August 30, 2016



Mr. Chad Straniszewski Mr. Eugene Melnyck New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 270 Michigan Avenue Buffalo, NY 14203

Dear Mr. Staniszewski & Mr. Melnyck:

## **OU 2 Test Pit Investigation Work Plan**

On behalf of ExxonMobil and Krog-Renova, and per the requirements of the Brownfield Cleanup Program, Amec Foster Wheeler is submitting this remedial investigation work plan for a limited remedial investigation at the ExxonMobil Operable Unit (OU) 2 property on Elk Street in Buffalo, New York. The limited investigation consists of conducting test pit activities. The intent of the investigation is make visual and olfactory observations of subsurface materials at each location and to collect bulk soil samples to support a treatability study for stabilizing impacted soils present on the OU 2 parcel. The field investigation and following treatability study will be used to supplement a previous investigation and treatability testing conducted in 2015.

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

The proposed remedial investigation consists of excavating up to eight test pits. The locations of the proposed test pits, as well as the 2015 test pits, are overlaid on the "Summary of Observations During Test Trenching for Delineation of Petroleum Impacted Soil" figure developed by Roux Associates Inc., and presented as Attachment 1. The following procedures will be adhered to at each test pit location:

- Test pits will be excavated by a small to mid-sized excavator capable of excavating up to ten feet below ground surface.
- The test pits will be excavated in a controlled manner, approximately 8 to 12-inches in depth per bucket, from the ground surface until the groundwater table is encountered. It is anticipated that groundwater will be generally encountered between 4 and 5 feet below ground surface with a maximum depth of approximately 8 feet below ground surface.
- At the completion of excavating each test pit, the excavated materials will be replaced back into the excavation in such a manner that the material that was excavated last will be placed back in the excavation first. The backfilled material will be compacted by tamping with the excavator's bucket.

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- Amec Foster Wheeler will provide an engineer or geologist to observe the excavation, document the dimension and locations of each test pit, log and photograph the test pits, excavated materials and depth to groundwater and collect soil samples for treatability testing.
- Selected soil samples will be retained in sealed 5-gallon buckets and transported to a laboratory for treatability testing.
- The excavator will be decontaminated prior to being demobilized from the site at the completion of test pitting.

All field work will be conducted in adherence to the current site Health and Safety Plan including appropriate personal protection equipment and air monitoring procedures. It is anticipated that test pitting activities will be completed during the course of a single work day (Wednesday, August 31, 2016).

At the conclusion of the field investigation, a laboratory treatability testing program will be initiated. The laboratory program would include developing various mixtures of soil and amendments. Each amendment will be mixed with collected soil samples at various percentages by weight. The results of the 2015 treatability testing will be used to refine the amendment-soil mixtures for the proposed testing. It is anticipated that the treatability testing may include the following amendments:

- Portland cement
- Lime kiln dust
- Quick lime
- Blast furnace slag

It is anticipated that the following laboratory testing will be performed on the amendment-soil mixtures:

- Unconfined Compressive Strength ASTM D2166
- Permeability ASTM D2434
- Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure US EPA Method 1312

Sincerely,

AMEC FOSTER WHEELER ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

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Attachments

## ATTACHMENT 1 TEST PIT LOCATION PLAN

