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In accordance with the provisions of Florida Statutes, Chapter 471, this Q6 Radar Station Interim Measures Work Plan for the Kennedy Space Center in Merritt Island, Florida, has been prepared under the direct supervision of a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida. This document and the work described herein complies with standard professional practices and the requirements of Chapter 62-780, Florida Administrative Code (FAC) and other rules of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection according to Rule 62-780.400(1), FAC. The data, findings, recommendations, specifications, or professional opinions were prepared solely for the use of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. AECOM makes no other warranty, either expressed or implied, and is not responsible for the interpretation by others of these data.

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## SOIL INTERIM MEASURES WORK PLAN

<b>Facility Name/SMWU No.:</b>	Q6 Radar Station, Q6-0082, Solid Waste Management Unit #112, Location of Concern 3
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<b>Prepared On:</b>	August 13, 2021
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### Site Usage and Soil Investigation Activities

1. **Describe facility usage.** The main function of the Q6 Radar Station is to house various types of radar tracking equipment in support of launches from KSC and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station (CCSFS). The structures and buildings are owned by the United States Air Force (USAF), and are located on NASA property. Operational areas of the Q6 Radar Station can be separated into two areas: the radar area to the north and the boresight tower area located approximately 0.3 miles to the south. The Banana River is located approximately 1,100 feet to the east of the radar pad. A site location figure is provided as **Figure 1**.

Location of concern (LOC) 3 is the area surrounding the base of the radar antenna, adjacent to the Powerhouse and Hydraulic Shed. This area consists of exterior walls of concrete block construction and metal stairs with wooden and metal handrails.

2. **Is the facility normally occupied? Describe how site controls will be performed and how area workers will be informed of health and safety issues associated with the Interim Measures.** The Q6 Radar Station is normally occupied and staffed from approximately 07:00 to 15:30. Launch schedules may require the facility to be staffed outside the normal working hours. The Interim Measure (IM) activities will be scheduled and coordinated with the Q6 Radar Station facility manager and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) RPM. A Site-Specific Safety and Health Plan for IM activities will be developed for NASA Safety and Environmental Health.

3. **What are the contaminants of concern (COC)? Describe the soil investigation activities completed and regulatory approvals.** Confirmatory sampling (CS) was completed to confirm the presence or absence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), hydrocarbons, metals, and solvents in soil and or groundwater from radar antenna refurbishment activities or spills and leaks associated with the Powerhouse or Hydraulic Shed. Based on the CS results, barium and copper were identified as COCs at LOC 3. A CS Report and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation (RFI) Workplan were submitted to Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in September 2019, and subsequently approved on January 20, 2020.

RFI soil sampling activities were conducted on February 22, 2021 and achieved the RFI Workplan objective to delineate the horizontal and vertical extent of barium and copper affected soils. The soil

sampling results were presented to the KSC Remediation Team at the June 23, 2021 meeting. Team consensus was reached that the barium and copper affected soil have been delineated and an interim measure should be conducted. Copies of the CS Report and RFI Workplan FDEP approval letter, and June 23, 2021 KSCRT meeting minutes and decision items, are included in **Attachment A**.

CS and RFI sampling results obtained to date have indicated the following:

- The results identified soil contaminated with barium and copper at concentrations exceeding their Chapter 62-770, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), Residential Soil Cleanup Target Level (RSCTL) of 120 and 150 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), respectively. The copper and barium impacts are limited to the 0.5-foot interval. Barium and copper soil analytical results are provided in **Table 1 of Attachment B**.
- Arsenic was detected at soil borings SB0004 and SB0034 at concentrations exceeding the RSCTL in the 0.5-foot interval. However, the reported arsenic concentrations were below established Kennedy Space Center (KSC) background concentrations of 8.5 mg/kg. FDEP concurred arsenic is not a COC at LOC 3.
- Cadmium and chromium were identified in soil borings SB0004, SB0005, SB0006, and SB0034 at the 0.5-foot interval at concentrations exceeding Leachability SCTL (LSCTL) criteria. The soil samples were submitted for analysis by Synthetic Precipitation leaching Procedure (SPLP), and the results were below Groundwater Cleanup Target Level (GCTL) criteria. FDEP concurred cadmium and chromium are not COCs at LOC 3.
- Total lead was detected at soil boring SB0006 at a concentration exceeding established background levels but less than the RSCTL. SPLP extraction was performed on the sample to further evaluate leachability and the extract result was greater than the GCTL. A monitoring well MW0003 was installed near the soil boring SB0006 location with a screened interval at the top of the water table. Laboratory analysis of the groundwater sample did not detect total lead at a concentration exceeding GCTL criteria. FDEP concurred lead is not a COC at LOC 3.
- Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) was detected at soil borings SB0007 and SB0045 at concentrations exceeding RSCTL criteria. However, the samples were submitted for TPH speciation, which indicated that no analyzed carbon ranges exceeded RSCTL or LSCTL criteria. FDEP concurred TPH is not a COC at LOC 3.

4. **When did the release(s) occur at this facility, if known.** The soil impacts are thought to be the result of radar station refurbishment activities, and deposition of containments to surrounding soils. The last known refurbishment activities occurred in 2009. Refurbishment activities were likely performed prior to that as well, which was customary practice for painted metal towers and antennas.

5. **Are the copper and barium detections associated with a liquid release, paint residue, or other (please describe)?** It is suspected that the contaminated media is associated with radar station refurbishment activities, and the disposition of contaminated media to the surrounding soils.

#### **Interim Measures Information**

6. **What is the purpose of the proposed Interim Measures (IM)? Include a list of the parameter groups being addressed by the IM.** The objective of the IM is to mitigate approximately 58 cubic yards (cy) of barium and/or copper impacted soil in the area surrounding

the radar base, unpaved areas outside the radar antenna base, and the compressor area to the west of the radar pad. The excavation areas are delineated on **Figures 1 through 7** provided in **Attachment C**. Hand digging tools and/or the use of vacuum soil extraction will be required given the proximity of buildings, surface utilities, and communications infrastructure. Following excavation, these areas will be backfilled with clean soil and compacted to existing grade.

7. **List the specific contaminants being addressed by the IM, maximum facility concentrations, and the associated proposed cleanup goals and source(s) (industrial SCTLs, etc.).** Copper and barium concentrations are presented in mg/kg in the following table.

Contaminant	Maximum Facility Concentration (mg/kg)	Cleanup Goal (mg/kg)	Cleanup Goal Source
Copper	590	150	FDEP, SCTL, Residential
Barium	1,030	120	FDEP, SCTL, Residential

Note: FDEP = Florida Department of Environmental Protection

8. **Will a land use control implementation plan (LUCIP) be required following completion of the IM (i.e., will residual concentrations of any contaminant exceed applicable residential criteria)?** No, a LUCIP will not be required for soil at the LOC 3 area.

9. **List each proposed excavation area, contaminants of concern (COC), area of excavation, and associated depth intervals.**

Contaminant(s) of Concern	Area of Excavation (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Depth interval (ft bls)	Volume (cy)	Comments
Barium and Copper	785	0-2	58	See note below

Note:

- a) Figures 1 through 7 show each excavation area with coordinates and soil sample results.

10. **Will confirmation samples be required? If so, describe. Consider the need for both vertical and horizontal extent samples and indicate sampling frequencies (number of samples per square foot, etc.).** No confirmation sampling will be required. The excavation areas are horizontally and vertically bounded by samples with barium and copper concentrations that are less than FDEP RSCTL or a physical boundary (i.e., concrete pavement, curb, or structure). Barium was detected in the 0.5-foot interval at soil boring SB0052, however a 2-foot interval samples was not collected at this location. A 2-foot interval sample was collected at the location of soil boring SB0059, which is located approximately five

feet from soil boring SB0052. The actual location of soil boring SB0046 was reviewed following the June 23, 201 KSCRT meeting, and the location of soil boring SB0046 was corrected based on photographs and field logs from the 2019 CS activities. It appears that the radar structure interfered with the ability to obtain accurate GPS coordinates, and the coordinates used to prepare the ADP presented at the KCRT meeting in June 2021 did not accurately reflect the location of soil boring SB0046. Based on the corrected soil boring SB0046 location, the proposed soil excavation area surrounding soil boring SB0007 is bound by clean soil samples and/or physical structures such as building foundations or sidewalks (refer to **Figures 1 and 2**).

11. **Will shoring or dewatering be required? If so, describe.** Dewatering and/or shoring will not be required.

12. **Are there any special decontamination requirements? If so, describe.** A general decontamination area will be created and maintained. Decontamination fluids that are generated will be containerized and characterized for proper disposal.

### **Waste Handling and Disposal**

13. **How will excavated soil be stored prior to disposal?**

Drums      Roll-offs      ☒ Other (describe): It is expected that soils will be excavated by hand or with the use of a vacuum truck. Soils excavated using hand tools will be stockpiled and subsequently loaded into trucks or roll-offs for transport and disposal. Soils excavated using a vacuum truck will be stored within the vacuum truck, then stockpiled as needed, and loaded into trucks for transport and disposal. Each truck will be weighed, manifested, and transported to J.E.D. Solid Waste Management Facility (formerly known as OMNI Landfill), or a similarly permitted facility for disposal.

14. **How will miscellaneous debris and decontamination fluids be stored prior to disposal?**

☒ Drums      Roll-offs      Other (describe):

15. **Are there any special waste segregation requirements? If so, describe.** None are expected.

16. **How will the waste be characterized for disposal?** A minimum of one composite soil sample will be collected per 500 tons of soil for waste characterization. The samples will be analyzed for criteria required by the landfill. Soil will be disposed of as non-hazardous waste if analytical values are less than the regulatory limits.

17. **Are there any special fill characterization or compaction requirements? If so, describe.** Certified clean fill (i.e., less than or equal to FDEP SCTLs) will be required. There are no special compaction requirements; the areas will be backfilled and restored to pre-excavation elevations. Care will be taken during excavation, backfilling, and restoration activities to avoid undermining surrounded paved areas and impacting buried utilities.

## Other Issues

18. **Are there any other specific issues, including health and safety that need to be considered? If so, describe.** Erosion and sediment controls Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be maintained throughout the project and until permanent site stabilization is obtained. Dust on access roads and construction zones will be kept to a minimum by watering dry areas during excavation and loading of impacted soil. Care will be taken not to contact underground utilities. Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) will be used. The IM field work will be completed in close coordination with the NASA facility manager and work will be scheduled with the demolition contractor. Existing monitoring well MW0003 should be preserved during the excavation activities.
19. **Work schedule:** This work will be scheduled after the work plan is approved.

## Attachments

**Attachment A**      **CS Report and RFI Workplan FDEP Approval Letter and June 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes and Decision Items**

**Attachment B**      **Table**

Table 1:      Soil Analytical Results for Barium and Copper

**Attachment C**      **Figures**

Figure 1:      LOC 3 Soil Boring Sample Results  
Figure 2:      LOC 3 – SB0007 Excavation Area  
Figure 3:      LOC 3 – SB0004 Excavation Area  
Figure 4:      LOC 3 – SB0006 Excavation Area  
Figure 5:      LOC 3 – SB0057 Excavation Area  
Figure 6:      LOC 3 – SB0054 Excavation Area  
Figure 7:      LOC 3 – SB0060 Excavation Area

**ATTACHMENT A**

**FDEP CORRESPONDENCE AND KSCRT MEETING MINUTES**



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**RE: Confirmatory Sampling (CS) Report and RCRA Facility Investigation Work Plan, Revision 0, Potential Release Location (PRL) 214, Q6 Radar Station, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) – Kennedy Space Center (KSC), USEPA ID #FL6 800 014 585, Florida (Tetra Tech, October 4, 2019)**

Dear Mr. Deliz:

The Department has reviewed the subject document dated October 4, 2019 (received on October 9, 2019). The purpose of this CS Report is to present the findings of CS activities completed at Q6RS. In the Conclusions and Recommendations Section of the document it states that based on the results of the CS, it is recommended that LOCs 1 and 3 proceed to an RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) to delineate SCTL and GCTL exceedances identified at these LOCs during the CS and LOC 10 proceed to a soil IM to address residential SCTL exceedances. NFA is recommended at LOCs 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 based on the absence of contamination found during CS.

Based on this review, and the fact that the KSC Remediation Team (KSCRT) reached consensus on the NFA recommendations for these LOCs at the June 2019 Team Meeting, the Department concurs with the recommendations outlined in the document and with the RFI Work Plan for LOCs 1 and 3 and the soil IM Work Plan for LOC 10 as presented in the appendices E and F within the document.

Additionally, per the June 26, 2017 University of Florida (U of F) Center for Environmental and Human Toxicology letter concerning the review of the calculation for

alternative cleanup target levels for copper and barium at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and Patrick Air Force Base (see attachment), the Department wishes to clarify the clean up target levels established using the exposure parameters outlined in the letter are to be considered Alternative Soil Cleanup Target Levels (ASCTLs) not Provisional SCTLs.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. If you require additional clarification or other assistance, please feel free to contact me at 850/245-8999.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Winters".

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Waste Cleanup Program

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**ATTACHMENT B**

**TABLE**

**Table 1**  
**Q6 Radar Station - PRL 214, LOC 3**  
**Soil Analytical Results for Barium and Copper**

Category					Metals by Method 6010C	
Analyte					Barium	Copper
FDEP RSCTL (mg/kg)					120	150
FDEP ISCTL (mg/kg)					130,000	89,000
FDEP LSCT (mg/kg)					1600	-
Location ID	Northing	Easting	Sample Date	Screened Interval (ft bls)		
Q6RS-SB0003	453324.4690	232878.6317	8/9/2018	0-0.5	191	280
			10/9/2018	0.5-2	4.8	1.3 I
Q6RS-SB0004	453321.1715	232882.6477	8/9/2018	0-0.5	315	140 B
			10/9/2018	0.5-2	20	NS
Q6RS-SB0005	453314.0148	232878.4477	8/13/2018	0-0.5	1030	147
			10/9/2018	0.5-2	17	NS
Q6RS-SB0006	453318.9247	232874.6909	8/13/2018	0-0.5	401	235
			10/9/2018	0.5-2	6.2	10
Q6RS-SB0007	453323.3216	232881.8372	8/9/2018	0-0.5	127	38.6
			10/10/2018	0.5-2	4.4	NS
Q6RS-SB0034	453318.6598	232866.6283	8/13/2018	0-0.5	222	88.1
			10/10/2018	0-0.5	290	NS
			10/10/2018	0.5-2	6.8	NS
Q6RS-SB0039	453326.1434	232878.6503	10/10/2018	0-0.5	29	14
Q6RS-SB0040	453326.8112	232882.6193	10/10/2018	0-0.5	8.1	5.2
Q6RS-SB0041	453324.9622	232885.2181	10/10/2018	0-0.5	5.3	1.2 I
Q6RS-SB0042	453312.9891	232882.8972	10/10/2018	0-0.5	3.9	NS
Q6RS-SB0043	453310.5808	232879.1827	10/10/2018	0-0.5	2.7	NS
Q6RS-SB0045	453319.9212	232868.5102	10/10/2018	0-0.5	29	15
Q6RS-SB0046	453322.2685	232884.2333	7/19/2019	0-0.5	18	11
Q6RS-SB0047	453325.9390	232877.2774	7/19/2019	0-0.5	400	180
			7/19/2019	0.5-2	7.9	6.1
Q6RS-SB0048	453320.5398	232890.9137	7/19/2019	0-0.5	11	9.5
Q6RS-SB0049	453315.4287	232885.0961	7/19/2019	0-0.5	15	6
			7/19/2019	0.5-2	4.5	0.66 I
Q6RS-SB0050	453309.6061	232881.1633	7/19/2019	0-0.5	3.5	1.6 I
Q6RS-SB0051	453309.7584	232875.7272	7/19/2019	0-0.5	2.4	1.6 I
Q6RS-SB0052	453312.7161	232874.1473	7/19/2019	0-0.5	140	26
			7/19/2019	0.5-2	NS	32
Q6RS-SB0053	453314.2872	232873.6818	7/19/2019	0-0.5	950	280
Q6RS-SB0054	453315.8378	232868.9909	7/19/2019	0-0.5	340	140
			7/19/2019	0.5-2	14	NS
Q6RS-SB0055	453316.2686	232866.8341	7/19/2019	0-0.5	57	67
Q6RS-SB0056	453315.7461	232863.4030	7/19/2019	0-0.5	21	64
Q6RS-SB0057	453318.4829	232863.9140	7/19/2019	0-0.5	63	590
			7/19/2019	0.5-2	NS	23
Q6RS-SB0058	453326.2696	232876.3847	2/22/2021	0-0.5	23	72.4

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FDEP LSCTL (mg/kg)					1600	-
Location ID	Northing	Easting	Sample Date	Screened Interval (ft bls)		
Q6RS-SB0059	453311.5047	232874.0221	2/22/2021	0-0.5	<b>182</b>	46.2
			2/22/2021	0.5-2	30.6	NS
Q6RS-SB0060	453309.6527	232873.9560	2/22/2021	0-0.5	40.5	28.3
Q6RS-SB0061	453320.5666	232864.0341	2/22/2021	0-0.5	81.7	27.4
Q6RS-SB0062	453320.3821	232872.1606	2/22/2021	0-0.5	90.3	<b>356</b>
			2/22/2021	0.5-2	NS	87.6

Notes:

ft bls = below land surface

NS = not sampled

I = Result is between the method detection limit and the limit of quantitation

mg/kg = milograms per kilogram

All results and screening criteria presented in mg/kg

**Bolded** results indicate the presence of an analyte above the FDEP RSCTL

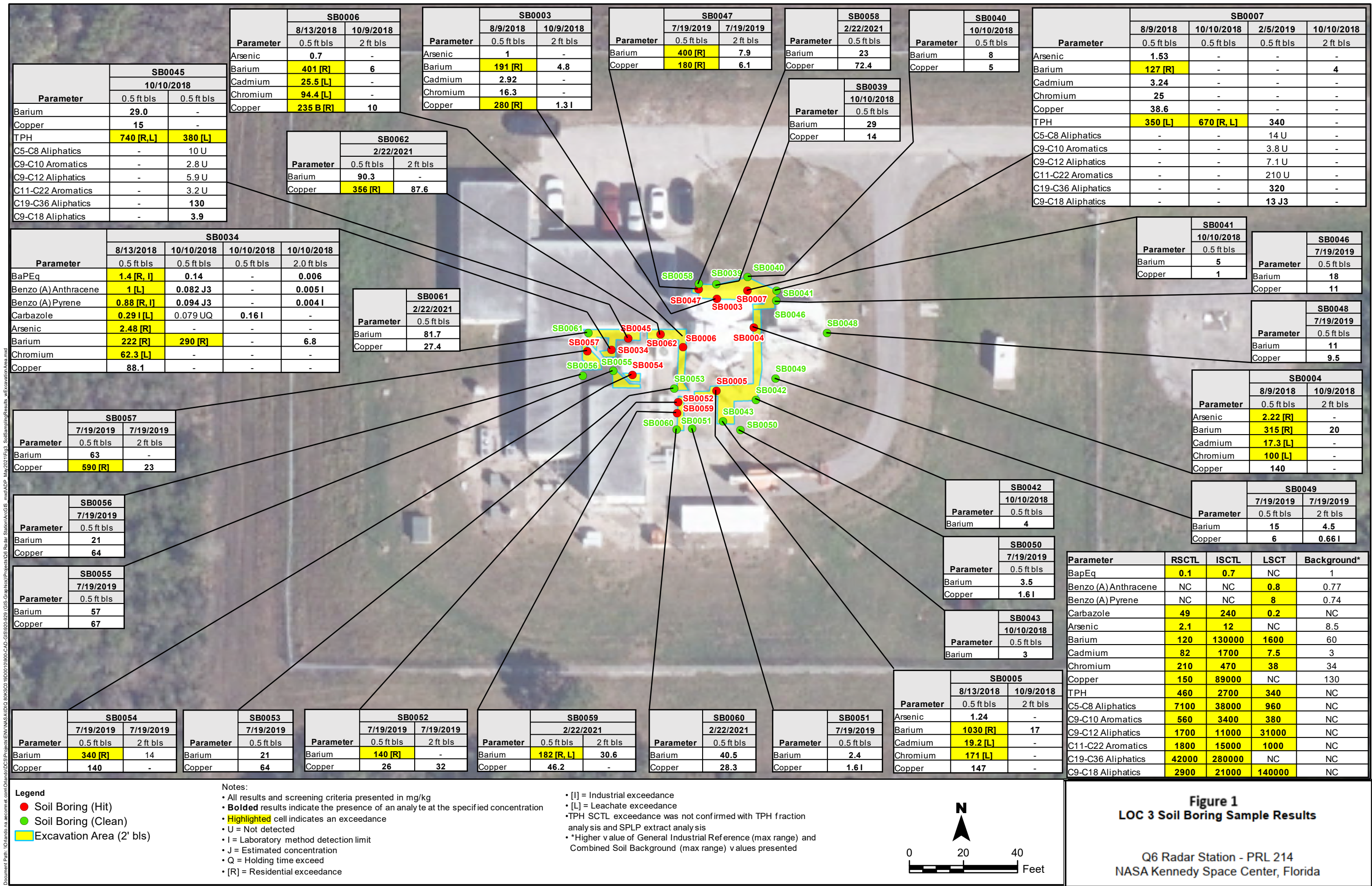
FDEP RSCTL = Florida Department of Environmental Protection Residential Soil Cleanup Target Levels, Chapter 62-777 Florida Administrative Code, Table II (April 2005)

FDEP ISCTL = Florida Department of Environmental Protection Industrial Soil Cleanup Target Levels, Chapter 62-777 Florida Administrative Code, Table II (April 2005)

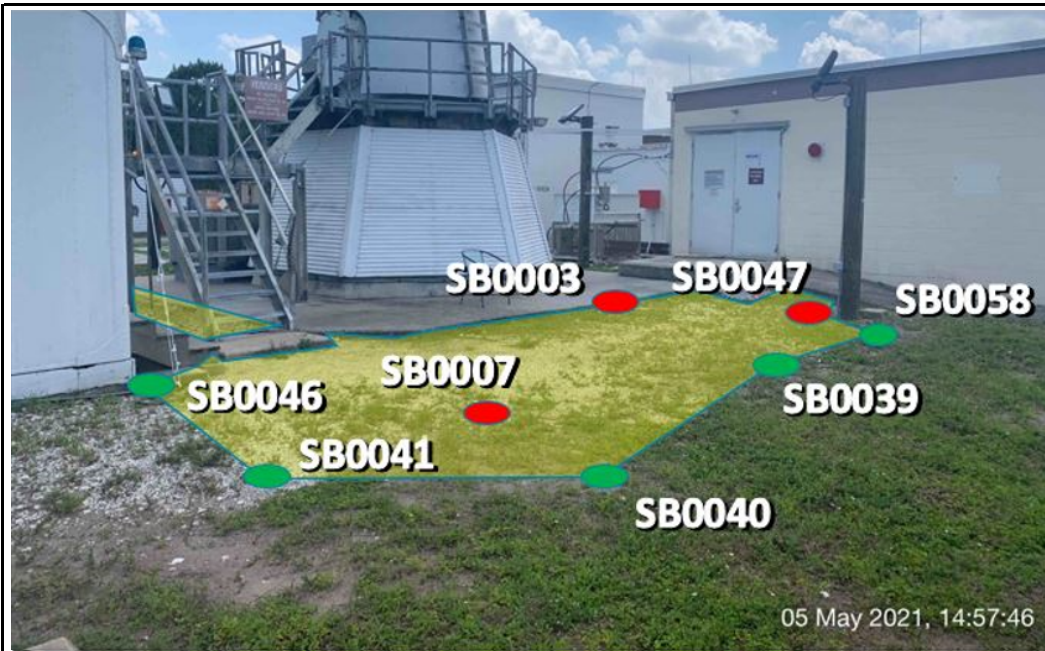
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## **ATTACHMENT C**

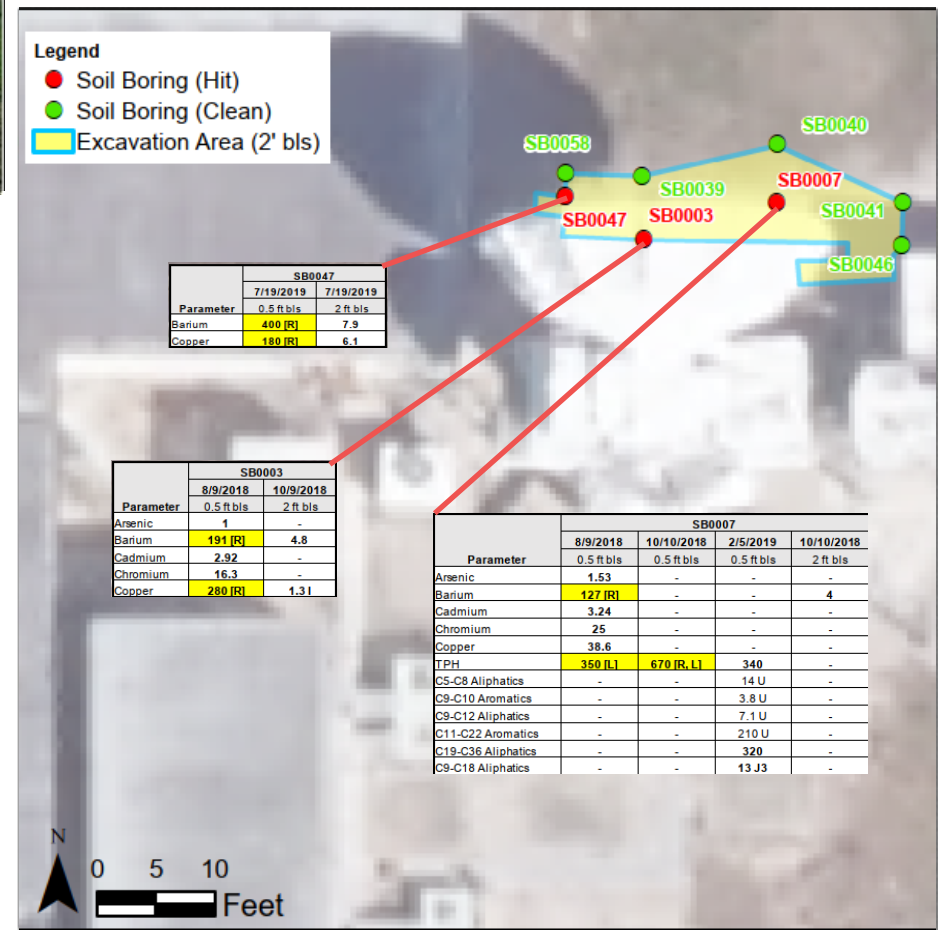
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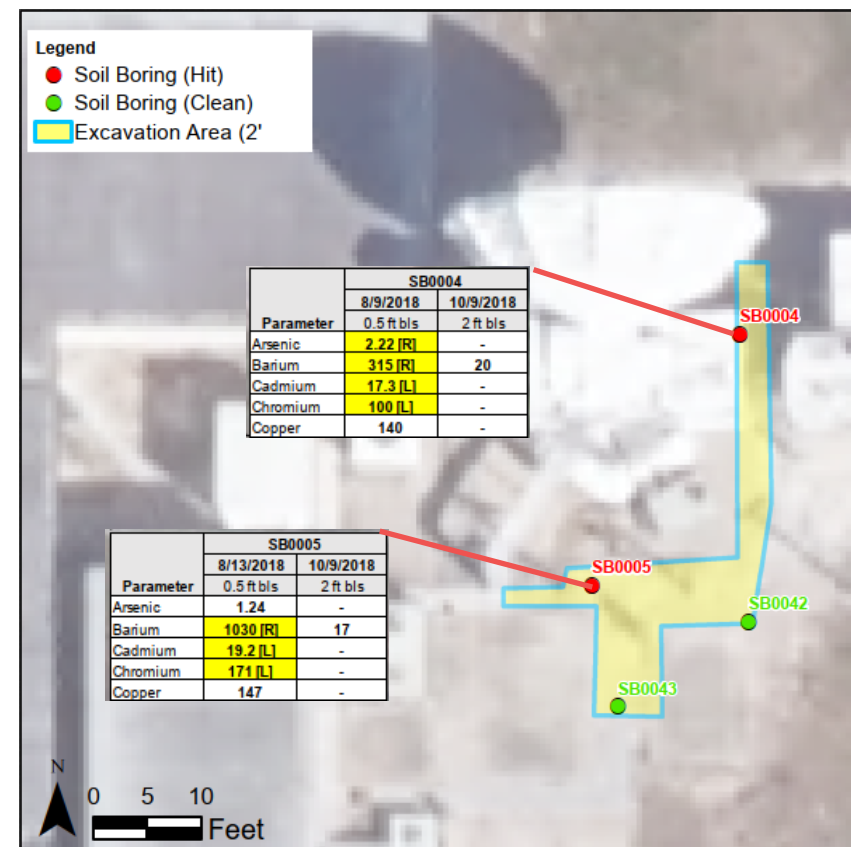
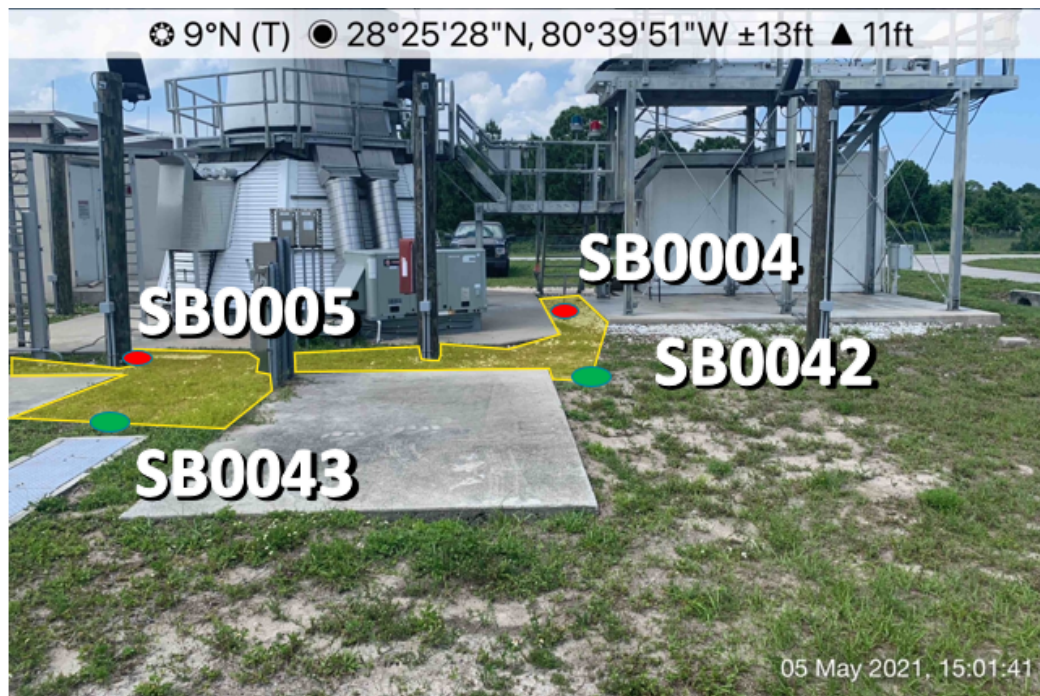


203 square feet  
15 cubic yards



■ Proposed Excavation Area (2' bls)

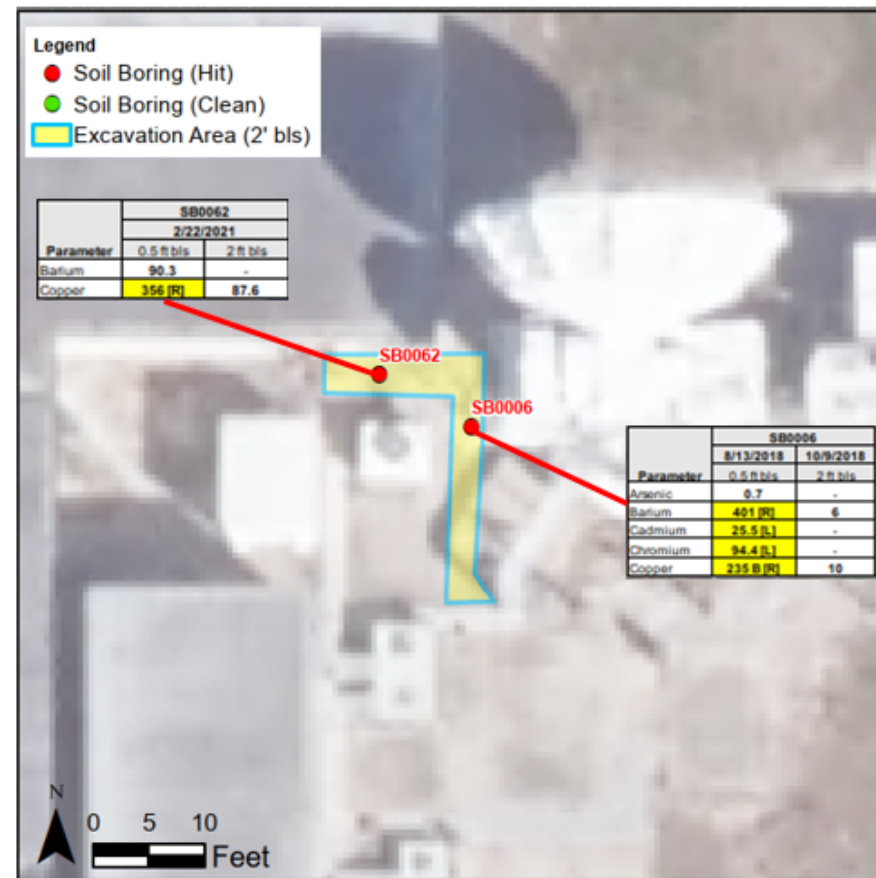
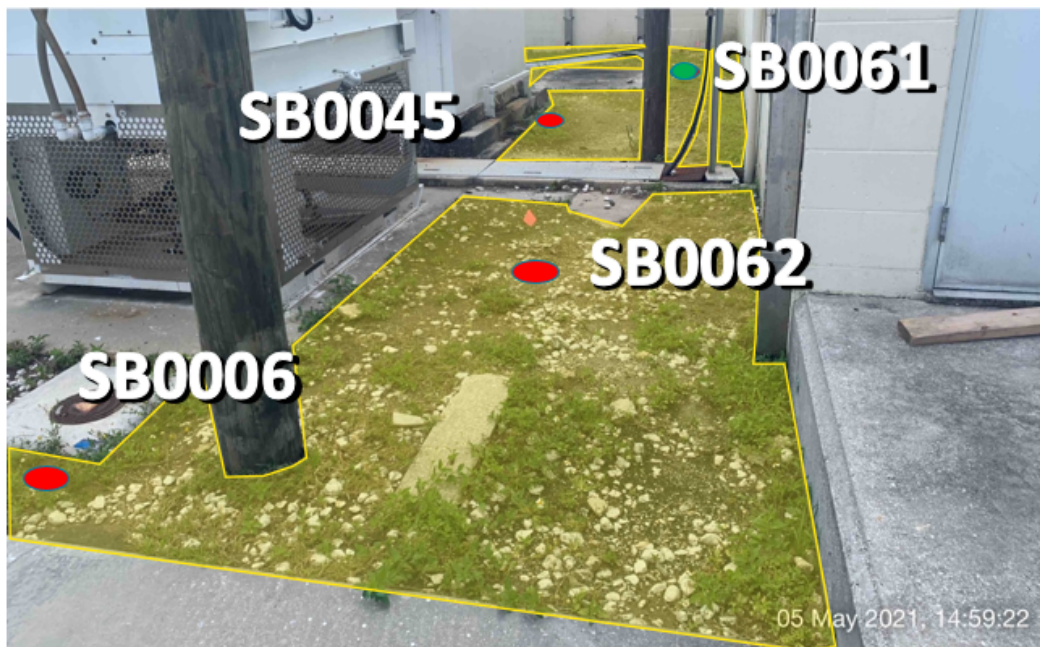
Figure 2  
LOC 3 - SB0007 Excavation Area



■ Proposed Excavation Area (2' bls)

Figure 3  
LOC 3 - SB0004 Excavation Area



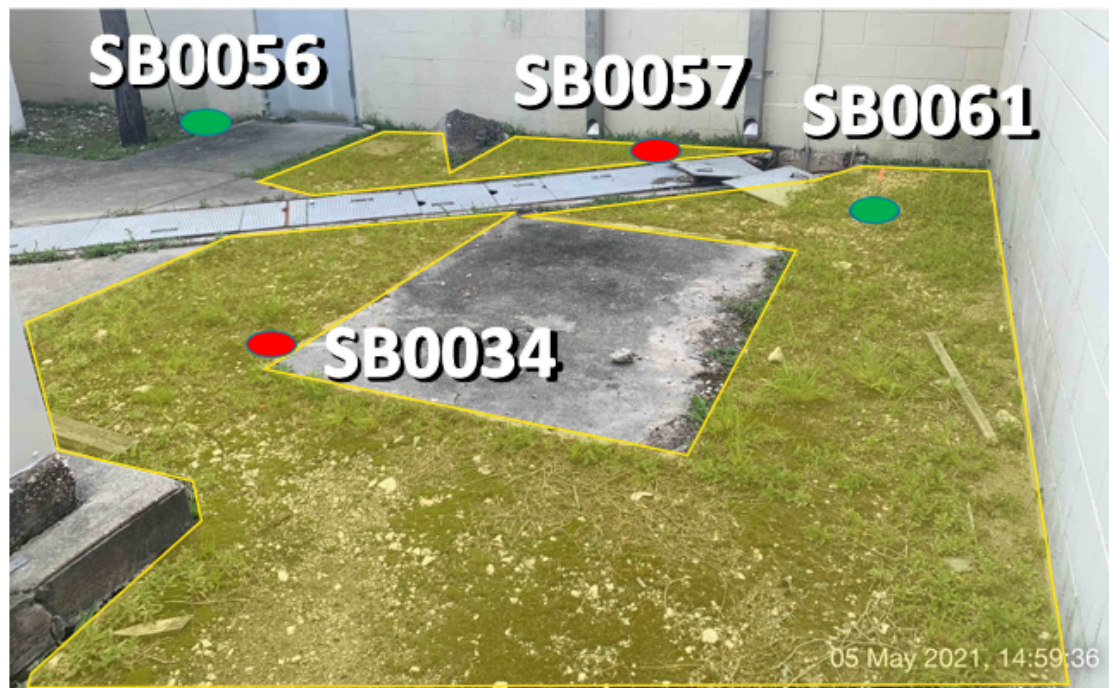


107 square feet  
7.9 cubic yards

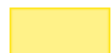
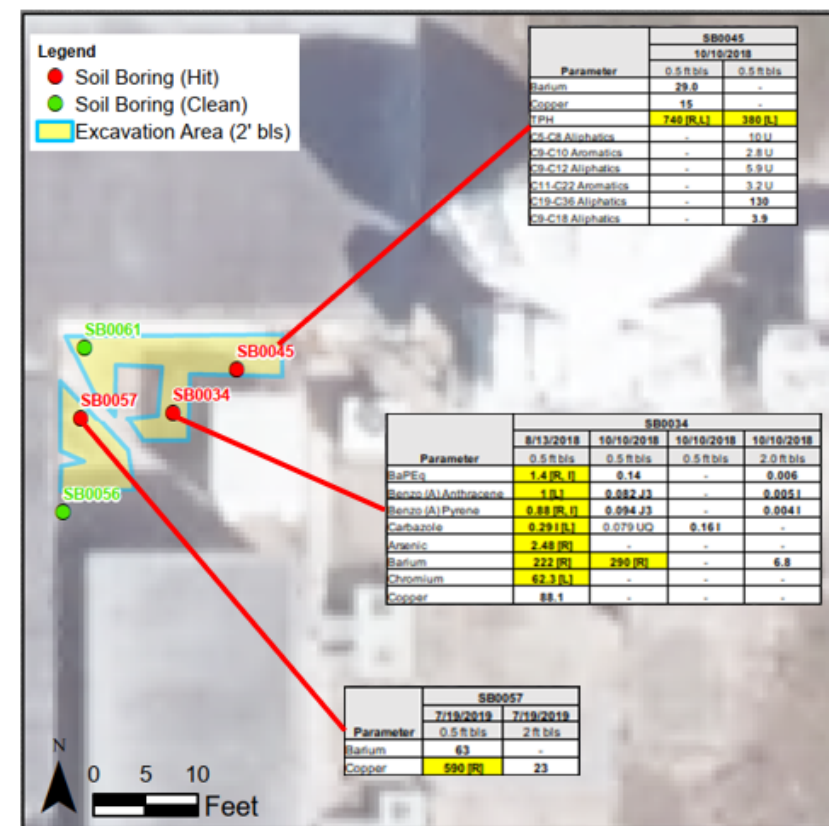
■ Proposed Excavation Area (2' bls)

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LOC 3 - SB0006 Excavation Area



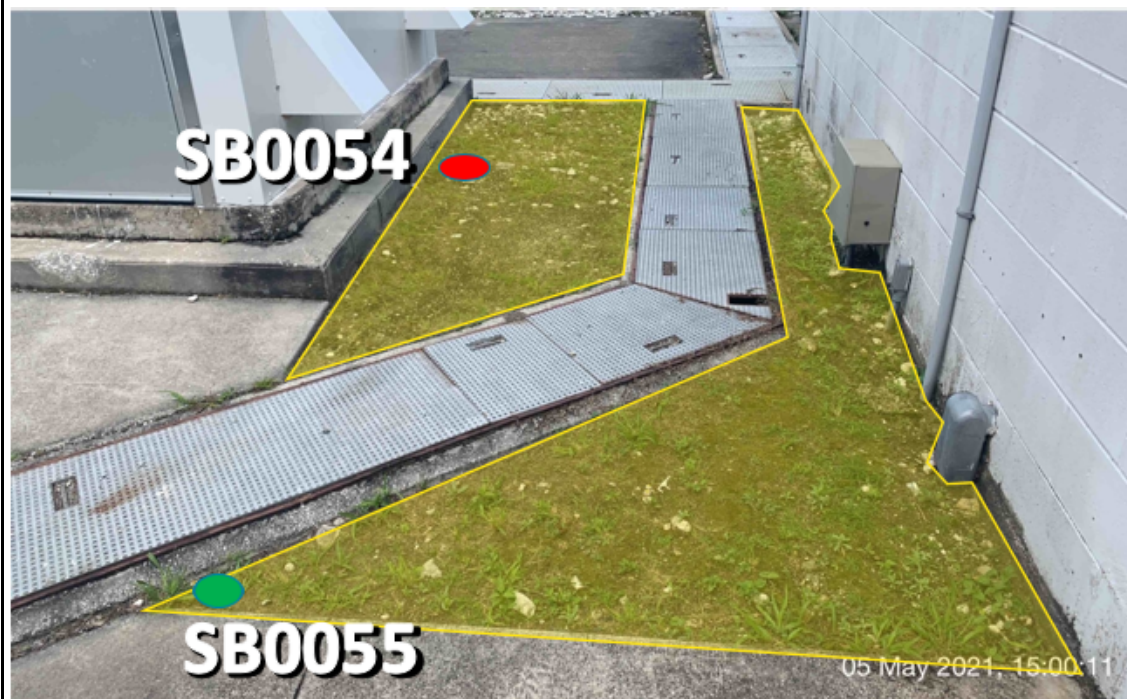


151 square feet  
11.2 cubic yards

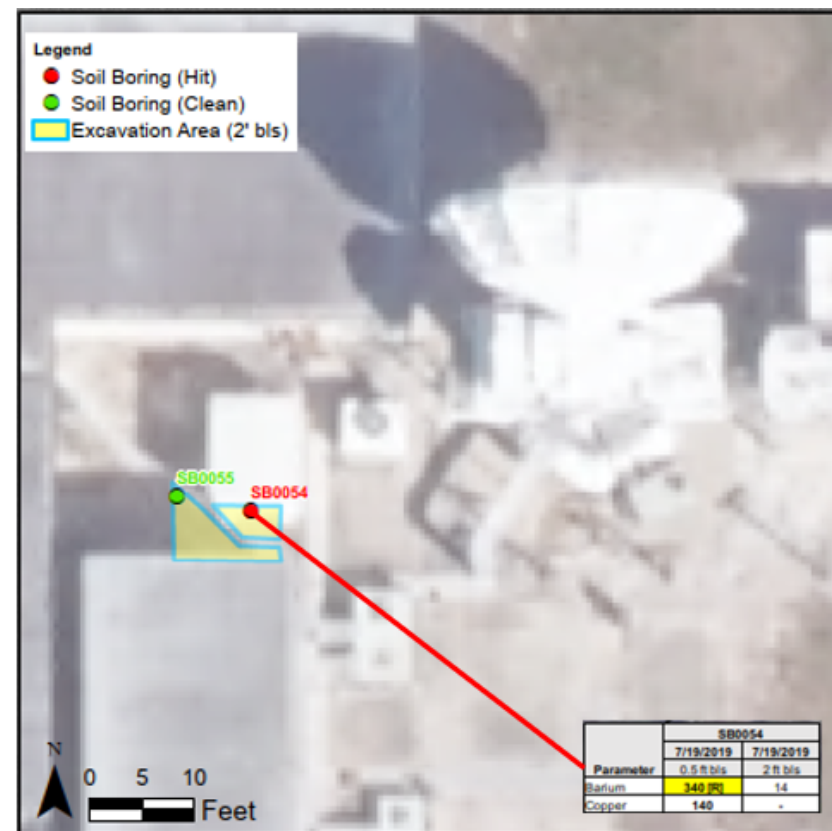


Proposed Excavation Area (2' bls)

Figure 5  
LOC 3 - SB0057 Excavation Area



50 square feet  
3.7 cubic yards




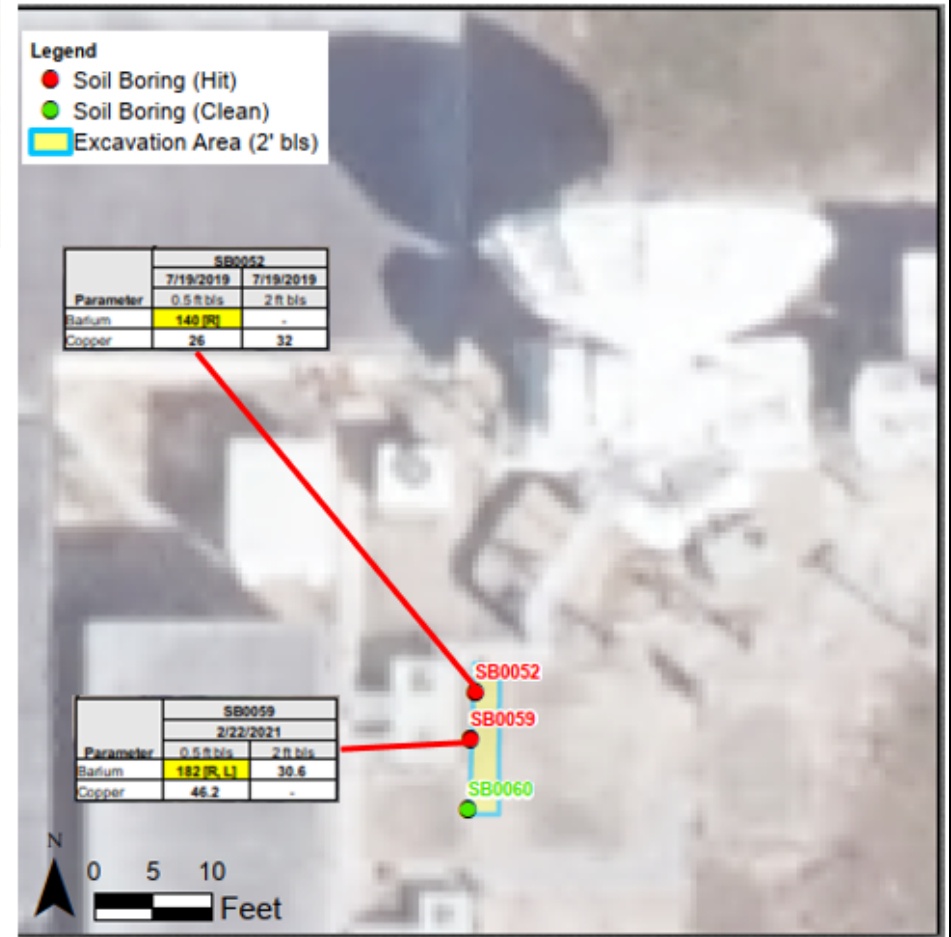
 Proposed Excavation Area (2' bls)

Figure 6  
LOC 3 - SB0054 Excavation Area





29 square feet  
2.2 cubic yards



■ Proposed Excavation Area (2' bls)

Figure 7  
LOC 3 - SB0060 Excavation Area