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RECORD OF DECISION

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

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# DECLARATION STATEMENT RECORD OF DECISION

## GE WEST LOT SITE City of Utica, Oneida County, New York Site No. 6-33-036

### Statement of Purpose and Basis

The Record of Decision (ROD) presents the selected remedial action for the GE West Lot Site which was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL). The remedial program selected is not inconsistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan of March 8, 1990 (40 CFR 300).

This decision is based on the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for the GE West Lot Site and upon public input to the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) presented by the NYSDEC. A bibliography of the documents included as a part of the Administrative Record is included in Appendix C of the ROD.

### Assessment of the Site

Actual or threatened release of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from this site, if not addressed by implementing the response action selected in this ROD, presents a current or potential threat to public health and the environment.

### Description of Selected Remedy

Based upon the results of the Remedial Investigation Feasibility Study (RIFS) Report for the GE West Lot Site and the criteria identified for evaluation of alternatives, the NYSDEC has selected the removal and disposal of contaminated soil from the burn pit area and disposal of soil from an on site treatment cell. Contaminated groundwater will also be collected for treatment. The components of the remedy are as follows:

Removal of PCB and VOC contaminated soils and sludge, which were stored in an on site treatment cell (TAGM 4046) from the IPM treatment cell and in the vicinity of the former burn pit. Based upon the Feasibility Study, 2,200 and 370 cubic yards of soils will be removed from the treatment cell and burn pit respectively. The soils will be stock piled and characterized for off site disposal at either a permitted solid waste or hazardous waste landfill. The excavated area will be backfilled.

Overburden pumping wells will be installed to pump high water table groundwater from the overburden groundwater downgradient of the burn pit (Alternative # 3). At least one additional pumping well located along the axis of the plume may be needed to maximize practical containment of the plume. The number, location and spacing of wells will be determined during the remedial design. The design goals will be to restore contaminated groundwater to groundwater

quantity standards within the shortest time technically feasible and to protect down gradient

The groundwater collection and treatment system will be designed to collect groundwater and discharge to adjacent surface water or to discharge to an on site infiltration system.

As part of the monitoring program, it will be necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the groundwater remediation system over time. Additional groundwater monitoring wells may need to be installed to monitor the effectiveness of the groundwater remediation system.

Additional monitoring wells will be installed to track and monitor the recovery aquifer and to determine if future remedial activities are warranted to address deep or down gradient impacts. Monitoring will also be required to insure that downgradient surface water is protected.

Monitoring and maintenance will be required for the groundwater collection and treatment system to insure proper operations, regulatory compliance, and protection of human health and the environment.

The remedial design program will verify the components of the conceptual design and provide the means necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program. Any uncertainties pertaining to the remedy identified during the RI/FS will be resolved.

#### New York State Department of Health Acceptance

The New York State Department of Health concurs with the remedy selected for this site as being protective of human health and the environment.

The selected remedy is protective of human health and the environment, complies with State and Federal requirements that are legally applicable or relevant and appropriate to the remedial action to the extent practicable, and is cost-effective. This remedy utilizes permanent solutions and alternative treatment or resource recovery technologies, to the maximum extent practicable, and satisfies the preference for remedies that reduce toxicity, mobility, or volume as a principal element.

5/30/98  
Date


  
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The General Electric facility is a 33-acre property located on French Road in Utica, Oneida County, New York. In the early 1950's, GE constructed a 500,000 square foot manufacturing facility. In 1990, GE ceased operations at the site and transferred ownership to the City of Utica. In January 1996, Martin Marietta merged into its parent corporation, LMC, and ceased to exist. LMC continued to operate the facility. LMC transferred ownership of the French Road facility to the City of Utica in 1996. In September 1996, the City of Utica transferred ownership of the property to the OCIDA. In March 1997, OCIDA transferred ownership of the eastern portion of the property to a private developer for construction of a retail store. The remainder of the property, including the former GE building, was leased by OCIDA to a local corporation.

The West Lot Site, located to the west of the main plant, is approximately 2 acres in size. The site is bounded by an abandoned railroad bed, the New York State Department of Transportation Maintenance Facility and the New Hamburg Village Dump (a Class 2 site) to the west, the plain parking lot and Chenango Road to the south, the GE Facility to the east, and open fields to the north.

The immediate vicinity is composed of open fields, barns and wooded areas, and the area of concern is triangular in shape and slopes gently to the west-southwest. The surrounding area is a mix of commercial and industrial facilities interspersed with residential homes. All of the surrounding area is serviced by both public water and sewer. The area is heavily serviced by both road and railways.

## SECTION 2: SITE HISTORY

### 2.1: Operational/Disposal History

The disposal site is located to the west of the main manufacturing facility. The site was never used as part of the manufacturing area and was located at the edge of the employee parking lot.

Waste materials, consisting primarily of wooden pallets and construction debris, were regularly brought to the site and ignited in the burn pit. The burn pit was identified as an area approximately 20 feet in diameter located to the northwest of the parking lot.

One of the former GE employees indicated that waste bins were also utilized during the 1950's and 1960's.

### 2.2: Remedial History

In 1991, an initial site investigation was conducted at the site which revealed the presence of groundwater. Due to the presence of VOCs and contamination of New York State Standards, Criteria and Guidance (SCGs), the site was listed as a Class 2 site in the NYS Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Registry.

In 1993, Martin Marietta and NYSDEC entered in an order on consent to perform a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study. Also in 1993, Martin Marietta developed, and initiated, an interim Remedial Measure (IRM) that included the excavation of soils containing VOCs from within the burn pit area.

1. Soil Gas Investigation performed by Dunn Geotechnical in April 1990;

2. Site Assessment performed by O'Brien & Gere Engineers Inc. in May 1991;

4. Hydrogeologic Investigation performed by Dunn Geotechnical in October 1992;

5. Additional Investigation performed by O'Brien and Gere Engineers Inc. in April 1993.

### SECTION 3: CURRENT STATUS

#### 3.1: Summary of the Remedial Investigation

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the remedial investigation activities at the site.

The RI activities have included the following:

- ▶ A review of all existing information.
- ▶ Advancement of soil borings within and around the waste disposal unit to determine the vertical and horizontal extent of contamination.
- ▶ A soil gas investigation to determine the areas affected by volatile organic compounds.
- ▶ Groundwater modeling was conducted to estimate the lateral extent of groundwater contamination.

The analytical data obtained during the RI were compared to appropriate soil, groundwater, drinking water, and surface water SCGs identified for the GE West Lot site were based on NYSDEC Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values and Part V of NYS Sanitary Code. Soil SCGs are based on NYSDEC's Technical and Administrative Guidance Memorandum (TAGM) 4046 soil cleanup objectives for the protection of groundwater.

##### 3.1.1 Hydrogeologic Features

The geology at the G.E. West Lot Site consists predominantly of four main overburden units. An approximate 10 foot thick layer of fill consisting of loose, brown, fine sand with trace gravel was encountered in the first soil boring and was situated during the construction of the

occasional gravelly or silty lenses, is found beneath the glacial till unit. The major unit of sandstone bedrock is the glacial till unit. This approximate 10 to 12 foot unit consists of relatively dense, gray-brown, sandy silt with minor components of gray shaly gravel. Bedrock is encountered at approximately 43-47 feet below grade. The bedrock is a weathered grey shale and is described as an Ordovician Utica Formation. The majority of groundwater flow is limited to the glacial till unit. The hydraulic gradient at the site is approximately 0.005 feet per foot toward the south-southwest. Based upon results of slug tests and specific capacity tests, the hydraulic conductivity of the glacial till unit has been estimated to be approximately 10 to 20 ft/day. The permeability of the bedrock is within the overburden.

### 3.1.2 Surface Water

The nearest surface water to the site is the Sauquoit Creek, which is approximately 1/4 mile away. Numerous investigations performed at the New Hartford Village Dump Site No. 637026 (located west of the site) have identified numerous hazardous waste compounds and heavy metals. These compounds are believed to be associated with disposal practices at the New Hartford Village Dump.

### 3.1.3 Contaminants

The following is a description of impacts from the disposal of hazardous waste at the GE West Lot Site. Based upon the results of the remedial investigation in comparison to CERCLA and RCRA potential public health and environmental impacts, the following contaminants were identified:

#### 3.1.3 (a) Soils

In 1989, O'Brien and Gere Engineers, Inc. performed a soil gas survey which identified that the former burn pit area contained VOCs. In 1990, O'Brien and Gere Engineers, Inc. installed one boring which identified VOCs at levels up to 250 parts per million. In March 1990, O'Brien and Gere Engineers, Inc. installed one boring which identified VOCs at levels up to 250 parts per million. Subsequently 9 additional borings were installed to further delineate the area.

The VOCs detected in soil at or near the burn pit include: 1,2-Dichloroethane (0.14 ppm to 140 ppm), tetrachloroethane (49 ppm), trichloroethene (0.21 ppm to 900 ppm), ethylbenzene (0.31 ppm to 77 ppm), toluene (0.24 ppm to 940 ppm) and xyrene (1.1 ppm to 370 ppm). Contaminated soils were removed for treatment as part of an IRM.

In 1996, additional soil sampling was conducted in the vicinity of the burn pit to delineate residual levels and quantities of PCB and VOC contaminants. Approximately 870 cubic yards of contaminated soils were found in the burn pit area which exceed soil cleanup objectives for Tetrachloroethene (non-detect - 16 ppm), Ethylbenzene (non-detect - 150 ppm) and Xylene (non-detect - 710 ppm). PCBs were found in the range of non-detect to 9.1 ppm. Semi-volatile organic compounds, pesticides and metals have not been identified as being significant within the soil medium.

#### 3.1.3 (b) Sediments

The nearest surface body of water (Sauquoit Creek) is approximately 1/4 mile away from the site. No surface water nor sediments exist on, or directly adjacent to, the site, therefore, no sediment samples were taken.

Generally, groundwater found at the site is contaminated with chlorinated volatile organic compounds. Levels of total VOCs, found on-site, range from 60,000 ppb at the former burnpit to 1,000 ppb at the property boundary. Levels of VOCs found on-site range from 1,000 ppb at the property line to 11 ppb, 250-foot-downgradient, on the NYSDOT facility. 1,2-Dichloroethene is the most prevalent VOC found at and off the site.

Twenty-eight groundwater samples were collected between March 1990 and April 1991. Additional

groundwater quality and flow at the site. The following VOCs have been identified in the groundwater above  
ethylbenzene, and xylene (total) (6 ppb to 6,000 ppb). Also, bis(2-ethylhexyle) phosphate, Di-n-butyl  
phosphate, Dichlorobenzene, Diethyl phosphate, 2-Methyl naphthalene, Naphthalene and PCBs (Aroclor 1254)

were found at low levels above standards. Groundwater is flowing in a south, south-west  
site are in the range of non-detect to 1,000 ppb.

Six deep over-burden soil borings were installed at the site. Groundwater samples were collected from three  
of the six deep locations. Groundwater north of the burn pit (Deep 1) did not show many detectable levels  
of VOCs. Monitoring well, Deep-4, which was located within the former burn pit showed 1,2-DCE (total)  
concentration of 5.5 (ppb), trichloroethene (TCE) concentration of 33 (ppb), and toluene concentration of  
100 (ppb).

### 3.1.3 (d) Air

Soil monitoring data from the site indicates that there is no significant air pollution  
contamination is not present.

## 3.2 Interim Remedial Measures:

Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) were conducted based upon the initial site investigation performed in  
1990. An IRM is implemented when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively  
addressed before completion of the RI/FS.

An IRM was conducted at the site in 1993 through 1994. The IRM consisted of  
approximately 3,200 cubic yards of soil from the former burn pit located at the West 1 lot site. The excavated  
soils were treated by soil vapor extraction (SVE). Treatment of these soils concluded in 1996. The soils currently are staged within the cell  
awaiting disposal. These soils are still contaminated with 1,2-DCE at levels up to 200 ppb.

## 3.3 Summary of Human Exposure Pathway

The location of the site is in an area of low population density. The site is not a residential area and is not used for recreational purposes. A more detailed discussion can be found in the Remedial Investigation

of an exposure pathway is the...  
of an exposure pathway are: 1) source of contamination, 2) environmental media and transport mechanisms,



- ▶ Inhalation of dust from excavation of soil at the burn pit.
- ▶ Skin contact with contaminated soil during excavation of the burn pit.
- ▶ Contact with contaminated groundwater in basement during seeping into below ground structures during high groundwater conditions.
- ▶ Accumulation of vapors containing VOCs in buildings built over or near the contaminated groundwater plume.

The site is not within a secure or active facility and control over current and future use is not restricted at this time. The site is not fenced and trespassers may come in contact with contaminated soils which remain in the vicinity of the burn pit.

Exposure to contaminated groundwater at the downgradient New York State Department of Transportation building is minimal due to contaminated groundwater and organic vapors. Accumulation of vapors in and around building foundations may also be a potential given the high levels of VOCs migrating on to the NYS DOT facility.

### 3.4 Summary of Environmental Exposure Pathways:

Exposure pathways for environmental receptors are possible through contact with, and ingestion of, contaminated soils and groundwater. The most significant contaminants of concern are VOCs and PCBs. There is not a significant aquatic or wildlife population which could come into contact with the impacted aquifer downgradient of the burn pit. Left untreated, the groundwater plume originates from the GE West EOC site could eventually reach the Sauquoit Creek.

## SECTION 4: ENFORCEMENT STATUS

The NYSDEC and Martin Marietta Corporation entered into a Consent Order (#A6-0311-93-11) on December 15, 1993. The Order obligated the responsible party to implement a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and Interim Remedial Measure Program. Upon issuance of the Record of Decision, the NYSDEC will be obligated to implement an approved remedial action selected remedy.

## SECTION 5: SUMMARY OF THE REMEDIATION GOALS

NYCRR Part 375-1.10. The overall remedial goal is to restore the site to pre-disposal conditions, to the extent feasible and authorized by law.

to the environment presented by the hazardous wastes disposed of at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

- prevent further migration of contaminant to groundwater.
- eliminate the threat to surface waters by eliminating or mitigating any future contaminated groundwater discharging to downgradient streams.
- Eliminate the potential for direct human or animal contact with the contaminated soils on site.
- Prevent, to the extent possible, migration of contaminants in the burn pit to groundwater.
- Mitigate off-site impacts and restore all groundwater quality to meet SCOs in a timely manner.

**SECTION 6: SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

Potential remedial alternatives for the GE West Lot site were identified, screened and evaluated. This evaluation was initially presented in the report entitled Feasibility Study Report, dated July 14, 1997 and prepared by SECOR International, Inc.. As a supplement to the FS, Blasland, Bouck & Lee submitted a report entitled Feasibility Study Report Supplement, dated January 1998. Alternative #6 was provided in this report and is presented in the following section.

- A summary of the detailed analysis follows.

**6.1: Description of Alternatives**

The description below addresses the alternatives which are associated with the GE West Lot site. The potential remedies are intended to address the contaminated soils and groundwater found at the site.

**Alternative 1- Limited Action**

requires continued monitoring only, allowing the site to remain in an unremediated state. This alternative would include a combination of site controls to prevent human and biota exposure to the compounds of concern for the site.

fences would be erected to enclose the impacted area and signs would be placed to describe the area and to deter trespassing.

monitoring would be performed to ensure that security was maintained and to define groundwater migration.

Capital Costs:	\$ 0
Annual O&M:	\$ 15,000

ALTERNATIVES 2 THROUGH 4

component of each of the alternatives is the removal of VOC and PCB contaminated soils located in the treatment cell and approximately 2,000 cubic yards of soil in the treatment cell and approximately 870 cubic yards of soil remaining in the vicinity of the burn pit which are exceeding cleanup goals are proposed to be excavated (if necessary) and taken off site for disposal. All soils are proposed to be transported to a permitted hazardous waste landfill or permitted solid waste landfill. Verification sampling would be conducted to ensure cleanup goals are achieved. Once the soils are removed, the treatment cell would be dismantled and the treatment cell and the burnpit area would be backfilled, graded and a vegetative cover established.

Alternative 2 - Collection/Treatment and Discharge to POTW

This alternative combines groundwater extraction, on-site physical treatment, and discharge to the Onondaga County Wastewater Treatment Plant (OWWTP). Monitoring of groundwater downgradient of the site, as described under Alternative #1, would also be included.

This alternative would include the installation of a series of recovery wells installed along the southern side of the former dump pit in order to capture contaminated overburden groundwater. Approximately 4 wells would be installed 75 feet on center from approximately the old railroad bed extending east to the edge of the West Lot parking lot. Each well would be installed to a depth of the glacial till layer or about 35 feet deep. Collected water would be treated on-site utilizing a low profile air stripping system and polished by carbon in order to meet pretreatment standards as designated by the Oneida County POTW.

Present Worth:	\$ 1,355,754
Capital Costs for	
Groundwater System:	\$ 200,000
Capital Costs for	
Soil Removal:	\$ 710,200
Annual O&M Costs	
for the first 10 years:	\$ 60,000
Annual O&M Costs	
for 5 years of post	
remediation monitoring:	\$ 15,000

Groundwater System \$ 200,000

Alternative 3 - Collection/Treatment and On-Site Discharge

Alternative #3 combines groundwater extraction, on-site treatment and on site discharge via subsurface injection wells or an infiltration gallery. The Description of Alternative #3 is the same as Alternative #2 except that the collected water would be discharged on site rather than to the POTW. A higher level of treatment may be required if water would be injected outside the area of capture. The time to run this system is slightly less than Alternative #2, due to the injection of clean groundwater back into the groundwater

Present Worth: \$ 1,296,115

Capital Costs for  
 Groundwater System: \$ 220,000  
 Capital Costs for  
 Soil Removal: \$ 710,200  
 Annual O&M Costs  
 for the first 8 years: \$ 60,000  
 Annual O&M Costs  
 for 5 years of post

remediation monitoring: \$ 15,000

Alternative 4 - In-Situ Treatment using Air Sparging

Alternative #4 is based on the physical removal of dissolved VOCs via mass transfer in situ. A series of wells would be installed to inject air into the groundwater, which would then rise to the gaseous phase in the vadose zone. Gas would dissipate at the surface of the ground. It is anticipated that 12 air sparging wells spaced 50 feet apart would be installed around the perimeter of the plume. The cost of air sparging is included in the site as presented under the limited cover alternative. The cost of groundwater downgradient monitoring is also included.

Present Worth: \$ 1,015,579  
 Capital Costs for  
 Groundwater System: \$ 150,000  
 Capital Costs for  
 Soil Removal: \$ 710,200  
 Annual O&M Costs  
 for the first 5 years: \$ 30,000  
 Annual O&M Costs  
 for 5 years of post  
 remediation monitoring: \$ 15,000

for the first 5 years: \$ 30,000

Alternative 5 - In-Situ Treatment Using Chemical Oxidation

Alternative #5 consists of injecting oxidant, (usually hydrogen peroxide) into the aquifer to chemically oxidize VOCs in the groundwater. The pre-diluted technical grade hydrogen peroxide would be stored on site and injected through a series of wells. The hydrogen peroxide would be piped to existing monitoring wells where it would be injected. It is estimated that a period of two years would be required for injections in order to dissipate the area effected by the highest levels of VOCs.

Present Worth: \$ 888,000  
 Capital Costs for  
 Groundwater System: \$ 110,000  
 Capital Costs for  
 Soil Removal: \$ 710,200  
 Annual O&M Costs  
 for the first 2 years: \$ 20,000  
 Annual O&M Costs

remediation monitoring: \$ 15,000

groundwater found on site would be allowed to naturally attenuate.

Monitoring of groundwater quality and contaminant concentrations was not increasing or migrating toward downgradient receptors.

As part of this alternative, during the pump and treat operations, alternative treatment technologies may be evaluated to replace the pump and treat system. Potential technologies include enhanced bioremediation, reaction wall/gate, phyto-remediation, etc.

Present Worth:	\$ 1,148,105
Capital Costs for Groundwater System:	\$ 191,500
Capital Costs for Soil Removal:	\$ 710,200
Annual O&M Costs for the first 4 years:	\$ 59,800
Annual O&M Costs	

for years 5 through 30: \$ 175,000

#### 6.2 Evaluation of Remedial Alternatives

remediation of inactive hazardous waste sites in New York State (6NYCRR Part 375). For each of the criteria, a brief description is provided, followed by an evaluation of the alternatives against that criterion. A detailed discussion of the evaluation criteria and comparative analysis is contained in the Feasibility Study. The first two evaluation criteria are termed threshold criteria and must be satisfied in order for an alternative to be considered for selection. The last five evaluations are termed "primary balancing criteria" and are used to compare the positive and negative aspects of each alternative.

#### 6.2.1 Compliance with New York State Standards and Guidelines (SCGs) for Groundwater

Alternative #1 would not meet SCGs for groundwater in a timely manner. Under this alternative no removal

of remaining alternatives may eventually meet SCGs for groundwater, assuming that the remedies would be effective in removing contamination.

All alternatives except for #1 would meet SCGs for contaminated soils, based upon the excavation of all hazardous waste landfill.

adjacent property which is present in active use.

Alternatives #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6 include construction of protective systems, assuming that such alternative is effective in minimizing exposure to contaminants.

**3. Short-term Effectiveness.** The potential short-term adverse impacts of the remedial action upon the community, the workers, and the environment during the construction and/or implementation are evaluated. The length of time needed to achieve the remedial objectives is also estimated and compared against the other alternatives.

Alternative #1 would not cause any short-term impacts due to the lack of disturbance of the site.

The remaining alternatives would cause some potential short-term impacts from the installation and construction of groundwater collection and treatment systems due to worker and public exposure to soils, dust and noise.

air monitoring, the wearing of protective equipment, and decontamination of equipment prior to leaving the site, and engineering controls including covering excavated soils and installing sediment migration barriers to help contain construction disturbance. To keep contaminants from migrating beyond the work site boundaries.

**4. Long-term Effectiveness and Permanence.** This criterion evaluates the long-term effectiveness of the remedial alternatives after implementation. If wastes or treated residuals remain on site after the selected remedy has been implemented, the remaining risks are evaluated. The magnitude of the remaining risks is a function of the toxicity, mobility, and/or the tendency of those wastes.

Alternative #1 would not provide long-term effectiveness or permanence due to the continued migration of contaminated groundwater.

Alternatives #2 and #3 would have a greater benefit to the public exposure or the degree of contamination compared to alternatives #4 and #5. Alternatives #4 and #5 would provide the most significant long-term versus containment. However, some additional environmental controls would be required for Alternatives #4 and #5 in order to prevent the further spread of contaminated groundwater off site during the in-situ treatment period.

There remains uncertainties regarding the effectiveness of all groundwater cleanup remedies proposed in the alternatives. The effectiveness of each alternative is evaluated on the basis of the available information.

**5. Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility or Volume.** Preference is given to alternatives that permanently and

Alternative #1 would not provide any reduction in toxicity, mobility or volume as it pertains to the treatment of the groundwater. Alternatives #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6 would provide some degree of reduction. Therefore, they are all considered to provide the same degree of reduction.

evaluated. Technical feasibility includes the uncertainties associated with the construction and the ability to

access for construction, etc..

contractors are readily available, the technology is reliable and the no delays are anticipated technically or administratively.

In addition, further controls may be required to prevent further off site migration during the in situ treatment period.

The PRAP called for discharge of collected groundwater to the POTW for further treatment. Because the Oneida County POTW does not have the capacity to accommodate the collected groundwater, all water will be treated on site to meet discharge standards and then discharged to Nail Creek or to an on-site infiltration gallery.

to discharge to the Oneida County POTW is not available and therefore alternative # 2 is considered to be subsequently implimentable.

7. Cost Capital and operation and maintenance costs are estimated for each alternative and compared on a present worth basis. Although cost is the last balancing criterion evaluated, where two or more alternatives have met the requirements of the remaining criteria, cost effectiveness can be basis for the final decision. The costs for each alternative are presented in Table 3.

Community Acceptance Concerns of the community regarding the R/I S reports and the Proposed Remedial Action Plan are evaluated. A "Responsiveness Summary" included in Appendix C presents the public comments received and the Department's responses to the concerns. In general the public comments received were supportive of the selected remedy. Comments received from the Oneida County Sewer District did require the proposal to be modified. The PRAP called for discharge of collected groundwater to the POTW for further treatment. Because the Oneida County POTW does not have the capacity to accommodate the collected groundwater, all water will be treated on site to meet discharge standards and then discharged to Nail Creek or to an on-site infiltration gallery. This does not change the overall intent of the Department's selected remedy. # 2 requires off site disposal and # 3 requires on-site treatment of contaminated groundwater. Lockheed Martin submitted a substantial quantity of comments, however, they concluded that the Department's approach, pertaining to the development of a system during the preliminary design phase, was acceptable.

Based upon the results of the RI/FS, and the evaluation presented in Section 6, the NYSDEC is selecting number, size and location of pumping wells. The exact size of the wells will be determined during a more detailed design phase. The design will reflect more accurately current field conditions and physical constraints.

Based upon the Feasibility Study, approximately 2,200 and 870 cubic yards of soils will be removed from the treatment cell and burn pit area, respectively. The soils will be stock piled and characterized for off-site disposal at either a permitted solid waste or hazardous waste landfill. The excavated area will be backfilled and revegetated, once confirmatory soil samples verify that cleanup goals were achieved.

- Overburden pumping wells will be installed to capture the high concentrations of VOCs in the overburden groundwater downgradient of the burn pit (Alternative #3). At least one additional pumping well located along the axis of the plume may be included to maximize practical containment of the plume. The number, location and spacing of wells will be determined during the remedial design. The design goals will be to restore contaminated groundwater to groundwater quality standards within the shortest time technically feasible and to protect down gradient receptors.
- The groundwater collection and treatment system will treat contaminated groundwater to meet discharge standards to adjacent surface water or to discharge to an on site infiltration system.
- As part of the monitoring program, it will be necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the groundwater pumping system. Additional groundwater clean up remedies or controls may need to be evaluated based on the effectiveness of the groundwater pumping system.
- Additional monitoring wells will be installed to track and monitor the bedrock aquifer and to determine if future remedial activities are warranted to address deep or down gradient impacts. Monitoring will also be required to ensure that downgradient surface water is protected.

Monitoring and maintenance will be required for the groundwater collection and treatment system to ensure proper operations, regulatory compliance and protection of human health and the environment.

Additional costs for construction, installation, and monitoring of the remedial system will be resolved.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the proposed remedial system is \$1,286,115. The estimated annual operation and maintenance cost is estimated to be \$60,000 for the first 8 years and \$15,000 for year 9 through 13. Additional costs may be encountered during construction. The cost estimates are based on current understanding of site conditions, conceptual models and best estimates. Field conditions encountered during construction, or changes in groundwater conditions, may result in deviations from projected estimates.



The following is the basis for the Department's selection:

- Compared to the remaining alternatives, the Department's proposal would obtain remedial goals during the shortest time, while utilizing proven and cost effective technologies. Compared to the other alternatives, the Department's proposal would minimize the amount of excavation, and would provide the highest level of protection, protection from and long term for human health and the environment.
- The excavation of all soils and waste containing VOCs and PCBs above NY SDEC soil clean up goals would permanently remove contaminated media from the environment and reduce loading of VOCs and PCBs to the groundwater.
- Off-site disposal of these wastes and soils at a secure solid waste or hazardous waste landfill would properly contain these materials in an approved long term secure facility.
- The removal of soils and waste and buried VOCs and PCBs and other contaminants, permanently reduces the toxicity, mobility, and availability of these contaminants in the environment.
- The installation of pumping wells would reduce the concentration of contaminants in groundwater, preventing migration of these contaminants to the bedrock aquifer.
- The installation of pumping wells would prevent contaminated overburden groundwater from migrating into the bedrock aquifer.
- The installation of downgradient deep and shallow monitoring wells would detect if contamination is spreading in the overburden or bedrock aquifer. Additional remedial actions may be required if needed to protect human health and the environment.

## SECTION 8: HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

As part of the GE West Lost Site remediation process, a number of community participation (CP) activities were undertaken in an effort to inform and educate the public about conditions at the site and the potential remedial alternatives. The following public participation activities were conducted for the site:

A repository for documents pertaining to the site was established. A site map was developed which included nearby property owners, local political structures, and other interest parties.

A public meeting was held to discuss the characteristics of the site and the proposed remedy, and to answer any questions raised.

**APPENDIX A**

Appendix A - Table 1

- Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA)
- USEPA Health Based Soil Criteria for Systemic Toxicant and Carcinogens

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)

Hazardous Waste Technical and Administrative Guidance Memoranda (TAGMs)

- TAGM 4030 - Selection of Remedial Actions at Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites
- TAGM 4046 - Determination of Soil Cleanup Objectives and Cleanup Levels
- TAGM 4031 - Facility Data Collection and Particulate Monitoring Program at Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites

6NYCRR Part 371 - Identification and Listing of Hazardous Wastes

- 6NYCRR Part 372 - Hazardous Waste Manifest System and Related Standards for Generators, Transporter, and Facilities

- 6NYCRR Part 350 - Solid waste management facilities
- 6NYCRR Part 364 - Waste Transporters Permits

NYSDEC - DIVISION OF WATER

- 6NYCRR Part 700-709 - Water Quality Regulations for Surface Water and Groundwater
- 6NYCRR Part 750-757 - Implementation of NYPDES in New York State
- Technical and Operation Guidelines (TOGS) 1.1.1-Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values

NYSDEC - Division of Fish and Wildlife

- Technical Guidance for Screening Contaminated Sediments (Nov 1993)

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

- 29 CFR 1900-1999

Chloroform	100 ppb	Non Detect	5 out of 26	5 ppb	
Tetrachloroethylene	100 ppb	Non Detect	5 out of 26	5 ppb	
Trichloroethene	14,000 ppb	Non Detect	8 out of 20	5 ppb	
Trichloroethane	830 ppb	Non Detect	5 out of 26	5 ppb	
1,2-Dichloroethane	420,000 ppb	Non Detect	13 out of 26	5 ppb	
Vinyl Chloride	3,500 ppb	Non Detect	9 out of 26	5 ppb	
Toluene	6,100 ppb	Non Detect	9 out of 26	5 ppb	
Ethylbenzene	340 ppb	Non Detect	7 out of 26	5 ppb	
Xylene	1,400 ppb	Non Detect	7 out of 26	5 ppb	
Benzene	14 ppb	Non Detect	1 out of 26	0.7 ppb	
PCBs	Total PCBs	Non Detect - 0.7 ppb	1 out of 26	0.1 ppb	
Trichloroethene	33 ppb	Non Detect	1 out of 3	5 ppb	
Triene	130 ppb	Non Detect	1 out of 3	5 ppb	
Soils	Polychlorinated Biphenyls	PCB	Non Detect - 340,000 ppb	1 out of 20	10,000 ppb
Compounds	Polychlorinated Biphenyls	16,000 ppb	1 out of 20	1,400 ppb	
		150,000 ppb	1 out of 20	1,200 ppb	
	Xylene	Non Detect - 710,000 ppb	1 out of 20	1,200 ppb	

\* SCG's for groundwater is standard 6 NYCRR Part 703  
 SCG's for soil is objectives in NYSDEC TAGM 4046

## Remedial Alternatives Costs

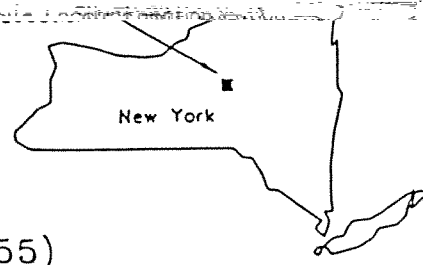
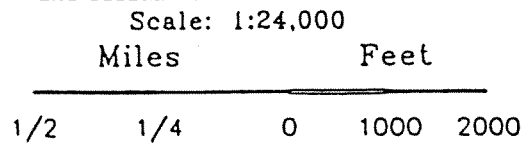
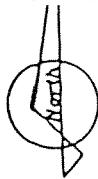
Remedial Alternative	Capital Costs	Annual O&M	Total Present Worth
Alternative # 1 Limited Action	\$ 0.00	\$ 15,000 - 0 to 30 years	\$ 181,541
Alternative # 2 Collect Treat/Discharge to POTW	\$ 200,000 - Groundwater \$ 710,200 - Soil	\$ 60,000 - 0 to 10 years \$ 15,000 - 11 to 15 years	\$ 1,355,754
Alternative # 3 Collect Treat/Discharge on Site	\$ 220,000 - Groundwater \$ 710,200 - Soil	\$ 60,000 - 0 to 8 years \$ 15,000 - 9 to 13 years	\$ 1,296,115
Alternative # 4 In-Situ Treatment - Air Sparging	\$ 150,000 - Groundwater \$ 710,200 - Soil	\$ 60,000 - 0 to 5 years \$ 15,000 - 6 to 10 years	\$ 1,015,579
Alternative # 5 In-Situ	\$ 110,000 - Groundwater	\$ 60,000 - 0 to 2 years	\$ 888,000
Alternative # 6 Supplemental Groundwater Alternative	\$ 191,500 - Groundwater \$ 710,200 - Soil	\$ 59,800 - 0 to 4 years \$ 15,000 - 5 to 10 years	\$ 1,148,105

Source removal of soils within the burn minimization water supply area is a continuous compounding.

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## APPENDIX B



Source:  
 United States Geological Survey  
 7.5-Minute Series (Topographic)  
 Quadrangle Map

Utica - West, NY (1955)

<p><b>SECOR</b>          International, Inc.</p>	<p>Figure 1 - Site Location Map          West Lot Project Area</p>	<p>Former Lockheed Martin Corp. Facility          525 French Road          Utica, Onondaga County,          New York, 13502</p>
<p>4814 West Genesee Street</p>	<p>Burbank Program Office</p>	<p>LOCATION:</p>
<p>(516) 404-7079</p>	<p>WORK:</p>	<p>PROJECT NO.:</p>





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INFERRED WATER TABLE GRADIENT MAP  
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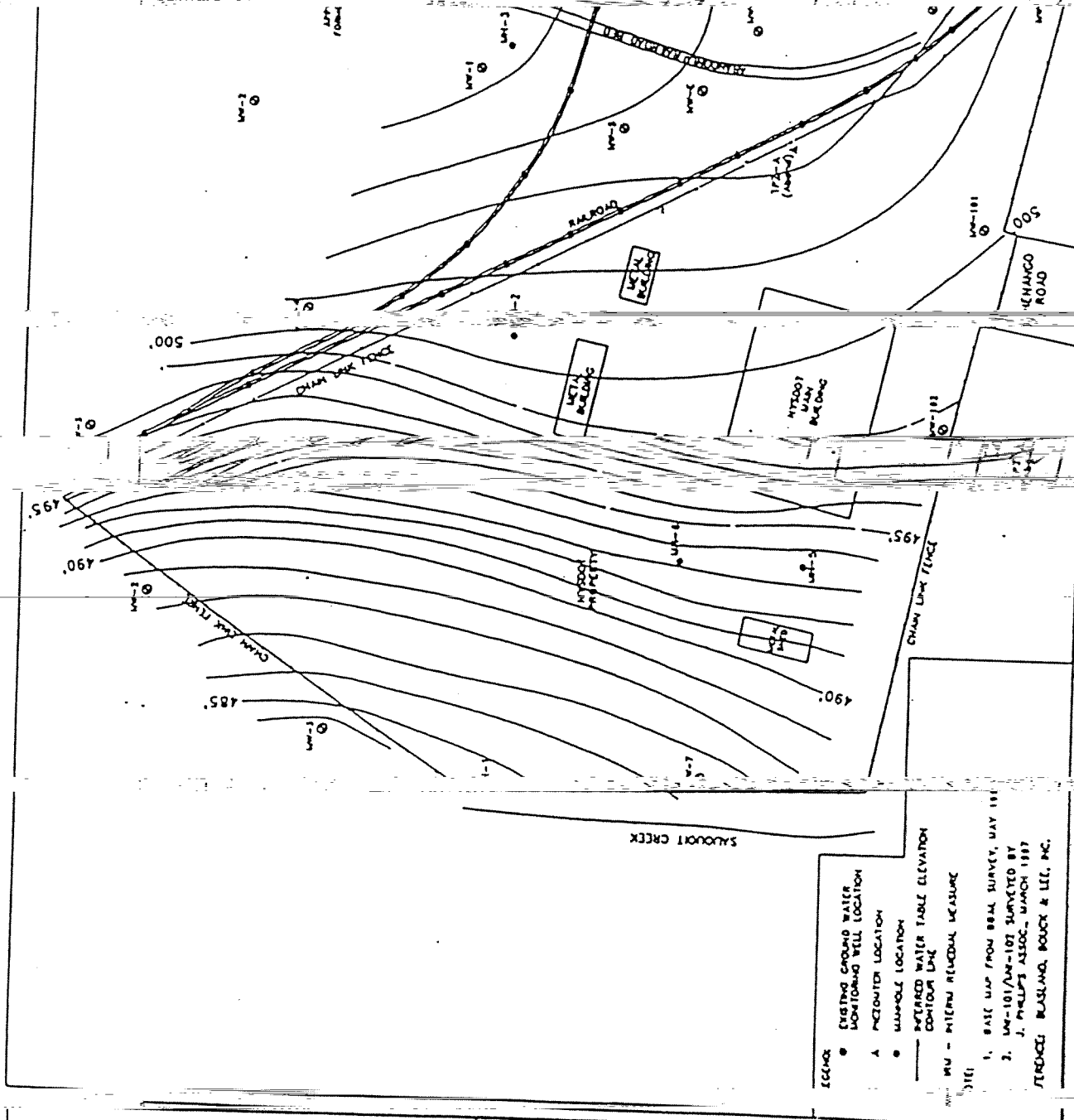
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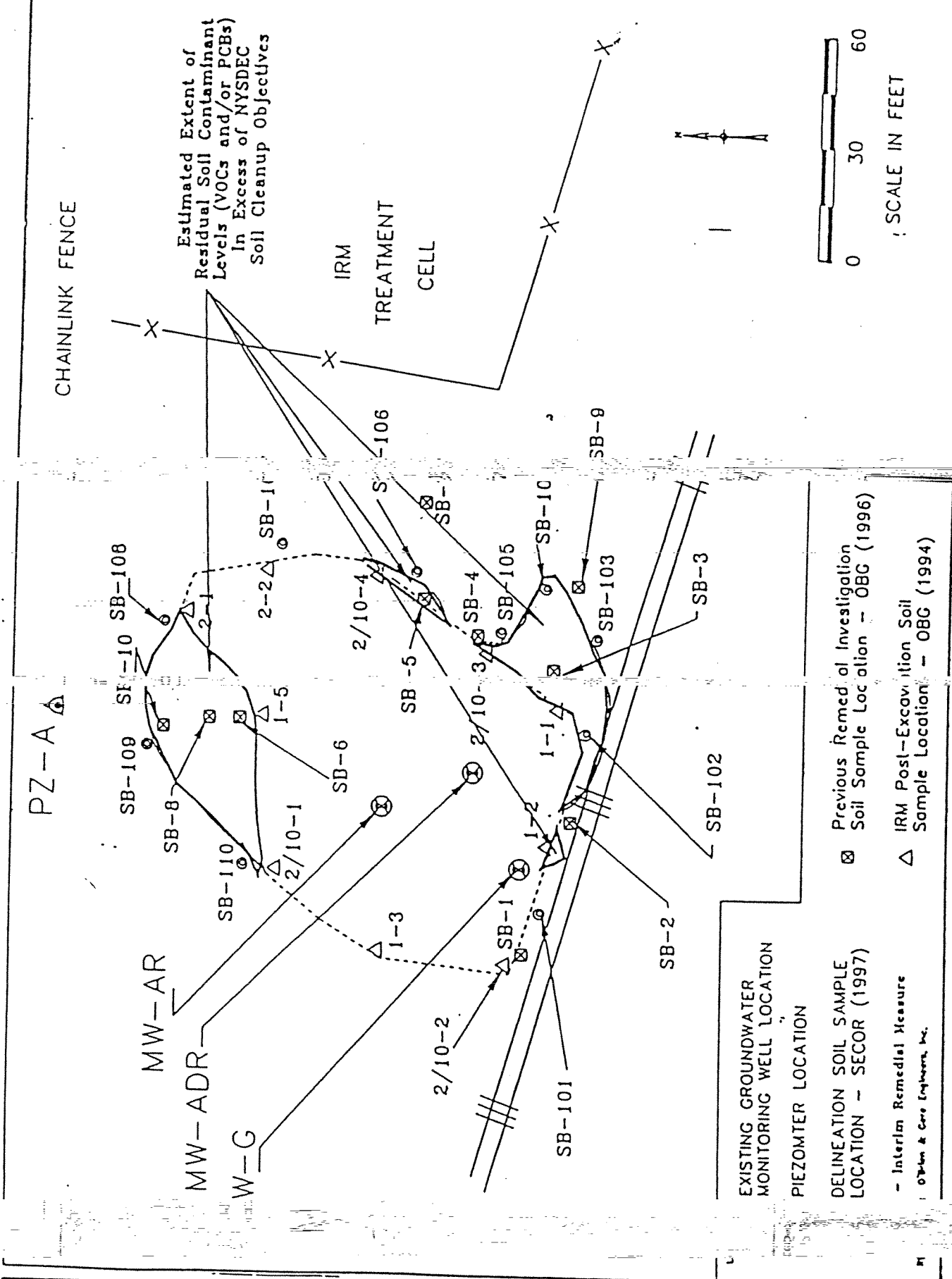
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FILE NAME: LOCKHEED

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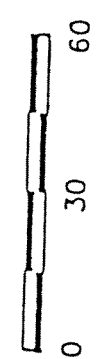
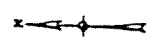


<p><b>SECOR</b></p> <p>4914 WEST GENESEE STREET CAMILLUS, NEW YORK 13031 (315) 484-7874 (315) 484-0298 Fax</p>	<p>FORMER "BURN PIT" AREA Delineation Soil Sample Locations</p> <p>CLIENT: LOCKHEED MARTIN CORP. BURBANK PROGRAM OFFICE 2550 N. HOLLYWOOD WAY BURBANK, CA 91505</p>	<p>FIGURE 4</p> <p>LOCATION: FRENCH ROAD FACILITY 525 FRENCH ROAD UTICA, OHIO COUNTY, NY 13502</p>
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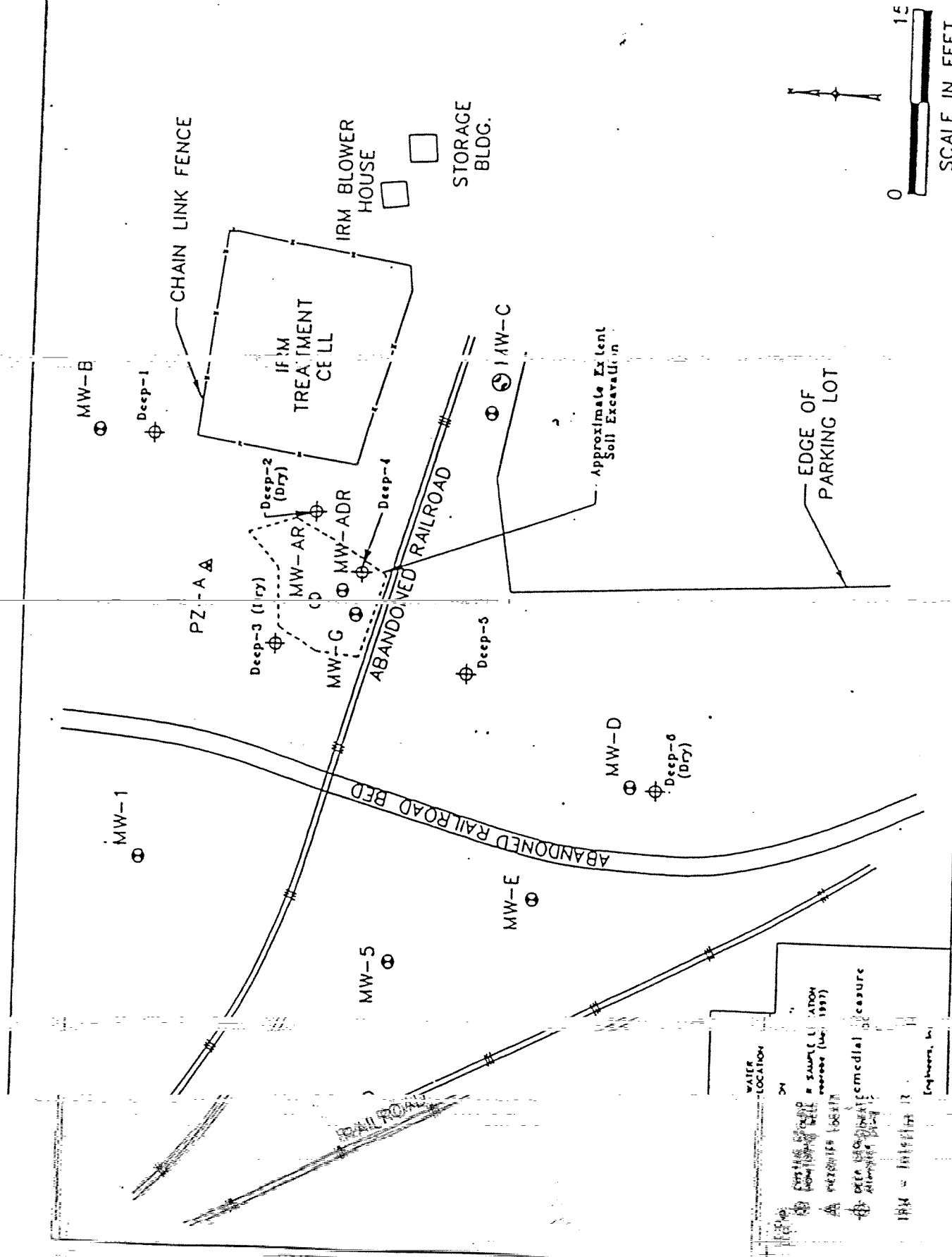
- ⊗ Previous Remedial Investigation Soil Sample Location - OBG (1996)
- △ IRM Post-Excavation Soil Sample Location - OBG (1994)

EXISTING GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL LOCATION  
PIEZOMETER LOCATION

DELINEATION SOIL SAMPLE LOCATION - SECOR (1997)  
- Interim Remedial Measure  
- O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc.



SCALE IN FEET



WATER LOCATION  
 IN EXISTING RECORD  
 A SAMPLE LOCATION  
 IN EXISTING RECORD  
 (APRIL 1997)  
 A PREVIOUS LOCATION  
 OF A SAMPLE LOCATION  
 IN EXISTING RECORD  
 (APRIL 1997)  
 IRM = IRM Blower House  
 Engineers, Inc.

<b>SECOR</b> 4914 WEST GENESEE STREET BURBANK, CALIFORNIA 91505 (315) 484-7874 (315) 484-0298 Fax	<b>WEST LOT PROJECT AREA</b> TIII Layer Groundwater Sample Locations		<b>FIGURE 5</b>
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	REVISED BY: JPS (5/97)	ASKETCH: RWEXCV.SXD	DATE: 4/23/97

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**INFERRED WATER TABLE GRADIENT MAP**  
 22 MAY 1997

**FIGURE 6**

CLIENT:  
 LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION  
 BUREAU OF PERSONNEL

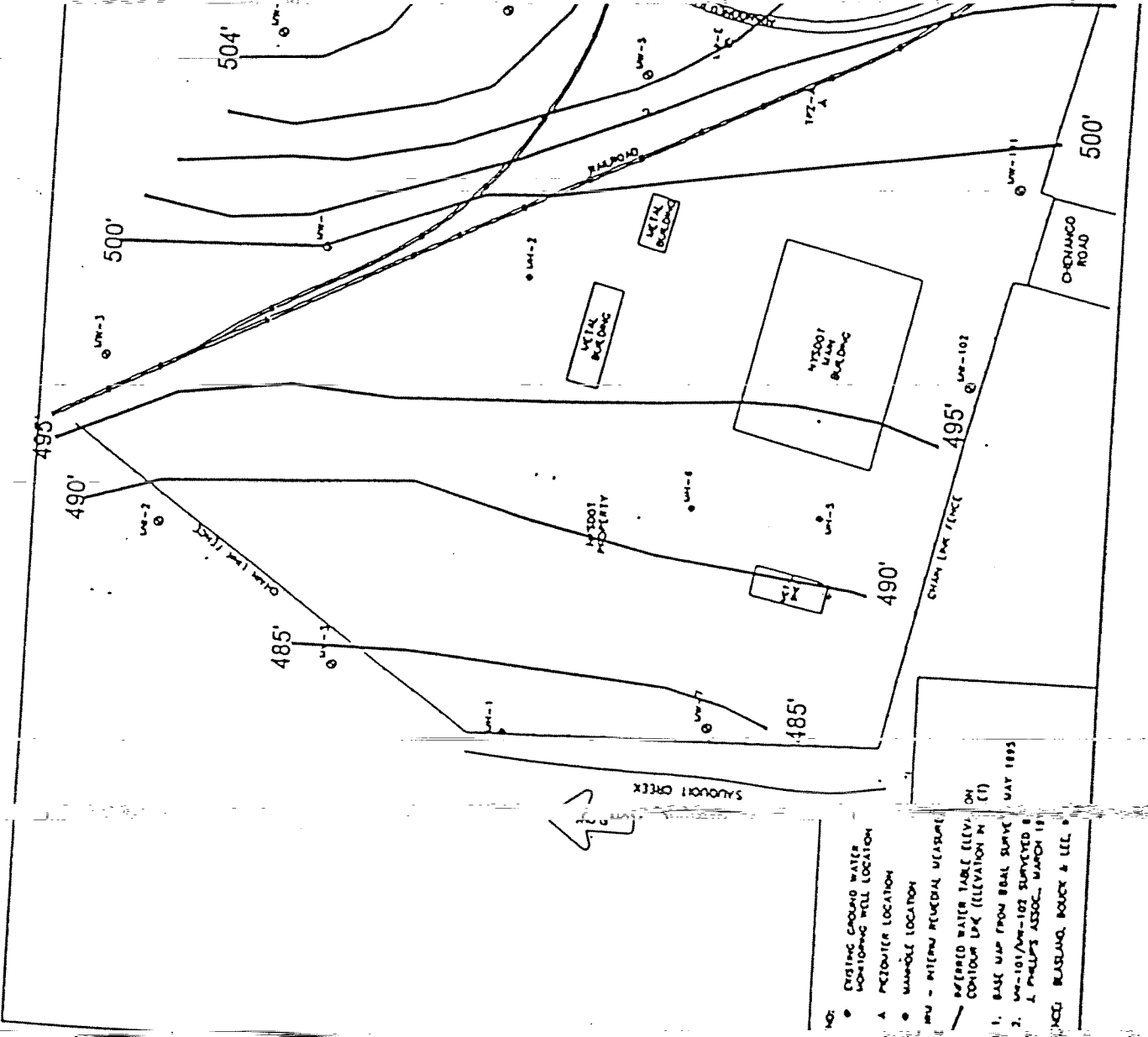
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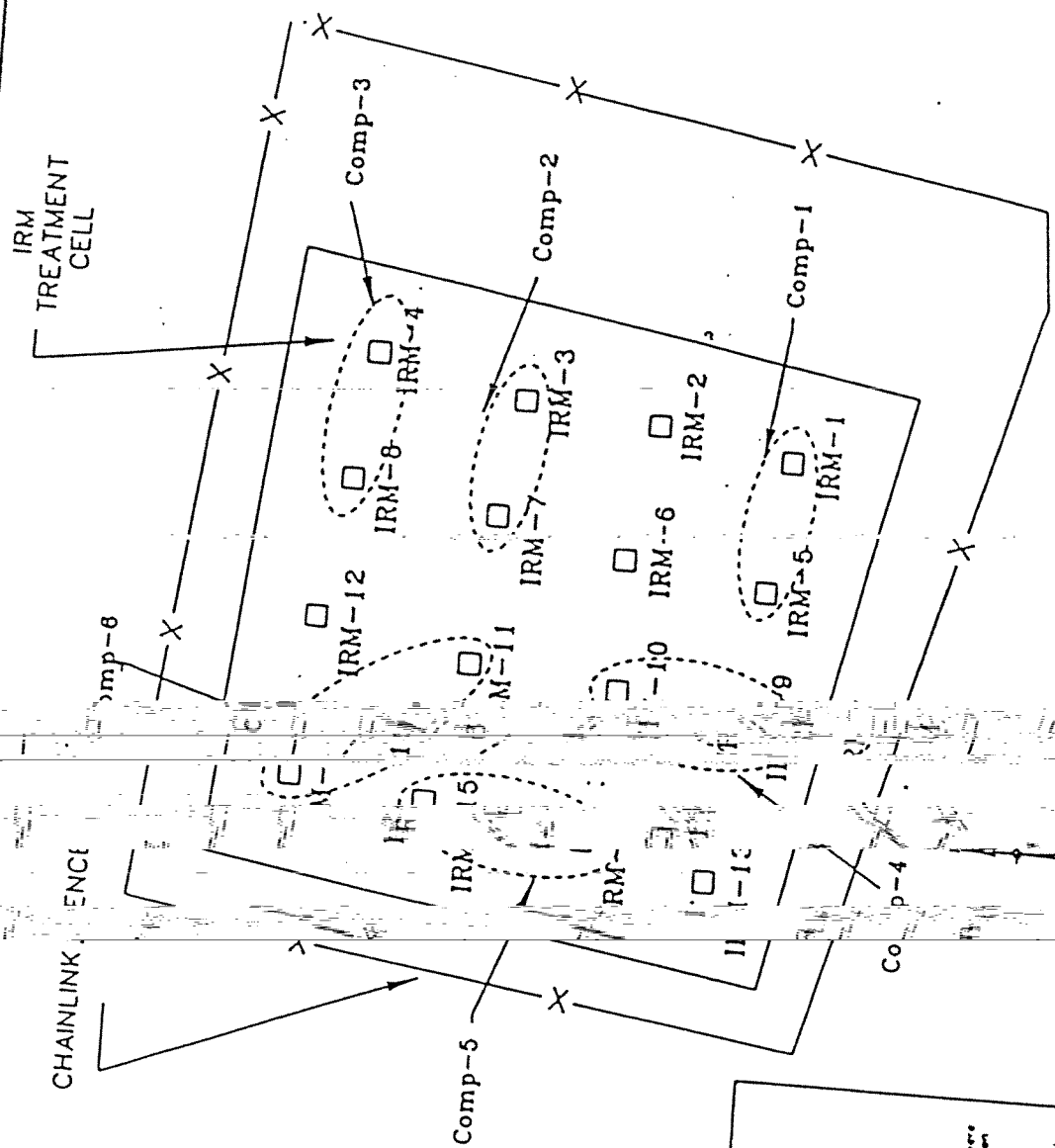
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FILE NAME: LOCKHEED

DATE: 4/23/97



- NOTES:
- EXISTING GROUND WATER MONITORING WELL LOCATION
  - METROWELL LOCATION
  - WINDHOLE LOCATION
  - MW - METROWELL MEASUREMENT
  - INFERRED WATER TABLE (ELEV. CONTOUR LINE (ELEVATION IN FEET))
  - 1. BASE MAP FROM 88AL SURVEY
  - 2. W-101/W-102 SURVEYED BY A. PHILLIPS ASSOC., MARCH 1985
  - MCO BLASLAND, BOUCE & LEE

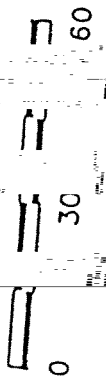


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FENCE



Soils from two PCBs sample points were  
collected to provide waste characterization  
samples (Comp-1 to Comp-6).  
PCBs SECREGATION SOL SAMPLE LOCATION  
Collected Using Hand-Auger (March 1997)

- Interim Remedial Measure

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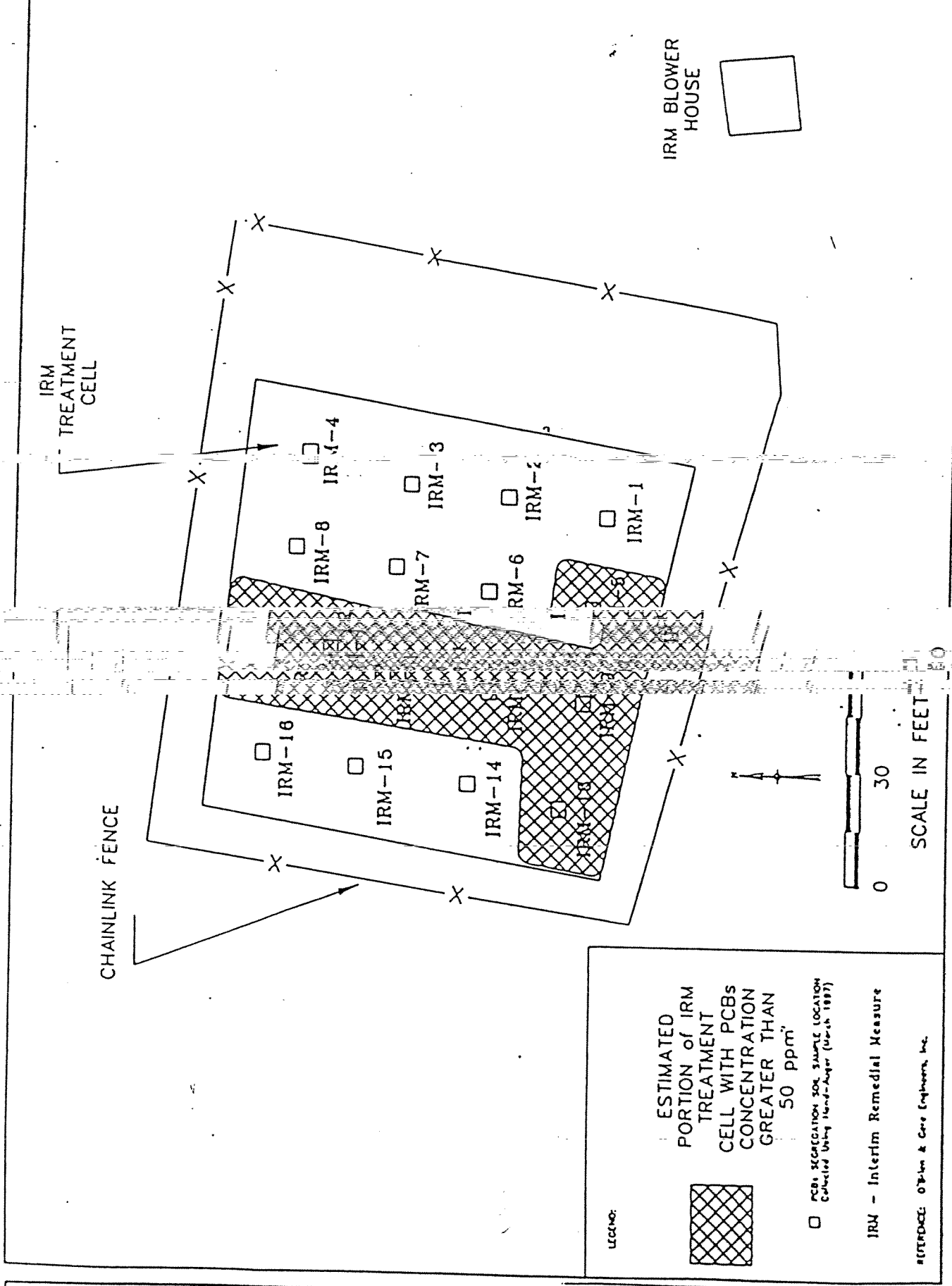
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DATE: 4/23/97

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WEST LOT PROJECT AREA  
 Estimated Portion of IRM Cell Requiring  
 Disposal as "Hazardous Waste"

FIGURE 8

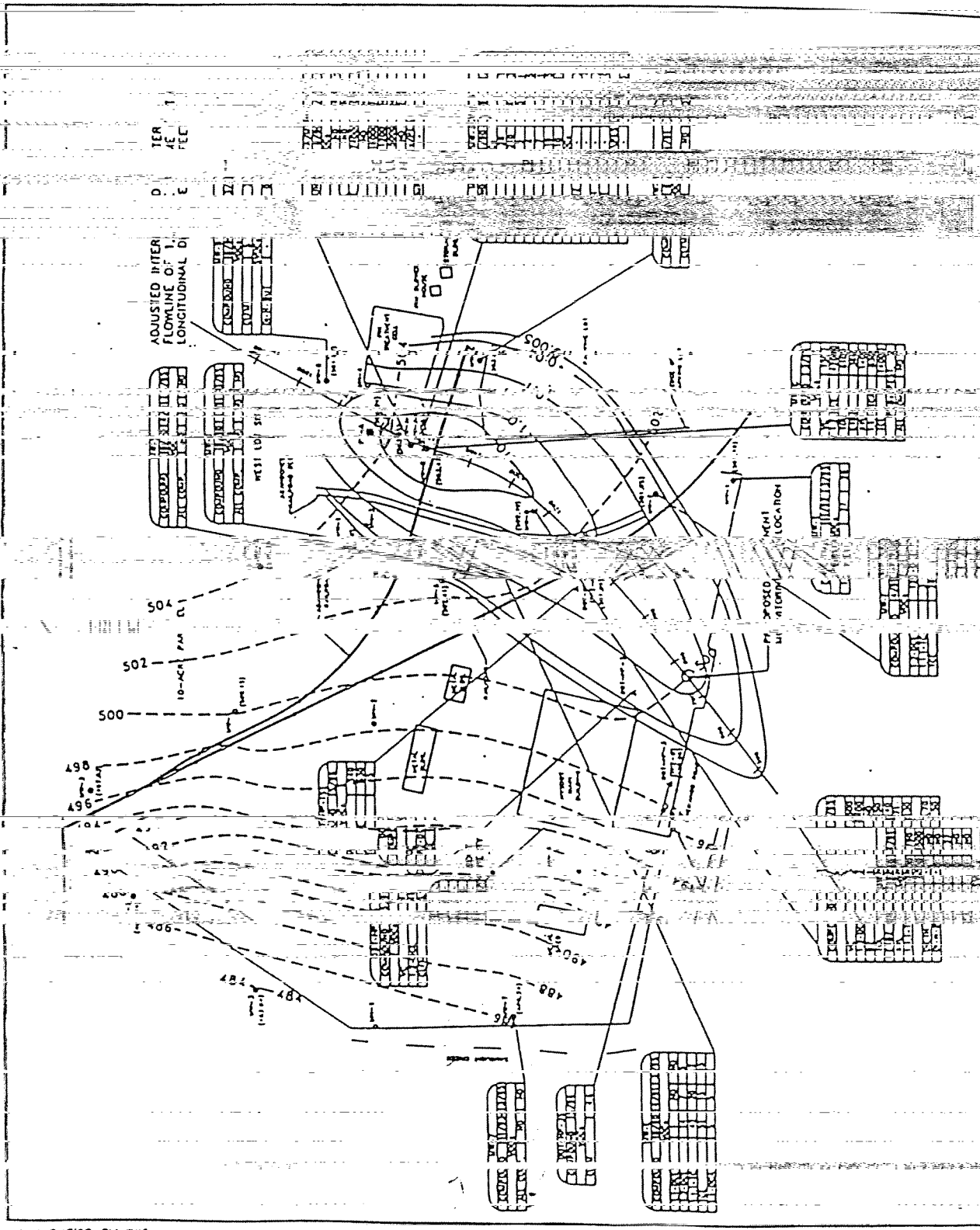
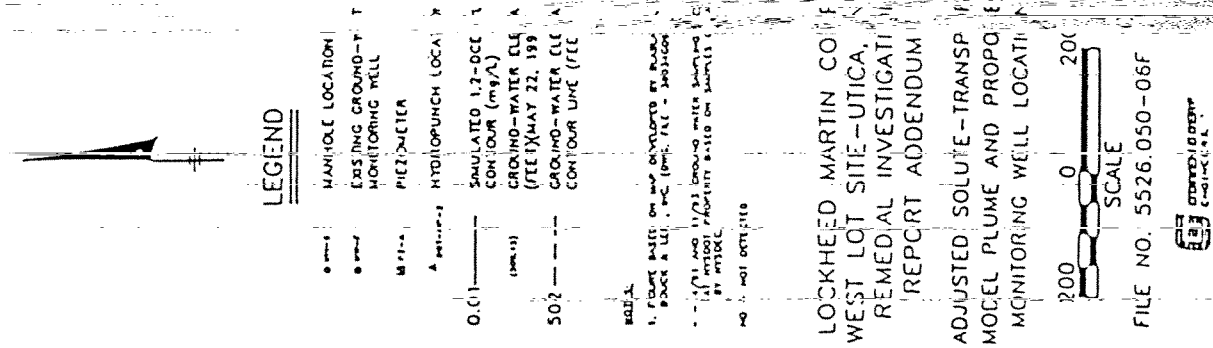
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 2550 N. HOLLYWOOD WAY  
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LOCATION: FRENCH ROAD FACILITY  
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**APPENDIX C**

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FIGURE 7



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