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February 23, 2021

Mr. Carl Brown
Project Manager
Tribune Tower West Chicago Owner, LLC.
c/o Golub & Company625.
North Michigan Ave. Suite 2000
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Re: Thorium Screening Summary Letter
Manhole Repair
140-188 E. North Water Lower Street, Chicago, Illinois
Permit Dig Ticket#600937407

Dear Mr. Brown:

Pursuant to conditions specified in an excavation screening permit (see attachment A) issued by the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), radiation screening survey was required to be performed at the above referenced Site. The Site is on the Right-of-Way, 140-188 East North Water Lower Street, Chicago, Illinois.

#### **Screening for Thorium**

On January 14, 2021, Mike Duet from RPS was present for inspection and thorium screening activities during the manhole repair activities on the Right-of-Way area at the above-referenced address. The asphalt/concrete surface, and the fill soil underlying the pavement when broken were screened using a Ludlum Model 12 survey meter with a sodium iodide scintillation detector. The screening survey was required for potential thorium contamination during any intrusive activities when fill materials could potentially be disturbed in the Streeterville Area.

The Ludlum Model 12 meter has a thorium calibration value of 5,950 counts per minute (cpm) with a background reading of 2,200 cpm on the Site on January 14, 2021. The calibration value plus the background gives an action limit of 8,150 cpm for the meter at the Site for the duration. Any meter readings over 8,150 cpm would be considered elevated and would require soil sampling and isolation procedures upon waiting for analytical results to confirm the radiation results. The USEPA cleanup level for Chicago's Streeterville area is 7.1 picocuries per gram (pCi/g) total radium (Ra-226 + Ra-228).

The work involved lowering a manhole to required grade. Excavator (LUC) began by breaking concrete around manhole. The concrete pad of the manhole was approximately 6 inches thick and extra concrete surrounding it. To remove the pad, the extra concrete was hammered down. The broken concrete and some soil surrounding pad were removed and temporarily stockpiled. Soil around the pad was excavated to a maximum depth of 3 feet below ground surface (bgs) to allow for pad removal. The screening readings are listed below:

- Screening at 0.5 feet bgs, maximum reading is 3200 cpm.
- Screening at 1.5 feet bgs, maximum reading of 2400 cpm.
- Screening at 3.0 feet bgs, maximum reading of 3200 cpm.

All the screening results were below the USEPA screening action level for thorium; thus, no suspected thorium contamination was detected in the work area for the duration. Pictures of selected field activities are included in Attachment B.

As part of the permit conditions this letter is forwarded to:

Chicago Department of Public Health
Attention: Terry Sheaham
333 South State Street, Room 200
Chicago, Illinois 60604

US Environmental Protection Agency
Attn. Verneta Simon
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312-262-4330.

Sincerely,

RPS Group, Inc.

John H. Yang, LPG Senior Vice President

cc: Verneta Simon – USEPA

Terry Sheaham – Chicago Department of Public Health

Attachments:

A - CDPH Authorization/Permit & Work Area Map

B - Photo Logs



# Attachment A Site Location Map & CDPH Permit



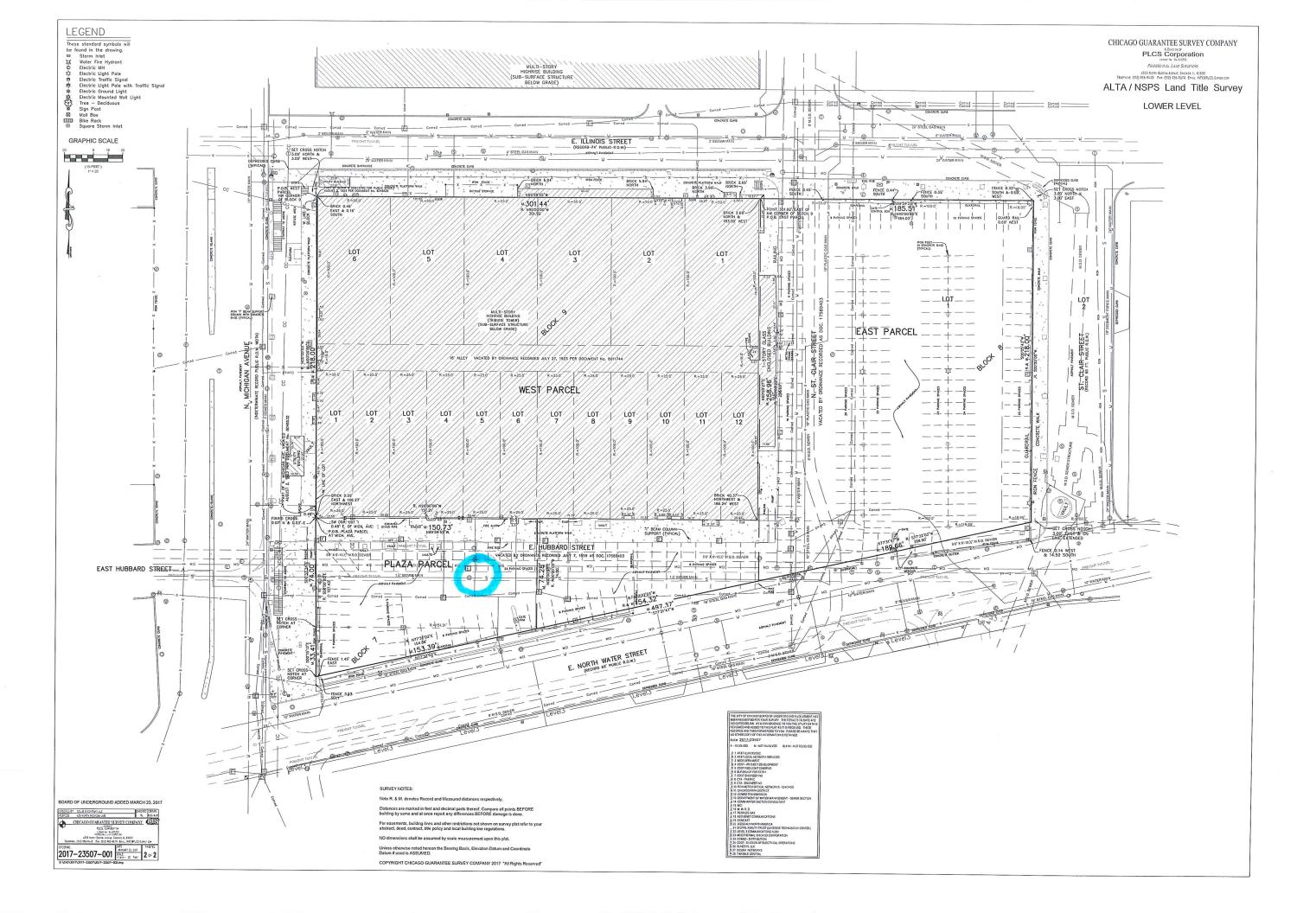
## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CITY OF CHICAGO

(STREETERVILLE - Private Property)

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

A file containing detailed information regarding the aforementioned environmental contamination is available for review at CDPH at 333 S. State St., Room 200, Chicago, Illinois 60604 during normal business hours (8:30AM-4:30PM, Monday through Friday). Contact (312) 745-3152 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 exposed or excavated. Please note that for some locations, additional health and safety procedures may be required by law.

## Please complete the following: I have reviewed and understand the documents, maintained by CDPH, regarding environmental contamination of the site. Further, I will ensure that all work at the subject site, and any monitoring required, including but not limited to, radiation monitoring. will be performed in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment and in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations, especially those pertaining to worker safety and waste management. I will ensure that the results of any radiation monitoring and/or surveying conducted shall be provided to CDPH and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) within two (2) weeks of their completion. If any elevated levels of radioactive material are detected, I will immediately contact the United States Environmental Protection Agency at (800) 424-8802. Applicant Name (print): Rickey Hogging Signature: Site Address and Work Location (Describe exact site location and attach map): 140-188 Nature of Work: Manhole repair Company Name, Address, Phone No.: Luc Group Luc Sos shawmet ave la Grange Park Ic 60526 General / Prime Contractor Name, Address, Phone No.: Walsh Construction 929 Adams Chicago Ic Include subcontractor information if applicable) Safety Officer / Phone No. Tom Landado 312 285 554/ Radiation Contractor / Phone No. Radiation Contractor / Phone No. and email address (if applicable) 12PS Group Carry Bertich Carry Be Check if City Department Work Department Name: CDOT Permit No. or Developer Services No..: Dig Ticket #: 600937407 Today's Date: Life Start Date: Life Star Please return this completed form along with maps showing exact site location to CDPH at 333 S. State St., Room 200, Chicago, Illinois 60604 during normal business hours (8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday) ------For CDPH Use Only





### **Attachment B**

**Photo Logs** 



Photo 1: 1/14/2021 – Manhole Condition prior its epair



Photo 3: 1/14/2021 – broken concrete and soil being removed from near Manhole

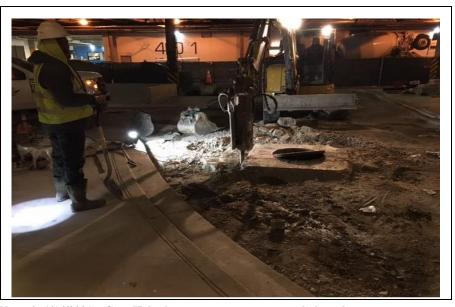


Photo 2: 1/14/2021 – Core Holes in extra concrete near manhole pad



Photo 4: 1/14/2021 – Manhole Pad ready to be backfilled

