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1.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

1.1 Introduction

Under the direction of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, BRAC Program Management Office (PMO), East, Resolution Consultants (Resolution) is supporting the Navy with environmental activities at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), North Kingstown, Rhode Island. This Work Plan is for the Maintenance Cleaning of the drainline from former Building 224 to Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) Outfall 001, which includes the storm drainline, catch basins, and manholes upgradient of QDC Outfall 001.

1.2 Site Use and Prior Investigation Summary

QDC Outfall 001 is located in the central portion of the Former NCBC Davisville facility, to the west of Allen Harbor (Figure 1-1), near the intersection of Marine Road and Sanford Road. It is behind a chain-link fence that surrounds a parking area at the end of Marine Road for recreational users of Allen Harbor Landfill and Calf Pasture Point. Undeveloped wetlands are present to the east of the outfall.

QDC Outfall 001 is the discharge point for an underground drainline that originates from the former Building 224 in the Former Construction Equipment Department (CED) Area. The drainline and a network of nine catch basins run approximately 1,000 feet southwest from the Former CED Area to the outfall (Figure 1-2).

Two of the catch basins (CB-06 and CB-07) are located on a leg of the drainline that connects to the main drainline from the east at CB-02. Two other drainage drainlines connect to the main drainline from the northwest at catch basins CB-03 and CB-09. Catch basin CB-08 is separated from the main leg of the drainline by a section that was destroyed during the demolition of Building 224.

The former Building 224 oil-water separator and vehicle wash pad are the presumed sources of contamination present in the drainage drainline, catch basins, and the outfall area. The building was used by the Navy as a vehicle-maintenance and truck-washing facility. Contaminants associated with materials used in these activities or in other historical activities conducted at the CED Area may have been disposed/released into the Building 224 drainage system, discharging at QDC Outfall 001.

During the SASE conducted in Fall 2010, five samples of residual material present within the catch basins and drain line were collected for laboratory analysis; four from the bottom of each of the four catch basins that were accessed during the investigation, and one from the drainline within 2

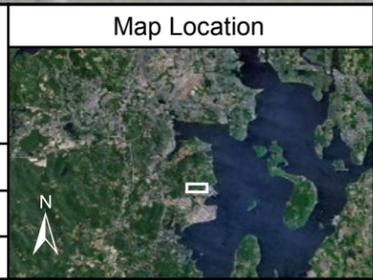


Allen Harbor

Former CED Area (buildings no longer present)



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 QDC Outfall 001 Wetland
 QDC Outfall 001*
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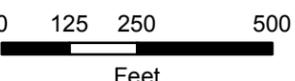



FIGURE 1-1
 FORMER CED AREA AND
 QDC OUTFALL 001
 QDC OUTFALL 001 RI, NCBC DAVISVILLE
 NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI

- Catch basin identified at ground surface
- Catch basin identified in video, not at surface
- Catch basin not found
- Catch basin per drawing, not verified

- QDC-001 Catch basin and storm sewer route
- Catch basin and storm sewer route per Figure 2-3 of 1994 Halliburton Report and QDC storm system drawing
- Location of plugged discharge line from former oil/water separator to CB-02
- Catch basin and storm sewer route per historical drawings, but not field verified
- Temporary haul road

Notes:

1. Video inspection of sewer was performed from CB-02 through Outfall QDC-001
2. Discharge line from OWS is identified in storm sewer video inspection and is consistent with historical NCBC drawing.

0 75 150 300 Feet

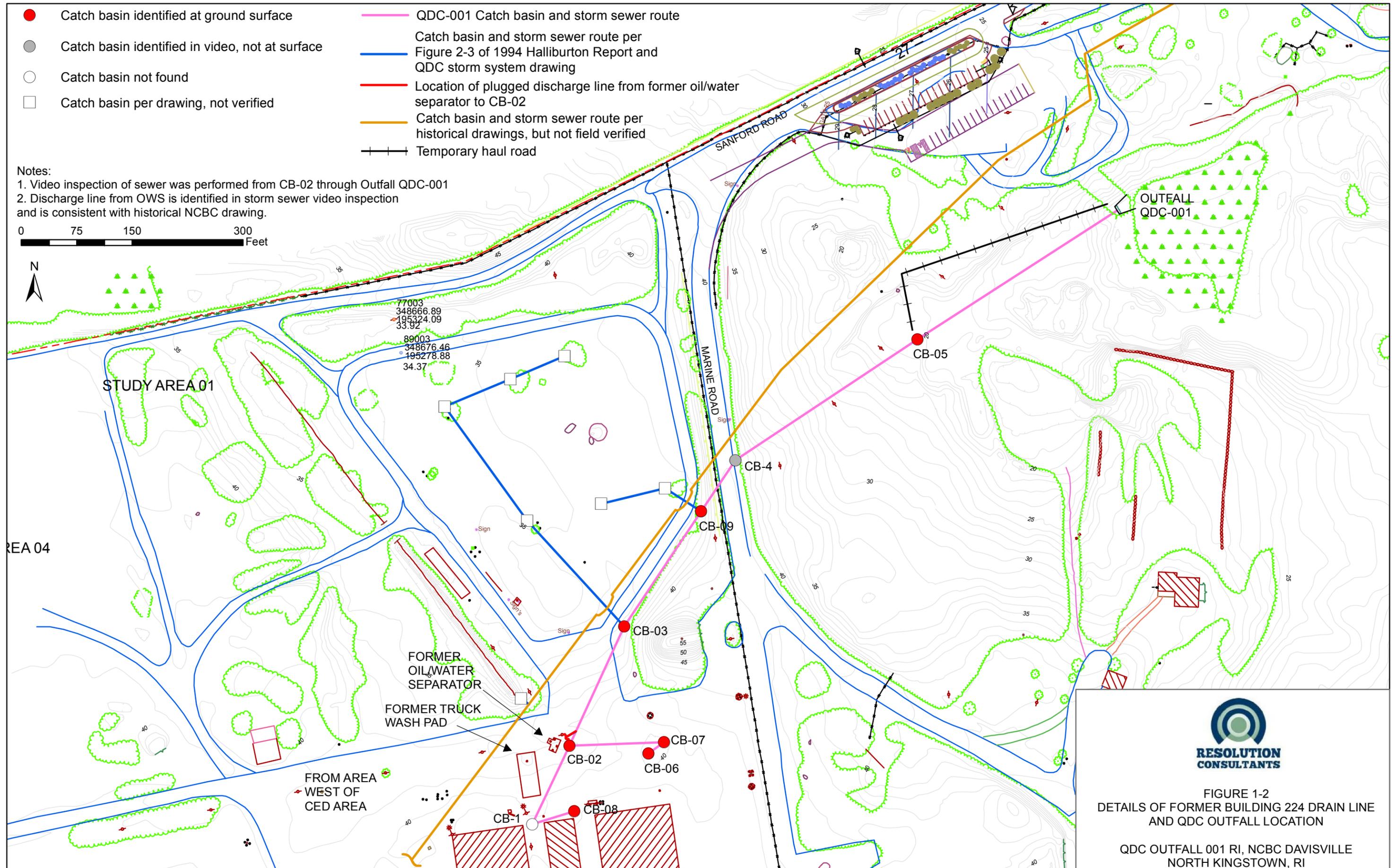


FIGURE 1-2
 DETAILS OF FORMER BUILDING 224 DRAIN LINE
 AND QDC OUTFALL LOCATION

QDC OUTFALL 001 RI, NCBC DAVISVILLE
 NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI

feet of QDC Outfall 001. Samples of residual material were also analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), gasoline range organics (GRO) (C5 – C12), extractable total petroleum hydrocarbons (ExTPH) (C9 – C40), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and target analyte list (TAL) metals. The highest concentrations of these parameters were detected in the residual material sample collected from catch basin CB-05, the furthest downstream catch basin. The sample collected from this catch basin contained elevated concentrations of the VOCs 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, 1,4-dichlorobenzene, chlorobenzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, and total xylenes; for most of the detected PAHs; for PCB Aroclor-1254; and for four metals. The concentration of ExTPH detected in this sample was 18,000 mg/kg. Similar contaminants were detected in the other residual material samples, but were generally present at lower concentrations. One notable exception is the detection of the chlorinated solvents, cis-1,2-dichloroethene (DCE) and vinyl chloride, reported in two residual material samples collected from the two upstream catch basins CB-02 and CB-03. In general, the lowest concentrations of contaminants detected in residual material samples were from the sample collected from the drainline of accumulated material within 2 feet of the QDC Outfall 001.

1.3 Overview of Planned Maintenance Activities

The activities necessary for the maintenance cleaning of the catch basins and drain line to Outfall QDC-001 are briefly summarized below, and further in Section 5:

- Prior to the drainline maintenance cleaning, two 5-point composite waste disposal characterization samples of the residual material within the catch basins and drainline will be collected by Resolution, along with five discreet grab VOC samples.
- Site preparation will be performed by a subcontractor (with Resolution oversight), to include vegetative clearing, excavation to expose CB-04, and installation of a temporary haul road to access the area from CB-05 to QDC Outfall 001.
- Drainline and catch basin maintenance cleaning using water jetting and vacuum truck by a subcontractor (with Resolution oversight). Secondary containment will be used to capture the water and residual material that is washed from the final catch basin (i.e., CB-05) to QDC Outfall 001.
- Restoration of the Site to close to pre-existing conditions to include disassembly of the temporary haul road, grading, backfilling, and seeding disturbed areas, and repairing and repaving the area around CB-04.

2.0 PROJECT ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 Project Manager

Project continuity and overall coordination of the work covered under this work plan will be provided by the NCBC Davisville Contract Task Order (CTO) Manager, Mr. Robert Shoemaker. The CTO Manager will have overall responsibility for coordinating with the Navy RPM to meet the objectives of the work covered under this Work Plan, maintaining proper field documentation, and producing a concise summary report.

2.2 Site Supervisor

The Site Supervisor will be responsible for overseeing that the maintenance activities are performed in accordance with this Work Plan. The Site Supervisor's responsibilities include:

- Overseeing work performed by the field team
- Coordinate subcontract activities at the site
- Verify that the subcontractors are performing the work in accordance with this Work Plan
- Monitor work progress and schedule and update the CTO Manager daily
- Timely report significant problems encountered to the CTO Manager to allow discussion with the Navy RPM prior to incorporating any changes needed

2.3 Site Quality Control Officer

The Site Quality Control Officer will support the Site Supervisor and will also serve as the Health and Safety Officer. In addition to supporting the Resolution Site Supervisor on a day to day basis, the Site Quality Control Officer's responsibilities include:

- Lead daily Tailgate Safety Meetings prior to the start of work
- Lead residual material sampling prior to maintenance cleaning activities
- Verifying that work performed by Resolution is performed in accordance with the Health and Safety Plan (HASP)
- Verify that the subcontractors are performing the work in accordance with their HASP and Environmental Protection Plan (EPP)
- Inspecting subcontractor work to document satisfactory performance (i.e., daily reporting and photo documentation)

- Establish and maintain a Rework Item List for work that does not meet the objectives of this Work Plan
- Inspecting post-maintenance cleaning activity conditions of the catch basins to document their conditions for use in the Remedial Investigation (RI)
- Exercise stop work authority whenever an unsafe work condition arises

2.4 Subcontractors

The site preparation, maintenance cleaning, and site restoration activities will be performed by subcontractors with Resolution oversight. The subcontractors will be responsible for safely performing the site preparation, maintenance cleaning, and site restoration activities in accordance with this Work Plan and their own HASP and EPP. Prior to the award of this work, subcontractors will be screened for safety and quality performance to confirm that they meet the standards set by this Work Plan and the Site Supervisor.

3.0 PLANNING

The following sections describe the planning tasks to be performed in conjunction with the implementation of the maintenance cleaning activities.

3.1 Health and Safety

Resolution has prepared a HASP for other site activities conducted under this CTO which meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.120. Prior to initiating the maintenance cleaning activities, the existing HASP will be updated to address the activities described in this Work Plan. Work performed by the field team will be conducted in accordance with the HASP. Field personnel will be required to read and acknowledge understanding of the HASP.

The objective of the HASP is as follows:

- To protect the health and safety of on-site personnel.
- To limit exposure of the public to hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants.

The HASP includes the following information:

- Brief Site Description
- Site Safety Hazards
- Chemical Compounds of Concern
- Project Personnel
- Site Training/Medical Surveillance Requirements
- Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) Requirements
- Air Monitoring Requirements
- Decontamination Procedures
- Work Zones
- Waste Disposal/Handling
- Emergency Response
- Special Operations Safety Requirements
- Emergency Resources

- General First Aid

The HASP is intended to cover Resolution employees and site visitors only. Subcontractors will be required to develop and follow their own HASP, or equivalent document (e.g., Accident Prevention Plan), during all site activities. All site work will be conducted by personnel that have 40 hour OSHA training.

Hazards that may be encountered include biohazards such as ticks and poison ivy, trip and fall hazards such as uneven ground and branches, and heat/cold stress situations. Subcontractors are responsible for providing their staff with their own personal protective equipment, safety glasses, tick repellent, sunscreen, water, etc.

3.2 Environmental Protection Plan

The selected subcontractors will be required to submit and follow an EPP that outlines the environmental protection measures to be employed during the site activities. Award of the work will be contingent on the subcontractors submitting a satisfactory EPP. The principle concern is the potential for small releases when fueling equipment, leaking vehicles/equipment, and releases of maintenance cleaning fluids into the environment. The EPP will identify equipment and activities that could potentially have releases into the environment and the preventative actions that will be employed to prevent these releases. The EPP will also detail the procedures to be followed in the event of a release.

3.3 Permits and Approvals

Prior to excavation, a utility locating service will be used in conjunction with QDC to identify underground utilities in the vicinity of CB-04. This will be performed in accordance with Resolution SOP 5-417-Utilities, Underground. A ticket with Rhode Island Digsafe will also be opened. Work may not proceed until this process has been completed.

Permits and approvals from federal, state, or local governments are not required for the work covered under this Work Plan.

All work on-site will be coordinated with QDC's representative, Mr. Brian Reynolds.

3.4 Waste Management

It is estimated that approximately 18,000 gallons of water will be needed to flush the drainline. It is assumed that the waste stream will consist of less than 10% residual material and therefore will

be disposed as a single aqueous waste stream. It is also assumed that the waste stream will be non-hazardous.

Prior to being transported off-site, wastes will be properly characterized and profiled for disposal. Waste disposal will be approved as required and the intended facility will confirm their acceptance of the waste prior to transport.

Waste removal from the site will be documented by manifest or bill of lading. The Navy will be named as the generator of the waste and a representative of the Navy will sign waste profile forms and manifests. The waste disposal subcontractor will prepare disposal manifests or bills of lading and documentation for the Navy's use. The disposal documentation will be included in the Summary Report.

3.5 Site Security

The Site is located in a secure area. It is not anticipated that additional measures to limit access to the site will be needed. Work will be conducted between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM during daylight hours. No work shall take place on weekends or holidays.

4.0 ANALYTICAL PROGRAM

This section of the work plan serves as the site-specific analytical program, and describes field activities and procedures with regard to project goals and quality requirements.

4.1 Sampling Locations and Rationale

Prior to the drainline maintenance cleaning, two composite waste disposal characterization samples of the residual material within the catch basins and drainline will be collected. The composite samples will be analyzed for SVOCs, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), Pesticides, Herbicides, PCBs, TAL metals, ignitability, reactivity, corrosivity, toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP) SVOCs, TCLP TPH, TCLP Pesticides, TCLP Herbicides, and TCLP PCBs. Five discreet grab samples will also be collected for VOCs and TCLP VOCs.

The two composite samples will be collected as follows:

- Composite 1 – approximately equal portions, by weight, of residual material from CB-02, CB-03, CB-06, CB-07, CB-08
- Composite 2 – approximately equal portions, by weight, of residual material from CB-04, CB-05, CB-09, and QDC Outfall 001

Since compositing samples for VOCs analysis is not appropriate, discreet grab VOC and TCLP VOC samples will be collected from the following locations:

- CB-02 – the beginning of the accessible portion of the drainline and the catch basin closest to the former oil/water separator
- CB-04 – the catch basin that is under Marine Road, this catch basin was not investigated during the SASE conducted in Fall 2010
- CB-05 – the last catch basin before the outfall and the catch basin that had the highest concentrations during the SASE conducted in Fall 2010
- CB-06 – the first catch basin of the drain line that joins from the east at CB-02, this catch basin was not sampled during the SASE conducted in Fall 2010
- CB-08 – the most upgradient catch basin, this catch basin was not sampled during the SASE conducted in Fall 2010
- QDC Outfall 001 – material collected from just within QCD Outfall 001

Changes to the composite and discreet VOC samples may be made in the field based on field conditions such as accessibility, presence/absence of residual material, ability to safely retrieve samples, visual/olfactory evidence, photoionization detector (PID) readings, etc. Changes to the planned samples will be documented in the field records and Summary Report.

4.2 Procedures for Sample Collection

Representative samples of the residual material in the drainline and catch basins will be collected by hand using a decontaminated dipper, petite ponar sampler, or hand trowel. The specific sampling device used will be determined in the field based on safe accessibility to the sample location. To the extent practical, discreet VOC samples will be collected from within the sample device or directly from the residual material. After the discreet VOC samples have been collected, the composite samples will be prepared by manually homogenizing equal portions of the residual material in decontaminated stainless steel bowls.

Samples will be collected in glass jars and stored at 4°C until submission to the laboratory.

4.3 Procedures for Sample Documentation

The collection of samples will be documented in the field logbook in accordance with Resolution SOPs 3-02 Logbooks; 3-03 Record Keeping, Sample Labeling, and Chain-of-Custody; and 3-04 Sample Handling, Storage, and Shipment.

The discreet VOC samples will be identified according to the following scheme:

RS-CB#-MMDDYY

Where,

= catch basin number

MMDDYY = the month, day, and year of collection

The composite samples will be identified according to the following scheme:

RS-COMP#-MMDDYY

Where,

= composite number (1 or 2)

MMDDYY = the month, day, and year of collection

4.4 Laboratory Analysis

All proposed laboratory analyses will be certified by the Department of Defense (DoD) Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP). Detection limits must be below the applicable disposal criteria, which will be provided by the selected disposal facility. The SOP laboratory protocols specific to the laboratory subcontractor will be applied. The analyses will be performed according to the following analytical methods:

- VOCs – SW-846 8260
- SVOCs – SW-846 8270
- TPH – SW-846 8015
- Pesticides – SW-846 8081
- Herbicides – SW-846 8151
- PCBs – SW-846 8082
- TAL metals – SW-846 6010/6020
- Mercury – SW-846 7470/7471
- TCLP – SW-846 1311
- Ignitability – SW-846 1030
- Reactivity – EPA Method 9014/9034
- Corrosivity – SW-846 1110

4.5 Quality Assurance/Quality Control

The laboratory will perform all of the internal quality control procedures that are specified in the analytical methods and will demonstrate method requirements for accuracy, precision and repeatability through the use of matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate samples, laboratory control samples, surrogate compounds, and laboratory duplicates as appropriate for the method. The laboratory will document outliers or other quality-related issues in the Case Narrative accompanying the analytical data.

Quality control procedures for sample handling and documentation are described in the applicable SOPs. A trip blank will be submitted for each cooler containing VOC samples, however, no additional QC samples (e.g., equipment blanks, field duplicates) will be collected.

4.6 Requirements for Data Evaluation

All data will be reviewed by the Project Chemist or CTO Manager upon receipt to ensure completeness and compliance with project objectives. Formal data validation will not be performed.

4.7 Decontamination

Decontamination of field and sampling equipment will be performed in accordance with Resolution SOP 3-06, Equipment Decontamination.

5.0 MAINTENANCE CLEANING

Resolution will implement and oversee maintenance cleaning activity to remove residual material from the drainline system that originates from former Building 224 and discharges at QDC Outfall 001. The length of drainline is approximately 1,600 linear feet and contains 9 identified catch basins. The two legs of the drainline that enter the main line from the northwest are believed to contain six additional catch basins, but this has not been verified in the field. Verification of these two legs and associated catch basins will be performed prior to the start of the maintenance cleaning activity.

The approach for this project includes pre-maintenance site preparation work, removal of the material from the drainline, and post-maintenance site restoration.

5.1 Site Preparation

Prior to the maintenance cleaning site preparation work including excavating catch basin CB-04 and installing a temporary haul road from catch basin CB-05 to QDC Outfall 001 will be performed as described in the following subsections.

5.1.1 Location and Excavation of Catch Basin CB-04

Catch Basin CB-04 is located immediately adjacent to Marine Road and to a drainline that runs parallel to Marine Road, on the same side of the road as the catch basin (See Figure 1-2). Due to the close proximity of CB-04 to the road, excavation is necessary to uncover the buried catch basin. An excavator/backhoe will be used to expose CB-04 for cleaning.

Prior to excavation, utility clearance will be performed as described in Section 3.3. Excavation of CB-04 cannot occur before the utility clearance has been performed.

Material excavated to expose the catch basin will be maintained near the location. The location will be back-filled as described in Section 5.4.

5.1.2 Construction of Temporary Haul Road

A temporary haul road will be constructed to access the area from CB-05 to the QDC Outfall 001. The haul road will be used by the vacuum truck and water jetting equipment.

Minor brush cutting and removal of downed limbs and trimming of low-hanging tree limbs and bushes will be to gain access to the haul road area. This work will be performed by the

subcontractor with Resolution oversight. Vegetation that is cleared will be able to remain on-site as is (i.e., no hauling or chipping of trees or debris).

The haul road will begin adjacent to CB-05 and extends approximately 250 linear feet to Outfall QDC-001, and will be constructed of approximately 20 Durabase mats or similar material. If feasible, the temporary haul road will be left in place for the planned RI field work (not part of this work plan). Feasibility of leaving the temporary haul road in place for the RI field work will depend on the RI field work start date.

5.2 Maintenance Cleaning

The maintenance cleaning of the catch basins and outfall drainline will occur in a step-wise manner starting with the most upgradient catch basin and proceeding the length of the drainline to the end at Outfall QDC-001. Beginning with catch basin CB-06, a vacuum truck will be used to remove the water and residual material in the catch basin. Water jetting equipment then will spray high-pressure water down the effluent drainline into catch basin CB-07 while a vacuum truck simultaneously removes the water/residual material from CB-07. This step-wise procedure will be performed between catch basins CB-07 and CB-02. Prior to proceeding to catch basins CB-03 and CB-09, the drain lines and catch basins that enter CB-03 and CB-09 from the northwest will be cleaned using this vacuum/water jetting step-wise procedure. Once these two drain lines have been cleaned, the vacuum/water jetting step-wise procedure will continue with CB-03, CB-09, CB-04, CB-05, and QDC Outfall 001. At the outfall, a secondary containment system will be implemented to ensure that the surrounding wetlands area is not exposed to potentially impacted wash water.

Catch basin CB-08 will be cleaned separately because its adjacent downgradient catch basin, CB-01, was destroyed during demolition of Building 224. Therefore, catch basin CB-08 will only be vacuum cleaned, water jetting will not be performed.

Catch basins will be visually inspected by the Resolution Site Quality Control Officer to confirm that the catch basins have been adequately cleaned and also to document the condition of the catch basins for the purpose of the RI. A rework will be performed by the subcontractor if necessary. Catch basins will be photo documented during inspection.

5.3 Heavy Equipment Decontamination

Decontamination of on-site heavy equipment will be the responsibility of the subcontractors and will be performed as necessary to minimize the potential spreading of contamination. If necessary a decontamination pad will be constructed and heavy equipment decontamination will be performed

using brushing, high pressure water, and/or steam cleaning. Decontamination fluids will be collected and disposed of with the maintenance cleaning waste stream.

5.4 Site Restoration

Once the maintenance cleaning and is complete, the site will be restored to pre-existing conditions. Disturbed areas will be graded and seeded. The excavation to access CB-04 will be backfilled, graded, and patched with asphalt to match the surrounding conditions.

6.0 DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING

Resolution Consultants will oversee all aspects related to the drainline maintenance cleaning. A Site Supervisor and Quality Assurance Officer (also serving as Health and Safety Officer) will be on site throughout the duration project, providing oversight of the drainline maintenance cleaning. Photo documentation will be performed after each catch basin and manhole has been cleaned. Detailed notes and photo documentation of other relevant site activities will be performed.

6.1 Field Documentation

The following list identifies the specific documentation and reporting requirements that will be required for this project. Records will be kept in accordance with SOP 3-02 Logbooks.

- Maintaining an accounting of materials entering and leaving the site, including waste soils and other materials
- Photographic documentation of cleaned catch basins, catch basin integrity, previously unknown areas of contamination, and other pertinent observations
- Documenting segregation, storage, and accounting of wastes that may be stockpiled at the site
- Documenting and reporting of spills, leaks, or other discharges occurring at the site and the resulting cleanup actions
- Documenting and reporting of disruption/damage to utility structures
- Documenting that erosion control and site security measures are adequately maintained throughout the project
- Maintaining transportation/disposal documentation
- Documenting decontamination prior to demobilization

6.2 Summary Report

Following completion of the maintenance cleaning activities, a Summary Report will be prepared for the site and submitted to the Navy. The report will describe the completed work at the site, and will contain the following specific items:

- Summary of work activities
- Field documentation

- Field changes (if any) that deviate from this Work Plan
- Analytical testing results
- Manifest and profile documentation
- Photo documentation and other pertinent information

6.3 Anticipated Sequence and Schedule

The following general sequence and schedule is anticipated for the QDC Outfall 001 Site.

- Finalize Work Plan in Summer 2013
- Implement field work in Fall 2013
- Produce Summary Report in late 2013
- Implement RI field program in late 2013 or early 2014
- Produce RI Report in late 2014

Appendix A

Resolution Consultants Standard Operating Procedures

Logbooks

Procedure 3-02

1.0 Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the activities and responsibilities pertaining to the identification, use, and control of logbooks and associated field data records.
- 1.2 As guidance for specific activities, this procedure does not obviate the need for professional judgment. Deviations from this procedure while planning or executing planned activities must be approved in accordance with Program requirements for technical planning and review.

2.0 Safety

- 2.1 In order to keep the logbook clean, store it in a clean location and use it only when outer gloves used for PPE have been removed.

3.0 Terms and Definitions

3.1 Logbook

A logbook is a bound field notebook with consecutively numbered, water-repellent pages that is clearly identified with the name of the relevant activity, the person assigned responsibility for maintenance of the logbook, and the beginning and ending dates of the entries.

3.2 Data Form

A data form is a predetermined format utilized for recording field data that may become, by reference, a part of the logbook (e.g., soil boring logs, trenching logs, surface soil sampling logs, groundwater sample logs, and well construction logs are data forms).

4.0 Training and Qualifications

- 4.1 The **Contract Task Order (CTO) Manager** or **designee** is responsible for determining which team members shall record information in field logbooks and for obtaining and maintaining control of the required logbooks. The **CTO Manager** shall review the field logbook on at least a monthly basis. The **CTO Manager** or **designee** is responsible for reviewing logbook entries to determine compliance with this procedure and to ensure that the entries meet the project requirements.
- 4.2 A knowledgeable individual such as the **Field Manager**, **CTO Manager**, or **Program Quality Manager** shall perform a technical review of each logbook at a frequency commensurate with the level of activity (weekly is suggested, or, at a minimum, monthly). Document these reviews by the dated signature of the reviewer on the last page or page immediately following the material reviewed.
- 4.3 The **Program Quality Manager** is responsible for ensuring overall compliance with this procedure.
- 4.4 The **Field Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all **field personnel** follow these procedures and that the logbook is completed properly and daily. The **Field Manager** is also responsible for submitting copies to the **CTO Manager**, who is responsible for filing them and submitting a copy (if required by the CTO Statement of Work).
- 4.5 The **logbook user** is responsible for recording pertinent data into the logbook to satisfy project requirements and for attesting to the accuracy of the entries by dated signature. The **logbook user** is also responsible for safeguarding the logbook while having custody of it.

4.6 All **field personnel** are responsible for the implementation of this procedure.

5.0 Equipment and Supplies

5.1 Field logbooks shall be bound field notebooks with water-repellent pages.

5.2 Pens shall have indelible black ink.

6.0 Procedure

6.1 The field logbook serves as the primary record of field activities. Make entries chronologically and in sufficient detail to allow the writer or a knowledgeable reviewer to reconstruct the applicable events. Store the logbook in a clean location and use it only when outer gloves used for personal protective equipment (PPE) have been removed.

6.2 Individual data forms may be generated to provide systematic data collection documentation. Entries on these forms shall meet the same requirements as entries in the logbook and shall be referenced in the applicable logbook entry. Individual data forms shall reference the applicable logbook and page number. At a minimum, include names of all samples collected in the logbook even if they are recorded elsewhere.

6.3 Enter field descriptions and observations into the logbook, as described in Attachment 1, using indelible black ink.

6.4 Typical information to be entered includes the following:

- Dates (month/day/year) and times (military) of all on-site activities and entries made in logbooks/forms;
- Site name and description;
- Site location by longitude and latitude, if known;
- Weather conditions, including temperature and relative humidity;
- Fieldwork documentation, including site entry and exit times;
- Descriptions of, and rationale for, approved deviations from the work plan (WP) or field sampling plan;
- Field instrumentation readings;
- Names, job functions, and organizational affiliations of on-site personnel;
- Photograph references;
- Site sketches and diagrams made on site;
- Identification and description of sample morphology, collection locations, and sample numbers;
- Sample collection information, including dates (month/day/year) and times (military) of sample collections, sample collection methods and devices, station location numbers, sample collection depths/heights, sample preservation information, sample pH (if applicable), analysis requested (analytical groups), etc., as well as chain-of-custody (COC) information such as sample identification numbers cross-referenced to COC sample numbers;
- Sample naming convention;
- Field quality control (QC) sample information;
- Site observations, field descriptions, equipment used, and field activities accomplished to reconstruct field operations;

- Meeting information;
- Important times and dates of telephone conversations, correspondence, or deliverables;
- Field calculations;
- PPE level;
- Calibration records;
- Contractor and subcontractor information (address, names of personnel, job functions, organizational affiliations, contract number, contract name, and work assignment number);
- Equipment decontamination procedures and effectiveness;
- Laboratories receiving samples and shipping information, such as carrier, shipment time, number of sample containers shipped, and analyses requested; and
- User signatures.

6.5 The logbook shall reference data maintained in other logs, forms, etc. Correct entry errors by drawing a single line through the incorrect entry, then initialing and dating this change. Enter an explanation for the correction if the correction is more than for a mistake.

6.6 At least at the end of each day, the person making the entry shall sign or initial each entry or group of entries.

6.7 Enter logbook page numbers on each page to facilitate identification of photocopies.

6.8 If a person's initials are used for identification, or if uncommon acronyms are used, identify these on a page at the beginning of the logbook.

6.9 At least weekly and preferably daily, the **preparer** shall photocopy and retain the pages completed during that session for backup. This will prevent loss of a large amount of information if the logbook is lost.

7.0 Quality Control and Assurance

7.1 Review per Section 4.2 shall be recorded.

8.0 Records, Data Analysis, Calculations

8.1 Retain the field logbook as a permanent project record. If a particular CTO requires submittal of photocopies of logbooks, perform this as required.

8.2 Deviations from this procedure shall be documented in field records. Significant changes shall be approved by the **Program Quality Manager**.

9.0 Attachments or References

9.1 Attachment 1 – Description of Logbook Entries

9.2 Department of Defense, United States (DoD). 2005. *Uniform Federal Policy for Quality Assurance Project Plans, Part 1: UFP-QAPP Manual*. Final Version 1. DoD: DTIC ADA 427785, EPA-505-B-04-900A. In conjunction with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy. Washington: Intergovernmental Data Quality Task Force. March. On-line updates available at: http://www.epa.gov/fedfac/pdf/ufp_qapp_v1_0305.pdf.

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Attachment 1 Description of Logbook Entries

Logbook entries shall be consistent with Section A.1.4 *Field Documentation SOPs* of the UFP-QAPP Manual (DoD 2005) and contain the following information, as applicable, for each activity recorded. Some of these details may be entered on data forms, as described previously.

Name of Activity	For example, Asbestos Bulk Sampling, Charcoal Canister Sampling, Aquifer Testing.
Task Team Members and Equipment	Name all members on the field team involved in the specified activity. List equipment used by serial number or other unique identification, including calibration information.
Activity Location	Indicate location of sampling area as indicated in the field sampling plan.
Weather	Indicate general weather and precipitation conditions.
Level of PPE	Record the level of PPE (e.g., Level D).
Methods	Indicate method or procedure number employed for the activity.
Sample Numbers	Indicate the unique numbers associated with the physical samples. Identify QC samples.
Sample Type and Volume	Indicate the medium, container type, preservative, and the volume for each sample.
Time and Date	Record the time and date when the activity was performed (e.g., 0830/08/OCT/89). Use the 24-hour clock for recording the time and two digits for recording the day of the month and the year.
Analyses	Indicate the appropriate code for analyses to be performed on each sample, as specified in the WP.
Field Measurements	Indicate measurements and field instrument readings taken during the activity.
Chain of Custody and Distribution	Indicate chain-of-custody for each sample collected and indicate to whom the samples are transferred and the destination.
References	If appropriate, indicate references to other logs or forms, drawings, or photographs employed in the activity.
Narrative (including time and location)	<p>Create a factual, chronological record of the team's activities throughout the day including the time and location of each activity. Include descriptions of general problems encountered and their resolution. Provide the names and affiliations of non-field team personnel who visit the site, request changes in activity, impact the work schedule, request information, or observe team activities. Record any visual or other observations relevant to the activity, the contamination source, or the sample itself.</p> <p>It should be emphasized that logbook entries are for recording data and chronologies of events. The logbook author must include observations and descriptive notations, taking care to be objective and recording no opinions or subjective comments unless appropriate.</p>
Recorded by	Include the signature of the individual responsible for the entries contained in the logbook and referenced forms.
Checked by	Include the signature of the individual who performs the review of the completed entries.

Recordkeeping, Sample Labeling, and Chain-of-Custody

Procedure 3-03

1.0 Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 The purpose of this standard operating procedure is to establish standard protocols for all field personnel for use in maintaining field and sampling activity records, writing sample logs, labeling samples, ensuring that proper sample custody procedures are utilized, and completing chain-of-custody/analytical request forms.
- 1.2 As guidance for specific activities, this procedure does not obviate the need for professional judgment. Deviations from this procedure while planning or executing planned activities must be approved in accordance with Program requirements for technical planning and review.

2.0 Safety

Not applicable.

3.0 Terms and Definitions

3.1 Logbook

A logbook is a bound field notebook with consecutively numbered, water-repellent pages that is clearly identified with the name of the relevant activity, the person responsible for maintenance of the logbook, and the beginning and ending dates of the entries.

3.2 Chain-of-Custody

Chain-of-custody (COC) is documentation of the process of custody control. Custody control includes possession of a sample from the time of its collection in the field to its receipt by the analytical laboratory, and through analysis and storage prior to disposal.

4.0 Training and Qualifications

- 4.1 The **CTO Manager** is responsible for determining which team members shall record information in the field logbook and for checking sample logbooks and COC forms to ensure compliance with these procedures. The **CTO Manager** shall review COC forms on a monthly basis at a minimum.
- 4.2 The **CTO Manager** and **Program Quality Manager** are responsible for evaluating project compliance with the Project Procedures Manual.
- 4.3 The **Program Quality Manager** is responsible for ensuring overall compliance with this procedure.
- 4.4 The **Laboratory Project Manager** or **Sample Control Department Manager** is responsible for reporting any sample documentation or COC problems to the **CTO Manager** or **CTO Laboratory Coordinator** within 24 hours of sample receipt.
- 4.5 The **Field Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all **field personnel** follow these procedures. The **CTO Laboratory Coordinator** is responsible for verifying that the COC/analytical request forms have been completed properly and match the sampling and analysis plan. The **CTO Manager** or **CTO Laboratory Coordinator** is responsible for notifying the **laboratory, data managers, and data validators** in writing if analytical request changes are required as a corrective action. These small changes are different from change orders, which involve changes to the scope of the subcontract with

the laboratory and must be made in accordance with a respective contract (e.g., CLEAN remedial action contract).

- 4.6 All **field personnel** are responsible for following these procedures while conducting sampling activities. **Field personnel** are responsible for recording pertinent data into the logbook to satisfy project requirements and for attesting to the accuracy of the entries by dated signature.

5.0 Procedure

This procedure provides standards for documenting field activities, labeling the samples, documenting sample custody, and completing COC/analytical request forms. The standards presented in this section shall be followed to ensure that samples collected are maintained for their intended purpose and that the conditions encountered during field activities are documented.

5.1 Recordkeeping

The field logbook serves as the primary record of field activities. Make entries chronologically and in sufficient detail to allow the writer or a knowledgeable reviewer to reconstruct each day's events. Field logs such as soil boring logs and ground-water sampling logs will also be used. These procedures are described in Procedure 3-02, *Logbooks*.

5.2 Sample Labeling

Affix a sample label with adhesive backing to each individual sample container. Place clear tape over each label (preferably prior to sampling) to prevent the labels from tearing off, falling off, being smeared, and to prevent loss of information on the label. Record the following information with a waterproof marker on each label:

- Project name or number (optional);
- COC sample number;
- Date and time of collection;
- Sampler's initials;
- Matrix (optional);
- Sample preservatives (if applicable); and
- Analysis to be performed on sample (this shall be identified by the method number or name identified in the subcontract with the laboratory).

These labels may be obtained from the analytical laboratory or printed from a computer file onto adhesive labels.

5.3 Custody Procedures

For samples intended for chemical analysis, sample custody procedures shall be followed through collection, transfer, analysis, and disposal to ensure that the integrity of the samples is maintained. Maintain custody of samples in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) COC guidelines prescribed in EPA *NEIC Policies and Procedures*, National Enforcement Investigations Center, Denver, Colorado, revised May 1986; EPA *RCRA Ground Water Monitoring Technical Enforcement Guidance Document* (TEGD); *Guidance for Conducting Remedial Investigations and Feasibility Studies Under CERCLA* (EPA OSWER Directive 9355 3-01); Appendix 2 of the *Technical Guidance Manual for Solid Waste Water Quality Assessment Test (SWAT) Proposals and Reports*; and *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste* (EPA SW-846)

A description of sample custody procedures is provided below.

5.3.1 Sample Collection Custody Procedures

According to the U.S. EPA guidelines, a sample is considered to be in custody if one of the following conditions is met:

- It is in one's actual physical possession or view;
- It is in one's physical possession and has not been tampered with (i.e., it is under lock or official seal);
- It is retained in a secured area with restricted access; and
- It is placed in a container and secured with an official seal such that the sample cannot be reached without breaking the seal.

Place custody seals on sample containers immediately after sample collection and on shipping coolers if the cooler is to be removed from the sampler's custody. Place custody seals in such a manner that they must be broken to open the containers or coolers. Label the custody seals with the following information:

- Sampler's name or initials; and
- Date and time that the sample/cooler was sealed.

These seals are designed to enable detection of sample tampering. An example of a custody seal is shown in Attachment 1.

Field personnel shall also log individual samples onto COC forms (carbon copy or computer generated) when a sample is collected. These forms may also serve as the request for analyses. Procedures for completing these forms are discussed in Section 7.4, indicating sample identification number, matrix, date and time of collection, number of containers, analytical methods to be performed on the sample, and preservatives added (if any). The **samplers** will also sign the COC form signifying that they were the personnel who collected the samples. The COC form shall accompany the samples from the field to the laboratory. When a cooler is ready for shipment to the analytical laboratory, the **person delivering the samples for transport** will sign and indicate the date and time on the accompanying COC form. One copy of the COC form will be retained by the **sampler** and the remaining copies of the COC form shall be placed inside a self-sealing bag and taped to the inside of the cooler. Each cooler must be associated with a unique COC form. Whenever a transfer of custody takes place, **both parties** shall sign and date the accompanying carbon copy COC forms, and the **individual relinquishing the samples** shall retain a copy of each form. One exception is when the samples are shipped; the **delivery service personnel** will not sign or receive a copy because they do not open the coolers. The **laboratory** shall attach copies of the completed COC forms to the reports containing the results of the analytical tests. An example COC form is provided in Attachment 2.

5.3.2 Laboratory Custody Procedures

The following custody procedures are to be followed by an **independent laboratory** receiving samples for chemical analysis; the procedures in their Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center-evaluated Laboratory Quality Assurance Plan must follow these same procedures. A **designated sample custodian** shall take custody of all samples upon their arrival at the analytical laboratory. The **custodian** shall inspect all sample labels and COC forms to ensure that the information is consistent, and that each is properly completed. The **custodian** will also measure the temperature of the temperature blank in the coolers upon arrival using either a National Institute for Standards and Technology calibrated thermometer or an infra-red temperature gun. The **custodian** shall note the condition of the samples including:

- If the samples show signs of damage or tampering;
- If the containers are broken or leaking;
- If headspace is present in sample vials;
- If proper preservation of samples has occurred (made by pH measurement, except volatile organic compounds [VOCs] and purgeable total petroleum hydrocarbons [TPH] and temperature). The pH of VOC and purgeable TPH samples will be checked by the **laboratory analyst** after the sample aliquot has been removed from the vial for analysis; and
- If any sample holding times have been exceeded.

All of the above information shall be documented on a sample receipt sheet by the **custodian**.

Discrepancies or improper preservation shall be noted by the **laboratory** as an out-of-control event and shall be documented on an out-of-control form with corrective action taken. The out-of-control form shall be signed and dated by the **sample control custodian** and **any other persons** responsible for corrective action. An example of an out-of-control form is included as Attachment 4.

The **custodian** shall then assign a unique laboratory number to each sample and distribute the samples to secured storage areas maintained at 4 degrees Celsius (soil samples for VOC analysis are to be stored in a frozen state until analysis). The unique laboratory number for each sample, COC sample number, client name, date and time received, analysis due date, and storage shall also be manually logged onto a sample receipt record and later entered into the laboratory's computerized data management system. The **custodian** shall sign the shipping bill and maintain a copy.

Laboratory personnel shall be responsible for the care and custody of samples from the time of their receipt at the laboratory through their exhaustion or disposal. Samples should be logged in and out on internal laboratory COC forms each time they are removed from storage for extraction or analysis.

5.4 **Completing COC/Analytical Request Forms**

COC form/analytical request form completion procedures are crucial in properly transferring the custody and responsibility of samples from field personnel to the laboratory. This form is important for accurately and concisely requesting analyses for each sample; it is essentially a release order from the analysis subcontract.

Attachment 2 is an example of a generic COC/analytical request form that may be used by **field personnel**. Multiple copies may be tailored to each project so that much of the information described below need not be handwritten each time. Attachment 3 is an example of a completed site-specific COC/analytical request form, with box numbers identified and discussed in text below.

COC forms tailored to each CTO can be drafted and printed onto multi-ply forms. This eliminates the need to rewrite the analytical methods column headers each time. It also eliminates the need to write the project manager, name, and number; QC Level; TAT; and the same general comments each time.

Complete one COC form per cooler. Whenever possible, place all VOC analyte vials into one cooler in order to reduce the number of trip blanks. Complete all sections and be sure to sign and date the COC form. One copy of the COC form must remain with the field personnel.

Box 2 **Bill To:** List the name and address of the person/company to bill only if it is not in the subcontract with the laboratory.

Box 3 **Sample Disposal Instructions:** These instructions will be stated in the Master Service Agreement or each CTO statement of work with each laboratory.

Shipment Method: State the method of shipment (e.g., hand carry or air courier via FedEx or DHL).

Comments: This area shall be used by the field team to communicate observations, potential hazards, or limitations that may have occurred in the field or additional information regarding analysis (e.g., a specific metals list, samples expected to contain high analyte concentrations).

Box 4 **Cooler No.:** This will be written on the inside or outside of the cooler and shall be included on the COC. Some laboratories attach this number to the trip blank identification, which helps track samples for VOC analysis. If a number is not on the cooler, field personnel shall assign a number, write it on the cooler, and write it on the COC.

QC Level: Enter the reporting quality control (QC) requirements (e.g., Full Data Package, Summary Data Package).

Turnaround time (TAT): TAT will be determined by a sample delivery group (SDG), which may be formed over a 14-day period, not to exceed 20 samples. Once the SDG has been completed, standard TAT is 21 calendar days from receipt of the last sample in the SDG. Entering NORMAL or STANDARD in this field will be acceptable. If quicker TAT is required, it shall be in the subcontract with the laboratory and reiterated on each COC to remind the laboratory.

Box 5 **Type of Containers:** Write the type of container used (e.g., 1-liter glass amber, for a given parameter in that column).

Preservatives: Field personnel must indicate on the COC the correct preservative used for the analysis requested. Indicate the pH of the sample (if tested) in case there are buffering conditions found in the sample matrix.

Box 6 **Sample Identification (ID) Number:** This is typically a five-character alphanumeric identifier used by the contractor to identify samples. The use of this identifier is important since the laboratories are restricted to the number of characters they are able to use. Sample numbering shall be in accordance with the project-specific sampling and analysis plan.

Description (Sample ID): This name will be determined by the location and description of the sample, as described in the project-specific sampling and analysis plan. This sample identification should not be submitted to the laboratory, but should be left blank. If a computer COC version is used, the sample identification can be input, but printed with this block black. A cross-referenced list of the COC Sample Number and sample identification must be maintained separately.

Date Collected: Record the collection date in order to track the holding time of the sample. Note: For trip blanks, record the date it was placed in company with samples.

Time Collected: When collecting samples, record the time the sample is first collected. Use of the 24-hour military clock will avoid a.m. or p.m. designations (e.g., 1815 instead of 6:15 p.m.). Record local time; the laboratory is responsible for calculating holding times to local time.

Lab ID: This is for laboratory use only.

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- Box 7 **Matrix/QC:** Identify the matrix (e.g., water, soil, air, tissue, fresh water sediment, marine sediment, or product). If a sample is expected to contain high analyte concentrations (e.g., a tank bottom sludge or distinct product layer), notify the laboratory in the comment section. Mark an "X" for the sample(s) that have extra volume for laboratory QC matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate (MS/MSD) purposes. The sample provided for MS/MSD purposes is usually a field duplicate.
- Box 8 **Analytical Parameters:** Enter the parameter by descriptor and the method number desired (e.g., BTEX 8260B, PAHs 8270C, etc.). Whenever practicable, list the parameters as they appear in the laboratory subcontract to maintain consistency and avoid confusion.
- If the COC does not have a specific box for number of sample containers, use the boxes below the analytical parameter, to indicate the number of containers collected for each parameter.
- Box 9 **Sampler's Signature:** The person who collected samples must sign here.
- Relinquished By:** The person who turned over the custody of the samples to a second party other than an express mail carrier, such as FedEx or DHL, must sign and date here.
- Received By:** Typically, a representative of the receiving laboratory signs and dates here. Or, a field crew member who delivered the samples in person from the field to the laboratory might sign here. A courier, such as FedEx or DHL, does not sign here because they do not open the coolers. It must also be used by the prime contracting laboratory when samples are to be sent to a subcontractor.
- Relinquished By:** In the case of subcontracting, the primary laboratory will sign and date the Relinquished By space and fill out an additional COC to accompany the samples being subcontracted.
- Received By (Laboratory):** This space is for the final destination (e.g., at a subcontracted laboratory). A representative of the final destination (e.g., subcontracted laboratory) must sign and date here.
- Box 10 **Lab No. and Questions:** This box is to be filled in by the laboratory only.
- Box 11 **Control Number:** This number is the "COC" followed by the first contractor identification number in that cooler, or contained on that COC. This control number must be unique (i.e., never used twice). Record the date the COC is completed. It should be the same date the samples are collected.
- Box 12 **Total # of Containers:** Sum the number of containers in that row.
- Box 13 **Totals:** Sum the number of containers in each column. Because COC forms contain different formats depending on who produced the form, not all of the information listed in items 1 to 13 may be recorded; however, as much of this information as possible shall be included.
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6.0 Quality Control and Assurance

- 6.1 Recordkeeping, sample labeling, and chain-of-custody activities must incorporate quality control measures to ensure accuracy and completeness.
- 6.2 Deviations from this procedure or the project-specific CTO work plan shall be documented in field records. Significant changes shall be approved by the **Program Quality Manager**.

7.0 Records, Data Analysis, Calculations

- 7.1 The COC/analytical request form shall be faxed approximately daily to the **CTO Laboratory Coordinator** for verification of accuracy. Following the completion of sampling activities, the sample

logbook and COC forms will be transmitted to the **CTO Manager** for storage in project files. The **data validators** shall receive a copy also. The original COC/analytical request form shall be submitted by the **laboratory** along with the data delivered. Any changes to the analytical requests that are required shall be made in writing to the laboratory. A copy of this written change shall be sent to the data validators and placed in the project files. The reason for the change shall be included in the project files so that recurring problems can be easily identified.

- 7.2 Deviations from this procedure or the project-specific sampling and analysis plan shall be documented in the records. Significant changes shall be approved by the **Program Quality Manager**.

8.0 Attachments or References

- 8.1 Attachment 1 – Chain-of-Custody Seal
- 8.2 Attachment 2 – Generic Chain-of-Custody/Analytical Request Form
- 8.3 Attachment 3 – Sample Completed Chain-of-Custody
- 8.4 Attachment 4 – Sample Out-of-Control Form
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Attachment 1 Chain-of-Custody Seal

CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY SEAL

<i>[LABORATORY]</i>	SAMPLE NO.	DATE	SEAL BROKEN BY
	SIGNATURE		DATE
	PRINT NAME AND TITLE (<i>Inspector, Analyst or Technician</i>)		

Attachment 2 Generic Chain-of-Custody/Analytical Request Form

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CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD												Page ____ of ____	
Client/Project Name:				Project Location:				Analysis Requested					
Project Number:				Field Logbook No.:									
Sampler: (Print Name)/Affiliation:				Chain of Custody Tape No.:									
Signature:				Send Results/Report to:									
Field Sample No./ Identification	Date	Time	Grab	Comp	Sample Container (Size/Mat)	Sample Type (Liquid, Sludge, Etc.)	Preservative	Field Filtered				Lab I.D.	Remarks
Relinquished by: (Print Name)				Date:	Received by: (Print Name)				Date:	Analytical Laboratory (Destination):			
Signature:				Time:	Signature:				Time:				
Relinquished by: (Print Name)				Date:	Received by: (Print Name)				Date:				
Signature:				Time:	Signature:				Time:				
Relinquished by: (Print Name)				Date:	Received by: (Print Name)				Date:				
Signature:				Time:	Signature:				Time:	Serial No.			

Attachment 4 Sample Out-of-Control Form

OUT OF CONTROL FORM	Status	Date	Initial
	Noted OOC		
	Submit for CA*		
	Resubmit for CA*		
	Completed		

Date Recognized:	By:	Samples Affected (List by Accession AND Sample No.)
Dated Occurred:	Matrix	
Parameter (Test Code):	Method:	
Analyst:	Supervisor:	
1. Type of Event (Check all that apply)	2. Corrective Action (CA)* (Check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Calibration Corr. Coefficient <0.995	<input type="checkbox"/> Repeat calibration	
<input type="checkbox"/> %RSD>20%	<input type="checkbox"/> Made new standards	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blank >MDL	<input type="checkbox"/> Reran analysis	
<input type="checkbox"/> Does not meet criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sample(s) redigested and rerun	
<input type="checkbox"/> Spike	<input type="checkbox"/> Sample(s) reextracted and rerun	
<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate	<input type="checkbox"/> Recalculated	
<input type="checkbox"/> LCS	<input type="checkbox"/> Cleaned system	
<input type="checkbox"/> Calibration Verification	<input type="checkbox"/> Ran standard additions	
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard Additions	<input type="checkbox"/> Notified	
<input type="checkbox"/> MS/MSD	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/> BS/BSD		
<input type="checkbox"/> Surrogate Recovery		
<input type="checkbox"/> Calculations Error		
<input type="checkbox"/> Holding Times Missed		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please explain)	Comments:	

3. Results of Corrective Action	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Return to Control (indicated with)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corrective Actions Not Successful - DATA IS TO BE FLAGGED with _____.

Analyst:	Date:
Supervisor:	Date:
QA Department:	Date:

Sample Handling, Storage, and Shipping

Procedure 3-04

1.0 Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 This standard operating procedure describes the actions to be used by personnel engaged in handling, storing, and transporting samples. The objective is to obtain samples of actual conditions with as little alteration as possible.
- 1.2 As guidance for specific activities, this procedure does not obviate the need for professional judgment. Deviations from this procedure while planning or executing planned activities must be approved in accordance with Program requirements for technical planning and review.

2.0 Safety

- 2.1 Avoid lifting heavy coolers with back muscles; instead, use leg muscles or dollies.
- 2.2 Wear proper gloves, such as blue nitrile and latex, as defined in the project-specific health and safety plan, when handling sample containers to avoid contacting any materials that may have spilled out of the sample containers.

3.0 Terms and Definitions

None.

4.0 Training and Qualifications

- 4.1 The Contract Task Order (CTO) Manager and the Laboratory Project Manager are responsible for identifying instances of non-compliance with this procedure and ensuring that future sample transport activities comply with this procedure.
- 4.2 The Field Manager is responsible for ensuring that all samples are shipped according to this procedure.
- 4.3 Field personnel are responsible for the implementation of this procedure.
- 4.4 The Program Quality Manager is responsible for ensuring that sample handling, storage, and transport activities conducted during all CTOs comply with this procedure.
- 4.5 All field personnel are responsible for the implementation of this procedure.

5.0 Procedure

5.1 Handling and Storage

Immediately following collection, label all samples according to Procedure 3-03, *Recordkeeping, Sample Labeling, and Chain-of-Custody*. The lids of the containers shall not be sealed with duct tape, but may be covered with custody seals or placed directly into self-sealing bags. Place the sample containers in an insulated cooler with frozen gel packs (e.g., "blue ice") or ice in double, sealed self-sealing bags. Samples should occupy the lower portion of the cooler, while the ice should occupy the upper portion. Place an absorbent material (e.g., proper absorbent cloth material) on the bottom of the cooler to contain liquids in case of spillage. Fill all empty space between sample containers with Styrofoam® "peanuts" or other appropriate material. Prior to shipping, wrap glass sample containers on the sides, tops, and bottoms with bubble wrap or other appropriate padding and/or surround them in Styrofoam to

prevent breakage during transport. Pack all glass containers for water samples in an upright position, never stacked or on their sides. Prior to shipment, replace the ice or cold packs in the coolers so that samples will be maintained as close to 4 degrees Celsius (°C) as possible from the time of collection through transport to the analytical laboratory. Ship samples within 24 hours or on a schedule allowing the laboratory to meet holding times for analyses. The procedures for maintaining sample temperatures at 4°C pertain to all field samples.

5.2 Shipping

Follow all appropriate U.S. Department of Transportation regulations (e.g., 49 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Parts 171-179) for shipment of air, soil, water, and other samples. Elements of these procedures are summarized below.

5.2.1 Hazardous Materials Shipment

Field personnel must state whether any sample is suspected to be a hazardous material. A sample should be assumed hazardous unless enough evidence exists to indicate it is non-hazardous. If not suspected to be hazardous, shipments may be made as described in the Section 5.2.2 for non-hazardous materials. If hazardous, follow the procedures summarized below.

Any substance or material that is capable of posing an unreasonable risk to life, health, or property when transported is classified as hazardous. Perform hazardous materials identification by checking the list of dangerous goods for that particular mode of transportation. If not on that list, materials can be classified by checking the Hazardous Materials Table (49 CFR 172.102 including Appendix A) or by determining if the material meets the definition of any hazard class or division (49 CFR Part 173), as listed in Attachment 2.

All persons shipping hazardous materials must be properly trained in the appropriate regulations, as required by HM-126F, Training for Safe Transportation of Hazardous Materials (49 CFR HM-126F Subpart H). The training covers loading, unloading, handling, storing, and transporting of hazardous materials, as well as emergency preparedness in the case of accidents. Carriers, such as commercial couriers, must also be trained. Modes of shipment include air, highway, rail, and water.

When shipping hazardous materials, including bulk chemicals or samples suspected of being hazardous, the proper shipping papers (49 CFR 172 Subpart C), package marking (49 CFR 172 Subpart D), labeling (49 CFR 172 Subpart E), placarding (49 CFR 172 Subpart F, generally for carriers), and packaging must be used. Attachment 1 shows an example of proper package markings. Refer to a copy of 49 CFR each time hazardous materials/potentially hazardous samples are shipped.

According to Section 2.7 of the International Air Transport Association Dangerous Goods Regulations publication, very small quantities of certain dangerous goods may be transported without certain marking and documentation requirements as described in 49 CFR Part 172; however, other labeling and packing requirements must still be followed. Attachment 2 shows the volume or weight for different classes of substances. A "Dangerous Goods in Excepted Quantities" label must be completed and attached to the associated shipping cooler (Attachment 3). Certain dangerous goods are not allowed on certain airlines in any quantity.

As stated in item 4 of Attachment 4, the Hazardous Materials Regulations do not apply to hydrochloric acid (HCl), nitric acid (HNO₃), sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄), and sodium hydroxide (NaOH) added to water samples if their pH or percentage by weight criteria is met. These samples may be shipped as non-hazardous materials as discussed below.

5.2.2 Non-Hazardous Materials Shipment

If the samples are suspected to be non-hazardous based on previous site sample results, field screening results, or visual observations, if applicable, then samples may be shipped as non-hazardous.

When a cooler is ready for shipment to the laboratory, place two copies of the chain-of-custody form inside a self-sealing bag and tape it to the inside of the insulated cooler. Then, seal the cooler with waterproof tape and label it with "Fragile," "This-End-Up" (or directional arrows pointing up), or other appropriate notices. Place chain-of-custody seals on the coolers as discussed in Procedure 3-03, *Recordkeeping, Sample Labeling, and Chain-of-Custody*.

5.2.3 Shipments from Outside the Continental United States

Shipment of sample coolers to the United States from locations outside the continental United States is controlled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is subject to their inspection and regulation. A "USDA Soil Import Permit" is required to prove that the receiving analytical laboratory is certified by the USDA to receive and properly dispose of soil. In addition, all sample coolers must be inspected by a USDA representative, affixed with a label indicating that the coolers contain environmental samples, and accompanied by shipping forms stamped by the USDA inspector prior to shipment.

In addition, the U.S. Customs Service must clear samples shipped from U.S. territorial possessions or foreign countries upon entry into the United States. As long as the commercial invoice is properly completed (see below), shipments typically pass through U.S. Customs Service without the need to open coolers for inspection.

Completion and use of proper paperwork will, in most cases, minimize or eliminate the need for the USDA and U.S. Customs Service to inspect the contents. Attachment 5 shows an example of how paperwork may be placed on the outside of coolers for non-hazardous materials. For hazardous materials, refer to Section 5.2.1.

In summary, tape the paperwork listed below to the outside of the coolers to accompany sample shipments. If a shipment is made up of multiple pieces (e.g., more than one cooler), the paperwork need only be attached to one cooler, provided that the courier agrees. All other coolers in the shipment need only to be taped and have the address and chain-of-custody seals affixed.

1. **Courier Shipping Form & Commercial Invoice:** See Attachment 6 and Attachment 7 for examples of the information to be included on the commercial invoices for soil and water, respectively. Place the courier shipping form and commercial invoice inside a clear, plastic, adhesive-backed pouch that adheres to the package (typically supplied by the courier) and place it on the cooler lid as shown in Attachment 5.
2. **Soil Import Permit (soil only):** See Attachment 8 and Attachment 9 for examples of the soil import permit and soil samples restricted entry labels, respectively. The laboratory shall supply these documents prior to mobilization. The USDA often stops shipments of soil without these documents. Staple together the 2-inch × 2-inch USDA label (described below) and soil import permit, and place them inside a clear plastic pouch. The courier typically supplies the clear, plastic, adhesive-backed pouches that adhere to the package.

Placing one restricted entry label as shown in Attachment 5 (covered with clear packing tape) and one stapled to the actual permit is suggested.

The USDA does not control water samples, so the requirements for soil listed above do not apply.

3. **Chain-of-Custody Seals:** The laboratory should supply the seals. CTO personnel must sign and date these. At least two seals should be placed in such a manner that they stick to both the cooler lid and body. Placing the seals over the tape (as shown in Attachment 5), then covering it with clear packing tape is suggested. This prevents the seal from coming loose and enables detection of tampering.
4. **Address Label:** Affix a label stating the destination (laboratory address) to each cooler.
5. **Special Requirements for Hazardous Materials:** See Section 5.2.1.

Upon receipt of sample coolers at the laboratory, the sample custodian shall inspect the sample containers as discussed in Procedure 3-03, *Recordkeeping, Sample Labeling, and Chain-of-Custody*. The samples shall then be immediately extracted and/or analyzed, or stored in a refrigerated storage area until they are removed for extraction and/or analysis. Whenever the samples are not being extracted or analyzed, they shall be returned to refrigerated storage.

6.0 Quality Control and Assurance

6.1 Sample handling, storage, and shipping must incorporate quality control measures to ensure conformance to these and the project requirements.

7.0 Records, Data Analysis, Calculations

7.1 Maintain records as required by implementing these procedures.

7.2 Deviations from this procedure or the project-specific sampling and analysis plan shall be documented in field records. Significant changes shall be approved by the Program Quality Manager.

8.0 Attachments or Reference

8.1 Attachment 1 – Example Hazardous Material Package Marking

8.2 Attachment 2 – Packing Groups

8.3 Attachment 3 – Label for Dangerous Goods in Excepted Quantities

8.4 Attachment 4 – SW-846 Preservative Exception

8.5 Attachment 5 – Non-Hazardous Material Cooler Marking Figure for Shipment from Outside the Continental United States

8.6 Attachment 6 – Commercial Invoice – Soil

8.7 Attachment 7 – Commercial Invoice – Water

8.8 Attachment 8 – Soil Import Permit

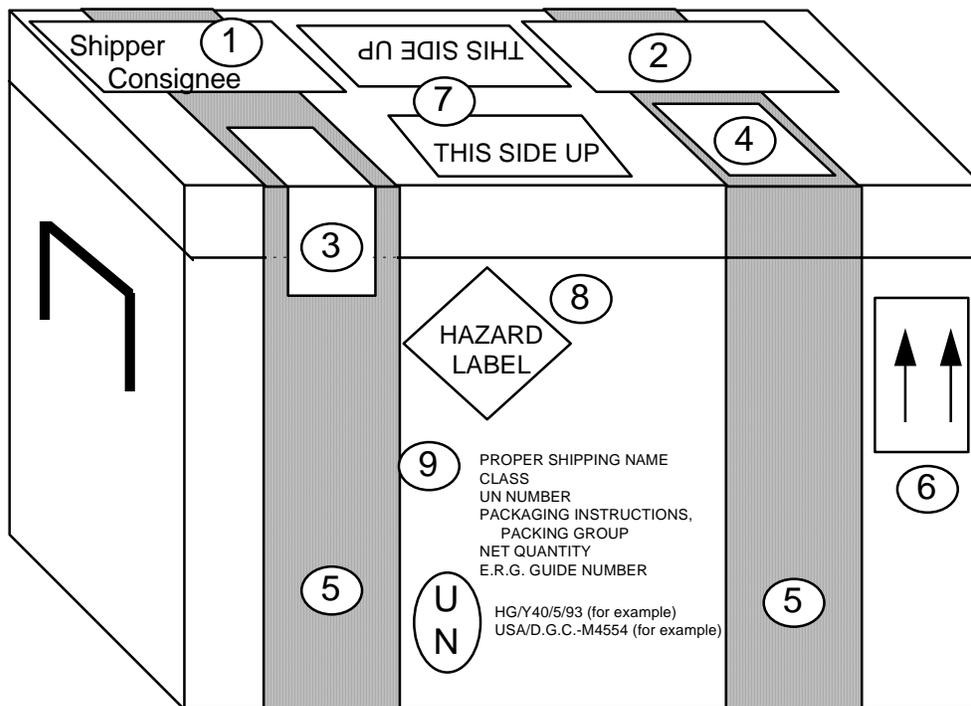
8.9 Attachment 9 – Soil Samples Restricted Entry Labels

8.10 NAVSEA T0300-AZ-PRO-010. *Navy Environmental Compliance Sampling and Field Testing Procedures Manual*. August 2009.

8.11 Procedure 3-03, *Recordkeeping, Sample Labeling, and Chain-of-Custody*.

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Attachment 1 Example Hazardous Material Package Marking



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| ① AIR BILL/COMMERCIAL INVOICE | ⑥ DIRECTION ARROWS STICKER - TWO REQUIRED |
| ② USDA PERMIT (Letter to Laboratory from USDA) | ⑦ THIS SIDE UP STICKERS |
| ③ CUSTODY SEAL | ⑧ HAZARD LABEL |
| ④ USDA 2" X 2" SOIL IMPORT PERMIT | ⑨ HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INFORMATION |
| ⑤ WATERPROOF STRAPPING TAPE | ⑩ PACKAGE SPECIFICATIONS |

Attachment 2 Packing Groups

PACKING GROUP OF THE SUBSTANCE	PACKING GROUP I		PACKING GROUP II		PACKING GROUP III	
CLASS or DIVISION of PRIMARY or SUBSIDIARY RISK	Packagings		Packagings		Packagings	
	Inner	Outer	Inner	Outer	Inner	Outer
1: Explosives	----- Forbidden ^(Note A) -----					
2.1: Flammable Gas	----- Forbidden ^(Note B) -----					
2.2: Non-Flammable, non-toxic gas	----- See Notes A and B -----					
2.3: Toxic gas	----- Forbidden ^(Note A) -----					
3: Flammable liquid	30 mL	300 mL	30 mL	500 mL	30 mL	1 L
4.1 Self-reactive substances	Forbidden		Forbidden		Forbidden	
4.1: Other flammable solids	Forbidden		30 g	500 g	30 g	1 kg
4.2: Pyrophoric substances	Forbidden		Not Applicable		Not Applicable	
4.2 Spontaneously combustible substances	Not Applicable		30 g	500 g	30 g	1 kg
4.3: Water reactive substances	Forbidden		30 g or 30 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L
5.1: Oxidizers	Forbidden		30 g or 30 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L
5.2: Organic peroxides ^(Note C)	See Note A		30 g or 30 mL	500 g or 250 mL	Not Applicable	
6.1: Poisons - Inhalation toxicity	Forbidden		1 g or 1 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L
6.1: Poisons - oral toxicity	1 g or 1 mL	300 g or 300 mL	1 g or 1 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L
6.1: Poisons - dermal toxicity	1 g or 1 mL	300 g or 300 mL	1 g or 1 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L
6.2: Infectious substances	----- Forbidden ^(Note A) -----					
7: Radioactive material ^(Note D)	----- Forbidden ^(Note A) -----					
8: Corrosive materials	Forbidden		30 g or 30 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L
9: Magnetized materials	----- Forbidden ^(Note A) -----					
9: Other miscellaneous materials ^(Note E)	Forbidden		30 g or 30 mL	500 g or 500 mL	30 g or 30 mL	1 kg or 1 L

Note A: Packing groups are not used for this class or division.

Note B: For inner packagings, the quantity contained in receptacle with a water capacity of 30 mL. For outer packagings, the sum of the water capacities of all the inner packagings contained must not exceed 1 L.

Note C: Applies only to Organic Peroxides when contained in a chemical kit, first aid kit or polyester resin kit.

Note D: See 6.1.4.1, 6.1.4.2, and 6.2.1.1 through 6.2.1.7, radioactive material in excepted packages.

Note E: For substances in Class 9 for which no packing group is indicated in the List of Dangerous Goods, Packing Group II quantities must be used.

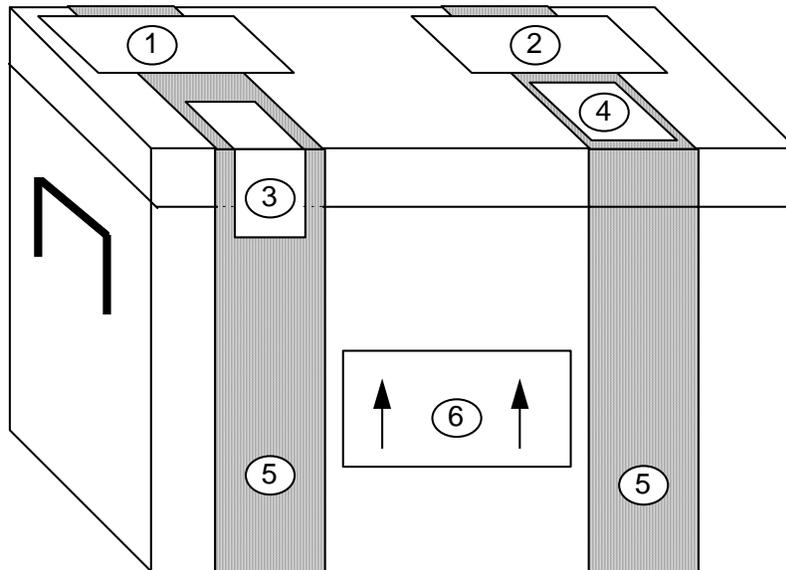
Attachment 4

SW-846 Preservative Exception

Measurement	Vol. Req. (mL)	Container ²	Preservative ^{3,4}	Holding Time ⁵
MBAS	250	P, G	Cool, 4°C	48 Hours
NTA	50	P, G	Cool, 4°C	24 Hours

1. More specific instructions for preservation and sampling are found with each procedure as detailed in this manual. A general discussion on sampling water and industrial wastewater may be found in ASTM, Part 31, p. 72-82 (1976) Method D-3370.
2. Plastic (P) or Glass (G). For metals, polyethylene with a polypropylene cap (no liner) is preferred.
3. Sample preservation should be performed immediately upon sample collection. For composite samples each aliquot should be preserved at the time of collection. When use of an automated sampler makes it impossible to preserve each aliquot, then samples may be preserved by maintaining at 4°C until compositing and sample splitting is completed.
4. When any sample is to be shipped by common carrier or sent through the United States Mail, it must comply with the Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Part 172). The person offering such material for transportation is responsible for ensuring such compliance. For the preservation requirements of Table 1, the Office of Hazardous Materials, Materials Transportation Bureau, Department of Transportation has determined that the Hazardous Materials regulations do not apply to the following materials: Hydrochloric acid (HCl) in water solutions at concentration of 0.04% by weight or less (pH about 1.96 or greater); Nitric acid (HNO₃) in water solutions at concentrations of 0.15% by weight or less (pH about 1.62 or greater); Sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄) in water solutions at concentrations of 0.35% by weight or less (pH about 1.15 or greater); Sodium hydroxide (NaOH) in water solutions at concentrations of 0.080% by weight or less (pH about 12.30 or less).
5. Samples should be analyzed as soon as possible after collection. The times listed are the maximum times that samples may be held before analysis and still considered valid. Samples may be held for longer periods only if the permittee, or monitoring laboratory, has data on file to show that the specific types of sample under study are stable for the longer time, and has received a variance from the Regional Administrator. Some samples may not be stable for the maximum time period given in the table. A permittee, or monitoring laboratory, is obligated to hold the sample for a shorter time if knowledge exists to show this is necessary to maintain sample stability.
6. Should only be used in the presence of residual chlorine.

Attachment 5 Non-Hazardous Material Cooler Marking Figure for Shipment from Outside the Continental United States



- ① AIR BILL/COMMERCIAL INVOICE
- ② USDA PERMIT (Letter to Laboratory from USDA)
- ③ CUSTODY SEAL
- ④ USDA 2" X 2" SOIL IMPORT PERMIT
- ⑤ WATERPROOF STRAPPING TAPE
- ⑥ DIRECTION ARROWS STICKER - TWO REQUIRED

Attachment 6 Commercial Invoice – Soil

DATE OF EXPORTATION <i>1/1/94</i>				EXPORT REFERENCES (i.e., order no., invoice no., etc.) <CJO #>				
SHIPPER/EXPORTER (complete name and address) <i>Joe Smith Ogden c/o <hotel name> <hotel address></i>				CONSIGNEE <i>Sample Receipt <Lab Name> <Lab Address></i>				
COUNTRY OF EXPORT <i>Guam, USA</i>				IMPORTER - IF OTHER THAN CONSIGNEE				
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF GOODS <i>Guam, USA</i>								
COUNTRY OF ULTIMATE DESTINATION <i>USA</i>								
INTERNATIONAL AIR WAYBILL NO.				<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> (NOTE: All shipments must be accompanied by a Federal Express International Air Waybill)				
MARKS/NOS	NO. OF PKGS	TYPE OF PACKAGING	FULL DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	QTY	UNIT OF MEASURE	WEIGHT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
	<i>3</i>	<i>coolers</i>	<i>Soil samples for laboratory analysis only</i>				<i>\$1.00</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>
	TOTAL NO. OF PKGS.					TOTAL WEIGHT		TOTAL INVOICE VALUE
	<i>3</i>							<i>\$3.00</i>
Check one <input type="checkbox"/> F.O.B. <input type="checkbox"/> C&F <input type="checkbox"/> C.I.F.								

THESE COMMODITIES ARE LICENSED FOR THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION SHOWN.

DIVERSION CONTRARY TO UNITED STATES LAW IS PROHIBITED.

I DECLARE ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS INVOICE TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER/EXPORTER (Type name and title and sign)

Joe Smith, Ogden

Joe Smith

1/1/94

Name/Title

Signature

Date

Attachment 7 Commercial Invoice – Water

DATE OF EXPORTATION <i>1/1/94</i>				EXPORT REFERENCES (i.e., order no., invoice no., etc.) <CJO #>				
SHIPPER/EXPORTER (complete name and address) <i>Joe Smith Ogden c/o <hotel name> <hotel address></i>				CONSIGNEE <i>Sample Receipt <Lab Name> <Lab Address></i>				
COUNTRY OF EXPORT <i>Guam, USA</i>				IMPORTER - IF OTHER THAN CONSIGNEE				
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF GOODS <i>Guam, USA</i>								
COUNTRY OF ULTIMATE DESTINATION <i>USA</i>								
INTERNATIONAL AIR WAYBILL NO.					(NOTE: All shipments must be accompanied by a Federal Express International Air Waybill)			
MARKS/NOS	NO. OF PKGS	TYPE OF PACKAGING	FULL DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	QTY	UNIT OF MEASURE	WEIGHT	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
	<i>3</i>	<i>coolers</i>	<i>Water samples for laboratory analysis only</i>				<i>\$1.00</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>
	TOTAL NO. OF PKGS.					TOTAL WEIGHT		TOTAL INVOICE VALUE
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SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER/EXPORTER (Type name and title and sign)

Joe Smith, Ogden

Joe Smith

1/1/94

Attachment 8 Soil Import Permit



**UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE**

Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

Plant Protection and
Quarantine

Soil Permit

Columbia Analytical Services
(Lee Wolf)
1317 S. 13th Avenue
Kelso, Washington 98626
TELEPHONE: (360) 577-7222

Issued To:

Under the authority of the Federal Plant Pest Act of May 23, 1957, permission is hereby granted to the facility/individual named above subject to the following conditions:

1. Valid for shipments of soil not heat treated at the port of entry, only if a compliance agreement (PPQ Form 519) has been completed and signed. Compliance Agreements and Soil permits are non-transferable. If you hold a Soil Permit and you leave your present employer or company, you must notify your local USDA office promptly.
2. To be shipped in sturdy, leakproof, containers.
3. To be released without treatment at the port of entry.
4. To be used only for analysis and only in the facility of the permittee at Columbia Analytical Services, located in Kelso, Washington.
5. No use of soil for growing purposes is authorized, including the isolation or culture of organisms imported in soil.
6. All unconsumed soil, containers, and effluent is to be autoclaved, incinerated, or heat treated by the permittee at the conclusion of the project as approved and prescribed by Plant Protection and Quarantine.
7. This permit authorizes shipments from all foreign sources, including Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands through any U.S. port of entry.

Permit Number: S-52239

Expiration Date: JUNE 30, 2006

Deborah M. Knott
Approving Official DEBORAH M. KNOTT

WARNING: Any alteration, forgery, or unauthorized use of this Federal form is subject to civil penalties of up to \$250,000 (7 U.S.C. s 7754(b)) or punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both (18 U.S.C. s 1001).

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Attachment 9

Soil Samples Restricted Entry Labels

<hr/> <p>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20782</p> <p>SOIL SAMPLES RESTRICTED ENTRY</p> <hr/> <p>The material contained in this package is imported under authority of the Federal Plant Pest Act of May 23, 1957.</p> <hr/> <p>For release without treatment if addressee is currently listed as approved by Plant Protection and Quarantine.</p> <hr/> <p>PPQ FORM 550 <i>Edition of 12/77 may be used</i> (JAN 83)</p>

Equipment Decontamination

Procedure 3-06

1.0 Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes methods of equipment decontamination, to be used for activities where samples for chemical analysis are collected or where equipment will need to be cleaned before leaving the site or before use in subsequent activities.
- 1.2 As guidance for specific activities, this procedure does not obviate the need for professional judgment. Deviations from this procedure while planning or executing planned activities must be approved in accordance with Program requirements for technical planning and review.

2.0 Safety

It is the responsibility of the **Site Safety Officer (SSO)** to set up the site zones (i.e., exclusion, transition, and clean) and decontamination areas. Generally the decontamination area is located within the transition zone, upwind of intrusive activities, and serves as the washing area for both personnel and equipment to minimize the spread of contamination into the clean zone. Typically, for equipment, a series of buckets are set up on a visqueen-lined bermed area. Separate spray bottles containing cleaning solvents as described in this procedure or the Contract Task Order (CTO) Work Plan (WP) and distilled water are used for final rinsing of equipment. Depending on the nature of the hazards and the site location, decontamination of heavy equipment, such as augers, pump drop pipe, and vehicles, may be accomplished using a variety of techniques.

All **Field Personnel** responsible for equipment decontamination must adhere to the site-specific health and safety plan (HSP) and must wear the personal protective equipment (PPE) specified in the site-specific HSP. Generally this includes, at a minimum, Tyvek® coveralls, steel-toed boots with boot covers or steel-toed rubber boots, safety glasses, American National Standards Institute-standard hard hats, and hearing protection (if heavy equipment is in operation). Air monitoring by the **SSO** may result in an upgrade to the use of respirators and cartridges in the decontamination area; therefore, this equipment must be available on site. If safe alternatives are not achievable, discontinue site activities immediately.

In addition to the aforementioned precautions, the following sections describe safe work practices that will be employed.

2.1 Chemical Hazards associated with Equipment Decontamination

- Avoid skin contact with and/or incidental ingestion of decontamination solutions and water.
- Utilize PPE as specified in the site-specific HSP to maximize splash protection.
- Refer to material safety data sheets, safety personnel, and/or consult sampling personnel regarding appropriate safety measures (i.e., handling, PPE including skin and respiratory).
- Take the necessary precautions when handling detergents and reagents.

2.2 Physical Hazards associated with Equipment Decontamination

- To avoid possible back strain, it is recommended to raise the decontamination area 1 to 2 feet above ground level.
- To avoid heat stress, over exertion, and exhaustion, it is recommended to rotate equipment decontamination among all site personnel.

- Take necessary precautions when handling field sampling equipment.

3.0 Terms and Definitions

None.

4.0 Training and Qualifications

- 4.1 The **CTO Manager** is responsible for ensuring that decontamination activities comply with this procedure. The **CTO Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all personnel involved in equipment decontamination shall have the appropriate education, experience, and training to perform their assigned tasks.
- 4.2 The **Program Quality Manager** is responsible for ensuring overall compliance with this procedure.
- 4.3 The **Field Manager** is responsible for ensuring that all field equipment is decontaminated according to this procedure.
- 4.4 All **Field Personnel** are responsible for the implementation of this procedure.

5.0 Procedure

Decontamination of equipment used in soil/sediment sampling, groundwater monitoring, well drilling and well development, as well as equipment used to sample groundwater, surface water, sediment, waste, wipe, asbestos, and unsaturated zone, is necessary to prevent cross-contamination and to maintain the highest integrity possible in collected samples. Planning a decontamination program requires consideration of the following factors:

- Location where the decontamination procedures will be conducted
- Types of equipment requiring decontamination
- Frequency of equipment decontamination
- Cleaning technique and types of cleaning solutions appropriate to the contaminants of concern
- Method for containing the residual contaminants and wash water from the decontamination process
- Use of a quality control measure to determine the effectiveness of the decontamination procedure

The following subsections describe standards for decontamination, including the frequency of decontamination, cleaning solutions and techniques, containment of residual contaminants and cleaning solutions, and effectiveness.

5.1 Decontamination Area

Select an appropriate location for the decontamination area at a site based on the ability to control access to the area, the ability to control residual material removed from equipment, the need to store clean equipment, and the ability to restrict access to the area being investigated. Locate the decontamination area an adequate distance away and upwind from potential contaminant sources to avoid contamination of clean equipment.

5.2 Types of Equipment

Drilling equipment that must be decontaminated includes drill bits, auger sections, drill-string tools, drill rods, split barrel samplers, tremie pipes, clamps, hand tools, and steel cable. Decontamination of monitoring well development and groundwater sampling equipment includes submersible pumps, bailers, interface probes, water level meters, bladder pumps, airlift pumps, peristaltic pumps, and lysimeters. Other sampling equipment that requires decontamination includes, but is not limited to, hand trowels,

hand augers, slide hammer samplers, shovels, stainless-steel spoons and bowls, soil sample liners and caps, wipe sampling templates, composite liquid waste samplers, and dippers. Equipment with a porous surface, such as rope, cloth hoses, and wooden blocks, cannot be thoroughly decontaminated and shall be properly disposed of after one use.

5.3 **Frequency of Equipment Decontamination**

Decontaminate down-hole drilling equipment and equipment used in monitoring well development and purging prior to initial use and between each borehole or well. Down-hole drilling equipment, however, may require more frequent cleaning to prevent cross-contamination between vertical zones within a single borehole. When drilling through a shallow contaminated zone and installing a surface casing to seal off the contaminated zone, decontaminate the drilling tools prior to drilling deeper. Initiate groundwater sampling by sampling groundwater from the monitoring well where the least contamination is suspected. Decontaminate groundwater, surface water, and soil sampling devices prior to initial use and between collection of each sample to prevent the possible introduction of contaminants into successive samples.

5.4 **Cleaning Solutions and Techniques**

Decontamination can be accomplished using a variety of techniques and fluids. The preferred method of decontaminating major equipment, such as drill bits, augers, drill string, and pump drop-pipe, is steam cleaning. To steam clean, use a portable, high-pressure steam cleaner equipped with a pressure hose and fittings. For this method, thoroughly steam wash equipment and rinse it with potable tap water to remove particulates and contaminants.

A rinse decontamination procedure is acceptable for equipment such as bailers, water level meters, new and re-used soil sample liners, and hand tools. The decontamination procedure shall consist of the following: (1) wash with a non-phosphate detergent (Alconox®, Liquinox®, or other suitable detergent) and potable water solution; (2) rinse with potable water; (3) spray with laboratory-grade isopropyl alcohol; (4) rinse with deionized or distilled water; and (5) spray with deionized or distilled water. If possible, disassemble equipment prior to cleaning. Add a second wash at the beginning of the process if equipment is very soiled.

Decontaminating submersible pumps requires additional effort because internal surfaces become contaminated during usage. Decontaminate these pumps by washing and rinsing the outside surfaces using the procedure described for small equipment or by steam cleaning. Decontaminate the internal surfaces by recirculating fluids through the pump while it is operating. This recirculation may be done using a relatively long (typically 4 feet) large-diameter pipe (4-inch or greater) equipped with a bottom cap. Fill the pipe with the decontamination fluids, place the pump within the capped pipe, and operate the pump while recirculating the fluids back into the pipe. The decontamination sequence shall include: (1) detergent and potable water; (2) potable water rinse; (3) potable water rinse; and (4) deionized water rinse. Change the decontamination fluids after each decontamination cycle.

Solvents other than isopropyl alcohol may be used, depending upon the contaminants involved. For example, if polychlorinated biphenyls or chlorinated pesticides are contaminants of concern, hexane may be used as the decontamination solvent; however, if samples are also to be analyzed for volatile organics, hexane shall not be used. In addition, some decontamination solvents have health effects that must be considered. Decontamination water shall consist of distilled or deionized water. Steam-distilled water shall not be used in the decontamination process as this type of water usually contains elevated concentrations of metals. Decontamination solvents to be used during field activities will be specified in the CTO WP.

Rinse equipment used for measuring field parameters, such as pH (indicates the hydrogen ion concentration – acidity or basicity), temperature, specific conductivity, and turbidity with deionized or distilled water after each measurement. Also wash new, unused soil sample liners and caps with a fresh

detergent solution and rinse them with potable water followed by distilled or deionized water to remove any dirt or cutting oils that might be on them prior to use.

5.5 **Containment of Residual Contaminants and Cleaning Solutions**

A decontamination program for equipment exposed to potentially hazardous materials requires a provision for catchment and disposal of the contaminated material, cleaning solution, and wash water.

When contaminated material and cleaning fluids must be contained from heavy equipment, such as drill rigs and support vehicles, the area must be properly floored, preferably with a concrete pad that slopes toward a sump pit. If a concrete pad is impractical, planking can be used to construct solid flooring that is then covered by a nonporous surface and sloped toward a collection sump. If the decontamination area lacks a collection sump, use plastic sheeting and blocks or other objects to create a bermed area for collection of equipment decontamination water. Situate items, such as auger flights, which can be placed on metal stands or other similar equipment, on this equipment during decontamination to prevent contact with fluids generated by previous equipment decontamination. Store clean equipment in a separate location to prevent recontamination. Collect decontamination fluids contained within the bermed area and store them in secured containers as described below.

Use wash buckets or tubs to catch fluids from the decontamination of lighter-weight drilling equipment and hand-held sampling devices. Collect the decontamination fluids and store them on site in secured containers, such as U.S. Department of Transportation-approved drums, until their disposition is determined by laboratory analytical results. Label containers in accordance with Procedure 3-05, *IDW Management*.

6.0 **Quality Control and Assurance**

A decontamination program must incorporate quality control measures to determine the effectiveness of cleaning methods. Quality control measures typically include collection of equipment blank samples or wipe testing. Equipment blanks consist of analyte-free water that has been poured over or through the sample collection equipment after its final decontamination rinse. Wipe testing is performed by wiping a cloth over the surface of the equipment after cleaning. These quality control measures provide "after-the-fact" information that may be useful in determining whether or not cleaning methods were effective in removing the contaminants of concern.

7.0 **Records, Data Analysis, Calculations**

Any project where sampling and analysis is performed shall be executed in accordance with an approved sampling and analysis plan. This procedure may be incorporated by reference or may be incorporated with modifications described in the plan.

Deviations from this procedure or the sampling and analysis plan shall be documented in field records. Significant changes shall be approved by the **Program Quality Manager**.

8.0 **Attachments or References**

- 8.1 ASTM Standard D5088. 2008. *Standard Practice for Decontamination of Field Equipment Used at Waste Sites*. ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA. 2008. DOI: 10.1520/D5088-02R08. www.astm.org.
- 8.2 NAVSEA T0300-AZ-PRO-010. *Navy Environmental Compliance Sampling and Field Testing Procedures Manual*. August 2009.
- 8.3 Procedure 3-05, *IDW Management*.

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1.0 Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 Establishes requirements to ensure that underground installations are identified properly before excavation work commences.
- 1.2 This procedure applies to all Resolution Consultants employees and operations.

2.0 Terms and Definitions

- 2.1 **Underground Utilities:** All utility systems located beneath grade level, including, but not limited to, gas, electrical, water, compressed air, sewage, signaling and communications, etc.
- 2.2 **Ground Disturbance (GD):** Any indentation, interruption, intrusion, excavation, construction, or other activity in the earth's surface as a result of work that results in the penetration of the ground.

3.0 References

- 3.1 American Public Works Association, Excavator's Damage Prevention Guide and One-Call System Directory International 1990-1991, Utility Location and Coordination Committee.

4.0 Procedure

- 4.1 Ground disturbance may be conducted for a variety of purposes, including, but not limited to, exposing existing buried lines, soil sampling, remedial excavations, or installing monitoring wells or test pits.
- 4.2 Improper ground disturbance may impact a buried pipeline or utility line and cause a major release of a hazardous substance, flood, or electrocution. Serious injuries and significant property damage have resulted from insufficient/inadequate identification of underground installations during the course of ground disturbance work.
- 4.3 To control hazards associated with coming in contact with such installations, the American Public Works Association's (APWA) guidelines for the uniform identification of underground installations has been adopted.
- 4.4 **CTO Managers** are responsible for ensuring that all work, including the identification, location, and access to all underground utilities, is planned and performed in accordance with contract specifications and safety requirements.
 - 4.4.1 The planning for associated work and avoidance of contacting underground utilities shall be part of the project safety planning in the HASP.
- 4.5 The **CTO Manager or Site Supervisor** is responsible for the execution of work in accordance with this and other associated Resolution Consultants SOPs, including:
 - The review of the HASP.
 - Verification that all steps have been taken to identify existing underground utilities in the area to be disturbed.
- 4.6 **Regional SH&E Professional** provides guidance as needed.
- 4.7 **Personal Protective Equipment**
 - Long sleeved shirt and pants (coveralls/Nomex LILA for upstream oil and gas)
 - Safety toe boots
 - Hard hat
 - High-visibility clothing
 - Gloves

- Respirator with organic vapor/particulate filter cartridge (for use when the exposure exceeds the occupational exposure limit stated on the MSDS), as required
- Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) Monitor (for areas with known or suspected H₂S)

4.8 **Training**

- 4.8.1 Staff shall successfully complete a Ground Disturbance training course.
- 4.8.2 Some clients may also have required client-based Ground Disturbance training.

4.9 **Underground Utility Lines**

4.9.1 To avoid injury from electrical and other utilities on site, utility lines shall be located and marked prior to conducting any drilling or digging on site. If available, refer to site drawings or client interviews for information pertaining to utilities on site.

4.9.2 Types of underground lines:

- Gas line
- Potable water line
- Raw water line
- Sewer line
- Power line
- Cable television/communication line
- Cathodic protection lines
- Grounding cable
- Process piping/flow line

4.9.3 Prior to conducting the ground disturbance, you shall locate all pipelines and utilities that pass within (30 m) of the work area. This is your search and control area. To do so, you need to do the following:

- Notify all pipeline and utility companies, and confirm that their notification requirements are fulfilled prior to conducting a ground disturbance.
- Identify pipelines, power lines, utilities, and irrigation canals in a 30-foot (9.1 m) zone of the work area with the owner of the utility.
- On private property, a properly trained and competent third party utility locator shall be used.
- Get approval for work within a right-of-way (ROW) or within 15 feet (4.6 m) of a line if there is no ROW.
- Prepare a site map identifying the search area, the ground disturbance area, and known underground utilities.
- Confirm that all pipelines, power lines, and utilities are marked.

4.9.4 Look for pipeline indicators:

- Look for warning signs where pipelines cross roads or water courses.
- Look for cut lines, wells, tanks, or valves that may indicate the presence of pipelines.
- Look for ground settling from previous work.
- Talk to nearby landowners and residents.
- Look for vegetation appearing "different" from the surrounding vegetation (e.g., greener, taller, shorter, or more brown than surrounding vegetation).

- 4.9.5 When you are working within a pipeline right-of-way, you shall get written approval from the pipeline owner prior to doing your work.
- 4.9.6 Call the pipeline owner at least two full working days before you dig so the pipeline can be located and marked.
- 4.9.7 Expose the pipeline by hand/hydrovac before digging within 15 feet (4.6 m) of the pipeline with machinery (no machinery comes may come within 2 feet [60 cm] of the pipeline) with the supervision of the owner or their representative, and call the owner at least one full day before you cover the exposed line.
- 4.9.8 During ground disturbance:
- All underground utilities shall be hand exposed or hydrovac'd within 3.3 feet (1 m) of a mark out or within the distance required by the owner of the utility before operating any mechanized equipment.
 - Make arrangements for supervision ("a Signal Person") during hand exposure.
 - If for any reason these hand excavations are temporarily filled in, mark them.
 - Make arrangements for supervision ("a Signal Person") during any mechanical excavation within 5 m of the underground utility.
 - Make arrangements for supervision ("a Signal Person") during backfilling of utilities.
 - Cutting back and shoring of excavations shall be completed to ensure that there are no cave-ins (follow *5-303-Excavation and Trenching*).
 - Do not damage utilities by shovels when hand exposing and picks should not be used.
 - Remember that all workers have the right and responsibility to refuse to carry out any work or procedures that they feel are unsafe.
 - If the ground disturbance is deeper than 3.3 feet (1 m), all crew members shall have appropriate training for excavations and trenches and shall be protected from cave-ins or sliding/rolling materials (follow *5-303-Excavation and Trenching*).
 - Remember that incidents, injuries, and near misses shall be reported immediately.
 - Review the site-specific emergency response plan.
- 4.9.9 If you hit an underground facility, stop the work immediately and notify the owner of the facility.
- The owner shall be informed of the location of the contact and the type of damage that resulted.
 - If the facility is a pipeline, the company (client) shall immediately notify the required agencies and regulatory bodies of the location of the contact and the type of damage that resulted.
 - The government agencies will require a written record and the company (client) should conduct an incident investigation into the causes and make recommendations for the future prevention of this incident.
- 4.10 **Identification of Installations**
- 4.10.1 Various forms of underground utility lines or pipes may be encountered during Resolution Consultants deployments to field sites. Damaged utilities, in particular, can present other hazards including asbestos, explosion, electric shock, scalding, etc., and they shall be avoided. The presence of damaged utilities at any work location shall be immediately brought to the attention of the site supervisor or other member of the Resolution Consultants site management team.
- 4.10.2 Guidance will be provided on the appropriate action to be taken, which could include suspension of work until the responsible utility agency is contacted and the hazard is either isolated or eliminated.
- 4.10.3 Extreme caution shall always be exercised when attempting to locate underground utilities. The location of utilities can be in some cases not consistent as shown on drawings, as indicated by the placement of surface signage, or as described by personnel. Coordination and planning of the job shall be required with the client or owner.
- Prior to digging and drilling operations, the client shall always be informed of the potential location(s) of underground utility systems.
 - If a utility permit is required from the client or owner, it shall be secured.
 - The client shall explain how the utility line may be identified—e.g., red concrete encasement.

- All underground installations shall be considered “live” and “operational” until the owner, client, or utility authority isolates any hazardous energy or deactivates the system and can demonstrate that condition.
- Where a line placement and depth is known or suspected and where there is potential for contact, hand digging, or hand auguring, instrumentation and other investigative techniques shall be used.

- 4.10.4 The One Call System Definition and Directory or its equivalent shall be used to prepare for excavation work in the event the identity of an underground installation(s) is unknown.
- 4.10.5 Line location documentation (or appropriate regional agency or company) provides a listing of companies that have registered buried facilities in the proposed work area. Some public utilities and private companies are not members of the One Call System. In order to give line operators sufficient time to respond to a request to locate, a minimum waiting period of 72 business hours is required prior to beginning work.
- 4.10.6 Once the underground installation has been identified, proper surface markings shall be made in accordance with the guidelines contained in this SOP or as contract-specified.
- 4.11 **Surface Markings**
- 4.11.1 Color-coded surface marks (paints or similar coatings) shall be used to indicate the type, location, and route of buried installations. Additionally, to increase visibility, color-coded vertical markers (temporary stakes or flags) shall supplement surface marks.
- 4.11.2 All marks and markers shall indicate the name, initials, or logo of the company that owns or operates the installation and the width of the installation if it is greater than two inches.
- 4.11.3 If the surface over the buried installation is to be removed, supplemental offset marking shall be used. Offset markings shall be on a uniform alignment and shall clearly indicate that the actual installation is a specific distance away.
- 4.12 **Uniform Color-Coding**
- 4.12.1 The colors and corresponding installation type are as follows unless otherwise contract-specified.
- 4.12.2 Red: Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit, and Lighting Cables
- 4.12.3 Yellow : Gas, Oil, Stream, Petroleum, or Gaseous Materials
- 4.12.4 Orange :Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables, or Conduit
- 4.12.5 Green: Sewers and Drain Lines
- 4.12.6 White : Proposed Ground Disturbance area
- 4.12.7 Pink: Temporary Survey Markings
- 4.12.8 Purple: Nonpotable Water

5.0 Records

- 5.1 The following records on the identification of and response to underground utilities will be maintained in the project files:
- 5.1.1 All information regarding the identification of underground installations (this information can also be transferred to the appropriate drawings and/or prints and shall be available on site).
- 5.1.2 Drawings and/or prints shall be maintained for the life of this project.
- 5.1.3 Identifying Underground Installations Checklist.

6.0 Attachments

None.