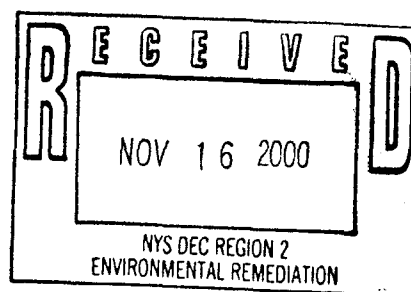


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Re: Phase I Soil Sampling Results in Support of Construction of the New Engine House and Related Track, Sunnyside Yard, Queens, New York

Dear Mr. Mohlenhoff:

This letter report is provided to AMTRAK as a summary of the Phase I Soil Sampling program conducted by Roux Associates, Inc. on July 24, 1996. As presented in the July 12, 1996 proposal, the sampling and analysis, which supports the New Engine House Construction Project (Project), was designed in two phases to allow the Project to proceed with minimal disruption of operations while identifying the need to manage construction derived materials as hazardous prior to construction.

A total of 16 samples, (EH-1 through EH-10, and EH-19, EH-20, EH-21, EH-23, EH-24, and EH-25 [Figure 1]) were collected approximately every 150 feet along the proposed feeder tracks to the proposed New Engine House. All samples were collected from zero to two feet below the bottom of the ballast layer. In addition to the routine samples, aliquots from samples EH-1, EH-2, EH-5, EH-6, and EH-8 were composited to form sample WC-1 which is used for waste characterization. Results from the composite sample were submitted to you previously, therefore, no further discussions regarding this sample are provided here. All samples were analyzed by IEA Laboratory, Inc. of Monroe, Connecticut for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPHs) using Method 418.1 and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) using Method 8080.

#### Results and Discussion

The upper 0.5 feet of the sediments which comprise the 0-2 foot interval are typically brown to black, fine to coarse sand with traces of ballast and gravel. From 0.5 to 2 feet below the bottom of the ballast layer the sediments typically consist of tan, fine to coarse sand with traces of gravel.

Analytical results are presented in Table 1. Total Petroleum hydrocarbon and PCBs were detected in all samples. Total petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations ranges from 48.6 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) in EH-8 to 1,270 mg/kg in sample EH-20. Results for PCBs range from 190 micrograms per kilogram ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ ) in sample EH-1 to 17,000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$  in EH-9. Of the PCBs, only Aroclor 1260 was detected. Because the levels of PCBs in samples EH-3, EH-4, EH-6 through EH-10, EH-19, EH-20, and EH-24 exceeded the method detection limit of 33  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ , these samples were diluted and reanalyzed. Note that one  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$  is equivalent to one part per billion or ppb, and that one mg/kg is equivalent to one part per million or ppm.

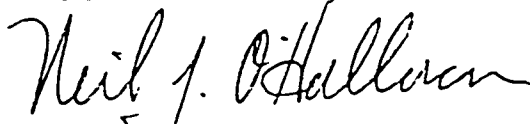
No samples exceeded AMTRAKs internal guidance value of 1500 ppm for evaluating TPH in soils. The average TPH concentration for all 16 samples is approximately 500 ppm which is what was estimated to be background for the Sunnyside Yard as presented in the Phase I Remedial Investigation (RI) Report.

With the exception of sample EH-9, no levels of PCBs detected exceeded any established or proposed threshold(s). The PCB concentration in EH-9 (i.e., 17 ppm) exceeded AMTRAKs internal guidance of 10 ppm. However, it is currently anticipated that the NYSDEC will accept a 25 ppm level for PCBs in soils being proposed by AMTRAK. From a disposal perspective, all PCB concentrations are well below the 50 ppm cleanup level suggested by the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

We are prepared to begin the Phase II investigation at the proposed New Engine House as soon as we are notified by AMTRAK to proceed. If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this summary report please do not hesitate to call me at (516) 232-2600.

Sincerely Yours,

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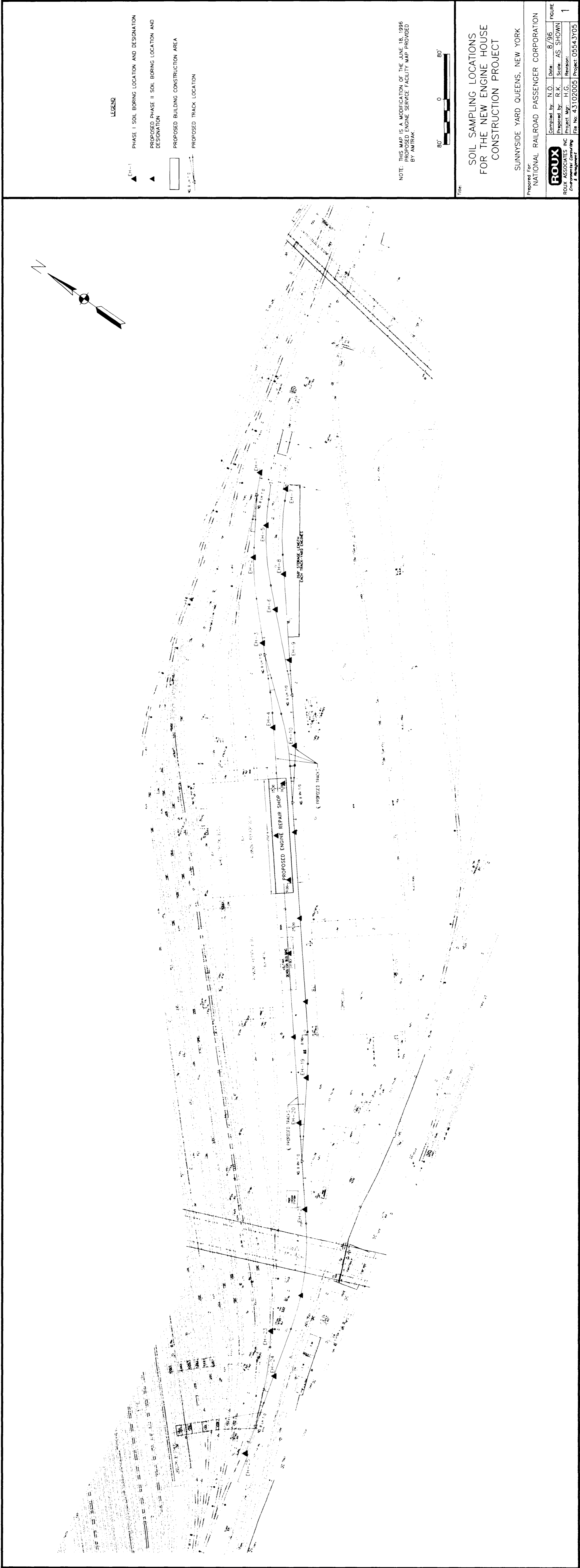
**TABLES**

Table 1. Summary of Polychlorinated Biphenyl Compounds and Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon Concentrations Detected in Soil Samples from the Proposed New Engine House Construction Project Area, Sunnyside, Queens, New York.

Sample Designation:	EH-1	EH-2	EH-3DL*	EH-4DL*	EH-5	EH-6DL*
Sample Depth:	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Sample Date:	7/24/96	7/24/96	7/24/96	7/24/96	7/24/96	7/24/96
<b>(Concentrations in µg/kg)</b>						
Aroclor-1016	36 U	37 U	360 U	380 U	37 U	380 U
Aroclor-1221	36 U	37 U	360 U	380 U	37 U	380 U
Aroclor-1232	36 U	37 U	360 U	380 U	37 U	380 U
Aroclor-1242	36 U	37 U	360 U	380 U	37 U	380 U
Aroclor-1248	36 U	37 U	360 U	380 U	37 U	380 U
Aroclor-1254	36 U	37 U	360 U	380 U	37 U	380 U
Aroclor-1260	190	790	3100	2800	560	5600
TPH (mg/kg)	57.1	231	986	349	279	1050
Sample Designation:	EH-7DL*	EH-8DL*	EH-9DL*	EH-10DL*	EH-19DL*	EH-20DL*
Sample Depth:	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
Sample Date:	7/24/96	7/24/96	7/24/96	7/24/96	7/24/96	7/24/96
<b>(Concentrations in µg/kg)</b>						
Aroclor-1016	180 U	180 U	910 U	360 U	370 U	370 U
Aroclor-1221	180 U	180 U	910 U	360 U	370 U	370 U
Aroclor-1232	180 U	180 U	910 U	360 U	370 U	370 U
Aroclor-1242	180 U	180 U	910 U	360 U	370 U	370 U
Aroclor-1248	180 U	180 U	910 U	360 U	370 U	370 U
Aroclor-1254	180 U	180 U	910 U	360 U	370 U	370 U
Aroclor-1260	1800	1900	17000	5800	3200	2100
TPH (mg/kg)	361	48.6	421	1090	330	1270
Sample Designation:	EH-21	EH-23	EH-24DL*	EH-25		
Sample Depth:	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2		
Sample Date:	7/24/96	7/24/96	7/24/96	7/24/96		
<b>(Concentrations in µg/kg)</b>						
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Aroclor-1254	37 U	36 U	370 U	37 U		
Aroclor-1260	1400	420	3300	420		
TPH (mg/kg)	442	236	450	458		

\* - Samples designated with DL were diluted because the initial results were greater than the method detection limit.

## FIGURES



LEGEND

- ▲ EH-1 PHASE I SOIL BORING LOCATION AND DESIGNATION
- ▲ PHASE II SOIL BORING LOCATION AND DESIGNATION
- ▭ PROPOSED BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AREA
- PROPOSED TRACK LOCATION

NOTE: THIS MAP IS A MODIFICATION OF THE JUNE 18, 1996 PROPOSED ENGINE SERVICE FACILITY MAP PROVIDED BY AMTRAK



SOIL SAMPLING LOCATIONS FOR THE NEW ENGINE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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