

APPENDIX B
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Citizen Participation Plan

for
Proposed Queen City Landing Site

1005 Fuhrmann Blvd (SBL: 132.06-1-1.2) and
a portion of 975 Fuhrmann Blvd (SBL: 132.06-1-1.1)
Buffalo, Erie County, New York
Site No. C915304

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Note: The information presented in this Citizen Participation Plan was current as of the date of its approval by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Portions of this Citizen Participation Plan may be revised during the site’s investigation and cleanup process.

Applicant: **Queen City Landing, LLC.**
Site Name: **Queen City Landing (Site)**
Site Address: **1005 Fuhrmann Blvd and a portion of 975 Fuhrmann Blvd**
Site County: **Erie**
Site Number: **C915304**

1. What is New York’s Brownfield Cleanup Program?

New York’s Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) works with private developers to encourage the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as “brownfields” so that they can be reused and developed. These uses include recreation, housing, and business.

A *brownfield* is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination. A brownfield typically is a former industrial or commercial property where operations may have resulted in environmental contamination. A brownfield can pose environmental, legal, and financial burdens on a community. If a brownfield is not addressed, it can reduce property values in the area and affect economic development of nearby properties.

The BCP is administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) which oversees Applicants that conduct brownfield site investigation and cleanup activities. An Applicant is a person who has requested to participate in the BCP and has been accepted by NYSDEC. The BCP contains investigation and cleanup requirements, ensuring that cleanups protect public health and the environment. When NYSDEC certifies that these requirements have been met, the property can be reused or redeveloped for the intended use.

For more information about the BCP, go online at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html> .

2. Citizen Participation Activities

Why NYSDEC Involves the Public and Why It Is Important

NYSDEC involves the public to improve the process of investigating and cleaning up contaminated sites, and to enable citizens to participate more fully in decisions that affect their health, environment, and social well being. NYSDEC provides opportunities for citizen involvement and encourages early two-way communication with citizens before decision makers form or adopt final positions.

Involving citizens affected and interest in site investigation and cleanup programs is important for many reasons. These include:

- Promoting the development of timely, effective site investigation and cleanup programs that protect public health and the environment

- Improving public access to, and understanding of, issues and information related to a particular site and that site's investigation and cleanup process
- Providing citizens with early and continuing opportunities to participate in NYSDEC's site investigation and cleanup process
- Ensuring that NYSDEC makes site investigation and cleanup decisions that benefit from input that reflects the interests and perspectives found within the affected community
- Encouraging dialogue to promote the exchange of information among the affected/interested public, State agencies, and other interested parties that strengthens trust among the parties, increases understanding of site and community issues and concerns, and improves decision making.

This Citizen Participation (CP) Plan provides information about how NYSDEC will inform and involve the public during the investigation and cleanup of the site identified above. The public information and involvement program will be carried out with assistance, as appropriate, from the Applicant.

Project Contacts

Appendix A identifies NYSDEC project contact(s) to whom the public should address questions or request information about the site's investigation and cleanup program. The public's suggestions about this CP Plan and the CP program for the site are always welcome. Interested people are encouraged to share their ideas and suggestions with the project contacts at any time.

Locations of Reports and Information

The locations of the reports and information related to the site's investigation and cleanup program also are identified in Appendix A. These locations provide convenient access to important project documents for public review and comment. Some documents may be placed on the NYSDEC web site. If this occurs, NYSDEC will inform the public in fact sheets distributed about the site and by other means, as appropriate.

Site Contact List

Appendix B contains the site contact list. This list has been developed to keep the community informed about, and involved in, the site's investigation and cleanup process. The site contact list will be used periodically to distribute fact sheets that provide updates about the status of the project. These will include notifications of upcoming activities at the site (such as fieldwork), as well as availability of project documents and announcements about public comment periods.

The site contact list includes, at a minimum:

- chief executive officer and planning board chairperson of each county, city, town and village in which the site is located;
- residents, owners, and occupants of the site and properties adjacent to the site;
- the public water supplier which services the area in which the site is located;
- any person who has requested to be placed on the site contact list;
- the administrator of any school or day care facility located on or near the site for purposes of posting and/or dissemination of information at the facility;
- location(s) of reports and information.

The site contact list will be reviewed periodically and updated as appropriate. Individuals and organizations will be added to the site contact list upon request. Such requests should be submitted to the NYSDEC project contact(s) identified in Appendix A. Other additions to the site contact list may be made at the discretion of the NYSDEC project manager, in consultation with other NYSDEC staff as appropriate.

CP Activities

The table at the end of this section identifies the CP activities, at a minimum, that have been and will be conducted during the site's investigation and cleanup program. The flowchart in Appendix D shows how these CP activities integrate with the site investigation and cleanup process. The public is informed about these CP activities through a CP website, fact sheets and notices distributed at significant points during the program. Elements of the investigation and cleanup process that match up with the CP activities are explained briefly in Section 5.

- **CP Website, notices and fact sheets** help the interested and affected public to understand contamination issues related to a site, and the nature and progress of efforts to investigate and clean up a site.
- **Public forums, comment periods and contact with project managers** provide opportunities for the public to contribute information, opinions and perspectives that have potential to influence decisions about a site's investigation and cleanup.

The public is encouraged to contact project staff at any time during the site's investigation and cleanup process with questions, comments, or requests for information.

This CP Plan may be revised due to changes in major issues of public concern identified in Section 3 or in the nature and scope of investigation and cleanup activities. Modifications may include additions to the site contact list and changes in planned citizen participation activities.

Technical Assistance Grant

NYSDEC must determine if the site poses a significant threat to public health or the environment. This determination generally is made using information developed during the investigation of the site, as described in Section 5.

If the site is determined to be a significant threat, a qualifying community group may apply for a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG). The purpose of a TAG is to provide funds to the qualifying group to obtain independent technical assistance. This assistance helps the TAG recipient to interpret and understand existing environmental information about the nature and extent of contamination related to the site and the development/implementation of a remedy.

An eligible community group must certify that its membership represents the interests of the community affected by the site, and that its members' health, economic well-being or enjoyment of the environment may be affected by a release or threatened release of contamination at the site.

For more information about TAGs, go online at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2590.html>

Note: The table identifying the citizen participation activities related to the site's investigation and cleanup program follows on the next page:

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Citizen Participation Requirements (Activities)	Timing of CP Activity(ies)
Application Process:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare site contact list • Establish document repositories 	At time of preparation of application to participate in the BCP.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish notice in Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) announcing receipt of application and 30-day public comment period • Publish above ENB content in local newspaper • Mail above ENB content to site contact list • Conduct 30-day public comment period 	When NYSDEC determines that BCP application is complete. The 30-day public comment period begins on date of publication of notice in ENB. End date of public comment period is as stated in ENB notice. Therefore, ENB notice, newspaper notice, and notice to the site contact list should be provided to the public at the same time.
After Execution of Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreement:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare Citizen Participation (CP) Plan 	Before start of Remedial Investigation
Before NYSDEC Approves Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute fact sheet to site contact list about proposed RI activities and announcing 30-day public comment period about draft RI Work Plan • Conduct 30-day public comment period • Conduct Public Meeting 	Before NYSDEC approves RI Work Plan. If RI Work Plan is submitted with application, public comment periods will be combined and public notice will include fact sheet. Thirty-day public comment period begins/ends as per dates identified in fact sheet. Public meeting would be held within the 30-day public comment period
After Applicant Completes Remedial Investigation:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute fact sheet to site contact list that describes RI results • Conduct Public Meeting 	Before NYSDEC approves RI Report.
Before NYSDEC Approves Remedial Work Plan (RWP):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute fact sheet to site contact list about proposed RWP and announcing 30-day public comment period • Public meeting by NYSDEC about proposed RWP • Conduct 30-day public comment period 	Before NYSDEC approves RWP. Thirty day public comment period begins/ends as per dates identified in fact sheet. Public meeting would be held within the 30-day public comment period.
Before Applicant Starts Cleanup Action:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute fact sheet to site contact list that describes upcoming cleanup action • Conduct Public Meeting 	Before the start of cleanup action.

Citizen Participation Requirements (Activities)	Timing of CP Activity(ies)
After Applicant Completes Cleanup Action:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute fact sheet to site contact list that announces that cleanup action has been completed and that summarizes the Final Engineering Report • Conduct Public Meeting • Distribute fact sheet to site contact list announcing issuance of Certificate of Completion (COC) 	<p>At the time NYSDEC approves Final Engineering Report. These two fact sheets are combined if possible if there is not a delay in issuing the COC.</p>

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3. Major Issues of Public Concern

This section of the CP Plan identifies major issues of public concern that relate to the site. Additional major issues of public concern may be identified during the course of the site's investigation and cleanup process.

Site soils consist of eight to seventeen feet of urban fill material. This urban fill contains VOC, SVOC and metal contamination, as shown in recent sampling. No discrete contamination layer was observed, and therefore, the extent of contamination within the fill material is difficult to identify due to its heterogeneous nature.

Two USTs were discovered adjacent to a demolished building floor slab. One UST was determined to be a 10,000-gallon diesel tank; the size and contents of the second tank is unknown. Visible petroleum contamination was observed during the test pit excavation around the floor slab. Soil samples collected from the test pits indicate that VOC and SVOC contamination exceeds Restricted Residential Use (or higher). One soil sample contained benzo (a) pyrene at a concentration exceeding Industrial Use SCOs. The extent of petroleum contamination is unknown at this time.

In addition, records indicate that multiple USTs were located toward the northern border of the Site. Since the status of these historic tanks are unknown it is possible that additional petroleum releases have occurred.

Groundwater was not investigated during the recent evaluation of the Site. However, saturated conditions were present at approximately seven feet below grade. The City of Buffalo bans the use of groundwater for drinking water so there is little exposure risk to the public from groundwater use.

The presence of the contamination is limiting the future use and re-investment opportunities on the parcel. Stakeholders in the remediation of the Site include the City of Buffalo, local residents and users of adjacent buildings. See Appendix B for a contact list of stakeholders.

4. Site Information

Appendix C contains a map identifying the location of the site.

Site Description

Location: 1005 Fuhrmann Blvd and a portion of 975 Fuhrmann Blvd, Buffalo, Erie County

Setting: Urban

Site size: 7.72 acres

Adjacent properties:

- **East** (Transportation/Vacant – Fuhrmann Blvd and Route 5)
- **South** (Recreational – NFTA Boat Harbor)
- **West** (Commercial – Queen City Landing - West)
- **North** (Commercial – NFTA Terminal A)

History of Site Use, Investigation, and Cleanup

Between the 1920s and 1960s, the proposed BCP Site was created with fill to allow for shipping access from the Outer Harbor. The BCP Site was purchased in June 1927 by Terminals and Transportation Corporation of America, a Michigan-based company, to build a Great Lakes shipping terminal and warehouse storage for perishables. At the time of purchase, the property was almost entirely water, with approximately an acre of land. Since that time, the property has been developed to include cold storage and then a frozen food manufacturing plant with rail and lake shipping access. The use of the Site since has included food manufacturing, boat storage and repair, and the Site is presently vacant.

The Site generally slopes to the south-southwest, although certain minor variations in elevation are present. The Site contains a mix of buildings, asphalt parking/driveway areas and landscaped/lawn areas.

Heterogeneous urban fill is present at the Site at depths ranging from eight to seventeen feet below grade. Urban fill is defined as material coming from anthropogenic sources of the material re-worked to build a site to a defined grade. The urban fill material at the Site contains:

- Crushed Rock
- Sand
- Silt
- Clay
- Plastics
- Construction Debris
- Lumber
- Ash/Cinders
- Ceramics
- Bricks
- Metal

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Approximately one acre of land was built by backfilling sandy fill material into the Lake. Construction fill consists of fine to coarse sand. Native soil encountered beneath the construction fill consisted of Silty Clay – organic clays of medium to high plasticity and variable silt content with a grey appearance.

Groundwater is present at approximately five to seven feet below grade. Based on a review of NYSDEC data, the Site is not underlain by any mapped principal or primary aquifers. Groundwater at and in the vicinity of the Site is not used for public drinking water supply.

No active or passive remediation has taken place on-site.

5. Investigation and Cleanup Process

Application

The Applicants have applied for and been accepted into New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program as a Volunteer. This means that the Applicants were not responsible for the disposal or discharge

of the contaminants or whose ownership or operation of the site took place after the discharge or disposal of contaminants. The Volunteer must fully characterize the nature and extent of contamination onsite, and must conduct a qualitative exposure assessment, a process that characterizes the actual or potential exposures of people, fish and wildlife to contaminants on the site and to contamination that has migrated from the site.

The Applicants in its Application proposes that the site will be used for commercial and residential purposes.

To achieve this goal, the Applicants will conduct cleanup activities at the site with oversight provided by NYSDEC. The Brownfield Cleanup Agreement executed by NYSDEC and the Applicants set forth the responsibilities of each party in conducting these activities at the site.

Remedy Selection

When the investigation of the Site has been determined to be complete, the project likely would proceed in one of two directions:

1. The Applicants may recommend in its investigation report that no action is necessary at the Site. In this case, NYSDEC would make the investigation report available for public comment for 30 days. NYSDEC then would complete its review, make any necessary revisions, and, if appropriate, approve the investigation report. NYSDEC would then issue a Certificate of Completion (described below) to the Applicants.

or

2. The Applicants may recommend in its investigation report that action needs to be taken to address Site contamination. After NYSDEC approves the investigation report, the Applicants may then develop a cleanup plan, officially called a Remedial Work Plan. The Remedial Work Plan describes the Applicants' proposed remedy for addressing contamination related to the Site.

When the Applicants submit a proposed Remedial Work Plan for approval, NYSDEC would announce the availability of the proposed plan for public review during a 30-day public comment period.

Cleanup Action

NYSDEC will consider public comments, and revise the draft cleanup plan if necessary, before approving the proposed remedy. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy.

The Applicants may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination. NYSDEC and NYSDOH oversee the activities. When the Applicants complete cleanup activities,

they will prepare a final engineering report that certifies that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved within a specific time frame. NYSDEC will review the report to be certain that the cleanup is protective of public health and the environment for the intended use of the Site.

Certificate of Completion

When NYSDEC is satisfied that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved for the Site, it will approve the final engineering report. NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) to the Applicant. The COC states that cleanup goals have been achieved, and relieves the Applicants from future liability for Site-related contamination, subject to certain conditions. The Applicants would be eligible to redevelop the Site after it receives a COC.

Site Management

Site management is the last phase of the Site cleanup program. This phase begins when the COC is issued. Site management may be conducted by the Applicants under NYSDEC oversight, if contamination will remain in place. Site management incorporates any institutional and engineering controls required to ensure that the remedy implemented for the Site remains protective of public health and the environment. All significant activities are detailed in a Site Management Plan.

An institutional control is a non-physical restriction on use of the Site, such as a deed restriction that would prevent or restrict certain uses of the property. An institutional control may be used when the cleanup action leaves some contamination that makes the Site suitable for some, but not all uses.

An engineering control is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination. Examples include: caps, covers, barriers, fences, and treatment of water supplies.

Site management also may include the operation and maintenance of a component of the remedy, such as a system that is pumping and treating groundwater. Site management continues until NYSDEC determines that it is no longer needed.

Appendix A

Project Contacts and Locations of Reports and Information

Project Contacts

For information about the site's investigation and cleanup program, the public may contact any of the following project staff:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC):

Jaspal Walia
Project Manager
NYSDEC Region 9
Division of Environmental Remediation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203-2999
716.851.7220

Kristen Davidson
Citizen Participation Specialist
NYSDEC Region 9
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203-2915
716.851.7220

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH):

Scarlett McLaughlin
Project Manager
NYSDOH
Empire State Plaza – Corning Tower,
RM 1787
Albany, NY 12237
(518) 402-7860

Locations of Reports and Information

The facilities identified below are being used to provide the public with convenient access to important project documents:

Buffalo and Erie County Central Library
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203
Attn: April Tompkins
Phone: 716.858.7180

NYSDEC 9
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
Attn: David Locey
Phone: 716.851.7220
Hours: Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm
(call for appointment)

The citizen participation website is under construction. A URL will be provided when the website is functional. The website provides information for the interested and affected public to

help understand contamination issues related to a site, and the nature and progress of efforts to investigate and clean up a site.

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Appendix B Site Contact List

1. Local Government – City of Buffalo

Byron W. Brown
City of Buffalo Mayor
201 City Hall, 65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

James Morrell
City of Buffalo Planning Board Chair
901 City Hall, 65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

Mark Poloncarz
Erie County Executive
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

Maria R. Whyte
Erie County Commissioner of Environment and Planning
95 Franklin Street, 10th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

2. Residents, Owners and Occupants of Property and Property Adjacent to Site:

Adjacent land owners are presented in the figures and summarized in the table in Attachment 7.

Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority
181 Ellicott Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

National Grid (Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation)
144 Kensington Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14214

City of Buffalo
Department of Public Works, Parks & Streets
502 City Hall, 65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12207

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation
95 Perry Street 5th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14203

Tifft Nature Preserve
1200 Fuhrmann Boulevard
Buffalo, NY 14203

3. Local Media:

Local Newspaper:

Buffalo News
1 News Plaza
Buffalo NY 14240
(716) 849-3434
<http://www.buffalonews.com/classifieds/>

Local Television:

WGRZ – TV Channel 2
259 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 849-2200
<http://www.wgrz.com/news/default.aspx>

WIVB – TV Channel 4
2077 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14207
(716) 874-4410
<http://www.wivb.com/subindex/news>

WKBW – TV Channel 7
7 Broadcast Plaza
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 840-7777
<http://www.wkbw.com/>

Radio:

WBEN 930 AM Radio
500 Corporate Parkway
Amherst, NY 14226

(716) 843-0600
<http://www.wben.com>

WBFO 88.7 FM Radio
3435 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14214
(716) 829-6000
<http://www.wbfo.org/>

4. Local Water Supplier:

City of Buffalo Water Board/Division of Water
281 Exchange Street
Buffalo, NY 14204

5. Persons Requesting to be Placed on Contact List:

To Be Completed as Necessary

6. School and Day Care Facilities:

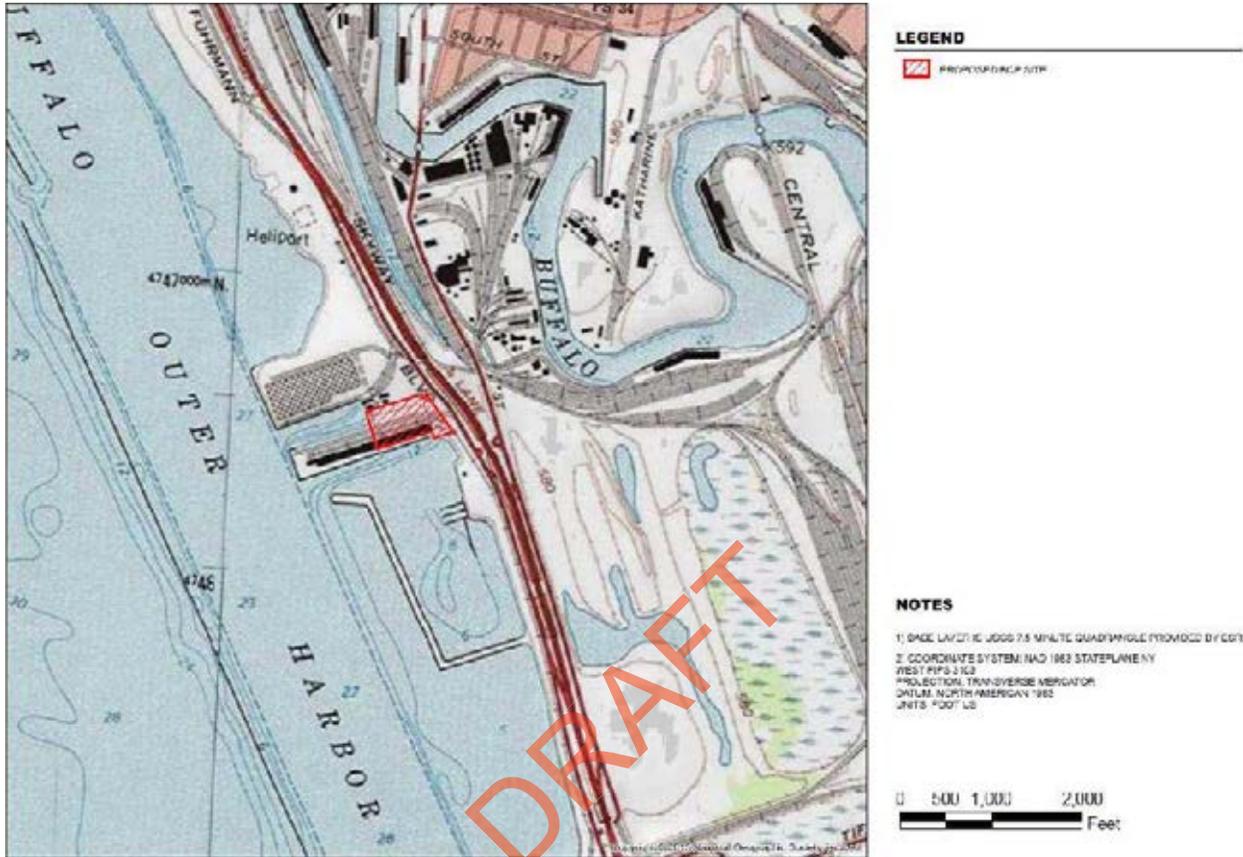
There are no schools or day care facilities located on or in the vicinity (1 mile) of the proposed BCP Site. All schools and daycares in the area are located more than a mile from the proposed BCP Site.

7. Document Repositories:

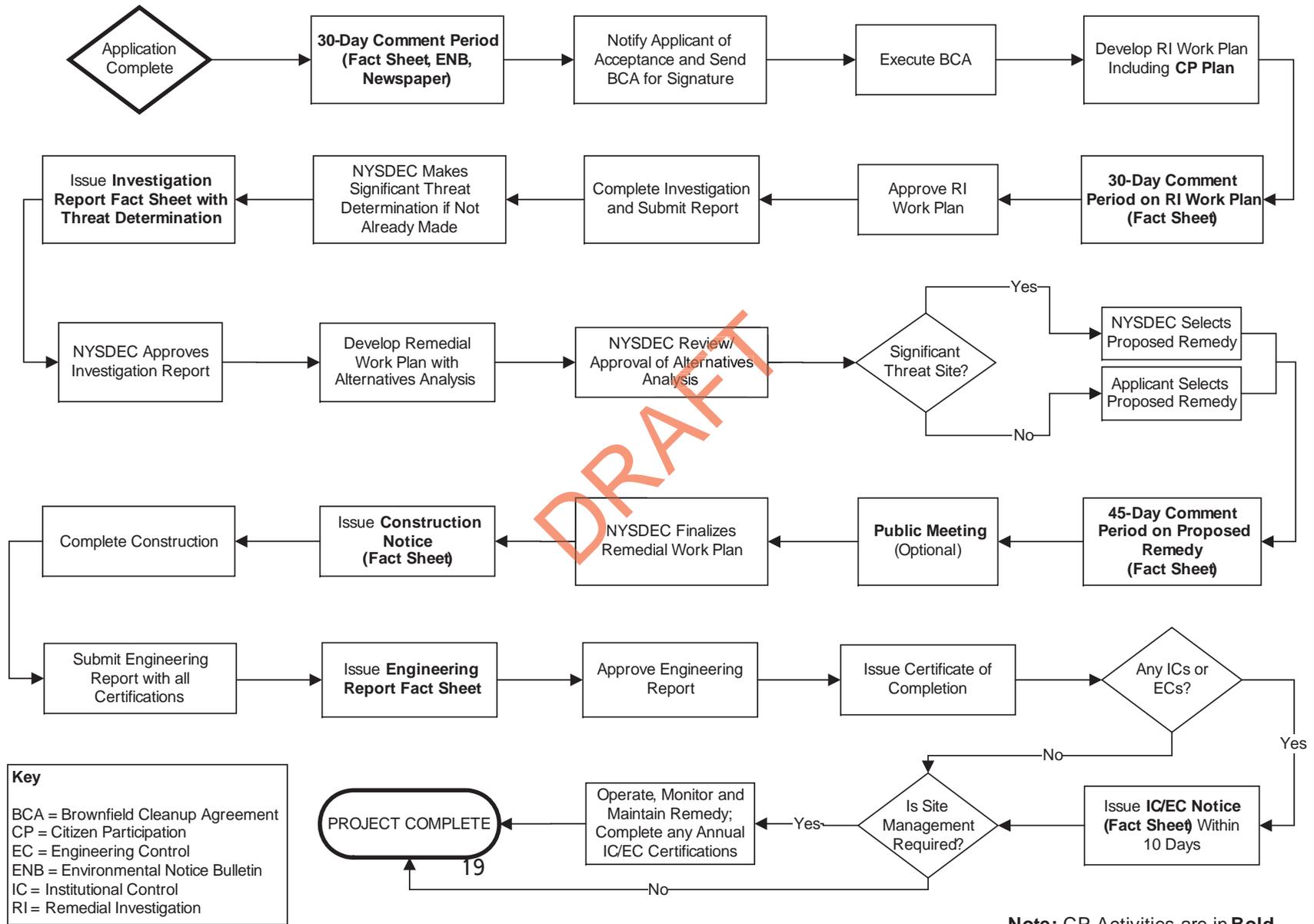
The document repository identified below has been established to provide the public with convenient access to important project documents. Copies of letter proposed to be sent to the document repositories acknowledging they agree to act as a document repository are provided in Attachment 10.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203

Appendix C- Site Location Map



Appendix D– Brownfield Cleanup Program Process



APPENDIX C
COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING PLAN

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Community Air Monitoring Plan

Overview

A Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) requires real-time monitoring for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and particulates (i.e., dust) at the downwind perimeter of each designated work area when certain activities are in progress at contaminated sites. The CAMP is not intended for use in establishing action levels for worker respiratory protection. Rather, its intent is to provide a measure of protection for the downwind community (i.e., off-site receptors including residences and businesses and on-site workers not directly involved with the subject work activities) from potential airborne contaminant releases as a direct result of investigative and remedial work activities. The action levels specified herein require increased monitoring, corrective actions to abate emissions, and/or work shutdown. Additionally, the CAMP helps to confirm that work activities did not spread contamination off-site through the air.

Depending upon the nature of known or potential contaminants at each site, real-time air monitoring for VOCs and/or particulate levels at the perimeter of the exclusion zone or work area will be necessary.

Continuous monitoring will be required for all ground intrusive activities and during the demolition of contaminated or potentially contaminated structures. Ground intrusive activities include, but are not limited to, soil/waste excavation and handling, test pitting or trenching, and the installation of soil borings or monitoring wells.

Periodic monitoring for VOCs will be required during non-intrusive activities such as the collection of soil and sediment samples or the collection of groundwater samples from existing monitoring wells. "Periodic" monitoring during sample collection might reasonably consist of taking a reading upon arrival at a sample location, monitoring while opening a well cap or overturning soil, monitoring during well baling/purging, and taking a reading prior to leaving a sample location. In some instances, depending upon the proximity of potentially exposed individuals, continuous monitoring may be required during sampling activities. Examples of such situations include groundwater sampling at wells on the curb of a busy urban street, in the midst of a public park, or adjacent to a school or residence.

VOC Monitoring, Response Levels and Actions

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) must be monitored at the downwind perimeter of the immediate work area (i.e., the exclusion zone) on a continuous basis or as otherwise specified. Upwind concentrations should be measured at the start of each workday and periodically thereafter to establish background conditions, particularly if wind direction changes. The monitoring work should be performed using equipment appropriate to measure the types of contaminants known or suspected to be present. The equipment should be calibrated at least daily for the contaminant(s) of concern or for an appropriate

surrogate, such as isobutylene. The equipment should be capable of calculating 15-minute running average concentrations, which will be compared to the levels specified below.

1. If the ambient air concentration of total organic vapors at the downwind perimeter of the work area or exclusion zone exceeds 5 parts per million (ppm) above background for the 15-minute average, work activities must be temporarily halted and monitoring continued. If the total organic vapor level readily decreases (per instantaneous readings) below 5 ppm over background, work activities can resume with continued monitoring.

2. If total organic vapor levels at the downwind perimeter of the work area or exclusion zone persist at levels in excess of 5 ppm over background but less than 25 ppm, work activities must be halted, the source of vapors identified, corrective actions taken to abate emissions, and monitoring continued. After these steps, work activities can resume provided that the total organic vapor level 200 feet downwind of the exclusion zone or half the distance to the nearest potential receptor or residential/commercial structure, whichever is less - but in no case less than 20 feet, is below 5 ppm over background for the 15-minute average.

3. If the organic vapor level is above 25 ppm at the perimeter of the work area, activities must be shutdown.

4. All 15-minute readings must be recorded and be available for State (DEC and NYSDOH) personnel to review. Instantaneous readings, if any, used for decision purposes should also be recorded.

Particulate Monitoring, Response Levels, and Actions

Particulate concentrations should be monitored continuously at the upwind and downwind perimeters of the exclusion zone at temporary particulate monitoring stations. The particulate monitoring should be performed using real-time monitoring equipment capable of measuring particulate matter less than 10 micrometers in size (PM-10) and capable of integrating over a period of 15 minutes (or less) for comparison to the airborne particulate action level. The equipment must be equipped with an audible alarm to indicate exceedance of the action level. In addition, fugitive dust migration should be visually assessed during all work activities.

1. If the downwind PM-10 particulate level is 100 micrograms per cubic meter (mcg/m³) greater than background (upwind perimeter) for the 15-minute period or if airborne dust is observed leaving the work area, then dust suppression techniques must be employed. Work may continue with dust suppression techniques provided that downwind PM-10 particulate levels do not exceed 150 mcg/m³ above the upwind level and provided that no visible dust is migrating from the work area.

2. If, after implementation of dust suppression techniques, downwind PM-10 particulate levels are greater than 150 mcg/m³ above the upwind level, work must be

stopped and a re-evaluation of activities initiated. Work can resume provided that dust suppression measures and other controls are successful in reducing the downwind PM-10 particulate concentration to within 150 mcg/m³ of the upwind level and in preventing visible dust migration.

3. All readings must be recorded and be available for State (DEC and NYSDOH) and County Health personnel to review.

Fugitive Dust and Particulate Monitoring

A program for suppressing fugitive dust and particulate matter monitoring at hazardous waste sites is a responsibility on the remedial party performing the work. These procedures must be incorporated into appropriate intrusive work plans. The following fugitive dust suppression and particulate monitoring program should be employed at sites during construction and other intrusive activities which warrant its use:

1. Reasonable fugitive dust suppression techniques must be employed during all site activities which may generate fugitive dust.

2. Particulate monitoring must be employed during the handling of waste or contaminated soil or when activities on site may generate fugitive dust from exposed waste or contaminated soil. Remedial activities may also include the excavation, grading, or placement of clean fill. These control measures should not be considered necessary for these activities.

3. Particulate monitoring must be performed using real-time particulate monitors and shall monitor particulate matter less than ten microns (PM10) with the following minimum performance standards:

- (a) Objects to be measured: Dust, mists or aerosols;
- (b) Measurement Ranges: 0.001 to 400 mg/m³ (1 to 400,000 :ug/m³);
- (c) Precision (2-sigma) at constant temperature: +/- 10 :g/m³ for one second averaging; and +/- 1.5 g/m³ for sixty second averaging;
- (d) Accuracy: +/- 5% of reading +/- precision (Referred to gravimetric calibration with SAE fine test dust (mmd= 2 to 3 :m, g= 2.5, as aerosolized);
- (e) Resolution: 0.1% of reading or 1g/m³, whichever is larger;
- (f) Particle Size Range of Maximum Response: 0.1-10;
- (g) Total Number of Data Points in Memory: 10,000;
- (h) Logged Data: Each data point with average concentration, time/date and data point number;
- (i) Run Summary: overall average, maximum concentrations, time/date of maximum, total number of logged points, start time/date, total elapsed time (run duration), STEL concentration and time/date occurrence, averaging (logging) period, calibration factor, and tag number;
- (j) Alarm Averaging Time (user selectable): real-time (1-60 seconds) or STEL (15 minutes), alarms required;

- (k) Operating Time: 48 hours (fully charged NiCd battery); continuously with charger;
- (l) Operating Temperature: -10 to 50°C (14 to 122°F); and
- (m) Particulate levels will be monitored upwind and immediately downwind at the working site and integrated over a period not to exceed 15 minutes.

4. In order to ensure the validity of the fugitive dust measurements performed, there must be appropriate Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC). It is the responsibility of the remedial party to adequately supplement QA/QC Plans to include the following critical features: periodic instrument calibration, operator training, daily instrument performance (span) checks, and a record-keeping plan.

5. The action level will be established at 150 ug/m³ (15 minutes average). While conservative, this short-term interval will provide a real-time assessment of on-site air quality to assure both health and safety. If particulate levels are detected in excess of 150 ug/m³, the upwind background level must be confirmed immediately. If the working site particulate measurement is greater than 100 ug/m³ above the background level, additional dust suppression techniques must be implemented to reduce the generation of fugitive dust and corrective action taken to protect site personnel and reduce the potential for contaminant migration. Corrective measures may include increasing the level of personal protection for on-site personnel and implementing additional dust suppression techniques (see paragraph 7). Should the action level of 150 ug/m³ continue to be exceeded work must stop and DER must be notified as provided in the site design or remedial work plan. The notification shall include a description of the control measures implemented to prevent further exceedances.

6. It must be recognized that the generation of dust from waste or contaminated soil that migrates off-site, has the potential for transporting contaminants off-site. There may be situations when dust is being generated and leaving the site and the monitoring equipment does not measure PM-10 at or above the action level. Since this situation has the potential to allow for the migration of contaminants off-site, it is unacceptable. While it is not practical to quantify total suspended particulates on a real-time basis, it is appropriate to rely on visual observation. If dust is observed leaving the working site, additional dust suppression techniques must be employed.

7. The following techniques have been shown to be effective for the controlling of the generation and migration of dust during construction activities:

- (a) Applying water on haul roads;
- (b) Wetting equipment and excavation faces;
- (c) Spraying water on buckets during excavation and dumping;
- (d) Hauling materials in properly tarped or watertight containers;
- (e) Restricting vehicle speeds to 10 mph;
- (f) Covering excavated areas and material after excavation activity ceases; and
- (g) Reducing the excavation size and/or number of excavations.

Experience has shown that the chance of exceeding the 150ug/m³ action level is remote when the above-mentioned techniques are used. When techniques involving water application are used, care must be taken not to use excess water, which can result in unacceptably wet conditions. Using atomizing sprays will prevent overly wet conditions, conserve water, and provide an effective means of suppressing the fugitive dust.

8. The evaluation of weather conditions is necessary for proper fugitive dust control. When extreme wind conditions make dust control ineffective, as a last resort remedial actions may need to be suspended. There may be situations that require fugitive dust suppression and particulate monitoring requirements with action levels more stringent than those provided above. Under some circumstances, the contaminant concentration and/or toxicity may require additional monitoring to protect site personnel and the public. Additional integrated sampling and chemical analysis of the dust may also be in order. This must be evaluated when a health and safety plan is developed and when appropriate suppression and monitoring requirements are established for protection of health and the environment.

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APPENDIX D
HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

**Health and Safety Plan for
Brownfield Site Investigation
And Interim Remedial Measures**

**Queen City Landing Site
1005 Fuhrmann Blvd and a portion of
975 Fuhrmann Blvd
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SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

The Health and Safety Plan (HASP) described in this document will address health and safety considerations for all those activities that personnel employed by C&S Engineers, Inc., may be engaged in during site investigation and remediation work at the Queen City Landing Brownfield Site located on a portion of 1005 Fuhrmann Blvd. and a portion of 975 Fuhrmann Blvd. in Buffalo, Erie County, New York (Site). Figure 1 shows the approximate location of the Site in downtown Buffalo, New York. This HASP will be implemented by the Health and Safety Officer (HSO) during site work.

Compliance with this HASP is required of all C&S personnel who enter this Site. The content of the HASP may change or undergo revision based upon additional information made available to the health, safety, and training (H&S) committee, monitoring results or changes in the technical scope of work. Any changes proposed must be reviewed by the H&S committee.

Responsibilities

Project Manager.....	Dan Riker Phone: (716) 847-1630 Cell: (716) 572-5312
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Emergency Coordinator.....	Cody Martin Phone: (716) 847-1630 Cell: (716) 864-3752
Health and Safety Manager.....	Cody Martin Phone: (716) 847-1630 Cell: (716) 864-3752

Emergency Phone Numbers

Emergency Medical Service.....	911
<u>Police</u> : Buffalo Police Department (NYPD).....	911
<u>Hospital</u> : Buffalo General Hospital.....	(716) 859-5600
<u>Fire</u> : Buffalo Fire Department.....	911

National Response Center	(800) 424-8802
Poison Control Center	(800) 222-1222
Center for Disease Control.....	(800) 311-3435
NYSDEC Region 9 (Buffalo, New York)	(716) 851-7220
C&S Engineers.....	(716) 847-1630
Site Superintendent	Bill Gannon (716) 517-0792
Project Field Office Trailer	(716) 847-1630

SECTION 2 - HEALTH AND SAFETY PERSONNEL

2.0 Health and Safety Personnel Designations

The following information briefly describes the health and safety designations and general responsibilities for this Site.

2.1 Project Manager (PM)

The PM is responsible for the overall project including the implementation of the HASP. Specifically, this includes allocating adequate manpower, equipment, and time resources to conduct Site activities safely.

2.2 Health and Safety Manager

- ◆ Has the overall responsibility for coordinating and reporting all health and safety activities and the health and safety of Site Workers.
- ◆ Must have completed, at a minimum, the OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Training, and either the 24-Hour training course for the Occasional Hazardous Waste Site Worker or the 40-Hour training course for the Hazardous Waste Operations Worker that meets OSHA 29 CFR 1910.
- ◆ Must have completed the 8-Hour Site supervisor/manager’s course for supervisors and managers having responsibilities for hazardous waste Site operations and management.
- ◆ Directs and coordinates health and safety monitoring activities.
- ◆ Ensures that field teams utilize proper personal protective equipment (PPE).

- ◆ Conducts initial on-site specific training prior to Site Workers commencing work.
- ◆ Conducts and documents daily and periodic safety briefings.
- ◆ Ensures that field team members comply with this HASP.
- ◆ Immediately notifies the Construction Manager (CM) Project Manager and Superintendent of all accident/incidents.
- ◆ Determines upgrading or downgrading of PPE based on Site conditions and/or real time monitoring results.
- ◆ Ensures that monitoring instruments are calibrated daily or as the manufacturer's instructions determine.
- ◆ Reports to the CM Project Manager and Superintendent to provide summaries of field operations and progress.
- ◆ Submits and maintains all documentation required in this HASP and any other pertinent health and safety documentation.

2.3 Health and Safety Officer (HSO)

- ◆ Must be designated to the Health and Safety Manager by each Subcontractor as a Competent Person having, at a minimum, the OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Training
- ◆ Must schedule and attend a Pre-Construction Safety Meeting with the Health and Safety Manager to discuss the Subcontractor Safety Requirements and must attend the Weekly Subcontractor Coordination Meeting.
- ◆ Responsible for ensuring that their lower tier contractors comply with project safety requirements.
- ◆ Must make frequent and regular inspections of their work areas and activities and ensure hazards that are under their control are corrected immediately and all other hazards are

reported to the Construction Manager's Project Manager and Health and Safety Manager.

- ◆ Must report all work related injuries, regardless of severity, to the Construction Manager's Project Manager and the Health and Safety Manager within 24 hours after they occur.

2.4 Emergency Coordinator

- ◆ The Emergency Coordinator or his on-site designee will, in coordination with Queen City Landing, LLC., implement the emergency response procedures whenever conditions at the Site warrant such action.
- ◆ The Emergency Coordinator or his on-site designee will be responsible for assuring the evacuation, emergency treatment, emergency transport of C&S personnel as necessary, and notification of emergency response units (refer to phone listing in the beginning of this HASP) and the appropriate management staff.

2.5 Site Workers

- ◆ Report any unsafe or potentially hazardous conditions to the Health and Safety Manager.
- ◆ Maintain knowledge of the information, instructions, and emergency response actions contained in the HASP.
- ◆ Comply with rules, regulations, and procedures as set forth in this HASP, including any revisions that are instituted.
- ◆ Prevent unauthorized personnel from entering work Site.

SECTION 3 - PERTINENT SITE INFORMATION

3.1 Site Location and General History

The Site is located in the City of Buffalo on Fuhrmann Boulevard, just north of the Port of Buffalo Small Boat Harbor and Tiff Nature Preserve. The entrance to the parcel is just north of the intersection of Fuhrmann Boulevard and Ohio Street.

The Site is occupied by a large manufacturing building, a small office building, two connected parking lots, and a former water treatment facility. The majority of the remainder of the Site is surrounded by Lake Erie (Buffalo Outer Harbor).

Further information concerning the Site is presented below. Figure 1 presents the Site's location.

Site History and Suspect Recognized Environmental Conditions

Between the 1920s and 1960s, the proposed BCP Site was created with fill to allow for shipping access from the Outer Harbor. The BCP Site was purchased in June 1927 by Terminals and Transportation Corporation of America, a Michigan-based company, to build a Great Lakes shipping terminal and warehouse storage for perishables. At the time of purchase, the property was almost entirely water, with approximately an acre of land. Since that time, the property has been developed to include cold storage and then a frozen food manufacturing plant with rail and lake shipping access. The use of the Site since has included food manufacturing, boat storage and repair, and the Site is presently vacant.

The Site generally slopes to the south-southwest, although certain minor variations in elevation are present. The Site contains a mix of buildings, asphalt parking/driveway areas and landscaped/lawn areas.

Heterogeneous urban fill is present at the Site at depths ranging from eight to seventeen feet below grade. Urban fill is defined as material coming from anthropogenic sources of the material re-worked to build a site to a defined grade. The urban fill material at the Site contains:

- Crushed Rock
- Sand
- Silt
- Clay
- Plastics
- Construction Debris
- Lumber
- Ash/Cinders
- Ceramics
- Bricks
- Metal

Approximately one acre of land was built by backfilling sandy fill material into the Lake. Construction fill consists of fine to coarse sand. Native soil encountered beneath the construction

fill consisted of Silty Clay – organic clays of medium to high plasticity and variable silt content with a grey appearance.

Groundwater is present at approximately five to seven feet below grade. Based on a review of NYSDEC data, the Site is not underlain by any mapped principal or primary aquifers. Groundwater at and in the vicinity of the Site is not used for public drinking water supply.

Site soils consist of eight to seventeen feet of urban fill material. This urban fill contains VOC, SVOC and metal contamination, as shown in recent sampling. No discrete contamination layer was observed, and therefore, the extent of contamination within the fill material is difficult to identify due to its heterogeneous nature.

Two USTs were discovered adjacent to a demolished building floor slab. One UST was determined to be a 10,000-gallon diesel tank; the size and contents of the second tank is unknown. Visible petroleum contamination was observed during the test pit excavation around the floor slab. Soil samples collected from the test pits indicate that VOC and SVOC contamination exceeds Restricted Residential Use (or higher). One soil sample contained benzo (a) pyrene at a concentration exceeding Industrial Use SCOs. The extent of petroleum contamination is unknown at this time.

In addition, records indicate that multiple USTs were located toward the northern border of the Site. Since the status of these historic tanks are unknown it is possible that additional petroleum releases have occurred.

Groundwater was not investigated during the recent evaluation of the Site. However, saturated conditions were present at approximately seven feet below grade. The City of Buffalo bans the use of groundwater for drinking water so there is little exposure risk to the public from groundwater use.

Exposure pathway concerns with these contaminants are generally through skin absorption, ingestion and inhalation of airborne dust particles. Following guidelines described in this HASP will reduce exposure.

SECTION 4 - HAZARD ASSESSMENT AND HAZARD COMMUNICATION

Hazards to workers during a site work include typical construction-related hazards such as slip-trip-fall, equipment malfunction, faulty electrical grounding, and heat/cold/excessive noise exposure. In addition to those typical construction-related hazards, there is also the potential for chemical exposures associated with environmental conditions. The most likely routes of chemical exposure during site work tasks include skin adsorption and inhalation of airborne dust particles.

It is difficult to draw a correlation between the concentrations of contaminants found in one media and the potential for exposure to these contaminants to site workers. However, their potential presence indicates that the potential for exposure to these compounds exist, and the requirements for protective measures and monitoring of exposure is based on this potential.

SECTION 5 - TRAINING

5.1 Site-specific Training

Training will be provided that specifically addresses the activities, procedures, monitoring, and equipment for the Site operations prior to going on site. Training will include familiarization with Site and facility layout, known and potential hazards, and emergency services at the Site, and details all provisions contained within this HASP. This training will also allow Site Workers to clarify anything they do not understand and to reinforce their responsibilities regarding safety and operations for their particular activity.

5.2 Safety Briefings

C&S project personnel will be given briefings by the HSO on a daily or as needed basis to further assist Site Workers in conducting their activities safely. Pertinent information will be provided when new operations are to be conducted. Changes in work practices must be implemented due to new information made available, or if Site or environmental conditions change. Briefings will also be given to facilitate conformance with prescribed safety practices. When conformance with these practices is not occurring or if deficiencies are identified during safety audits, the project manager will be notified.

SECTION 6 - ZONES

Four types of Site activity zones are identified for the Brownfield investigation activities, including the Exclusion Zone, Contamination Reduction Zone, Remediation Zone and the Support Zone. Prior to commencement of field work a further definition of where these zones will be set up will be established.

6.1 Exclusion Zone

The area where the unexpected condition is discovered would be considered the Exclusion Zone (EZ). All excavation and handling of contaminated materials generated as a result of the discovery of an unexpected condition would take place within the EZ. This zone will be clearly delineated by hay bales, jersey barriers, and/or similar methods. Safety tape may be used as secondary delineation within the EZ. The zone delineation markings may be opened in areas for varying lengths of time to accommodate equipment operation or specific construction activities. The Site Safety Manager/Director may establish more than one EZ where different levels of protection may be employed or where different hazards exist. Site Workers will not be allowed in the EZ without:

- ◆ A buddy (co-worker);
- ◆ Appropriate PPE in accordance with OSHA regulations;
- ◆ Medical authorization; and
- ◆ Training certification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.120.

6.2 Contamination Reduction Zone

A Contamination Reduction Zone (CRZ) will be established between the EZ and the property limits. The CRZ contains the Contamination Reduction Corridor (CRC) and provides an area for decontamination of Site equipment. The CRZ will be used for general Site entry and egress, in addition to access for heavy equipment and emergency support services. Site Workers will not be allowed in the CRZ without:

- ◆ A buddy (co-worker);
- ◆ Appropriate PPE in accordance with OSHA regulations;

- ◆ Medical authorization; and
- ◆ Training certification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.120.

In addition, the CRZ will include a Site Worker Cleaning Area that will include a field wash station for Site Workers, equipment, and PPE to allow Site Workers to wash their hands, arms, neck, and face after exiting areas of grossly contaminated soil or hazardous materials. All Site Workers will be required to pass through the Site Worker Cleaning Area and wash their hands and remove any loose fill and soils from their clothing and boots prior to exiting the CRZ.

6.3 Remediation Zone

A Remediated Zone (RZ) will be established in portions of the Site where the remediation has been completed and only general construction work will be performed. Setup of the RZ will consist of implementing several measures designed to reduce the risk of workers' exposure and prevent non-trained workers from entering the non-remediated zone. Non-trained workers will work only in areas where the potential for exposure has been minimized by removal of all hazardous materials. The remediated zone will then be separated from the non-remediated zone by installing and maintaining temporary plywood or other construction fences along the boundary between the two zones. If potentially impacted material is uncovered in the RZ, all non-trained workers will be removed and the Site Safety Manager/Director will assess the potential risks. If, at any other time, the risk of exposure increases while non-trained workers are present in the RZ, the non-trained workers will be removed. At all times, when non-trained workers are present in the RZ, air monitoring for the presence of VOCs will be conducted in the RZ, as well as at the fence line of the non-remediated zone.

6.4 Support Zone

The Support Zone (SZ) will be an uncontaminated area that will be the field support area for the Site operations. The SZ will contain the temporary project trailers and provide for field team communications and staging for emergency response. Appropriate sanitary facilities and safety equipment will be located in this zone. Potentially contaminated equipment or materials are not allowed in this zone. The only exception will be appropriately packaged/decontaminated and labeled samples. Meteorological conditions will be observed and noted from this zone, as well as those factors pertinent to heat and cold.

SECTION 7 - PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

7.1 General

The level of protection to be worn by field personnel will be defined and controlled by the HSO. Depending upon the type and levels of material present or anticipated at the site, varying degrees of protective equipment will be needed. If the possible hazards are unknown, a reasonable level of protection will be taken until sampling and monitoring results can ascertain potential risks. The levels of protection listed below are based on USEPA Guidelines. A list of the appropriate clothing for each level is also provided.

Level A protection must be worn when a reasonable determination has been made that the highest available level of respiratory, skin, eye, and mucous membrane protection is needed. It should be noted that while Level A provides maximum available protection, it does not protect against all possible hazards. Consideration of the heat stress that can arise from wearing Level A protection should also enter into the decision making process. Level A protection includes:

- ◆ Open circuit, pressure-demand self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)
- ◆ Totally encapsulated chemical resistant suit
- ◆ Gloves, inner (surgical type)
- ◆ Gloves, outer, chemical protective
- ◆ Boots, chemical protective

Level B protection must be used when the highest level of respiratory protection is needed, but hazardous material exposure to the few unprotected areas of the body (e.g., the back of the neck) is unlikely. Level B protection includes:

- ◆ Open circuit, pressure-demand SCBA or pressure airline with escape air bottle
- ◆ Chemical protective clothing: Overalls and long sleeved jacket; disposal chemical resistant coveralls; coveralls; one or two piece chemical splash suit with hood
- ◆ Gloves, inner (surgical type)
- ◆ Gloves, outer, chemical protective
- ◆ Boots, chemical protective

Level C must be used when the required level of respiratory protection is known, or reasonably assumed to be, not greater than the level of protection afforded by air purifying respirators; and hazardous materials exposure to the few unprotected areas of the body (e.g., the back of the neck) is unlikely. Level C protection includes:

- ◆ Full or half face air-purifying respirator
- ◆ Chemical protective clothing: Overalls and long-sleeve jacket; disposable chemical resistant coveralls; coveralls; one or two piece chemical splash suit
- ◆ Gloves, inner (surgical type)
- ◆ Gloves, outer, chemical protective
- ◆ Boots, chemical protective

Level D is the basic work uniform. It cannot be worn on any site where respiratory or skin hazards exist. Level D protection includes:

- ◆ Safety boots/shoes
- ◆ Safety glasses
- ◆ Hard hat with optional face shield

Note that the use of SCBA and airline equipment is contingent upon the user receiving special training in the proper use and maintenance of such equipment.

7.2 Personal Protective Equipment – Site Specific

Level D with some modification will be required when working in the work zone on this Site. In addition to the basic work uniform specified by Level D protection, Nitrile gloves will be required when contact with soil or ground water is likely. Hearing protection will be worn when power equipment is used to perform subsurface investigation work. An upgrade to a higher level (Level C) of protection may occur if determined necessary by the HSO.

SECTION 8 - MONITORING PROCEDURES

8.1 Monitoring During Site Operations

All Site environmental monitoring should be accompanied by periodic meteorological monitoring of appropriate climatic conditions.

8.1.1 Drilling Operations (Monitoring Well Installation and Subsurface Borings) and Test Pit Excavations

Monitoring will be performed by the HSO or drilling observer during the conduct of work. A photoionization detector (PID) equipped with a 10.0 eV lamp will be utilized to monitor for the presence of volatile organic vapors within the breathing zone, the borehole, and subsurface samples upon their retrieval. Drill cuttings and excavation spoils will also be monitored by use of the PID. The PID will be field checked for calibration accuracy three times per day (morning, lunch, and end of day). If subsurface conditions warrant, a combustible gas indicator (CGI) with oxygen alarm may also be used to monitor the borehole for the presence of combustible gases. Similar monitoring of fluids produced during well development will also be conducted.

8.1.2 Interim Remedial Measures

If future Interim Remedial Measures (IRM) occurs, monitoring will be performed during excavation and sampling operations when C&S personnel are within the work zone. Although historical information previously obtained at the Site indicates low level of volatile organic vapors and compounds, a photoionization detector (PID) will be used during subsurface activities. If an IRM is performed, the, the remedial contractor will be required to employ dust control practices during work.

8.2 Action Levels

If readings on the PID exceed 10 ppm for more than fifteen minutes consecutively, then personal protective equipment should be upgraded to Level C. The air purifying respirator used with Level C protective equipment must be equipped with organic vapor cartridges. If readings on the explosive gas meter are within a range of 10%-25% of the LEL then continuous monitoring will be implemented. Readings above 25% of the LEL indicate the potential for an explosive condition. Sources of ignition should be removed and the Site should be evacuated.

8.3 Personal Monitoring Procedures

Personal monitoring shall be performed as a contingency measure in the event that VOC concentrations are consistently above the 10 ppm action level as detected by the PID. If the

concentration of VOCs is above this action level, then amendments to the HASP must be made before work can continue at the Site.

SECTION 9 - COMMUNICATIONS

A phone will be located on Site to be utilized by personnel conducting investigation and IRM efforts. Cell phones will be the primary means of communicating with emergency support services/facilities.

SECTION 10 - SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS FOR SITE OPERATIONS

10.1 General

Standard safe work practices that will be followed include:

- ◆ Do not climb over/under drums, or other obstacles.
- ◆ Do not enter the work zone alone.
- ◆ Practice contamination avoidance, on and off-site.
- ◆ Plan activities ahead of time, use caution when conducting concurrently running activities.
- ◆ No eating, drinking, chewing or smoking is permitted in work zones.
- ◆ Due to the unknown nature of waste placement at the Site, extreme caution should be practiced during excavation activities.
- ◆ Apply immediate first aid to any and all cuts, scratches, abrasions, etc.
- ◆ Be alert to your own physical condition. Watch your buddy for signs of fatigue, exposure, etc.
- ◆ A work/rest regimen will be initiated when ambient temperatures and protective clothing create a potential heat stress situation.
- ◆ No work will be conducted without adequate natural light or without appropriate supervision.
- ◆ Task safety briefings will be held prior to onset of task work.
- ◆ Ignition of flammable liquids within or through improvised heating devices (barrels, etc.) or space heaters is forbidden.
- ◆ Entry into areas of spaces where toxic or explosive concentrations of gases or dust may exist without proper equipment is prohibited.
- ◆ Any injury or unusual health effect must be reported to the Site health and safety officer.
- ◆ Prevent splashing or spilling of potentially contaminated materials.

- ◆ Use of contact lenses is prohibited while on site.
- ◆ Beards and other facial hair that would impair the effectiveness of respiratory protection are prohibited if respiratory protection is necessary.
- ◆ Field crew members should be familiar with the physical characteristics of investigations, including:
 - ◆ Wind direction in relation to potential sources
 - ◆ Accessibility to co-workers, equipment, and vehicles
 - ◆ Communication
 - ◆ Hot zones (areas of known or suspected contamination)
 - ◆ Site access
 - ◆ Nearest water sources
- ◆ The number of personnel and equipment in potentially contaminated areas should be minimized consistent with site operations.

10.2 Field Operations

10.2.1 Intrusive Operations

The HSO or designee will be present on-site during all intrusive work, e.g., drilling operations, excavations, trenching, and will provide monitoring to oversee that appropriate levels of protection and safety procedures are utilized by C&S Engineers, Inc., personnel. The use of salamanders or other equipment with an open flame is prohibited and the use of protective clothing, especially hard hats and boots, will be required during drilling or other heavy equipment operations.

10.2.2 Excavations and Excavation Trenching

Guidance relating to safe work practices for C&S employees regarding excavations and excavating/trenching operation is presented in Appendix A of this HASP.

SECTION 11 - DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURES

Decontamination involves physically removing contaminants and/or converting them chemically into innocuous substances. Only general guidance can be given on methods and techniques for decontamination. Decontamination procedures are designed to:

- ◆ Remove contaminant(s).
- ◆ Avoid spreading the contamination from the work zone.
- ◆ Avoid exposing unprotected personnel outside of the work zone to contaminants.

Contamination avoidance is the first and best method for preventing spread of contamination from a hazardous site. Each person involved in site operations must practice the basic methods of contamination avoidance listed below. Additional precautions may be required in the HASP.

- ◆ Know the limitations of all protective equipment being used.
- ◆ Do not enter a contaminated area unless it is necessary to carry out a specific objective.
- ◆ When in a contaminated area, avoid touching anything unnecessarily.
- ◆ Walk around pools of liquids, discolored areas, or any area that shows evidence of possible contamination.
- ◆ Walk upwind of contamination, if possible.
- ◆ Do not sit or lean against anything in a contaminated area. If you must kneel (e.g., to take samples), use a plastic ground sheet.
- ◆ If at all possible, do not set sampling equipment directly on contaminated areas. Place equipment on a protective cover such as a ground cloth.
- ◆ Use the proper tools necessary to safely conduct the work.

Specific methods that may reduce the chance of contamination are:

- ◆ Use of remote sampling techniques.
- ◆ Opening containers by non-manual means.
- ◆ Bagging monitoring instruments.
- ◆ Use of drum grapplers.
- ◆ Watering down dusty areas.

Equipment which will need to be decontaminated includes tools, monitoring equipment, and personal protective equipment. Items to be decontaminated will be brushed off, rinsed, and dropped into a plastic container supplied for that purpose. They will then be washed with a detergent solution and rinsed with clean water. Monitoring instruments may be wrapped in plastic bags prior to entering the field in order to reduce the potential for contamination. Instrumentation that is contaminated during field operations will be carefully wiped down. Heavy equipment, if utilized for operations where it may be contaminated, will have prescribed decontamination procedures to prevent contaminant materials from potentially leaving the Site. On-site contractors, such as drillers or backhoe operators, will be responsible for decontaminating all construction equipment prior to demobilization.

SECTION 12 – DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

All discarded materials, waste materials, or other objects shall be handled in such a way as to reduce or eliminate the potential for spreading contamination, creating a sanitary hazard, or causing litter to be left on-site. All potentially contaminated materials, e.g., clothing, gloves, etc., will be bagged or drummed as necessary and segregated for proper disposal. All contaminated waste materials shall be disposed of as required by the provisions included in the contract and consistent with regulatory provisions. All non-contaminated materials shall be collected and bagged for appropriate disposal. Investigation derived waste will be managed consistent with the work plan for this Site and DER-10 Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation dated May 2010.

SECTION 13 - EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES

As a result of the hazards at the Site, and the conditions under which operations are conducted, there is the possibility of emergency situations. This section establishes procedures for the implementation of an emergency plan.

13.1 Emergency Coordinator

Emergency Coordinator: Cody Martin Work Phone: (716) 847-1630

The Emergency Coordinator or his on-site designee will, in concert with Campus Square LLC, implement the emergency response procedures whenever conditions at the Site warrant such action. The Emergency Coordinator or his on-site designee will be responsible for assuring the evacuation, emergency treatment, emergency transport of C&S personnel as necessary, and notification of emergency response units (refer to phone listing in the beginning of this HASP) and the appropriate management staff.

13.2 Evacuation

In the event of an emergency situation, such as fire, explosion, significant release of toxic gases, etc., all personnel will evacuate and assemble in a designated assembly area. The Emergency Coordinator or his on-site designee will have authority to contact outside services as required.

Under no circumstances will incoming personnel or visitors be allowed to proceed into the area once the emergency signal has been given. The Emergency Coordinator or his on-site designee must see that access for emergency equipment is provided and that all ignition sources have been shut down once the emergency situation is established. Once the safety of all personnel is established, the Fire Department and other emergency response groups will be notified by telephone of the emergency.

13.3 Potential or Actual Fire or Explosion

Immediately evacuate the Site and notify local fire and police departments, and other appropriate emergency response groups, if LEL values are above 25% in the work zone or if an actual fire or explosion has taken place.

13.4 Environmental Incident (spread or release of contamination)

Control or stop the spread of contamination if possible. Notify the Emergency Coordinator and the Project Manager. Other appropriate response groups will be notified as appropriate.

13.5 Personnel Injury

Emergency first aid shall be applied on-site as necessary. Then, decontaminate (en route if necessary) and transport the individual to nearest medical facility if needed. The ambulance/rescue squad shall be contacted for transport as necessary in an emergency. The directions to the hospital are shown in Section 1 of this HASP and a map is shown in Attachment A.

13.6 Personnel Exposure

- ◆ *Skin Contact:* Use copious amounts of soap and water. Wash/rinse affected area thoroughly, and then provide appropriate medical attention. Eyes should be thoroughly rinsed with water for at least 15 minutes.
- ◆ *Inhalation:* Move to fresh air and/or, if necessary, decontaminate and transport to emergency medical facility.
- ◆ *Ingestion:* Decontaminate and transport to emergency medical facility.
- ◆ *Puncture Wound/Laceration:* Decontaminate, if possible, and transport to emergency medical facility.

13.7 Adverse Weather Conditions

In the event of adverse weather conditions, the HSO will determine if work can continue without sacrificing the health and safety of field workers.

13.8 Incident Investigation and Reporting

In the event of an incident, procedures discussed in the Medical Emergency/Incident Response Protocol, presented in Appendix B of this HASP, shall be followed.

SECTION 14 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS

14.1 Community Health and Safety Plan

14.1.1 Community Health and Safety Monitoring

As part of the site work, three general types of efforts are scheduled, including, non-intrusive reconnaissance tasks, sampling or monitoring tasks (monitoring point sampling), and intrusive tasks (test trenching, subsurface borings, monitoring well installation). During completion of general reconnaissance and sampling or monitoring tasks, potential for health and safety risks to off-site landowners or the local community are not anticipated.

During completion of intrusive efforts at or adjacent to the Site, health and safety monitoring efforts will be concentrated on the area or areas in which intrusive efforts are being completed. Since the air pathway is the most available and likely avenue for the release of potential contaminants to the atmosphere at or near the Site, in addition to limiting public or community access to the areas in which intrusive efforts are completed, health and safety measures will primarily consist of monitoring the air pathway for worker exposure.

14.1.2 Community Air Monitoring Plan

Efforts will be taken to complete field work in a manner which will minimize the creation of airborne dust or particulates. Under dry conditions, work areas may be wetted to control dust. During periods of extreme wind, intrusive field work may be halted until such time as the potential for creating airborne dust or particulate matter as a result of investigation activities is limited. Periodic monitoring following the guidelines of the site's Community Air Monitoring Plan (see Appendix C of the IRM) will be implemented during all non-intrusive Site investigation activities,

including surface soil and sediment sampling, and collection of groundwater samples from groundwater monitoring wells.

During completion of Site investigation, a community air monitoring plan meeting the requirements of the site's Community Air Monitoring Plan (see Appendix C of the IRM) will be implemented for the duration of intrusive activities. These additional air monitoring activities will include establishment of background conditions, continuous monitoring for volatile organic compounds and/or particulates at the downwind work area (exclusion zone) perimeter, recording of monitoring data, and institution and documentation of Response Levels and appropriate actions in accordance with NYSDOH guidance.

SECTION 15 - AUTHORIZATIONS

Personnel authorized to enter the Site while operations are being conducted must be approved by the HSO. Authorization will involve completion of appropriate training courses, medical examination requirements, and review and sign-off of this HASP. No C&S personnel should enter the work zone alone. Each site visitor should check in with the HSO or Project Manager prior to entering the work zones.

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FIGURE 1

SITE LOCATION MAP

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FIGURE 2

SITE AERIAL PHOTO

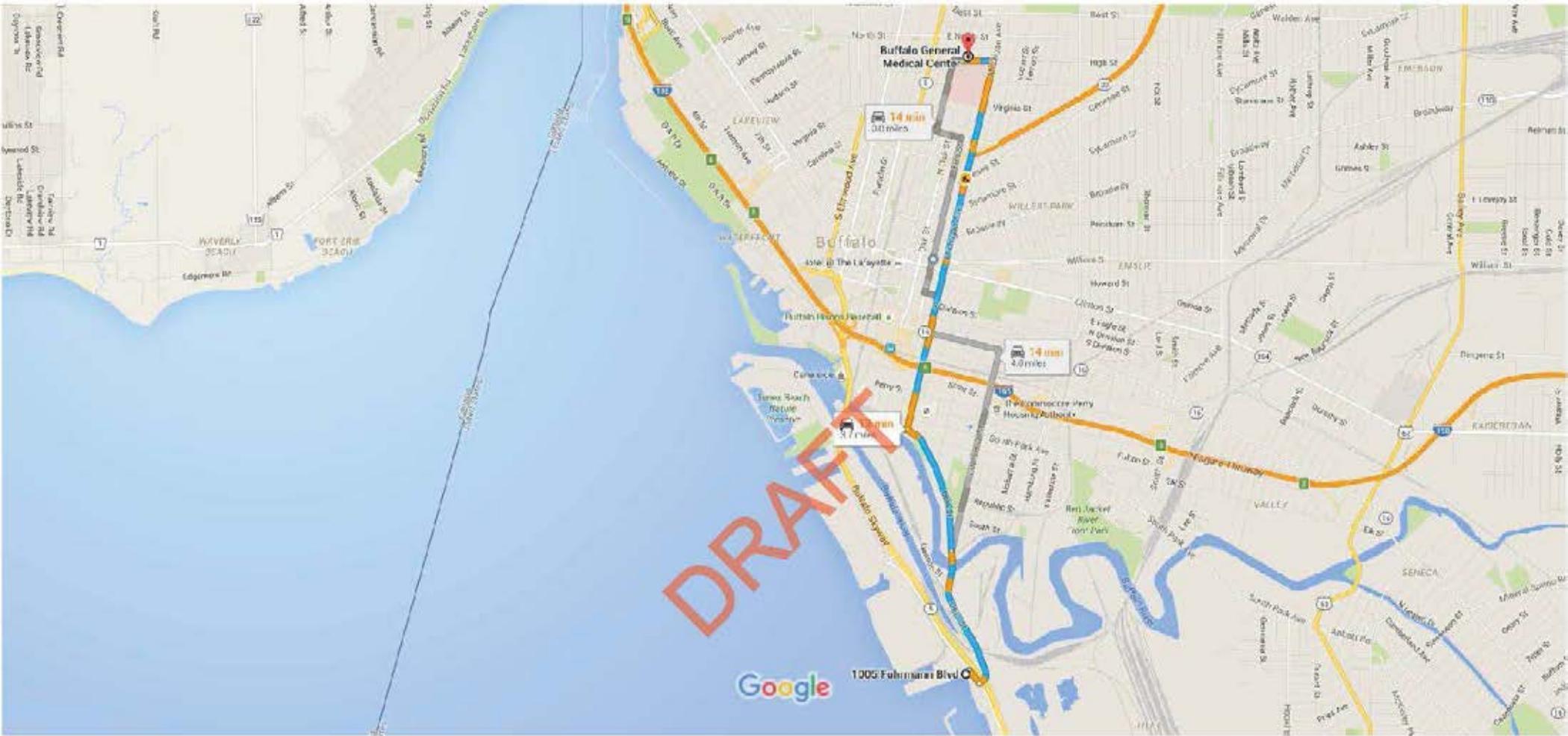
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ATTACHMENT A

MAP TO HOSPITAL

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1005 Fuhrmann Blvd

Buffalo, NY 14203

- ↑ 1. Head southeast on Fuhrmann Boulevard

- ↶ 2. Turn left onto Ohio St

- ↑ 3. Continue straight to stay on Ohio St

463 ft

0.8 mi

0.7 mi

➔ 4. Turn right onto Michigan Ave

2.0 mi

↶ 5. Turn left onto High St

i Destination will be on the right

0.2 mi

Buffalo General Medical Center

100 High Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.

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Appendix A

EXCAVATION/TRENCHING GUIDELINE

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**C&S ENGINEERS, INC. HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINE #14
EXCAVATION/TRENCHING OPERATIONS**

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C&S ENGINEERS, INC.
EXCAVATION/TRENCHING OPERATIONS

1.0 PURPOSE

To establish safe operating procedures for excavation/trenching operations at C&S work sites.

2.0 SCOPE

Applies to all C&S activity where excavation or trenching operations take place.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

Excavation — Any manmade cavity or depression in the earth's surface, including its sides, walls, or faces, formed by earth removal and producing unsupported earth conditions by reasons of the excavation.

Trench — A narrow excavation made below the surface of the ground. In general, the depth is greater than the width, but the width of a trench is not greater than 15 feet.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITY EMPLOYEES

Employees — All employees must understand and follow the procedures outlined in this guideline during all excavation and trenching operations.

Health and Safety Coordinator/Officer (HSC/HSO) - The HSC/HSO is responsible for ensuring that these procedures are implemented at each work site.

5.0 GUIDELINES

5.1 Hazards Associated With Excavation/Trenching

The principal hazards associated with excavation/trenching are:

- Suffocation, crushing, or other injury from falling material.
- Damage/failure of installed underground services and consequent hazards.
- Tripping, slipping, or falling.
- Possibility of explosive, flammable, toxic, or oxygen-deficient atmosphere in excavation.

5.2 Procedures Prior to Excavation

1. Underground Utilities

- Determine the presence and location of any underground chemical or utility pipes, electrical, telephone, or instrument wire or cables.
- If the local DigSafely NY is unable to locate private/domestic or plant utilities, then an independent utility locating service must be contacted and mobilized to the site.
- Identify the location of underground services by stakes, markers or paint.
- Arrange to de-energize or isolate underground services during excavation. If not possible, or if location is not definite, method of excavation shall be established to minimize hazards by such means as:
 - a) Use of hand tools in area of underground services.
 - b) Insulating personnel and equipment from possible electrical contact.
 - c) Use of tools or equipment that will reduce possibility of damage to underground services and hazard to worker.

2. Identify Excavation Area — Areas to be excavated shall be identified and segregated by means of barricades, ropes, and/or signs to prevent access of unauthorized personnel and equipment. Suitable means shall be provided to make barriers visible at all times.
3. Surface Water Provide means of diverting surface water from excavation.
4. Shoring/Bracing — Shoring or bracing that may be required for installed equipment adjacent to the excavation shall be designed by a competent person.
5. Structural Ramps — Structural ramps that are used solely by employees as a means of access to or egress from the excavation shall be designed by a competent person.

5.3 Procedures For Doing The Excavation

1. **Determine the need for shoring/sloping** — the type of soil will establish the need for shoring, slope of the excavation, support systems, and equipment to be used. The soil condition may change as the excavation proceeds. Appendices A, B, C, D, E, and F of the OSHA Excavation Regulation, 29 CFR 1926 Subpart P, are to be used in defining shoring and sloping requirements.
2. **Mobile equipment** — For safe use of mobile industrial equipment in or near the excavation, the load carrying capacity of soil shall be established and suitable protection against collapse of soil provided by the use of mats, barricades, restricting the location of equipment, or shoring.
3. Excavated material (spoil) shall be stored at least two (2) feet from the edge of the excavation.
4. All trench (vertical sides) excavations greater than five (5) feet deep shall be shored.

5. The excavation shall be inspected daily for changes in conditions, including the presence of ground water, change in soil condition, or effects of weather such as rain or freeze. A safe means of continuing the work shall be established based on changes in condition. Typically test trench excavations made as part of an environmental subsurface investigation are made and backfilled the same day.
6. Appropriate monitoring for gas, toxic, or flammable materials will be conducted to establish the need for respiratory equipment, ventilation, or other measures required to continue the excavation safely.
7. Adequate means of dewatering the excavation shall be provided by the contractor as required.
8. A signal person shall be provided to direct powered equipment if working in the excavation with other personnel.
9. A signal person shall be provided when backfilling excavations to direct powered equipment working in the excavation with other personnel.
10. Warning vests will be worn when employees are exposed to public vehicular traffic.
11. Employees shall stand away from vehicles being loaded or unloaded, and shall not be permitted underneath loads handled by lifting or dragging equipment.
12. Emergency rescue equipment, such as breathing apparatus, a safety harness and line, or a basket stretcher, shall be readily available if hazardous atmospheric conditions exist or may be expected to develop. The specifics will be determined by the HSC/HSM.
13. Walkways or bridges with standard guardrail shall be provided where employees or equipment are required or permitted to cross over excavations.

5.4 Entering the Excavation

No C&S Engineers, Inc., employee shall enter an excavation which fails to meet the requirements of Section 5.3 of this guideline.

6.0 REFERENCES

29 CFR 1926, Subpart P - Excavations

7.0 ATTACHMENTS

29 CFR 1926 Subpart P - Appendices A, B, F



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• Part Number:	1926
• Part Title:	Safety and Health Regulations for Construction
• Subpart:	P
• Subpart Title:	Excavations
• Standard Number:	1926 Subpart P App A
• Title:	Soil Classification

(a) Scope and application - (1) Scope. This appendix describes a method of classifying soil and rock deposits based on site and environmental conditions, and on the structure and composition of the earth deposits. The appendix contains definitions, sets for requirements, and describes acceptable visual and manual tests for use in classifying soils.

(2) Application. This appendix applies when a sloping or benching system is designed in accordance with the requirements set for 1926.652(b)(2) as a method of protection for employees from cave-ins. This appendix also applies when timber shoring for excavations designed as a method of protection from cave-ins in accordance with appendix C to subpart P of part 1926, and when aluminum shoring is designed in accordance with appendix D. This Appendix also applies if other protective systems are designed and selected from data prepared in accordance with the requirements set forth in 1926.652(c), and the use of the data is predicated on the soil classification system set forth in this appendix.

(b) Definitions. The definitions and examples given below are based on, in whole or in part, the following; American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standards D653-85 and D2488; The Unified Soils Classification System; The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Textural Classification Scheme; and The National Bureau of Standards Report BSS-121.

"Cemented soil" means a soil in which the particles are held together by a chemical agent, such as calcium carbonate, such that a hand-size sample cannot be crushed into powder or individual soil particles by finger pressure.

"Cohesive soil" means clay (fine grained soil), or soil with a high clay content, which has cohesive strength. Cohesive soil does not crumble, can be excavated with vertical sideslopes, and is plastic when moist. Cohesive soil is hard to break up when dry, and exhibits significant cohesion when submerged. Cohesive soils include clayey silt, sandy clay, silty clay, clay and organic clay.

"Dry soil" means soil that does not exhibit visible signs of moisture content.

"Fissured" means a soil material that has a tendency to break along definite planes of fracture with little resistance, or a material that exhibits open cracks, such as tension cracks, in an exposed surface.

"Granular soil" means gravel, sand, or silt (coarse grained soil) with little or no clay content. Granular soil has no cohesive strength. Some moist granular soils exhibit apparent cohesion. Granular soil cannot be molded when moist and crumbles easily when dry.

"Layered system" means two or more distinctly different soil or rock types arranged in layers. Micaceous seams or weakened planes in rock or shale are considered layered.

"Moist soil" means a condition in which a soil looks and feels damp. Moist cohesive soil can easily be shaped into a ball and rolled into small diameter threads before crumbling. Moist granular soil that contains some cohesive material will exhibit signs of cohesion between particles.

"Plastic" means a property of a soil which allows the soil to be

deformed or molded without cracking, or appreciable volume change.

"Saturated soil" means a soil in which the voids are filled with water. Saturation does not require flow. Saturation, or near saturation, is necessary for the proper use of instruments such as a pocket penetrometer or shear vane.

"Soil classification system" means, for the purpose of this subpart, a method of categorizing soil and rock deposits in a hierarchy of Stable Rock, Type A, Type B, and Type C, in decreasing order of stability. The categories are determined based on an analysis of the properties and performance characteristics of the deposits and the characteristics of the deposits and the environmental conditions of exposure.

"Stable rock" means natural solid mineral matter that can be excavated with vertical sides and remain intact while exposed.

"Submerged soil" means soil which is underwater or is free seeping.

"Type A" means cohesive soils with an unconfined, compressive strength of 1.5 ton per square foot (tsf) (144 kPa) or greater. Examples of cohesive soils are: clay, silty clay, sandy clay, clay loam and, in some cases, silty clay loam and sandy clay loam. Cemented soils such as caliche and hardpan are also considered Type A. However, no soil is Type A if:

- (i) The soil is fissured; or
- (ii) The soil is subject to vibration from heavy traffic, pile driving, or similar effects; or
- (iii) The soil has been previously disturbed; or
- (iv) The soil is part of a sloped, layered system where the layers dip into the excavation on a slope of four horizontal to one vertical (4H:1V) or greater; or
- (v) The material is subject to other factors that would require it to be classified as a less stable material.

"Type B" means:

- (i) Cohesive soil with an unconfined compressive strength greater than 0.5 tsf (48 kPa) but less than 1.5 tsf (144 kPa); or
- (ii) Granular cohesionless soils including: angular gravel (similar to crushed rock), silt, silt loam, sandy loam and, in some cases, silty clay loam and sandy clay loam.
- (iii) Previously disturbed soils except those which would otherwise be classed as Type C soil.
- (iv) Soil that meets the unconfined compressive strength or cementation requirements for Type A, but is fissured or subject to vibration; or
- (v) Dry rock that is not stable; or
- (vi) Material that is part of a sloped, layered system where the layers dip into the excavation on a slope less steep than four horizontal to one vertical (4H:1V), but only if the material would otherwise be classified as Type B.

"Type C" means:

- (i) Cohesive soil with an unconfined compressive strength of 0.5 tsf (48 kPa) or less; or
- (ii) Granular soils including gravel, sand, and loamy sand; or
- (iii) Submerged soil or soil from which water is freely seeping; or
- (iv) Submerged rock that is not stable, or
- (v) Material in a sloped, layered system where the layers dip into the excavation or a slope of four horizontal to one vertical (4H:1V) or steeper.

"Unconfined compressive strength" means the load per unit area at which a soil will fail in compression. It can be determined by laboratory testing, or estimated in the field using a pocket penetrometer, by thumb penetration tests, and other methods.

"Wet soil" means soil that contains significantly more moisture than moist soil, but in such a range of values that cohesive material will slump or begin to flow when vibrated. Granular material that would exhibit cohesive properties when moist will lose those cohesive properties when wet.

(c) Requirements - (1) Classification of soil and rock deposits. Each soil and rock deposit shall be classified by a competent person as Type A, Type B, or Type C in accordance with the definitions set forth in paragraph (b) of this appendix.

(2) Basis of classification. The classification of the deposits shall be made based on the results of at least one visual and at least one manual analysis. Such analyses shall be conducted by a competent person using tests described in paragraph (d) below, or in other recognized methods of soil classification and testing such as those adopted by the American Society for Testing Materials, or the U.S. Department of Agriculture textural classification system.

(3) Visual and manual analyses. The visual and manual analyses, such as those noted as being acceptable in paragraph (d) of this appendix, shall be designed and conducted to provide sufficient quantitative and qualitative information as may be necessary to identify properties, factors, and conditions affecting the classification of the deposits.

(4) Layered systems. In a layered system, the system shall be classified in accordance with its weakest layer. However, each layer shall be classified individually where a more stable layer lies under a less stable layer.

(5) Reclassification. If, after classifying a deposit, the properties, factors, or conditions affecting its classification change in any way, the deposit shall be reclassified as necessary to reflect the changed circumstances.

(d) Acceptable visual and manual tests. - (1) Visual tests. Visual analysis is conducted to determine qualitative information regarding an excavation site in general, the soil adjacent to the excavation, the soil forming the sides of the open excavation, and the soil taken from excavated material.

(i) Observe samples of soil that are excavated and soil in the sides of the excavation. Estimate the range of particle sizes and the amounts of the particle sizes. Soil that is primarily composed of fine-grained material is cohesive material. Soil composed of coarse-grained sand or gravel is granular material.

(ii) Observe soil as it is excavated. Soil that remains in clumps when excavated is cohesive. Soil that breaks up easily and does not form clumps is granular.

(iii) Observe the side of the opened excavation and the surface area adjacent to the excavation. Crack-like openings such as tensile cracks could indicate fissured material. If chunks of soil spall off a vertical side, the soil could be fissured. Small spalls are evidence of moisture in the ground and are indications of potentially hazardous situations.

(iv) Observe the area adjacent to the excavation and the excavation itself for evidence of existing utility and other underground structures and to identify previously disturbed soil.

(v) Observe the opened side of the excavation to identify layered systems. Examine layered systems to identify if the layers slope away from the excavation. Estimate the degree of slope of the layers.

(vi) Observe the area adjacent to the excavation and the sides of the opened excavation for evidence of surface water, water seepage, or the location of the level of the water table.

(vii) Observe the area adjacent to the excavation and the area within the excavation for sources of vibration that may affect the excavation face.

(2) Manual tests. Manual analysis of soil samples is conducted to determine quantitative as well as qualitative properties of soil and to provide more information in order to classify soil properly.

(i) Plasticity. Mold a moist or wet sample of soil into a ball and attempt to roll it into threads as thin as 1/8-inch in diameter. Cohesive material can be successfully rolled into threads without crumbling. For example, if at least a two inch (50 mm) length of 1/8-inch diameter thread can be held on one end without tearing, the soil is cohesive.

(ii) Dry strength. If the soil is dry and crumbles on its own or with moderate pressure into individual grains or fine powder, it is granular (a combination of gravel, sand, or silt). If the soil is dry and falls into clumps which break up into smaller clumps, but the smaller clumps can only be broken up with difficulty, it may be clay in any combination with gravel, sand or silt. If the dry soil breaks into clumps which break up into small clumps and which can only be broken with difficulty, and there is no visual indication the soil is fissured, the soil is considered unfissured.

(iii) Thumb penetration. The thumb penetration test can be used to estimate the unconfined compressive strength of cohesive soil. This test is based on the thumb penetration test described in American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard designator "Standard Recommended Practice for Description of Soils (Visual - Manual Procedure)." Type A soils with an unconfined compressive strength of 1.5 tsf can be readily indented by the thumb; however, they can be penetrated by the thumb only with very great effort. Type B soils with an unconfined compressive strength of 0.5 tsf can be easily penetrated several inches by the thumb, and can be molded under finger pressure. This test should be conducted on an undisturbed soil sample, such as a large clump of spoil, as soon as practical after excavation to keep to a minimum the effects of exposure to drying influences. If the excavation is later exposed to wetting influences (e.g., flooding), the classification of the soil must be changed accordingly.

(iv) Other strength tests. Estimates of unconfined compressive strength of soils can also be obtained by use of a pocket penetrometer using a hand-operated shearvane.

(v) Drying test. The basic purpose of the drying test is to differentiate between cohesive material with fissures, unfissured cohesive material, and granular material. The procedure for the drying test involves drying a sample of soil that is approximately one inch thick (2.54 cm) and six inches (15.24 cm) in diameter until it is thoroughly dry:

(A) If the sample develops cracks as it dries, significant fissures are indicated.

(B) Samples that dry without cracking are to be broken by hand. If considerable force is necessary to break a sample, the soil has a high cohesive material content. The soil can be classified as an unfissured cohesive material and the unconfined compressive strength determined.

(C) If a sample breaks easily by hand, it is either a fissured cohesive material or a granular material. To distinguish between the two, pulverize the dried clumps of the sample by hand or by stepping on them. If the clumps do not pulverize easily, the material is cohesive. If they pulverize easily into very small fragments, the material is granular.

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• Standard Number:	1926 Subpart P App B
• Title:	Sloping and Benching

(a) **Scope and application.** This appendix contains specifications for sloping and benching when used as methods of protecting working in excavations from cave-ins. The requirements of this appendix apply when the design of sloping and benching protective is to be performed in accordance with the requirements set forth in § 1926.652(b)(2).

(b) **Definitions.**

Actual slope means the slope to which an excavation face is excavated.

Distress means that the soil is in a condition where a cave-in is imminent or is likely to occur. Distress is evidenced by such phenomena as the development of fissures in the face of or adjacent to an open excavation; the subsidence of the edge of an excavation; the slumping of material from the face or the bulging or heaving of material from the bottom of an excavation; the spalling of material from the face of an excavation; and raveling, i.e., small amounts of material such as pebbles or little clumps of material suddenly separating from the excavation and trickling or rolling down into the excavation.

Maximum allowable slope means the steepest incline of an excavation face that is acceptable for the most favorable site conditions for protection against cave-ins, and is expressed as the ratio of horizontal distance to vertical rise (H:V).

Short term exposure means a period of time less than or equal to 24 hours that an excavation is open.

(c) **Requirements -- (1) Soil classification.** Soil and rock deposits shall be classified in accordance with appendix A to subpart I of 1926.

(2) **Maximum allowable slope.** The maximum allowable slope for a soil or rock deposit shall be determined from Table B-1 of this appendix.

(3) **Actual slope.** (i) The actual slope shall not be steeper than the maximum allowable slope.

(ii) The actual slope shall be less steep than the maximum allowable slope, when there are signs of distress. If that situation occurs, the actual slope shall be cut back to an actual slope which is at least 1/2 horizontal to one vertical (1/2H:1V) less steep than the maximum allowable slope.

(iii) When surcharge loads from stored material or equipment, operating equipment, or traffic are present, a competent person shall determine the degree to which the actual slope must be reduced below the maximum allowable slope, and shall assure that such reduction is achieved. Surcharge loads from adjacent structures shall be evaluated in accordance with § 1926.651(i).

(4) **Configurations.** Configurations of sloping and benching systems shall be in accordance with Figure B-1.

**TABLE B-1
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SLOPES**

SOIL OR ROCK TYPE	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SLOPES (H:V)(1) FOR EXCAVATIONS LESS THAN 20 FEET DEEP(3)
STABLE ROCK	VERTICAL (90°)
TYPE A (2)	3/4:1 (53°)
TYPE B	1:1 (45°)
TYPE C	1 1/2:1 (34°)

Footnote(1) Numbers shown in parentheses next to maximum allowable slopes are angles expressed in degrees from the horizontal. Angle rounded off.

Footnote(2) A short-term maximum allowable slope of 1/2H:1V (63°) is allowed in excavations in Type A soil that are 12 feet (3.67 m) or less in depth. Short-term maximum allowable slopes for excavations greater than 12 feet (3.67 m) in depth shall be 3/4H:1V (53°).

Footnote(3) Sloping or benching for excavations greater than 20 feet deep shall be designed by a registered professional engineer.

**Figure B-1
Slope Configurations**

(All slopes stated below are in the horizontal to vertical ratio)

B-1.1 Excavations made in Type A soil.

1. All simple slope excavation 20 feet or less in depth shall have a maximum allowable slope of 3/4:1.



SIMPLE SLOPE -- GENERAL

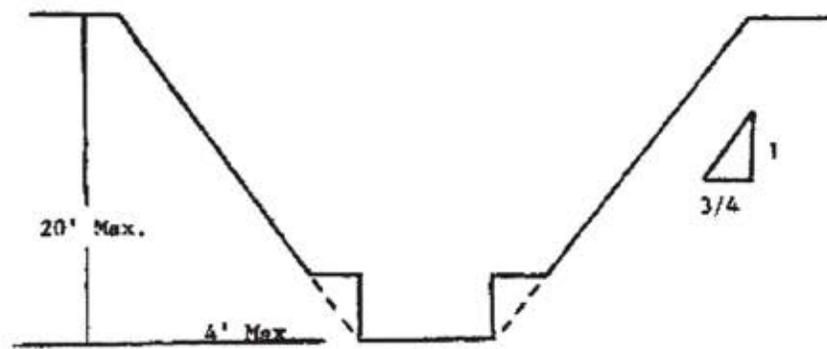
Exception: Simple slope excavations which are open 24 hours or less (short term) and which are 12 feet or less in depth shall have maximum allowable slope of 1/2:1.



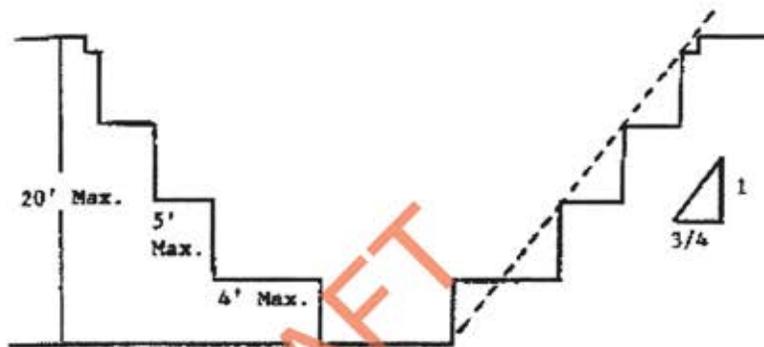
SIMPLE SLOPE -- SHORT TERM

2. All benched excavations 20 feet or less in depth shall have a maximum allowable slope of 3/4 to 1 and maximum bench dimensions

follows:

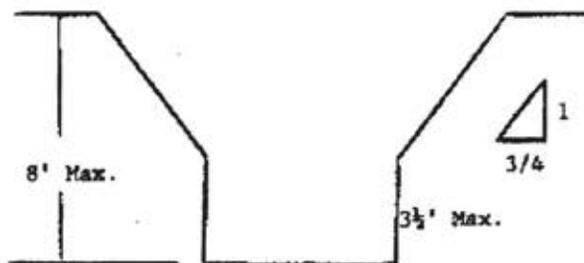


SIMPLE BENCH



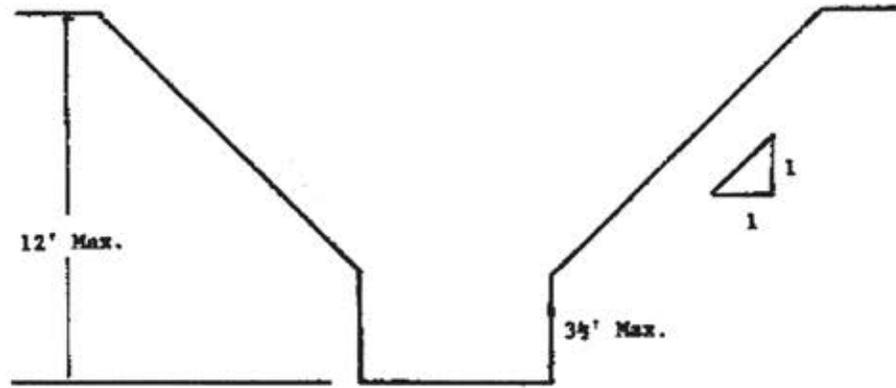
MULTIPLE BENCH

3. All excavations 8 feet or less in depth which have unsupported vertically sided lower portions shall have a maximum vertical side feet.



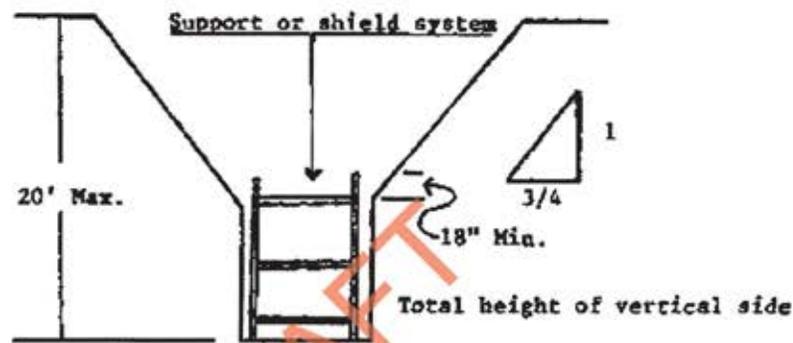
UNSUPPORTED VERTICALLY SIDED LOWER PORTION -- MAXIMUM 8 FEET IN DEPTH)

All excavations more than 8 feet but not more than 12 feet in depth with unsupported vertically sided lower portions shall have a allowable slope of 1:1 and a maximum vertical side of 3 1/2 feet.



UNSUPPORTED VERTICALLY SIDED LOWER PORTION -- MAXIMUM 12 FEET IN DEPTH)

All excavations 20 feet or less in depth which have vertically sided lower portions that are supported or shielded shall have a maximum allowable slope of $\frac{3}{4}:1$. The support or shield system must extend at least 18 inches above the top of the vertical side.

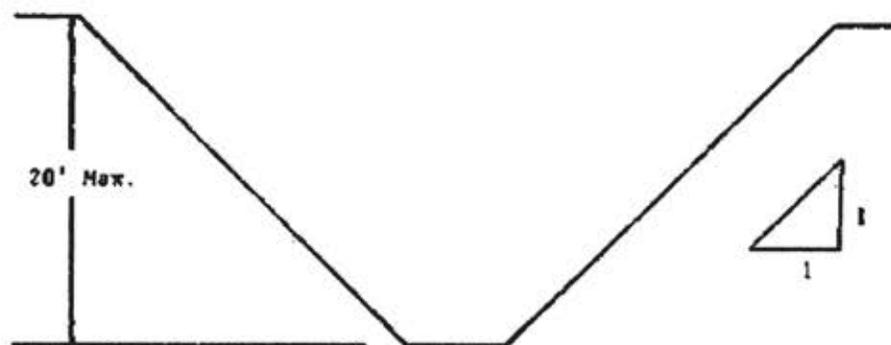


SUPPORTED OR SHIELDED VERTICALLY SIDED LOWER PORTION

4. All other simple slope, compound slope, and vertically sided lower portion excavations shall be in accordance with the other options permitted under § 1926.652(b).

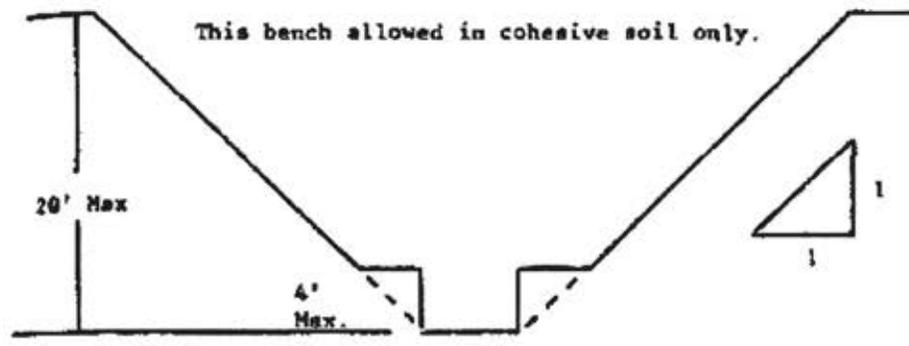
B-1.2 Excavations Made in Type B Soil

1. All simple slope excavations 20 feet or less in depth shall have a maximum allowable slope of 1:1.

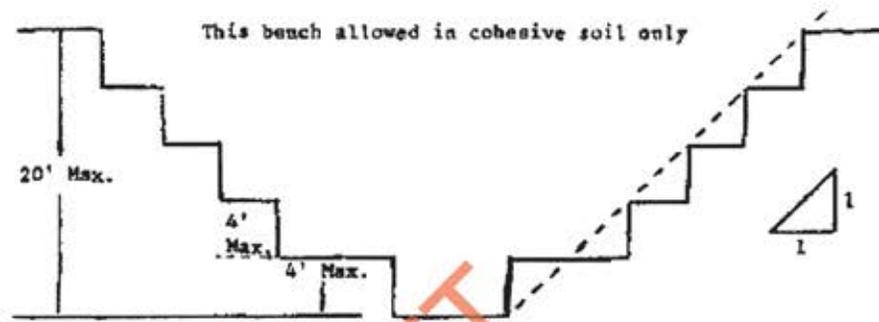


SIMPLE SLOPE

2. All benched excavations 20 feet or less in depth shall have a maximum allowable slope of 1:1 and maximum bench dimensions

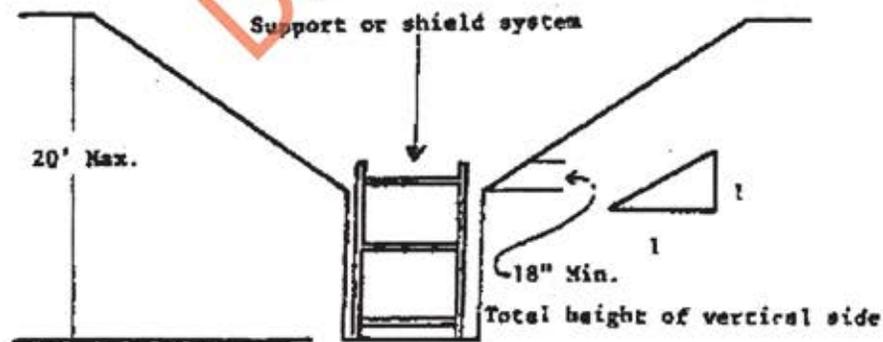


SINGLE BENCH



MULTIPLE BENCH

3. All excavations 20 feet or less in depth which have vertically sided lower portions shall be shielded or supported to a height at least 18 inches above the top of the vertical side. All such excavations shall have a maximum allowable slope of 1:1.

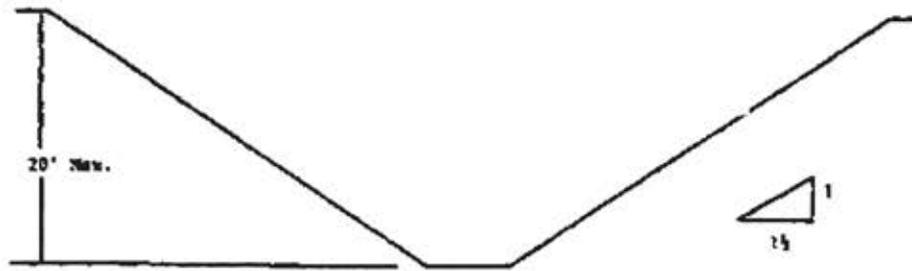


VERTICALLY SIDED LOWER PORTION

4. All other sloped excavations shall be in accordance with the other options permitted in § 1926.652(b).

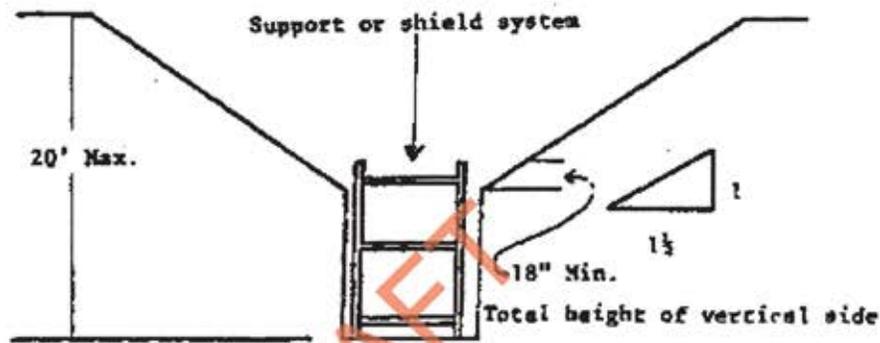
B-1.3 Excavations Made in Type C Soil

1. All simple slope excavations 20 feet or less in depth shall have a maximum allowable slope of 1½:1.



SIMPLE SLOPE

2. All excavations 20 feet or less in depth which have vertically sided lower portions shall be shielded or supported to a height at least 18 inches above the top of the vertical side. All such excavations shall have a maximum allowable slope of 1 1/2:1.

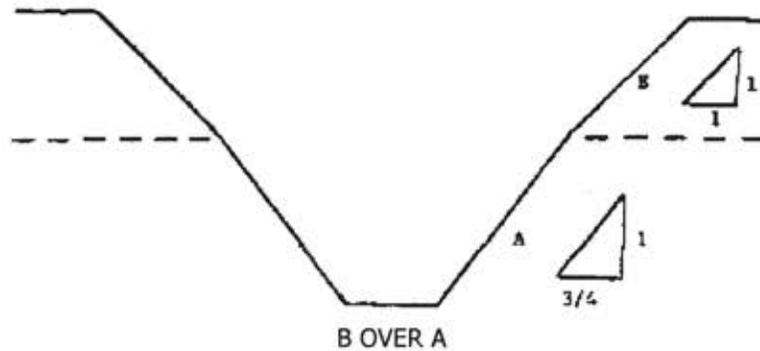


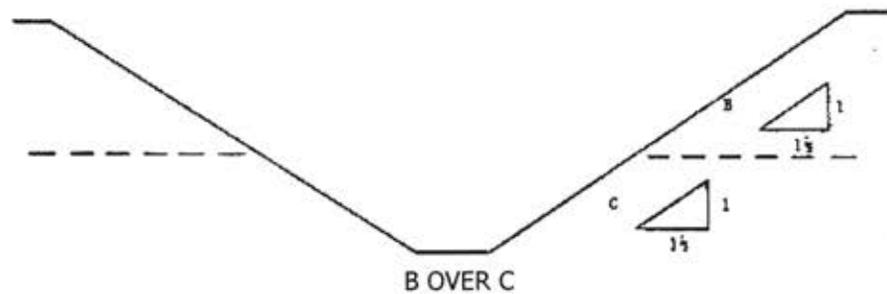
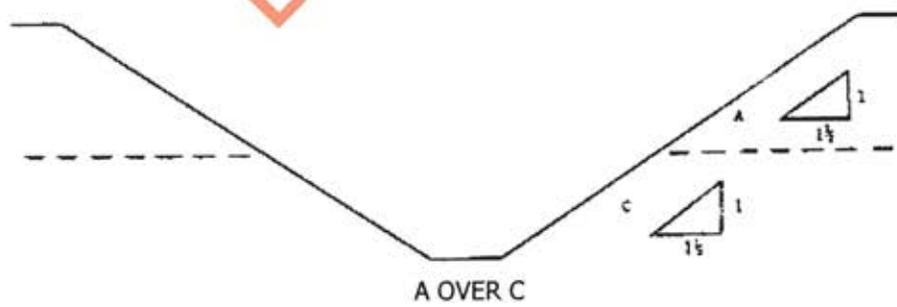
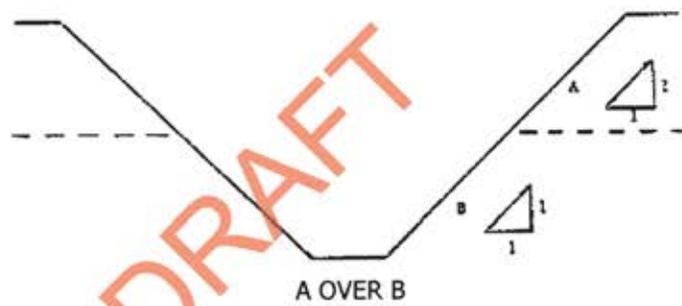
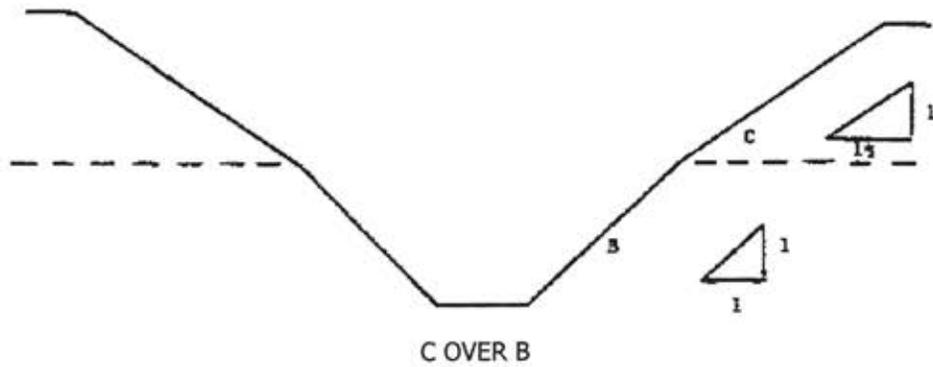
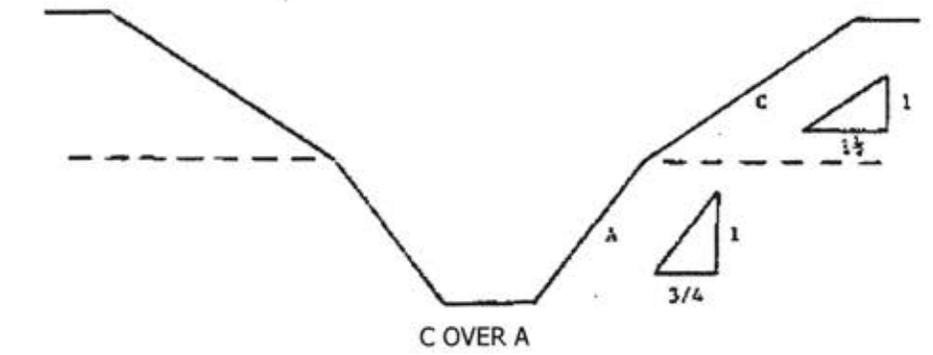
VERTICAL SIDED LOWER PORTION

3. All other sloped excavations shall be in accordance with the other options permitted in § 1926.652(b).

B-1.4 Excavations Made in Layered Soils

1. All excavations 20 feet or less in depth made in layered soils shall have a maximum allowable slope for each layer as set forth b





2. All other sloped excavations shall be in accordance with the other options permitted in § 1926.652(b).

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The following figures are a graphic summary of the requirements contained in subpart P for excavations 20 feet or less in depth. Protective systems for use in excavations more than 20 feet in depth must be designed by a registered professional engineer in accordance with 1926.652(b) and (c).

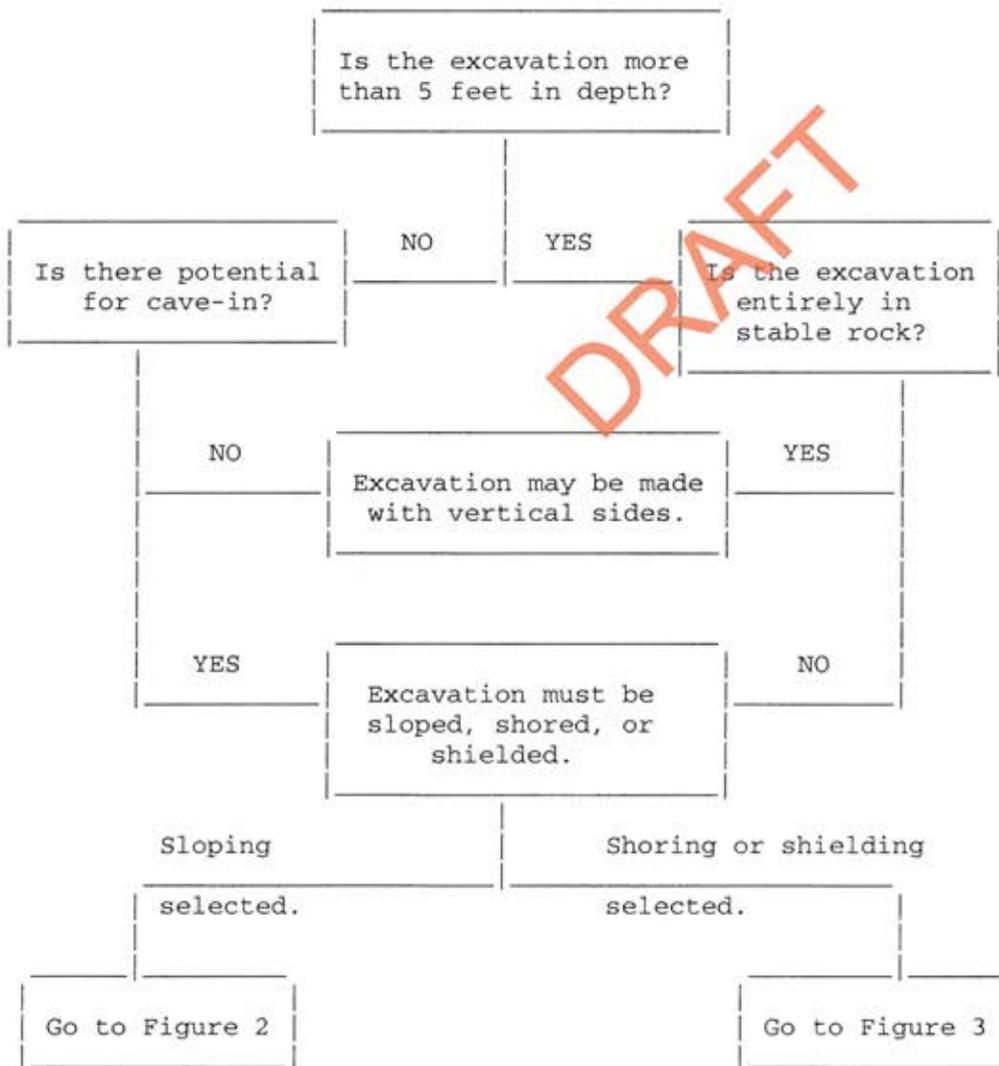


FIGURE 1 - PRELIMINARY DECISIONS

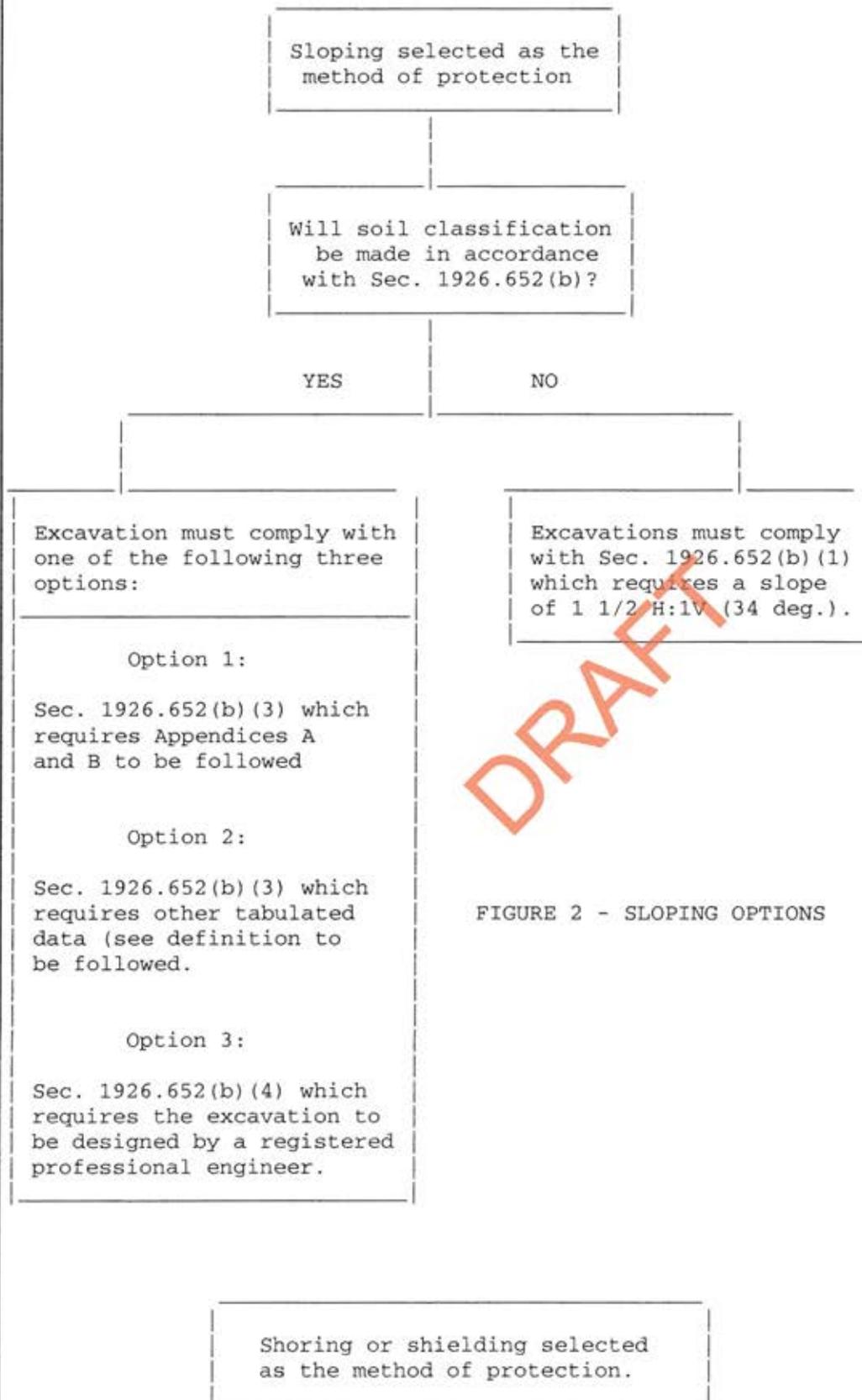


FIGURE 2 - SLOPING OPTIONS

Soil Classification is required when shoring or shielding is used. The excavation must comply with one of the following four options:

Option 1

Sec. 1926.652(c)(1) which requires Appendices A and C to be followed (e.g. timber shoring).

Option 2

Sec. 1926.652(c)(2) which requires manufacturers data to be followed (e.g. hydraulic shoring, trench jacks, air shores, shields).

Option 3

Sec. 1926.652(c)(3) which requires tabulated data (see definition) to be followed (e.g. any system as per the tabulated data).

Option 4

Sec. 1926.652(c)(4) which requires the excavation to be designed by a registered professional engineer (e.g. any designed system).

FIGURE 3 - SHORING AND SHIELDING OPTIONS

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Appendix B

GUIDANCE ON INCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND REPORTING

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MEDICAL EMERGENCY/INCIDENT RESPONSE PROTOCOL

1.0 PURPOSE

From time to time employees of C & S Engineers, Inc. will sustain an injury while working on the job. While every effort is being made to prevent this, in the event of an injury or illness on the job, the following procedures will be implemented. This format may also be utilized in the event of a property damage incident.

2.0 SCOPE

This guideline applies to all C & S Engineers, Inc. job sites and employees.

3.0 GUIDELINES

Upon notification or awareness of an incident/accident with injuries or illness the Emergency Coordinator or his On-Site Designee will:

1. Ensure that the injured employee is receiving immediate first aid and medical care.
2. Notify Emergency Services (911) if injuries are severe.
3. Stabilize the work area; ensure that no one else can be injured.
4. Notify the Project Manager at the earliest possible convenience.
5. Notify the Owner/Client at the earliest possible convenience.

To assist the Health and Safety Manager in the root cause analysis, the Emergency Coordinator or his On-Site Designee will also make an attempt to:

1. Obtain the names and phone numbers of witnesses.
2. Preserve the accident scene if possible for analysis.

Injury Management

1. If the patient is stable with non-life threatening injuries, the foreman will ensure the employee is transported to Mount St. Mary's Hospital of Niagara Falls.

At no time will an injured employee drive themselves to medical care.

2. If the patient has serious or life threatening injuries, the emergency coordinator or his on-site designee will notify the emergency services for the area for treatment and transport to a hospital or emergency room. Serious injuries can be considered but not limited to head injuries, loss of consciousness, severe laceration or amputation, fractured bones, burns and eye injuries.

3. Following the treatment and care of the injured employee, the emergency coordinator or his on-site designee and the project manager will initiate the completion of the first injury report. The Health & Safety Manager will assist.

Project Manager

1. Upon notification of a personal injury or illness on the job site, will notify C & S Engineers, Inc, President and Corporate Legal and C&S Companies Health and Safety Manager.
2. Will report to the worksite to initiate the first injury report.
3. Will report to the treatment facility to check on the well being of the injured employee. The project manager will ensure that the treatment facility is aware that this is a workers compensation case.
4. Will assist the Health and Safety Manager in the analysis of the incident.

Health & Safety Manager

1. Upon notification of the personal injury will determined if it is necessary to report to the treatment facility or the accident site, depending on the nature of the injuries and the circumstances of the accident.
2. Will report to the worksite to begin a root cause analysis investigation of the accident. The investigation may include interview of witnesses, field crew , and project manager, the photographing of the scene, reconstruction of the accident scene, using test instruments and taking measurements. The Health and Safety Manager may draw diagrams from the information learned.
3. The Health and Safety Manager will work with the owner/client as necessary to investigate the accident.
4. The Health & Safety manager will ensure that the site is safe to resume work.
5. The Health & Safety Manager shall initiate the New York State Compensation form requirements (C-2) and forward a copy of the C-2 to the C & S Engineers, Inc. controller for transmittal to the Compensation Carrier within 8 hrs of notification of the incident or by the end of the next business day.
6. The Health and Safety manager, upon completion of the investigation, will provide the Project Manager with a written investigative report (copy to the President)
7. The accident will be reviewed at the next Project Managers meeting with the intent to prevent further or similar events on other projects.
8. The Health & Safety Manager will assess the incident to determine OSHA record ability and make record if necessary on the OSHA 300 form, within five working days.

Incident Response

1.0 PURPOSE

To prevent the occurrence of accidents on C&S Engineers, Inc., work sites and to establish a procedure for investigation and reporting of incidents occurring in, or related to C&S work activities.

2.0 SCOPE

Applies to all incidents related to C&S Engineers, Inc. work activities.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

Accident - An undesired event resulting in personal injury and/or property damage, and/or equipment failure.

Fatality - An injury or illness resulting in death of the individual.

Incident - Any occurrence which results in, or could potentially result in, the need for medical care or property damage. Such incidents shall include lost time accidents or illness, medical treatment cases, unplanned exposure to toxic materials or any other significant occurrence resulting in property damage or in "near misses."

Incidence Rate - the number of injuries, illnesses, or lost workdays related to a common exposure base of 100 full-time workers. The rate is calculated as:

$$N/EH \times 200,000$$

N = number of injuries and illnesses or lost workday cases; EH = total hours worked by all associates during calendar year. 200,000 = base for 100 full-time equivalent workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year).

Injury - An injury such as a cut, fracture, sprain, amputation, etc. which results from a work accident or from a single instantaneous event in the work environment.

Lost Workday Case - A lost workday case occurs when an injured or ill employee experiences days away from work beginning with the next scheduled work day. Lost workday cases do not occur unless the employee is effected beyond the day of injury or onset of illness.

Recordable Illness - An illness that results from the course of employment and must be entered on the OSHA 300 Log and Summary of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. These illnesses require medical treatment and evaluation of work related injury. For example, dermatitis, bronchitis, irritation of eyes, nose, and throat can result from work and non-work related incidents.

Recordable Injury - An injury that results from the course of employment and must be entered on the OSHA 300 Log and Summary of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. These injuries require medical treatment; may involve loss of consciousness; may result in restriction of work or motion or transfer to another job; or result in a fatality.

Near Miss - An incident which, if occurring at a different time or in a different personnel or equipment configuration, would have resulted in an incident.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Employees - It shall be the responsibility of all C&S Engineers, Inc. employees to report all incidents as soon as possible to the HSC, regardless of the severity.

Human Resources - has overall responsibility for maintaining accident/ incident reporting and investigations according to current regulations and recording injuries/ illness on the OSHA 300 log, and posting the OSHA 300 log.

Emergency Coordinator - It is the responsibility of the Emergency Coordinator to investigate and prepare an appropriate report of all accidents, illnesses, and incidents occurring on or related to C&S Engineers, Inc. work. The Emergency Coordinator shall complete Attachment A within 24 hours of the incident occurrence.

Health and Safety Manager (HSM) - It is the responsibility of the HSM to investigate and prepare an appropriate report of all lost time injuries and illnesses and significant incidents occurring on or related to C&S Companies. The HSM shall maintain the OSHA 300 form.

Project Managers (PM) - It shall be the PM's responsibility to promptly correct any deficiencies in personnel, training, actions, or any site or equipment deficiencies that were determined to cause or contribute to the incident investigated.

5.0 GUIDELINES

5.1 Incident Investigation

The Project Manager will immediately investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident and will make recommendations to prevent recurrence. The HSM shall be immediately notified by telephone if a serious accident/ incident occurs. The incident shall be evaluated to determine whether it is OSHA recordable. If the incident is determined to be OSHA 300 recordable, it shall be entered on the OSHA 300 form.

The Project Manager with assistance from the HSM must submit to the office an incident report form pertaining to any incident resulting in injury or property damage.

5.2 Incident Report

The completed incident report must be completed by the Project Manager within 12 hours of the incident and distributed to the HSM, and Human Resources. This form shall be maintained by Human Resources for at least five years for all OSHA recordable cases. This form serves as an equivalent to the OSHA 101 form.

5.3 Incident Follow-up Report

The Incident Follow-Up Report (Attachment B) shall be distributed with the Incident Report within one week of the incident. Delay in filing this report shall be explained in a brief memorandum.

5.4 Reporting of Fatalities or Multiple Hospitalization Accidents

Fatalities or accidents resulting in the hospitalization of three or more employees must be reported to OSHA verbally or in writing within 8 hours. The report must contain 1) circumstances surrounding the accident(s), 2) the number of fatalities, and 3) the extent of any injuries.

5.5 OSHA 300A Summary Form

Recordable cases must be entered on the log within six workdays of receipt of the information that a recordable case has occurred. The OSHA log must be kept updated to within 45 calendar days.

OSHA 300 forms must be updated during the 5 year retention period, if there is a change in the extent or outcome of an injury or illness which affects an entry on a log. If a change is necessary, the original entry should be lined out and a corrected entry made on that log. New entries should be made for previously unrecorded cases that are discovered or for cases that initially weren't recorded but were found to be recordable after the end of the year. Log totals should also be modified to reflect these changes.

5.5.1 Posting

The log must be summarized at the end of the calendar year and the summary must be posted from February 1 through May 31.

5.6 OSHA 300A

Facilities selected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to participate in surveys of occupational injuries and illnesses will receive the OSHA 300A. The data from the annual summary on the OSHA 300 log should be transferred to the OSHA 300A, other requested information provided and the form returned as instructed by the BLS.

5.7 Access to OSHA Records

All OSHA records (accident reporting forms and OSHA 300 logs) should be available for inspection and copying by authorized Federal and State government officials.

Employees, former employees, and their representatives must be given access for inspection and copying to only the log, OSHA No. 300, for the establishment in which the employee currently works or formerly worked.

6.0 REFERENCES

29 CFR Part 1904

7.0 ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Incident Investigation Form

Attachment B - Incident Follow-Up Report

Attachment C - Establishing Recordability

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ATTACHMENT A
INCIDENT INVESTIGATION FORM

Accident investigation should include:

Location: _____

Time of Day: _____

Accident Type: _____

Victim: _____

Nature of Injury: _____

Released Injury: _____

Hazardous Material: _____

Unsafe Acts: _____

Unsafe Conditions: _____

Policies, Decisions: _____

Personal Factors: _____

Environmental Factors: _____

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ATTACHMENT B

Date _____

Foreman: _____

INCIDENT FOLLOW-UP REPORT

Date of Incident: _____

Site: _____

Brief description of incident: _____

Outcome of incident: _____

Physician's recommendations: _____

Date the injured returned to work: _____

Project Manager Signature: _____

Date: _____

ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THIS FORM

ATTACHMENT C

ESTABLISHING RECORDABILITY

1. Deciding whether to record a case and how to classify the case.

Determine whether a fatality, injury or illness is recordable.

A fatality is recordable if:

- Results from employment

An injury is recordable if:

- Results from employment and
- It requires medical treatment beyond first aid or
- Results in restricted work activity or job transfer, or
- Results in lost work day or
- Results in loss of consciousness

An illness is recordable if:

- It results from employment

2. Definition of "Resulting from Employment"

Resulting from employment is when the injury or illness results from an event or exposure in the work environment. The work environment is primarily composed of: 1) The employer's premises, and 2) other locations where associates are engaged in work-related activities or are present as a condition of their employment.

The employer's premises include company rest rooms, hallways, cafeterias, sidewalks and parking lots. Injuries occurring in these places are generally considered work related.

The employer's premises EXCLUDES employer controlled ball fields, tennis courts, golf courses, parks, swimming pools, gyms, and other similar recreational facilities, used by associates on a voluntary basis for their own benefit, primarily during off work hours.

Ordinary and customary commute, is not generally considered work related.

Employees injured or taken ill while engaged in consuming food, as part of a normal break or activity is not considered work related. Employees injured or taken ill as the result of smoking, consuming illegal drugs, alcohol or applying make up are generally not considered work related. Employee injured by an authorized horseplay is generally not considered work related, however, an employee injured as a result of a fight or other workplace violence act, may be considered work related.

Associates who travel on company business are considered to be engaged in work related activities all the time they spend in the interest of the company. This includes travel to and from customer contacts, and entertaining or being entertained for purpose of promoting or discussing business. Incidents occurring during normal living activities (eating, sleeping, recreation) or if the associate deviates from a reasonably direct route of travel are not considered OSHA recordable.

3. Distinction between Medical Treatment and First Aid.

First aid is defined as any one-time treatment, and any follow up visit for the purpose of observation, of minor scratches, cuts, burns, splinters, etc., which do not ordinarily require medical care. Such one time treatment, and follow up visit for the purpose of observation, is considered first aid even though provided by a physician or registered professional personnel.

Medical Treatment (recordable)

- a) They must be treated only by a physician or licensed medical personnel.
- b) They impair bodily function (i.e. normal use of senses, limbs, etc.).
- c) They result in damage to physical structure of a non superficial nature (fractures).
- d) They involve complications requiring follow up medical treatment.

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