

**DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE
PROPOSED UST CASE CLOSURE OF PEP BOYS #603,
2671 EAST RANDOLPH STREET, HUNTINGTON PARK (Site)**

We received one comment letter during the public comment period, which ended on February 13, 2015 at noon. The comment and our response are presented here.

Comment letter received:

1. Mr. Eric Winqvist (Comstock Crosser & Associates Development Company), represents the owner of the shopping center, RHA Partners, Ltd.

COMMENT: Mr. Winqvist states that there was no evidence or documentation (including the GeoTracker website) that the soil beneath the underground storage tank (UST) originally found to be contaminated was removed and properly disposed. Mr. Winqvist requests that such evidence or documentation be provided or the soil immediately beneath the former UST be tested to verify it is no longer in place.

RESPONSE: Residual petroleum constituents at the Site were discovered when one waste oil UST was removed during May 1998. Total recoverable petroleum hydrocarbons were detected beneath the former UST at an estimated depth of 11 feet below ground surface (bgs). Benzene and methyl tert-butyl ether were not detected. During a 1999 subsurface Site investigation, five soil borings were advanced to 40 feet bgs within the previous UST excavation. Petroleum constituents were not detected in any of the 19 soil samples collected from the borings indicating that the residual petroleum constituents were small in mass, localized, and that the vertical and lateral extent of contamination is well delineated.

The commenter is correct. It does not appear that the contaminated soil found beneath the UST was removed. However, given the limited extent of the contamination and the degradation of petroleum that naturally occurs in the environment, additional investigation at the Site is unnecessary to protect human health and the environment.



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Date