

**TABLE 1.1  
PARAGRAPHS 20-22 OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK V. ALLIED-SIGNAL INC. CONSENT DECREE**

| Excerpted Text  |
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| <p>20. Allied shall conduct, subject to State oversight and approval, a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (“RI/FS”) in compliance with CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9601 <i>et seq.</i>, as amended; the National Contingency Plan (“NCP”), 40 CFR Part 300 and any subsequent amendments thereto; applicable EPA guidance documents relating to the performance of the RI/FS including the EPA draft guidance document entitled “Guidance for Conducting Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Studies Under CERCLA,” EPA/540/G-89/004, dated October 1988 and any subsequent revisions thereto; the New York State ECL, regulations promulgated there under and, as appropriate, NYSDEC Technical and Administrative Guidance Memoranda, and any subsequent amendments or revisions thereto; and in compliance with the requirements of paragraphs 21 and 22, below. In the event of a conflict between Federal and State requirements, Allied shall comply with the more stringent requirements as determined by the State.</p> <p>In the event that any of the regulations, rules or guidance documents are amended after Allied has commenced work pursuant to this consent decree and compliance with the provision, as amended, would require Allied to re-perform work previously performed, then the State shall determine whether and to what extent Allied shall re-perform such work. If Allied disagrees with the State’s determination, it may invoke the dispute resolution provision in paragraph 42.</p> |
| <p>21. The RI/FS shall address contamination and the threat of further contamination of the Onondaga Lake System, including the threat of further contamination posed by the [Other Relevant Areas] ORAs<sup>1</sup>, resulting from Allied’s waste substances and the degradation products of such substances. The RI shall also identify and quantify other hazardous substances and contaminants that may be present in the [Onondaga Lake System] OLS<sup>2</sup>. To the extent necessary to accurately determine the impact on the OLS of Allied’s waste substances, the RI shall evaluate other hazardous substances and contaminants. The FS shall also address contamination resulting from the presence of substances that were generated or disposed of by entities other than Allied to the extent necessary for the purposes of evaluating and developing a remedial program with respect to Allied’s waste substances. In addition, as data is generated under the RI, the scope of the RI/FS may be modified subject to the agreement of the parties.</p>  |
| <p>22. It is hereby acknowledged that CERCLA, the NCP and CERCLA guidance documents apply to releases of hazardous substances as defined in CERCLA. It is the intention of the parties, for purpose of performing the RI/FS, that CERCLA and regulations and guidance documents there under, shall provide general guidance, as appropriate, with respect to such matters as the overall approach, quality and quantity of data, format, analytical methods and quality assurance/quality control methods for substances that may otherwise not be subject to such regulations and documents. It is not the intention of the parties to otherwise expand, by this provision, the applicability of CERCLA. Thus, for example, the standards and criteria by which the need for remedial action is determined for substances not covered by CERCLA, shall be established by reference to the State common law of public nuisance and other statutes and regulations, and not necessarily by reference to CERCLA.</p>  |

<sup>1</sup> Other Relevant Areas are defined as “...the Waste Beds, the Semet Tar Beds, the Willis Avenue Site and such other areas, as identified in the RI/FS Workplan or identified by information generated during the course of the RI/FS, from which there is a release or threat of release of Allied’s waste substances into the Onondaga Lake System.”

<sup>2</sup> The Onondaga Lake System is defined as “...the waters, beds and associated biota of Onondaga Lake, such tributaries of Onondaga Lake or portions thereof as may have been contaminated by Allied’s waste substances, including Geddes Brook and Ninemile Creek, and the outlet of Onondaga Lake known as the ‘Lake Outlet.’”

**TABLE 1.2  
PRODUCT LINES AND PERIODS OF PRODUCTION  
AT THE SYRACUSE WORKS**

| <b>Facility</b> | <b>Product Line</b>                        | <b>Period of Production</b> |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Main Plant      | Soda ash and related products              | 1884-1986                   |
|                 | Benzene, toluene, xylene, naphthalene      | 1915-1970                   |
| Willis Avenue   | Chlorinated benzenes and hydrochloric acid | 1918-1977                   |
|                 | Chlor-alkali products                      | 1918-1977                   |
| Bridge Street   | Chlor-alkali products                      | 1953-1979 <sup>a</sup>      |
|                 | Hydrogen peroxide                          | 1956-1969                   |

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**TABLE 1.3**  
**WASTE CHARACTERIZATION AND DISPOSAL AT THE SYRACUSE WORKS**

| Facility      | Waste Material  | Disposal   |
|---------------|---|--|
| Main Plant    | Cooling water, spills, leaks, washings<br>Solvay waste <sup>a</sup> (i.e., distiller waste muds, brine muds, waste lime, washings, spills)<br>Residue from BTX production <sup>b</sup><br>Fly ash, soot, water purification muds, and washings from power plant | East Flume<br>Wastebeds<br>Semet Residue Ponds <sup>c</sup><br>Wastebeds |
| Willis Avenue | Residue from chlorinated benzenes production <sup>d</sup><br>Cooling water, spills, leaks, washings, tail gas absorber discharge <sup>e</sup><br>Asbestos, washings, spills, lead, mercury, and occasional still bottoms  | Wastebeds, East Flume<br>East Flume<br>Wastebeds                         |
| Bridge Street | Cooling water, spills, leaks, washings, tail gas absorber discharge <sup>e</sup><br>Spills, washings, lead, mercury, asbestos, cooling water  | West Flume<br>Wastebeds  |

Note: BTX – benzene, toluene, xylene

Table adapted from Figure 18 of Site History Report and associated text (PTI 1992).

- <sup>a</sup> Solvay wastes were 60 to 70 percent water and composed primarily of calcium carbonate, calcium sulfate, and magnesium hydroxide, with lesser amounts of calcium oxide-calcium chloride complex, silicon dioxide, sodium chloride, calcium chloride, aluminum or iron oxides, calcium hydroxide, calcium sulfate, and metals
- <sup>b</sup> Consisting of acid sludge, waste caustic solution, and heavy gums (O'Brien and Gere 1990).
- <sup>c</sup> The Semet Residue Ponds are located on what was formerly Solvay Wastebed A.
- <sup>d</sup> Characterized as "heavy organic" residue consisting primarily of tri- and tetrachlorobenzenes. These wastes were periodically sold when there was a market for these products.
- <sup>e</sup> Consisting primarily of chlorine, salts, and carbonates. Tail gas absorber discharge was a residual portion of chlorine gas that could not be compressed and liquefied and was absorbed in caustic soda.

**TABLE 1.4  
GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

| <b>Term</b>                  | <b>Definition</b>   |
|------------------------------|---|
| anoxic                       | Containing no dissolved oxygen. Commonly used to indicate an environment that cannot support life, except for some types of bacteria.   |
| benthic                      | Associated with sediment.   |
| benthic macroinvertebrate    | Small but visible animals (e.g., insects, worms, clams, and snails) that live in or on the sediment at the bottom of a lake or stream.  |
| bioaccumulation              | The uptake and retention of substances from their surroundings by plants and animals.   |
| biologically active sediment | Generally, the top 6 inches (15 cm) of sediment where the majority of benthic macroinvertebrates reside and biological activity occurs.   |
| calcite                      | A mineral composed of calcium and carbonate.  |
| diffusion                    | The movement of dissolved constituents from areas of high concentration to areas of low concentration.  |
| epilimnetic                  | Associated with the epilimnion.   |
| epilimnion                   | During summer stratification, the upper portion of the water column located between the 0 and 30 ft (9 m) water depth in Onondaga Lake. The epilimnion is warm and well-mixed by wind and waves.  |
| eutrophication               | The change in biological, chemical, and physical conditions in a lake caused by increasing concentrations of algal nutrients (e.g., phosphorus) usually associated with human activities. Results of eutrophication include low water clarity, low dissolved oxygen, floating algae, anoxic conditions in the hypolimnion, changes in biological communities, and unpleasant odors. |
| hypolimnetic                 | Associated with the hypolimnion.  |
| hypolimnion                  | During summer stratification, the lower portion of the water column located between the 30 and 60 ft (9 to 18 m) water depth in Onondaga Lake. The hypolimnion is cool and not well-mixed by wind and waves.  |
| littoral sediment            | Sediments located beneath epilimnetic water in water depths less than 30 ft (9 m).  |
| macrophyte                   | Plants large enough to be seen without magnification. They may be rooted or free floating.  |
| mass balance analysis        | A method to account for the amount (mass or weight) of material that enters, exits, or accumulates in a lake by identifying and quantifying sources, sinks, and changes in concentration over a period of time. Ideally, the sum of sources and sinks balances the amount that accumulates.   |
| mercury methylation          | The process of bonding an organic molecule (a methyl group) to a mercury atom (mercuric ion) to form a new chemical, methylmercury.   |
| methane gas ebullition       | The process whereby gas bubbles that contain methane formed by bacteria in the sediments are released from the sediment to overlying lake water.  |

**TABLE 1.4 (CONTINUED)  
GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

| <b>Term</b>             | <b>Definition</b>  |
|-------------------------|--|
| oncolites               | Irregularly rounded, calcareous nodules that range in size from 0.5 to 30 cm and are not attached to substrates  |
| oxic                    | Containing dissolved oxygen. Commonly used to indicate a chemically oxidizing environment where substances like sulfide are not stable.  |
| oxygenated              | Water that was exposed to air/oxygen and as a result has dissolved oxygen.   |
| pelagic                 | Associated with the water column.  |
| phytoplankton           | Microscopic plant life (i.e., algae) that live in the water column of a lake and serve as food for zooplankton and some fish species.  |
| plankton                | Passively floating or weakly swimming, usually minute animals and plant life of a body of water.   |
| profundal sediment      | Sediments located beneath hypolimnetic water in water depths greater than 30 ft (9 m).   |
| resuspension            | The process of lifting sediment particles from the bottom of a lake into the overlying water. Resuspension can be caused by forces such as water turbulence from waves and currents, bottom-feeding fish (e.g., carp), and methane gas ebullition. The particles may settle back to the bottom or be carried away by currents. |
| stratification          | Containing distinct layers. During summer stratification, from approximately mid-May to mid-October, Onondaga Lake consists of two layers of water (i.e., the hypolimnion and the epilimnion).   |
| thermocline             | The boundary between the epilimnion and hypolimnion where the water temperature changes the fastest with changing depth.   |
| unconsolidated sediment | Sediment with no discernible layers.   |
| zooplankton             | Small planktonic animals that live in the water column of the lake and serve as food for some fish species.  |

**Note:** Definitions specific to Onondaga Lake are so noted.

**TABLE 1.5  
HONEYWELL UPLAND SITES AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION  
OF CPOIs TO ONONDAGA LAKE**

| <b>Site</b>                            | <b>Transport Pathway</b>  | <b>Primary CPOIs</b>  |
|--|---|---|
| Willis Avenue / East Flume             | Surface runoff, surface water, I-690 drains, shoreline seeps, groundwater | Mercury, BTEX, chlorinated benzenes (dissolved and DNAPL), PAHs, PCDD/PCDFs |
| Semet Residue Ponds                    | Groundwater discharge to Tributary 5A and Willis Avenue Site              | BTEX, PAHs  |
| Harbor Brook / Wastebed B <sup>a</sup> | Surface runoff, seeps, contaminated sediment, groundwater                 | Mercury, BTEX, PAHs, naphthalene, NAPL                                      |
| Wastebeds 1 to 8 <sup>b</sup>          | Erosion   | Solvay waste <sup>c</sup>   |
| LCP Bridge Street / West Flume         | Surface runoff, surface water, and groundwater to Geddes Brook            | Mercury   |
| Wastebeds 9 to 15                      | Surface runoff, seeps, and groundwater to Geddes Brook and Ninemile Creek | Dissolved ionic waste <sup>d</sup>  |
| Geddes Brook / Ninemile Creek          | Surface water   | Mercury, total suspended solids   |

**NOTES:**

- <sup>a</sup> Including former Barrett Paving facility
- <sup>b</sup> Wastebeds 1 to 8 are under investigation. Transport pathways and CPOIs relevant to Onondaga Lake have not been determined.
- <sup>c</sup> Solvay waste generally refers to material produced during the Solvay Process that was disposed in the waste beds. Solvay waste is considered a CPOI, present as a solid material, that is being eroded from Wastebeds 1 to 8 into to Geddes Brook / Ninemile Creek and Onondaga Lake.
- <sup>d</sup> Dissolved ionic waste contains calcium, chloride, iron, magnesium, manganese, potassium, sodium, and total dissolved solids. These dissolved ionic constituents are considered CPOIs that are potentially being transported from the Wastebeds to Geddes Brook / Ninemile Creek and Onondaga Lake via surface runoff, seeps and groundwater.

**TABLE 1.6  
NON-HONEYWELL UPLAND SITES AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION OF  
CPOIs TO ONONDAGA LAKE**

| <b>Site</b>   | <b>Transport Pathway</b>   | <b>Primary CPOIs</b>   |
|---|--|--|
| General Motors former Inland Fisher Guide facility and Ley Creek Deferred Media Site            | Surface runoff, surface water via Ley Creek  | PCBs, solvents, copper, nickel, chromium                                   |
| GM Old Ley Creek Channel Site   | Surface water via Ley Creek  | PCBs, metals   |
| GM Dredgings Site   | Surface water via Ley Creek  | PCBs   |
| Town of Salina Landfill   | Surface water via Ley Creek  | PCBs, paint sludges  |
| Oil City area   | Groundwater and Onondaga Creek   | BTEX, PAHs, chlorinated hydrocarbons, PCBs                                 |
| Former Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation manufactured gas plants on Hiawatha and Erie Boulevards | Groundwater from Hiawatha Boulevard site and groundwater-surface water to Onondaga Creek | PAHs, BTEX, phenols, cyanides, metals (DNAPL plume observed at both sites) |
| Metro Plant   | Treated wastewater and stormwater  | Metals (including mercury), other urban and industrial compounds           |
| American Bag and Metal Site   | Surface water via Onondaga Creek   | PCBs, paint wastes   |
| Roth Steel  | Surface water via Onondaga Creek   | PCBs   |
| Crucible Materials Corporation and Crucible Lake Pump Station disposal site                     | Surface water via Tributary 5A   | Metals   |
| Electronics Park facility   | Surface water via Bloody Brook   | Cadmium  |
| Urban runoff  | Overland flow  | PAHs, lead, chromium, copper, nickel, zinc                                 |

Based on information provided in the RI report (TAMS, 2002c).



**TABLE 1.7**  
**SUMMARY OF TOTAL EXCESS LIFETIME CANCER RISKS FOR**  
**PATHWAYS EXCEEDING  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  RISK LEVEL**

| Exposure Pathway and Receptor                  | Cancer Risks     |    |                  |    |                  |    | Primary Chemicals Contributing<br>to Risks for Pathways<br>with Risk Estimates Greater than $10^{-6}$ <sup>a</sup> |
|--|------------------|----|------------------|----|------------------|----|--|
|  | Risk > $10^{-4}$ |    | Risk > $10^{-5}$ |    | Risk > $10^{-6}$ |    |  |
|  | RME              | CT | RME              | CT | RME              | CT |  |
| <i>Fish consumption<sup>b</sup></i>            |                  |    |                  |    |                  |    |  |
| <i>All areas - Recreational user scenario</i>  |                  |    |                  |    |                  |    |  |
| Fish consumption - Adult                       | x                | -- | x                | x  | x                | x  | PCDDs/PCDFs; PCBs (total); arsenic   |
| Fish consumption - Younger child               | x                | -- | x                | x  | x                | x  | PCDDs/PCDFs; PCBs (total); arsenic   |
| Fish consumption - Older child                 | x                | -- | x                | x  | x                | x  | PCDDs/PCDFs; PCBs (total); arsenic   |
| <b>Sediments</b>                               |                  |    |                  |    |                  |    |  |
| <i>Northern Basin</i>                          |                  |    |                  |    |                  |    |  |
| Sediments - Adult recreational                 | --               | -- | --               | -- | x                | -- | Arsenic; benzo(a)pyrene; hexachlorobenzene   |
| Sediments - Younger child recreational         | --               | -- | --               | -- | x                | -- | Arsenic; benzo(a)pyrene; hexachlorobenzene   |
| Sediments - Older child recreational           | --               | -- | --               | -- | x                | -- | Arsenic; benzo(a)pyrene; hexachlorobenzene   |
| Sediments - Construction worker                | --               | -- | --               | -- | --               | -- | NA   |
| <i>Southern Basin</i>                          |                  |    |                  |    |                  |    |  |
| Surface sediments - Adult recreational         | --               | -- | x                | -- | x                | -- | Benzo(a)pyrene; dibenz(a,h)anthracene; PCDDs/PCDFs; hexachlorobenzene  |
| Surface sediments - Younger child recreational | --               | -- | x                | -- | x                | x  | Benzo(a)pyrene; dibenz(a,h)anthracene & other PAHs <sup>c</sup> ; PCDDs/PCDFs; hexachlorobenzene; arsenic          |
| Surface sediments - Older child recreational   | --               | -- | x                | -- | x                | x  | Benzo(a)pyrene & other PAHs; PCDDs/PCDFs; hexachlorobenzene; arsenic   |
| Surface sediments - Construction worker        | --               | -- | --               | -- | x                | -- | Benzo(a)pyrene; PCDDs/PCDFs; dibenz(a,h)anthracene   |
| <i>Wetland SYW-6 (North)</i>                   |                  |    |                  |    |                  |    |  |
| Surface sediments - Adult recreational         | --               | -- | x                | -- | x                | x  | Benzo(a)pyrene; dibenz(a,h)anthracene; benz(a)anthracene; benzo(b) and (k)fluoranthene; indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene     |
| Surface sediments - Older child recreational   | x                | -- | x                | x  | x                | x  | Benzo(a)pyrene; dibenz(a,h)anthracene; arsenic; benzo(b)fluoranthene; indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene                       |
| Surface sediments - Construction worker        | --               | -- | --               | -- | x                | x  | Benzo(a)pyrene; dibenz(a,h)anthracene  |
| <i>Wetland SYW-10 (North)</i>                  |                  |    |                  |    |                  |    |  |
| Surface sediments - Adult recreational         | --               | -- | --               | -- | x                | -- | Arsenic; benzo(a)pyrene  |
| Surface sediments - Older child recreational   | --               | -- | x                | -- | x                | x  | Arsenic; benzo(a)pyrene; dibenz(a,h)anthracene   |
| Surface sediments - Construction worker        | --               | -- | --               | -- | --               | -- | Arsenic; benzo(a)pyrene  |
| <i>Wetland SYW-12 (South)</i>                  |                  |    |                  |    |                  |    |  |
| Surface sediments - Adult recreational         | --               | -- | --               | -- | x                | -- | Benzo(a)pyrene   |
| Surface sediments - Older child recreational   | --               | -- | x                | -- | x                | -- | Benzo(a)pyrene; benz(a)anthracene  |
| Surface sediments - Construction worker        | --               | -- | --               | -- | x                | -- | Benzo(a)pyrene   |
| <i>Wetland SYW-19 (South)</i>                  |                  |    |                  |    |                  |    |  |
| Surface sediments - Adult recreational         | --               | -- | x                | -- | x                | -- | Benzo(a)pyrene; PCDDs/PCDFs; dibenz(a,h)anthracene   |
| Surface sediments - Older child recreational   | --               | -- | x                | -- | x                | x  | Benzo(a)pyrene and other PAHs <sup>d</sup> ; PCDDs/PCDFs; hexachlorobenzene  |

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**PATHWAYS EXCEEDING  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  RISK LEVEL**

| Exposure Pathway and Receptor              | Cancer Risks     |    |                  |    |                  |    | Primary Chemicals Contributing<br>to Risks for Pathways<br>with Risk Estimates Greater than $10^{-6}$ <sup>a</sup> |
|--|------------------|----|------------------|----|------------------|----|--|
|  | Risk > $10^{-4}$ |    | Risk > $10^{-5}$ |    | Risk > $10^{-6}$ |    |  |
|  | RME              | CT | RME              | CT | RME              | CT |  |
| Surface sediments - Construction worker    | --               | -- | --               | -- | x                | x  | Benzo(a)pyrene; PCDDs/PCDFs; dibenz(a,h)anthracene   |
| <b>Soils</b>                               |                  |    |                  |    |                  |    |  |
| <i>Dredge Spoils</i>                       |                  |    |                  |    |                  |    |  |
| Surface soils - Adult recreational         | --               | -- | --               | -- | x                | -- | Arsenic; benzo(a)pyrene  |
| Surface soils - Older child recreational   | --               | -- | --               | -- | x                | -- | Arsenic; benzo(a)pyrene; hexachlorobenzene   |
| Surface soils - Construction worker        | --               | -- | --               | -- | --               | -- | NA   |
| Subsurface soils - Construction worker     | --               | -- | --               | -- | x                | -- | Benzo(a)pyrene; arsenic; dibenz(a,h)anthracene   |
| <b>Surface Water</b>                       |                  |    |                  |    |                  |    |  |
| Surface water - Adult recreational         | --               | -- | --               | -- | --               | -- | NA   |
| Surface water - Younger child recreational | --               | -- | --               | -- | --               | -- | NA   |
| Surface water - Older child recreational   | --               | -- | --               | -- | --               | -- | NA   |
| Surface water - Construction worker        | --               | -- | --               | -- | --               | -- | NA   |

**Notes:** CT - Central tendency PAH - Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon PCDF - Polychlorinated dibenzofuran  
NA - Not applicable PCDD - Polychlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxin RME - Reasonable maximum exposure

<sup>a</sup> Based on Tables ES-4 from TAMS (2002b). Primary chemicals are those presenting 10 percent or more of risk for all pathways (except fish ingestion) contributing risk of  $10^{-6}$  or more.

<sup>b</sup> Principal chemicals for fish ingestion pathway are those accounting for a total of more than 90 percent of risk. Several semivolatile organic compounds and pesticides also contributed RME risk of  $10^{-6}$  or more.

<sup>c</sup> Other PAHs not listed individually (with RME risks greater than  $10^{-6}$ ) include dibenz(a,h)anthracene and benzo(b)fluoranthene.

<sup>d</sup> Other PAHs not listed individually (with RME risks greater than  $10^{-6}$ ) include dibenz(a,h)anthracene, indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene, benz(a)anthracene and benzo(b)fluoranthene.

**TABLE 1.8**  
**SUMMARY OF NON-CANCER HAZARDS FOR PATHWAYS EXCEEDING A HAZARD INDEX OF 1**

| Exposure Pathway and Receptor <sup>a</sup>    | Non-Cancer Hazards |    | Primary Chemicals Contributing to Hazard Indices <sup>b</sup>  |
|---|--------------------|----|--|
|   | HI > 1             |    |  |
|   | RME                | CT |  |
| <i>Fish consumption</i>                       |                    |    |  |
| <i>All areas - Recreational user scenario</i> |                    |    |  |
| Fish consumption - Adult                      | x                  | x  | Low and high molecular weight PCBs, mercury (as methylmercury) |
| Fish consumption - Younger child              | x                  | x  | Low and high molecular weight PCBs, mercury (as methylmercury) |
| Fish consumption - Older child                | x                  | x  | Low and high molecular weight PCBs, mercury (as methylmercury) |

**Notes:**

CT - Central tendency

PCB - Polychlorinated biphenyl

HI - Hazard index

RME - Reasonable maximum exposure

<sup>a</sup> Sediment, soil, and surface water pathways did not have non-cancer hazard indices greater than 1.

<sup>b</sup> Based on Table ES-5 from TAMS (2002b). Primary chemicals are those with hazard quotients greater than 1.

**TABLE 1.9**  
**CHEMICALS OF CONCERN SELECTED IN THE BERA FOR**  
**ONONDAGA LAKE MEDIA BASED ON INITIAL SCREENING**

| <b>Chemical</b>                   | <b>Water</b> | <b>Sediment</b> | <b>Soil</b> | <b>Plants</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| <i>Metals</i>                     |              |                 |             |               |
| Antimony                          | --           | X               | X           | --            |
| Arsenic                           | --           | X               | X           | X             |
| Barium                            | X            | --              | X           | --            |
| Cadmium                           | --           | X               | X           | X             |
| Chromium                          | --           | X               | X           | X             |
| Copper                            | X            | X               | X           | X             |
| Iron                              | --           | --              | X           | --            |
| Lead                              | X            | X               | X           | X             |
| Manganese                         | X            | X               | X           | --            |
| Mercury/Methylmercury             | X            | X               | X           | X             |
| Nickel                            | --           | X               | X           | X             |
| Selenium                          | --           | X               | X           | X             |
| Silver                            | --           | X               | X           | X             |
| Thallium                          | --           | --              | X           | X             |
| Vanadium                          | X            | X               | X           | X             |
| Zinc                              | X            | X               | X           | X             |
| Cyanide                           | --           | --              | X           | --            |
| <i>Volatile Organic Compounds</i> |              |                 |             |               |
| Benzene                           | --           | X               | X           | --            |
| Chlorobenzene                     | X            | X               | X           | --            |
| Dichlorobenzenes (Sum)            | X            | X               | X           | --            |
| Ethylbenzene                      | --           | X               | --          | --            |
| Toluene                           | --           | X               | --          | --            |
| Trichlorobenzenes (sum)           | X            | X               | X           | --            |
| Xylene isomers                    | --           | X               | --          | --            |

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| Chemical                                    | Water | Sediment | Soil | Plants |
|---|-------|----------|------|--------|
| <i>Semivolatile Organic Compounds</i>       |       |          |      |        |
| Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate                  | X     | --       | --   | --     |
| Dibenzofuran                                | --    | X        | --   | --     |
| Hexachlorobenzene                           | --    | X        | X    | --     |
| Phenol                                      | --    | X        | X    | --     |
| Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (total)    | --    | X        | X    | --     |
| <i>Pesticides/Polychlorinated Biphenyls</i> |       |          |      |        |
| Aldrin                                      | --    | --       | X    | --     |
| Chlordane isomers                           | --    | X        | X    | --     |
| DDT and metabolites                         | --    | X        | X    | --     |
| Dieldrin                                    | --    | X        | X    | --     |
| Endrin                                      | --    | --       | --   | --     |
| Hexachlorocyclohexanes                      | --    | --       | X    | --     |
| Heptachlor and heptachlor epoxide           | --    | X        | --   | --     |
| Polychlorinated biphenyls (total)           | --    | X        | X    | --     |
| <i>Dioxins/Furans</i>                       |       |          |      |        |
| PCDD/PCDFs (total)                          | --    | X        | X    | --     |

**Notes:** PCDD - Polychlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxin  
PCDF - Polychlorinated dibenzofuran

Based on Table 8-1 from TAMS (2002a). Risks to fish and wildlife receptors were evaluated in the exposure assessment (see Table 1.10).

**TABLE 1.10**  
**HAZARD QUOTIENTS FOR ECOLOGICAL RECEPTORS**

| Receptor <sup>a</sup>    | 95% UCL<br>NOAEL | Mean<br>NOAEL | 95% UCL<br>LOAEL | Mean<br>LOAEL |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| <b>FISH<sup>b</sup></b>  |                  |               |                  |               |
| Arsenic                  | 4.0 - 1.4        | 2.4 - 0.70    | 1.5 - 0.50       | 0.90 - 0.30   |
| Chromium                 | 61 - 2.5         | 16 - 2.3      | 18 - 0.90        | 4.6 - 0.70    |
| Mercury                  | 15 - 4.3         | 14 - 2.7      | 5.2 - 1.4        | 4.6 - 0.90    |
| Methylmercury            | 18 - 2.3         | 15 - 2.1      | 6.1 - 0.80       | 5.1 - 0.70    |
| Selenium                 | 20 - 7.8         | 10 - 4.8      | 2.0 - 0.80       | 1.0 - 0.50    |
| Vanadium                 | 29 - 20          | 20 - 11       | 2.9 - 2.0        | 2.0 - 1.1     |
| Zinc                     | 13 - 0.50        | 6.1 - 0.50    | 11 - 0.40        | 5.2 - 0.40    |
| Endrin                   | 1.0 - 0.10       | 0.50 - 0.12   | 0.10 - 0.014     | 0.016 - 0.012 |
| PCBs                     | 2.8 - 0.50       | 1.5 - 0.30    | 0.60 - 0.10      | 0.30 - 0.10   |
| PCDD/PCDFs               | 2.6 - 0.40       | 1.0 - 0.10    | 1.2 - 0.20       | 0.50 - 0.10   |
| <b>BIRDS</b>             |                  |               |                  |               |
| <b>Tree Swallow</b>      |                  |               |                  |               |
| Barium                   | 10               | 8.3           | 5.1              | 4.1           |
| Cadmium                  | 7.0              | 4.6           | 0.50             | 0.30          |
| Chromium                 | 53               | 57            | 11               | 11            |
| Lead                     | 1.8              | 1.3           | 0.18             | 0.13          |
| Mercury                  | 6.5              | 3.1           | 3.3              | 1.5           |
| Methylmercury            | 19               | 11            | 1.9              | 1.1           |
| Selenium                 | 6.8              | 5.7           | 3.4              | 2.7           |
| Zinc                     | 6.4              | 5.6           | 0.64             | 0.56          |
| Dichlorobenzenes         | 3.0              | 1.4           | 0.30             | 0.14          |
| PAHs                     | 287              | 292           | 29               | 29            |
| PCBs                     | 1.9              | 1.8           | 0.19             | 0.18          |
| PCDD/PCDFs               | 5.6              | 1.3           | 0.60             | 0.13          |
| <b>Mallard</b>           |                  |               |                  |               |
| Barium                   | 2.4              | 1.8           | 1.2              | 0.90          |
| Cadmium                  | 1.0              | 0.7           | 0.10             | 0.047         |
| Chromium                 | 10               | 9.7           | 2.1              | 1.9           |
| Methylmercury            | 4.3              | 2.7           | 0.43             | 0.27          |
| Zinc                     | 1.2              | 1.0           | 0.13             | 0.10          |
| Dichlorobenzenes         | 2.1              | 0.30          | 0.21             | 0.03          |
| PAHs                     | 393              | 118           | 39               | 12            |
| PCDD/PCDFs               | 1.4              | 0.31          | 0.14             | 0.031         |
| <b>Belted Kingfisher</b> |                  |               |                  |               |
| Methylmercury            | 23               | 20            | 2.3              | 0.20          |
| PAHs                     | 12               | 3.7           | 1.2              | 0.40          |
| DDTr                     | 19               | 12            | 1.9              | 1.2           |
| PCBs                     | 11               | 3.1           | 1.1              | 0.31          |
| PCDD/PCDFs               | 1.8              | 1.4           | 0.18             | 0.14          |
| <b>Great Blue Heron</b>  |                  |               |                  |               |
| Methylmercury            | 18               | 15            | 1.8              | 0.15          |
| Zinc                     | 1.1              | 0.80          | 0.11             | 0.08          |
| PAHs                     | 4.0              | 1.2           | 0.40             | 0.12          |
| DDTr                     | 8.0              | 5.3           | 0.80             | 0.53          |
| PCBs                     | 2.7              | 1.4           | 0.27             | 0.14          |
| <b>Osprey</b>            |                  |               |                  |               |
| Methylmercury            | 24               | 20            | 2.4              | 2.0           |
| Zinc                     | 1.6              | 1.2           | 0.16             | 0.12          |
| DDTr                     | 9.3              | 6.3           | 0.93             | 0.63          |
| PCBs                     | 2.5              | 0.20          | 0.25             | 0.02          |
| <b>Red-Tailed Hawk</b>   |                  |               |                  |               |
| PAHs                     | 252              | 14            | 25               | 1.4           |
| DDTr                     | 1.5              | 0.33          | 0.15             | 0.033         |
| PCDD/PCDFs               | 9.9              | 1.0           | 0.99             | 0.10          |

**TABLE 1.10 (Continued)**  
**HAZARD QUOTIENTS FOR ECOLOGICAL RECEPTORS**

| Receptor <sup>a</sup>                 | 95% UCL<br>NOAEL | Mean<br>NOAEL | 95% UCL<br>LOAEL | Mean LOAEL   |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>MAMMALS</b>                        |                  |               |                  |              |
| <b>Mink</b>                           |                  |               |                  |              |
| Methylmercury                         | 12               | 9.4           | 0.12             | 0.94         |
| Hexachlorobenzene                     | 9.2              | 1.1           | 0.92             | 0.11         |
| PAHs                                  | 33               | 4.5           | 3.3              | 0.45         |
| PCBs                                  | 109              | 34            | 11               | 0.34         |
| PCDD/PCDFs                            | 42               | 4.9           | 4.2              | 0.49         |
| <b>River Otter</b>                    |                  |               |                  |              |
| Methylmercury                         | 43               | 36            | 4.3              | 3.6          |
| PAHs                                  | 5.2              | 1.6           | 0.52             | 0.16         |
| DDTr                                  | 5.9              | 2.3           | 1.2              | 0.50         |
| PCBs                                  | 130              | 69            | 13               | 6.9          |
| PCDD/PCDFs                            | 2.8              | 1.5           | 0.28             | 0.15         |
| <b>Little Brown Bat</b>               |                  |               |                  |              |
| Arsenic                               | 1.1              | 0.80          | 0.10             | 0.080        |
| Barium                                | 2.1              | 1.7           | 1.3              | 1.0          |
| Cadmium                               | 4.5              | 3             | 0.45             | 0.30         |
| Chromium                              | 7.2              | 7.8           | 1.8              | 1.9          |
| Copper                                | 1.4              | 1.1           | 1.1              | 0.9          |
| Methylmercury                         | 21               | 13            | 2.1              | 1.3          |
| Mercury                               | 1.3              | 0.60          | 0.13             | 0.06         |
| Vanadium                              | 2.7              | 1.9           | 0.27             | 0.19         |
| Total Xylenes                         | 2.3              | 0.5           | 1.9              | 0.40         |
| Hexachlorobenzene                     | 6                | 4.6           | 0.60             | 0.46         |
| PAHs                                  | 18               | 19            | 1.8              | 1.9          |
| PCDD/PCDFs                            | 11               | 2.9           | 1.1              | 0.29         |
| <b>Short-Tailed Shrew<sup>c</sup></b> |                  |               |                  |              |
| Arsenic                               | 2.0-1.4          | 1.1 - 0.99    | 0.20 - 0.14      | 0.10 - 0.099 |
| Cadmium                               | 11 - 7.5         | 5.0 - 3.5     | 1.1 - 0.75       | 0.50 - 0.35  |
| Chromium                              | 1.0 - 0.70       | 0.40 - 0.30   | 0.20             | 0.10         |
| Lead                                  | 1.5 - 1.0        | 0.7           | 0.1              | 0.1          |
| Methylmercury                         | 22 - 19          | 19            | 2.2 - 1.9        | 1.9          |
| Selenium                              | 1.7 - 0.7        | 0.70 - 0.40   | 1.0 - 0.50       | 0.40 - 0.30  |
| Thallium                              | 2.6 - ND         | 1.4 - ND      | 0.26 - ND        | 0.14 - ND    |
| Vanadium                              | 2.9 - 2.0        | 1.7 - 1.1     | 0.29 - 0.20      | 0.17 - 0.11  |
| Hexachlorobenzene                     | 1.8 - ND         | 0.49 - ND     | 0.18 - ND        | 0.049 - ND   |
| PAHs                                  | 213 - 191        | 61 - 47       | 21 - 19          | 6.1 - 4.7    |
| Dieldrin                              | 1.1 - ND         | 0.60 - ND     | 0.60 - ND        | 0.30 - ND    |
| PCDD/PCDFs                            | 15               | 5.9           | 1.5              | 0.59         |

- Notes:**
- DDTr - Dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane and its natural metabolites
  - LOAEL - Lowest observed adverse effect level
  - ND - Not detected
  - NOAEL - No observed adverse effect level
  - PAH - Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
  - PCB - Polychlorinated biphenyl
  - PCDD - Polychlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxin
  - PCDF - Polychlorinated dibenzofuran

<sup>a</sup> Fish hazard quotients are based on measured fish concentrations. Bird and mammal hazard quotients are based on modeled exposure.

<sup>b</sup> Range represents the minimum and maximum hazard quotients for all fish species assessed.

<sup>c</sup> Range represents the minimum and maximum hazard quotients assessed for Wetlands SYW-6 and SYW-12 only.

Boxed entries equal or exceed a hazard quotient of 1.0.

This table is based on Tables 8-4, 8-5, 8-6, and 8-7 in the RI report (TAMS 2002c).

**TABLE 1.11**  
**SITE-SPECIFIC SEDIMENT EFFECT CONCENTRATIONS DERIVED FOR**  
**ONONDAGA LAKE BASED ON 1992 DATA**

|  | ER-L | TEL   | ER-M  | PEL   | AET   | PEC   |
|--|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Metals (mg/kg)</b>                    |      |       |       |       |       |       |
| Antimony                                 | 3.1  | 4     | 3.1   | 4.3   | NC    | 3.6   |
| Arsenic                                  | 0.90 | 1.29  | 4.4   | 3.55  | 4.3   | 2.4   |
| Cadmium                                  | 0.94 | 1.42  | 2.1   | 3.11  | 8.6   | 2.4   |
| Chromium                                 | 17.6 | 29.3  | 47.9  | 67.3  | 195   | 50.3  |
| Copper                                   | 12.3 | 19.1  | 40.7  | 48.3  | 83.7  | 32.9  |
| Lead                                     | 9.68 | 13.3  | 56.9  | 57.6  | 116   | 34.5  |
| Manganese                                | 197  | 231   | 280   | 295   | 445   | 278   |
| Total Mercury                            | 0.51 | 0.99  | 2.8   | 2.84  | 13    | 2.2   |
| Nickel                                   | 5.22 | 8.37  | 20.9  | 25.8  | 50    | 16.4  |
| Selenium                                 | 0.42 | 0.4   | 0.6   | 0.68  | 0.94  | 0.58  |
| Silver                                   | 0.82 | 0.9   | 1.2   | 1.42  | 2.7   | 1.28  |
| Vanadium                                 | 2.7  | 3.4   | 6     | 8.3   | 12.2  | 5.6   |
| Zinc                                     | 37.9 | 56.7  | 94.6  | 120   | 218   | 88    |
| <b>Organic Compounds</b>                 |      |       |       |       |       |       |
| <b>BTEX Compounds (ug/kg)</b>            |      |       |       |       |       |       |
| Benzene                                  | 27.3 | 42.4  | 42    | 299   | 5300  | 150   |
| Ethylbenzene                             | 142  | 206.0 | 657   | 657   | 13.3  | 176   |
| Toluene                                  | 13.1 | 15.9  | 27.5  | 50.3  | 443   | 41.8  |
| Xylenes                                  | 153  | 367   | 1,640 | 997   | 606   | 560.8 |
| <b>Chlorinated Benzenes (ug/kg)</b>      |      |       |       |       |       |       |
| Chlorobenzene                            | 64.4 | 48.3  | 580   | 799   | 10000 | 428   |
| Dichlorobenzenes                         | 21.5 | 44.2  | 773   | 765   | 1373  | 239   |
| Trichlorobenzenes                        | 186  | 209   | 930   | 482   | 287   | 347   |
| Hexachlorobenzene                        | 7.16 | 8.9   | 28    | 23.6  | 28    | 16.4  |
| <b>Polychlorinated Biphenyls (ug/kg)</b> |      |       |       |       |       |       |
| Aroclor 1016                             | 99   | 104   | 135   | 135   | 90    | 111   |
| Aroclor 1248                             | 82   | 99    | 300   | 307   | 470   | 204   |
| Aroclor 1254                             | 68.5 | 74    | 82.5  | 79.7  | 77    | 76    |
| Aroclor 1260                             | 80   | 115   | 240   | 221   | 240   | 164   |
| Total PCBs                               | 136  | 151   | 400   | 382   | 710   | 295   |
| <b>PAH Compounds (ug/kg)</b>             |      |       |       |       |       |       |
| Acenaphthene                             | 469  | 478   | 1,200 | 1,030 | 1700  | 861   |
| Acenaphthylene                           | 507  | 673   | 1,850 | 1,970 | 3000  | 1301  |
| Anthracene                               | 33   | 49.6  | 210   | 249   | 4400  | 207   |
| Benz[a]anthracene                        | 60.7 | 118   | 415   | 451   | NC    | 192   |
| Benzo[a]pyrene                           | 62.8 | 98.2  | 210   | 355   | NC    | 146   |



**TABLE 1.11 (Continued)**  
**SITE-SPECIFIC SEDIMENT EFFECT CONCENTRATIONS DERIVED FOR**  
**ONONDAGA LAKE BASED ON 1992 DATA**

|                            | ER-L | TEL  | ER-M  | PEL   | AET   | PEC  |
|----------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Benzo[b]fluoranthene       | 63.1 | 80.9 | 240   | 253   | 1100  | 908  |
| Benzo[ghi]perylene         | 228  | 307  | 1,300 | 1,170 | 2700  | 780  |
| Benzo[k]fluoranthene       | 63.1 | 80.9 | 240   | 253   | 1100  | 203  |
| Chrysene                   | 100  | 172  | 440   | 541   | NC    | 253  |
| Dibenz[a,h]anthracene      | 49.4 | 67.7 | 180   | 218   | 730   | 157  |
| Dibenzofuran               | 340  | 295  | 340   | 561   | NC    | 372  |
| Fluoranthene               | 140  | 483  | 1,400 | 2,482 | 26000 | 1436 |
| Fluorene                   | 55.2 | 66.9 | 305   | 327   | 3500  | 264  |
| Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene     | 58.8 | 102  | 370   | 503   | NC    | 183  |
| Naphthalene                | 340  | 471  | 1,400 | 1,380 | 2100  | 917  |
| Phenanthrene               | 92.2 | 135  | 480   | 491   | 16000 | 543  |
| Pyrene                     | 114  | 238  | 650   | 795   | NC    | 344  |
| <b>Other SVOCs (ug/kg)</b> |      |      |       |       |       |      |
| Phenol                     | 45   | 45   | 45    | 45    | 45    | 45   |
| <b>Pesticides (ug/kg)</b>  |      |      |       |       |       |      |
| DDT and Metabolites        | 47   | 23.7 | 47    | 26.6  | 16.3  | 29.6 |
| Chlordane                  | NC   | 5.08 | NC    | 5.08  | NC    | 5.1  |

**Notes:**

- |      |   |     |   |
|------|---|-----|---|
| AET  | - apparent effects threshold  | PCB | - polychlorinated biphenyl  |
| BTEX | - benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes   | PAH | - polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon   |
| ER-L | - effects range-low   | PEC | - probable effect concentration (defined as the geometric mean of the five SECs for each analyte) |
| ER-M | - effects range-median  | PEL | - probable effect level   |
| NC   | - Not calculated due to insufficient number of detected observations or data points | TEL | - threshold effect level  |

<sup>a</sup> Based on Table 8-3 from TAMS (2002a).

**TABLE 1.12  
CPOIS CONTRIBUTING TO SEDIMENT TOXICITY TO BENTHIC  
MACROINVERTEBRATES IN ONONDAGA LAKE**

| <b>Group</b>         | <b>CPOI</b>   |
|----------------------|---|
| Metals               | Mercury   |
| BTEX                 | Ethylbenzene<br>Xylenes   |
| Chlorinated Benzenes | Chlorobenzene<br>Dichlorobenzenes<br>Trichlorobenzenes  |
| PAHs                 | Acenaphthene<br>Acenaphthylene<br>Anthracene<br>Benz[a]anthracene<br>Benzo[a]pyrene<br>Benzo[b]fluoranthene<br>Benzo[ghi]perylene<br>Benzo[k]fluoranthene<br>Chrysene<br>Dibenz[a,h]anthracene<br>Fluoranthene<br>Fluorene<br>Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene<br>Naphthalene<br>Phenanthrene<br>Pyrene |
| PCBs                 | Total PCBs  |

See Appendix J for description of how CPOIs were identified.

**TABLE 1.13  
KEY HUMAN HEALTH RISK CONCERNS IN ONONDAGA LAKE**

| <b>Medium</b>               | <b>Human Health Risk Concerns</b> |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
|                             | <b>Pathways</b>                   | <b>CPOIs</b>                                 |
| <b>Sediment<sup>a</sup></b> | Direct exposure                   | Arsenic, PAHs, PCDD/PCDFs, hexachlorobenzene |
| <b>Fish Tissue</b>          | Fish consumption                  | Methylmercury, PCBs, PCDD/PCDFs, arsenic     |
| <b>Water<sup>b</sup></b>    | Fish consumption                  | Methylmercury                                |

**NOTES:**

<sup>a</sup> Estimated cancer risks related to direct exposure were highest (i.e., exceeded  $1 \times 10^{-5}$ ) for sediments in the south basin. Estimated cancer risk related to exposure to sediment in the north basin only exceeded  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  for the reasonable maximum exposure and was not further evaluated in the FS.

<sup>b</sup> Cancer risks related to direct exposure, including incidental ingestion, were estimated in the HHRA to be less than  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ . NYSDEC surface water quality standards protective of human health via direct exposure were occasionally exceeded for benzene, chlorobenzene, and dichlorobenzenes and were regularly exceeded for dissolved mercury (via fish consumption).

**TABLE 1.14  
KEY ECOLOGICAL RISK CONCERNS IN ONONDAGA LAKE**

| Medium                   | Ecological Risk Concerns   |   |  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|
|                          | Receptors                  | Pathways                                      | CPOIs <sup>a</sup>   |
| Sediment <sup>b</sup>    | Benthic macroinvertebrates | Direct exposure                               | Mercury, ethylbenzene, xylenes, chlorobenzene, dichlorobenzenes, trichlorobenzenes, PAHs, total PCBs |
|                          | Wildlife                   | Benthic macroinvertebrates/insect consumption | PAHs, barium, chromium, mercury, methylmercury, selenium   |
|                          |                            | Fish consumption                              | Methylmercury, PCBs, DDT   |
| Fish Tissue <sup>c</sup> | Wildlife                   | Fish consumption                              | Methylmercury, PCBs, DDT   |
| Water <sup>d</sup>       | Wildlife                   | Fish consumption                              | Methylmercury  |

<sup>a</sup> Identification of CPOIs for key risk concerns focused on CPOIs contributing to sediment toxicity to benthic macroinvertebrates and CPOIs for which the mean LOAEL HQs exceeded 1.0 (for risk to wildlife).

<sup>b</sup> Stressors of concern were noted for direct exposure. These included calcitic sediments and oncolites. Impaired benthic communities were noted in various areas of the lake.

<sup>c</sup> Risks (mean LOAEL HQs greater than 1.0) were also identified for fish exposed to various CPOIs (chromium, mercury, methylmercury, selenium, vanadium, zinc) by comparison of fish tissue data to literature-derived toxicity reference values.

<sup>d</sup> Exceedance of narrative water quality standards (turbidity and suspended solids) and presence of stressors (salinity, dissolved oxygen, ammonia, phosphorus, sulfide, chloride, low transparency) was also noted in the BERA. Occasional exceedances of NYSDEC surface water quality standards for barium, copper, lead, manganese, zinc, trichlorobenzenes, bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate were also noted in the BERA (TAMS, 2002a).