Attachment 8
Soil Vapor Intrusion Screenings

OU I South Boundary - on-site Plume

IV. TIER 1 - Primary Screening

Primary Screening is designed to help quickly screen out sites at which the vapor intrusion pathway does not ordinarily need further consideration, and point out the sites that do typically need further consideration. This evaluation involves determining whether any potential exists at a specific site for vapor intrusion to result in unacceptable indoor inhalation risks and, if so, whether immediate action may be warranted. Recommended criteria for making these determinations are presented in Questions 1 through 3, which focus on identifying:

a) if chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity are present or reasonably suspected to be present (Question 1);
b) if inhabited buildings are located (or will be constructed under future development scenarios – except for Environmental Indicator determinations, see section IV.C below) above or in close proximity to subsurface contamination (Question 2); and
c) if current conditions warrant immediate action (Question 3).

This primary screening process is illustrated in a flow diagram included in Appendix C.

A. Primary Screening – Question #1

Q1: Are chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity known or reasonably suspected to be present in the subsurface (e.g., in unsaturated soils, soil gas, or the uppermost portions of the ground water and/or capillary fringe – see Table 1)? (We recommend this consideration involve DQOs (see Appendix A) used in acquiring the site data as well as an appropriately scaled Conceptual Site Model (CSM) for vapor intrusion (see Appendix B).)

✓ If **YES** - check here, check off the relevant chemicals on Table 1, and continue with Question 2. The chemicals identified here (and any degradation products) are evaluated as constituents of potential concern in subsequent questions.

____ If **NO** - check here, provide the rationale and references below, and then go to the Summary Page to document that the subsurface vapor to indoor air pathway is incomplete (i.e., no further consideration of this pathway is needed); or

____ If sufficient data are not available, go to the Summary Page and document the need for more information. After collecting the necessary data, Question 1 can then be revisited with the newly collected data to re-evaluate the completeness of the vapor intrusion pathway.

1. What is the goal of this question?

This question is designed to help quickly screen out sites at which the vapor intrusion pathway generally does not need further consideration. This evaluation involves determining whether or not any potential exists at a specific site for the vapor intrusion

pathway to result in unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. Table 1 lists chemicals that may be found at hazardous waste sites and indicates whether, in our judgment, they are sufficiently volatile (Henry's Law Constant > 10^{-5} atm m^3/mol) to result in potentially significant vapor intrusion and sufficiently toxic (either an incremental lifetime cancer risk greater than 10^{-6} or a non-cancer hazard index greater than 1, or in some cases both) to result in potentially unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. The approach used to develop Table 1 is documented in Appendix D and can be used, where appropriate, to evaluate volatile chemicals not included in the Table. We recommend that if any of the chemicals listed in Table 1 that are sufficiently volatile and toxic are present at a site, those chemicals become constituents of potential concern for the vapor intrusion pathway and are evaluated in subsequent questions in this guidance. If the chemicals listed in Table 1 are not present at a site, and no other volatile chemicals are present, we suggest that the vapor intrusion pathway be considered incomplete and no further consideration of this pathway is needed.

2. What should you keep in mind?

In evaluating the available site data, we recommend the DQOs used in collecting the data be reviewed to ensure those objectives are consistent with the DQOs for the vapor intrusion pathway (see Appendix A). We recommend the detection limits associated with the available groundwater data be reviewed to ensure they are not too high to detect volatile contaminants of potential concern. Also, we suggest that the adequacy of the definition of the nature and extent of contamination in groundwater and/or the vadose zone be assessed to ensure that all contaminants of concern and areas of contamination have been identified. Additionally, we recommend groundwater concentrations be measured or reasonably estimated using samples collected from wells screened at, or across the top of the water table. We recommend users read Appendices B (Conceptual Site Model for the Vapor Intrusion Pathway) and E (Relevant Methods and Techniques) to obtain a greater understanding of the important considerations in evaluating data for use in screening assessments of the vapor intrusion pathway.

3. Rationale and References:

VOCs are present in uppermost portion of groundwater table for the Current Landfill plume. The downgradient portion of the OU1 PSB plume has a clean layer of groundwater above.

B. Primary Screening – Question #2

Q2: Are currently (or potentially) inhabited buildings or areas of concern under future development scenarios located *near* (see discussion below) subsurface contaminants found in Table 1?

____ If **YES** – check here, identify buildings and/or areas of concern below, and document on the Summary Page whether the potential for impacts from the vapor intrusion pathway applies to currently inhabited buildings or areas of concern under reasonably anticipated future development scenarios, or both. (Note that for EI considerations, we recommend only current risks be evaluated.) Then proceed with Question 3.

_✓_ If **NO** – check here, describe the rationale below, and then go to the Summary Page to document that there is no potential for the vapor intrusion pathway to impact either currently inhabited buildings or areas of concern under future development scenarios (i.e., no further evaluation of this pathway is needed). (Note that for EI considerations, only current risks are evaluated.); or

____ If sufficient data are not available – check here and document the need for more information on the Summary Page. After collecting the necessary data, Question 2 can then be revisited with the newly collected data to re-evaluate the completeness of the vapor intrusion pathway.

1. What is the goal of this question?

The goal of this question is to help determine whether inhabited buildings currently are located (or may be reasonably expected to be located under future development scenarios) above or in close proximity to subsurface contamination that potentially could result in unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. If inhabited buildings and/or future development are not located "near" the area of concern, we suggest that the vapor intrusion pathway be considered incomplete and no further consideration of the pathway should be needed.

For the purposes of this question, **"inhabited buildings"** are structures with enclosed air space that are designed for human occupancy. Table 1, discussed above in Question 1, lists the **"subsurface contaminants demonstrating sufficient volatility and toxicity"** to potentially pose an inhalation risk. We recommend that an inhabited building generally be considered **"near"** subsurface contaminants if it is located within approximately 100 ft laterally or vertically of known or interpolated soil gas or groundwater contaminants listed in Table 1 (or others not included in table 1 – see Question 1) and the contamination occurs in the unsaturated zone and/or the uppermost saturated zone. If the source of contamination is groundwater, we recommend migration of the contaminant plume be considered when evaluating the potential for future risks. The distance suggested above (100 feet) may not be appropriate for all sites (or contaminants) and,

consequently, we recommend that professional judgment be used when evaluating the potential for vertical and horizontal vapor migration.

2. *How did we develop the suggested distance?*

The recommended distance is designed to allow for the assessment to focus on buildings (or areas with the potential to be developed for human habitation) most likely to have a complete vapor intrusion pathway. Vapor concentrations generally decrease with increasing distance from a subsurface vapor source, and eventually at some distance the concentrations become negligible. The distance at which concentrations are negligible is a function of the mobility, toxicity and persistence of the chemical, as well as the geometry of the source, subsurface materials, and characteristics of the buildings of concern. Available information suggests that 100 feet laterally and vertically is a reasonable criterion when considering vapor migration fundamentals, typical sampling density, and uncertainty in defining the actual contaminant spatial distribution. The recommended lateral distance is supported by empirical data from Colorado sites where the vapor intrusion pathway has been evaluated. At these sites, no significant indoor air concentrations have been found in residences at a distance greater than one house lot (approximately 100 feet) from the interpolated edge of ground water plumes. Considering the nature of diffusive vapor transport and the typical anisotropy in soil permeability, in our judgment a similar criterion of 100 feet for vertical transport is generally conservative. These recommended distances will be re-evaluated and, if necessary, adjusted by EPA as additional empirical data are compiled.

3. *What should you keep in mind when evaluating this criterion?*

It is important to consider whether **significant preferential pathways** could allow vapors to migrate more than 100 feet laterally. For the purposes of this guidance, a "significant" preferential pathway is a naturally occurring or anthropogenic subsurface pathway that is expected to have a high gas permeability and be of sufficient volume and proximity to a building so that it may be reasonably anticipated to influence vapor intrusion into the building. Examples include fractures, macropores, utility conduits, and subsurface drains that intersect vapor sources or vapor migration pathways. Note that naturally occurring fractures and macropores may serve as preferential pathways for either vertical or horizontal vapor migration, whereas anthropogenic features such as utility conduits are relatively shallow features and would likely serve only as a preferential pathway for horizontal migration. In either case, we recommend that buildings with significant preferential pathways be evaluated even if they are further than 100 ft from the contamination.

We also recommend that the potential for mobile "vapor clouds" (gas plumes) emanating from near-surface sources of contamination into the subsurface be considered when evaluating site data. Examples of such mobile "vapor clouds" include: 1) those originating in landfills where methane may serve as a carrier gas; and 2) those originating in commercial/industrial settings (such as dry cleaning facilities) where vapor can be released within an enclosed space and the density of the chemicals' vapor may result in

significant advective transport of the vapors downward through cracks/openings in floors and into the vadose zone. In these cases, diffusive transport of vapors is usually overridden by advective transport, and the vapors may be transported in the vadose zone several hundred feet from the source of contamination.

Finally, this guidance is intended to be applied to existing groundwater plumes as they are currently defined (e.g., MCLs, State Standards, or Risk-Based Concentrations). However, it is very important to recognize that some non-potable aquifers may have plumes that have been defined by threshold concentrations significantly higher than drinking-water concentrations. In these cases, contamination that is not technically considered part of the plume may still pose significant risks via the vapor intrusion pathway and, consequently, the plume definition may need to be expanded. Similarly, we recommend evaluating the technologies used to obtain soil gas and indoor air concentrations to determine if appropriate methods were used to ensure adequate data quality at the time analyses were conducted.

4. ***Identify Inhabited Buildings (or Areas With Potential for Future Residential Development) Within Distances of Possible Concern:***

None. The closest office building to the Current Landfill plume is ~1000 feet upgradient of the contaminant plume. Therefore, the subsurface vapor to indoor pathway is incomplete.

C. **Primary Screening Stage— Question #3**

Q3: Does evidence suggest immediate action may be warranted to mitigate current risks?

_____ If **YES** – check here and proceed with appropriate actions to verify or eliminate imminent risks. Some examples of actions may include but are not limited to indoor air quality monitoring, engineered containment or ventilation systems, or relocation of people. The action(s) should be appropriate for the site-specific situation.

__✓__ If **NO** – check here and continue with Question 4.

1. What is the goal of this question?

This question is intended to help determine whether immediate action may be warranted for those buildings identified in Question 2 as located within the areas of concern. For the purposes of this guidance, "immediate action" means such action is necessary to verify or abate imminent and substantial threats to human health.

2. What are the qualitative criteria generally considered sufficient to indicate a need for immediate actions?

Odors reported by occupants, particularly if described as "chemical," or "solvent," or "gasoline." The presence of odors does not necessarily correspond to adverse health and/or safety impacts and the odors could be the result of indoor vapor sources; however, we believe it is generally prudent to investigate any reports of odors as the odor threshold for some chemicals exceeds their respective acceptable target breathing zone concentrations.

Physiological effects reported by occupants (dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, etc.) may, or may not be due to subsurface vapor intrusion or even other indoor vapor sources, but, should generally be evaluated.

Wet basements, in areas **where chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity** (see Table 1) **are known to be present in groundwater and the water table is shallow enough that the basements are prone to groundwater intrusion or flooding.** This has been proven to be especially important where there is evidence of light, non-aqueous phase liquids (LNAPLs) floating on the water table directly below the building, and/or any direct evidence of contamination (liquid chemical or dissolved in water) inside the building.

Short-term safety concerns are known, or are reasonably suspected to exist, including: a) measured or likely explosive or acutely toxic concentrations of vapors in the building or connected utility conduits, sumps, or other subsurface drains directly connected to the

building and b) measured or likely vapor concentrations that may be flammable/combustible, corrosive, or chemically reactive.

3. ***Rationale and Reference(s):***

VII. VAPOR INTRUSION PATHWAY SUMMARY PAGE

Facility Name: OU I South Boundary - on-site

Facility Address: BNL

Primary Screening Summary

☐ *Q1: Constituents of concern Identified?*

✓ *Yes*

_____ *No* (If NO, skip to the conclusion section below and check NO to indicate the pathway is *incomplete.)*

☐ *Q2: Currently inhabited buildings near subsurface contamination?*

_____ *Yes*

✓ *No*

Areas of future concern near subsurface contamination?

_____ *Yes*

✓ *No* (If NO, skip to the conclusion section below and check NO to indicate the pathway is *incomplete.)*

☐ *Q3: Immediate Actions Warranted?*

_____ *Yes*

✓ *No*

Secondary Screening Summary

☐ *Vapor source identified:*

_____ *Groundwater*

_____ *Soil*

_____ *Insufficient data*

☐ *Indoor air data available?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

☐ *Indoor air concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

☐ *Subsurface data evaluation: (Circle appropriate answers below)*

Medium	Q4 Levels Exceeded?	Q5 Levels Exceeded?	Data Indicates Pathway is Complete?
Groundwater	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / INS
Soil Gas	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / INS

NA = not applicable
INS = insufficient data available to make a determination

Site-Specific Summary

☐ *Have the nature and extent of subsurface contamination, potential preferential pathways and overlying building characteristics been adequately characterized to identify the most-likely-to-be-impacted buildings?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

EPA recommends that if a model was used, it be an appropriate and applicable model that represents the conceptual site model. If other means were used, document how you determined the potentially most impacted areas to sample. EPA recommends that predictive modeling can be used to support Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations without confirmatory sampling to support this determination. Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations are intended to reflect a reasonable conclusion by EPA or the State that current human exposures are under control with regard to the vapor intrusion pathway and current land use conditions. Therefore, if conducting evaluation for an EI determination, document that the **Pathway is Incomplete** and/or does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health for EI determinations.

☐ *Are you making an EI determination based on modeling and does the model prediction indicate that determination is expected to be adequately protective to support Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

☐ *Do subslab vapor concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

☐ *Do indoor air concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

Conclusion

Is there a Complete Pathway for subsurface vapor intrusion to indoor air?

Below, check the appropriate conclusion for the Subsurface Vapor to Indoor Air Pathway evaluation and attach supporting documentation as well as a map of the facility.

✓ NO - the "Subsurface Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air Pathway" has been verified to be incomplete for the OU I South Boundary on-site facility, EPA ID #_____, located at BNL.
This determination is based on a review of site information, as suggested in this guidance, check as appropriate:

✓ for current and reasonably expected conditions, or

_____ based on performance monitoring evaluations for engineered exposure controls. This determination may be re-evaluated, where appropriate, when the Agency/State becomes aware of any significant changes at the facility.

_____ YES –The "Subsurface Vapor to Indoor Air Pathway" is Complete. Engineered controls, avoidance actions, or removal actions taken include: _____

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_____ UNKNOWN - More information is needed to make a determination.

Locations where References may be found:

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Contact telephone and e-mail numbers:

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(phone #) _____

(e-mail) _____

Carbon Tetrachloride (CCl_4) Plume

IV. TIER 1 - Primary Screening

Primary Screening is designed to help quickly screen out sites at which the vapor intrusion pathway does not ordinarily need further consideration, and point out the sites that do typically need further consideration. This evaluation involves determining whether any potential exists at a specific site for vapor intrusion to result in unacceptable indoor inhalation risks and, if so, whether immediate action may be warranted. Recommended criteria for making these determinations are presented in Questions 1 through 3, which focus on identifying:

a) if chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity are present or reasonably suspected to be present (Question 1);
b) if inhabited buildings are located (or will be constructed under future development scenarios – except for Environmental Indicator determinations, see section IV.C below) above or in close proximity to subsurface contamination (Question 2); and
c) if current conditions warrant immediate action (Question 3).

This primary screening process is illustrated in a flow diagram included in Appendix C.

A. Primary Screening – Question #1

Q1: Are chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity known or reasonably suspected to be present in the subsurface (e.g., in unsaturated soils, soil gas, or the uppermost portions of the ground water and/or capillary fringe – see Table 1)? (We recommend this consideration involve DQOs (see Appendix A) used in acquiring the site data as well as an appropriately scaled Conceptual Site Model (CSM) for vapor intrusion (see Appendix B).)

✓ If **YES** - check here, check off the relevant chemicals on Table 1, and continue with Question 2. The chemicals identified here (and any degradation products) are evaluated as constituents of potential concern in subsequent questions.

____ If **NO** - check here, provide the rationale and references below, and then go to the Summary Page to document that the subsurface vapor to indoor air pathway is incomplete (i.e., no further consideration of this pathway is needed); or

____ If sufficient data are not available, go to the Summary Page and document the need for more information. After collecting the necessary data, Question 1 can then be revisited with the newly collected data to re-evaluate the completeness of the vapor intrusion pathway.

1. What is the goal of this question?

This question is designed to help quickly screen out sites at which the vapor intrusion pathway generally does not need further consideration. This evaluation involves determining whether or not any potential exists at a specific site for the vapor intrusion

pathway to result in unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. Table 1 lists chemicals that may be found at hazardous waste sites and indicates whether, in our judgment, they are sufficiently volatile (Henry's Law Constant > 10^{-5} atm m^3/mol) to result in potentially significant vapor intrusion and sufficiently toxic (either an incremental lifetime cancer risk greater than 10^{-6} or a non-cancer hazard index greater than 1, or in some cases both) to result in potentially unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. The approach used to develop Table 1 is documented in Appendix D and can be used, where appropriate, to evaluate volatile chemicals not included in the Table. We recommend that if any of the chemicals listed in Table 1 that are sufficiently volatile and toxic are present at a site, those chemicals become constituents of potential concern for the vapor intrusion pathway and are evaluated in subsequent questions in this guidance. If the chemicals listed in Table 1 are not present at a site, and no other volatile chemicals are present, we suggest that the vapor intrusion pathway be considered incomplete and no further consideration of this pathway is needed.

2. *What should you keep in mind?*

In evaluating the available site data, we recommend the DQOs used in collecting the data be reviewed to ensure those objectives are consistent with the DQOs for the vapor intrusion pathway (see Appendix A). We recommend the detection limits associated with the available groundwater data be reviewed to ensure they are not too high to detect volatile contaminants of potential concern. Also, we suggest that the adequacy of the definition of the nature and extent of contamination in groundwater and/or the vadose zone be assessed to ensure that all contaminants of concern and areas of contamination have been identified. Additionally, we recommend groundwater concentrations be measured or reasonably estimated using samples collected from wells screened at, or across the top of the water table. We recommend users read Appendices B (Conceptual Site Model for the Vapor Intrusion Pathway) and E (Relevant Methods and Techniques) to obtain a greater understanding of the important considerations in evaluating data for use in screening assessments of the vapor intrusion pathway.

3. *Rationale and References:*

Carbon tetrachloride is present in wells screened across the water table, exceeding Table 2 criteria of 5 ppb.

B. Primary Screening – Question #2

Q2: Are currently (or potentially) inhabited buildings or areas of concern under future development scenarios located *near* (see discussion below) subsurface contaminants found in Table 1?

_____ If **YES** – check here, identify buildings and/or areas of concern below, and document on the Summary Page whether the potential for impacts from the vapor intrusion pathway applies to currently inhabited buildings or areas of concern under reasonably anticipated future development scenarios, or both. (Note that for EI considerations, we recommend only current risks be evaluated.) Then proceed with Question 3.

✓ If **NO** – check here, describe the rationale below, and then go to the Summary Page to document that there is no potential for the vapor intrusion pathway to impact either currently inhabited buildings or areas of concern under future development scenarios (i.e., no further evaluation of this pathway is needed). (Note that for EI considerations, only current risks are evaluated.); or

_____ If sufficient data are not available – check here and document the need for more information on the Summary Page. After collecting the necessary data, Question 2 can then be revisited with the newly collected data to re-evaluate the completeness of the vapor intrusion pathway.

1. What is the goal of this question?

The goal of this question is to help determine whether inhabited buildings currently are located (or may be reasonably expected to be located under future development scenarios) above or in close proximity to subsurface contamination that potentially could result in unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. If inhabited buildings and/or future development are not located "near" the area of concern, we suggest that the vapor intrusion pathway be considered incomplete and no further consideration of the pathway should be needed.

For the purposes of this question, **"inhabited buildings"** are structures with enclosed air space that are designed for human occupancy. Table 1, discussed above in Question 1, lists the **"subsurface contaminants demonstrating sufficient volatility and toxicity"** to potentially pose an inhalation risk. We recommend that an inhabited building generally be considered **"near"** subsurface contaminants if it is located within approximately 100 ft laterally or vertically of known or interpolated soil gas or groundwater contaminants listed in Table 1 (or others not included in table 1 – see Question 1) and the contamination occurs in the unsaturated zone and/or the uppermost saturated zone. If the source of contamination is groundwater, we recommend migration of the contaminant plume be considered when evaluating the potential for future risks. The distance suggested above (100 feet) may not be appropriate for all sites (or contaminants) and,

consequently, we recommend that professional judgment be used when evaluating the potential for vertical and horizontal vapor migration.

2. *How did we develop the suggested distance?*

The recommended distance is designed to allow for the assessment to focus on buildings (or areas with the potential to be developed for human habitation) most likely to have a complete vapor intrusion pathway. Vapor concentrations generally decrease with increasing distance from a subsurface vapor source, and eventually at some distance the concentrations become negligible. The distance at which concentrations are negligible is a function of the mobility, toxicity and persistence of the chemical, as well as the geometry of the source, subsurface materials, and characteristics of the buildings of concern. Available information suggests that 100 feet laterally and vertically is a reasonable criterion when considering vapor migration fundamentals, typical sampling density, and uncertainty in defining the actual contaminant spatial distribution. The recommended lateral distance is supported by empirical data from Colorado sites where the vapor intrusion pathway has been evaluated. At these sites, no significant indoor air concentrations have been found in residences at a distance greater than one house lot (approximately 100 feet) from the interpolated edge of ground water plumes. Considering the nature of diffusive vapor transport and the typical anisotropy in soil permeability, in our judgment a similar criterion of 100 feet for vertical transport is generally conservative. These recommended distances will be re-evaluated and, if necessary, adjusted by EPA as additional empirical data are compiled.

3. *What should you keep in mind when evaluating this criterion?*

It is important to consider whether **significant preferential pathways** could allow vapors to migrate more than 100 feet laterally. For the purposes of this guidance, a "significant" preferential pathway is a naturally occurring or anthropogenic subsurface pathway that is expected to have a high gas permeability and be of sufficient volume and proximity to a building so that it may be reasonably anticipated to influence vapor intrusion into the building. Examples include fractures, macropores, utility conduits, and subsurface drains that intersect vapor sources or vapor migration pathways. Note that naturally occurring fractures and macropores may serve as preferential pathways for either vertical or horizontal vapor migration, whereas anthropogenic features such as utility conduits are relatively shallow features and would likely serve only as a preferential pathway for horizontal migration. In either case, we recommend that buildings with significant preferential pathways be evaluated even if they are further than 100 ft from the contamination.

We also recommend that the potential for mobile "vapor clouds" (gas plumes) emanating from near-surface sources of contamination into the subsurface be considered when evaluating site data. Examples of such mobile "vapor clouds" include: 1) those originating in landfills where methane may serve as a carrier gas; and 2) those originating in commercial/industrial settings (such as dry cleaning facilities) where vapor can be released within an enclosed space and the density of the chemicals' vapor may result in

significant advective transport of the vapors downward through cracks/openings in floors and into the vadose zone. In these cases, diffusive transport of vapors is usually overridden by advective transport, and the vapors may be transported in the vadose zone several hundred feet from the source of contamination.

Finally, this guidance is intended to be applied to existing groundwater plumes as they are currently defined (e.g., MCLs, State Standards, or Risk-Based Concentrations). However, it is very important to recognize that some non-potable aquifers may have plumes that have been defined by threshold concentrations significantly higher than drinking-water concentrations. In these cases, contamination that is not technically considered part of the plume may still pose significant risks via the vapor intrusion pathway and, consequently, the plume definition may need to be expanded. Similarly, we recommend evaluating the technologies used to obtain soil gas and indoor air concentrations to determine if appropriate methods were used to ensure adequate data quality at the time analyses were conducted.

4. ***Identify Inhabited Buildings (or Areas With Potential for Future Residential Development) Within Distances of Possible Concern:***

None.
The closest building to the carbon tetrachloride plume is Bldg. 630, the service station. It is ~150 feet away, however it is not inhabitated and has no basement. The workers are only present during the day and they keep the bay doors open.
The next closest building is Bldg 600. However there is a clean layer of groundwater above.
Bldg 659 is not inhabitated and is a storage building.
Bldg 463 (Bio Lagy) is located ~350 feet upgradient of the plume. This building is inhabitated but is located too far away to be a concern.

C. Primary Screening Stage— Question #3

Q3: Does evidence suggest immediate action may be warranted to mitigate current risks?

_____ If **YES** – check here and proceed with appropriate actions to verify or eliminate imminent risks. Some examples of actions may include but are not limited to indoor air quality monitoring, engineered containment or ventilation systems, or relocation of people. The action(s) should be appropriate for the site-specific situation.

__✓__ If **NO** – check here and continue with Question 4.

1. What is the goal of this question?

This question is intended to help determine whether immediate action may be warranted for those buildings identified in Question 2 as located within the areas of concern. For the purposes of this guidance, "immediate action" means such action is necessary to verify or abate imminent and substantial threats to human health.

2. What are the qualitative criteria generally considered sufficient to indicate a need for immediate actions?

Odors reported by occupants, particularly if described as "chemical," or "solvent," or "gasoline." The presence of odors does not necessarily correspond to adverse health and/or safety impacts and the odors could be the result of indoor vapor sources; however, we believe it is generally prudent to investigate any reports of odors as the odor threshold for some chemicals exceeds their respective acceptable target breathing zone concentrations.

Physiological effects reported by occupants (dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, etc.) may, or may not be due to subsurface vapor intrusion or even other indoor vapor sources, but, should generally be evaluated.

Wet basements, in areas **where chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity** (see Table 1) **are known to be present in groundwater and the water table is shallow enough that the basements are prone to groundwater intrusion or flooding.** This has been proven to be especially important where there is evidence of light, non-aqueous phase liquids (LNAPLs) floating on the water table directly below the building, and/or any direct evidence of contamination (liquid chemical or dissolved in water) inside the building.

Short-term safety concerns are known, or are reasonably suspected to exist, including: a) measured or likely explosive or acutely toxic concentrations of vapors in the building or connected utility conduits, sumps, or other subsurface drains directly connected to the

building and b) measured or likely vapor concentrations that may be flammable/combustible, corrosive, or chemically reactive.

3. ***Rationale and Reference(s):***
None. No basement in Bldg 630

VII. VAPOR INTRUSION PATHWAY SUMMARY PAGE

Facility Name: Carbon Tetrachloride Plume

Facility Address: BNL

Primary Screening Summary

☐ *Q1: Constituents of concern Identified?*

✓ *Yes*

_____ *No* (If NO, skip to the conclusion section below and check NO to indicate the pathway is *incomplete.)*

☐ *Q2: Currently inhabited buildings near subsurface contamination?*

_____ *Yes*

✓ *No*

Areas of future concern near subsurface contamination?

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No* (If NO, skip to the conclusion section below and check NO to indicate the pathway is *incomplete.)*

☐ *Q3: Immediate Actions Warranted?*

_____ *Yes*

✓ *No*

Secondary Screening Summary

☐ *Vapor source identified:*

_____ *Groundwater*

_____ *Soil*

_____ *Insufficient data*

☐ *Indoor air data available?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

☐ *Indoor air concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

☐ *Subsurface data evaluation: (Circle appropriate answers below)*

Medium	Q4 Levels Exceeded?	Q5 Levels Exceeded?	Data Indicates Pathway is Complete?
Groundwater	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / INS
Soil Gas	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / INS

NA = not applicable
INS = insufficient data available to make a determination

Site-Specific Summary

☐ *Have the nature and extent of subsurface contamination, potential preferential pathways and overlying building characteristics been adequately characterized to identify the most-likely-to-be-impacted buildings?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

EPA recommends that if a model was used, it be an appropriate and applicable model that represents the conceptual site model. If other means were used, document how you determined the potentially most impacted areas to sample. EPA recommends that predictive modeling can be used to support Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations without confirmatory sampling to support this determination. Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations are intended to reflect a reasonable conclusion by EPA or the State that current human exposures are under control with regard to the vapor intrusion pathway and current land use conditions. Therefore, if conducting evaluation for an EI determination, document that the **Pathway is Incomplete** and/or does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health for EI determinations.

☐ *Are you making an EI determination based on modeling and does the model prediction indicate that determination is expected to be adequately protective to support Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

☐ *Do subslab vapor concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

☐ *Do indoor air concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

Conclusion

Is there a Complete Pathway for subsurface vapor intrusion to indoor air?

Below, check the appropriate conclusion for the Subsurface Vapor to Indoor Air Pathway evaluation and attach supporting documentation as well as a map of the facility.

✓ NO - the "Subsurface Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air Pathway" has been verified to be incomplete for the Carbon Tetrachloride Plume facility, EPA ID #_____, located at BKL.
This determination is based on a review of site information, as suggested in this guidance, check as appropriate:

✓ for current and reasonably expected conditions, or

_____ based on performance monitoring evaluations for engineered exposure controls. This determination may be re-evaluated, where appropriate, when the Agency/State becomes aware of any significant changes at the facility.

_____ YES –The "Subsurface Vapor to Indoor Air Pathway" is Complete. Engineered controls, avoidance actions, or removal actions taken include: _____

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_____ UNKNOWN - More information is needed to make a determination.

Locations where References may be found:

Annual Groundwater Status Report

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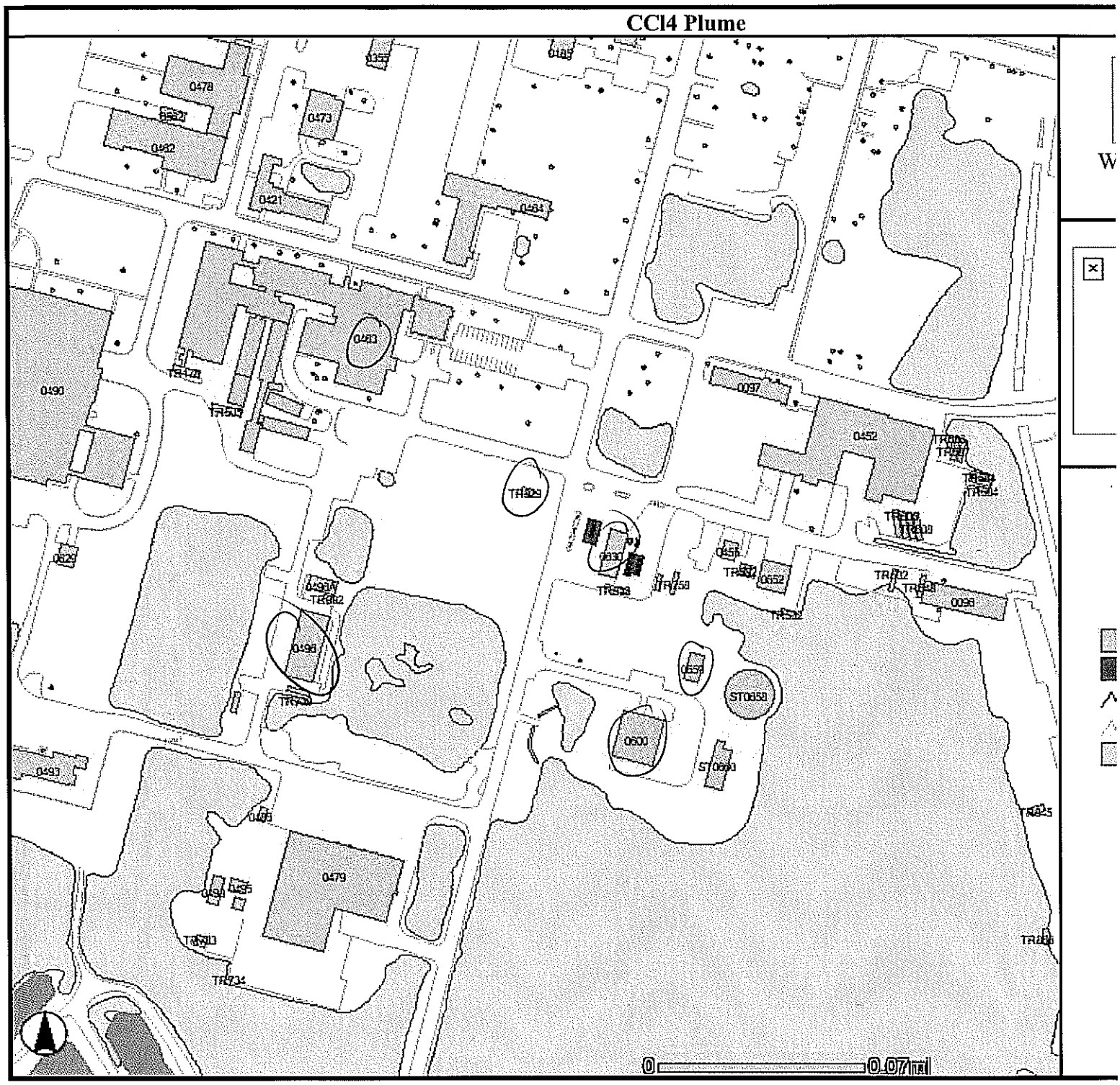
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Building 96 Plume

IV. TIER 1 - Primary Screening

Primary Screening is designed to help quickly screen out sites at which the vapor intrusion pathway does not ordinarily need further consideration, and point out the sites that do typically need further consideration. This evaluation involves determining whether any potential exists at a specific site for vapor intrusion to result in unacceptable indoor inhalation risks and, if so, whether immediate action may be warranted. Recommended criteria for making these determinations are presented in Questions 1 through 3, which focus on identifying:

a) if chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity are present or reasonably suspected to be present (Question 1);
b) if inhabited buildings are located (or will be constructed under future development scenarios – except for Environmental Indicator determinations, see section IV.C below) above or in close proximity to subsurface contamination (Question 2); and
c) if current conditions warrant immediate action (Question 3).

This primary screening process is illustrated in a flow diagram included in Appendix C.

A. Primary Screening – Question #1

Q1: Are chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity known or reasonably suspected to be present in the subsurface (e.g., in unsaturated soils, soil gas, or the uppermost portions of the ground water and/or capillary fringe – see Table 1)? (We recommend this consideration involve DQOs (see Appendix A) used in acquiring the site data as well as an appropriately scaled Conceptual Site Model (CSM) for vapor intrusion (see Appendix B).)

_✓_ If **YES** - check here, check off the relevant chemicals on Table 1, and continue with Question 2. The chemicals identified here (and any degradation products) are evaluated as constituents of potential concern in subsequent questions.

_____ If **NO** - check here, provide the rationale and references below, and then go to the Summary Page to document that the subsurface vapor to indoor air pathway is incomplete (i.e., no further consideration of this pathway is needed); or

_____ If sufficient data are not available, go to the Summary Page and document the need for more information. After collecting the necessary data, Question 1 can then be revisited with the newly collected data to re-evaluate the completeness of the vapor intrusion pathway.

1. What is the goal of this question?

This question is designed to help quickly screen out sites at which the vapor intrusion pathway generally does not need further consideration. This evaluation involves determining whether or not any potential exists at a specific site for the vapor intrusion

pathway to result in unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. Table 1 lists chemicals that may be found at hazardous waste sites and indicates whether, in our judgment, they are sufficiently volatile (Henry's Law Constant > 10^{-5} atm m^3/mol) to result in potentially significant vapor intrusion and sufficiently toxic (either an incremental lifetime cancer risk greater than 10^{-6} or a non-cancer hazard index greater than 1, or in some cases both) to result in potentially unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. The approach used to develop Table 1 is documented in Appendix D and can be used, where appropriate, to evaluate volatile chemicals not included in the Table. We recommend that if any of the chemicals listed in Table 1 that are sufficiently volatile and toxic are present at a site, those chemicals become constituents of potential concern for the vapor intrusion pathway and are evaluated in subsequent questions in this guidance. If the chemicals listed in Table 1 are not present at a site, and no other volatile chemicals are present, we suggest that the vapor intrusion pathway be considered incomplete and no further consideration of this pathway is needed.

2. *What should you keep in mind?*

In evaluating the available site data, we recommend the DQOs used in collecting the data be reviewed to ensure those objectives are consistent with the DQOs for the vapor intrusion pathway (see Appendix A). We recommend the detection limits associated with the available groundwater data be reviewed to ensure they are not too high to detect volatile contaminants of potential concern. Also, we suggest that the adequacy of the definition of the nature and extent of contamination in groundwater and/or the vadose zone be assessed to ensure that all contaminants of concern and areas of contamination have been identified. Additionally, we recommend groundwater concentrations be measured or reasonably estimated using samples collected from wells screened at, or across the top of the water table. We recommend users read Appendices B (Conceptual Site Model for the Vapor Intrusion Pathway) and E (Relevant Methods and Techniques) to obtain a greater understanding of the important considerations in evaluating data for use in screening assessments of the vapor intrusion pathway.

3. *Rationale and References:*

PCE is present in well 095-84 screened across the water table, exceeding Table 2 criteria of 5 ppb.

consequently, we recommend that professional judgment be used when evaluating the potential for vertical and horizontal vapor migration.

2. How did we develop the suggested distance?

The recommended distance is designed to allow for the assessment to focus on buildings (or areas with the potential to be developed for human habitation) most likely to have a complete vapor intrusion pathway. Vapor concentrations generally decrease with increasing distance from a subsurface vapor source, and eventually at some distance the concentrations become negligible. The distance at which concentrations are negligible is a function of the mobility, toxicity and persistence of the chemical, as well as the geometry of the source, subsurface materials, and characteristics of the buildings of concern. Available information suggests that 100 feet laterally and vertically is a reasonable criterion when considering vapor migration fundamentals, typical sampling density, and uncertainty in defining the actual contaminant spatial distribution. The recommended lateral distance is supported by empirical data from Colorado sites where the vapor intrusion pathway has been evaluated. At these sites, no significant indoor air concentrations have been found in residences at a distance greater than one house lot (approximately 100 feet) from the interpolated edge of ground water plumes. Considering the nature of diffusive vapor transport and the typical anisotropy in soil permeability, in our judgment a similar criterion of 100 feet for vertical transport is generally conservative. These recommended distances will be re-evaluated and, if necessary, adjusted by EPA as additional empirical data are compiled.

3. What should you keep in mind when evaluating this criterion?

It is important to consider whether **significant preferential pathways** could allow vapors to migrate more than 100 feet laterally. For the purposes of this guidance, a "significant" preferential pathway is a naturally occurring or anthropogenic subsurface pathway that is expected to have a high gas permeability and be of sufficient volume and proximity to a building so that it may be reasonably anticipated to influence vapor intrusion into the building. Examples include fractures, macropores, utility conduits, and subsurface drains that intersect vapor sources or vapor migration pathways. Note that naturally occurring fractures and macropores may serve as preferential pathways for either vertical or horizontal vapor migration, whereas anthropogenic features such as utility conduits are relatively shallow features and would likely serve only as a preferential pathway for horizontal migration. In either case, we recommend that buildings with significant preferential pathways be evaluated even if they are further than 100 ft from the contamination.

We also recommend that the potential for mobile "vapor clouds" (gas plumes) emanating from near-surface sources of contamination into the subsurface be considered when evaluating site data. Examples of such mobile "vapor clouds" include: 1) those originating in landfills where methane may serve as a carrier gas; and 2) those originating in commercial/industrial settings (such as dry cleaning facilities) where vapor can be released within an enclosed space and the density of the chemicals' vapor may result in

B. Primary Screening – Question #2

Q2: Are currently (or potentially) inhabited buildings or areas of concern under future development scenarios located *near* (see discussion below) subsurface contaminants found in Table 1?

_____ If **YES** – check here, identify buildings and/or areas of concern below, and document on the Summary Page whether the potential for impacts from the vapor intrusion pathway applies to currently inhabited buildings or areas of concern under reasonably anticipated future development scenarios, or both. (Note that for EI considerations, we recommend only current risks be evaluated.) Then proceed with Question 3.

__✓__ If **NO** – check here, describe the rationale below, and then go to the Summary Page to document that there is no potential for the vapor intrusion pathway to impact either currently inhabited buildings or areas of concern under future development scenarios (i.e., no further evaluation of this pathway is needed). (Note that for EI considerations, only current risks are evaluated.); or

_____ If sufficient data are not available – check here and document the need for more information on the Summary Page. After collecting the necessary data, Question 2 can then be revisited with the newly collected data to re-evaluate the completeness of the vapor intrusion pathway.

1. What is the goal of this question?

The goal of this question is to help determine whether inhabited buildings currently are located (or may be reasonably expected to be located under future development scenarios) above or in close proximity to subsurface contamination that potentially could result in unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. If inhabited buildings and/or future development are not located "near" the area of concern, we suggest that the vapor intrusion pathway be considered incomplete and no further consideration of the pathway should be needed.

For the purposes of this question, **"inhabited buildings"** are structures with enclosed air space that are designed for human occupancy. Table 1, discussed above in Question 1, lists the **"subsurface contaminants demonstrating sufficient volatility and toxicity"** to potentially pose an inhalation risk. We recommend that an inhabited building generally be considered **"near"** subsurface contaminants if it is located within approximately 100 ft laterally or vertically of known or interpolated soil gas or groundwater contaminants listed in Table 1 (or others not included in table 1 – see Question 1) and the contamination occurs in the unsaturated zone and/or the uppermost saturated zone. If the source of contamination is groundwater, we recommend migration of the contaminant plume be considered when evaluating the potential for future risks. The distance suggested above (100 feet) may not be appropriate for all sites (or contaminants) and,

significant advective transport of the vapors downward through cracks/openings in floors and into the vadose zone. In these cases, diffusive transport of vapors is usually overridden by advective transport, and the vapors may be transported in the vadose zone several hundred feet from the source of contamination.

Finally, this guidance is intended to be applied to existing groundwater plumes as they are currently defined (e.g., MCLs, State Standards, or Risk-Based Concentrations). However, it is very important to recognize that some non-potable aquifers may have plumes that have been defined by threshold concentrations significantly higher than drinking-water concentrations. In these cases, contamination that is not technically considered part of the plume may still pose significant risks via the vapor intrusion pathway and, consequently, the plume definition may need to be expanded. Similarly, we recommend evaluating the technologies used to obtain soil gas and indoor air concentrations to determine if appropriate methods were used to ensure adequate data quality at the time analyses were conducted.

4. ***Identify Inhabited Buildings (or Areas With Potential for Future Residential Development) Within Distances of Possible Concern:***

None. The closest building is upgradient of the plume by ~350 feet (Bldg 452), and to the east ~350 feet away at Bldg 87. These buildings are utilities, maintenance and a warehouse, respectively. Bldg 196 is located ~100 feet upgradient of the plume but is used for storage only, and is not inhabitated. The Bldg treatment buildings for this plume (TR-845, 866, 867, 868) are not inhabitated.

C. Primary Screening Stage— Question #3

Q3: Does evidence suggest immediate action may be warranted to mitigate current risks?

_____ If **YES** – check here and proceed with appropriate actions to verify or eliminate imminent risks. Some examples of actions may include but are not limited to indoor air quality monitoring, engineered containment or ventilation systems, or relocation of people. The action(s) should be appropriate for the site-specific situation.

__✓__ If **NO** – check here and continue with Question 4.

1. What is the goal of this question?

This question is intended to help determine whether immediate action may be warranted for those buildings identified in Question 2 as located within the areas of concern. For the purposes of this guidance, "immediate action" means such action is necessary to verify or abate imminent and substantial threats to human health.

2. What are the qualitative criteria generally considered sufficient to indicate a need for immediate actions?

Odors reported by occupants, particularly if described as "chemical," or "solvent," or "gasoline." The presence of odors does not necessarily correspond to adverse health and/or safety impacts and the odors could be the result of indoor vapor sources; however, we believe it is generally prudent to investigate any reports of odors as the odor threshold for some chemicals exceeds their respective acceptable target breathing zone concentrations.

Physiological effects reported by occupants (dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, etc.) may, or may not be due to subsurface vapor intrusion or even other indoor vapor sources, but, should generally be evaluated.

Wet basements, in areas **where chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity** (see Table 1) **are known to be present in groundwater and the water table is shallow enough that the basements are prone to groundwater intrusion or flooding.** This has been proven to be especially important where there is evidence of light, non-aqueous phase liquids (LNAPLs) floating on the water table directly below the building, and/or any direct evidence of contamination (liquid chemical or dissolved in water) inside the building.

Short-term safety concerns are known, or are reasonably suspected to exist, including: a) measured or likely explosive or acutely toxic concentrations of vapors in the building or connected utility conduits, sumps, or other subsurface drains directly connected to the

building and b) measured or likely vapor concentrations that may be flammable/combustible, corrosive, or chemically reactive.

3. ***Rationale and Reference(s):***

None

VII. VAPOR INTRUSION PATHWAY SUMMARY PAGE

Facility Name: Building 96 Plume

Facility Address: BNL

Primary Screening Summary

☐ *Q1: Constituents of concern Identified?*

✓ *Yes*

_____ *No* (If NO, skip to the conclusion section below and check NO to indicate the pathway is *incomplete.)*

☐ *Q2: Currently inhabited buildings near subsurface contamination?*

_____ *Yes*

✓ *No*

Areas of future concern near subsurface contamination?

_____ *Yes*

✓ *No* (If NO, skip to the conclusion section below and check NO to indicate the pathway is *incomplete.)*

☐ *Q3: Immediate Actions Warranted?*

_____ *Yes*

✓ *No*

Secondary Screening Summary

☐ *Vapor source identified:*

_____ *Groundwater*

_____ *Soil*

_____ *Insufficient data*

☐ *Indoor air data available?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

☐ *Indoor air concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

☐ *Subsurface data evaluation: (Circle appropriate answers below)*

Medium	Q4 Levels Exceeded?	Q5 Levels Exceeded?	Data Indicates Pathway is Complete?
Groundwater	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / INS
Soil Gas	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / INS

NA = not applicable
INS = insufficient data available to make a determination

Site-Specific Summary

☐ *Have the nature and extent of subsurface contamination, potential preferential pathways and overlying building characteristics been adequately characterized to identify the most-likely-to-be-impacted buildings?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

EPA recommends that if a model was used, it be an appropriate and applicable model that represents the conceptual site model. If other means were used, document how you determined the potentially most impacted areas to sample. EPA recommends that predictive modeling can be used to support Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations without confirmatory sampling to support this determination. Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations are intended to reflect a reasonable conclusion by EPA or the State that current human exposures are under control with regard to the vapor intrusion pathway and current land use conditions. Therefore, if conducting evaluation for an EI determination, document that the **Pathway is Incomplete** and/or does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health for EI determinations.

☐ *Are you making an EI determination based on modeling and does the model prediction indicate that determination is expected to be adequately protective to support Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

☐ *Do subslab vapor concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

☐ *Do indoor air concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

Conclusion

Is there a Complete Pathway for subsurface vapor intrusion to indoor air?

Below, check the appropriate conclusion for the Subsurface Vapor to Indoor Air Pathway evaluation and attach supporting documentation as well as a map of the facility.

__✓__ NO - the "Subsurface Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air Pathway" has been verified to be incomplete for the Bldg. 96 plume facility, EPA ID #_____, located at BNL.
This determination is based on a review of site information, as suggested in this guidance, check as appropriate:

__✓__ for current and reasonably expected conditions, or

_____ based on performance monitoring evaluations for engineered exposure controls. This determination may be re-evaluated, where appropriate, when the Agency/State becomes aware of any significant changes at the facility.

_____ YES –The "Subsurface Vapor to Indoor Air Pathway" is Complete. Engineered controls, avoidance actions, or removal actions taken include: _____

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_____ UNKNOWN - More information is needed to make a determination.

Locations where References may be found:

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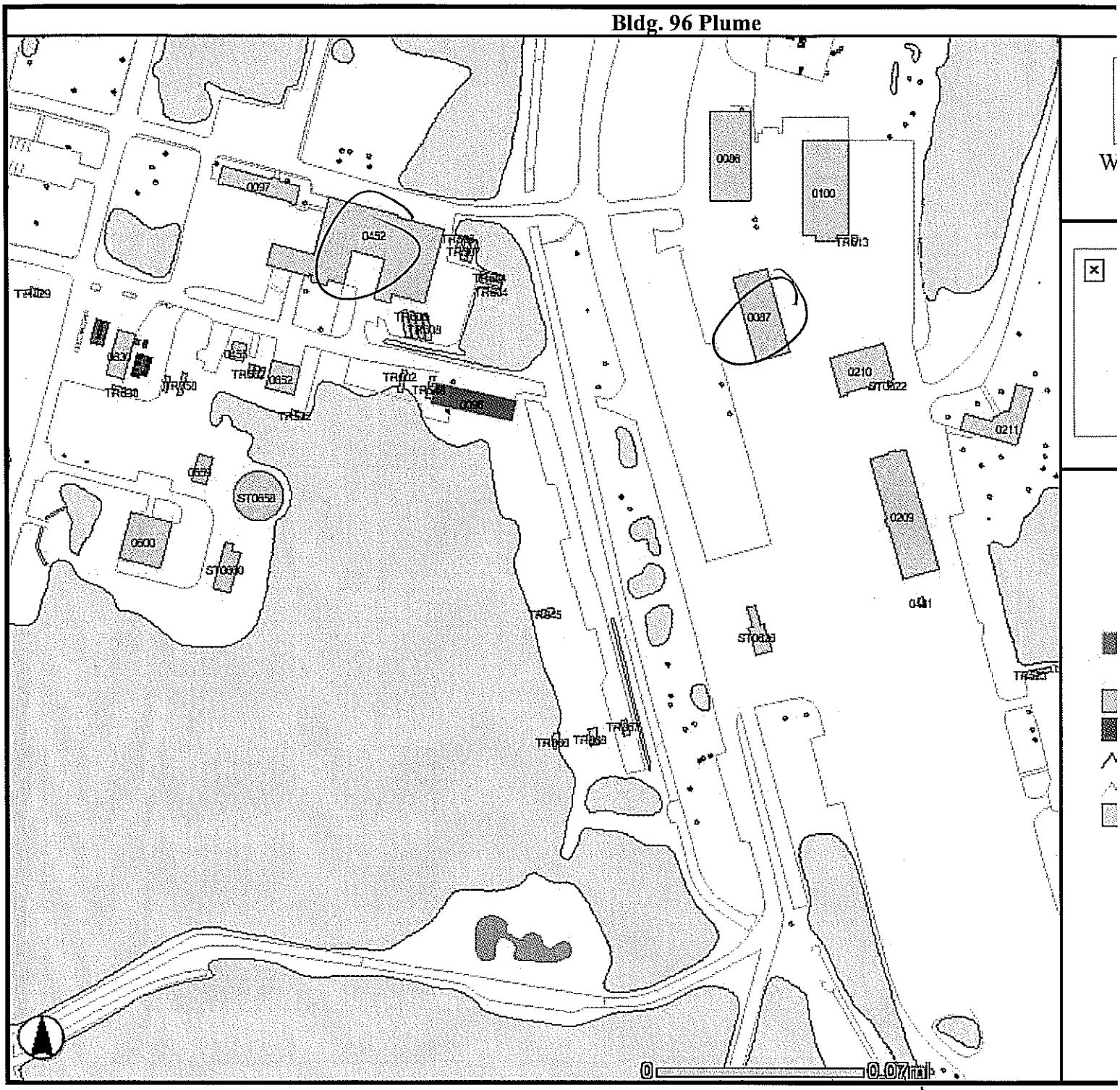
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IV. TIER 1 - Primary Screening

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c) if current conditions warrant immediate action (Question 3).

This primary screening process is illustrated in a flow diagram included in Appendix C.

A. Primary Screening – Question #1

Q1: Are chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity known or reasonably suspected to be present in the subsurface (e.g., in unsaturated soils, soil gas, or the uppermost portions of the ground water and/or capillary fringe – see Table 1)? (We recommend this consideration involve DQOs (see Appendix A) used in acquiring the site data as well as an appropriately scaled Conceptual Site Model (CSM) for vapor intrusion (see Appendix B).)

_____ If **YES** - check here, check off the relevant chemicals on Table 1, and continue with Question 2. The chemicals identified here (and any degradation products) are evaluated as constituents of potential concern in subsequent questions.

__✓__ If **NO** - check here, provide the rationale and references below, and then go to the Summary Page to document that the subsurface vapor to indoor air pathway is incomplete (i.e., no further consideration of this pathway is needed); or

_____ If sufficient data are not available, go to the Summary Page and document the need for more information. After collecting the necessary data, Question 1 can then be revisited with the newly collected data to re-evaluate the completeness of the vapor intrusion pathway.

1. What is the goal of this question?

This question is designed to help quickly screen out sites at which the vapor intrusion pathway generally does not need further consideration. This evaluation involves determining whether or not any potential exists at a specific site for the vapor intrusion

pathway to result in unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. Table 1 lists chemicals that may be found at hazardous waste sites and indicates whether, in our judgment, they are sufficiently volatile (Henry's Law Constant > 10^{-5} atm m^3/mol) to result in potentially significant vapor intrusion and sufficiently toxic (either an incremental lifetime cancer risk greater than 10^{-6} or a non-cancer hazard index greater than 1, or in some cases both) to result in potentially unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. The approach used to develop Table 1 is documented in Appendix D and can be used, where appropriate, to evaluate volatile chemicals not included in the Table. We recommend that if any of the chemicals listed in Table 1 that are sufficiently volatile and toxic are present at a site, those chemicals become constituents of potential concern for the vapor intrusion pathway and are evaluated in subsequent questions in this guidance. If the chemicals listed in Table 1 are not present at a site, and no other volatile chemicals are present, we suggest that the vapor intrusion pathway be considered incomplete and no further consideration of this pathway is needed.

2. *What should you keep in mind?*

In evaluating the available site data, we recommend the DQOs used in collecting the data be reviewed to ensure those objectives are consistent with the DQOs for the vapor intrusion pathway (see Appendix A). We recommend the detection limits associated with the available groundwater data be reviewed to ensure they are not too high to detect volatile contaminants of potential concern. Also, we suggest that the adequacy of the definition of the nature and extent of contamination in groundwater and/or the vadose zone be assessed to ensure that all contaminants of concern and areas of contamination have been identified. Additionally, we recommend groundwater concentrations be measured or reasonably estimated using samples collected from wells screened at, or across the top of the water table. We recommend users read Appendices B (Conceptual Site Model for the Vapor Intrusion Pathway) and E (Relevant Methods and Techniques) to obtain a greater understanding of the important considerations in evaluating data for use in screening assessments of the vapor intrusion pathway.

3. *Rationale and References:*

There is a layer of clean groundwater above the plume.

B. Primary Screening – Question #2

Q2: Are currently (or potentially) inhabited buildings or areas of concern under future development scenarios located *near* (see discussion below) subsurface contaminants found in Table 1?

_____ If **YES** – check here, identify buildings and/or areas of concern below, and document on the Summary Page whether the potential for impacts from the vapor intrusion pathway applies to currently inhabited buildings or areas of concern under reasonably anticipated future development scenarios, or both. (Note that for EI considerations, we recommend only current risks be evaluated.) Then proceed with Question 3.

__✓__ If **NO** – check here, describe the rationale below, and then go to the Summary Page to document that there is no potential for the vapor intrusion pathway to impact either currently inhabited buildings or areas of concern under future development scenarios (i.e., no further evaluation of this pathway is needed). (Note that for EI considerations, only current risks are evaluated.); or

_____ If sufficient data are not available – check here and document the need for more information on the Summary Page. After collecting the necessary data, Question 2 can then be revisited with the newly collected data to re-evaluate the completeness of the vapor intrusion pathway.

1. What is the goal of this question?

The goal of this question is to help determine whether inhabited buildings currently are located (or may be reasonably expected to be located under future development scenarios) above or in close proximity to subsurface contamination that potentially could result in unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. If inhabited buildings and/or future development are not located "near" the area of concern, we suggest that the vapor intrusion pathway be considered incomplete and no further consideration of the pathway should be needed.

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consequently, we recommend that professional judgment be used when evaluating the potential for vertical and horizontal vapor migration.

2. *How did we develop the suggested distance?*

The recommended distance is designed to allow for the assessment to focus on buildings (or areas with the potential to be developed for human habitation) most likely to have a complete vapor intrusion pathway. Vapor concentrations generally decrease with increasing distance from a subsurface vapor source, and eventually at some distance the concentrations become negligible. The distance at which concentrations are negligible is a function of the mobility, toxicity and persistence of the chemical, as well as the geometry of the source, subsurface materials, and characteristics of the buildings of concern. Available information suggests that 100 feet laterally and vertically is a reasonable criterion when considering vapor migration fundamentals, typical sampling density, and uncertainty in defining the actual contaminant spatial distribution. The recommended lateral distance is supported by empirical data from Colorado sites where the vapor intrusion pathway has been evaluated. At these sites, no significant indoor air concentrations have been found in residences at a distance greater than one house lot (approximately 100 feet) from the interpolated edge of ground water plumes. Considering the nature of diffusive vapor transport and the typical anisotropy in soil permeability, in our judgment a similar criterion of 100 feet for vertical transport is generally conservative. These recommended distances will be re-evaluated and, if necessary, adjusted by EPA as additional empirical data are compiled.

3. *What should you keep in mind when evaluating this criterion?*

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We also recommend that the potential for mobile "vapor clouds" (gas plumes) emanating from near-surface sources of contamination into the subsurface be considered when evaluating site data. Examples of such mobile "vapor clouds" include: 1) those originating in landfills where methane may serve as a carrier gas; and 2) those originating in commercial/industrial settings (such as dry cleaning facilities) where vapor can be released within an enclosed space and the density of the chemicals' vapor may result in

significant advective transport of the vapors downward through cracks/openings in floors and into the vadose zone. In these cases, diffusive transport of vapors is usually overridden by advective transport, and the vapors may be transported in the vadose zone several hundred feet from the source of contamination.

Finally, this guidance is intended to be applied to existing groundwater plumes as they are currently defined (e.g., MCLs, State Standards, or Risk-Based Concentrations). However, it is very important to recognize that some non-potable aquifers may have plumes that have been defined by threshold concentrations significantly higher than drinking-water concentrations. In these cases, contamination that is not technically considered part of the plume may still pose significant risks via the vapor intrusion pathway and, consequently, the plume definition may need to be expanded. Similarly, we recommend evaluating the technologies used to obtain soil gas and indoor air concentrations to determine if appropriate methods were used to ensure adequate data quality at the time analyses were conducted.

4. ***Identify Inhabited Buildings (or Areas With Potential for Future Residential Development) Within Distances of Possible Concern:***

None. The closest building is in the industrial park south of the LIE.

C. Primary Screening Stage— Question #3

Q3: Does evidence suggest immediate action may be warranted to mitigate current risks?

_____ If **YES** – check here and proceed with appropriate actions to verify or eliminate imminent risks. Some examples of actions may include but are not limited to indoor air quality monitoring, engineered containment or ventilation systems, or relocation of people. The action(s) should be appropriate for the site-specific situation.

__✓__ If **NO** – check here and continue with Question 4.

1. What is the goal of this question?

This question is intended to help determine whether immediate action may be warranted for those buildings identified in Question 2 as located within the areas of concern. For the purposes of this guidance, "immediate action" means such action is necessary to verify or abate imminent and substantial threats to human health.

2. What are the qualitative criteria generally considered sufficient to indicate a need for immediate actions?

Odors reported by occupants, particularly if described as "chemical," or "solvent," or "gasoline." The presence of odors does not necessarily correspond to adverse health and/or safety impacts and the odors could be the result of indoor vapor sources; however, we believe it is generally prudent to investigate any reports of odors as the odor threshold for some chemicals exceeds their respective acceptable target breathing zone concentrations.

Physiological effects reported by occupants (dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, etc.) may, or may not be due to subsurface vapor intrusion or even other indoor vapor sources, but, should generally be evaluated.

Wet basements, in areas **where chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity** (see Table 1) **are known to be present in groundwater and the water table is shallow enough that the basements are prone to groundwater intrusion or flooding.** This has been proven to be especially important where there is evidence of light, non-aqueous phase liquids (LNAPLs) floating on the water table directly below the building, and/or any direct evidence of contamination (liquid chemical or dissolved in water) inside the building.

Short-term safety concerns are known, or are reasonably suspected to exist, including: a) measured or likely explosive or acutely toxic concentrations of vapors in the building or connected utility conduits, sumps, or other subsurface drains directly connected to the

building and b) measured or likely vapor concentrations that may be flammable/combustible, corrosive, or chemically reactive.

3. ***Rationale and Reference(s):***

None

VII. VAPOR INTRUSION PATHWAY SUMMARY PAGE

Facility Name: Western South Boundary

Facility Address: BNL

Primary Screening Summary

☐ *Q1: Constituents of concern Identified?*

_____ *Yes*

__✓__ *No* (If NO, skip to the conclusion section below and check NO to indicate the pathway is *incomplete.)*

☐ *Q2: Currently inhabited buildings near subsurface contamination?*

_____ *Yes*

__✓__ *No*

Areas of future concern near subsurface contamination?

_____ *Yes*

__✓__ *No* (If NO, skip to the conclusion section below and check NO to indicate the pathway is *incomplete.)*

☐ *Q3: Immediate Actions Warranted?*

_____ *Yes*

__✓__ *No*

Secondary Screening Summary

☐ *Vapor source identified:*

_____ *Groundwater*

_____ *Soil*

_____ *Insufficient data*

☐ *Indoor air data available?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

☐ *Indoor air concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

☐ *Subsurface data evaluation: (Circle appropriate answers below)*

Medium	Q4 Levels Exceeded?	Q5 Levels Exceeded?	Data Indicates Pathway is Complete?
Groundwater	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / INS
Soil Gas	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / INS

NA = not applicable
INS = insufficient data available to make a determination

Site-Specific Summary

☐ *Have the nature and extent of subsurface contamination, potential preferential pathways and overlying building characteristics been adequately characterized to identify the most-likely-to-be-impacted buildings?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

EPA recommends that if a model was used, it be an appropriate and applicable model that represents the conceptual site model. If other means were used, document how you determined the potentially most impacted areas to sample. EPA recommends that predictive modeling can be used to support Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations without confirmatory sampling to support this determination. Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations are intended to reflect a reasonable conclusion by EPA or the State that current human exposures are under control with regard to the vapor intrusion pathway and current land use conditions. Therefore, if conducting evaluation for an EI determination, document that the **Pathway is Incomplete** and/or does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health for EI determinations.

☐ *Are you making an EI determination based on modeling and does the model prediction indicate that determination is expected to be adequately protective to support Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

☐ *Do subslab vapor concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

☐ *Do indoor air concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

Conclusion

Is there a Complete Pathway for subsurface vapor intrusion to indoor air?

Below, check the appropriate conclusion for the Subsurface Vapor to Indoor Air Pathway evaluation and attach supporting documentation as well as a map of the facility.

__✓__ NO - the "Subsurface Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air Pathway" has been verified to be incomplete for the Western South Boundary facility, EPA ID #_____, located at BNL.
This determination is based on a review of site information, as suggested in this guidance, check as appropriate:

__✓__ for current and reasonably expected conditions, or

_____ based on performance monitoring evaluations for engineered exposure controls. This determination may be re-evaluated, where appropriate, when the Agency/State becomes aware of any significant changes at the facility.

_____ YES –The "Subsurface Vapor to Indoor Air Pathway" is Complete. Engineered controls, avoidance actions, or removal actions taken include: _____

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_____ UNKNOWN - More information is needed to make a determination.

Locations where References may be found:

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Contact telephone and e-mail numbers:

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Middle Road and OU III South Boundary Plumes

IV. TIER 1 - Primary Screening

Primary Screening is designed to help quickly screen out sites at which the vapor intrusion pathway does not ordinarily need further consideration, and point out the sites that do typically need further consideration. This evaluation involves determining whether any potential exists at a specific site for vapor intrusion to result in unacceptable indoor inhalation risks and, if so, whether immediate action may be warranted. Recommended criteria for making these determinations are presented in Questions 1 through 3, which focus on identifying:

a) if chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity are present or reasonably suspected to be present (Question 1);
b) if inhabited buildings are located (or will be constructed under future development scenarios – except for Environmental Indicator determinations, see section IV.C below) above or in close proximity to subsurface contamination (Question 2); and
c) if current conditions warrant immediate action (Question 3).

This primary screening process is illustrated in a flow diagram included in Appendix C.

A. Primary Screening – Question #1

Q1: Are chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity known or reasonably suspected to be present in the subsurface (e.g., in unsaturated soils, soil gas, or the uppermost portions of the ground water and/or capillary fringe – see Table 1)? (We recommend this consideration involve DQOs (see Appendix A) used in acquiring the site data as well as an appropriately scaled Conceptual Site Model (CSM) for vapor intrusion (see Appendix B).)

_____ If **YES** - check here, check off the relevant chemicals on Table 1, and continue with Question 2. The chemicals identified here (and any degradation products) are evaluated as constituents of potential concern in subsequent questions.

_✓_ If **NO** - check here, provide the rationale and references below, and then go to the Summary Page to document that the subsurface vapor to indoor air pathway is incomplete (i.e., no further consideration of this pathway is needed); or

_____ If sufficient data are not available, go to the Summary Page and document the need for more information. After collecting the necessary data, Question 1 can then be revisited with the newly collected data to re-evaluate the completeness of the vapor intrusion pathway.

1. What is the goal of this question?

This question is designed to help quickly screen out sites at which the vapor intrusion pathway generally does not need further consideration. This evaluation involves determining whether or not any potential exists at a specific site for the vapor intrusion

pathway to result in unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. Table 1 lists chemicals that may be found at hazardous waste sites and indicates whether, in our judgment, they are sufficiently volatile (Henry's Law Constant > 10^{-5} atm m^3/mol) to result in potentially significant vapor intrusion and sufficiently toxic (either an incremental lifetime cancer risk greater than 10^{-6} or a non-cancer hazard index greater than 1, or in some cases both) to result in potentially unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. The approach used to develop Table 1 is documented in Appendix D and can be used, where appropriate, to evaluate volatile chemicals not included in the Table. We recommend that if any of the chemicals listed in Table 1 that are sufficiently volatile and toxic are present at a site, those chemicals become constituents of potential concern for the vapor intrusion pathway and are evaluated in subsequent questions in this guidance. If the chemicals listed in Table 1 are not present at a site, and no other volatile chemicals are present, we suggest that the vapor intrusion pathway be considered incomplete and no further consideration of this pathway is needed.

2. *What should you keep in mind?*

In evaluating the available site data, we recommend the DQOs used in collecting the data be reviewed to ensure those objectives are consistent with the DQOs for the vapor intrusion pathway (see Appendix A). We recommend the detection limits associated with the available groundwater data be reviewed to ensure they are not too high to detect volatile contaminants of potential concern. Also, we suggest that the adequacy of the definition of the nature and extent of contamination in groundwater and/or the vadose zone be assessed to ensure that all contaminants of concern and areas of contamination have been identified. Additionally, we recommend groundwater concentrations be measured or reasonably estimated using samples collected from wells screened at, or across the top of the water table. We recommend users read Appendices B (Conceptual Site Model for the Vapor Intrusion Pathway) and E (Relevant Methods and Techniques) to obtain a greater understanding of the important considerations in evaluating data for use in screening assessments of the vapor intrusion pathway.

3. *Rationale and References:*

There is no contamination at the water table.

B. **Primary Screening – Question #2**

Q2: **Are currently (or potentially) inhabited buildings or areas of concern under future development scenarios located *near* (see discussion below) subsurface contaminants found in Table 1?**

_____ If **YES** – check here, identify buildings and/or areas of concern below, and document on the Summary Page whether the potential for impacts from the vapor intrusion pathway applies to currently inhabited buildings or areas of concern under reasonably anticipated future development scenarios, or both. (Note that for EI considerations, we recommend only current risks be evaluated.) Then proceed with Question 3.

__✓__ If **NO** – check here, describe the rationale below, and then go to the Summary Page to document that there is no potential for the vapor intrusion pathway to impact either currently inhabited buildings or areas of concern under future development scenarios (i.e., no further evaluation of this pathway is needed). (Note that for EI considerations, only current risks are evaluated.); or

_____ If sufficient data are not available – check here and document the need for more information on the Summary Page. After collecting the necessary data, Question 2 can then be revisited with the newly collected data to re-evaluate the completeness of the vapor intrusion pathway.

1. What is the goal of this question?

The goal of this question is to help determine whether inhabited buildings currently are located (or may be reasonably expected to be located under future development scenarios) above or in close proximity to subsurface contamination that potentially could result in unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. If inhabited buildings and/or future development are not located "near" the area of concern, we suggest that the vapor intrusion pathway be considered incomplete and no further consideration of the pathway should be needed.

For the purposes of this question, **"inhabited buildings"** are structures with enclosed air space that are designed for human occupancy. Table 1, discussed above in Question 1, lists the **"subsurface contaminants demonstrating sufficient volatility and toxicity"** to potentially pose an inhalation risk. We recommend that an inhabited building generally be considered **"near"** subsurface contaminants if it is located within approximately 100 ft laterally or vertically of known or interpolated soil gas or groundwater contaminants listed in Table 1 (or others not included in table 1 – see Question 1) and the contamination occurs in the unsaturated zone and/or the uppermost saturated zone. If the source of contamination is groundwater, we recommend migration of the contaminant plume be considered when evaluating the potential for future risks. The distance suggested above (100 feet) may not be appropriate for all sites (or contaminants) and,

consequently, we recommend that professional judgment be used when evaluating the potential for vertical and horizontal vapor migration.

2. How did we develop the suggested distance?

The recommended distance is designed to allow for the assessment to focus on buildings (or areas with the potential to be developed for human habitation) most likely to have a complete vapor intrusion pathway. Vapor concentrations generally decrease with increasing distance from a subsurface vapor source, and eventually at some distance the concentrations become negligible. The distance at which concentrations are negligible is a function of the mobility, toxicity and persistence of the chemical, as well as the geometry of the source, subsurface materials, and characteristics of the buildings of concern. Available information suggests that 100 feet laterally and vertically is a reasonable criterion when considering vapor migration fundamentals, typical sampling density, and uncertainty in defining the actual contaminant spatial distribution. The recommended lateral distance is supported by empirical data from Colorado sites where the vapor intrusion pathway has been evaluated. At these sites, no significant indoor air concentrations have been found in residences at a distance greater than one house lot (approximately 100 feet) from the interpolated edge of ground water plumes. Considering the nature of diffusive vapor transport and the typical anisotropy in soil permeability, in our judgment a similar criterion of 100 feet for vertical transport is generally conservative. These recommended distances will be re-evaluated and, if necessary, adjusted by EPA as additional empirical data are compiled.

3. What should you keep in mind when evaluating this criterion?

It is important to consider whether **significant preferential pathways** could allow vapors to migrate more than 100 feet laterally. For the purposes of this guidance, a "significant" preferential pathway is a naturally occurring or anthropogenic subsurface pathway that is expected to have a high gas permeability and be of sufficient volume and proximity to a building so that it may be reasonably anticipated to influence vapor intrusion into the building. Examples include fractures, macropores, utility conduits, and subsurface drains that intersect vapor sources or vapor migration pathways. Note that naturally occurring fractures and macropores may serve as preferential pathways for either vertical or horizontal vapor migration, whereas anthropogenic features such as utility conduits are relatively shallow features and would likely serve only as a preferential pathway for horizontal migration. In either case, we recommend that buildings with significant preferential pathways be evaluated even if they are further than 100 ft from the contamination.

We also recommend that the potential for mobile "vapor clouds" (gas plumes) emanating from near-surface sources of contamination into the subsurface be considered when evaluating site data. Examples of such mobile "vapor clouds" include: 1) those originating in landfills where methane may serve as a carrier gas; and 2) those originating in commercial/industrial settings (such as dry cleaning facilities) where vapor can be released within an enclosed space and the density of the chemicals' vapor may result in

significant advective transport of the vapors downward through cracks/openings in floors and into the vadose zone. In these cases, diffusive transport of vapors is usually overridden by advective transport, and the vapors may be transported in the vadose zone several hundred feet from the source of contamination.

Finally, this guidance is intended to be applied to existing groundwater plumes as they are currently defined (e.g., MCLs, State Standards, or Risk-Based Concentrations). However, it is very important to recognize that some non-potable aquifers may have plumes that have been defined by threshold concentrations significantly higher than drinking-water concentrations. In these cases, contamination that is not technically considered part of the plume may still pose significant risks via the vapor intrusion pathway and, consequently, the plume definition may need to be expanded. Similarly, we recommend evaluating the technologies used to obtain soil gas and indoor air concentrations to determine if appropriate methods were used to ensure adequate data quality at the time analyses were conducted.

4. ***Identify Inhabited Buildings (or Areas With Potential for Future Residential Development) Within Distances of Possible Concern:***

No inhabited buildings.

C. Primary Screening Stage— Question #3

Q3: Does evidence suggest immediate action may be warranted to mitigate current risks?

_____ If **YES** – check here and proceed with appropriate actions to verify or eliminate imminent risks. Some examples of actions may include but are not limited to indoor air quality monitoring, engineered containment or ventilation systems, or relocation of people. The action(s) should be appropriate for the site-specific situation.

__✓__ If **NO** – check here and continue with Question 4.

1. What is the goal of this question?

This question is intended to help determine whether immediate action may be warranted for those buildings identified in Question 2 as located within the areas of concern. For the purposes of this guidance, "immediate action" means such action is necessary to verify or abate imminent and substantial threats to human health.

2. What are the qualitative criteria generally considered sufficient to indicate a need for immediate actions?

Odors reported by occupants, particularly if described as "chemical," or "solvent," or "gasoline." The presence of odors does not necessarily correspond to adverse health and/or safety impacts and the odors could be the result of indoor vapor sources; however, we believe it is generally prudent to investigate any reports of odors as the odor threshold for some chemicals exceeds their respective acceptable target breathing zone concentrations.

Physiological effects reported by occupants (dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, etc.) may, or may not be due to subsurface vapor intrusion or even other indoor vapor sources, but, should generally be evaluated.

Wet basements, in areas **where chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity** (see Table 1) **are known to be present in groundwater and the water table is shallow enough that the basements are prone to groundwater intrusion or flooding.** This has been proven to be especially important where there is evidence of light, non-aqueous phase liquids (LNAPLs) floating on the water table directly below the building, and/or any direct evidence of contamination (liquid chemical or dissolved in water) inside the building.

Short-term safety concerns are known, or are reasonably suspected to exist, including: a) measured or likely explosive or acutely toxic concentrations of vapors in the building or connected utility conduits, sumps, or other subsurface drains directly connected to the

building and b) measured or likely vapor concentrations that may be flammable/combustible, corrosive, or chemically reactive.

3. ***Rationale and Reference(s):***

None.

VII. VAPOR INTRUSION PATHWAY SUMMARY PAGE

Facility Name: Middle Road and OU III South Boundary

Facility Address: BNL

Primary Screening Summary

☐ *Q1: Constituents of concern Identified?*

_____ *Yes*

__✓__ *No* (If NO, skip to the conclusion section below and check NO to indicate the pathway is *incomplete.)*

☐ *Q2: Currently inhabited buildings near subsurface contamination?*

_____ *Yes*

__✓__ *No*

Areas of future concern near subsurface contamination?

_____ *Yes*

__✓__ *No* (If NO, skip to the conclusion section below and check NO to indicate the pathway is *incomplete.)*

☐ *Q3: Immediate Actions Warranted?*

_____ *Yes*

__✓__ *No*

Secondary Screening Summary

☐ *Vapor source identified:*

_____ *Groundwater*

_____ *Soil*

_____ *Insufficient data*

☐ *Indoor air data available?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

☐ *Indoor air concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

☐ *Subsurface data evaluation: (Circle appropriate answers below)*

Medium	Q4 Levels Exceeded?	Q5 Levels Exceeded?	Data Indicates Pathway is Complete?
Groundwater	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / INS
Soil Gas	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / INS

NA = not applicable
INS = insufficient data available to make a determination

Site-Specific Summary

☐ *Have the nature and extent of subsurface contamination, potential preferential pathways and overlying building characteristics been adequately characterized to identify the most-likely-to-be-impacted buildings?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

EPA recommends that if a model was used, it be an appropriate and applicable model that represents the conceptual site model. If other means were used, document how you determined the potentially most impacted areas to sample. EPA recommends that predictive modeling can be used to support Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations without confirmatory sampling to support this determination. Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations are intended to reflect a reasonable conclusion by EPA or the State that current human exposures are under control with regard to the vapor intrusion pathway and current land use conditions. Therefore, if conducting evaluation for an EI determination, document that the **Pathway is Incomplete** and/or does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health for EI determinations.

☐ *Are you making an EI determination based on modeling and does the model prediction indicate that determination is expected to be adequately protective to support Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

☐ *Do subslab vapor concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

☐ *Do indoor air concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

Conclusion

Is there a Complete Pathway for subsurface vapor intrusion to indoor air?

Below, check the appropriate conclusion for the Subsurface Vapor to Indoor Air Pathway evaluation and attach supporting documentation as well as a map of the facility.

__✓__ NO - the "Subsurface Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air Pathway" has been verified to be incomplete for the Middle Road and OU III South Boundary facility, EPA ID #_____, located at BNL.
This determination is based on a review of site information, as suggested in this guidance, check as appropriate:

__✓__ for current and reasonably expected conditions, or

_____ based on performance monitoring evaluations for engineered exposure controls. This determination may be re-evaluated, where appropriate, when the Agency/State becomes aware of any significant changes at the facility.

_____ YES –The "Subsurface Vapor to Indoor Air Pathway" is Complete. Engineered controls, avoidance actions, or removal actions taken include: _____

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_____

_____ UNKNOWN - More information is needed to make a determination.

Locations where References may be found:

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Contact telephone and e-mail numbers:

(name) _____ R Hare 3/08/06

(phone #) _____

(e-mail) _____

Off-site Plumes

IV. TIER 1 - Primary Screening

Primary Screening is designed to help quickly screen out sites at which the vapor intrusion pathway does not ordinarily need further consideration, and point out the sites that do typically need further consideration. This evaluation involves determining whether any potential exists at a specific site for vapor intrusion to result in unacceptable indoor inhalation risks and, if so, whether immediate action may be warranted. Recommended criteria for making these determinations are presented in Questions 1 through 3, which focus on identifying:

a) if chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity are present or reasonably suspected to be present (Question 1);
b) if inhabited buildings are located (or will be constructed under future development scenarios – except for Environmental Indicator determinations, see section IV.C below) above or in close proximity to subsurface contamination (Question 2); and
c) if current conditions warrant immediate action (Question 3).

This primary screening process is illustrated in a flow diagram included in Appendix C.

A. Primary Screening – Question #1

Q1: Are chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity known or reasonably suspected to be present in the subsurface (e.g., in unsaturated soils, soil gas, or the uppermost portions of the ground water and/or capillary fringe – see Table 1)? (We recommend this consideration involve DQOs (see Appendix A) used in acquiring the site data as well as an appropriately scaled Conceptual Site Model (CSM) for vapor intrusion (see Appendix B).)

_____ If **YES** - check here, check off the relevant chemicals on Table 1, and continue with Question 2. The chemicals identified here (and any degradation products) are evaluated as constituents of potential concern in subsequent questions.

_✓_ If **NO** - check here, provide the rationale and references below, and then go to the Summary Page to document that the subsurface vapor to indoor air pathway is incomplete (i.e., no further consideration of this pathway is needed); or

_____ If sufficient data are not available, go to the Summary Page and document the need for more information. After collecting the necessary data, Question 1 can then be revisited with the newly collected data to re-evaluate the completeness of the vapor intrusion pathway.

1. What is the goal of this question?

This question is designed to help quickly screen out sites at which the vapor intrusion pathway generally does not need further consideration. This evaluation involves determining whether or not any potential exists at a specific site for the vapor intrusion

pathway to result in unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. Table 1 lists chemicals that may be found at hazardous waste sites and indicates whether, in our judgment, they are sufficiently volatile (Henry's Law Constant > 10^{-5} atm m^3/mol) to result in potentially significant vapor intrusion and sufficiently toxic (either an incremental lifetime cancer risk greater than 10^{-6} or a non-cancer hazard index greater than 1, or in some cases both) to result in potentially unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. The approach used to develop Table 1 is documented in Appendix D and can be used, where appropriate, to evaluate volatile chemicals not included in the Table. We recommend that if any of the chemicals listed in Table 1 that are sufficiently volatile and toxic are present at a site, those chemicals become constituents of potential concern for the vapor intrusion pathway and are evaluated in subsequent questions in this guidance. If the chemicals listed in Table 1 are not present at a site, and no other volatile chemicals are present, we suggest that the vapor intrusion pathway be considered incomplete and no further consideration of this pathway is needed.

2. *What should you keep in mind?*

In evaluating the available site data, we recommend the DQOs used in collecting the data be reviewed to ensure those objectives are consistent with the DQOs for the vapor intrusion pathway (see Appendix A). We recommend the detection limits associated with the available groundwater data be reviewed to ensure they are not too high to detect volatile contaminants of potential concern. Also, we suggest that the adequacy of the definition of the nature and extent of contamination in groundwater and/or the vadose zone be assessed to ensure that all contaminants of concern and areas of contamination have been identified. Additionally, we recommend groundwater concentrations be measured or reasonably estimated using samples collected from wells screened at, or across the top of the water table. We recommend users read Appendices B (Conceptual Site Model for the Vapor Intrusion Pathway) and E (Relevant Methods and Techniques) to obtain a greater understanding of the important considerations in evaluating data for use in screening assessments of the vapor intrusion pathway.

3. *Rationale and References:*

VOCs are present in groundwater but not at the top of the water table. There is clean groundwater above the plumes.

B. **Primary Screening – Question #2**

Q2: **Are currently (or potentially) inhabited buildings or areas of concern under future development scenarios located *near* (see discussion below) subsurface contaminants found in Table 1?**

_____ If **YES** – check here, identify buildings and/or areas of concern below, and document on the Summary Page whether the potential for impacts from the vapor intrusion pathway applies to currently inhabited buildings or areas of concern under reasonably anticipated future development scenarios, or both. (Note that for EI considerations, we recommend only current risks be evaluated.) Then proceed with Question 3.

__✓__ If **NO** – check here, describe the rationale below, and then go to the Summary Page to document that there is no potential for the vapor intrusion pathway to impact either currently inhabited buildings or areas of concern under future development scenarios (i.e., no further evaluation of this pathway is needed). (Note that for EI considerations, only current risks are evaluated.); or

_____ If sufficient data are not available – check here and document the need for more information on the Summary Page. After collecting the necessary data, Question 2 can then be revisited with the newly collected data to re-evaluate the completeness of the vapor intrusion pathway.

1. What is the goal of this question?

The goal of this question is to help determine whether inhabited buildings currently are located (or may be reasonably expected to be located under future development scenarios) above or in close proximity to subsurface contamination that potentially could result in unacceptable indoor air inhalation risks. If inhabited buildings and/or future development are not located "near" the area of concern, we suggest that the vapor intrusion pathway be considered incomplete and no further consideration of the pathway should be needed.

For the purposes of this question, **"inhabited buildings"** are structures with enclosed air space that are designed for human occupancy. Table 1, discussed above in Question 1, lists the **"subsurface contaminants demonstrating sufficient volatility and toxicity"** to potentially pose an inhalation risk. We recommend that an inhabited building generally be considered **"near"** subsurface contaminants if it is located within approximately 100 ft laterally or vertically of known or interpolated soil gas or groundwater contaminants listed in Table 1 (or others not included in table 1 – see Question 1) and the contamination occurs in the unsaturated zone and/or the uppermost saturated zone. If the source of contamination is groundwater, we recommend migration of the contaminant plume be considered when evaluating the potential for future risks. The distance suggested above (100 feet) may not be appropriate for all sites (or contaminants) and,

consequently, we recommend that professional judgment be used when evaluating the potential for vertical and horizontal vapor migration.

2. How did we develop the suggested distance?

The recommended distance is designed to allow for the assessment to focus on buildings (or areas with the potential to be developed for human habitation) most likely to have a complete vapor intrusion pathway. Vapor concentrations generally decrease with increasing distance from a subsurface vapor source, and eventually at some distance the concentrations become negligible. The distance at which concentrations are negligible is a function of the mobility, toxicity and persistence of the chemical, as well as the geometry of the source, subsurface materials, and characteristics of the buildings of concern. Available information suggests that 100 feet laterally and vertically is a reasonable criterion when considering vapor migration fundamentals, typical sampling density, and uncertainty in defining the actual contaminant spatial distribution. The recommended lateral distance is supported by empirical data from Colorado sites where the vapor intrusion pathway has been evaluated. At these sites, no significant indoor air concentrations have been found in residences at a distance greater than one house lot (approximately 100 feet) from the interpolated edge of ground water plumes. Considering the nature of diffusive vapor transport and the typical anisotropy in soil permeability, in our judgment a similar criterion of 100 feet for vertical transport is generally conservative. These recommended distances will be re-evaluated and, if necessary, adjusted by EPA as additional empirical data are compiled.

3. What should you keep in mind when evaluating this criterion?

It is important to consider whether **significant preferential pathways** could allow vapors to migrate more than 100 feet laterally. For the purposes of this guidance, a "significant" preferential pathway is a naturally occurring or anthropogenic subsurface pathway that is expected to have a high gas permeability and be of sufficient volume and proximity to a building so that it may be reasonably anticipated to influence vapor intrusion into the building. Examples include fractures, macropores, utility conduits, and subsurface drains that intersect vapor sources or vapor migration pathways. Note that naturally occurring fractures and macropores may serve as preferential pathways for either vertical or horizontal vapor migration, whereas anthropogenic features such as utility conduits are relatively shallow features and would likely serve only as a preferential pathway for horizontal migration. In either case, we recommend that buildings with significant preferential pathways be evaluated even if they are further than 100 ft from the contamination.

We also recommend that the potential for mobile "vapor clouds" (gas plumes) emanating from near-surface sources of contamination into the subsurface be considered when evaluating site data. Examples of such mobile "vapor clouds" include: 1) those originating in landfills where methane may serve as a carrier gas; and 2) those originating in commercial/industrial settings (such as dry cleaning facilities) where vapor can be released within an enclosed space and the density of the chemicals' vapor may result in

significant advective transport of the vapors downward through cracks/openings in floors and into the vadose zone. In these cases, diffusive transport of vapors is usually overridden by advective transport, and the vapors may be transported in the vadose zone several hundred feet from the source of contamination.

Finally, this guidance is intended to be applied to existing groundwater plumes as they are currently defined (e.g., MCLs, State Standards, or Risk-Based Concentrations). However, it is very important to recognize that some non-potable aquifers may have plumes that have been defined by threshold concentrations significantly higher than drinking-water concentrations. In these cases, contamination that is not technically considered part of the plume may still pose significant risks via the vapor intrusion pathway and, consequently, the plume definition may need to be expanded. Similarly, we recommend evaluating the technologies used to obtain soil gas and indoor air concentrations to determine if appropriate methods were used to ensure adequate data quality at the time analyses were conducted.

4. ***Identify Inhabited Buildings (or Areas With Potential for Future Residential Development) Within Distances of Possible Concern:***

There are homes above the plumes but ther is clean groundwater in between.

C. Primary Screening Stage— Question #3

Q3: Does evidence suggest immediate action may be warranted to mitigate current risks?

_____ If **YES** – check here and proceed with appropriate actions to verify or eliminate imminent risks. Some examples of actions may include but are not limited to indoor air quality monitoring, engineered containment or ventilation systems, or relocation of people. The action(s) should be appropriate for the site-specific situation.

__✓__ If **NO** – check here and continue with Question 4.

1. What is the goal of this question?

This question is intended to help determine whether immediate action may be warranted for those buildings identified in Question 2 as located within the areas of concern. For the purposes of this guidance, "immediate action" means such action is necessary to verify or abate imminent and substantial threats to human health.

2. What are the qualitative criteria generally considered sufficient to indicate a need for immediate actions?

Odors reported by occupants, particularly if described as "chemical," or "solvent," or "gasoline." The presence of odors does not necessarily correspond to adverse health and/or safety impacts and the odors could be the result of indoor vapor sources; however, we believe it is generally prudent to investigate any reports of odors as the odor threshold for some chemicals exceeds their respective acceptable target breathing zone concentrations.

Physiological effects reported by occupants (dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, etc.) may, or may not be due to subsurface vapor intrusion or even other indoor vapor sources, but, should generally be evaluated.

Wet basements, in areas **where chemicals of sufficient volatility and toxicity** (see Table 1) **are known to be present in groundwater and the water table is shallow enough that the basements are prone to groundwater intrusion or flooding.** This has been proven to be especially important where there is evidence of light, non-aqueous phase liquids (LNAPLs) floating on the water table directly below the building, and/or any direct evidence of contamination (liquid chemical or dissolved in water) inside the building.

Short-term safety concerns are known, or are reasonably suspected to exist, including: a) measured or likely explosive or acutely toxic concentrations of vapors in the building or connected utility conduits, sumps, or other subsurface drains directly connected to the

building and b) measured or likely vapor concentrations that may be flammable/combustible, corrosive, or chemically reactive.

3. ***Rationale and Reference(s):***

None.

VII. VAPOR INTRUSION PATHWAY SUMMARY PAGE

Facility Name: Off-site Plumes

Facility Address: BNL

Primary Screening Summary

☐ *Q1: Constituents of concern Identified?*

_____ *Yes*

__✓__ *No* (If NO, skip to the conclusion section below and check NO to indicate the pathway is *incomplete.)*

☐ *Q2: Currently inhabited buildings near subsurface contamination?*

_____ *Yes*

__✓__ *No*

Areas of future concern near subsurface contamination?

_____ *Yes*

__✓__ *No* (If NO, skip to the conclusion section below and check NO to indicate the pathway is *incomplete.)*

☐ *Q3: Immediate Actions Warranted?*

_____ *Yes*

__✓__ *No*

Secondary Screening Summary

☐ *Vapor source identified:*

_____ *Groundwater*

_____ *Soil*

_____ *Insufficient data*

☐ *Indoor air data available?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

☐ *Indoor air concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

☐ *Subsurface data evaluation: (Circle appropriate answers below)*

Medium	Q4 Levels Exceeded?	Q5 Levels Exceeded?	Data Indicates Pathway is Complete?
Groundwater	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / INS
Soil Gas	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / NA / INS	YES / NO / INS

NA = not applicable
INS = insufficient data available to make a determination

Site-Specific Summary

☐ *Have the nature and extent of subsurface contamination, potential preferential pathways and overlying building characteristics been adequately characterized to identify the most-likely-to-be-impacted buildings?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

EPA recommends that if a model was used, it be an appropriate and applicable model that represents the conceptual site model. If other means were used, document how you determined the potentially most impacted areas to sample. EPA recommends that predictive modeling can be used to support Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations without confirmatory sampling to support this determination. Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations are intended to reflect a reasonable conclusion by EPA or the State that current human exposures are under control with regard to the vapor intrusion pathway and current land use conditions. Therefore, if conducting evaluation for an EI determination, document that the **Pathway is Incomplete** and/or does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health for EI determinations.

☐ *Are you making an EI determination based on modeling and does the model prediction indicate that determination is expected to be adequately protective to support Current Human Exposures Under Control EI determinations?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

☐ *Do subslab vapor concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

_____ *N/A*

☐ *Do indoor air concentrations exceed target levels?*

_____ *Yes*

_____ *No*

Conclusion

Is there a Complete Pathway for subsurface vapor intrusion to indoor air?

Below, check the appropriate conclusion for the Subsurface Vapor to Indoor Air Pathway evaluation and attach supporting documentation as well as a map of the facility.

__✓__ NO - the "Subsurface Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air Pathway" has been verified to be incomplete for the off-site plumes facility, EPA ID #_____, located at BNL.
This determination is based on a review of site information, as suggested in this guidance, check as appropriate:

__✓__ for current and reasonably expected conditions, or

_____ based on performance monitoring evaluations for engineered exposure controls. This determination may be re-evaluated, where appropriate, when the Agency/State becomes aware of any significant changes at the facility.

_____ YES –The "Subsurface Vapor to Indoor Air Pathway" is Complete. Engineered controls, avoidance actions, or removal actions taken include: _____

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_____ UNKNOWN - More information is needed to make a determination.

Locations where References may be found:

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