevent the leaching of contamination to the groundwater; therefore Alternative 1 will not be in compliance with New York State Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs). Because Alternative 1 does not satisfy the threshold criteria it has not been selected as a final remedy for this site.

Alternative 3 does satisfy the threshold criteria; therefore the five balancing criteria are particularly important in selecting a final remedy for the site.

Alternative 2 (Excavation/Off-site Disposal) and Alternative 3 (Soil Vapor Extraction and In-Situ Chemical Treatment) both have short-term impacts which can easily be controlled. The

time needed to achieve the remediation goals would be longest for Alternative 3 and would require a deed restriction and long term operation, maintenance and monitoring.

Achieving the best long-term effectiveness and permanence is accomplished by removal of the source material. Alternative 2 will result in the removal of almost all of the source material and treating the groundwater at the site and therefore greatly reducing the mobility and volume of the contaminants at the site. Approximately 3,650 cubic yards of material will be removed with Alternative 2.

Alternative 3 would help to reduce the mobility of contaminants, but this reduction is dependent upon the long-term operation, maintenance and monitoring of the treatment system and multiple chemical injections over a number of years. Only Alternative 3 would reduce the volume of contaminants by chemical/physical treatment.

Alternative 2 is favorable in that it is readily implementable. Additional sampling, testing and monitoring would be required to gauge the implementability of Alternative 3.

The proposed remedy must also take into consideration the proximity of the MGP site. In order for the remedial work to move forward at the MGP site in a timely manner, the contamination at Pappas site must first be addressed. Alternative 2 is an aggressive alternative that will take months to complete rather than years. This will allow the work at the MGP site to move forward without concerns of the Pappas Site re-contaminating the MGP site.

The cost of Alternative 2 is less than Alternative 3. The Department is proposing Alternative 2 because it is a more aggressive approach to remediating the contaminated soils and groundwater at the site. Alternative 2 is a permanent remedy that will eliminate most of the continuing source of groundwater contamination at the site. Because this alternative includes removal of the source of contamination and treating of the groundwater on-site, it is expected to result in a shorter time frame to achieve remedial action objectives and provide long-term protection of human health and the environment.

Based on the above the Department has selected Alternative #2, Soil Excavation and Off-Site Disposal. The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is \$ 2,376,000. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$2,226,000 and the estimated present worth average annual costs for 5 years is \$150,000. All cost associated with off-site groundwater monitoring and remediation are part of OU2.

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

1. A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction and monitoring of the remedial program.
2. Demolition of the abandoned Pappas Dry Cleaners building, excavation of on-site PCE contaminated soil at concentrations greater than 1.3 ppm, dewatering and treating the groundwater during excavation, backfilling of the excavation and the transportation of debris and contaminated soils to an off-site treatment and/or disposal facility.

3. Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement that will require:
 - a) compliance with the approved site management plan; b) if necessary, the restriction of the use of on-site groundwater as a source of potable water; and c) requiring the property owner to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification.
4. Development of a site management plan to provide for sampling of groundwater.
5. The property owner will provide a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls, prepared and submitted by a professional engineer or such other expert acceptable to the Department, until the Department notifies the property owner in writing that this certification is no longer needed. This submittal will allow the Department access to the site.

SECTION 9: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

As part of the remedial investigation process, a number of Citizen Participation activities were undertaken to inform and educate the public about conditions at the site and the potential remedial alternatives. The following public participation activities were conducted for the site:

- Repositories for documents pertaining to the site were established.
- A public contact list, which included nearby property owners, elected officials, local media and other interested parties, was established.
- A public meeting was held on March 12, 2009 to present and receive comment on the PRAP.
- A responsive summary (Appendix A) was prepared to address the comments received during the public comment period for the PRAP.

**Table #1
Nature and Extent of Contamination**

SUBSURFACE SOIL	Contaminants of Concern	Concentration Range Detected (ppm)^a	SCG^b (ppm)^a	Frequency of Exceeding SCG
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	Tetrachloroethene	0.013 - 1570	1.3	45/78
	Trichloroethene	0.0062 - 650	0.47	21/78
Semivolatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs)	Benzo(a)anthracene	0.084 – 1.8	1.0	4/9
	Chrysene	0.079 – 1.8	1.0	4/9

GROUNDWATER	Contaminants of Concern	Concentration Range Detected (ppb)^a	SCG^b (ppb)^a	Frequency of Exceeding SCG
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	Tetrachloroethene	ND – 15,200	5.0	10/11
	Trichloroethene	ND – 20,800	5.0	6/11
	Vinyl Chloride	ND – 899	2.0	2/11

AIR	Contaminants of Concern	Concentration Range Detected (µg/m³)^a	SCG^b (µg/m³)^a	Frequency of Exceeding SCG
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	Tetrachloroethene	ND – 940	NA	NA
	Trichloroethene	ND – 96	NA	NA
Indoor Air				

^a ppb = parts per billion, which is equivalent to micrograms per liter, ug/L, in water;
ppm = parts per million, which is equivalent to milligrams per kilogram, mg/kg, in soil;
ug/m³ = micrograms per cubic meter

^b SCG = standards, criteria, and guidance values;
ND = Non Detect

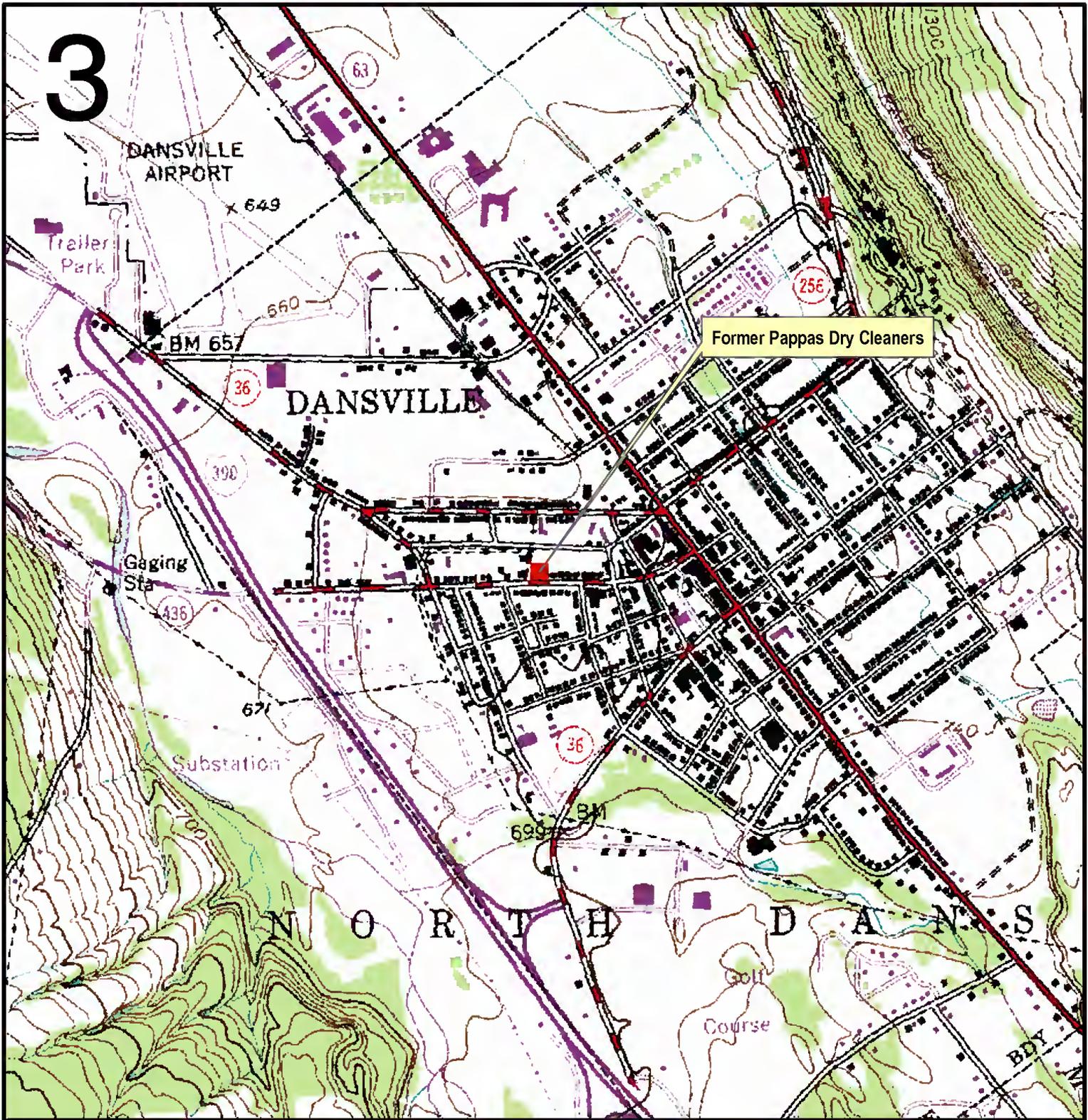
Soil clean up objectives based on 6 NYCRR Subpart 375-6, Remedial Program Soil Cleanup Objectives, Table 375-6.8(b), Protection of Groundwater.

Concentrations of VOCs in air were evaluated using the air guidelines provided in the NYSDOH guidance document titled "Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion in the State of New York," dated October 2006. Matrix 2 was referenced for PCE guidelines and Matrix 1 was referenced for TCE guidelines.

Table #2
Remedial Alternative Costs

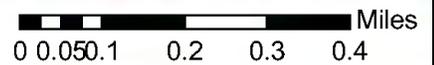
Remedial Alternative	Capital Cost (\$)	Present Worth Annual Costs (\$)	Total Present Worth (\$)
#1 - No Action	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
#2 - Excavation/Off-Site Disposal	\$2,226,000	Annual Monitoring Years 1-5: \$150,000	\$2,376,000
#3 - SVE/Chemical Treatment	\$923,000	Annual O&M Years 1-10: \$1,049,000 Annual Monitoring Years 1-30: \$641,000	\$2,613,000

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Legend

 Former Pappas Drycleaners



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FIGURE 1
 USGS Topographic Map

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Legend

- Approximate Site Boundary
- Approximate Site Boundary - NYSEG
- Major Roadway
- Arterial Roadway

Source: NYS GIS Clearing House

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FIGURE 2
Site Map 2

0 30 60 120 180 240 Feet

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Legend
Total Volatile Organic Compounds

- <math>< 5.00 \text{ mg/kg}</math>
- 5 - 50 mg/kg
- 50 - 150 mg/kg
- 150 - 250 mg/kg
- 250 - 700 mg/kg

Source: NYS GIS Clearing House

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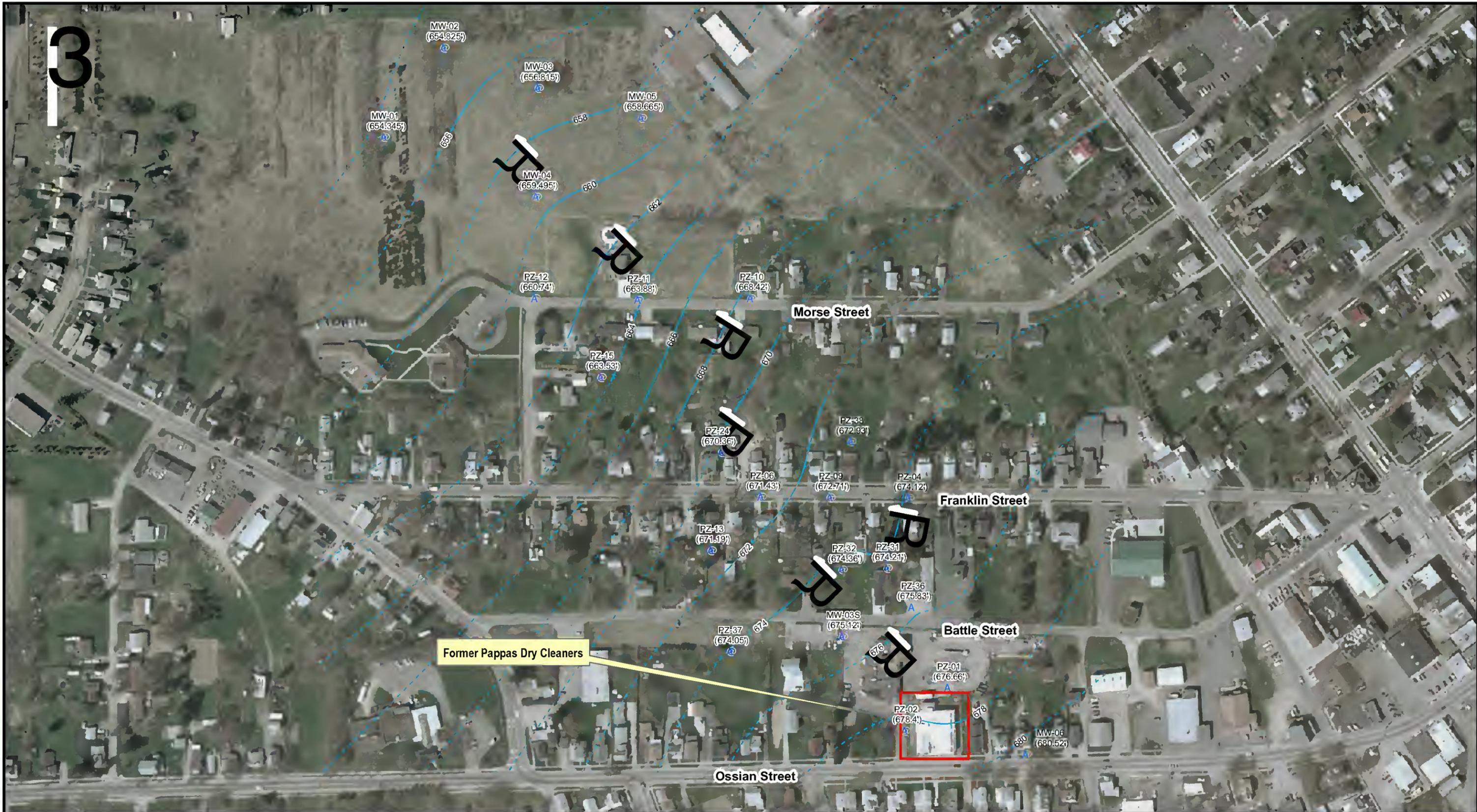
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FIGURE 3
 Total Volatile Organic Compounds
 (VOCs) in Subsurface Soil Samples
 from Soil Borings

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0 5 10 20 30 40 Feet



Source: NYS GIS Clearing House

Legend

- Monitoring Wells
MW-01 (654.3) - Site ID/(Groundwater Elevation ft. AMSL)
- Groundwater Elevation Contours
- Groundwater Elevation Contours - Inferred
- Flow Direction

Horizontal Datum: NAD 83 (96) NYSPCS WEST ZONE
Vertical Datum: NAVD 88

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FIGURE 4
Interpreted Groundwater Surface
Contours September 2007

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0 65 130 260 390 520 Feet



Legend

- A Monitoring Wells (6.3 ug/L) Tetrachloroethene Concentration
- Site Boundary
- 100 ug/L
- 50 ug/L
- 25 ug/L
- 10 ug/L
- 5 ug/L

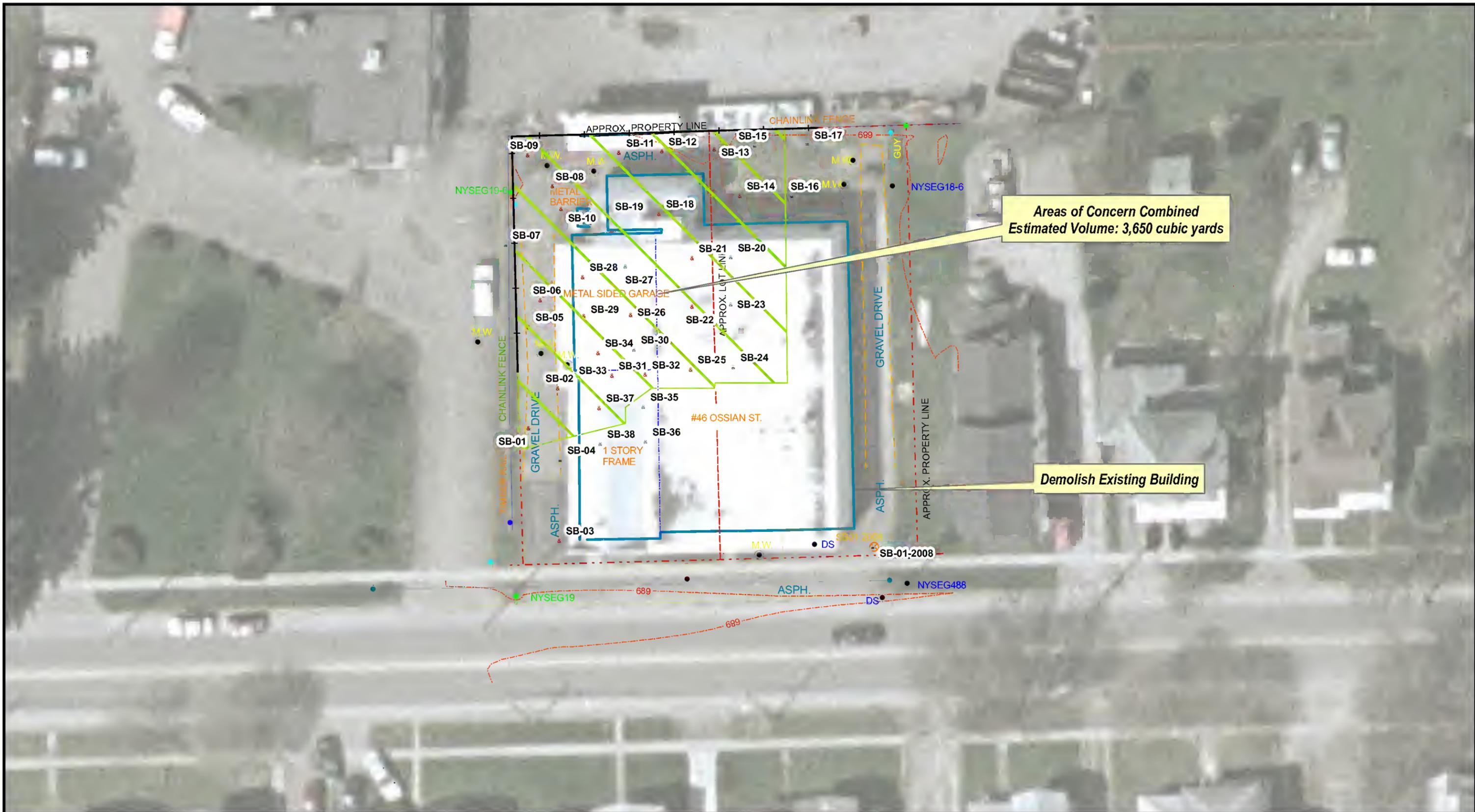
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FIGURE 5
Estimated PCE Isopleths
based on January 2008
Groundwater Results

0 70 140 280 420 560 Feet



Legend

- Subsurface Soil Samples below SCG
- Subsurface Soil Samples above SCG
- Limits of Excavation
- Sheet Piling

Source: NYS GIS Clearing House

**FORMER PAPPAS DRY CLEANERS (8-26-018)
FEASIBILITY STUDY
DANVILLE, NEW YORK**

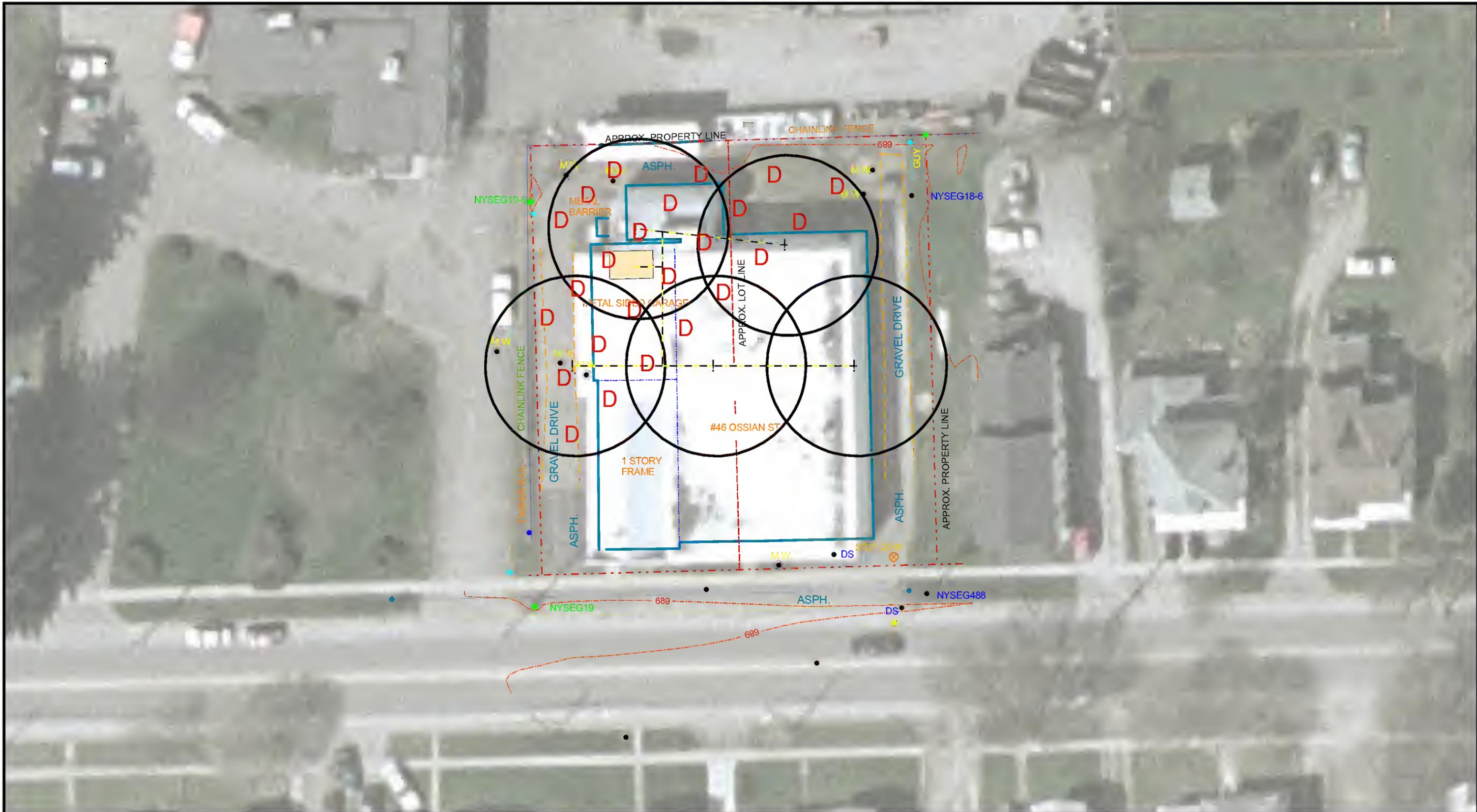
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**FIGURE 6
Alternative 2: Soil Excavation and
Off-site Disposal**

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0 5 10 20 30 40 50 Feet



Legend

- D Proposed Reductant Injection site
- ! Proposed SVE Well
- - - Vapor Pipe
- SVE Location Radius of Influence 30'
- SVE Treatment Facility

Source: NYS GIS Clearing House

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**FIGURE 7
Alternative 3 - Soil Vapor Extraction
and In-situ Saturated Soil Treatment**

0 5 10 20 30 40 50 Feet




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APPENDIX A

Responsiveness Summary

RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

**Pappas Dry Cleaning
Operable Unit No. 1
Dansville, Livingston County, New York
Site No. 826018**

The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Pappas Dry Cleaning 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 27, 2009. The PRAP outlined the remedial measure proposed for the contaminated soil, groundwater and soil vapor at the Pappas Dry Cleaning 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 12, 2009, which included a presentation of the Remedial Investigation (RI) and the Feasibility Study (FS) 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 27, 2009. 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 underground storage tanks for?

RESPONSE 1: It is believed they are oil storage tanks. Any tanks found on the property will be sampled, properly decommissioned and removed.

COMMENT 2: Who finances that [alternative 2]?

RESPONSE 2: Reasonable efforts to obtain a remedial program from the Site owner and other parties have failed but the environmental conditions at the Site continue to be a threat. Therefore the Department is funding this project as part of the State Superfund Program.

COMMENT 3: Any idea what the cost difference is between the last two alternatives?

RESPONSE 3: The present worth cost for Alternative 2 is \$ 2,376,000.00 and the present worth cost for Alternative 3 is 2,613,000.00.

COMMENT 4: Does alternative #3 leave the building in place?

RESPONSE 4: Yes, Alternative #3 (Soil Vapor Extraction and In-Situ Chemical Treatment) would leave the building in place. The selected remedy (Alternative #2) will result in the

complete demolition of the building, in order to allow the removal of contamination.

COMMENT 5: Was this [the Pappas site] originally part of the gas work [NYSEG/MGP] property? Who owns it now?

RESPONSE 5: According to our records it was not part of the NYSEG/MGP property. Pappas Bros. Inc is the current owner of the Site.

COMMENT 6: What will happen to the property? Will Pappas still retain the property? Can they sell it? What's the liability for Pappas? If they had assets, would you come back for cost recovery?

RESPONSE 6: Pappas Bros. Inc. will retain the property and they may sell the property. However, the RP for the site, documented to date, is Pappas Bros., Inc. The RP declined to implement the investigative work at the site when requested by the Department. The RPs is subject to legal actions by the state for recovery of all response costs the state has incurred.

COMMENT 7: Whatever solution is selected, has the money been approved? Any possibility that the money will be taken away from this site to another site?

RESPONSE 7: Once the ROD is approved the next step is to start the design. After the design is finalized the project will be advertised for bidders. At that time the money will be committed for this site.

COMMENT 8: How long will the design process take place?

RESPONSE 8: The design process could take three to six months.

COMMENT 9: What is significance with the yellow and blue lines on the figures?

RESPONSE 9: The yellow and blue lines on Figure 5 show the outline of the PCE plume from the Pappas property.

COMMENT 10: Where will remediation be required? Is there a plan for remediation for homes within that area? Out of the 60 people, how many have been remediated? Does that remain an open process?

RESPONSE 10: A sampling program consisting of sub-slab vapor sampling and/or indoor air sampling of numerous structures downgradient of the Pappas' property was performed to evaluate the potential for vapor intrusion to occur in the structures. A total of 58 locations were offered the opportunity to participate and of these 20 volunteered to participate. The Department offered to install sub-slab depressurization systems in seven off-site residences to address human exposures (via inhalation) to site-related contaminants associated with soil vapor intrusion. If required, additional sampling will be conducted under OU-2.

COMMENT 11: Will people be able to comment on the remedial design?

RESPONSE 11: When the remedial design is finalized, a fact sheet describing the proposed remedial action will be distributed to the community and other interested people. The design will implement the remedy selected in this document. Any concerns of special consideration should be brought to our attention now so that it can be addressed during the design.

COMMENT 12: Have they (local officials) signed off on legalities for you to do this?

RESPONSE 12: We will work with the local officials to implement the remedy.

COMMENT 13: Do you plan to discharge treated water to the village sewer?

RESPONSE 13: Yes, the Department has been in contact with the Department of Public Works and will further coordinate with them to make sure we meet all requirements.

COMMENT 14: It has been a long time since Pappas was in operation. Was there a collection well or is it continuing to flow? You think of it as a continuous source?

RESPONSE 14: The contamination on the Pappas property is acting as a continuous source of groundwater contamination.

COMMENT 15: During demolition you usually need to do an asbestos removal. Will that happen here? Will monitoring include asbestos?

RESPONSE 15: Before demolition is started an asbestos survey will be performed and if asbestos containing material is found it will be removed in accordance with Department of Labor policy and guidance. Air monitoring will be performed during demolition.

COMMENT 16: So, the NYSEG project waits until this is finished?

RESPONSE 16: NYSEG is proceeding with the remedial design for their site. However, it will be necessary to sequence the work so that cleanup of the Pappas property precedes the NYSEG work to avoid recontamination of the NYSEG property.

COMMENT 17: Is it separate parts of the state for both projects? [NYSEG and Pappas].

RESPONSE 17: The Division of Environmental Remediation in Albany is responsible for both projects although each has a separate project manager. Both project managers are well aware of the coordination necessary and discuss the project as needed.

COMMENT 18: How fast is the plume moving?

RESPONSE 18: Off-site groundwater will be addressed as part of OU-2. The rate of movement will be one of many items that will be determined during the OU-2 investigation.

COMMENT 19: Have you seen any free product?

RESPONSE 19: There is free product under the Pappas building in the subsurface soils resting on the clay layer.

COMMENT 20: What is the time span to begin start of work?

RESPONSE 20: The plan is to start construction work within a year.

COMMENT 21: Will NYSEG do the soil excavation too?

RESPONSE 21: Pursuant to the ROD issued in March 2008 for OU-1, NYSEG – Dansville MGP Site, NYSEG will do soil excavation on their property.

COMMENT 22: Will soil be left there for 6 months leaving it to air dry?

RESPONSE 22: No, all soil and building debris will be removed from the site for disposal.

COMMENT 23: Is there any chance that contaminants from NYSEG will follow the path of least resistance and come back to Pappas? Will you leave the sheet piling in?

RESPONSE 23: We will address this during the design process. Sheet piling is being used to separate the soils at the Pappas site from the MGP site and the sheet piling may have to remain in place until the MGP site is remediated.

COMMENT 24: Will NYSEG pay for their own?

RESPONSE 24: NYSEG is responsible for all cost associated with their site.

COMMENT 25: What is the cleanup level for this property?

RESPONSE 25: See Section 6: Summary of the Remediation Goals of this document.

COMMENT 26: Is there a timeframe for the easement? Does the easement last forever? Are there any deed restrictions? Will it only be an access agreement?

RESPONSE 26: An environmental easement is placed on the property and can not be removed or modified without Department approval. The property owner will provide a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls, prepared and submitted by a professional engineer or such other expert acceptable to the Department, until the Department notifies the property owner in writing that this certification is no longer needed. This submittal will allow the Department access to the site.

COMMENT 27: Did you sample below the clay layer? Did you find anything?

RESPONSE 27: We sampled approximately three feet into the clay layer and contamination

was found at the top of the clay layer.

COMMENT 28: You notified 60 homeowners for this meeting?

RESPONSE 28: Over 60 homeowners were notified for this meeting.

COMMENT 29: Is the state off the hook? Can they change their mind?

RESPONSE 29: If necessary, additional SVI sampling maybe conducted during OU-2.

COMMENT 30: Would you expect any objections? Is that alternative a done deal?

RESPONSE 30: The ROD approval signifies the Department's acceptance of the remedy.

COMMENT 31: Do you follow-up with another check after the [SVE] is running?
What's a communication test? There's no follow-up test to say this project worked?

RESPONSE 31: The Department will maintain and monitor the sub-slab depressurization systems as part of the investigation, remediation and site management activities for OU-2. A communication test is used to confirm that a vacuum is present under a slab and this test is typically performed during installation. If the test was not completed then the Department will do the communication test at the request of the homeowner.

COMMENT 32: How deep will the sheet piling be?

RESPONSE 32: The exact depth will be determined during the design phase. It will be keyed into the clay layer and be structurally competent to allow for excavation.

APPENDIX B

Administrative Record

Administrative Record

Pappas Dry Cleaning Operable Unit No. 1 Site No. 826018

1. Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Pappas Dry Cleaning site, Operable Unit No. 1, dated February 2009, prepared by the Department.
2. Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, Preliminary Site Characterization, dated April 2005, prepared by LaBella Associates, P.C.
3. Supplemental Environmental Site Assessment, dated October 2005, prepared by LaBella Associates, P.C.
4. Final Remedial Investigation Report for OU-1, dated October 2008, prepared by EA Engineering, P.C.
5. Final Feasibility Report for OU-1, dated October 2008, prepared by EA Engineering, P.C.
6. Fact Sheet, Remedy Proposed for the Pappas Dry Cleaning Site, dated February 27, 2009