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Erik Johnson Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup MassDEP Northeast Regional Office 150 Presidential Way Woburn, MA 01801 October 6, 2023 Project #1843

RE: Immediate Response Action Plan

Vacant Parcels 12 Cedar Road, 14 Cedar Road, and 14 Barnes Road Salem, MA 01970 RTN 3-38273

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of JL Realty Trust, JMI Realty Trust, and Barnes Road Trust, Blackstone Environmental Solutions LLC is submitting the following Immediate Response Action (IRA) Plan for the vacant parcels of land located at 12 Cedar Road, 14 Cedar Road, and 14 Barnes Road in Salem, Massachusetts. The purpose of these IRA activities is to prevent, control, abate, or eliminate an Imminent Hazard (IH) as required in 310 CMR 40.0322 and 40.0426. The following submittal has been prepared pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0424 of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP).

As you are aware, timely Response Actions have been completed at the Site since the release was first discovered, and these activities have been coordinated and regularly communicated to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). All efforts to date have been devoted to assessing the impacts of the release at the Site through the performance of the critical and timely assessment and research efforts described herein. Unfortunately, due to the anticipating timing of the receipt of laboratory analytical results from the September 27, 2023 surficial soil assessment program, no conclusion in this report has been made as to whether an Imminent Hazard exists at the Site. BES will begin the compilation of the data collected which will be provided to the MassDEP along with Method 3 Risk Characterization equations and factors used to make a conclusion as to whether an Imminent Hazard exists at the Site during the week of October 16, 2023.

It should also be noted that a second phase of surficial soil testing is proposed in areas that are inaccessible except through the Cedar Road Easement. The Cedar Road Easement is not accessible at this time due to the fact that it is partially located within the Berman Properties LLC redevelopment project at Highland Avenue and Cedar Road, and is an asbestos cleanup site. BES prepared a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) memorandum for equipment decontamination for access to the Cedar Road Easement via a commercial truck and is currently awaiting MassDEP approval before proceeding with this second phase of surficial soil testing.

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Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (BWSC) Form 105 has been filed via eDEP for RTN 3-38273. If you have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

If there are any questions regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

On behalf of JL Realty Trust, JMI Realty Trust, and Barnes Road Trust (property owners), Blackstone Environmental Solutions LLC (BES) has prepared the following Immediate Response Action (IRA) Plan for the reportable condition found to be present at the above-referenced Site. The disposal Site (the "Site"), is currently defined as portions of the properties located at 14 Barnes Road, 9 Cedar Road, 12 Cedar Road, 14 Cedar Road, 15 Cedar Road, and 16 Cedar Road. An imminent hazard condition was determined to have existed on 12 Cedar Road, 14 Cedar Road, and 14 Barnes Road, as a result of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) and total chromium impact in the top 6 inches of soil. The release condition was assigned Release Tracker Number (RTN) 3-38273 by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). A Site Locus, Site Plan, Aerial Map MassDEP Phase I Site Assessment Map are included as Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively.

This IRA Plan and Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (BWSC) Form 105 are submitted electronically via the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (MassDEP) eDEP online filing system. Response actions covered by this report are through September 30, 2023. Additional data obtained after October 3, 2023 will be included in the IRA Status Report due to MassDEP by December 5, 2023.

It is noted that the following reports and/or forms were previously provided to MassDEP for Site RTN 3-38273:

- Imminent Hazard Evaluation Plan- September 15, 2023; and
- Release Notification Form (RNF), BWSC-103 Concurrent with this IRA Plan

As each of these submittals may contain pertinent information not necessarily reiterated in this document, each should be reviewed for content and are herein included in this report by reference.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF RELEASE CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH RTN 3-38273

On August 7, 2023, the MassDEP was notified on behalf of JL Realty Trust of the detection of total chromium in a sample that was collected in the top 6 inches of soil material at the vacant property located at 14 Cedar Road, and exhibited a concentration above the notification threshold for the purpose of fulfilling the "Two Hour" release notification obligations of 310 CMR 30.0311(7), as a "Could Pose" Imminent Hazard to human health. The dataset generated as part of an assessment by Chubb Global Risk Advisors on January 31, 2020 includes a total chromium concentration of 258 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) that was collected in the top 6 inches of material at location SS-2. SS-2 is located in close proximity to the property boundary for 16 Cedar Road. MassDEP subsequently assigned RTN 3-38273 to this 2-hour reporting condition.

On August 11, 2023, the MassDEP was notified on behalf of Barnes Road Trust that the vacant property located at 14 Barnes Road has triggered a 2-hour reporting condition (i.e., potential Imminent Hazard Condition). The 14 Barnes Road property is located immediately adjacent to 14 Cedar Road. The dataset generated as part of an assessment by Weston & Sampson on October 9, 2020 includes a total polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) concentration of 118.3 mg/kg that was collected in the top 6 inches of material at location N-9. This PCB concentration is above the notification threshold for the purpose of fulfilling the "Two Hour" release notification obligations of 310 CMR 30.0311(7), as a "Could Pose" Imminent Hazard to human health notification threshold.

On August 14, 2023, the MassDEP was notified on behalf of JL Realty Trust that the vacant property located at 12 Cedar Road has triggered a 2-hour reporting condition (i.e., potential Imminent Hazard Condition). The dataset generated as part of that assessment by Weston & Sampson on October 8, 2020 includes a total PCB concentration of 66 mg/kg that was collected in the top 6 inches of material at location F-3. This PCB concentration is above the notification threshold for the purpose of fulfilling the "Two Hour" release notification obligations of 310 CMR 30.0311(7), as a "Could Pose" Imminent Hazard to human health notification threshold. The 12 Cedar Road property is immediately adjacent to 14 Cedar Road.

MassDEP verbally approved environmental response actions to be conducted under RTN 3-38273 for 12 Cedar Road, 14 Cedar Road, and 14 Barnes Road, and includes but not limited to an expedited subsurface investigation program to address the potential Imminent Hazard condition to human health at the Site. The assessment activities will be performed to further investigate the source of the shallow heavy metals, including chromium and lead, and PCB impacted soils. Also, MassDEP has approved the installation of a security fence along the southern boundary of 16 Barnes Road in order to restrict access to 14 Barnes Road via a trespasser scenario.

3.0 PARTY CONDUCTING IRA

The party assuming responsibility for conducting this IRA is listed below:

JL Realty Trust, JMI Realty Trust, and Barnes Road Trust 381 Highland Avenue Salem, Massachusetts 01970 Site Contact: Kathleen Ingemi, Trustee (978) 744-3600

The above referenced Trusts were established between 1980 and 1995 with Kathleen Ingemi and her brother, Stephen Ingemi serving as Trustees.

The name and address of the Licensed Site Professional of record for this Disposal Site is provided below.

Licensed Site Professional (LSP): Mr. Michael Bricher, LSP, P.G., LSP No. 3926 Blackstone Environmental Solutions LLC 76 Bay View Drive Shrewsbury, MA 01545 (508) 612-4738

4.0 SITE CONDITIONS AND SURROUNDING RECEPTORS

The subject parcels consist of approximately 15 acres of undeveloped land along Highland Avenue, Barnes Road, and Cedar Road. Property access is restricted from Highland Street and Cedar Road with a security fence installed by the abutting property owner, Berman Properties LLC to the west. The rear of the Site is surrounded by dense wooded vegetation and wetlands. Dense woodlands exist at the southern boundary along Barnes Road. No evidence of any recent land disturbance was observed during Site visits performed by BES in August and September 2023.

The topography varies greatly across the Site. The lowest topography area is located on the southeastern portion of the Site.

Utilities servicing the surrounding properties include municipal water, sewer, overhead telephone and electrical lines and natural gas. Surrounding properties to the north, west, and south are utilized for commercial and residential purposes. Undeveloped woodlands exist to the east of the Site.

A large warehouse redevelopment project is currently under construction at 355 Highland Avenue (i.e., the "Berman Property"). Residences abut the Site to the southwest and south.

According to the MassDEP Phase I Site Assessment Map, Figure 4, the only sensitive environmental receptor located on Site is wetlands, located on the northeastern and southeastern portions of the Site. A mapped surface water body abuts the Site to the east and appears to discharge into the Forest River. The Forest River is located approximately 900 feet to the east of the Site. Mapped wetlands are also located approximately 900 feet to the south and 1,200 feet northwest of the Site. The locations of local surface water expression are based on geographical information obtained from the Salem and Lynn MA USGS Quadrangle Topographic Maps and observations at the Site. An explanation of these follows:

Streams/Rivers: The Forest River is located east of the Site and runs north to south. An

un-named stream is located to the south of the Site. The stream runs east to west and discharges into the Forest River. These streams/rivers are

not located within 500-feet of the Site.

Wetlands/Vernal Pools: According to the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program,

Massachusetts Natural Heritage GIS Data Layers, there are no Priority Habitats of Rare Species, Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife or

Certified Vernal Pools located within 500-feet of the Site.

Ponds/Lakes: According to the Site Locus Figure 1, there is an unnamed pond located

immediately east of the Site. There are no other ponds or lakes within

½ mile of the Site.

Reservoirs: No Reservoirs are located within 500-feet of the Site.

Sole Source Aquifers: According to the MassDEP Phase I Map Figure 4, there are no Sole

Source Aguifers within ½ mile of the Site.

Zone II: According to the MassDEP Site Scoring Map, Figure 4, the Site is not

located within a Zone II.

IWPA: According to the MassDEP Site Scoring Map Figure 4, there are no

Interim Wellhead Protection Areas within ½ mile of the Site.

Zone A areas: The Site is not located within a Zone A area.

PPA: According to the MassDEP Site Scoring Map Figure 4, the Site is not

located within a Potentially Productive Aquifer.

Public Well(s): According to the Salem Board of Health, there are no public or private

drinking water wells within 500 feet of the Site.

ACEC: No Areas of Critical Environmental Concern have been identified

within ½ mile of the Site.

Protected Open Space: The Site is not located within an area identified as Protected Open Space.

Solid Waste Landfill: According to the MassDEP Site Scoring Map Figure 4, a solid waste landfill is located approximately 1,000 feet northeast of the Site.

5.0 DESCRIPTION IRA ACTIVITIES THROUGH OCTOBER 3, 2023

Response actions conducted at the Site in response to the reportable release condition include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following;

- File review of historical environmental due diligence reports;
- LSP site inspection with MassDEP officials;
- Preparation of an Imminent Hazard Evaluation Plan;
- Surficial soil sampling at five at locations on the 14 Barnes Road vacant property and 16 Barnes Road vacant property; and
- Access coordination with Berman Properties LLC to the Cedar Road Easement.

A summary of the response activities is described in the following sections.

5.1 Environmental Due Diligence File Reviews

The Site was investigated by the following consultants (report identification included) in 2020 for environmental contamination as part of environmental due diligence investigations:

- Geological Field Services, Inc (GFS) Summary Report dated August 20, 2020;
- Chubb Global Risk Advisors- Phase II Environmental Site Assessment dated June 16, 2020; and
- Weston & Sampson- Summary of Work Memorandum dated November 17, 2020

The aforementioned reports revealed the following:

<u>14 and 16 Barnes Road</u>: Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), benzo(a)anthracene, benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, and lead were detected in one or more soil samples at concentration exceeding the applicable Reporting Category RCS-1 threshold value. The highest reported concentration for each of the above referenced analytes is noted below:

- PCBs- 118.3 micrograms per kilogram (mg/kg)
- benzo(a)anthracene- 9.93 mg/kg

- benzo(a)pyrene- 6.47 mg/kg
- benzo(b)fluoranthene- 8.23 mg/kg
- bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate- 374 mg/kg
- lead- 1,800 mg/kg

9 and 15 Cedar Road: PCBs, bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, and lead were detected in one or more soil samples at concentration exceeding the applicable Reporting Category RCS-1 threshold value. The highest reported concentration for each of the above referenced analytes is noted below:

- PCBs- 21.3 mg/kg
- bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate- 4,190 mg/kg
- lead- 1,220 mg/kg

12 Cedar Road: PCBs, bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, and lead were detected in one or more soil samples at concentration exceeding the applicable Reporting Category RCS-1 threshold value. The highest reported concentration for each of the above referenced analytes is noted below:

- PCBs- 66 mg/kg
- bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate- 2,260 mg/kg
- arsenic- 21.4 mg/kg
- cadmium- 95.2 mg/kg
- chromium- 182 mg/kg
- lead- 2,050 mg/kg

<u>14 Cedar Road</u>: PCBs, 2-methylnaphthalene, bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, barium, and lead were detected in one or more soil samples at concentration exceeding the applicable Reporting Category RCS-1 threshold value. The highest reported concentration for each of the above referenced analytes is noted below:

- PCBs- 22.3 mg/kg
- chromium- 258 mg/kg
- 2-methylnaphthalene- 2.24 mg/kg
- bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate- 793 mg/kg
- barium- 1,130 mg/kg
- lead- 2,070 mg/kg

<u>16 Cedar Road</u>: PCBs, bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, 2-methylnaphthalene, arsenic, barium, chromium, and lead were detected in one or more soil samples at concentration exceeding the applicable Reporting Category RCS-1 threshold value. The highest reported concentration for each of the above referenced analytes is noted below:

- PCBs- 6.76 mg/kg
- 2-methylnaphthalene- 2.15 mg/kg
- bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate- 1,110 mg/kg
- arsenic- 97.9 mg/kg
- barium- 1,340 mg/kg
- chromium- 151 mg/kg
- lead- 21,800 mg/kg

It should be noted that JMI Realty Trust and JL Realty Trust submitted a Bureau of Waste Cleanup Release Notification Form-103 to the MassDEP on July 9, 2023 for a 120-day notification condition triggered at 16 Barnes Road and 9, 12, 14, 15, and 16 Cedar Road. This regulatory submittal was filed in response to the detection of heavy metals, PCBs and semi volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) in soil samples at concentrations greater than their respective Reportable Concentrations. MassDEP subsequently RTN 3-38210 to these properties for this 120-day reporting condition.

The sources of the above referenced contaminants in soil at the Disposal Site are suspected to be from historical filling/dumping activities that were performed in the circa 1940's through the 1970's. It was reported in the above referenced documents that shredded automotive material (i.e., autofluff), solid waste, used automotive parts, and fill material were observed during the course of the environmental due diligence investigations. Additional information on the parties involved with the transport, disposal and dumping of this material at the Site will be forthcoming in MCP report submittals.

5.2 MassDEP and LSP Site Inspection

On August 28, 2023, a Site inspection was conducted with representatives of MassDEP, Ash Desmond (Buruea of Waste Site Cleanup) and Andrew Danikas (asbestos inspector), and Michael Bricher, LSP, of BES. The inspection consisted of a walkthrough of 14 Barnes, 16 Barnes Road, 9 Cedar Road, 12 Cedar Road, and 15 Cedar Road. Due to the dense forest land, poison ivy/oak vegetation, thorns, ticks, wetlands, and terrain (i.e., physical barriers), access was limited at each of the aforementioned properties. A summary of Site observations is noted below.

Road. MassDEP and BES reviewed the area along the southern property boundary for the installation of a potential fence installation. We agreed that there would need to be a significant amount of tree/vegetation removal and to go around a bedrock outcrop to complete the fence installation along the southern property boundary line. It was also noted that a significant elevation drop at approximately 100 feet from the road going straight in towards 14/16 Barnes Road property boundary and that it would be unsafe to access 14 Barnes Road from the southwest. Also, we noted multiple construction/demolition/solid waste debris (i.e., brick, asphalt, concrete/tires/metal, broken tiles) along the property boundary for 14 and 16 Barnes Road. Asbestos Inspector Danikas collected two samples of the tile and roofing material for asbestos. It was later confirmed by MassDEP that the tile sample tested positive for asbestos.

According to the property owner, Kathleen Ingemi for JMI Realty Trust, this area of 16 Barnes Road has been subject to illegal dumping activities over the years by nearby owners. Nonetheless, this area of the Site will need to be assessed by a licensed asbestos inspector/management company.

- <u>14 Barnes Road</u>: MassDEP and BES accessed 14 Barnes Road from the west via 379-381 Highland Avenue. Access limited to the western most portion of 14 Barnes Road due to physical barriers. There was some solid waste debris (tires, metal, brick, concrete, abandoned storage shed)) observed in this area, but MassDEP asbestos inspector did not identify any potential asbestos containing material at the surface.
- Cedar Road Properties: MassDEP and BES accessed the Cedar Road properties via Breman Properties LLC/ KR Starr Realty Holdings property (Map 7, lot 58). A portion of this property is under construction. It was very difficult to identify these property boundaries in the field due to physical barriers and no survey stakes in the ground. Solid waste debris piles were observed sporadically throughout these piles. MassDEP did not collect any samples from these properties for asbestos analysis.

MassDEP and BES agreed that access to 14 Barnes Road, 12 Cedar Road, 14 Cedar Road and the immediate surrounding areas for soil sampling as part of the Imminent Hazard Evaluation will need to be accessed through the Cedar Road Easement from Berman Properties LLC, the property owner for the construction site located at 355 Highland Avenue. This construction project has blocked access to the Cedar Road Easement from Highland Avenue.

5.3 Imminent Hazard Evaluation Plan Regulatory Filing

On behalf of JL Realty Trust, JMI Realty Trust, and Barnes Road Trust, BES filed an IH Evaluation Plan with MassDEP on September 15, 2023. The IH Evaluation Plan outlined a subsurface investigation scope of work and schedule to address the potential IH condition at the Site. A summary table of the Imminent Hazard Initial Site Assessment describing the proposed surficial soil investigation activities along with a Proposed Surficial Soil Sampling Location Plan depicting the proposed assessment locations have been included in Appendix B.

5.4 Surficial Soil Sampling Activities-14/16 Barnes Road

On September 27, 2023, BES personnel conducted a surficial soil assessment program on 14 and 16 Barnes Road. The assessment program area was divided into 5 zones for surficial soil sampling. These five sampling zones were identified as SS-31, SS-32, SS-33, SS-34, and SS-35. The sampling zones were strategically selected to representative areas that would most easily be accessed in a trespasser scenario from Barnes Road. Approximately 330 feet of street frontage exists along the southern boundary for 16 Barnes Road. Refer to Figure 2-Soil Sample Location Map for a depiction of the five sampling zones.

As previously noted, this area of the Site consists of thick wooded vegetation with exposed bedrock outcroppings. Also, multiple construction/demolition/solid waste debris material (i.e., brick, asphalt, concrete/tires/metal, broken tiles) was observed during this assessment program.

The soil samples were collected at a depth of 0 to 1' below grade using a hand auger. The soil samples comprised mostly of organics with some silts, sands, and gravel. There were no overt petroleum odors, soil staining, or visual evidence of release of oil and/or hazardous material at these locations. Also, soil samples were field screened for total volatile organic compounds (TVOCs) with a photoionization detector (PID) equipped with a 10.6 eV lamp and calibrated to 100 ppmv isobutylene utilizing the MassDEP approved "Jar Headspace Analytical Screening Procedure". The PID screening reading results for all soil samples were non-detect (0.0 parts per million (ppm).

A total of five soil samples (i.e., SS-31 through SS-35) were collected and submitted to New England Testing Laboratory (NET Lab) of West Warwick, RI under standard chain of custody (COC) procedures for the following analyses: MCP 14 Metals by EPA Method 6000/7000; and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) by EPA Method 8082A. In addition, soil sample SS-32 was submitted for SVOC laboratory analysis via EPA Method 8270. These soil sample laboratory analytical results will be presented in the IRA Status Report # 1, anticipated for MassDEP submittal on or before December 5, 2023.

5.5 Cedar Road Easement Access Status

In an attempt to perform environmental soil sampling activities at the vacant parcels located at 12 Cedar Road, 14 Cedar Road, and 14 Barnes Road, BES reached out to Michael P. Murphy, Esq. Regnante Sterio LLP, a representative of Berman Properties LLC to secure access to the Cedar Road Easement (i.e., a public way). Due to the fact that the Berman redevelopment project at Highland Avenue and Cedar Road is an asbestos cleanup site, a thorough decontamination program must be implemented during this environmental assessment.

At the request of Mr. Murphy, BES prepared a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) memorandum for equipment decontamination for access to the Cedar Road Easement via a commercial truck. A copy of this SOP memorandum was provided to Mr. Murphy on October 3, 2023 and is included in Appendix C. Mr. Murphy has requested that the SOP be reviewed and approved by MassDEP prior to authorizing easement access from Berman Properties LLC to JL Realty Trust, JMI Realty Trust, and Barnes Road Trust.

6.0 REASON FOR, OBJECTIVES AND PROPOSED IRA ACTIVITIES

In response to the detection of PCB and total chromium in the top 6 inches of soil at 12 Cedar Road, 14 Cedar Road, and 14 Barnes Road at concentrations greater than the notification threshold for the purpose of fulfilling the "Two Hour" release notification obligations of 310 CMR 30.0311(7), as a "Could Pose" Imminent Hazard to human health, an IRA is required to be conducted at the Site. The objectives of the IRA are to expediently abate, eliminate and prevent observed or potential imminent hazards, conditions of substantial release migration (SRM) or critical exposure pathways (CEPs) as a result of the release condition, contain and/or remove the PCB and total chromium that is present in surficial soil, and otherwise assess, secure and stabilize Disposal Site conditions. To accomplish this, BES, on behalf of JL Realty Trust, JMI Realty Trust, and Barnes Road Trust, proposes to continue the assessment and monitoring of subsurface conditions, and other response actions that may be required to contain and/or remove the contaminants of concern at the Disposal Site.

6.1 Containment Measure Actions

At the time of release notification for 14 Barnes Road, BES presented a verbal IRA Plan to MassDEP to erect a 6-foot-high chain-link security fence along the southern boundary of 16 Barnes Road to restrict access to the heavy metal and PCB impacted surficial soil areas reported at the Site. Based on the MassDEP/BES Site Visit on August 28, 2023, there are logistical challenges (i.e., physical barriers) with installing a security fence along the southern boundary of 16 Barnes Road. Based on feedback received by BES from Mr. Erik Johnson of MassDEP BWSC on August 30, 2023, MassDEP would consider using the existing physical

barriers on 16 Barnes Road in lieu of a security fence if surficial soil data shows that the heavy metals and PCBs are below Imminent Hazard levels.

Following the completion of the upcoming IH Evaluation for potential trespasser exposure via dermal contact to soil at 14 and 16 Barnes Road, the need to supplement the existing physical barriers with additional containment measures will be assessed.

6.2 Subsurface Investigations

Additional subsurface investigation will be performed to assess potential migration pathways of soil and groundwater and as otherwise deemed appropriate to assess the extent of the release. This assessment will include the surficial soil sampling, advancement of soil borings, and the installation of groundwater monitoring wells. It is anticipated that subsurface investigation activities will be performed at the Site as deemed appropriate based on a "Lines of Evidence" approach to evaluate potential migration pathways and the potential for exposure.

Soil Assessment

It is proposed that soil sampling and wetland soil sampling will be performed during the IRA activities. Analysis will generally be performed for MCP 14 Metals, PCBs, extractable petroleum hydrocarbons (EPH), VOCs, and SVOCs. The soil sampling program will continue to be evaluated and changed on as needed basis, as deemed appropriate by the LSP.

Groundwater Assessment

It is proposed that the installation of groundwater monitoring wells be performed at the Site followed by two rounds of groundwater sampling, or at a more frequent basis as deemed appropriate by the LSP during the IRA activities. Laboratory analysis will generally be performed for dissolved MCP 14 metals, VOCs, PCBs, EPH, volatile petroleum hydrocarbons (VPH), EPH, and Per and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) during these initial IRA assessment activities. The groundwater monitoring well network will be evaluated and changed on as needed basis, as deemed appropriate by the LSP. Prior to sampling, the monitoring wells will be gauged for the presence of light and dense non aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) and depth to groundwater with an electronic interface probe.

7.0 IMMINENT HAZARD, CRITICAL EXPOSURE PATHWAYS, SUBSTANTIAL RELEASE MIGRATION AND CONDITION OF SUBSTANTIAL RELEASE MIGRATION

7.1 Imminent Hazards

Pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0426, an IH evaluation shall be performed as part of an IRA at sites where a release or threat of release could pose an IH to human health, safety, public welfare, or the environment, as described in 310 CMR 40.0321 and 40.0950.

An IH evaluation will be performed due to a potential trespasser exposure via dermal contact to soil at 14 and 16 Barnes Road for the soil sampling activities performed on September 27, 2023. The soil sampling results will be inputted into the MassDEP Imminent Hazard risk characterization shortforms. A copy of the MassDEP Imminent Hazard shortforms along with a summary evaluation letter will be provided to MassDEP during the week of October 16, 2023. Using the soil analytical results of the aforementioned sampling event, the evaluation will provide a conclusion as to whether an Imminent Hazard exists with respect to soil quality at the location sampled during the event.

The Site will continue to be assessed and monitored for potential Imminent Hazards.

7.2 Critical Exposure Pathways

Pursuant to Section 310 CMR 40.0006, CEP are defined as those routes by which oil and/or hazardous material(s) released at a disposal site are transported, or are likely to be transported, to human receptors via vapor phase emissions into a living or working space of a pre-school, daycare, school, or occupied residential dwelling; or ingestion, dermal absorption or inhalation of measurable concentrations of oil and/or hazardous materials from drinking water supply wells located at and servicing a pre-school, daycare, school, or occupied residential dwelling.

Currently, the release conditions associated with RTN 3-38273 has not met any of the aforementioned requirements, and CEPs have not been identified for this RTN. The Site will continue to be monitored for potential CEP conditions.

7.3 Substantial Release Migration

Based on the definition of a condition of Substantial Release Migration described in 310 CMR 40.0006, Site conditions were evaluated in terms of the likelihood of the existence of a condition of SRM. The conditions indicative of a condition of SRM, along with site specific responses that address the conditions follow:

- (a) Releases that have resulted in the discharge of separate-phase oil and/or hazardous material to surface waters, subsurface structures, or underground utilities or conduits BES will continue to evaluate this during ongoing IRA activities;
- (b) Releases to the ground surface or to the vadose zone that, if not promptly removed or contained, are likely to significantly impact the underlying groundwater, or significantly exacerbate an existing condition of groundwater pollution BES will continue to evaluate this during ongoing IRA activities.
- (c) Releases to the groundwater that have migrated or are expected to migrate more than 200 feet per year –BES will assess groundwater conditions during ongoing IRA activities.
- (d) Releases to the groundwater that have been or are within one year likely to be detected in a public or private drinking water well The Site and surrounding area is serviced with municipal water. No private water supply wells are known to exist in the Site vicinity.
- (e) Releases to the groundwater that have been or are within one year likely to be detected in a surface water body, wetland, or public water supply reservoir BES will continue to evaluate this during ongoing IRA activities; or
- (f) Releases to the groundwater that have resulted or are within one year likely to result in the discharge of vapors into school building, daycare or child care center or occupied residential dwellings BES will continue to evaluate this during ongoing IRA activities

The Site will continue to be assessed and monitored for SRM conditions.

8.0 MANAGEMENT OF IRA GENERATED WASTE

It is anticipated that no remediation waste will be generated to conduct the IRA Plan described herein.

9.0 ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE OF IRA ACTIVITIES

A summary of anticipated IRA related activities and associated schedule is presented below:

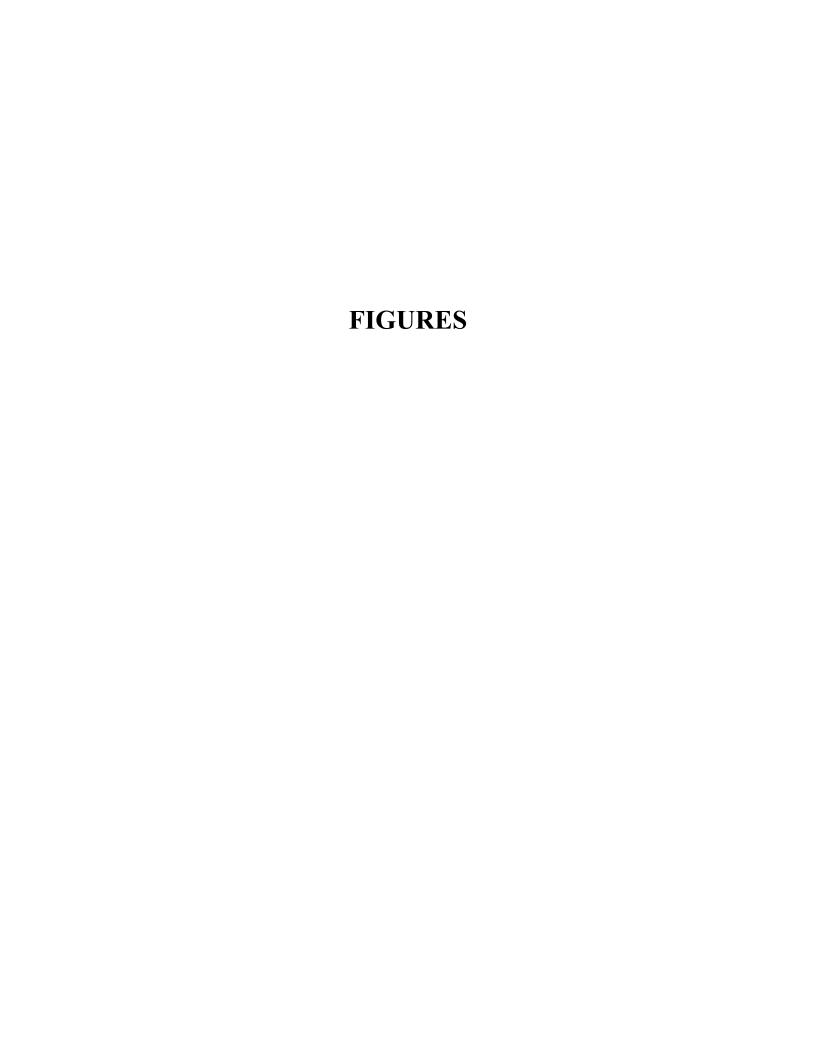
TASK DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULE
Secure Access to the Cedar Road Easement from Berman Properties LLC/MassDEP	October 2023
Complete IH Evaluation for Soil Exposure at 14/16 Barnes Road	Week of October 16, 2023
Supplemental Surficial Soil Assessment-Cedar & Barnes Road Properties	Late October-Early November, 2023
IRA Status Report # 1	December 5, 2023

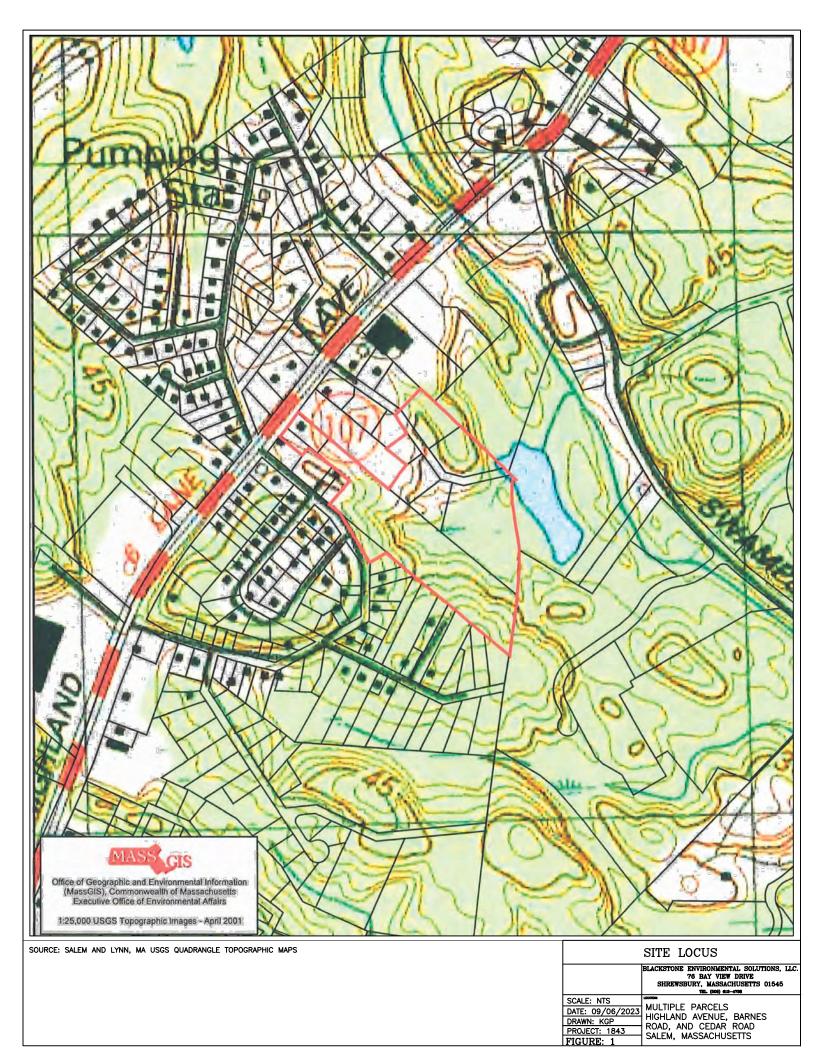
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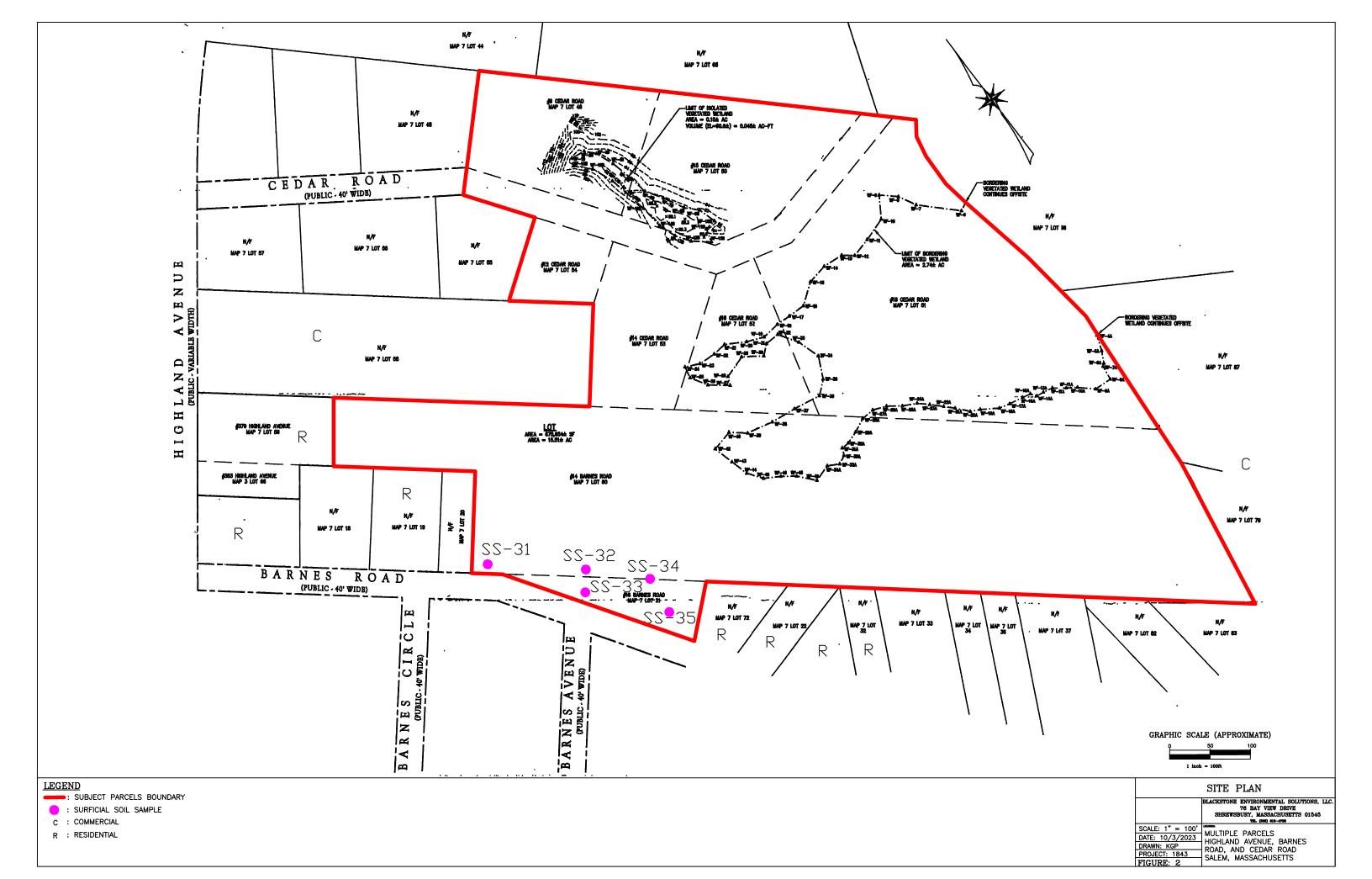
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SCALE: NTS DATE: 09/06/2023 DRAWN: KGP
PROJECT: 1843
FIGURE: 3

MULTIPLE PARCELS HIGHLAND AVENUE, BARNES ROAD, AND CEDAR ROAD SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

MassDEP - Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup

Phase 1 Site Assessment Map: 500 feet & 0.5 Mile Radii

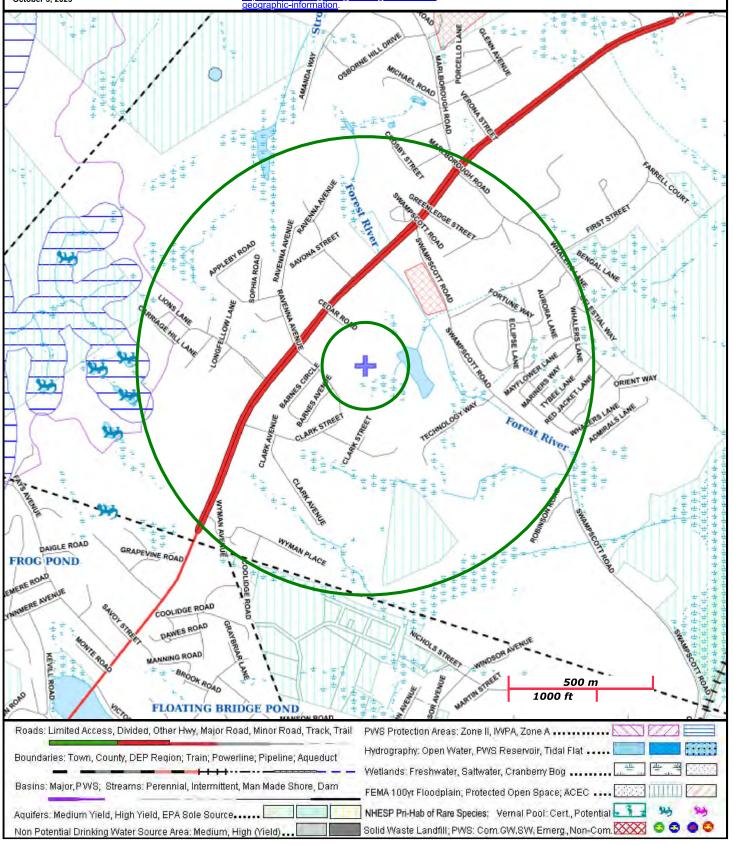
Site Information: FIGURE 4 14 CEDAR ROAD SALEM, MA

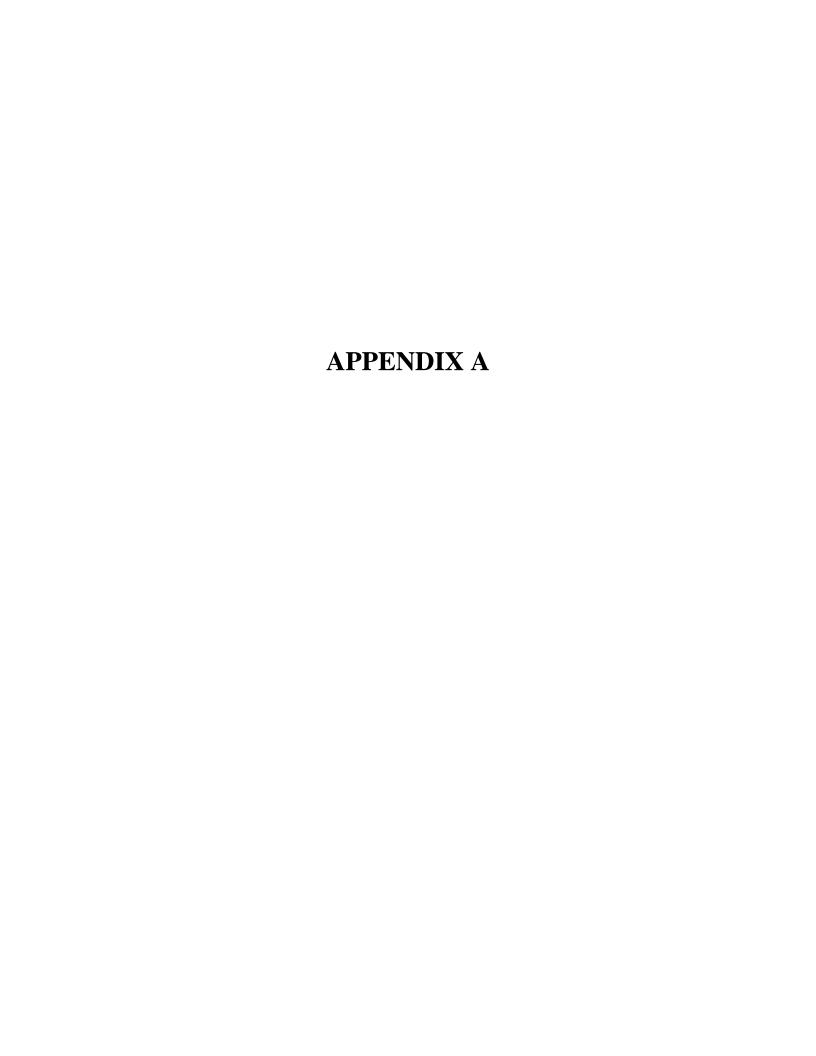
NAD83 UTM Meters: 4706727mN , 341563mE (Zone: 19) October 3, 2023

The information shown is the best available at the date of printing. However, it may be incomplete. The responsible party and LSP are ultimately responsible for ascertaining the true conditions surrounding the site. Metadata for data layers shown on this map can be found at:

https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massgis-bureau-of-geographic-information.









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RTN 3-38273

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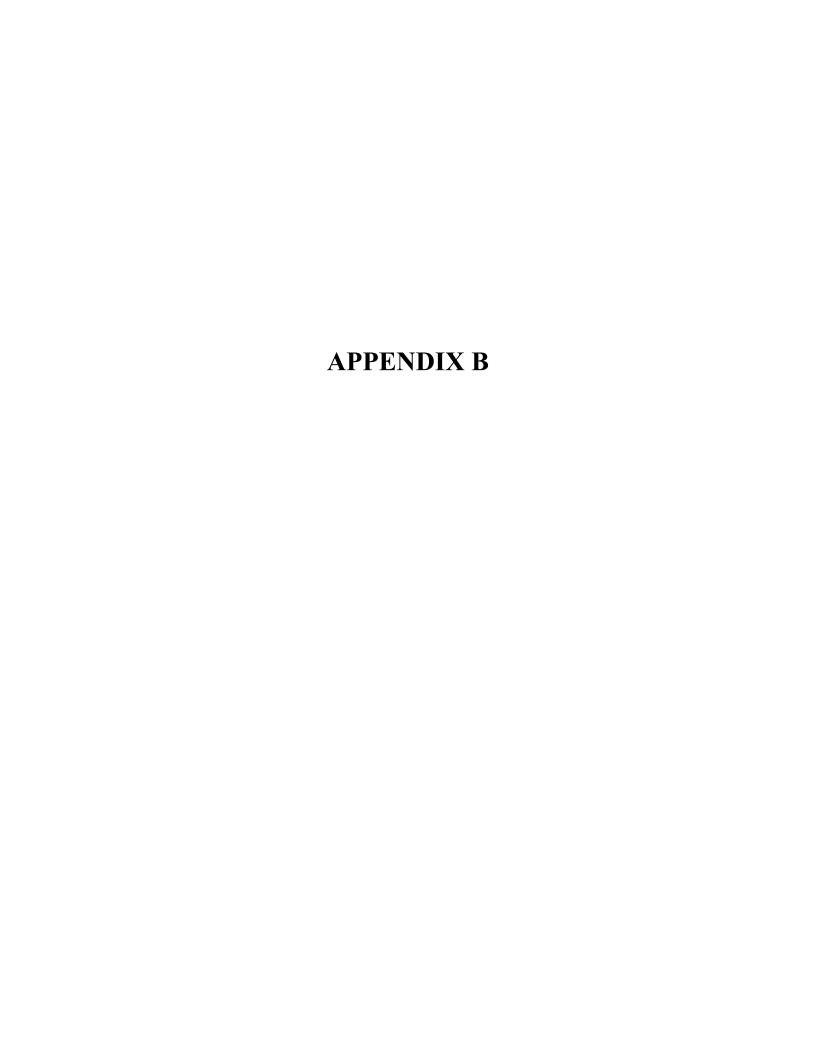
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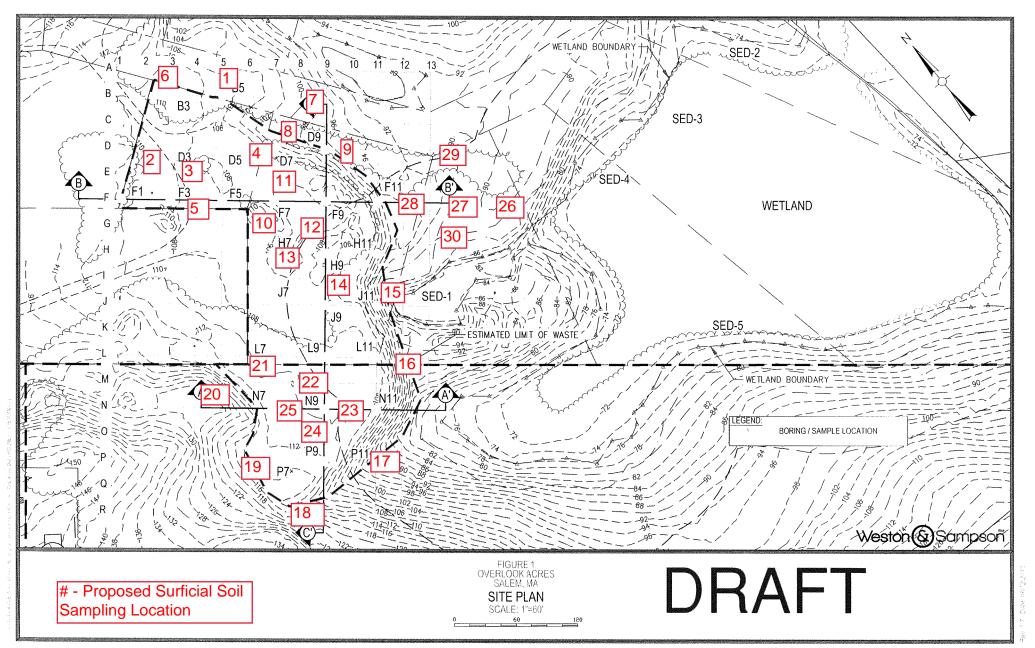
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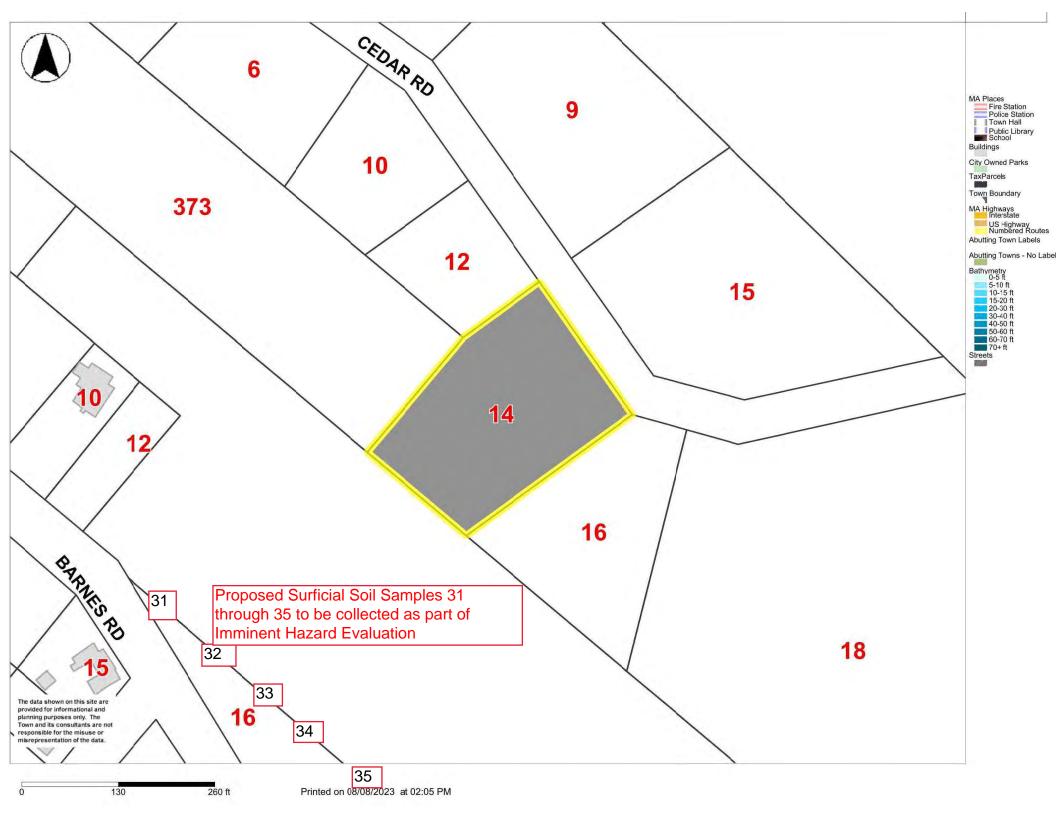
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D-3 (0-1')	12 Cedar Road	Soil	Lead 790 ppm; PCBs- 30.7 ppm	W&S 10/8/20	Collect 0-1' soil samples from # 1 through # 6	MCP 14 metals; PCBS-EPA 8082; and Select samples for SVOCs -EPA 8270	IHE Source and Extent Assessment at 12 Cedar Road	Two soil sample locations are located on Cedar Road
F-3 (05')	12 Cedar Road	Soil	PCBs- 66 ppm	W&S 10/7/20				
B-5 (0-1')	12 Cedar Road	Soil	Lead 610 ppm; PCBs- 0.65 ppm	W&S 10/9/20				
F-5 (0-1')	12 Cedar Road	Soil	Lead 260 ppm; PCBs- 2.87 ppm	W&S 10/8/20				
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J-9 (0-0.5')	14 Cedar Road	Soil	Lead ppm; PCBs- 20.2 ppm	W&S 10/6/20				
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J-7 (0-0.5')	14 Cedar Road	Soil	Lead ppm; PCBs- <0.44 ppm	W&S 10/6/20				
H-7 (0-1')	14 Cedar Road	Soil	Lead 1,100 ppm; PCBs- 5.8 ppm	W&S 10/6/20				
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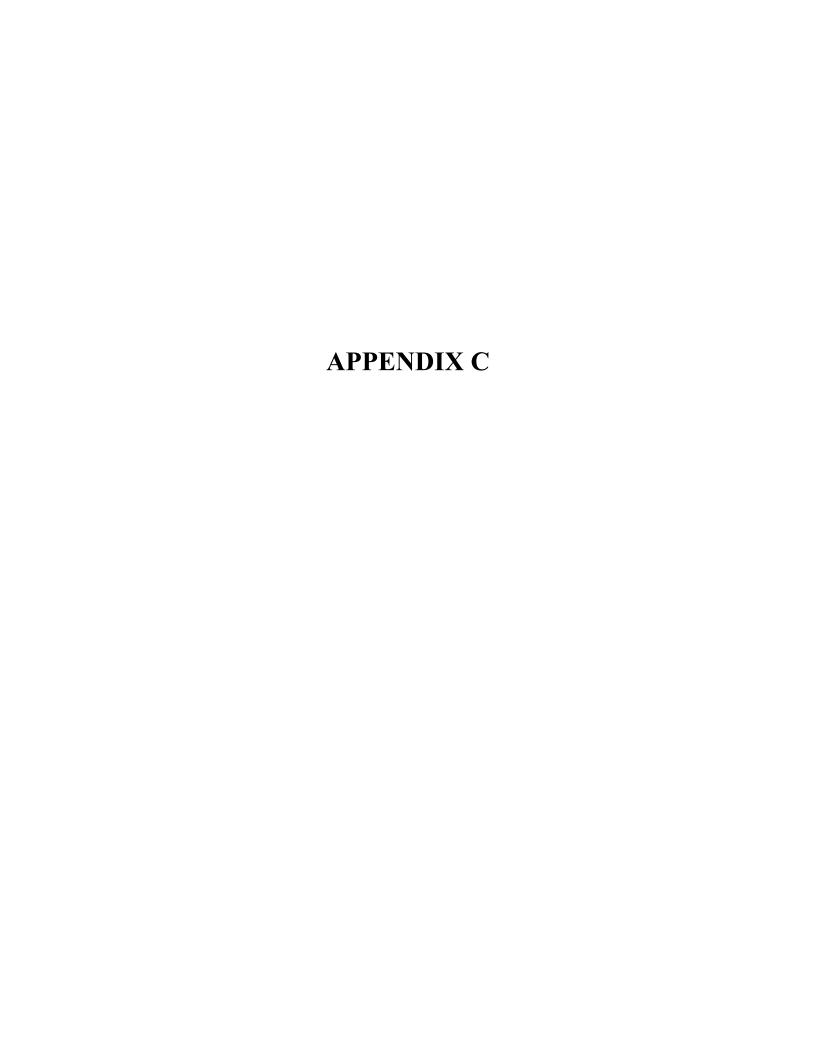
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SS-2 Shallow (0-0.5')	14-16 Cedar Road	Soil	Lead-2,650 ppm; PCBs ppm; Total Chromium - 258 ppm	Chubb 1/31/20				
N-11 (0-0.5')	14 Barnes Road	Soil	Leadppm; PCBs- <0.44 ppm	W&S 10/9/20	Collect 0-1' soil samples from # 17 through # 25	MCP 14 metals; PCBS-EPA 8082; and Select samples for SVOCs -EPA 8270	IHE Source and Extent Assessment at 14 Barnes Road	Point of Compliance samples collected at N-11 incorporated into sampling plan
N-11 (0-1')	14 Barnes Road	Soil	Lead 13 ppm; PCBs- <0.44 ppm	W&S 10/9/20				
N-9 (0-0.5')	14 Barnes Road	Soil	Leadppm; PCBs- 118.3 ppm	W&S 10/8/20				
P-9 (0-0.5')	14 Barnes Road	Soil	Leadppm; PCBs- 19.7 ppm	W&S 10/5/20				
N-7 (0-0.5')	14 Barnes Road	Soil	Leadppm; PCBs- 32.4 ppm	W&S 10/9/20				
N-7 (0-1')	14 Barnes Road	Soil	Lead 49 ppm; PCBs- 1.3 ppm	W&S 10/9/20				
NA	16 Barnes Road	Soil	Leadppm; PCBsppm	NA	Collect 0-1' soil samples from # 31 through # 35	MCP 14 metals; PCBS-EPA 8082; and Select samples for SVOCs -EPA 8270		Determine if Points of Compliance exist on this property in support of eliminating need to install secuity fence







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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 3, 2023

To: Michael P. Murphy, Esq. Regnante Sterio LLP

Re: Standard Operating Procedures for Equipment Decontamination through the Cedar

Road Easement, Salem, MA- MassDEP RTNs 3-38273 & 3-38210

From: Michael Bricher, LSP

BES has prepared this memorandum on behalf of JL Realty Trust, JMI Realty Trust, and Barnes Road Trust to serve as a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for equipment decontamination during access to the Cedar Road Easement via a commercial truck. The purpose for accessing the Cedar Road Easement is to perform environmental soil sampling activities at the vacant parcels located at 12 Cedar Road, 14 Cedar Road, and 14 Barnes Road in accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan. Because of the potential for the sampling equipment to be a potential source of contamination, a thorough decontamination program must be implemented during this environmental assessment. This SOP covers the decontamination of the commercial truck tires as well as the sampling equipment, including shovels, hand augers, scoops, or other devices used to collect soil samples. Refer to the attached drawing provided to BES by Berman Properties LLC (Berman) (Cedar Road Access Request Map) depicting the proposed travel path, decontamination zone, and parking area zone for this environmental soil assessment project.

BES is aware that the Berman redevelopment at Highland Avenue and Cedar Road is an asbestos cleanup site, and that you and/or representatives of Berman will be reaching out to the MassDEP for acceptance of this decontamination SOP prior to access authorization to the Cedar Road Easement.

It should also be noted that this decontamination SOP will be utilized in future assessment mobilization/demobilization events when accessing this route. The assessment will be an iterative process as necessary until the Site has been fully delineated, and a remedial action design plan can be prepared for the Site.

1.1 Equipment/Supplies

Below is a list of equipment and materials that will be used for this environmental assessment project.

- Commercial truck
- Non-sudsing detergent (Alconox, Liquinox, etc.);

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- Distilled water;
- Squirt/wash bottle;
- Scrub brush;
- 5-gallon plastic buckets (2);
- Plastic sheeting;
- Paper towels;
- Field log book;
- Hand tools (stainless hand augers, shovels, stainless steel mixing bowls, trowel, etc.);
- Sample containers (laboratory-supplied 2 or 4 oz. wide-mouth glass jars);
- Camera / cell phone equipped with camera;
- Measuring tape;
- Survey stakes; and
- Garbage bags.

1.2 Decontamination Procedures

This section outlines specific procedures for decontamination of the non-disposable sampling equipment and tools used in collection of soil samples and the commercial vehicle.

Sampling Equipment Decontamination

To reduce the spread of contaminants, a sampling equipment decontamination station will be set up along the Cedar Road Easement, adjacent to the proposed truck parking area (refer to the attached map). The proposed truck parking area is centrally located in the environmental soil assessment study area. All sampling equipment and sampling supplies shall be maintained within this area along the Cedar Road Easement.

The minimum required steps in the decontamination procedure (including setup) are outlined below.

- Lay out plastic sheeting layer at the sampling equipment decontamination station to prevent mixture with overlying soils;
- Prepare a detergent solution in one of the buckets;
- Partially fill the second bucket with distilled water;
- Remove soil or other material on the sampling device with tools or paper towels;
- After the materials are removed from the sampling device, immerse the device in the detergent solution and scrub with the brush;

- Remove the device from the detergent solution and allow to drain for a moment prior to immersing the device in the rinse water bucket;
- Immerse the device in the rinse water bucket and agitate the device; and
- Remove the device from the rinse water and give the device a final rinse with copious amounts of water from the squirt/wash bottle. Allow the water to drain from the device.

The device may be returned to use. If the device will be stored prior to its next use, cover the device with plastic and store at a location away from potential sources of contamination.

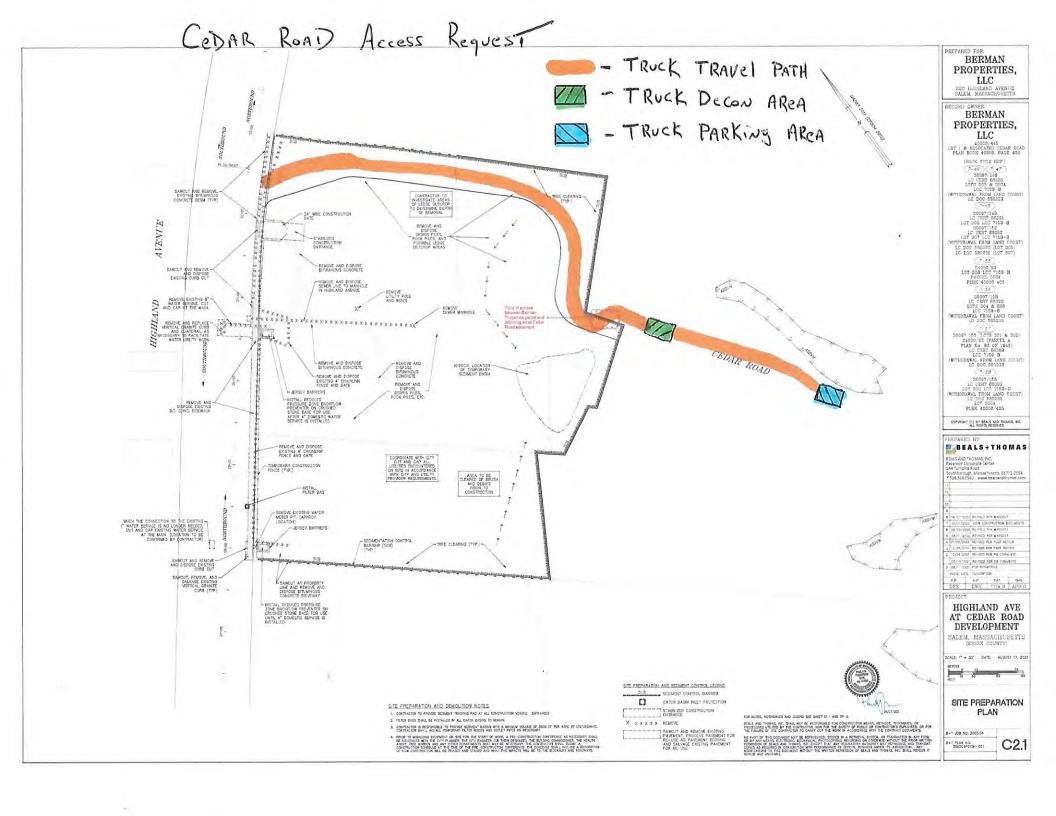
Commercial Vehicle Decontamination

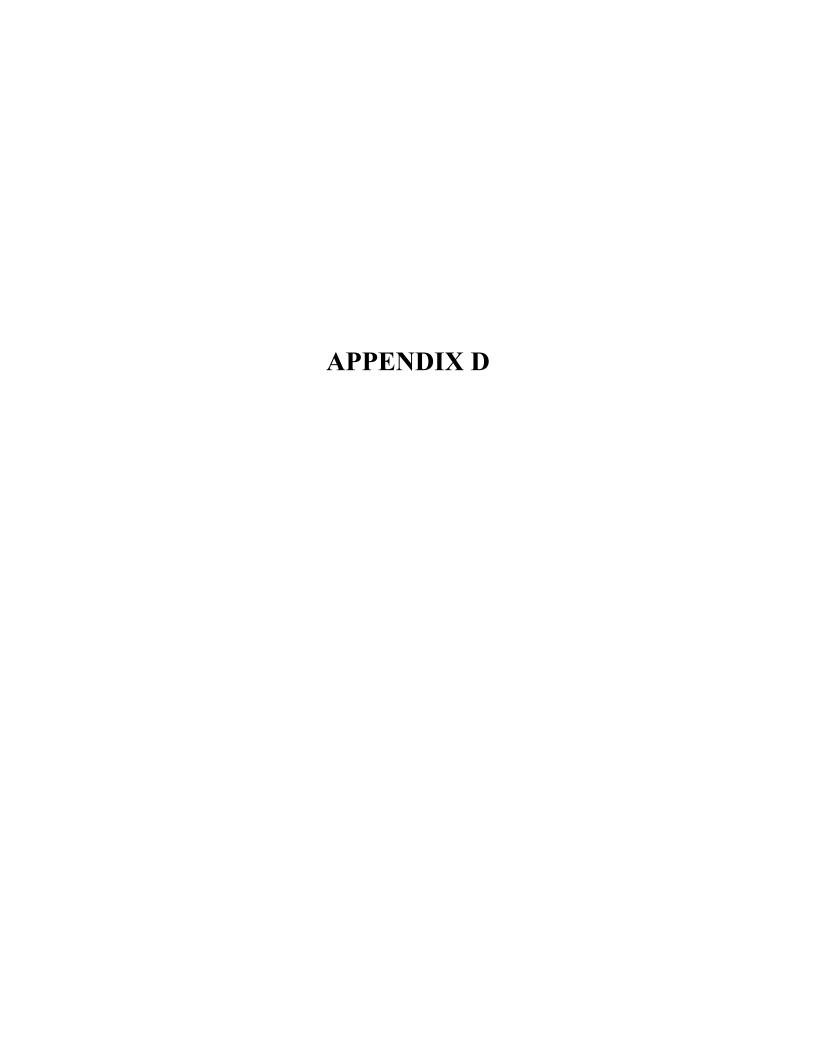
BES commercial vehicle to be used for the surficial soil sampling at the vacant parcels located at 12 Cedar Road, 14 Cedar Road, and 14 Barnes Road soil shall be suitably cleaned of soil that could fall off onto the Berman Properties LLC redevelopment at Highland Avenue and Cedar Road, public roadways or create dust. Prior to entering the Cedar Road Easement, a spot check of the commercial vehicle will be performed to ensure no heavy soils are present in the tire tread.

A commercial vehicle decontamination zone is proposed to be set up immediately east of the Berman Property security fence along Cedar Road Easement (refer to the attached map). The minimum required steps in the decontamination procedure (including setup) are outlined below.

- Lay out plastic sheeting layer at the vehicle decontamination station to prevent contact between the tires and the overlying soils;
- Prepare a detergent solution in one of the buckets;
- Partially fill the second bucket with distilled water;
- Remove heavy soils from vehicle tires with a brush;
- After the heavy soils are removed from the vehicle tires, apply the detergent solution and scrub with the brush;
- Allow detergent solution to drain for a moment prior to immersing the vehicle tires with rinse water;
- Complete a final rinse of the vehicle tires with copious amounts of water from the squirt/wash bottle;
- Allow the water to drain from the vehicle tires and dry wipe with paper towels prior to leaving the vehicle decontamination station; and
- Dispose of paper towels and plastic sheeting material, appropriately.

All personnel in the decontamination zones shall wear the appropriate level of PPE designated for the decontamination process.





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Mayor Dominick Pangallo City of Salem City Hall 93 Washington Street Salem, MA 01970

Via email to City Solicitor: brennard@salem.com

August 24, 2023 Project #1843

RE: Immediate Response Action Notification

Vacant Parcels 12 Cedar Road, 14 Cedar Road, and 14 Barnes Road Salem, MA 01970 RTN 3-38273

Dear Mayor Pangallo:

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) 310 CMR 40.1403 (3)(b), Blackstone Environmental Solutions LLC (BES) on behalf of JL Realty Trust, JMI Realty Trust, and Barnes Road Trust is providing notice of the implementation of an Immediate Response Action (IRA) undertaken to prevent, control, abate, or eliminate an Imminent Hazard (IH) as required in 310 CMR 40.0322 and 40.0426 at the above referenced properties (i.e., referred herein as the "Site"). A summary of the regulatory notification conditions requiring an IRA at the Site is presented below.

On August 7, 2023, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) was notified on behalf of JL Realty Trust of the detection of total chromium in a sample that was collected in the top 6 inches of soil material at the vacant property located at 14 Cedar Road, and exhibited a concentration above the notification threshold for the purpose of fulfilling the "Two Hour" release notification obligations of 310 CMR 30.0311(7), as a "Could Pose" Imminent Hazard to human health. The dataset generated as part of an assessment by Chubb Global Risk Advisors on January 31, 2020 includes a total chromium concentration of 258 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) that was collected in the top 6 inches of material at location SS-2. SS-2 is located in close proximity to the property boundary for 16 Cedar Road. MassDEP subsequently assigned RTN 3-38273 to this 2-hour reporting condition.

On August 11, 2023, the MassDEP was notified on behalf of Barnes Road Trust that the vacant property located at 14 Barnes Road has triggered a 2-hour reporting condition (i.e., potential Imminent Hazard Condition). The 14 Barnes Road property is located immediately adjacent to 14 Cedar Road. The dataset generated as part of an assessment by Weston & Sampson on October 9, 2020 includes a total polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) concentration of 118.3 mg/kg that was collected in the top 6 inches of material at location N-9. This PCB concentration is above the notification threshold for the purpose of fulfilling the "Two Hour" release notification obligations of 310 CMR 30.0311(7), as a "Could Pose" Imminent Hazard to human

health notification threshold.

On August 14, 2023, the MassDEP was notified on behalf of JL Realty Trust that the vacant property located at 12 Cedar Road has triggered a 2-hour reporting condition (i.e., potential Imminent Hazard Condition). The dataset generated as part of that assessment by Weston & Sampson on October 8, 2020 includes a total PCB concentration of 66 mg/kg that was collected in the top 6 inches of material at location F-3. This PCB concentration is above the notification threshold for the purpose of fulfilling the "Two Hour" release notification obligations of 310 CMR 30.0311(7), as a "Could Pose" Imminent Hazard to human health notification threshold. The 12 Cedar Road property is immediately adjacent to 14 Cedar Road.

MassDEP verbally approved IRA activities to be conducted under RTN 3-38273 for 12 Cedar Road, 14 Cedar Road, and 14 Barnes Road, and includes but not limited to an expedited subsurface investigation program to be completed within 60 days to address the potential Imminent Hazard condition to human health at the Site. The assessment activities will be performed to further investigate the source of the shallow heavy metals, including chromium and lead, and PCB impacted soils. Also, MassDEP has approved the installation of a security fence along the southern boundary of 16 Barnes Road in order to restrict access to 14 Barnes Road via a trespasser scenario.

If there are any questions regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Blackstone Environmental Solutions, LLC

Michael C. Bricher, LSP, P.G.

Principal

CC: Board of Health, City of Salem, Public Health Agent, Mr. David Greenbaum, RS. dgreenbaum@Salem.com

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