Former Sperry Remington Site – North Portion (C808022), Former Sperry Remington Site (C808043), and Former Scott Technologies Site (808049) Environmental Investigation and Cleanup

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of the Community Liaison Plan for the Former Sperry Remington – North Portion, Former Sperry Remington Site and Former Scott Technologies Site

This Community Liaison Plan serves to describe the project, project team members, community, and stakeholders. It functions as a guide to project personnel and the community on the best ways to communicate project information; answer questions; and raise issues and concerns voiced by the public to the proper sources for resolution. In short, it is a roadmap to the sources for information regarding the Former Sperry Remington Site – North Portion, Former Sperry Remington Site, and Former Scott Technologies Site (referred to jointly as the Sperry Sites), as well as those project activities that may engender public interest and inquiries.

1.2 Project Overview

Cleanup actions will address contamination at three sites in Elmira, New York. As illustrated below, the sites include the Former Sperry Remington Site – North Portion at 777 South Main Street, the Former Sperry Remington Site at 1051 South Main Street, and the Former Scott Technologies Site, also at 1051 South Main Street, as well as an offsite location associated with the Former Sperry Remington Site. Details on each site are included in this plan.

Former Sperry Remington Site – North Portion

This approximately 34-acre property is currently owned by the Elmira City School District (ECSD) and is the location of the Elmira High School (EHS), which includes the main school building, parking lots, an athletic track and field, baseball/soccer fields, tennis courts, volleyball courts, a basketball court, and a playground. While soils at the property are known to be contaminated with metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), the potential pathways by which people could be exposed to subsurface soil, groundwater, and soil vapor contamination have been addressed. Specifically, contaminated soil is below the ground surface and covered by vegetated soil, wood chips, paving, and building foundations; groundwater is not used for drinking water or other purposes; the building has functional sub-slab depressurization (SSD) systems; and air quality at the school has been extensively tested and shown to be below any New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) guideline values.

Unisys Corporation (Unisys), the corporate successor of the Remington Rand Corporation, which was one of several past owners/operators of the site, entered into an agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) under the state’s Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) in 2017 to complete an environmental investigation and cleanup of the EHS property. Additional investigation was conducted to design Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) to remove contaminated soil ahead of ECSD capital improvement projects at the school. Although exposure pathways are being managed, capital improvement projects provide an opportunity to access areas of contamination and remove contaminated material without future disturbance of improved areas. All investigations and cleanup are being conducted by Unisys with strict NYSDEC and NYDOH oversight.

Former Sperry Remington Site

This site is an approximately 0.28-acre portion of the former Remington Rand property currently owned and operated by the Southern Tier Commerce Center (STCC) and includes a former oil skimmer and a covered concrete culvert (Site Culvert) that extends 275 feet east from a former holding pond (immediately to the west and adjacent of the site) under the railroad line owned by Norfolk Southern to a discharge point to the east northeast and offsite. The former oil skimmer and Site Culvert formerly received industrial discharges. The Site Culvert currently receives stormwater discharges from the STCC and EHS.
properties and non-contact cooling water discharge from EHS. The Site Culvert discharges into a 580 feet long Drainage Swale, which subsequently drains into an approximate 3.5-acre Wetlands Area and Coldbrook Creek at two outfall locations (the Offsite Areas).

PCBs are the primary site-related contaminant potentially impacting Coldbrook Creek sediment. There are also low levels of five (5) additional constituents of potential concern (COPCs) – chromium, copper, lead, nickel, and zinc.

Additional remedial investigations are being conducted, which include characterizing the extent of potential risks to benthic invertebrates, which are the receptor group of greatest risk from the COPC metals and determining if remaining sources of COPCs still exist. Investigations will identify both current and potential routes of human exposure, if any, to COPCs.

Pre-design investigations have been conducted for design of an IRM to address potential sources for migration of COPCs from the former oil skimmer.

**Former Scott Technologies Site**

The Former Scott Technologies Site is currently occupied by the Southern Tier Commerce Center. The site consists of commercial and light industrial buildings, a pond, and a large parking area. This site was subject to the NYSDEC Voluntary Cleanup Program. The Former Recreation Area at the southern end of the site is wooded. Portions of the site buildings are currently used for warehousing and light manufacturing. PCB, PAHs, metals, and other COPCs have been detected in isolated, shallow site soils and pond sediments. Additional delineation of the extent of COPCs in soils is planned for potential surface and shallow soil removal as an IRM.

**1.3 Project History**

**Former Sperry Remington Site – North Portion**

The EHS property located at 777 South Main Street, Elmira, has a long history of industrial and manufacturing use. Originally part of a larger 83-acre parcel, the site was used from the late 1880s to the early 1970s as various industrial facilities:

- B.W. Payne & Sons, manufacturer of high-speed steam engines (1887-1909)
- Morrow Manufacturing, manufacturer of drill chucks, machine parts, and tools (1909-1935)
- Elmira Precision Tool Company, manufacturer of typewriter parts for Remington Rand (1935-1937)

From 1974 to 1977, Westinghouse Electric Corporation (Westinghouse) occupied approximately 10 acres of the EHS property south of the City of Elmira – Town of Southport line. In April 1977, Chemung County Industrial Development Agency conveyed the property to Westinghouse, and Westinghouse conveyed the property to Elmira City School District. The high school was constructed in 1979.

Previous investigations and activities at the EHS property include:

- In 1988, a Preliminary Site Assessment for the entire Sperry Remington Site including the Scott Technologies Site was completed on behalf of Unisys and submitted to NYSDEC.
- Investigation by NYSDEC between 1995 and 1998, which identified petroleum-related chemicals in groundwater between the EHS property and Miller Pond.
- Remedial Action completed by NYSDEC between 2000 and 2011, which installed and operated oxygen-injection systems between EHS and Millers Pond to stimulate aerobic biodegradation of petroleum in subsurface soil and groundwater.
- Environmental investigation of soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediment at EHS in 2000, conducted by NYSDEC.
- NYSDOH cancer study based on concern of parents at EHS in 2003, which stated “levels of contaminants in surface soils do not exceed public health comparison values. Although a few samples exceed health comparison values, people are unlikely to be exposed frequently to
soil at these locations and the associated health risks are unlikely to be significant.”

- 2009 Environmental Management Plan (EMP) prepared by the Elmira City School District in response to a request from the New York State Education Department, with technical assistance from NYSDEC and NYSDOH. The EMP included management plans for soil, indoor air, groundwater, monitoring, and maintenance.
- NYSDOH issued a Health Consultation Report 2010, which evaluated indoor and outdoor air quality, as well as sub-slab vapor samples.
- In 2013, NYSDEC first contacted Unisys with information developed under the 2009 EMP; in response, Unisys voluntarily conducted an initial assessment of the EHS heating, ventilation, and air conditioning operations.
- Unisys conducted vapor intrusion assessment in 2014.
- Site Characterization inspections took place in 2014, which identified PCBs, PAHs, and metals as COPCs at the site.
- Unisys, in coordination with NYSDEC and NYSDOH, installed an SSD system in the F Wing of the school in August 2014.
- Unisys, in coordination with NYSDEC and NYSDOH, installed temporary cover in the form of mulch beds as a short-term response action in March 2015.
- In 2018, Unisys submitted a Supplemental Vapor Intrusion Assessment Work Plan at the request of NYSDEC and conducted floor crack sealing within the school building. Unisys, in coordination with NYSDEC and NYSDOH, installed an SSD system in the music wing of the school in August 2018.
- In 2017 and 2018 Unisys conducted IRMs for impacted soil removal in coordination with EHS capital improvement projects at the EHS Tennis Courts and Main Parking Lot (IRM #1, 2017) and Rear Parking Lot (IRM #2, 2018).
- Unisys prepared an Interim Site Management Plan in April 2019 for management of institutional and engineering controls during the investigation and cleanup of the site. Upon approval by NYSDEC and NYSDOH, the Interim Site Management Plan will replace the EHS EMP.

**Former Sperry Remington Site**

Historical data indicates that industrial discharges, accidental releases and spills of industrial chemicals occurred from this facility from the mid-1940s through the early 1970s. One incident, the investigation of an "oily sludge" release, documents poorly maintained oil separators at this facility as a probable cause. A documented fish kill incident downstream was the result of one cyanide release in the 1950s. A PCB transformer oil spill was documented in the 1970s during the Westinghouse decommissioning of the plant. Site-related COPCs appear to have been released into an offsite tributary/marsh that empties into Coldbrook Creek.

Previous investigations and activities at the property include:

- Preliminary sampling of the offsite area by NYSDEC in 2000
- 2006 sampling by NYSDEC, which detected elevated levels of PCBs and heavy metals along with low levels of semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs)
- In 2010, NYSDEC signed an Order of Consent with Unisys to conduct a Remedial Investigation
- Initial offsite soil and sediment sampling was completed in 2011
- In 2015, sampling continued into Coldbrook Creek to the Chemung River
- Investigations in 2012, 2015, and 2017 inspected storm sewer connections to the former oil skimmer and Site Culvert, sampled fine-grained material collected from catch basins and sampled soils adjacent to the former oil skimmer
- PCB impacted fine-grained material were documented in the former oil skimmer and upstream offsite pipe connections in 2015.

**Former Scott Technologies Site**

- The site was used between the late 1940s and 1972 to manufacture office products including typewriters and adding machines, which included metal finishing operations. From 1982 to 1985, it was used to manufacture fire engines, and no significant industrial use of the site has
occurred since 1985.

Previous investigations and activities at the property include:

- In 1988, a Preliminary Site Assessment for the entire Sperry Remington Site including the Scott Technologies Site was completed on behalf of Unisys and submitted to NYSDEC.
- Four (4) registered underground storage tanks were removed in 1993, which occurred concurrently with voluntary investigations.
- Scott Technologies Inc. (STI), a former owner of the site, entered into a Voluntary Cleanup agreement with NYSDEC in January 1999 to conduct investigation and remedial activities.
- In 1999 and 2000, STI removed and disposed of low voltage PCB capacitors; cleaned or decommissioned tanks/vessels, concrete clarification chambers, and aboveground storage tanks; and excavated PAHs in soil.
- Supplemental investigation of the holding pond on the north side of the site was conducted in 2002.
- Remedial action of the former recreation area was conducted voluntarily by STI in 2004 and removed 86 tons of hazardous fill material and 104 tons of non-hazardous fill material.
- Deed restrictions were filed in 2005 limiting potential future use of the site to commercial or industrial use.
- In 2017, Unisys established an agreement with the Southern Tier Commerce Center, the current site occupant, to use a portion of the site as a material staging area to stockpile soils excavated as part of ongoing interim remedial actions on the Former Sperry Remington Site – North Portion.

1.4 Project Stakeholders

- Residents of Elmira
- Elmira City School District
- Unisys Corporation
- Southern Tier Commerce Center LLC
- NYSDEC
- NYSDOH
- City of Elmira
- Chemung County

- Beech & Bonaparte Engineering, P.C. & Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (collectively “Geosyntec”)
- Remedial Construction Services, L.P. (RECON).

It is not unusual for projects of this type to have several teams working together to tackle the various aspects of an environmental cleanup.

The teams involved here at the Sperry Sites include NYSDEC, the lead state agency for state remediation sites; NYSDOH, which oversees issues of human health; Geosyntec, the engineering firm that did the environmental design for the cleanup and will oversee construction management; and RECON, which will be doing the actual construction. All of these team members coordinate with each other to ensure that the work is done properly, safely, and efficiently, and that the community is kept informed of project activities. All project personnel will easily be identified by high-visibility safety vests or coats.

1.5 NYSDEC’s Mission

The mission of the NYSDEC Division of Environmental Remediation is to protect public health and the environment of the State of New York by preventing releases to the environment through the regulation of petroleum and chemical bulk storage facilities, hazardous waste facilities, and radiation facilities; and responding to, investigating, and remediating releases of contaminants that have occurred.

The goal of the Brownfield Cleanup Program is to encourage private-sector cleanups of brownfields and promote their redevelopment. The state works with private-sector entities to identify and characterize suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites and ensure that those sites, which pose a significant threat to public health or the environment, are properly addressed.

New York State is committed to supervising a careful and thorough cleanup of the Sperry Sites and associated offsite locations. NYSDEC’s foremost priority is ensuring the public (including residents, school-district staff, children, and visitors) does not come in contact with site-related contamination. This cleanup is being completed to address potential...
exposure to heavy metals, PCBs, PAHs, VOCs, and other COPCs.

NYSDEC will oversee the remedial work conducted by Unisys, in consultation with the NYSDOH. NYSDOH will provide oversight of the remedial work to ensure that remedial activities are conducted in a way that is protective of public health.

The following are primary NYSDEC staff on this project:

- Timothy Schneider, P.E., is NYSDEC’s Project Manager who has over 32 years of experience designing and managing environmental and construction projects.
- Bernette Schilling, P.E., is NYSDEC’s Regional Hazardous Waste Remediation Engineer and has 25 years of experience providing oversight of environmental projects.
- Scott Williams will provide field work oversight.

The following are primary NYSDOH staff on this project:

- Dawn Hettrick, Professional Engineer (P.E.), is the NYSDOH Project Contact with nearly 30 years of experience in the evaluation of public exposures related to and remediation of contaminated sites.
- Justin Deming, Professional Geologist, is NYSDOH’s Regional Chief for projects within NYSDEC Region 8. Mr. Deming has over 15 years of experience in the evaluation of public exposures related to and remediation of contaminated site

1.6 Unisys and its Remedial Team Contractors on the Sperry Sites Cleanup

Unisys

Unisys is a global information technology company, as the corporate successor to Remington Rand is committed to complying with NYSDEC and NYSDOH regulations to ensure their former site is properly remediated, and is working closely with Geosyntec, the Project Contractor, to achieve this goal.

Unisys retained the services of an environmental consulting firm, Geosyntec, to conduct site investigations, develop the remedial design, and to provide construction management and inspection services. RECON has been performing remedial construction services for over 30 years and has worked at the EHS for the past two construction seasons.

Geosyntec

Geosyntec is a consulting and engineering firm founded in 1983 that has top-tier practices in contaminated site assessments and cleanup; environmental planning and management; air quality management and air pollution control; water and natural resources assessment, management, and restoration; civil site engineering and design, building health evaluations and rehabilitation; and more.

Geosyntec currently supports clients through a well-integrated network of more than 80 offices that span the United States and the world. Geosyntec has staff exceeding 1,200 engineers, scientists, and related technical and project support personnel.

In 2014, Geosyntec was awarded the environmental engineering and consulting contract to support Unisys and their remedial efforts at the Sperry Sites.

Geosyntec is providing staff and resources from several offices, including Columbia, Maryland; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Albany, New York, which include approximately 100 environmental professionals. The following are the primary Geosyntec staff on this project:

- Paul Brookner is Geosyntec’s Project Director who has over 30 years of experience providing environmental investigation and remediation services in New York and throughout the United States.
- Aron Krasnopoler, Ph.D., P.E., is Beech and Bonaparte’s Project Manager/Project Engineer who has over 20 years of experience providing environmental investigation and remediation services in New York and throughout the United States.
Melanie McLaughlin is Geosyntec’s Construction Manager who has over 15 years of experience providing construction quality assurance and oversight for environmental remediation projects across the U.S. Melanie will also serve as the on-Site CLP liaison, directing public inquiries to proper personnel for timely responses.

RECON

RECON is an environmental, geotechnical, industrial and decommissioning and demolition services contractor founded in 1989. They are a technology-based construction company and self-perform greater than 90% of their work. Safety and innovation drive team behaviors and a culture of providing value to our customers and earning their repeat business. RECON has completed over 6,500 environmental remediation, geotechnical construction, industrial service, and decommissioning and demolition projects. RECON’s client base includes industrial, commercial, and government entities with projects located throughout North America. RECON has consistently ranked among Engineering News Record’s top contractors and top regional contractors.

Larry Endicott will serve as RECON’s Project Manager for this project. He has over 30 years of experience managing environmental cleanup projects.

Scott Sutton will serve as RECON’s Superintendent, leading the field construction crews. Mr. Sutton has over 35 years of construction experience in the environmental field.

1.7 Remediation Team Roles and Responsibilities

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| NYSDEC             | NYSDEC is the lead regulatory agency for the cleanup and is responsible for ensuring that the cleanup is conducted according to New York State Environmental Conservation Law. A NYSDEC Construction Manager will be on site for the duration of the cleanup activities. | Timothy Schneider, P.E.  
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Regional Hazardous Waste Remediation Engineer  
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| NYSDOH             | NYSDOH is responsible for identifying potential for public exposures to contamination related to the cleanup and the potential for health impacts | Dawn Hettrick, P.E.  
Project Contact  
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bbei@health.ny.gov |
| Unisys Corporation | Unisys is a responsible party having liability to complete the investigation and cleanup of the site. Unisys employs its contractors to conduct all site characterization, investigation, and cleanup on the properties. | Kevin Krueger, P.E.  
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| **Geosyntec Consultants and its affiliate Beech and Bonaparte Engineering, P.C.** | Geosyntec and its affiliate Beech and Bonaparte Engineering is the Design Engineer and Construction Manager for the cleanup. Geosyntec will be responsible for ensuring that the cleanup activities are performed in accordance with NYSDEC/NYSDOH approved Remedial Design(s). | Paul Brookner  
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| **Elmira City School District** | ECSD owns the Former Sperry Remington Site – North Portion and operates EHS on the property. The district is responsible for providing Unisys and its contractor’s access to the EHS site and ensuring student safety by coordinating with other team members to ensure cleanup happens safely and efficiently in accordance with the Site Management Plan. | Mike Dunn  
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| **Southern Tier Commerce Center** | As the current owner of the Former Scott Technologies Site and the Former Sperry Remington Site, the Southern Tier Commerce Center is responsible for cooperating with NYSDEC, NYSDOH, and Unisys as they work to clean up the site. | Adam Meinstein  
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| **Remedial Construction Services, L.P. (RECON)** | RECON is the remedial contractor tasked with performing the cleanup activities. RECON is responsible for the safe execution of the work, per the Remedial Design, and ensuring that site contaminants are contained within the work area boundaries. | Larry Endicott – Senior Project Manager  
(609) 357-8470  
Scott Sutton – Superintendent  
(570) 499-8487 |
2. COMMUNITY PROFILE

The City of Elmira, Chemung County, New York, is located in the Southern Tier of New York, not far from the Pennsylvania State Line. The city is bounded on three sides by the Town of Elmira.

The area was historically inhabited by the Cayuga Nation of the Iroquois Confederacy until the American Revolutionary War when the Iroquois and United States signed the 1791 Treaty at Elmira. The treaty settled territorial disputes in the region, and many native peoples dispersed from the area after the treaty was signed.

By the early 1800s, Elmira had become a central hub for railways with tracks leading to Williamsport, Canandaigua, Niagara, New York City, Cortland, and beyond. Because of its centrality, the United States chose it as a primary site for training grounds, and from 1864–1865, a prisoner of war camp for confederate soldiers at the end of the Civil War. Over the course of the war, over 11,000 Confederate soldiers were sent to Camp Elmira, and nearly 3,000 died.

By 1939, the Schweizer Aircraft Corporation was building sailplanes and other aircraft helping to mark the area as “The Soaring Capital of America”. During World War II, more than 10,000 local residents were in military service with countless others working in defense-related production and manufacturing. During this time, the Remington Rand Corporation was manufacturing the famous Norden bombsight that revolutionized the effectiveness of bombers.

In 1950, Elmira’s population peaked at approximately 50,000 people. Population decline began during the recession of the early 1970s during which several large employers (Ann Page, American Bridge, General Electric, American LaFrance, Westinghouse, and Remington Rand) either closed their factories or moved to other states. The decline was exacerbated by the flood of 1972, during which many of the downtown businesses and single-family homes were destroyed or replaced by subsequent Urban Renewal projects in the Chemung River floodplain.

2.1 Community Demographics

According to the 2010 Census, there were 29,200 people in 10,991 households living in Elmira. Racial makeup is: 78.3% White; 14.6% Black; 0.4% Native American; 0.6% Asian; 1% from other races; and 5% are identified as being multi-racial. The population at that time indicated that approximately 23.7% were under the age of 18; 16.8% were 20 to 29; 18.8% from 30 to 44; 25% from 45 to 64; and 11% who were age 65 or older.

2.2 Sperry Sites and Coldbrook Creek Communities

The area surrounding the Sperry Sites primarily includes residential and commercial properties. The properties include commercial and manufacturing properties, homes, and Consolidated Rail Corporation properties. Miller Pond and Coldbrook Creek lie directly to the east of the sites.

2.3 Local Government

The City of Elmira is governed by a Council-Manager system in which the City Manager is the primary administrator of the City. There is one Mayor elected at large and six council members elected from each of six council districts, with a term of 4 years each. The Mayor and Council Members are all part time employees. The City Council appoints the City Manager, City Clerk, City Chamberlain, City Assessor, and Corporation Counsel.

The City Council meets in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, located at 317 E. Church Street, Elmira, New York, 14901, every other Monday. Residents may get information on the date and time of the City Council meetings by calling the City Manager’s Office at (607) 737-5644.

2.4 County Government

Elmira is located in Chemung County, where the County Government is headed by the County Executive and a 15-seat legislature. All 15 members are elected from single-member districts. The county
seat and courthouse are located in Elmira. The County Executive oversees a variety of County Departments, including the Chemung County Health Department.

3. **HISTORY OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FROM 2015 TO PRESENT**

The Sperry Remington Sites, which include offsite Coldbrook Creek, sit in an area of mixed business and residential properties, including EHS. Field activities including soil sampling and removal and vapor intrusion testing and mitigation measures have taken place in the past, with additional investigation and interim remedial measures to be conducted in Summer 2019. Unisys and its contracting team have been working with EHS, NYSDEC, NYSDOH, affected residents, and businesses to keep the community informed, and respond to concerns and suggestions to mitigate negative impacts and the inconvenience to the neighborhood and property owners, whenever possible. Community involvement activities since 2015 have included:

- **July 9, 2015**—NYSDEC held a public meeting to discuss environmental studies at EHS, the Former Sperry Remington Site, and the Former Scott Technologies Site.
- **May 22, 2017**—NYSDEC held a public meeting to discuss ongoing environmental studies at EHS, the Former Sperry Remington Site, and the Former Scott Technologies Site.
- **May 2, 2018**—NYSDEC, NYSDOH and Unisys held a public meeting at the Holiday Inn Elmira-Riverview for the proposed PCB cleanup.
- **June 14, 2018**—NYSDEC, NYSDOH, and Unisys hosted a public availability session at EHS to discuss the significant progress made over the summer months and the ongoing cleanup action.
- **September 26, 2018**—NYSDEC, NYSDOH, Unisys, and ECSD held a Public Information Session on the Elmira High School Cleanup.
- **February 7, 2019**—NYSDOH held two meetings to discuss any health concerns and the possibility of conducting a health study of current and former staff. Current staff were invited to attend the afternoon session in the high school gymnasium. The evening meeting was targeted to former staff of the school and open to the public.
- **June 19, 2019**—NYSDEC, NYSDOH, Unisys, and ECSD will hold a Public Information Session on the Elmira High School Cleanup and the investigation underway or planned to commence in the Summer of 2019.

All project fact sheets, meeting presentations, and other informational materials are available to the public at the following website:

[https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/102390.html](https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/102390.html)


Public questions are natural during the implementation of environmental cleanup activities in their community. Who is responsible for what; where will activities take place; when will they happen and why; and how do they affect me; are commonly posed questions. While NYSDEC cannot answer every question that may arise here in this publication, we have outlined some of the more likely inquiries and their responses.

3.2 **Cleanup Schedules and Timing of Field Activities**

** Former Sperry Remington Site – North Portion**

Ongoing sitewide inspections are scheduled quarterly, and vapor monitoring and vapor intrusion sampling are currently scheduled annually during the EHS winter recess in accordance with Interim Site Management Plan. The schedule for upcoming cleanup and investigation field activities is as follows:

- An IRM to remove contaminated soil between the EHS building, the grandstands and the student parking lot will be conducted during the 2019 summer recess.
- A comprehensive remedial investigation will be conducted in 2019.

** Former Sperry Remington Site**

Sediment and fish tissue sampling in Coldbrook Creek are scheduled for June 2019, and recommendations for fish advisories will be submitted to NYSDEC/NYSDOH in September 2019.

An IRM to remove the former oil skimmer and adjacent soil is scheduled for Fall 2019.
Former Scott Technologies Site

Site characterization including delineation of PAHs in surface soil and shallow subsurface soil are proposed to take place in Spring 2019.

An IRM to remove contaminated surface and shallow soils is scheduled for 2019.

For more information contact: Timothy Schneider, NYSDEC Project Manager, at: 585-226-5480 or email at: timothy.schneider@dec.ny.gov.

3.3 Protecting Health

From the inception of this project, Unisys and NYSDEC have been working closely with NYSDOH to ensure that public health considerations are a priority in every aspect of the cleanup. Adjacent properties are serviced by a public water supply that does not come from site groundwater, is regularly tested and monitored, and is a safe source of drinking water in Elmira.

There has been no indication of outside of the affected properties and remedial investigation findings do not indicate that contaminants are migrating toward residential communities to the west. Groundwater flow in the area is toward the east/southeast.

The public may contact NYSDOH for information, questions and/or concerns about human health in relation to the cleanup of the Sperry Sites. In addition, NYSDEC and NYSDOH are also working with the Chemung County Health Department to ensure that all the agencies involved are informed and able to provide timely responses to community concerns about health issues.

For more information on human health issues, contact NYSDOH project contact Dawn Hettrick, P.E. at (518) 402-7860 or beei@health.ny.gov.

3.4 Minimizing dust during field work/cleanup activities

NYSDEC will have a Community Air Monitoring Plan in place to measure airborne particulate matter wherever contaminated soils may be disturbed during construction and excavation. Dust control measures (e.g., watering) will be taken to reduce dust on temporary dirt roadways and open excavations. Trucks will be covered to properly secure all material during transport. Trucks and equipment will be decontaminated prior to leaving the site. Truck traffic patterns have been designed to maintain safety on local roadways. No visible dust should leave the work areas and if air monitors detect dust above action levels, work is stopped until corrective measures are in place.

For more information about specific field concerns, contact: Timothy Schneider, NYSDEC Project Manager, at: 585-226-5480 or email at: timothy.schneider@dec.ny.gov.

3.5 Working safely at local schools and neighborhood

NYSDEC, NYSDOH, and Unisys have been working closely with the ECSD and EHS to keep them informed of project plans, and to minimize impacts to students and staff. They have held numerous meetings with the school district and stay in regular contact, so all concerns raised are dealt with quickly and diligently. The safety of students and school staff is tantamount to all involved with the project, and all will be working to ensure that there are no threats to either safety or health.

Work hours are expected to be from 7:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. The total number of personnel onsite will vary based on the work being performed and may include representatives from NYSDEC, NYSDOH, Unisys, Geosyntec, RECON, subcontractors, and vendors. The number of onsite workers is expected to generally range from approximately 15 to 25 individuals. All project personnel will be easily identified by photo identifications and high-visibility safety vests and/or coats. Traffic controls including flagmen and traffic control devices such as cones, signs, and barriers will be in use to ensure safe access for students and school personnel to and from the project site. NYSDEC and Geosyntec will be working to coordinate the work with individual property owners effected by the remediation.

If you would like more specific information such as construction and field work schedules, or site safety details, please contact: Timothy Schneider, NYSDEC Project Manager, at: 585-226-5480 or email at: timothy.schneider@dec.ny.gov.

3.6 Limiting local street closures, traffic, parking issues related to construction
Contractors will be coordinating with local officials as needed, to ensure public safety during construction activities, and will keep residents, schools, and local businesses in affected areas informed throughout the life of the project. Any changes to traffic routes closures to streets or roadways or impacts to parking and school routes will be communicated as soon as details are available. Truck routes will be clearly marked and areas in which heavy equipment is being used will be posted with signage and the presence of flag personnel. For information on this issue, you may contact: Timothy Schneider, NYSDEC Project Manager, at: 585-226-5480 or email at: timothy.schneider@dec.ny.gov.

3.7 Elected Officials

Elected officials with concerns regarding the site should direct their inquiries to NYSDEC Legislative and intergovernmental staff or to Timothy Schneider, NYSDEC Project Manager, at: 585-226-5480 or email at: timothy.schneider@dec.ny.gov.

3.8 Documenting Public Inquiries and Concerns

Because the project involves a variety of stakeholders, it is important that a process be in place that provides information to the public, but also allows them to log-in their inquiries and comments. This process will allow NYSDEC and Unisys to track inquiries, resolutions to those inquiries, as well as those issues that remain outstanding. To accomplish this task, NYSDEC will provide an email address to the public where these issues may be raised. Questions and comments may be sent to Timothy Schneider, NYSDEC Project Manager, at: 585-226-5480 or email at: timothy.schneider@dec.ny.gov.

4. KEY MESSAGES

As work on the cleanup evolves, it is important that the community engage with NYSDEC and Unisys in a dialogue that is open and enhances two-way understanding of both the community needs and concerns, and the requirements of the work to be conducted. Remediation work is by its nature, impactful, whether on private property, school property or on public streets. While NYSDEC, Unisys, and their team will do all they can to mitigate those invasive aspects such as noise, use of heavy equipment, changes to traffic patterns, impacts to schools, students and staff, and remediation work in yards and in proximity to homes, the public will still have questions and concerns.

Therefore, it is imperative that in addition to the commitment of public sensitivity by NYSDEC staff, the community must keep in mind the following:

- Remedial Investigation field work is scheduled for 2019, with an associated report to be submitted in Spring 2020. Recommendations for additional investigations and/or remedial alternatives will be evaluated at that time.
- Because much of the work and staging of construction will take place on and near local schools (EHS), there is community concern about the safety of students and staff as well as impacts to school activities. NYSDEC and Unisys will continue to work with the school district, school staff, and parents of students to ensure that these concerns are heard, acted on, and met. Public health and safety are the primary concerns of Unisys, NYSDEC, and NYSDOH, especially in proximity to schools, homes, and work areas.
- The community has an open line to NYSDEC, its staff, and contractual teams, who are able and willing to work with them throughout the life of the project.

Questions and comments may be sent Timothy Schneider, NYSDEC Project Manager, at: 585-226-5480 or email at: timothy.schneider@dec.ny.gov.

In addition, the following Community Relations and Outreach Staff may be contacted as follows:

- Regina Willis, NYSDEC Public Participation Specialist at: 585-226-5324 email at: regina.willis@dec.ny.gov.

5. AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Project Documents and Reports:

Former Sperry Remington Site – North Portion
https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/102390.html

Former Sperry Remington Site
https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?ProgNo=808043
Former Scott Technologies Site

Spring 2019 Community Update:

Frequently Asked Questions:

Document Repository:
Steele Memorial Library
Attn: Connie Ogilvie
101 East Church Street
Elmira, New York 14901
(607) 733-9175

NYSDEC Region 8 Headquarters
Attn: Regina Willis
6274 East Avon Lima Road
Avon, New York 14414
(585) 226-5324

NYSDEC Delivers Listserv:
https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html