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# **Record of Decision**

**Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia**

**Depot Site**

**State Superfund Project**

**Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, New York**

**Site Number 447023**

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

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# **DECLARATION STATEMENT - RECORD OF DECISION**

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## **Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot Site State Superfund Project Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, New York Site No. 447023**

### Statement of Purpose and Basis

The Record of Decision (ROD) presents the selected remedy for the Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot site, a Class A site. The selected remedial program was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, 6 NYCRR Part 375, and is not inconsistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan of March 8, 1990 (40CFR300), as amended.

This decision is based on the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) for the Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot site and the public's input to the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) presented by the Department. A listing of the documents included as a part of the Administrative Record is included in Appendix B of the ROD.

### Description of Selected Remedy

Based on the results of the expanded site investigation feasibility study (ESI/FS) for the Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot site and the criteria identified for evaluation of alternatives, the Department has selected a permeable reactive barrier as the remedy for the site. The components of the remedy are as follows:

1. A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program. The pre-design study will be completed to verify the exact location and dimensions of the permeable reactive barrier
2. Over an approximately 250-foot width of the VOC plume and using multiple borings, zero valent iron (ZVI) will be injected from approximately 65 feet bgs (average depth of the water table) to an approximate average depth of 105 feet below ground surface. Assuming a 250-foot long permeable reactive barrier (PRB), the treatment area will contain approximately 250 to 300 tons of iron, depending on the barrier thickness (to be determined during the pre-design study). Since this remedy requires no permanent above ground structures, the disturbed treatment area will be restored to pre-existing conditions following ZVI injection.
3. Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement that will require

(a) compliance with the approved site management plan; (b) restricting the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by NYSDOH; and (c) the property owner, or designated representative, to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls.

4. The property owner, or designated representative, will provide a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls, prepared and submitted by a professional engineer or such other expert acceptable to the Department, until the Department notifies the property owner in writing that this certification is no longer needed. This submittal will: (a) contain certification that the institutional controls and engineering controls put in place are still in place and are either unchanged from the previous certification or are compliant with Department-approved modifications; (b) allow the Department access to the site; and (c) state that nothing has occurred that will impair the ability of the control to protect public health or the environment, or constitute a violation or failure to comply with the site management plan unless otherwise approved by the Department.

5. The operation of the components of the remedy will continue until the remedial objectives have been achieved, or until the Department determines that continued operation is technically impracticable or not feasible.

6. Since the remedy results in untreated hazardous waste remaining at the site, a site management plan is required, which will include the following institutional and engineering controls: (a) long-term groundwater quality monitoring from wells upgradient, downgradient, and in the vicinity of the PRB to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy and to verify the extent of the dissolved-phase VOC plume; (b) continued implementation of a vapor intrusion monitoring program, and if necessary, installation of mitigation systems for buildings located above the trichloroethene and carbon tetrachloride plumes; (c) identification of any use restrictions on the site; (d) provisions for the continued proper operation and maintenance of the components of the remedy, and (e) provisions for any new structures in the area of the groundwater contamination to include subslab construction that allows for installation and operation of mitigation systems. The long-term monitoring program will allow the effectiveness of the groundwater VOC concentration reduction to be monitored and will be a component of the long-term management for the site.

### **New York State Department of Health Acceptance**

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) concurs that the remedy selected for this site is protective of human health.

**Declaration**

The selected remedy is protective of human health and the environment, complies with State and Federal requirements that are legally applicable or relevant and appropriate to the remedial action to the extent practicable, and is cost effective. This remedy utilizes permanent solutions and alternative treatment or resource recovery technologies, to the maximum extent practicable, and satisfies the preference for remedies that reduce toxicity, mobility, or volume as a principal element.

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**SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF THE PLAN**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has selected this remedy for the above referenced site. The disposal of hazardous waste at the site has resulted in threats to public health and the environment that are addressed by this remedy presented in this Record of Decision (ROD). The disposal of hazardous wastes at this site, as more fully described in Section 5 of this document, have contaminated various environmental media. The remedy, discussed in detail in Section 8, is intended to attain the remedial action objectives identified for this site in Section 6 for the protection of public health and the environment. This ROD identifies the selected remedy, summarizes the other alternatives considered, and discusses the reasons for the selected remedy. The Department has selected a final remedy for the site after careful consideration of all comments received during the public comment period.

The New York State Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Remedial Program (also known as the State Superfund Program) is an enforcement program, the mission of which is to identify and characterize suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites and to investigate and remediate those sites found to pose a significant threat to public health and environment.

The Department has issued this ROD in accordance with the requirements of New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, 6 NYCRR Part 375.

**SECTION 2: SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION**

The Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot (site) is adjacent to the north side of New York State (NYS) Route 5 (Amsterdam Road) in the Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, New York (Figure 1). The site and adjacent properties are zoned for commercial use. The Mohawk River is located approximately 1,500 feet west-southwest of the site and represents the major drainage feature in Schenectady County. The water table beneath the site is approximately 65 to 70 feet below ground surface (bgs) and groundwater beneath the site flows from northeast to southwest toward the Mohawk River.

The site overlies a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated Sole Source Aquifer referred to as the Schenectady or Great Flats Aquifer system, which is adjacent to and extends beneath the Mohawk River over a distance of approximately 12 miles in Schenectady County. Relative to a series of four aquifer protection zones established to protect five (5) municipal water supplies relying on the aquifer system, the site lies in Zone III, or the General Aquifer

Recharge Area (Figure 1). The Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot site is located approximately 1,500 feet southwest of the Village of Scotia well field and approximately 1.25 miles north of the Town of Rotterdam and City of Schenectady well fields (Figure 1). On an average day, these three well fields withdraw greater than 20 million gallons of water from the Great Flats Aquifer system.

Portions of the original Scotia Naval Depot have been subdivided and sold since 1972 by the United States Government. The site now consists of several large privately held parcels in addition to a portion of land still administered by the United States General Services Administration (GSA). The private parcels contain a variety of industrial tenants; while the GSA leases its remaining portion to the Defense Logistics Agency/Defense National Stockpile Center (DLA/DNSC) and the Navy. The disposition of land at the Depot, is as follows:

- In early 1972, approximately 77 acres were transferred to Schenectady Industrial Development; now known as Corporations Park (a.k.a. Galesi Corporation);
- Approximately 126 acres were sold to the Schenectady County Development Agency - Scotia Glenville Industrial Park, in June 1985. Additionally, in June 1985, approximately 27 acres were sold to the Galesi Corporation and was added to Corporations Park;
- In mid-1988, approximately 36 acres were separated to the Navy and the Depot retained the remainder of the GSA administered land as the DLA;
- GSA sold approximately 11.5 acres of the Depot to the Schenectady County Development Agency in July 1997; and
- The Navy currently occupies approximately 14.2 acres and the DLA/DNSC occupies approximately 59.7 acres.

Figures 1 and 2 show the approximate boundaries of the Scotia Naval Depot site when established in 1942 and the approximate current property boundaries. The site is currently owned by the GSA and operated by the DNSC.

## **SECTION 3: SITE HISTORY**

### **3.1: Operational/Disposal History**

The Scotia Depot was built in 1942-43 and was commissioned as a United States Navy facility on March 30, 1943. It served as a storage and supply depot for naval forces along the Atlantic coast and Europe, and as a storage and distribution point for National Stockpile materials. The parcel originally consisted of approximately 337 acres. The facility mostly stored large items such as boilers, turbines and reduction gears and was the home of the Navy's Landing Craft Maintenance and Battle Damage Program and the Navy's Automotive and Handling Equipment Spare Parts Program. Employment peaked in 1945 at 2,342 personnel. On January 1, 1960 the Navy turned the facility over to the General Services Administration.

During the period between early 1966 and approximately 1973, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Army Material Command (AMC) leased buildings from the Navy for the fabrication and storage of vehicles as well as other military equipment. GSA records indicate that these included the

Larc V Amphibious Lighter. These operations were predominantly conducted in buildings 404, 405 and 406 (see Figure 2 for building numbers) by the AMC contractor, Consolidated Diesel Electric Company (CONDEC). In early 1968 through 1971 inspections at the CONDEC operation indicated the continuing presence of fire and safety hazards. These included the improper storage of flammables and paints, and the “dangerous air contaminants created or released by open surface dip tank operations.”

Additionally, between 1967 and 1969, the GSA and the Navy leased to the United States Army/Defense Supply Agency, Buildings 202 and 203. The agreement indicates these buildings were used for the “preservation and rail loading of trucks; storage of trucks and ten 6x6 AIC vehicles.”

### **3.2: Remedial History**

In response to the detection of trichloroethene (TCE) at concentrations less than 1 part per billion (the New York State Drinking Water Standard is 5 parts per billion (ppb)) in the Town of Rotterdam and City of Schenectady well fields (shown on Figure 1), the NYSDOH performed private water supply sampling in 1991. The private water supply sampling included residences located on NYS Route 5 in the Town of Glenville and hydraulically downgradient of the Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot site. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including TCE, 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA), and tetrachloroethene (PCE), were detected in groundwater collected in some of the residential wells. Consistent with the groundwater contamination at the Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot site, TCE was the primary VOC detected in the residential well water samples (at concentrations up to 320 ppb). Following a recommendation by the NYSDOH to connect to public water, the homes on NYS Route 5 were subsequently connected to public water provided by the Town of Glenville. Although the drinking water standard was never exceeded in the City of Schenectady and the Town of Rotterdam municipal water supply wells, increased groundwater quality monitoring was initiated following the identification of the contamination.

Subsequent to the NYSDOH residential groundwater sampling, six subsurface investigations were completed to identify the possible source of TCE in the residential wells and possibly the Town of Rotterdam and City of Schenectady municipal well fields and to delineate the extent of the TCE groundwater plume. The investigations were completed between 1995 and 2007 and focused on the assemblage of properties comprising the former 337-acre Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot. During the investigations, two areas thought to represent possible TCE source areas, including a former burn pit and the Sacandaga Road Landfill (Figure 2) were evaluated. Data suggested that although these areas may be contributing to minor amounts of groundwater contamination, they do not represent TCE source areas. Instead, investigation data indicated that TCE disposal occurred in the northeast corner of the 401 sub-block and the area near the north corner of the 403 sub-block (Figure 2).

In addition and unrelated to the investigations related to the TCE groundwater plume, a site assessment was completed by the Defense National Stockpile Center in advance of transferring unused portions of the site back to the GSA. Based on the site assessment, soil with metals present

above background concentrations was excavated from two former metals and ore stockpile areas and two drywells were removed as part of interim remedial measures (IRMs) in 2005.

#### **SECTION 4: ENFORCEMENT STATUS**

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

The PRPs for the site, documented to date, include the United States Navy who operated the facility between 1943 and 1960 and the United State General Services Administration who currently owns the site.

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

#### **SECTION 5: SITE CONTAMINATION**

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

##### **5.1: Summary of the Expanded Site Investigation (ESI)**

The purpose of the ESI was to define the nature and extent of any contamination resulting from previous activities at the site. The ESI was conducted between September 2004 and December 2005. The field activities and findings of the investigation are described in the August 3, 2007 ESI report.

The ESI included the following activities:

- Environmental samples were collected from the following media and submitted for laboratory analysis: soil vapor, indoor air, outdoor air, subsurface soil, and groundwater;
- Direct push/Geoprobe<sup>®</sup> drilling program where 49 active soil gas probes were advanced;
- Installation of seven (7) groundwater monitoring wells;
- Excavation of thirteen (13) test pits/trenches;
- Review of aerial photographs; and
- Site survey.

##### **5.1.1: Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs)**

To determine whether the soil vapor, indoor air, surface soil, subsurface soil, surface water, and groundwater contain contamination at levels of concern, data from the investigation were compared to the following SCGs:

- Groundwater, drinking water, and surface water SCGs are based on the Department's Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values and Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code.

- Soil SCGs are based on the Department's Cleanup Objectives included in 6 NYCRR Subpart 375-6 - Remedial Program Soil Cleanup Objectives.
- Concentrations of VOCs in air were evaluated using the air guidelines provided in the NYSDOH guidance document titled "Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion in the State of New York," dated October 2006. Specifically, the subslab and indoor air data were compared to Soil Vapor/Indoor Air Matrix 1 for TCE and carbon tetrachloride and Soil Vapor/Indoor Air Matrix 2 for tetrachloroethene and 1,1,1-trichloroethane.
- Concentrations of VOCs in air were compared to typical background levels of VOCs in indoor and outdoor air using the background levels provided in the NYSDOH guidance document titled "Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion in the State of New York," dated October 2006. The background levels are not SCGs and are used only as a general tool to assist in data evaluation.

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

### **5.1.2: Nature and Extent of Contamination**

This section describes the findings of the investigation for all environmental media that were investigated during the ESI and previous investigations.

As described in the ESI report, many soil, groundwater, subslab vapor, and indoor air samples were collected to characterize the nature and extent of contamination. As summarized in Table 1, the main categories of contaminants that exceed their SCGs are volatile organic compounds (VOCs). For comparison purposes, where applicable, SCGs are provided for each medium.

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

Figure 3 and Table 1 summarize the degree of contamination for the contaminants of concern in groundwater and compare the data with the SCGs for the site. The following are the media which were investigated and a summary of the findings of the investigation.

#### **Surface Soil**

Based on the surface soil sampling completed during site investigation activities, no site-related surface soil contamination of concern was identified. Therefore, no remedial alternatives need to be evaluated for surface soil.

#### **Subsurface Soil**

To better understand the nature and extent of contamination and to identify a possible disposal area/areas, a total of 66 subsurface soil samples were collected for laboratory analysis during the ESI and during previous site investigations. The majority of subsurface soil sampling locations were

based on the results of a passive soil gas sampling program and the known dimensions of the groundwater plume.

TCE was detected in 32 of 66 subsurface soil samples, but not at concentrations exceeding the protection of groundwater SCG. Low levels of TCE, ranging from non detect to 0.110 ppm were detected in soil samples collected from the vadose zone along the west-central margin of the 400 Block during the installation of monitoring well MW-18 (Figure 3) and in soil samples collected during the test pit program. Although high levels of TCE were not detected in the vadose zone soil samples, the presence of low levels of TCE in soil collected from the unsaturated zone suggest that a TCE release had occurred in the area of the 400 Block.

The results of the subsurface soil sampling did not identify highly contaminated subsurface soil in the unsaturated zone subsurface soil. Instead, the presence and distribution of low concentrations (below the protection of groundwater SCGs) of the site contaminants indicate that past releases occurred at the site and that the contaminants have been transported downward to the saturated zone.

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

### **Groundwater**

As summarized in Table 1, a total of 123 groundwater samples were collected from the site monitoring well network during the ESI and during earlier investigations. Fifty-two of the 123 groundwater samples were collected as part of the ESI during three (3) separate sampling events from a network of existing monitoring wells and from monitoring wells installed as part of the ESI. Figure 3 illustrates the TCE groundwater sampling results from the June 2005 sampling event.

Four VOCs, including TCE, 1,1,1-TCA, PCE, and carbon tetrachloride, were detected at concentrations exceeding their respective SCGs and TCE was the VOC detected at the highest concentration in groundwater. Specifically, TCE was detected in 28 of the 52 ESI groundwater samples at concentrations exceeding the SCG and at a maximum concentration of 810 ppb in groundwater from monitoring well GEP-2. 1,1,1-TCA and PCE were detected in 14 and 8 of the 52 ESI groundwater samples respectively at concentrations exceeding the respective SCGs. During the ESI, the highest 1,1,1-TCA concentration (41 ppb) was detected in a groundwater sample collected from GEP-2 and the highest PCE concentration (51 ppb) was detected in a groundwater sample collected from MW-21 (Figure 3).

As shown on Figure 3, the highest TCE concentrations were detected in groundwater samples collected from monitoring wells (GEP-1, GEP-2 and GEP-3) installed near the boundary between the 300 and 400 blocks. The groundwater contamination extends approximately 800 feet further upgradient from this area and onto the north portion of the 400 block near monitoring well MW-20 (Figure 3). During the ESI, MW-20 contained TCE at a maximum concentration of 200 ppb. Monitoring well MW-6, the most downgradient well, contained TCE at a maximum concentration of 72 ppb. Off-site, TCE was detected at a concentration of 48 ppb in a disconnected residential well.

In addition to the TCE groundwater plume, data collected as part of the ESI and from past

investigations, indicate that a northeast-southwest trending carbon tetrachloride groundwater plume is also present beneath the site (Figure 3). The carbon tetrachloride plume is located offset and to the north of the TCE groundwater plume and likely extends off-site. Data suggests that the carbon tetrachloride contamination originated from the northeast corner of the 300 Block; possibly from the area of a former drywell removed as part of an IRM in 2005. Carbon tetrachloride was detected in monitoring wells MW-5, MW-8, MW-11, MW-12, and PMW-3 at concentrations ranging from 1 ppb to 10 ppb, but was only detected in 3 of the 52 groundwater samples at concentrations exceeding the SCG (5 ppb).

Groundwater contamination identified during the site investigations will be addressed in the remedy selection process.

### **Surface Water**

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

### **Soil Vapor/Sub-Slab Vapor/Air**

The results of the soil vapor intrusion evaluation completed during the ESI indicate off-site groundwater containing TCE is not influencing the quality of indoor air at homes that directly overlie or that are along the margins of the TCE groundwater plume. Specifically, a total of 15 vapor intrusion sample sets were collected during the ESI at ten (10) off-site locations and no further action was considered the appropriate outcome for TCE at each of these locations.

The presence of low concentrations of carbon tetrachloride in a dissolved phase groundwater plume offset to the north of the TCE plume (see Figure 3), however, is potentially influencing both subslab and indoor air quality at off-site structures.

The following summarizes the evaluation of the vapor intrusion samples relative to Soil Vapor/Indoor Air Matrix 1 for carbon tetrachloride included in the Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion in the State of New York:

- No Further Action was considered appropriate at 7 of the 10 properties. At these locations, detected CVOC concentrations are considered to be associated with indoor and/or outdoor sources rather than vapor intrusion given the concentration detected in the subslab samples.
- Monitoring was the outcome at one (1) residential property to evaluate whether concentrations change over time and if mitigation is necessary at this location.
- Mitigation was the outcome at two (2) residential properties due to the presence of carbon tetrachloride in subslab and indoor air samples. Sub-slab depressurization systems were recommended for installation by the NYSDOH for both homes but were declined by each of the two property owners. Follow-up sampling was completed on one occasion for both properties and owners were notified that additional sampling would follow.

Other VOCs detected in the vapor intrusion samples mainly included petroleum and refrigerant compounds, many of which were detected in each of the subslab, basement air, and first floor air

samples. The presence and concentrations of these compounds is consistent with typical background levels of VOCs in indoor and outdoor air.

During the expanded site investigation, the vapor intrusion pathway was not evaluated for on-site structures.

Soil vapor and indoor air contamination identified during the ESI will be addressed in the remedy selection process.

## **5.2: Interim Remedial Measures**

An interim remedial measure (IRM) is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before completion of the RI/FS.

Unrelated and prior to the ESI, the DNSC completed shallow soil sampling at the site in preparing for ultimate transfer of the property to the GSA. Based on this shallow soil sampling, two soil removal projects were completed to restore the site to its original soil quality condition. The soil removal occurred in former metal and ore stockpile areas where metals were detected above background concentrations. Specifically, and as part of an IRM, approximately 560 tons of soil was removed from around the former ferrochrome and lead/zinc open storage areas, located in the 402 and 301 sub-blocks respectively in 2004. Additionally, two (2) dry wells and seven (7) storm water catch basins were removed from the vicinity of the former lead/zinc open storage area and backfilled with clean backfill as part of an IRM in 2005.

## **5.3: Summary of Human Exposure Pathways:**

This section describes the types of human exposures that may present added health risks to persons at or around the site. A more detailed discussion of the human exposure pathways can be found in Section 1.4.4 of the FS report found at the document repositories identified in Section 1.0. An exposure pathway describes the means by which an individual may be exposed to contaminants originating from a site. An exposure pathway has five elements: [1] a contaminant source, [2] contaminant release and transport mechanisms, [3] a point of exposure, [4] a route of exposure, and [5] a receptor population.

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

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

Potential exposure pathways that could exist in the future include the following:

- Inhalation of vapors from contaminants in groundwater for construction workers involved in excavation activities.
- Occupants of on-site buildings and four off-site structures could be exposed to site related volatile organic compounds via soil vapor intrusion. This pathway has not been evaluated on-site but is proposed to begin after issuance of the Record of Decision. This exposure pathway is continuing to be evaluated such that additional vapor intrusion sampling is warranted and proposed at four off-site residential properties.
- The potential for exposures to contaminants in on-site and off-site groundwater is unlikely due to the availability of a public water supply.

#### **5.4: Summary of Environmental Assessment**

This section summarizes the assessment of existing and potential future environmental impacts presented by the site. Environmental impacts may include existing and potential future exposure pathways to fish and wildlife receptors, wetlands, groundwater resources, and surface water.

Investigations at the site did not identify any current or potential impacts to ecological, surface water, or wetland resources.

Groundwater resources at the site include groundwater that occurs in sand and gravel that is part of an EPA designated sole source aquifer referred to as the Great Flats Aquifer. Contamination originating from the site has impacted the groundwater resources in this overburden groundwater unit. Data collected during the ESI indicates that the depth to groundwater is approximately 60 to 70 feet beneath the ground surface and flows from the site to the west-southwest. The highest contaminant concentrations were detected off-site in the central portion of the 300 Block (Figure 3). The groundwater plume extends approximately 2,000 feet west-southwest beyond the GSA owned property.

Groundwater near the site is used as a potable water source by five Schenectady County municipalities (City of Schenectady, Village of Scotia, and Towns of Glenville, Niskayuna, and Rotterdam). Site related contamination is impacting a sole source aquifer that is used as a source of potable water. The remedy must address the impacts of the site to the groundwater aquifer.

### **SECTION 6: SUMMARY OF THE REMEDIATION GOALS**

Goals for the remedial program have been established through the remedy selection process stated in 6 NYCRR Part 375. At a minimum, the remedy selected must eliminate or mitigate all significant threats to public health and/or the environment presented by the hazardous waste disposed at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

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

- exposures of persons at or around the site to VOCs in groundwater; and

- the release of contaminants from groundwater beneath structures into indoor air through soil vapor intrusion.

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

- ambient groundwater quality standards and
- the air guidelines provided in the Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion in the State of New York, dated October 2006.

## **SECTION 7: SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

The selected remedy must be protective of human health and the environment, be cost-effective, comply with other statutory requirements, and utilize permanent solutions, alternative technologies or resource recovery technologies to the maximum extent practicable. Potential remedial alternatives for the Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot site were identified, screened and evaluated in the FS report which is available at the document repositories established for this site.

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

### **7.1: Description of Remedial Alternatives**

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

With the exception of Alternative 1 (No Further Action), the following common remedial actions would be included as elements of Alternatives 2 through 8:

- Long-term groundwater quality monitoring program;
- An environmental easement to restrict the use of groundwater at the site;
- Implementation of a vapor intrusion monitoring program, and if necessary, installation of mitigation systems;
- Provisions for any new structures in the area of the groundwater contamination to include subslab construction that allows for installation and operation of mitigation systems; and
- Periodic reviews to evaluate the proposed remedy.

#### **Alternative 1: No Further Action**

The no further action alternative recognizes remediation of the site conducted under previously completed IRMs (e.g. removal of the drywells in the north section of the 300 Block). The no further

action alternative would include no further work, no long-term monitoring, and no institutional controls. Since Alternative 1 includes no further actions, there would be no costs associated with this alternative.

This alternative would leave the site in its present condition and would not provide any additional protection to human health or the environment.

### **Alternative 2: In-Situ Bioremediation**

Biodegradation, or bioremediation, is the controlled management of microbial processes in the subsurface to facilitate the breakdown of site contaminants. Enhanced bioremediation is accomplished by injecting an organic carbon source, nutrients (including phosphate, nitrate, and potassium), electron donors, and/or microbial cultures into the impacted groundwater or soil to stimulate degradation. The injection of biostimulant or bacteria would be in a linear treatment zone located generally perpendicular to groundwater flow and downgradient from the area where the TCE groundwater concentrations are the highest (see Proposed Groundwater Treatment Zone on Figure 3). In-situ bioremediation typically requires multiple injections to sustain anaerobic conditions and microbial populations in the subsurface. It is expected that two injection events per year for 30 years would be conducted to provide the necessary long-term reduction of contamination in groundwater flowing through the treatment zone. Long-term groundwater quality monitoring upgradient and downgradient of the treatment area would be required to evaluate the effectiveness of the in-situ bioremediation injections at reducing contaminant concentrations and protecting downgradient areas from further dissolved phase plume migration.

In-situ bioremediation would treat the plume as the affected groundwater flows through the treatment area, which would reduce the continued migration of the VOC contamination within the plume. There would also be some downgradient treatment as the bioremediation amendments flow with the groundwater. However, areas of the plume downgradient of the treatment area would continue to migrate off-site. An in-situ bioremediation pilot study would be conducted to evaluate the injection well spacing, implementability, effectiveness, and feasibility of this technology at the site.

It is expected that it would take approximately one (1) year to design and implement the in-situ bioremediation remedy. Since Alternative 2 focuses on the area of greatest groundwater VOC concentrations and because of the persistent nature of the contaminants and the length of the groundwater plume it is not expected that Alternative 2 would achieve the groundwater SCGs within the near future.

The components of Alternative 2 are readily implementable technologies. The success of in-situ bioremediation would be highly dependent on the ability to effectively distribute the biostimulant or bacteria into the treatment area. Costs are based on design of the in-situ bioremediation program, injection of the biostimulant or bacteria during two events annually for 30 years, purchase of the actual biostimulant or bacteria, long-term groundwater quality monitoring, and a soil vapor intrusion investigation and soil vapor intrusion mitigation as needed.

*Present Worth:* .....\$7,100,000  
*Capital Cost:* .....\$1,400,000

Annual Costs:  
 (Years 1-30): .....\$370,000

**Alternative 3: In-Situ Chemical Oxidation**

Under Alternative 3, multiple injections of an oxidant would be required to establish and maintain a linear treatment zone located generally perpendicular to groundwater flow and downgradient from the area where the TCE groundwater concentrations are the highest (see Proposed Groundwater Treatment Zone on Figure 3). In-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO) injections would provide treatment of the groundwater plume as the affected groundwater flows through this zone. However, areas of the plume downgradient of the treatment area would continue to migrate off-site. Groundwater monitoring upgradient, downgradient, and within the treatment area would be required to evaluate the effectiveness of the ISCO injections at reducing contaminant concentrations.

Since ISCO relies on direct contact between the oxidant solution and the contaminant, the success of the ISCO treatment would be highly dependent on the ability to effectively distribute the oxidant through the treatment area. If such distribution can be achieved, it is anticipated that the ISCO treatment is capable of meeting the RAOs for the site. Multiple injections are typically required to sustain the oxidants in the subsurface treatment zone and to maintain long-term treatment of the plume. Although the costs for this alternative were based on an estimated four (4) injection events per year for 30 years, the Department does not believe that this many applications would be required to maintain the treatment zone. An ISCO pilot study would be conducted to evaluate the implementability, effectiveness, and feasibility of this technology at the site.

It is expected that it would take approximately one (1) year to design and implement the remedy. Since Alternative 3 focuses on the area of greatest groundwater VOC concentrations and because of the persistent nature of the contaminants and the length of the groundwater plume it is not expected that Alternative 3 would achieve the groundwater SCGs within the near future.

As with Alternative 2, the components of Alternative 3 are readily implementable technologies. Costs are based on design of the in-situ chemical oxidation program, purchase and injection of the ISCO material during four events per year for 30 years, long-term groundwater quality monitoring, and a soil vapor intrusion investigation and soil vapor intrusion mitigation as needed. With four injections per year for 30 years, the cost estimate for Alternative 3 is a conservative estimate. The overall frequency and duration of ISCO injections would be based on the periodic monitoring results and evaluation of the remedy effectiveness.

Present Worth: .....\$9,600,000  
 Capital Cost: .....\$1,600,000  
 Annual Costs:  
 (Years 1-30): .....\$530,000

**Alternative 4: Groundwater Extraction**

A groundwater extraction system would consist of a series of recovery wells piped to a treatment system, in which groundwater would be treated before discharging to a sewer system or a surface

water body or re-injecting back to the aquifer through a series of injection wells. The extraction wells would be installed in a pattern perpendicular to groundwater flow in the area of greatest groundwater concentrations to provide hydraulic control of the plume and limit further downgradient plume migration. The extracted water would be treated using granular activated carbon or air stripping to remove VOCs from the water.

An aquifer pumping test would be required to provide additional information for design of the groundwater extraction system. Analytical sampling performed during the aquifer test would provide additional information for design of an air stripping or carbon treatment system. After system installation, a comprehensive site management plan (SMP) would be developed for the system to ensure proper system performance.

It is expected that it would take approximately one (1) year to design and implement the remedy. Since Alternative 4 focuses on the area of greatest groundwater VOC concentrations and because of the persistent nature of the contaminants and the length of the groundwater plume, it is not expected that Alternative 4 would achieve the groundwater SCGs within the near future.

Costs are based on completion of an aquifer pumping test, installation and operation of the groundwater extraction and treatment system for a 30 year period, long-term groundwater quality monitoring, and a soil vapor intrusion investigation and soil vapor intrusion mitigation as needed.

*Present Worth:* .....\$3,500,000  
*Capital Cost:* .....\$1,700,000  
*Annual Costs:*  
*(Years 1-30):* .....\$120,000

### **Alternative 5: Permeable Reactive Barrier**

Under Alternative 5, a zero-valent iron permeable reactive barrier (PRB) would be constructed using injection technology. The PRB would be located generally perpendicular to groundwater flow and downgradient from the area where the TCE groundwater concentrations are the highest (see Proposed Groundwater Treatment Zone on Figure 3). The PRB would extend vertically from approximately 65 feet bgs (average depth of the water table) to an approximate average depth of 105 feet bgs. Assuming a 250-foot long PRB, the treatment area would contain approximately 250 to 300 tons of zero valent iron, depending on the barrier thickness.

A PRB would treat the TCE plume as the affected groundwater flows through the treatment area, which would limit migration of the plume from its source. However, areas of the plume downgradient of the PRB would continue to migrate off-site toward the Mohawk River. Groundwater monitoring both upgradient, downgradient, and within the treatment area would be required to evaluate the effectiveness of the PRB at reducing contaminant concentrations and protecting downgradient areas from further dissolved phase plume migration.

It is expected that it would take approximately one (1) year to design and implement the remedy. Since Alternative 5 focuses on the area of greatest groundwater VOC concentrations and because of

the persistent nature of the contaminants and the length of the groundwater plume, it is not expected that Alternative 5 would achieve the groundwater SCGs within the near future.

The Alternative 5 costs are based on design and installation of the PRB along with long-term groundwater quality monitoring, and a soil vapor intrusion investigation and soil vapor intrusion mitigation as needed.

*Present Worth:* .....\$3,300,000  
*Capital Cost:* .....\$2,700,000  
*Annual Costs:*  
*(Years 1-30):* .....\$42,000

### **Alternative 6: Air Sparging and SVE**

Under Alternative 6, a series of air sparging wells would be installed with an orientation generally perpendicular to groundwater flow and downgradient from the area where the TCE groundwater concentrations are the highest (see Proposed Groundwater Treatment Zone on Figure 3). Soil vapor extraction (SVE) wells would be installed in the vadose zone in the vicinity of the air sparging wells.

Air would be injected from approximately 65 feet bgs (average depth of the water table) to an approximate average depth of 105 feet bgs, although the majority of air would be injected in the lower 20 feet of this interval. Soil vapor extraction (SVE) wells would be installed to within 10 feet above the water table.

After system installation, a comprehensive site management plan (SMP) would be developed to ensure proper performance of the air sparging and SVE system. This would include groundwater quality monitoring both upgradient and downgradient of the air sparging and SVE treatment area to evaluate overall effectiveness of the air sparging system at reducing VOC concentrations and protecting downgradient areas from further dissolved phase plume migration.

Air sparging would treat the plume as the affected groundwater flows through the treatment area. However, areas of the dissolved phase plume downgradient of the treatment area would continue to migrate off-site toward the Mohawk River. Groundwater sampling in areas downgradient of the air sparging treatment area would be conducted to monitor the reduction of contaminant concentrations over time.

It is expected that it would take approximately one (1) year to design and implement the remedy. Since Alternative 6 focuses on the area of greatest groundwater VOC concentrations and because of the persistent nature of the contaminants and the length of the groundwater plume, it is not expected that Alternative 6 would achieve the groundwater SCGs within the near future.

Costs are based on installation and operation of the air sparging with SVE system for a 30 year period, long-term groundwater quality monitoring, and a soil vapor intrusion investigation and soil vapor intrusion mitigation as needed

<i>Present Worth:</i> .....	\$4,000,000
<i>Capital Cost:</i> .....	\$1,900,000
<i>Annual Costs:</i>	
<i>(Years 1-30):</i> .....	\$140,000

**Alternative 7: In-Well Air Stripping**

The in-well air stripping alternative would include the installation of a series of in-well air stripping wells orientation generally perpendicular to groundwater flow and downgradient from the area where the TCE groundwater concentrations are the highest (see Proposed Groundwater Treatment Zone on Figure 3). The in-well air stripping wells would capture and re-circulate groundwater to create in-situ vertical groundwater circulation cells by drawing groundwater from the aquifer through the lower screen of a double-screened well and discharging it through the upper screen section. Off gas from the stripping system would be collected and treated on-site.

The radius of influence is limited by the pumping capacity of each well and the hydrogeologic characteristics of the site. Effective installations require a well-defined contaminant plume and well-placed screens to prevent the spreading of the contamination. Pilot testing and field measurements would be required to determine the exact well and piping configuration.

An SMP would detail on-site monitoring of the system to evaluate overall system effectiveness. Groundwater monitoring both upgradient and downgradient of the treatment area would be required to evaluate the effectiveness of the in-well air stripping system at reducing VOC concentrations and protecting downgradient areas from further dissolved phase plume migration.

In-well air stripping would treat the plume as the affected groundwater flows through the treatment area. However, areas of the dissolved phase plume downgradient of the treatment area would continue to migrate off-site toward the Mohawk River. Groundwater sampling in areas downgradient of the treatment area would be performed to monitor the reduction of contaminant levels over time.

It is expected that it would take approximately one (1) year to design and implement the remedy. Since Alternative 7 focuses on the area of greatest groundwater VOC concentrations and because of the persistent nature of the contaminants and the length of the groundwater plume it is not expected that Alternative 7 would achieve the groundwater SCGs within the near future.

Costs are based on installation and operation of the in-well air stripping system for a 30 year period, long-term groundwater quality monitoring, and a soil vapor intrusion investigation and soil vapor intrusion mitigation as needed.

<i>Present Worth:</i> .....	\$4,500,000
<i>Capital Cost:</i> .....	\$1,600,000
<i>Annual Costs:</i>	
<i>(Years 1-30):</i> .....	\$190,000

## Alternative 8: Restoration to Pre-Disposal Conditions

Alternative 8 would include the installation of three PRBs to reduce groundwater VOC concentrations to pre-disposal conditions. The implementation of Alternative 8 would be the same as for Alternative 5, except that three (3) PRBs would be installed instead of one (1). The PRBs would be installed in the area of greatest groundwater VOC concentrations, in the NYS Route 5 right-of-way, and a third location between these two PRBs. It is expected that it would take approximately one (1) year to design and implement the remedy. With the installation of multiple PRBs under Alternative 8, it is expected that the groundwater SCGs would be achieved in the shortest time frame.

Costs are based on design and installation of the PRBs and the long-term groundwater quality monitoring, and the cost of implementing a soil vapor intrusion investigation and soil vapor intrusion mitigation as needed.

*Present Worth:* .....\$11,900,000  
*Capital Cost:* .....\$11,300,000  
*Annual Costs:*  
*(Years 1-30):* .....\$42,000

### 7.2: Evaluation of Remedial Alternatives

The criteria to which potential remedial alternatives are compared are defined in 6 NYCRR Part 375, which governs the remediation of inactive hazardous waste disposal sites in New York. A detailed discussion of the evaluation criteria and comparative analysis is included in the FS report.

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

1. Protection of Human Health and the Environment. This criterion is an overall evaluation of each alternative's ability to protect public health and the environment.
2. Compliance with New York State Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs). Compliance with SCGs addresses whether a remedy will meet environmental laws, regulations, and other standards and criteria. In addition, this criterion includes the consideration of guidance which the Department has determined to be applicable on a case-specific basis.

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

3. Short-term Effectiveness. The potential short-term adverse impacts of the remedial action upon the community, the workers, and the environment during the construction and/or implementation are evaluated. The length of time needed to achieve the remedial objectives is also estimated and compared against the other alternatives.
4. Long-term Effectiveness and Permanence. This criterion evaluates the long-term effectiveness of the remedial alternatives after implementation. If wastes or treated residuals remain on-site after the

selected remedy has been implemented, the following items are evaluated: 1) the magnitude of the remaining risks, 2) the adequacy of the engineering and/or institutional controls intended to limit the risk, and 3) the reliability of these controls.

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

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

7. Cost-Effectiveness. Capital costs and annual operation, maintenance, and monitoring costs are estimated for each alternative and compared on a present worth basis. Although cost-effectiveness is the last balancing criterion evaluated, where two or more alternatives have met the requirements of the other criteria, it can be used as the basis for the final decision. The costs for each alternative are presented in Table 2.

This final criterion is considered a modifying criterion and is taken into account after evaluating those above. It is evaluated after public comments on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan have been received.

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

In general, the public comments received were supportive of the selected remedy.

## **SECTION 8: SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY**

Based on the Administrative Record (Appendix B) and the discussion presented below, the Department has selected Alternative 5, Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB) as the remedy for this site. The elements of this remedy are described at the end of this section.

### **8.1: Basis for Selection**

The selected remedy is based on the results of the investigation and the evaluation of alternatives.

As described in Section 7.1, Alternative 5 (Permeable Reactive Barrier) will include the direct injection of a zero-valent iron permeable reactive barrier to reduce the on-site mass of residual groundwater contamination and to reduce the off-site flux of groundwater contamination. Based on the orientation and distribution of groundwater VOC contamination, the PRB will be located off-site and in the central portion of the 300 Block (Figure 3). The PRB will be constructed by directly injecting zero valent iron into the aquifer. The zero valent iron will create reducing groundwater conditions that will degrade the VOC contamination as groundwater flows through the PRB. It is expected that the PRB will continue to treat the VOC groundwater contamination for up to 30 years. The remedy will also include the remaining common remedial actions outlined in Section 7.1.

Specifically, this will include a long-term groundwater quality monitoring program, an environmental easement restricting groundwater use at the site, implementation of a vapor intrusion monitoring program, and if necessary, installation of mitigation systems, provisions for any new structures in the area of the groundwater contamination to include subslab construction that allows for installation and operation of mitigation systems, and periodic reviews to evaluate the proposed remedy.

Alternative 5 (Permeable Reactive Barrier) was selected because, as described below, it satisfies the threshold criteria and provides an optimum balance of the five primary balancing criteria described in Section 7.2. With the exception of the No Action Alternative (Alternative 1), each of the alternatives outlined in Section 7.0 would be protective of human health and the environment. Protection of human health and the environment is provided through the use of remedial approaches to reduce VOCs present in groundwater along with implementation of a vapor intrusion monitoring program, and if necessary, installation of mitigation systems. Alternative 1 (No Further Action) would not be protective of human health since it would not include remediation or continued groundwater or vapor intrusion monitoring. Through the use of multiple PRBs, Alternative 8 (Restoration to Pre-disposal Conditions) would be more effective in reducing the total mass of VOC groundwater contamination and would provide more protection to human health and the environment than the other alternatives.

Alternative 1 (No Further Action) would rely on the natural reduction of the VOC contamination to achieve groundwater SCGs and would not include long-term groundwater quality monitoring. Since Alternative 1 (No Further Action) relies solely on the natural reduction of site contaminants, it is not expected that this alternative would achieve the NYS Class GA Groundwater Standards in the foreseeable future. Alternative 1 (No Further Action) would also not include implementation of the soil vapor intrusion assessment and therefore the SCGs for indoor air may not be achieved under Alternative 1. Alternatives 2 through 7 rely on active remedial approaches combined with long-term groundwater monitoring to achieve groundwater SCGs. Based on the persistent nature of the contaminants and the length of the groundwater plume, however, it is not expected that Alternatives 2 through 7 would achieve the groundwater SCGs in all areas of the groundwater plume in the near future. Alternative 8, including the installation of multiple PRBs over the length of the groundwater plume, would be the most effective alternative in achieving the SCGs in the near future. Through the implementation of a vapor intrusion monitoring program, and if necessary, installation of mitigation systems included in Alternatives 2 through 8, the indoor air SCGs would be achieved for on-site and off-site properties.

Because Alternatives 2 through 8 satisfy the threshold criteria, the five balancing criteria are particularly important in selecting a final remedy for the site. As described above, long-term groundwater quality monitoring, an environmental easement, implementation of a vapor intrusion monitoring program, and if necessary, installation of mitigation systems, provisions for any new structures in the area of the groundwater contamination to include subslab construction that allows for installation and operation of mitigation systems, and periodic reviews, are common elements of Alternatives 2 through 8. The difference between these seven (7) alternatives is the method used to address residual VOCs in groundwater.

Since each alternative includes established technologies that have been applied during cleanup programs, possible short-term impacts on the community, workers and the environment can easily be

controlled using standard work practices and engineering controls during remedy implementation. Since Alternative 8 would involve the installation of three PRBs perpendicular to the groundwater plume in both a road right-of-way and on private property, this alternative would have the greatest short-term impact on the local community. Alternatives 2 through 8 would be implemented on private property so access agreements would be needed. Since Alternatives 2 through 7 would be implemented exclusively on private property, these alternatives would not have significant short-term community impacts. Alternatives 2 through 7 would be effective in the short-term at reducing groundwater VOC concentrations within the treatment area but would have less of an impact on groundwater VOC concentrations outside of the treatment area. With multiple treatment areas, Alternative 8 (Restoration to Pre-disposal Conditions) would be the most effective alternative in reducing the VOC concentrations within the entire plume during the short-term.

Alternatives 2 through 8 would be effective in the long-term because the VOC mass in the area of the highest VOC groundwater concentrations would be reduced within the treatment area. Alternatives 4 (Groundwater Extraction), 6 (Air Sparging and SVE), and 7 (In-Well Air Stripping) each involve active remedies to address VOC groundwater contamination requiring continued, long-term operation and maintenance to be effective. With each of these alternatives (Alternatives 4, 6, and 7), there is the potential for incomplete capture and/or treatment of contaminants if heterogeneities or stratified soil is present or if the areas of influence of the air sparging, air stripping, or extraction wells do not overlap. The biodegradation/enhanced biodegradation and ISCO alternatives are only effective as a barrier to plume migration if the biostimulant/bacteria or the oxidants, respectively, are distributed throughout the treatment area and are sustained in the subsurface. To achieve this sustained treatment, multiple injections may be necessary under Alternatives 2 (In-Situ Bioremediation) and 3 (In-Situ Chemical Oxidation). Alternative 5 (Permeable Reactive Barrier) is more effective and permanent than Alternatives 2 through 7 because the integrity of the PRB can be confirmed and a PRB will remain effective longer than other alternatives with no need for additional injections or maintenance and operation of an active remedial system. Alternative 8 (Restoration to Pre-disposal Conditions) would treat a larger volume of groundwater than the other alternatives and would therefore be the most effective in reducing the mass of VOC groundwater contamination over the long-term.

Alternatives 2 through 8 would reduce the toxicity, mobility, and volume of the plume by treating the groundwater as it flows through the treatment area, thereby reducing the continued off-site migration of VOC contaminated groundwater. The overall amount of reduction of the toxicity, mobility, or volume of the contamination is dependent on the degree to which uniform treatment is achieved within the treatment area. Each remedial alternative has uncertainties related to the ability to achieve uniform treatment; although Alternative 5 (Permeable Reactive Barrier) and Alternative 8 (Restoration to Pre-Disposal Conditions) have the least amount of uncertainty because the continuity of the PRB can be verified.

Alternatives 5 (Permeable Reactive Barrier) and 8 (Restoration to Pre-disposal Conditions) would be relatively easy to implement once a PRB is installed because there are no operation and maintenance costs other than long-term monitoring. Alternatives 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 would require significant operation and maintenance efforts for periodic injections or maintenance of above ground structures and equipment, such as injection, extraction, and surface treatment systems.

Alternative 1 (No Further Action) is the least costly alternative to implement but it would not actively reduce the VOC contamination in groundwater and would allow the groundwater plume to continue to migrate off-site. The Restoration to Pre-Disposal Condition Alternative (Alternative 9) has the highest total present worth. The remaining six (6) alternatives (Alternative 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7) include remedial approaches focusing on addressing VOC contamination in the area where the concentrations are the highest. Of these six (6) alternatives, the two options (Alternatives 2 and 3) involving multiple injections to sustain the treatment zone for either bioremediation or ISCO respectively have the highest total cost. The total present worth estimates for Alternatives 4 through 6 are moderately close, ranging from \$3,300,000 to \$4,500,000. Relative to these four alternatives, the PRB Alternative (Alternative 5) has the lowest total present worth.

Alternative 5 (Permeable Reactive Barrier) is preferred because it will be implemented quickly and will be an effective approach in treating the VOC groundwater plume over the long term. Alternative 5 does not require above ground structures that may interfere with future site development and does not require long-term operation and maintenance of active remedial systems. Although the permeable reactive barrier will be installed in the area of the highest contaminant concentrations and not along the property boundary, the off-site flux of VOC contamination will be reduced over the long-term.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is \$3,300,000. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be \$2,700,000 and the estimated average annual costs for 30 years is \$42,000.

## **8.2: Elements of the Selected Remedy**

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

1. A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program. The pre-design study will be completed to verify the exact location and dimensions of the permeable reactive barrier
2. Over an approximately 250-foot width of the VOC plume (Figure 3) and using multiple borings, zero valent iron (ZVI) will be injected from approximately 65 feet bgs (average depth of the water table) to an approximate average depth of 105 feet below ground surface. Assuming a 250-foot long permeable reactive barrier (PRB), the treatment area will contain approximately 250 to 300 tons of iron, depending on the barrier thickness (to be determined during the pre-design study). Since this remedy requires no permanent above ground structures, the disturbed treatment area will be restored to pre-existing conditions following ZVI injection.
3. Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement that will require (a) compliance with the approved site management plan; (b) restricting the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by NYSDOH; and (c) the property owner, or designated representative, to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls.
4. The property owner, or designated representative, will provide a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls, prepared and submitted by a professional engineer or such

other expert acceptable to the Department, until the Department notifies the property owner in writing that this certification is no longer needed. This submittal will: (a) contain certification that the institutional controls and engineering controls put in place are still in place and are either unchanged from the previous certification or are compliant with Department-approved modifications; (b) allow the Department access to the site; and (c) state that nothing has occurred that will impair the ability of the control to protect public health or the environment, or constitute a violation or failure to comply with the site management plan unless otherwise approved by the Department.

5. The operation of the components of the remedy will continue until the remedial objectives have been achieved, or until the Department determines that continued operation is technically impracticable or not feasible.
6. Since the remedy results in untreated hazardous waste remaining at the site, a site management plan is required, which will include the following institutional and engineering controls: (a) long-term groundwater quality monitoring from wells upgradient, downgradient, and in the vicinity of the PRB to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy and to verify the extent of the dissolved-phase VOC plume; (b) continued implementation of a vapor intrusion monitoring program, and if necessary, installation of mitigation systems for buildings located above the trichloroethene and carbon tetrachloride plumes; (c) identification of any use restrictions on the site; (d) provisions for the continued proper operation and maintenance of the components of the remedy, and (e) provisions for any new structures in the area of the groundwater contamination to include subslab construction that allows for installation and operation of mitigation systems. The long-term monitoring program will allow the effectiveness of the groundwater VOC concentration reduction to be monitored and will be a component of the long-term management for the site.

## **SECTION 9: HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

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

- Repositories for documents pertaining to the site were established;
- A public contact list, which included nearby property owners, elected officials, local media and other interested parties was established;
- A fact sheet was distributed to local residents in August 2004 announcing a September 15, 2004 investigation update public meeting;
- An investigation update public meeting was held on September 14, 2005;
- An update on the status of the PRAP was provided to the Schenectady County Legislature on January 4, 2010;
- A public meeting was held on March 15, 2010 to present and receive comments on the PRAP; and

- A responsiveness summary (Appendix A) was prepared to address the comments received during the public comment period for the PRAP.

**TABLE 1**  
**Nature and Extent of Contamination**  
 Samples collected between 1999 and 2005

<b>SURFACE SOIL</b>	<b>Contaminants of Concern</b>	<b>Concentration Range Detected (ppm)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>SCG<sup>b</sup> (ppm)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Frequency of Exceeding SCG</b>
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)</b>	Benzene	0.048 to 0.140	0.06	1 of 2
	Trichloroethene	ND – 0.180	0.47	0 of 2
<b>PCBs/Pesticides</b>	Endrin	0.077	0.06	1 of 1

<b>SUBSURFACE SOIL</b>	<b>Contaminants of Concern</b>	<b>Concentration Range Detected (ppm)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>SCG<sup>b</sup> (ppm)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Frequency of Exceeding SCG</b>
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)</b>	Trichloroethene	ND to 0.130	0.47	0 of 66
	Tetrachloroethene	ND to 0.078	1.3	0 of 66

<b>GROUNDWATER R</b>	<b>Contaminants of Concern</b>	<b>Concentration Range Detected (ppb)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>SCG<sup>b</sup> (ppb)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Frequency of Exceeding SCG</b>
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)</b>	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ND to 57 ppb	5	37 of 123
	Trichloroethene	ND to 810	5	51 of 123
	Tetrachloroethene	ND to 51	5	14 of 123
	Carbon Tetrachloride	ND to 17	5	11 of 123
	Toluene	ND to 41	5	4 of 71
<b>Semivolatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs)</b>	Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	ND to 81	5	3 of 71
<b>Inorganic Compounds</b>	Iron	118 to 51,000	300	39 of 42

**TABLE 1**  
**Nature and Extent of Contamination**  
 Samples collected between 1999 and 2005

<b>SUB-SLAB VAPOR</b>	<b>Contaminants of Concern</b>	<b>Concentration Range Detected (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>SCG<sup>b</sup> (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Frequency of Exceeding SCG</b>
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)</b>	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ND to 3000	NA	NA
	Carbon tetrachloride	ND to 310	NA	NA
	Tetrachloroethene	ND to 7	NA	NA
	Trichloroethene	ND to 5.2	NA	NA

<b>INDOOR AIR</b>	<b>Contaminants of Concern</b>	<b>Concentration Range Detected (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>SCG<sup>b</sup> (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Frequency of Exceeding SCG</b>
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)</b>	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ND to 1,900	NA	NA
	Carbon tetrachloride	ND to 5.9	NA	NA
	Tetrachloroethene	ND to 7.7	100	0 of 16
	Trichloroethene	ND to 1.9	5	0 of 16

<sup>a</sup> ppb = parts per billion, which is equivalent to micrograms per liter,  $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ , in water;  
 ppm = parts per million, which is equivalent to milligrams per kilogram,  $\text{mg}/\text{kg}$ , in soil;  
 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  = micrograms per cubic meter

<sup>b</sup> SCG = standards, criteria, and guidance values;

ND = Compound Not Detected

NA = Not Applicable

Analytical data compiled from the following reports:

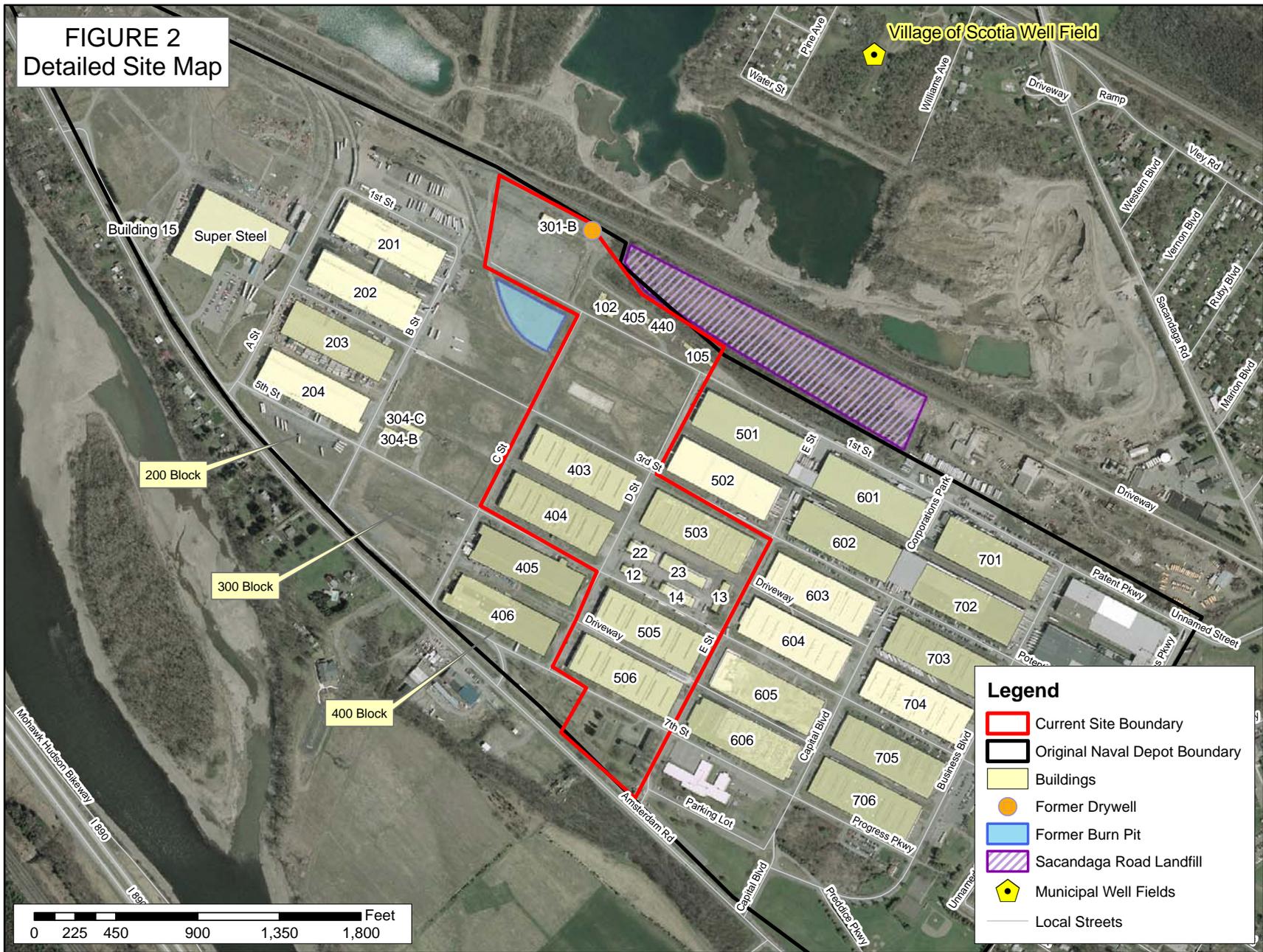
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**Table 2**  
**Remedial Alternative Costs**

<b>Remedial Alternative</b>	<b>Capital Cost (\$)</b>	<b>Annual Costs (\$)</b>	<b>Total Present Worth (\$)</b>
1 - No Action	\$0	\$0	\$0
2 - In-Situ Bioremediation	\$1,400,000	\$370,000	\$7,100,000
3 - In-Situ Chemical Oxidation	\$1,600,000	\$530,000	\$9,600,000
4 - Groundwater Extraction	\$1,700,000	\$120,000	\$3,500,000
5 - Permeable Reactive Barrier	\$2,700,000	\$42,000	\$3,300,000
6 - Air Sparging and SVE	\$1,900,000	\$140,000	\$4,000,000
7 - In-Well Air Stripping	\$1,600,000	\$190,000	\$4,500,000
8 - Restoration to Pre-disposal Conditions	\$11,000,000	\$42,000	\$12,000,000



**FIGURE 2**  
Detailed Site Map



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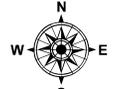
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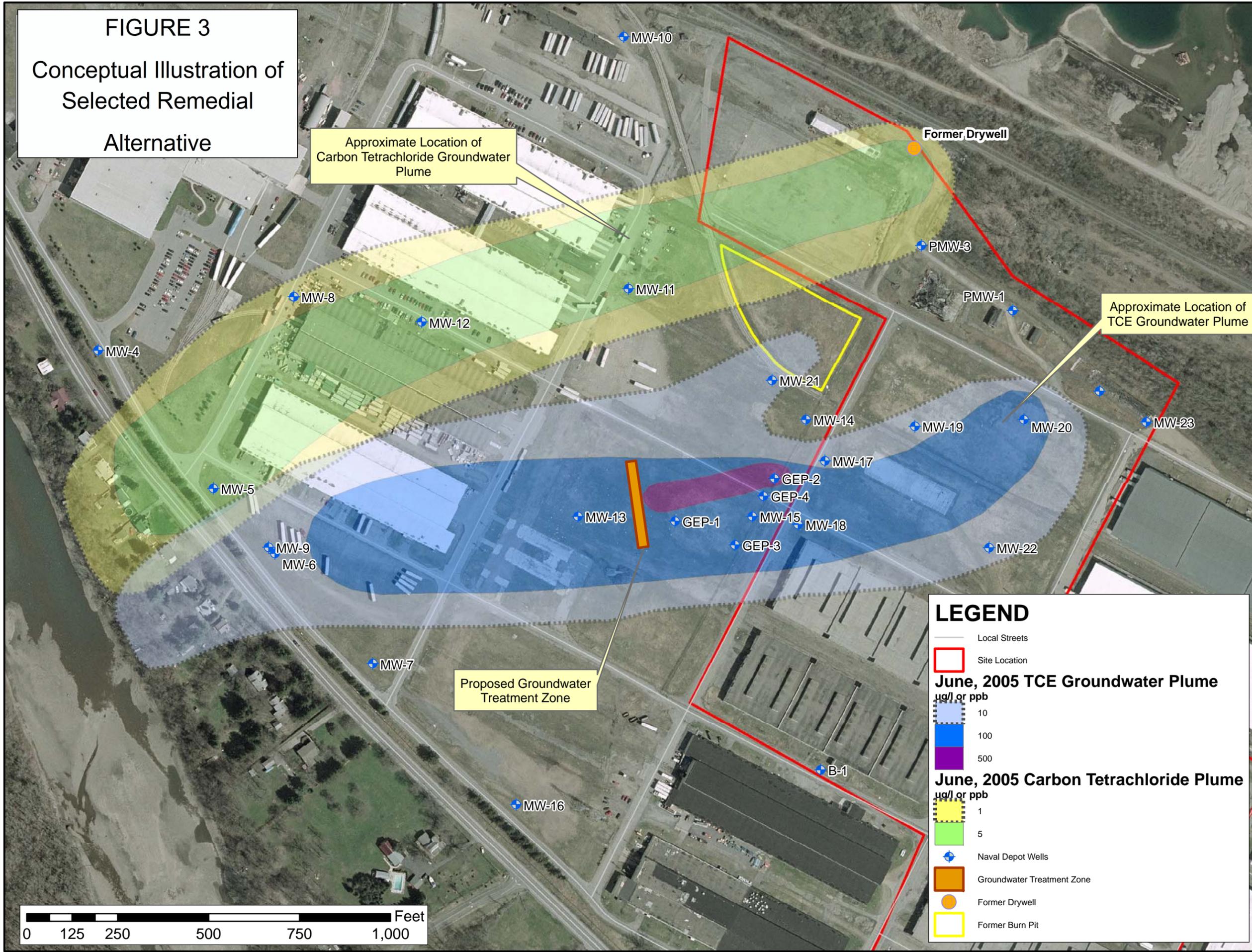


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**Legend**

- Current Site Boundary
- Original Naval Depot Boundary
- Buildings
- Former Drywell
- Former Burn Pit
- Sacandaga Road Landfill
- Municipal Well Fields
- Local Streets

**FIGURE 3**  
**Conceptual Illustration of Selected Remedial Alternative**



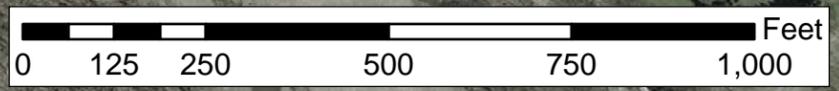
Approximate Location of Carbon Tetrachloride Groundwater Plume

Approximate Location of TCE Groundwater Plume

Proposed Groundwater Treatment Zone

**LEGEND**

- Local Streets
- Site Location
- June, 2005 TCE Groundwater Plume**  
 ug/l or ppb
  - 10
  - 100
  - 500
- June, 2005 Carbon Tetrachloride Plume**  
 ug/l or ppb
  - 1
  - 5
- Naval Depot Wells
- Groundwater Treatment Zone
- Former Drywell
- Former Burn Pit



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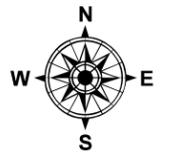
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# **APPENDIX A**

## **Responsiveness Summary**

# **RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY**

**Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot Site  
State Superfund Project  
Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, New York  
Site No. 447023**

The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot site, was prepared by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and was issued to the document repositories on February 23, 2010. The PRAP outlined the remedial measure proposed for the contaminated soil vapor, indoor air, subsurface soil, and groundwater at the Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot site.

The release of the PRAP was announced by sending a notice to the public contact list, informing the public of the opportunity to comment on the proposed remedy.

A public meeting was held on March 15, 2010, which included a presentation of the expanded site investigation and feasibility study (FS) for the Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot as well as a discussion of the proposed remedy. The meeting provided an opportunity for citizens to discuss their concerns, ask questions and comment on the proposed remedy. These comments have become part of the Administrative Record for this site. The public comment period for the PRAP ended on March 24, 2010.

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

**COMMENT 1:** How well do you know the boundaries of the TCE groundwater plume and is the TCE groundwater plume stable?

**RESPONSE 1:** During investigation activities completed between 1995 and 2007, a total of 38 groundwater monitoring wells were installed and routinely sampled to fully understand the limits of the groundwater contamination. Two groundwater sampling events completed during the most recent investigation (expanded site investigation) have confirmed the TCE plume boundaries and confirm that the plume is stable in terms of concentrations and dimensions.

**COMMENT 2:** Can you explain what exactly the plume is?

**RESPONSE 2:** The plume as shown in the PRAP presentation figures refers to an area where the site contaminants (TCE, 1,1,1-TCA, PCE, and carbon tetrachloride) are dissolved in groundwater beneath the site at a depth of approximately 60 feet to 65 feet beneath the ground surface. A visual depiction of the groundwater plume is shown on Figure 3 of the ROD.

**COMMENT 3:** How fast is the groundwater moving?

**RESPONSE 3:** Our estimates suggest that groundwater moves at a rate of approximately three (3) to five (5) feet per day. These groundwater flow rates rely on permeability estimates obtained from the nearby Village of Scotia well field.

**COMMENT 4:** In the PRAP presentation slide that discusses remediation goals, what is meant by “to the extent practicable”?

**RESPONSE 4:** To the extent practicable is used to indicate that the remedy is capable of being successfully carried out with available technology, implementable, and cost effective.

**COMMENT 5:** Our home is located on New York State Route 5 and appears to be close to the TCE plume boundary and directly east of the homes that have already been tested. How do you know that our home does not need to be tested?

**RESPONSE 5:** The homes on NYS Route 5 initially included in the vapor intrusion sampling program were based on the known dimensions and orientation of the TCE groundwater plume. Specifically, the homes selected for the program were immediately above and along the margins of the TCE groundwater plume. Based on the results of vapor intrusion sampling, none of these homes required further action to address vapor intrusion related to the TCE groundwater contamination. Consequently, the vapor intrusion sampling area was not expanded to include properties further to the east. However, carbon tetrachloride, also associated with the site, was also identified in homes requiring further action, but was identified further to the west in a direction away from your home.

**COMMENT 6:** How long will it take to clean up the groundwater contamination?

**RESPONSE 6:** The contaminants are persistent and groundwater moves at a very slow rate. As such, even with implementation of the remedy, groundwater contamination will persist for an extended amount of time. For cost-estimating and comparison purposes, we assume that the remedy will be implemented during a 30 year period.

**COMMENT 7:** Who should be contacted to make sure the cleanup project moves forward?

**RESPONSE 7:** Support from United States and New York State Legislators on the importance of the site cleanup is likely to continue to move the site remediation forward. Similar support was received and was effective in completing the feasibility study.

**COMMENT 8:** The New York State Department of Health deserves kudos for suggesting that the source for the TCE groundwater contamination was on the north side of the Mohawk River.

**RESPONSE 8:** No response necessary.

**COMMENT 9:** How can we obtain more information on site conditions and past investigations.

**RESPONSE 9:** The historic documents can be provided by the Department electronically via email or on a compact disk. To request historic documents, please contact the DEC Project Manager, Mr. Jason Pelton at the following address: NYSDEC Central Office, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-7013, by phone: (518) 402-9814, or email: jmpelton@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

**COMMENT 10:** Are any nearby homes relying on groundwater for drinking water?

**RESPONSE 10:** Municipal water is provided in the area. To the Department's knowledge, no one is relying on private water supply wells in the area of the groundwater plume.

**COMMENT 11:** Is there funding available for this cleanup project?

**RESPONSE 11:** We believe that United States General Services Administration (GSA) has the funding for this project but they must first enter into a consent order with the Department before the funds can be identified by the GSA and used for implementation of the remedy.

**COMMENT 12:** Is the GSA going to complete the cleanup?

**RESPONSE 12:** The GSA has indicated to the Department that they will implement the remedy. As discussed in Response #11, the GSA has to enter into a consent order with the Department prior to implementing the remedy.

**COMMENT 13:** With implementation of the remedy, does this mean that TCE will no longer be detected in the municipal water supply?

**RESPONSE 13:** The installation of the zero valent iron permeable reactive barrier directly downgradient of the area where the TCE concentrations are the highest will immediately start to reduce the TCE concentrations downgradient of the treatment zone. This will reduce the off-site flux of TCE and it is expected to also eliminate the periodic detection of TCE below the drinking water standard in the municipal well field.

**COMMENT 14:** Is the TCE contamination entering the Mohawk River?

**RESPONSE 14:** It is possible that some fraction of the TCE contamination is entering the Mohawk River, but the concentrations would be extremely low. Approximately 200 feet upgradient of the Mohawk River, the TCE groundwater concentrations are less than 50 parts per billion (ppb). If this groundwater is entering the Mohawk River, it would be immediately diluted to below the surface water quality standard (40 ppb). Additionally, being a volatile organic compound, the TCE would readily volatilize in a surface water environment and would not stay dissolved in the surface water.

**COMMENT 15:** Most of the cleanup work relates to the TCE contamination. Does this mean the carbon tetrachloride contamination has been addressed?

**RESPONSE 15:** Yes. Through the removal of a drywell and surrounding soil in the north-end of the 300 block as part of an IRM, the likely disposal area for the carbon tetrachloride plume has been eliminated. With the exception of follow-up vapor intrusion monitoring, and if necessary, installation of mitigation systems for buildings over the carbon tetrachloride groundwater plume no further remedial actions are necessary to address the carbon tetrachloride plume.

**COMMENT 16:** Is it safe to use groundwater from a private well for watering a garden?

**RESPONSE 16:** There may be a risk of contamination in wells drilled downgradient of the site. However, not as much risk as a water supply well used for drinking the water purposes. The DOH advises against using the groundwater downgradient of the site for garden irrigation purposes. If a well is being used for irrigation purposes, the State can sample the water to determine if it may pose a risk.

**COMMENT 17:** How does the iron get introduced into the subsurface?

**RESPONSE 17:** Due to the depth to groundwater, the iron would be introduced to the subsurface through a series of soil borings. In each boring, a controlled vertical fracture is initiated and the iron filings are injected into the borings as a highly viscous biodegradable gel to form the continuous treatment zone.

**COMMENT 18:** Are there any dangers associated with injecting iron into the groundwater?

**RESPONSE 18:** No. The permeable reactive barrier would be designed and constructed to fully eliminate the concentrations of TCE entering the treatment zone.

**COMMENT 19:** What was the nature of the groundwater sampling? Were other contaminants tested for other than what was mentioned? What was the depth of the sampling?

**RESPONSE 19:** Groundwater occurs at a depth of approximately 60 to 65 feet beneath the ground surface. During the expanded site investigation three groundwater sampling events were completed and a total of 52 groundwater samples were collected and submitted to the laboratory for analysis. Previous investigations included the collection of 71 additional groundwater samples. Based on this sampling, one semi-volatile organic compound (bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate) and one metal (iron) were detected at concentrations above the SCGs. The iron is naturally occurring and does not represent a concern. The bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate was detected in only 3 of 71 samples and at concentrations marginally above the SCG and does not represent a concern.

**COMMENT 20:** Are the chlorinated solvents breaking down into other contaminants?

**RESPONSE 20:** Based on groundwater sampling, the TCE is not breaking down to any great extent. There are other chlorinated solvent contaminants such as carbon tetrachloride, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, and tetrachloroethene present in groundwater but at concentrations well below the TCE concentrations. The presence of these contaminants suggest that they were also disposed of at the former Scotia Naval Depot property and not associated with TCE degradation.

**COMMENT 21:** When the gas line was installed beneath the Mohawk River, did this have an impact on the TCE groundwater plume?

**RESPONSE 21:** No. Although this was a concern when the gas line project was originally proposed, based on the actual location and depth of the gas line, there were no concerns that it would influence the migration of contaminants originating from the Scotia Naval Depot.

**COMMENT 22:** Where were the residential wells sampled?

**RESPONSE 22:** The residential wells sampled were predominantly located on New York State Route 5 and adjacent to the Scotia Naval Depot. Some private wells were also sampled on the south-side of the Mohawk River near the municipal well fields.

**COMMENT 23:** What vapor intrusion measurements need to be taken over the groundwater plume?

**RESPONSE 23:** Vapor intrusion sampling consists of the collection of soil vapor samples from beneath the building basement and indoor air samples collected from within the building. Vapor intrusion sampling is completed at buildings located directly over or along the margins of the TCE and carbon tetrachloride groundwater plumes.

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The Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council read a statement during the March 15, 2010 public meeting and submitted a copy of the statement dated March 15, 2010 which included the following comments:

**COMMENT 24:**

Good evening. My name is Don Snell, and I am speaking tonight on behalf of the Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council which was established by the County Legislature in 1971. The purpose of the Council is to solicit the expertise of County residents in order to preserve and improve environmental quality within Schenectady County. In addition to advising the County Legislature on environmental matters, the Council studies and provides recommendations on environmental issues.

The Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council strongly endorses the proposed remediation plan for the contamination related to the Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot. This contamination threatens the viability of one of the County's greatest resources, the Great Flats Aquifer, which is used by five Schenectady County municipalities as an excellent source of drinking water. Schenectady County residents are fortunate to have this resource. Just last year, drinking water from the City of Schenectady was judged to be the best-tasting drinking water in New York State in a taste test competition with over 150 community water systems competing across the state.

Since the identification of chlorinated solvents in two municipal well fields located south of the Navy Depot site, much precious time, nearly 20 years, has been lost in protecting the Aquifer. Although important measures were taken to evaluate and monitor contamination and to protect public health during that time, it is important now to move forward as expeditiously as possible with an effective remediation program in order to stop migration of contaminants into the Aquifer area and the Mohawk River.

The Council strongly supports the efforts of Schenectady County, The Schenectady County Intermunicipal Watershed Rules and Regulations Board, The Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the New York State Department of Health in devising a remedy to reduce the level of contaminant concentrations and to prevent the movement of contaminants toward the Aquifer. The proposed remedy as presented in DEC's Proposed Remedial Action Plan appears to be appropriate for the complex set of conditions presented by the Scotia Depot site. Permeable reactive barriers have been employed as remedial technologies at other locations in New York State and at other sites across the nation. The Council encourages thorough and long-term water quality monitoring of the Scotia Depot site to determine the effectiveness of the technology and whether modifications or other interventions would be necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan.

**RESPONSE 24:** No response necessary.

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The General Counsel for the Galesi Group commented during the March 15, 2010 public meeting and submitted a letter received on March 24, 2010 in response to the PRAP which included the following comment:

**COMMENT 25:** As you are aware, even though title to Glenville Business and Technology Park is technically vested in the County of Schenectady Industrial Development Agency, Scotia Industrial Park, Inc. is for all practical purposes, the owner of the land on which the proposed remedy is to take place.

After reviewing NYSDEC's PRAP dated February 2010 we generally understand the findings and support the proposed remedial actions. However, as owner of the Park we are working with the County and State on several economic development projects which may be impacted by the

proposed remediation. As such, it is critical that we are kept informed of any developments relating to the remediation project.

In particular, Beacon Power Corporation currently has an option on 4.5 acres of land in the Park, the majority of which falls in the Proposed Groundwater Treatment Zone as outlined in Figure 3 (Figure 3 of the ROD). While we feel that Beacon's project should not be adversely impacted by NYSDEC's remedial actions, in order to protect the interests of our tenant we need to be involved with all phases of the plan. Therefore, we propose that a meeting be scheduled as soon as possible so that we can fully disclose to NYSDEC all information in our possession so as to allow your proposed remediation project to proceed as scheduled without undue interference with the business arrangements in place at the Park.

We look forward to the opportunity to partner with NYSDEC to develop and execute a mutually beneficial remediation plan.

**RESPONSE 25:** During the investigation at the site and during development of the PRAP, the Department routinely met with Schenectady County and Town of Glenville Staff. The comment is noted and Department staff will contact the tenants (Galesi Group) to schedule a meeting in order to work out implementation of the remedy in the area of the 300 Block.

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Mr. Thomas Burke with the United States General Services Administration submitted an email (dated March 24, 2010) which included the following comment:

**COMMENT 26:** The current site name (Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Navy Depot) implies that the Defense National Stockpile Center is the Federal Agency responsible for the contamination. The General Services Administration asked that the site name be changed to the "Former Scotia Naval Depot"

**RESPONSE 26:** The Department will change the name of the site to the Former Scotia Naval Depot.

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Mr. Ray Gillen with Schenectady County Department of Economic Development and Planning submitted a letter (dated March 22, 2010) which included the following comment:

**COMMENT 27:** Schenectady County is in full support of the proposed remedial action which will help us protect our aquifer and public water supply. The PRAP will also help us with our economic development efforts in the Town of Glenville.

The County is pleased that the federal government will commit to cleaning up the environmental problems it created while this site operated as the Scotia Naval Depot.

We look forward to having a final record of decision on this site and we appreciate DEC's support for this important clean-up project.

**RESPONSE 27:** No response necessary.

# **APPENDIX B**

## **Administrative Record**

# Administrative Record

**Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot Site  
State Superfund Project  
Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, New York  
Site No. 447023**

*Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Defense National Stockpile Center Scotia Depot site, dated February, 2010, prepared by the Department.*

1. “Preliminary Site Assessment Investigation Report, Scotia Navy Depot – Building #15, December 1999, prepared by: NYSDEC & Ecology & Environment Engineering, P.C.
2. “Final Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report Proposed Glenville Energy Park”, August 2001, prepared by Earth Tech, Inc.
3. “Groundwater Investigation Report Scotia Depot, August 2001, prepared by: Parsons Engineering Science, Inc.
4. “Phase II Site Investigation Report Proposed Glenville Energy Park”, January 2002, prepared by Earth Tech, Inc.
5. “Supplemental Investigation Report Proposed Glenville Energy Park”, January 2002, prepared by Earth Tech, Inc.
6. “Site Specific Work Plan for the Scotia Naval Depot”, July 2004, prepared by GeoLogic NY, LLC.
7. Fact Sheet dated August 2004 for Expanded Site Investigation, prepared by NYSDEC.
8. “Soil and Dry Well Removal Documentation Report Scotia Depot, June 2006, prepared by: Parsons Engineering Science, Inc.
9. “Expanded Site Investigation Report”, August 2007, prepared by NYSDEC & GeoLogic NY, LLC.
10. Fact Sheet dated February 2010 for Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced, prepared by NYSDEC.
11. “Feasibility Study Report”, March 2010, prepared by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.