

# RECORD OF DECISION

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Ronkonkoma Wallpaper Site  
Environmental Restoration Project  
Ronkonkoma, Suffolk County  
Site No. E152191  
March 2014



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# **DECLARATION STATEMENT - RECORD OF DECISION**

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## **Statement of Purpose and Basis**

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

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

## **Description of Selected Remedy**

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

### 1. Remedial Design

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

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

## 2. Excavation

Soils up to two feet in depth exceeding restricted residential soil cleanup objectives and soils from a former drywell in excess of restricted residential SCOs will be excavated and disposed off-site in a permitted facility. Approximately 7,000 cubic yards of soil will be removed from the site. Documentation samples will then be taken from the base of the excavation. Clean fill meeting the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d) will be brought in to replace the excavated soil and establish the designed grades at the site.

## 3. Cover System

A site cover will be required to allow for restricted residential use of the site. The cover will consist either of the structures such as buildings, pavement, sidewalks comprising the site development or a soil cover in areas where the upper two feet of exposed surface soil will exceed the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs). Where the soil cover is required it will be a minimum of two feet of soil, meeting the SCOs for cover material as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d) for restricted residential use. The soil cover will be placed over a demarcation layer, with the upper six inches of the soil of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetation layer. Any fill material brought to the site will meet the requirements for the identified site use as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d).

## 4. Institutional Control

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

- requires the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls in accordance with Part 375-1.8(h)(3);
- allows the use and development of the controlled property for restricted residential, commercial and industrial uses as defined by Part 375-1.8(g), although land use is subject to local zoning laws; and
- requires compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan.

## 5. Site Management Plan

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

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

- a. Institutional Controls: The Environmental Easement discussed in Paragraph 4 above.
- b. Engineering Controls: The soil demarcation and cover system discussed in Paragraph 3.

This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- an Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;
- descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use restrictions;
- provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;
- maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
- the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.

**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.

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Date

March 31, 2014

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

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

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

## **SECTION 2: 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:

Sachem Public Library  
150 Holbrook Road  
Holbrook, NY 11741  
Phone: (631) 588-5024

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

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

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

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

### **SECTION 3: SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY**

#### Location:

The property is located on the south side of Easton Street and is bounded on the east by Raynor Street, on the west by Elm Avenue, and on the south by residential properties. The site is approximately 3.3 acres in size.

#### Site Features:

There are currently no structures at the site. Tall grasses and shrubs dominate the central and northern portions of the site where buildings previously existed. Asphalt parking and driveways exist through the central, eastern and northwestern areas.

#### Current Zoning and Land Use:

The site is zoned for industrial use. The site is currently vacant. The site is surrounded by chain link fence and the gates are locked.

#### Past Use of the Site:

A former industrial building (approximately 35,000 square feet in size) and a separate boiler building (approximately 850 square feet in size) with a brick stack approximately 50 feet high previously existed at the site. The original building was constructed in the 1920's and was reportedly used for the manufacture of paints. It is not known when the facility converted from paint manufacturing to custom wallpaper production, but the wallpaper business left the facility

before 1984. The site was then used to manufacture synthetic lumber construction shapes.

Suffolk County acquired the property in 2001 for failure to pay property taxes. In 2002, the Real Property Unit of the Suffolk County Department of Planning made the decision to demolish the buildings on-site. Demolition of the buildings was completed in March 2004.

#### Site Geology and Hydrogeology:

The aquifer of concern at the former Ronkonkoma Wallpaper site is the Upper Glacial Aquifer which is an unconsolidated mixture of sand and gravel. The approximate thickness of the Upper Glacial Aquifer in Suffolk County is 100 feet with an estimated average horizontal hydraulic conductivity (permeability) of 270 feet/day and a vertical hydraulic conductivity of 27 feet/day.

Clay layers, such as the Gardiners Clay and the "20 Foot Clay," where present, may act as local confining units, separating the Upper Glacial Aquifer from the underlying Magothy Aquifer which is the principal source of drinking water in Suffolk County.

Depth to groundwater was approximately 65 feet below ground surface in monitor wells installed at the site, and groundwater flow is to the south.

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 restricted-residential use (which allows for commercial use and industrial use) as described in Part 375-1.8(g) were/was evaluated in addition to an alternative which would allow for unrestricted use of the site.

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

### **SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT STATUS**

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

No PRPs have been documented to date.

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

### **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

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

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

CHROMIUM  
COPPER

LEAD  
BARIUM

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

- soil

### **6.2: Interim Remedial Measures**

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

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

### **6.3: 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.

In April 2000, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) sampled four storm-water drywells and a waste-water tank for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and metals. Concentrations of lead were detected in the southeast storm-water drywell above restricted residential soil cleanup objectives. Three monitoring wells were installed at the site in order to collect water table groundwater samples. Results from the groundwater sampling indicated no groundwater impacts of concern.

During a June 2000 inspection of the site by the SCDHS, a 5,000-gallon heating oil underground storage tank (UST), a 1,000-gallon heating oil UST, two 275-gallon heating oil aboveground storage tanks (ASTs), and a 2,000-gallon aboveground industrial waste holding tank were noted as concerns. In 2004, the ASTs were removed and the USTs were excavated and removed from the site.

Nature and Extent of Contamination:

The following describes the findings of the Remedial Investigation.

Soil: SVOCs and/or metals were detected in nine of the shallow soil samples (between 0-14 inches bgs) above the unrestricted use Soil Cleanup Objectives (UUSCOs). Benzo(a)anthracene was detected at 1.1 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 1.0 ppm. Benzo(b)fluoranthene was detected

at 1.3 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 1.0 ppm. Chrysene was detected at 1.1 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 1.0 ppm. Indeno (1,2,3-cd) pyrene was detected at 0.56 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 0.500 ppm. Barium was detected as high as 12,400 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 350 ppm. Copper ranged from 52 ppm to 1,490 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 50 ppm. Chromium ranged from 32-344 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 30 ppm. Lead ranged from 73-2210 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 63 ppm. Nickel was detected at 32 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 30 ppm. Selenium was detected at 4.85 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 3.9 ppm. Zinc ranged from 187-3,050 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 109 ppm.

Metals were detected in one of the deeper (14-20 ft bgs) soil borings above UUSCOs. Lead was detected at 135 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 63 ppm. Chromium was detected at 55 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 30 ppm.

A sample collected from one of the UIC structures contained concentrations of VOCs and metals above the UUSCOs. Acetone was detected at 0.079 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 0.50 ppm. Chromium was detected at 14,700 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 30 ppm. Copper was detected at 420 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 50 ppm. Lead was detected at 72,100 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 63 ppm. Cyanide was detected at 35 ppm, exceeding the UUSCO of 27 ppm.

Groundwater: Groundwater analytical results were compared to the NYSDEC Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values (AWQS) for Class GA groundwater. VOCs and SVOCs were not detected above laboratory method detection limits. Several inorganic metals were detected in each of the three groundwater samples above laboratory method detection limits. Sodium was detected in MW-1 and MW-5 and zinc was detected in MW-4 above NYSDEC AWQS but these are attributed to background levels for the area, since a source was not identified within the soils at the site.

#### **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*.

The site is completely fenced, which restricts public access. However, persons who enter the site could contact contaminants in the soil by walking on the site, digging or otherwise disturbing the soil.

#### **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:

### **Soil**

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

- Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.

### **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 alternatives analysis (AA) report.

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

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

The selected remedy is referred to as the Restricted Residential Use Cleanup remedy.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is \$1,650,000. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$1,470,000 and the estimated average annual cost is \$14,000.

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- an Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;
- descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use restrictions;
- provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;
- maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
- the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.

## **Exhibit A**

### **Nature and Extent of Contamination**

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

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

### **Groundwater**

Groundwater samples were collected from overburden monitoring wells. The samples were collected to assess groundwater conditions on-site. Samples were taken from the water table, approximately 57-60 feet below grade. Samples were analyzed for the presence of VOCs, SVOCs, total metals and total cyanide. Metals were detected in each of the three groundwater samples above laboratory method detection limits. Sodium was detected in MW-1 and MW-5 and zinc was detected in MW-4 above NYSDEC AWQS. The presence of sodium and zinc in the groundwater is attributed to background levels for the area, as a source was not identified within the deeper soils at the site.

No site-related groundwater contamination of concern was identified during the RI. Therefore, no remedial alternatives need to be evaluated for groundwater.

### **Soil**

Shallow and subsurface soil samples were collected at the site during the RI. Shallow and subsurface soil samples were collected from a depth of 14-20 feet to assess soil contamination impacts to groundwater. Surface soils were collected from 0 to 2 inches below ground surface (bgs) or below the vegetative layer. In addition, samples were also collected from 6 to 8 inches bgs and 12 to 14 inches bgs. Initially, the shallow surface soil samples 0 to 2 inches bgs were analyzed, while the deeper samples 6 to 8 inches bgs and 12 to 14 inches bgs were held pending analytical results. If a soil sample showed concentrations above applicable standards, the deeper sample collected from that location was analyzed. Samples were analyzed for VOCs, SVOCs, total metals and total Cyanide. The results indicate that soils at the site exceed the unrestricted and restricted residential SCGs for semi-volatile organics and metals.

**Table 2 – Shallow Soil**

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	Unrestricted SCG <sup>b</sup> (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCG	Restricted Use SCG <sup>c</sup> (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Restricted Residential SCG
<b>Semi-Volatiles</b>					
Benzo(a)anthracene	0-1.1	1	1/17	1	1/17
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	0—1.3	1	1/17	1	1/17
Chrysene	0-1.1	1	1/17	3.9	0/17
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	0-.56	.5	1/17	.5	1/17
<b>Inorganics</b>					
Barium	20-12,400	350	20/35	400	20/35
Cadmium	1-2.74	2.5	1/35	4.3	0/35
Chromium	2-344	30	8/35	180	3/35
Copper	10-1,490	50	14/35	270	3/35
Lead	30-2210	63	18/35	400	5/35
Nickel	1-32.5	30	1/35	310	0/35
Selenium	0-4.85	3.9	1/35	180	0/35
Zinc	28-3,050	109	22/35	10,000	0/35

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

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

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

The primary soil contaminants are metals associated with prior industrial activities on the site. The majority of the contamination is in the top two feet of site soils. Only one subsurface sample exceeded the UUSCOs.

Based on the findings of the Remedial Investigation, the past disposal of hazardous waste has resulted in the contamination of soil. The site contaminants identified in soil which are considered to be the primary contaminants of concern, to be addressed by the remedy selection process are barium, chromium, copper and lead.

Soil samples were also collected during the RI from the on-site one of the UIC structures (DW-3). The results indicate soil in DW-3 exceeds the Department's SCGs in soils for arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper and lead. Other UIC structures identified on site were previously sampled by SCDHS in 2000 and were remediated under Suffolk County oversight in 2004.

**Table 3 - Soil in DW-3**

Detected Constituents	Concentration Range Detected (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	Unrestricted SCG <sup>b</sup> (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Unrestricted SCG	Restricted Use SCG <sup>c</sup> (ppm)	Frequency Exceeding Restricted SCG
<b>Inorganics</b>					
Chromium	14,700	30	1/1	180	1/1
Copper	420	50	1/1	270	1/1
Lead	72,100	63	1/1	400	1/1
Cyanide	35	27	1/1	27	1/1

a - ppm: parts per million, which is equivalent to milligrams per kilogram,;

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

**Exhibit B**

**Description of Remedial Alternatives**

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

**Alternative 1: No Action**

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

This alternative does not satisfy the human health RAOs for the current scenario, nor is it supportive of the redevelopment of the project site for residential, commercial or industrial use. This alternative has been included to provide a point of comparison for the other alternatives.

The remaining alternatives address on-site contamination present in environmental media and are presented below. Alternatives 2, 3 and 4 address contamination present in soil.

**Alternative 2: Cover Installation and Removal of Soil from Drywell**

This alternative would include installation of a composite soil cap across the site and removal of soils from DW-3 in excess of Restricted Residential SCOs. This remedy will allow for the site to be redeveloped for restricted residential, commercial, or industrial uses, although the filing of an Environmental Easement and development of a Site Management Plan would be required to address any future invasive activities at the site.

The details of this alternative include:

- Clearing and grubbing
- Removal and off-site disposal of soils from within DW-3
- Installation of a two foot thick soil cover system across the entire site to meet Restricted Residential Use
- Filing of an Environmental Easement on the property that includes:
  - Development of a Site Management Plan
  - Limitation on future development to Industrial, Commercial or Restricted-Residential Uses
  - Requirements for annual certification of institutional and engineering controls

<i>Present Worth:</i> .....	<i>\$1,018,000</i>
<i>Capital Cost:</i> .....	<i>\$843,000</i>
<i>Annual Cost:</i> .....	<i>\$14,000</i>

### Alternative 3: Restricted Residential Use Clean-up

This alternative would include removal of soil to a maximum depth of 2 feet across the site in excess of Restricted-Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives (RRSCOs) and removal of soils from DW-3 in excess of Restricted Residential SCOs.

This remedy will allow for the site to be redeveloped for Restricted-Residential, Commercial or Industrial uses, although the filing of an Environmental Easement and development of a Site Management Plan would be required to address any future invasive activities at the site.

The details of this alternative include:

- Clearing and grubbing
- Removal and off-site disposal of shallow soil from across the site that exceed RRSCOs
- Removal and off-site disposal of soils from within DW-3
- Installation of a composite cover system above remaining soil contamination area
- Filing of an Environmental Easement on the property that includes:
  - Development of a Site Management Plan
  - Limitation on future development to Industrial, Commercial or Restricted-Residential Uses
  - Requirements for annual certification of institutional and engineering controls

*Present Worth:* ..... \$1,650,000  
*Capital Cost:* ..... \$1,470,000  
*Annual Cost:* ..... \$14,000

### Alternative 4: Restoration to Pre-Disposal or Unrestricted Conditions

This alternative achieves all of the SCGs discussed in Section 6.1.1 and Exhibit A and soil meets the unrestricted soil clean objectives listed in Part 375-6.8(a).

This alternative would include:

- Clearing and grubbing
- Removal and off-site disposal of soil from across the site that exceeds UUSCOs
- Removal and off-site disposal of soil from within DW-3 in accordance with SCDHS guidance
- Backfilling excavations with clean, suitable material from an off-site source

*Capital Cost:* ..... \$2,034,000

**Exhibit C****Remedial Alternative Costs**

<b>Remedial Alternative</b>	<b>Capital Cost (\$)</b>	<b>Annual Costs (\$)</b>	<b>Total Present Worth (\$)</b>
No Action	0	0	0
Cover Installation and Removal of Soil	843,000	14,000	1,018,000
Restricted-Residential Use Clean-up	1,470,000	14,000	1,650,000
Unrestricted Use Clean-up	2,034,000	0	2,034,000

## Exhibit D

### SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

The Department is selecting Alternative 3, Restricted Residential Use Clean-up as the remedy for this site. Alternative 3 would achieve the remediation goals for the site by removing soil exceeding the restricted residential SCOs in the top 2 feet of the site and implementing a SMP to manage any remaining soils exceeding SCOs in the subsurface. The elements of this remedy are described in Section 7. The selected remedy is depicted in Figure 3

### Basis for Selection

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

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

1. 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.

The selected remedy (Alternative 3) would satisfy this criterion by meeting the RAOs for shallow soil. Alternative 1 does not satisfy the RAOs or provide protection of public health and the environment as it does not eliminate the potential for exposure of the public, future construction workers and site residents to on-site contaminants. Alternative 1 is removed from further consideration. Alternatives 2, 3 and 4 would be protective of human 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.

Alternatives 2, 3 and 4 comply with the applicable SCGs. However with Alternative 2, the majority of the contaminated soil would remain at the site.

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 3 achieves long-term effectiveness and permanence by having a soil cover system at the site and restricting use of the site through an environmental easement.

Alternative 2 achieves long-term effectiveness and permanence by construction of a composite cover system at the site and restricting use of the site through an EE. Alternative 4 achieves long-term effectiveness and permanence by removing soils affected by site contaminants above UUSCOs.

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.

Alternatives 2, 3 and 4 reduce the mobility, volume and toxicity of contaminants from on-site shallow soil. Alternative 4 achieves the greatest reductions since it calls for the greatest volume of removals in order to meet unrestricted use SCOs.

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.

The short-term adverse impacts and exposure to the public and the environment during the implementation of Alternatives 2, 3 and 4 are minimal. Short-term exposure to on-site workers during excavation and loading activities are addressed via a Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and mitigated through the use of personal protective equipment, monitoring and engineering controls. Potential short-term exposure to the surrounding community is addressed through the use of dust-suppression techniques and through the implementation of a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) which requires air monitoring activities during all excavation and soil disturbance activities.

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 and 4 can be implemented using readily available and proven technologies. Both the technical and nontechnical aspects of implementing these alternatives are feasible.

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. Alternative 3 is 62% more expensive than Alternative 2 and Alternative 4 is twice as expensive as Alternative 2. Alternative 2 has a low cost, but most of the contaminated soil would not be addressed other than by institutional and engineering controls. Both Alternatives 3 and 4 have costs associated with excavation, offsite disposal and backfilling of the site. Alternative 4 is 23% more expensive than Alternative 3, yet both alternatives provide equal protection.

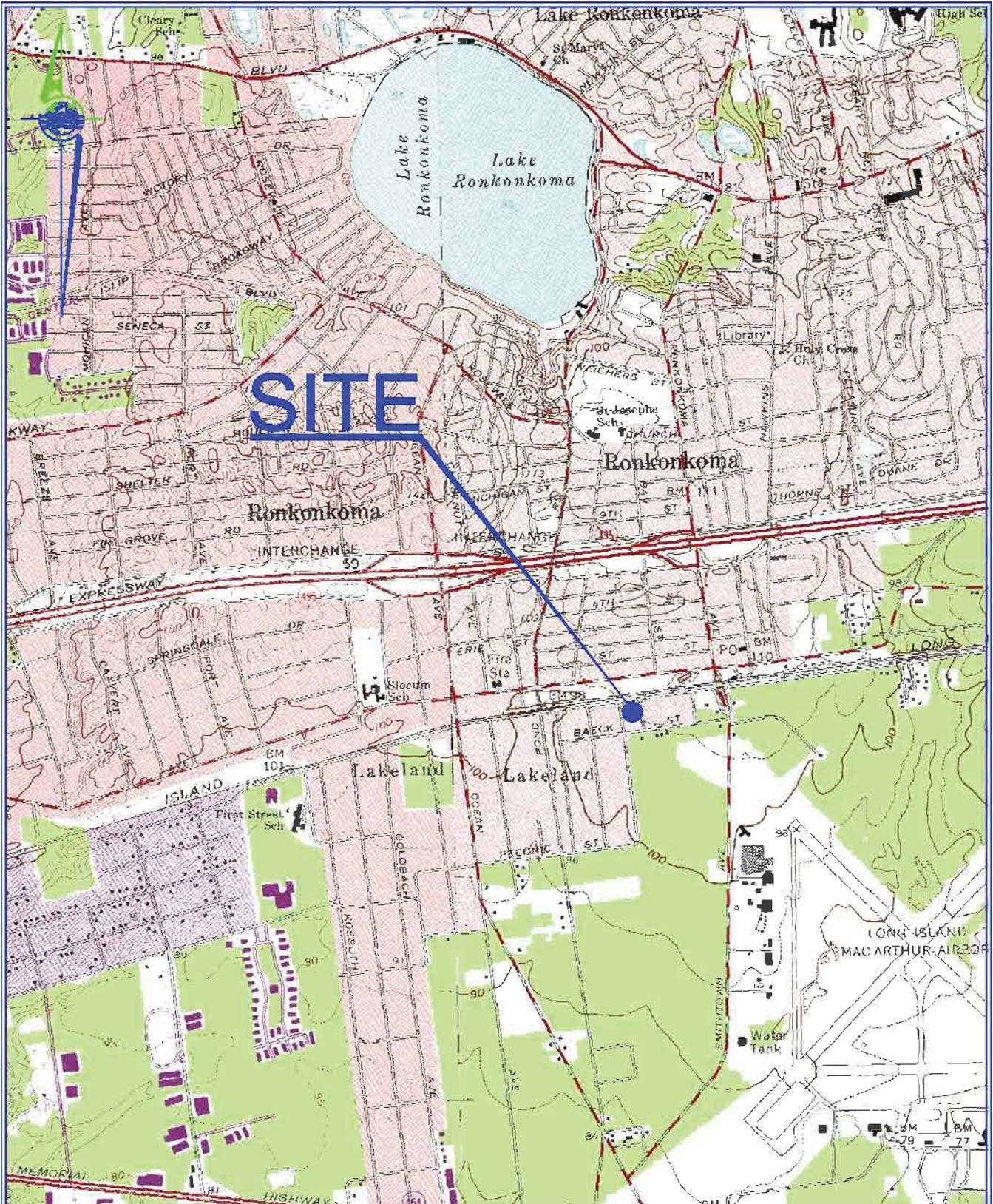
8. Land Use. When cleanup to pre-disposal conditions is determined to be infeasible, the Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonable anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings in the selection of the soil remedy.

Alternatives 2, 3 and 4 are compatible with respect to the selected land uses in the vicinity of the site. The selected use is consistent with existing zoning designations for the property and consistent with development patterns. Alternative 1 restricts the use of the land and does not comply with the NYSDEC ERP goal for cleanup of contaminated land.

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 have been evaluated. A responsiveness summary has been prepared that describes public comments received and the manner in which the Department will address the concerns raised.

Alternative 3 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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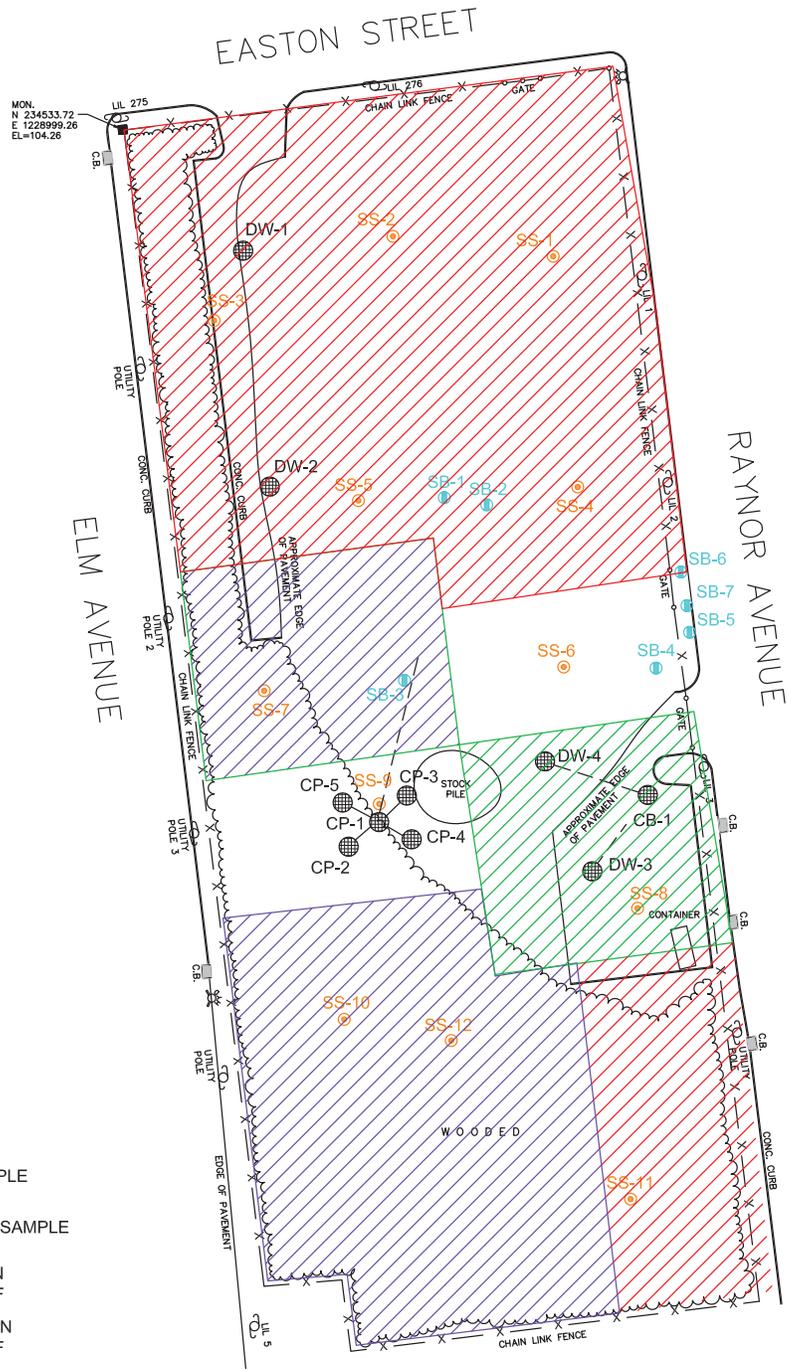
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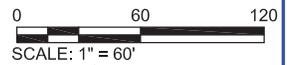




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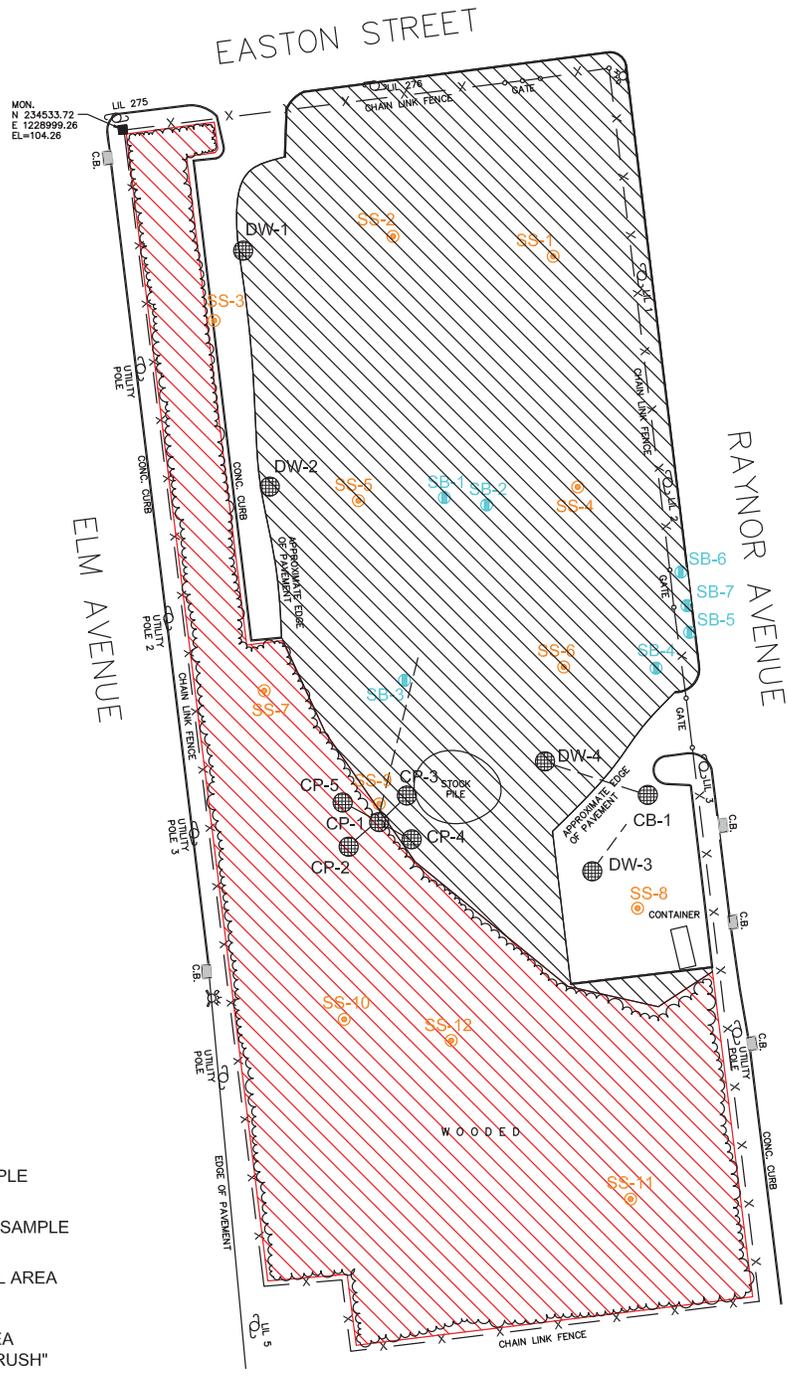
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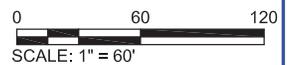
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# **APPENDIX A**

## **Responsiveness Summary**

# RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

**Ronkonkoma Wallpaper Site  
Environmental Restoration Project  
Ronkonkoma, Suffolk County, New York  
Site No. E152191**

The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Ronkonkoma Wallpaper 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 12, 2014. The PRAP outlined the remedial measure proposed for the contaminated soil at the Ronkonkoma Wallpaper 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 10, 2014, which included a presentation of the remedial investigation and alternative analysis for ERP for the Ronkonkoma Wallpaper 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 28, 2014.

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

**COMMENT 1:** How long after the end of the comment period will the final decision be made about which remedy will be implemented?

**RESPONSE 1:** The final remedial decision will be issued in a Record of Decision. Comments received will be addressed and any appropriate changes from the PRAP will be incorporated. The Record of Decision is normally issued within days or weeks following the close of the public comment period.

**COMMENT 2:** When will the actual clean up of the site begin?

**RESPONSE 2:** For the project to go forward under the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP), funds must be available, and the County must apply for and be approved for those funds. Limited ERP funds were made available in 2013, and the Governor's proposed 2014-2015 budget includes additional funding for the ERP program. The Department expects to solicit applications for the available funding in the Spring of 2014. Should funds be available, this would allow for a project start (e.g., remedial design) in late 2014 or early 2015.

**COMMENT 3:** Under “Background” the location states that the property is located on the north side of Easton Street. Actually, Easton Street is on the north side of the property.

**RESPONSE 3:** The correction has been made to the site description.

# **APPENDIX B**

## **Administrative Record**

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**Ronkonkoma Wallpaper Site  
Environmental Restoration Project  
Ronkonkoma, Suffolk County, New York  
Site No. E152191**

1. Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Ronkonkoma Wallpaper site, dated February 2014, prepared by the Department.
2. The Department and the County of Suffolk entered into a State Assistance Contract, Contract No. C302758, November 6, 2006.
3. “Final Remedial Investigation Work Plan”, June 2008, prepared by P. W. Grosser Consulting, Inc.
4. “Remedial Investigation Report with Alternative Analysis”, April 2013, prepared by P. W. Grosser Consulting, Inc.