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September 17, 2015

Mr. Matt Cison Optima, Inc. 630 Vernon Avenue Glencoe, IL 60022

#### RE: Radiological Survey of Right-of-Way Utility Excavations Permit No.: 569995344 and 569467662 Permit Address: 221-251 East Grand Avenue AECOM Project No. 60331497

Dear Mr. Cison

Pursuant to conditions specified in permits (see attached) issued by the City of Chicago, radiation monitoring was required to be performed at the above referenced site. AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) provided the required radiation surveillance between July 21 and August 28, 2014 for excavations to install sewer, water, and electrical services for the ongoing high-rise construction project on East Grand Avenue.

Surveying was performed on the soil removed from six separate excavations. Gamma radiation count measurements for the project were made using Ludlum Model 2221 survey meter and an unshielded 2 x 2 inch Nal probe (Model 44-10). Three separate Ludlum units were utilized during surveying activities, which each exhibit slightly different gamma count threshold values equivalent to the clean-up value established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the Streeterville area of Chicago, Illinois. The USEPA cleanup value for Chicago's Streeterville area is 7.1 picocuries per gram (pCi/g) total radium (Ra-226 + Ra-228). The field instrument thresholds equivalent to the USEPA cleanup value are provided on the attached figures.

The field gamma background for the area for the instruments was approximately 7,000 cpm unshielded as measured at the exposed soil beneath concrete areas. The field background measurement is important because field gamma measurements greater than twice the background count may be considered anomalous results that potentially indicate contaminated fill soil is in close proximity to the excavation. When results greater than twice background are observed, they require more cautious and frequent field screening, but are not necessarily indications of the presence of thorium contaminated fill soil. Specifically, there are naturally materials such as granite, clay and brick that may be above twice background. In any case, the field gamma measurements within the excavations and for the spoil materials generated during the excavation process for this project did not exceed twice background or the field instrument threshold equivalent to the USEPA cleanup value. The following briefly describes the completed excavations;

Radiation surveillance of two trench excavations (Trench 2, Figure 1) occurred on July 21- 24, 2015 to address an installation of an electrical (ComEd) connection to the building property. The surveying was performed on the soil removed from two adjacent trenches with a total dimension of 29-foot by 16-foot excavation to an approximate depth of 4-foot to 9.5-foot below ground surface (bgs).

Radiation surveillance of a trench excavation (Trench 1, Figure 1) occurred on July 28 and 29, 2015 to address an installation of a sewer line. The surveying was performed on the soil removed from the trench with a total dimension of 40-foot by 5-foot excavation to an approximate depth of 9-foot bgs. The

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maximum gamma readings observed was 11,200 cpm. The monitoring revealed no indication of fill soils above the clean-up value established by the USEPA for the Streeterville area of Chicago, Illinois.

Radiation surveillance of a trench excavation (Trench 3, Figure 1) occurred on August 27 and 28, 2015 to address an installation of two water lines. The surveying was performed on the soil removed from an irregularly shaped trench with a total approximate dimension of 24-foot by 16-foot excavation to an approximate depth of 9-foot bgs. The monitoring revealed no indication of fill soils above the clean-up value established by the USEPA for the Streeterville area of Chicago, Illinois.

Gamma radiation count measurements for the excavations in Trenches 1-3 were made using Ludlum Model 2221 (S/N 176944) survey meter and an unshielded 2 x 2 inch Nal probe (Model 44-10). For the instrument used, the gamma count threshold indicative of the 7.1 pCi/g cleanup value is 18,279 counts per minute (cpm) unshielded (6,282 cpm shielded). The maximum gamma readings observed for trenches 1-3 were 10,700, 8,200 and 11,650 cpm, respectively.

Radiation surveillance of a trench excavation (Trench 4, Figure 1) occurred on August 5, 6, and 7, 2015 for installation of a sewer line. The surveying was performed on the soil removed from the trench with a total dimension of 35-foot by 4-foot excavation to an approximate depth of 7-foot to 9-foot bgs. Subsurface material directly beneath the existing roadway was composed of granite pavers. The remaining subsurface material was composed of urban fill and obstructions including concrete beams, old duct banks, and sand. Rails and timbers were identified along the north wall of the excavation. The maximum gamma reading observed was 10,640 cpm, thus, the monitoring revealed no indication of fill soils above the clean-up value established by the USEPA for the Streeterville area of Chicago, Illinois.

Radiation surveillance of a trench excavation (Trench 5, Figure 1) occurred on August 11and 12, 2015 to address an installation of a sewer line. The surveying was performed on the soil removed from the trench with a total dimension of 35-foot by 4-foot excavation to an approximate depth of 9-foot bgs. Subsurface material directly beneath the existing roadway was composed of granite pavers. The remaining subsurface material was composed of urban fill and obstructions including concrete beams /obstructions, and sand. Rail lines and timbers were identified along the north wall of the excavation. The north wall of Trench 5 exhibit elevated reading of 18,344 cpm, greater than twice the background reading but less than the cleanup threshold of 19,294 cpm. The area was located approximately 18-inches bgs in close proximity to identified pavers and a streetcar rail line. The elevated reading was attributed to the naturally occurring radiological characteristics of granite pavers identified within the trench. Readings of excavated spoil from the area were identified to be less than 8,000 cpm, thus, the monitoring revealed no indication of fill soils above the clean-up value established by the USEPA for the Streeterville area of Chicago, Illinois.

Radiation surveillance of a trench excavation (Trench 6, Figure 2) occurred on August 14 and 17, 2015 to install a sewer line. The excavation was in the alley and is believed by AECOM to be in an area previously screened, but screening was performed at the request of the USEPA. The surveying was performed on the soil removed from the trench with a total dimension of 80-foot by 8 to 4-foot excavation to an approximate depth of 9-feet bgs. Subsurface material was composed of 3-inch stone and fine grained sand. Additional concrete obstructions were encountered. For Trench 6 the instrument used, the gamma count threshold equivalent to the 7.1 pCi/g cleanup value is 17,025 cpm. The maximum gamma reading observed was approximately 8,000 cpm. Thus, the monitoring revealed no indication of fill soils above the clean-up value established by the USEPA for the Streeterville area of Chicago, Illinois.

In summary, the field gamma measurements for the excavations mentioned above did not exceed the instrument thresholds previously and ranged from a minimum of 4,100 cpm to a maximum of 11,200 cpm unshielded. One anomalous reading of 18,344 cpm, attributed to the granite pavers, occurred at the north wall of Trench 5 at 18-inches bgs. Therefore, there was no indication of the presence of radiologically-contaminated material and/or an exceedance of the USEPA cleanup value of 7.1 pCi/g total radium for the various trench excavations.

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As part of the permit conditions this letter has been forwarded to:

Chicago Department of Public Health Attention: Ms. Rahmat Begum 333 South State Street, Room 200 Chicago, Illinois 60604

Please contact us with any questions you have regarding this letter or the reported results. Regards,

Andrew Kozak Geologist

Steven C. Kornder, Ph.D. Senior Project Geoscientist

cc: Rahmat Begum, Chicago Department of Public Health Verneta Simon, USEPA

Attachments: Permits Figures PERMITS



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

## CITY OF CHICAGO

TO: Mary Fulghum USEPA Region V Office of the Regional Counsel Streeterville Investigation Area 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, Illinois 60604

**FROM:** Terry Sheahan, Environmental Engineer III Chicago Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: Notification of Permit application - Streeterville Investigation Area

DATE:

Pursuant to Condition 10(a) of the Right-of-Way agreement dated September 17, 1999, this is to inform you that a permit has been applied for with the City of Chicago Department of Transportation to conduct subsurface activities at the subject right-of-way. The applicant has contacted this Department and has reviewed additional information regarding potential contamination at the subject site (see attached form ROW/Private Property form).

7/23/2015 221-281 E. Grand Ave

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (312) 745-3133 or Rahmat Begum at (312) 745-3152.

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# (STREETERVILLE - Private Property)

otice is hereby given that the site you have requested a permit for is recorded with the City of Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) ; potentially having environmental contamination on the site. This environmental contamination could present a threat to human health and ifety in connection with work performed at the site, if proper safeguards are not employed.

file containing detailed information regarding the aforementioned environmental contamination is available for review at CDPH at 333 S. tate St., Room 200, Chicago, Illinois 60604 during normal business hours (8:30AM-4:30PM, Monday through Friday). Contact (312) 745-152 for an appointment. This file must be reviewed and the remainder of this form completed before the permit can be issued if the ground is cposed or excavated. Please note that for some locations, additional health and safety procedures may be required by law.

lease complete the following:

have reviewed and understand the documents, maintained by CDPH, regarding environmental contamination of the site. Further, I will ensure
at all work at the subject site, and any monitoring required, including but not limited to, radiation monitoring, will be performed in a manner
at is protective of human health and the environment and in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules, and
gulations, especially those pertaining to worker safety and waste management. I will ensure that the results of any radiation monitoring
nd/or surveying conducted shall be provided to CDPH and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) within two (2)
ceks of their completion. If any elevated levels of radioactive material are detected, I will immediately contact the United States
nvironmental Protection Agency at (800) 424-8802.
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DOT Permit No. or Developer Services No: <u>569 572 557</u> oday's Date: <u>7-14-15</u> Expected Start Date: <u>7-15-15</u> CDPH Approval / Date <u>7/14/2015</u>
bease return this completed form along with maps showing exact site location to CDPH at 333 S. State St., Room 200, Chicago, Illinois 60604
ring normal business hours (8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday)
or CDPH Use Only



FIGURES



