

APPENDIX A
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1. TRC Environmental Corporation's (TRC's) study was performed in accordance with generally accepted practices of other consultants undertaking similar studies at the same time and in the same geographical area, and TRC observed that degree of care and skill generally exercised by other consultants under similar circumstances and conditions. TRC's findings and conclusions must be considered not as scientific certainties, but rather as our professional opinion concerning the significance of the limited data gathered during the course of the study. No other warranty, express or implied is made. Specifically, TRC does not and cannot represent that the Site contains no hazardous material, oil, or other latent condition beyond that observed by TRC during its study. Additionally, TRC makes no warranty that any response action or recommended action will achieve all of its objectives or that the findings of this study will be upheld by a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) audit.
2. This study and report have been prepared on behalf of and for the exclusive use of the MassDEP and the City of New Bedford (Client), solely for use in an environmental response actions at the Parker Street Waste Site in New Bedford, Massachusetts ("Site") under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP - 310 CMR 40.0000). This report and the findings contained herein shall not, in whole or in part, be disseminated or conveyed to any other party, nor used by any other party in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of TRC.
3. The observations described in this report were made under the conditions stated therein. The conclusions presented in the report were based solely upon the services described therein, and not on scientific tasks or procedures beyond the scope of described services or the time and budgetary constraints imposed by Client. The work described in this report was carried out in accordance with the Terms and Conditions referenced in our proposals with the City of New Bedford.
4. In preparing this report, TRC has relied on certain information provided by state and local officials and other parties referenced therein, and on information contained in the files of state and/or local agencies available to TRC at the time of the study. Although there may have been some degree of overlap in the information provided by these various sources, TRC did not attempt to independently verify the accuracy or completeness of all information reviewed or received during the course of this evaluation.
5. In the event that the Client or others authorized to use this report obtain information on environmental or hazardous waste issues at the Site not contained in this report, such information shall be brought to TRC's attention forthwith. TRC will evaluate such information and, on the basis of that evaluation, may modify the conclusions stated in this report.
6. The purpose of this report was to assess the Site with respect to the requirements of the MCP. No specific attempt was made to check on the compliance of present or past owners or operators of the Site with federal, state, or local laws and regulations, environmental or otherwise.

7. The conclusions and recommendations contained in this report are based in part upon the data obtained from soil and groundwater samples obtained from subsurface and other explorations described herein. The nature and extent of variations between these explorations may not become evident until further exploration. If variations or other latent conditions then appear evident, it will be necessary to reevaluate the conclusions and recommendations of this report.
8. The generalized soil profile and groundwater elevation/depth contours described in the text is intended to convey trends in subsurface conditions. The boundaries between strata are approximate and idealized and have been developed by interpretations of widely spaced explorations and samples; actual soil transitions are probably more gradual. The depictions of groundwater represents a snapshot in time and is based on a limited number of groundwater monitoring wells, and represents a generalized professional interpretation.
9. The conclusions and recommendations contained in this report are based in part upon various types of chemical data and are contingent upon their validity. These data have been reviewed and interpretations made in the report. As may be indicated within the report, some of these data may be preliminary "screening" level data, and should be confirmed with quantitative analyses if more specific information is necessary. Moreover, it should be noted that variations in the types and concentrations of contaminants may occur due to past disposal practices, the passage of time, and other factors. Should additional chemical data become available in the future, these data should be reviewed by TRC and the conclusions and recommendations presented herein modified accordingly.
10. Chemical analyses have been performed for specific parameters during the course of this Site assessment, as described in the text. However, it should be noted that additional chemical constituents not searched for during the current study could be present at the Site.
11. TRC's risk evaluation was performed in accordance with generally accepted practices of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and other consultants undertaking similar studies. The findings of the risk evaluation are dependent on numerous assumptions and uncertainties inherent in the risk assessment process. Sources of uncertainty may include the description of Site conditions and the nature and extent of chemical distribution and the use of toxicity information. Consequently, the findings of the risk assessment are not an absolute characterization of actual risks, but rather serve to highlight potential sources of risk at the Site. Although the range of uncertainties has not been quantified, the use of conservative assumptions and parameters throughout the assessment would be expected to err on the side of protection of human health and the environment.