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## BEHR VOC PLUME SITE

### SUMMARY

In October, 2006, the Health Assessment Section (HAS) was asked to participate in a multi-agency emergency response team to evaluate the potential health impacts to the community posed by elevated levels of trichloroethylene (TCE) in shallow groundwater underlying residential properties in the north Dayton area of Montgomery County, Ohio (Figure 1). The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requested U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and HAS assistance to carry out a time-critical investigation in the neighborhood to address these concerns. The results of groundwater sampling by the Chrysler Corporation for the Behr Dayton facility and deep soil gas sampling by the Ohio EPA showed the presence of TCE in the groundwater and soil gas in the McCook Field residential area that exceeded screening levels established by USEPA's Subsurface Vapor Intrusion Guidance (USEPA, 2002). Exceeding these guidance levels indicates that vapor-phase chlorinated solvents emanating from the underlying groundwater may pose an unacceptable health risk to area residents through the vapor intrusion pathway.

The Health Assessment Section (HAS) at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has had a cooperative agreement with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) since 1990. This health consultation document evaluates the environmental data collected by Ohio EPA and USEPA as part of the initial vapor intrusion investigation at the Behr VOC Plume site. HAS makes conclusions and recommendations for additional actions that may be necessary to protect the public health.

ATSDR and HAS provided USEPA with health-based screening values for residential and non-residential buildings for trichloroethylene (TCE) and other volatile organic compounds. HAS proposed that interim measures be taken at those properties that exceeded the screening criteria to reduce or eliminate the vapor intrusion route as a pathway of health concern. Initially, indoor air samples were collected by USEPA from eight residences immediately south of the Behr-Dayton facility. This residential area immediately south of the facility was later designated as the Phase I area (See Figure 2) in the USEPA Administrative Order of Consent (USEPA, 2006c).

The Behr VOC Plume site posed an ***Indeterminate Public Health Hazard*** for exposure of nearby residents to contamination via vapor intrusion *in the past*. There are no indoor air data that indicate that nearby residents were breathing site-related contaminants in the air in their homes prior to the Fall, 2006 sampling. There are no soil gas data that indicate that contaminants were at levels in the soil gas that could pose a vapor intrusion hazard to nearby residents. Evidence suggests that area groundwater was contaminated with chlorinated solvents at least since 1999.

Based on the November, 2006 sampling conducted by USEPA Emergency Response Branch, HAS determined that the Behr VOC Plume site poses a **Public Health Hazard** to area residents due to potential exposure to chlorinated solvent contamination via vapor intrusion. Indoor air data collected by USEPA and subsequent data collected by the Chrysler Corporation in 2007 and 2008 indicate that, *at the present*, some nearby residents are likely being exposed to trichloroethylene in indoor air via the vapor intrusion route at levels that may pose a long term health threat.

The Behr VOC Plume site may continue to pose a **Public Health Hazard** as a result of exposure of nearby residents to contamination via vapor intrusion *in the future* unless the source or sources of the groundwater contamination in the area can be fully identified and cleaned up. The vapor abatement systems proposed for impacted homes are intended to be a temporary solution to prevent or reduce the likelihood of the contaminants entering nearby homes and posing a health threat to the residents. The long term solution to the contaminant exposure issue in the neighborhood is identifying and removing the source of the groundwater contamination underlying the community.

Residents in the Behr VOC Plume Phase I area obtain their water from the City of Dayton public drinking water system which, to date, has not been impacted by contaminants from the Behr VOC Plume site. Although the Dayton public water well field is only about one mile north of the site and the area of influence of the well field approaches the northern edge of the site, there are currently no data that indicate that the contaminants from this site have impacted water quality in the well field.

## **STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

The Behr VOC Plume site is a vapor intrusion site with contaminants that originate from a chlorinated solvent groundwater contaminant plume whose source is the Behr-Dayton Thermal (former Chrysler Air Temp) facility in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio. In September 2006, Chrysler notified Ohio EPA that the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from the Behr-Dayton Thermal facility were migrating off-site in the groundwater under the residential areas south-southwest of the facility (See Figure 3). The high concentrations of contaminants detected in the groundwater migrating off-site led to Ohio EPA concerns that vapor-phase chlorinated solvents could migrate from the groundwater and travel up through the soil and into buildings in the neighborhood south of the Behr-Dayton facility. The concentration of the solvent trichloroethylene (TCE) in the groundwater and soil gas exceeded the USEPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) Subsurface Vapor Intrusion Guidance (USEPA, 2002) screening levels for this chemical.

In October, 2006, the USEPA Emergency Response Branch On-Scene Coordinator requested the assistance of the Health Assessment Section (HAS) at the Ohio Department of Health to provide indoor air screening and action levels (based in part on ATSDR screening values and hereafter referred to as HAS action levels) for the volatile contaminants found in the plume. The Health Assessment Section of the Ohio Department of Health has a cooperative agreement with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). Under that agreement, HAS undertook the lead in conducting this public health consultation. This public health consultation document will evaluate the initial environmental data collected at the site and will make conclusions and recommendations for additional actions that may be necessary to protect public health of area residents. This public health consultation will be limited to the initial Ohio EPA and USEPA sampling conducted in the Fall of 2006. Additional public health assessment documents will be completed as on-going investigations into the full extent and nature of this contamination in the north Dayton area continue.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Site Location**

The Behr VOC Plume Site is located in an older mixed urban industrial/commercial and residential portion of north Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio (See Figures 1 and 2). The Behr VOC Plume site is a groundwater contamination plume originating from the current Behr-Dayton Thermal facility. Following regional groundwater flow, the groundwater contamination is migrating into the adjacent residential areas south and southwest of the facility. The Behr VOC Plume site is about two miles north of downtown Dayton and one mile north of the confluence of the Great Miami River and the Mad River (Figure 1). The Behr site is about one mile east of the confluence of the Great Miami River and the Stillwater River. The Behr-Dayton Thermal facility is about one mile south of the City of Dayton's wellfield.

## **Regional Hydrogeology and Groundwater Resources**

### *Natural resources use*

There are two major aquifer systems in the area of the Behr VOC Plume, the buried valley aquifer system and the Silurian limestone bedrock aquifer system (Miami Conservancy, 2002). In areas where the sand and gravel deposits are not present, the Silurian limestone bedrock is a suitable source of groundwater (Miami Conservancy, 2002). However, in the area of the Behr VOC Plume, the sand and gravel buried valley aquifer is used exclusively as the source of area drinking water.

The Behr VOC Plume site is located in the Great Miami River valley. The Great Miami River flows across a deep bedrock valley that was cut into the limestone and shale bedrock. Ice Age glaciers back-filled these deep bedrock valleys with sand and gravel deposits and an occasional layer of clay. These valley fill deposits range from 150 to 250 feet thick. The sand and gravel deposits are thickest near the present course of the Great Miami River and taper to 25 feet thick on the edges of the bedrock valley.

Poorly sorted clay tills were deposited as intermittent layers along with the sand and gravel beds in the former river valley. These clay lenses rarely form a continuous, impermeable confining layer. The groundwater that may be perched above these layers is not isolated from the groundwater beneath it. The bulk of the soils under the site are porous and permeable sand and gravels (Ohio Department of Natural Resources well logs). These sand and gravel deposits comprise a prolific buried valley aquifer system. The buried valley aquifer provides most of the region with an abundant supply of water for drinking and industrial use (Miami Conservancy, 2002). Seventy-six percent of the water used in the area is withdrawn via wells from the buried valley sand and gravel aquifer. Most of the water that is withdrawn from the aquifer (67%) is used for public drinking water supplies (Miami Conservancy District [MCD], 2002). This buried valley aquifer has been designated as a "Sole Source Aquifer" (See Figure 1). The USEPA's Sole Source Aquifer designation is defined as an aquifer that supplies at least 50% of the drinking water consumed in the area overlying the aquifer.

Bedrock is encountered immediately beneath the sand and gravel deposits. Compared to the sand and gravel deposits, the limestone and shale bedrock layers are impermeable and act as a confining unit to the groundwater flow in the overlying sand and gravel aquifer (Miami Conservancy, 2002).

Since 2001, Chrysler has sampled the groundwater from 75 on-site and off-site monitoring wells on an irregular basis. Chrysler reported that groundwater elevations indicated that the flow direction in the vicinity of the facility was from the northwest and turned to the southwest just south of the facility (USEPA, 2006a). Regional groundwater flow in the buried valley aquifer system mimics the regional topographic gradient (Miami Conservancy, 2002). The depth to the water table is commonly relatively shallow, ranging from about 15 to 30 feet below ground surface (ODNR, 1995). The intervening soils consist primarily of unconsolidated permeable, porous sands, gravels, and cobbles (Ohio Department of Natural Resources well logs).



## **Demographics**

The Phase I area lies within the McCook Field Neighborhood Planning District of the City of Dayton. In the 2000 census, there were a total of 2,107 people living in this district with 49 percent white, 47 percent African-American, and 4 percent other. In the McCook District at the time of the 2000 Census, 38 percent of the people were 17 years old or younger, 50 percent were between the ages of 18 and 64, and 12 percent were 65 years old or older. There was a total of 1,141 housing units with 836 households and an average of 2.47 persons per household. At the time of the 2000 census, 15 percent of the housing units were owner occupied, 58 percent were rented and 27 percent were vacant (Dayton, 2003). Also from the 2000 Census, but based on 1999 income, 47 percent of the people (of all ages) living in the McCook District were living with incomes below the poverty level (Dayton, 2000). Since the 2000 Census, the Dayton Metro Housing Parkside Homes project, on the west side of Interstate 75, has been incrementally dismantled and this may have significant impact to the demographics of the McCook Field Neighborhood Planning District.

## **Land use**

The Phase I area (Figure 2) is primarily an area of older, single-family residences interspersed with some small commercial properties. The City of Dayton has zoned this area as a “general industrial district.” There is a small park located on the south side of Lamar Street on the southern border of the Phase I area called Claire Ridge Park. The Behr facility is at the northern edge of the Phase I area on the north side of Leo Street (Figure 2). The areas to the immediate east and west of the Phase I area are occupied by industrial and commercial properties. The surrounding Phase 2 Behr VOC Plume area consists mostly of general and light industrial properties mixed with mature neighborhoods of single-family and commercial properties. Some larger parks can also be found further to the west along the Great Miami River such as Triangle Park and the McCook Field area.

There are a number of industries in addition to the Behr facility near the Phase I area, including, Aramark Uniform Services Inc., DAP Inc., Environmental Processing SVC, Gayston, and GEM City Chemicals Inc. Other than the Aramark facility, existing groundwater data does not indicate that these other facilities are significant sources of contamination in the Phase I area (Ohio EPA; City of Dayton; personal communication, 2007).

Dayton’s drinking water supply wells are about one mile north-northeast of the site. A report prepared for Chrysler in 2002 stated that twelve water wells were located in the Dayton downtown area within one mile of the site (Earth Tech, 2002). Nine of these wells were reported to be domestic wells and two wells were industrial supply wells (Earth Tech, 2002). There is also a public water supply well at the Behr-Dayton Thermal Facility (Earth Tech, 2002).

There are two elementary schools in the Behr VOC Plume area; the Kiser Elementary School and Van Cleve Elementary School. The Kiser Elementary School is immediately east across the railroad tracks from the Behr Facility on Leo Street. Recent indoor air samples detected contaminants at concentrations below the HAS action levels at Kiser Elementary School (USEPA, 2007). The Van Cleve Elementary School was located at 1032 Webster Street, roughly

1,600 feet, south of the Behr facility. However, the school was relocated in August 2007 to 132 Alaska Street after indoor air samples indicated levels of TCE above the HAS action levels in the Webster Street school building in June and July 2007.

The initial residential area investigated by Ohio EPA and USEPA is immediately south of the facility. This area is bordered by Leo Street on the north, Milburn Avenue to the east, Lamar Street to the south, and Webster Street to the west (see Figure 3). Sub-slab and indoor air samples were initially collected by USEPA in eight homes in this area and found to have TCE levels above HAS's indoor air and sub-slab HAS action levels. Under the Administrative Order of Consent signed by USEPA and DaimlerChrysler in December 2006, DaimlerChrysler will resample the homes sampled by USEPA as well as an additional 10 to 12 homes in this residential community.

## **Site History**

### ***Operational history***

The Behr-Dayton Thermal facility manufactures vehicle air conditioning and engine cooling systems. Although the operations at the facility have remained consistent through the history of the site, the owners have changed several times. The Chrysler Corporation owned and operated the facility from 1937 until 2002. In 1998 Daimler-Benz and Chrysler Corporation merged forming the DaimlerChrysler Corporation (Chrysler) (USEPA, 2006a). In April 2002, Behr America became the current owner of the Dayton facility. However, DaimlerChrysler Corporation is assuming responsibility for the identification and remediation of the Behr VOC Plume. In the past, TCE was used regularly in the plant's manufacturing processes, primarily as a metal degreaser.

### ***Administrative Order of Consent with Chrysler***

Upon obtaining and reviewing the results of initial USEPA Phase I Sampling, USEPA met with Chrysler on November 17, 2006 to discuss the signing of an Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) and the scope of work for a proposed two phase time critical removal action to reduce or eliminate exposure of residents to site related chemicals. The USEPA's proposed a Phase I action that would focus on installing a sub-slab vapor abatement systems in each of the eight residences that USEPA documented had indoor air TCE concentrations greater than 0.4 ppb (USEPA, 2006a). Chrysler expanded the focus of Phase I to include an additional 13 residences in the neighborhood south of facility – bounded by: Leo Street to the north, Lamar Street to the south, Webster Street to the west, and Milburn Street to the east. (Figure 2 and 3). On December 19, 2006 the AOC was signed by USEPA and Chrysler (USEPA, 2006a). On December 21, 2006, USEPA approved Chrysler Phase I Work Plan and by this time Chrysler had already installed vapor abatement systems in three of the residences (USEPA, 2006a). The following actions were approved by USEPA as part of the Phase I Work Plan:

#### **Phase I Actions:**

1. Chrysler would install vapor abatement systems in five remaining residences initially sampled by USEPA.

2. Chrysler would install vapor abatement systems in residences with indoor air TCE concentrations that are greater than 0.4 ppb (initial eight plus the additional 14).
3. Chrysler would take periodic confirmatory air samples following the installation of the vapor abatement systems to ensure effectiveness of mitigation systems.
4. USEPA would conduct a public meeting in January, 2007

### **Previous Site Investigations**

In 2002, DaimlerChrysler submitted an application for the Voluntary Action Program (VAP) to the Ohio EPA. As part of the VAP application, Chrysler documented groundwater contamination beneath the facility with contaminant levels exceeding VAP cleanup standards. Also in 2002, Chrysler submitted a Human Health Risk Evaluation (HHRA) (Earth Tech, Inc., 2002). The HHRA was the initial screening of human health risk based on the concentration of detected VOCs in the groundwater at off site locations. The main contaminants of potential concern identified in the HHRA were trichloroethylene (TCE) and tetrachloroethylene (PCE). The HHRA evaluated the groundwater below the facility and the groundwater moving off site separately. The HHRA also evaluated the risk to down-gradient residences from vapor intrusion using the Johnson-Ettinger Model (Johnson-Ettinger, 1991). The HHRA concluded that the risks due to vapor intrusion were marginal for non-carcinogenic hazards and carcinogenic risks and concluded “that an imminent and substantial health risk is not present” (Earth Tech, 2002). The report further stated that residences within this plume area south-southwest of the facility are supplied with water from the Dayton’s municipal water supplies and are not at risk of exposure to contaminants through their drinking water.

In response to the groundwater contamination documented in 2002, Chrysler contracted Earth Tech to design, install, and operate two systems for the remediation of on-site contamination, one for the soil cleanup and one for the groundwater contamination under the facility, with TCE as the main contaminant of concern.

### ***On-Site Soil and Groundwater Remediation Systems***

Chrysler installed a Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system for the removal of contaminants from the soils. The SVE system began operation in October 2003 and continued operating through December 2005. An estimated 900 pounds of VOCs were removed from the soils (Earth Tech, 2006).

In an attempt to remove contaminants from the groundwater, a remediation system consisting of six extraction wells and seven injection wells was installed. The capture zone of the six extraction wells reportedly extends as much as 300 feet to the south and 150 feet east of the Behr facility boundaries. Within this capture zone contaminated groundwater is reportedly recovered and treated by the groundwater remedial system. Sodium lactate solution is injected into this system to break down chlorinated solvents before the groundwater is returned to the aquifer. The remedial groundwater system began operation in June 2004 and an estimated 1,031 pounds of VOCs were removed (Earth Tech, 2006).

Up to 75 monitoring wells, on-site and in the surrounding area, were sampled for VOC analyses on an irregular basis by DaimlerChrysler between 2003 and 2007. DaimlerChrysler summarized the data in a report provided for Ohio EPA in September, 2006. Well MW-010S on-site had concentrations of TCE of 17,000 ppb in 2003 and 10,000 ppb in 2006 (Table 1 and Figure 4). Two monitoring wells in the residential area south of the facility had TCE levels over 100 times the MCL in 2003 that increased in concentration in 2006 to over 700 times the MCL. Off-site monitoring well, MW-029S, in Phase I neighborhood, had TCE levels as high as 16,000 ppb in 2003.

### ***Ohio EPA Discovery***

In September, 2006 Chrysler notified Ohio EPA that a chlorinated solvent contaminant plume from the Behr-Dayton Thermal facility was migrating off-site in the groundwater under the residential area south-southwest of the facility. The high concentrations of these VOCs detected in the groundwater migrating off-site led to Ohio EPA concerns that vapor-phase chemical compounds could migrate from the groundwater and travel through the soil and into inhabited buildings near the Behr-Dayton facility. The concentrations of TCE, vinyl chloride, and cis-1,2-dichloroethene in the groundwater exceeded the USEPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) screening levels (USEPA, 2002) (See Table 1).

Exceeding these guidance levels indicated that there was a potential for an unacceptable risk to area residents due to vapor intrusion; vapor intrusion is the migration of vapor-phase volatile organic compounds from contaminated groundwater to soil gas to indoor air of area homes. The OSWER vapor intrusion evaluation process is designed to screen out sites that do not require further investigation or remediation and to focus attention on those sites that need further consideration of the vapor intrusion pathway.

In response to groundwater levels that exceeded the OSWER guidance levels, Ohio EPA sampled the deep soil gas in the Phase I area south of the facility in October, 2006 (Figure 5). These seven soil gas samples were collected approximately one foot above the water table (17 feet below ground surface). Contaminant concentrations in these deep soil gas samples significantly exceeded the OSWER screening levels (USEPA, 2002) for TCE and cis-1,2-dichloroethene in deep soil gas and TCE, cis-1,2-dichloroethene, trans-1,2-dichloroethene, and 1,1-dichloroethene in shallow soil gas. The Ohio EPA soil gas sampling indicated TCE at levels up to 160,000 ppb, cis-1,2-DCE at levels up to 11,000 ppb, and 1,1-DCE up to 1,200 ppb under the north Dayton community (Table 2).

### ***USEPA Referral***

ATSDR and HAS were asked to establish short-term HAS action levels and long-term screening values for the contaminants of concern for both residential and commercial sub-slab soil gas and indoor air concentrations at the Behr VOC Plume site (see Appendix A). Short-term HAS action levels and long-term screening values were established for TCE, PCE, cis-1,2-DCE, trans-1,2-DCE, 1,1,1-TCA, and vinyl chloride. Exceeding a short-term action level would warrant

immediate action by Chrysler or USEPA to reduce exposure levels. These short term HAS action levels were derived from ATSDR's intermediate EMEGs (Environmental Media Evaluation Guides). Exceeding the EMEGs level will not necessarily result in adverse health effects, but prompted further evaluation to determine potential public health threat to residents. Intermediate EMEGs were developed for exposure durations of longer than two weeks but less than one year. Long-term screening values were taken from the USEPA OSWER Draft Vapor Intrusion Guidance levels at the  $10^{-4}$  cancer risk level. Exceeding the long-term screening values indicates that there is an increased potential to develop health affects due to exposure. Long-term residential indoor air screening level for TCE was set at 0.4 ppb and the short-term action level was set at 100 ppb.

Ohio EPA formally requested assistance from the USEPA Emergency Response Branch on November 6, 2006 to conduct a time-critical removal action at the Behr VOC Plume site (USEPA, 2006a).

### ***USEPA Sampling***

USEPA began the vapor intrusion investigation by sampling the sub-slab soil gas and indoor air in eight residents in the Phase I neighborhood in November of 2006. The soil gas can accumulate under basement floors or under cement floors of buildings built on slabs. The soil gas can migrate into the homes through cracks in the floor or through the joints between the floors and the wall. Samples of the sub-slab soil gas can be obtained by drilling a small diameter hole in the concrete and installing sample tubing into the hole. A vacuum canister is attached to the tube through a regulator which facilitates sample collection over a 24 hour period. The indoor air is typically collected in the basement using a vacuum canister connected to a pump which is set up to collect a sample over a 24 hour period. Indoor air samples and sub-slab soil gas samples were collected at the same time in the Phase I neighborhood due to the high concentrations of contaminants found in the deep soil gas samples and the shallow depth to the groundwater. Contaminant concentrations in the sub-slab soil gas samples exceeded the OSWER shallow soil gas screening levels (USEPA, 2002) for TCE in all eight homes (see Table 3). Residential sub-slab screening level was set at 4 ppb for TCE. Sub-slab soil gas levels were exceeded in five homes for cis-1,2-dichloroethene, two homes for trans-1,2-dichloroethene, and one home for 1,1-dichloroethene (USEPA, 2006b).

The indoor air concentrations exceeded the action level of 0.4 ppbv established by ATSDR and HAS in all eight homes (see Table 4). TCE levels in the indoor air exceeded the short-term action level of 100 ppb in three homes (USEPA, 2006b).

### **Community Health Education Activities**

HAS staff, in conjunction with the US EPA On-Scene Coordinator and representatives of Public Health of Dayton and Montgomery County (PHDMC), have met repeatedly with residents impacted by the contamination associated with the Behr VOC Plume site. On November 20, 2006, HAS, US EPA, and PHDMC met on a one-on-one basis with the eight residents whose homes were sampled by US EPA in November, 2006. Agencies provided the each resident with their sub-slab and indoor air sampling results, a short history of the site, an explanation of the

vapor intrusion route, and discussion of the toxicology and potential health concerns regarding exposure to the primary contaminant of concern, TCE. Agency staff answered questions from the residents and facilitated discussions with representatives from the Chrysler Corporation to sign access agreements to allow Chrysler to conduct additional sampling in and under their homes. HAS provided residents with fact sheets on Exposure to Toxic Chemicals, the Vapor Intrusion Pathway, and Trichloroethylene (See Appendix B).

Agency staff, along with representatives from Chrysler Corporation, met again with residents January 18, 2007 on a one-to-one basis to discuss the results of sub-slab and indoor air sampling conducted by Chrysler in December, 2006 and early in January, 2007. Chrysler offered to install sub-slab vapor abatement systems as a short-term solution to limit or eliminate current exposure to TCE through the vapor intrusion route to residents with indoor air levels of TCE exceeding HAS/ATSDR screening values. Agency and Chrysler staff answered questions from residents and solicited signed agreements from residents for the installation of the abatement systems.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Exposure to Toxic Chemicals**

For the public *to be exposed* to the elevated levels of chemical contaminants in and around the Behr VOC Plume site, they must first come into contact with the contaminated groundwater, surface water, soils, soil gas, sediment, or air. To come into contact with the contaminated media there must be a *completed exposure pathway*. A completed exposure pathway consists of *five main parts*, which must be present for a chemical exposure to occur. These include:

- 1) A Source of the Toxic Chemicals of concern;
- 2) A method of Environmental Transport, which allows the chemical contaminant to move from its source (soil, soil gas, air, groundwater, surface water, sediment);
- 3) A Point of Exposure where the residents come into direct physical contact with the chemical (on-site, off-site);
- 4) A Route of Exposure, which is how the residents come into physical contact with the chemical (drinking, breathing, eating, touching); and
- 5) A Population at Risk which are the people who could possibly come into physical contact with site-related chemicals.

Exposure pathways can also be characterized as to when the exposure occurred or might occur in the *Past, Present, or Future*.

Physical contact with a chemical contaminant, in and by itself, does not necessarily result in adverse health effects. A chemical's ability to affect a resident's health is also controlled by a number of factors, including:

- How much of the chemical a person is exposed to (the *Dose*).
- How long a person is exposed to the chemical (duration of exposure).
- How often a person is exposed to the chemical (frequency).

- The toxicity of chemicals the person is exposed to (how chemicals can make people sick).

Other factors affecting a chemical's likelihood of causing adverse health effects upon contact include the resident's:

- Personal habits
- Diet
- Age and sex
- Current health status
- Past exposures to toxic chemicals (occupational, hobbies, etc.)

The site related chemicals of concern found in the groundwater plume under the Behr VOC Plume site consist primarily of trichloroethylene (TCE) and 1,2-dichloroethene (DCE).

## **Exposure Pathways**

### ***Drinking Water Pathway***

Although the Behr VOC Plume site is a known groundwater contamination plume, the focus of this health consultation is on health concerns related to the vapor intrusion pathway resulting from this plume. The residents in the Phase I area obtain water from the Dayton public drinking water supplies. At the present, existing groundwater monitoring data does not indicate that the Behr VOC Plume has directly impacted City of Dayton public drinking water supplies (City of Dayton, person. Comm., 2007).

### ***Vapor Intrusion Pathway***

The contaminants of concern, trichloroethylene (TCE) and 1,2-dichloroethene (DCE), are in a class of chemicals known as volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These chemicals are considered sufficiently toxic and sufficiently volatile to pose a threat via the vapor intrusion pathway (USEPA, 2002). Although typically found in the liquid-phase in groundwater, these compounds will readily become a gas on exposure to the air. These vapor-phase contaminants can migrate into the air spaces between soil particles, up through the soils, and then into basements of nearby residences. Once in the basements, these chemical vapors can be distributed throughout the homes and into the breathing air of these residences. Factors that favor this type of transport of these chemicals at the Behr site are; 1) the shallow depth to the groundwater (less than 25 feet below the ground surface), 2) the highly permeable sand and gravel soils in this area, 3) the high concentrations of the contaminants in the shallow aquifer (up to 16,000 ppb TCE), and 4) the short horizontal distance from the source to the nearest residences in the Phase I area. Since the depth to groundwater is shallow, 17 to 25 feet below ground surface at the Behr site, the vertical distance the contaminants will have to travel as a vapor to get into a basement will be minimal. The Behr site is located in the Great Miami River valley and the soils consist of highly porous and permeable sands and gravel. These soils provide an environment where organic compounds can readily volatilize from the groundwater to the vapor-phase in the interstitial spaces in the soil and can then migrate as soil gas to areas of lower vapor pressure at the ground

surface.

Groundwater plumes with higher concentrations of volatile contaminants will typically generate higher concentrations of contaminant vapors in the air spaces in the soils above the plume. The concentrations of the contaminants in the shallow groundwater at the Behr VOC Plume site are high as indicated by the levels found in shallow monitoring wells with TCE levels from 94 to 16,000 ppb (11 out of 15 samples with detections); cis-1,2-dichloroethylene levels from 16 to 3,800 ppb (6 out of 15 samples with detections); and vinyl chloride levels from 3 to 730 ppb (5 out of 15 samples with detections) (DaimlerChrysler, 2006). Ohio EPA sampling of soil gas over the groundwater contamination plume reflected this relationship, detecting soil gas levels of TCE as high as 160,000 ppb and cis-1,2-DCE as high as 11,000 ppb under the Phase I neighborhood (Table 2). The sub-slab soil gas sampled collected by USEPA from the eight sampled homes had TCE as high as 62,000 ppb and cis-1,2-DCE levels as high as 7,900 ppb (Table 3). The vapor intrusion pathway to the indoor air in these homes was determined to be complete and poses an unacceptable public health concern to nearby residents (USEPA, 2006a).

### **Past Exposures**

No indoor air data are available to determine whether the public has been exposed to contaminants in the air through inhalation in the past. No soil gas or sub-slab soil gas data are available to determine whether there was the potential for vapor intrusion in the past. Available groundwater data indicates that groundwater in the area was impacted by site-related chemicals as least as far back as 1999 (Geoprobe sampling in 1999, monitoring wells installed in 2001).

As indicated above, in 2002, Chrysler submitted a Human Health Risk Evaluation (HHRA) (Earth Tech, Inc., 2002). The HHRA was the initial screening of human health risk based on the concentration of VOCs detected in the groundwater at off site locations. The HHRA evaluated risk from vapor intrusion using the Johnson-Ettinger Model (Johnson-Ettinger, 1991). The HHRA concluded that the risks due to vapor intrusion were marginal for non-carcinogenic hazards and carcinogenic risks and concluded “that an imminent and substantial health risk is not present” (Earth Tech, 2002).

### **Current Exposures**

USEPA collected indoor air samples over a 24 hour period at eight locations in the Phase I area. TCE was detected at concentrations exceeding the HAS screening action level of 0.4 ppb in all eight indoor air samples, with the maximum concentration of 260 ppb at location EPA-05 (See Table 4). HAS’s short term action level of 100 ppb was exceeded at three locations, EPA-2, EPA-03, and EPA-05, along Daniel Street and Milburn Avenue.

Cis-1,2-Dichloroethene was detected at concentrations exceeding the HAS screening action level of 8.8 ppb at sampling locations EPA-02 and EPA-05 with a maximum indoor vapor level of 20 ppb at sample location EPA-05.



## **Chemicals of Concern**

TCE and 1,2-DCE are partially soluble in water and are heavier than water. Significant rainfall events usually flushes these chemicals deeper into the soils and then into the groundwater. TCE tends to sink down through the groundwater and accumulate at the bottom of the aquifer. As it travels deeper in the aquifer, TCE enters low oxygen areas and come in contact with bacteria that break TCE down into other chemicals. Under certain conditions TCE breaks down to DCE and VC (Vogel and McCarty, 1985). DCE, and VC are typically found at the leading edge of a plume where contaminants have been in the ground for the longest period and where bacteria have had more time to break down TCE. Typically the highest concentrations of TCE will be found in that portion of the plume nearest to the source.

### ***Trichloroethylene (TCE)***

The primary use of trichloroethylene has been the degreasing of metal parts and its use has been closely associated with the automotive and metal-fabricating industries from the 1950's through the 1970's. It is an excellent solvent for removing greases, oils, fats, waxes, and tars. As a solvent it was used alone or blended with other solvents. These solvents were also added to adhesives, lubricants, paints, varnishes, paint strippers, pesticides, and cold metal cleaners. When in surface soils, TCE will transform from a liquid to a gas faster than many other volatile organic compounds. It has been shown that the majority of the TCE spilled on soils close to the surface will vaporize into the air. When TCE is released into the air, it reacts relatively quickly in the presence of sunlight and oxygen, with about half of it breaking down to simpler compounds in about a week. TCE doesn't stick well to soil particles unless the soils have high organic carbon content. TCE is known to be only slightly soluble in water, but there is ample evidence that dissolved TCE can remain in groundwater for a long time. Studies show that TCE in water will rapidly form a gas when it comes into contact with air. In a sand and gravel aquifer, TCE in the groundwater would rapidly vaporize into the air spaces between adjacent soil grains. Studies indicate that it would then disperse by two primary routes; first, diffusion through the soil air spaces and then be re-adsorbed by groundwater or infiltrating rainwater, or second, it would migrate as a gas to the surface and be released to the atmosphere. The primary means of degradation of trichloroethylene in groundwater is by bacteria, but a breakdown product by this means is vinyl chloride, a known human carcinogen and likely more of a health concern than TCE (Vogel and McCarty, 1985).

### ***Acute Health Effects***

Occupational studies of workers who use TCE in their work environments and studies of people intentionally inhaling large amounts of TCE (in excess of 100,000 parts TCE per billion parts of air) indicate the potential for impaired heart function, unconsciousness, and death (ATSDR, 1997). Breathing similarly high levels of TCE for longer periods of time may cause permanent nerve, kidney, and liver damage. Breathing lesser amounts of TCE may cause headaches, lung irritation, dizziness, poor coordination, and difficulty concentrating. These latter symptoms are reversible and can be addressed by preventing further exposure of the individual to TCE in the indoor air environment. OSHA has set an occupational indoor air limit of 100,000 ppb TCE for an 8-hour workday over a 40-hour work week. ATSDR has established a 2,000 ppb TCE acute

minimum risk level (MRL) for TCE in air (ATSDR, 1997).

Exceeding this latter number in the indoor air of homes in the Behr VOC Plume site area might have triggered temporary removal of residents from their homes. However, the highest indoor air level for TCE detected in the Phase I area at the Behr VOC Plume site is 260 ppb, an order of magnitude less than the ATSDR acute MRL value of 2,000 ppb.

#### *Short-term Non-Cancer Health Effects*

ATSDR has established an “intermediate” exposure comparison value for exposures to TCE in the air that may have durations greater than a week but less than a year (15 to 365 days). This 100 ppb level provides protection from possible neurological effects due to TCE exposure over this “intermediate” exposure period (ATSDR, 1997). Three homes sampled by USEPA in November, 2006 had indoor air levels of TCE exceeding this “short term action level”. An additional home sampled by Chrysler in January, 2007 also exceeded this value, in addition to the homes already sampled by USEPA. Sub-slab vapor abatement systems were installed in all four homes in February, 2007. Ten-day and 30-day confirmation sampling indicated that levels of TCE in the indoor air in these homes were reduced to single-digit parts per billion levels of TCE (below the 100 ppb “short-term action level”) very soon after installation and initial operation of these vapor abatement systems.

#### *Long-term or Chronic Cancer Risk*

TCE was most recently classified by USEPA as Class B2 carcinogen – a “probable human cancer-causing chemical”. However, the cancer classification of TCE has been withdrawn and is currently under review by USEPA. The National Toxicology Program (NTP), in its 11<sup>th</sup> Report on Carcinogens (2005), lists TCE as being “reasonably anticipated” to be a human carcinogen based on limited evidence of carcinogenicity from studies of humans and sufficient evidence from studies of lab animals exposed to high levels of the chemical.

Chronic exposure to high levels of TCE in air in the workplace (greater than 100,000 ppb TCE), based on analyses of seven studies of worker populations, was associated with excess incidence of liver cancer, kidney cancer, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, prostate cancer, and multiple myeloma in these workers. The strongest evidence for linking cancer in these workers to TCE exposure is for the first three of these cancers (NTP, 2005). Agreement between human and animal studies supports the conclusion that TCE exposure may result in the development of kidney cancer. High doses are needed to cause liver toxicity and cancer in lab animals. Differences with regard to how humans and animals process TCE in the liver suggests that humans would be less susceptible to liver cancer from TCE exposures than the lab animals (National Academy of Sciences (NAS), 2006).

The health effects, including increased cancer risks, from chronic exposure to single digit part per billion levels of TCE in air and/or drinking water remain poorly-documented and largely unknown. For the Behr VOC Plume site, HAS and ATSDR recommended a long-term protective screening level of 0.4 ppb TCE in the indoor air, based on a hypothetical cancer risk scenario that assumes a resident lives in the basement of his or her house and breathes in TCE in the air

for 30+ years, 24 hours/day for 350 days of the year.

Indoor air levels of TCE in 14 of the 18 homes in the Phase I investigation area sampled by the USEPA and Chrysler exceeded this long-term screening level. Sub-slab vapor abatement systems were installed in all 14 of these homes in February, 2007. As of February, 2008, seven out of these 14 homes still had indoor air levels of TCE above the 0.4 ppb screening level. USEPA is requiring Chrysler to review the effectiveness of their vapor abatement systems in light of these homes still being out of compliance with regard to indoor air levels of TCE. Chrysler recently (February, 2008) has proposed to install an in-ground soil vapor extraction system (SVE) under the entire Phase I neighborhood to try and better address the continuing exposure issues in these homes.

As the duration of the TCE exposures via the vapor intrusion pathway at the Behr VOC Plume site remains largely unknown but may have been going on for at least a decade, the HAS, working with the Chronic Disease and Behavioral Epidemiology Section at the Ohio Department of Health and Public Health of Dayton and Montgomery County Staff, will be conducting a community cancer assessment of the impacted neighborhoods in north Dayton in 2008 to determine cancer incidence in this community.

### ***1,2-Dichloroethene (DCE)***

DCE has been manufactured as a chlorinated solvent, but at Behr VOC Plume site it is believed to be primarily a by-product of the breakdown of the solvent TCE in groundwater by bacteria. There are three different forms of DCE of concern at the Behr VOC Plume site; 1,1-DCE, cis-1,2-DCE, and trans-1,2-DCE. TCE breaks down into 1,1-DCE or trans-1,2-DCE forms through minor transformation pathways and these forms are typically found in lower concentrations than the cis-1,2-DCE form. The major portion of the DCE by-product formed in the TCE breakdown is the cis-1,2-DCE form.

Low concentrations of trans-1,2-DCE and 1,1-DCE have been detected in the groundwater, soil gas, and indoor air at Behr VOC Plume site. Trans-1,2-DCE is classified as having evidence that it does not cause cancer in humans and 1,1-DCE has been identified as a chemical that has suggestive evidence of carcinogenic potential. Trans-1,2-DCE and 1,1-DCE have not been found at concentrations in the indoor air at the Behr VOC Plume site Phase I area that pose a health concern (up to 18 ppb for trans-1,2-DCE and 50 ppb for 1,1-DCE).

At the Behr VOC Plume site, cis-1,2-DCE was detected at significantly higher concentrations than 1,1-DCE and trans-1,2-DCE. Cis-1,2-DCE is classified as a Class D Carcinogen because there is no data to indicate that this chemical promotes tumor formation in the body (ATSDR, 1996). Although there is no human non-cancer exposure data for cis-1,2-DCE, non-cancer health effects are expected to be similar to exposure to trans-1,2-DCE. Exposure to high concentrations of trans-1,2-DCE depresses the central nervous system in humans. Inhalation of 1,700,000 to 2,220,000 ppb for 5 minutes or 1,200,000 ppb for 10 minutes of trans-1,2-DCE have caused nausea, drowsiness, fatigue, vertigo, and intracranial pressure in two human subjects (ATSDR, 1996). Slight burning of the eyes was reported by two humans when exposed to 830,000 and 2,220,000 ppb trans-1,2-DCE for 30 minutes (ATSDR, 1996).

The concentrations of cis-1,2-DCE found at the Behr VOC Plume site in the indoor air are unlikely to pose a health concern (at levels at or below 8.8 ppb). Two of the eight residences had levels of cis-1,2-DCE in the indoor air above the levels of concern (11.0 and 20 ppb). Sub-slab vapor abatement systems were installed in these two homes in February, 2007 based on elevated TCE levels. USEPA is requiring Chrysler to review the effectiveness of their vapor abatement systems in light of these homes still being out of compliance with regard to indoor air levels of TCE. TCE was found at higher concentrations in the groundwater, soil gas, sub-slab, and the indoor air than DCE and the screening level for TCE (0.4 ppb) is significantly lower than the screening level for DCE (8.8 ppb). The effectiveness of the vapor abatement systems has focused on the goal of getting indoor air levels below the more conservative screening level for TCE. Chrysler recently (February, 2008) has proposed to install an in-ground soil vapor extraction system (SVE) under the Phase I neighborhood to try and better address the continuing exposure issues in these homes.

## **CHILD HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS**

ATSDR and HAS recognize the unique vulnerabilities of children exposed to environmental contamination and hazards. As part of this health consultation, HAS considered the greater sensitivity of the children who live in the area of the Behr VOC Plume site when drawing conclusions and making recommendations regarding health effects from exposure to chemicals related to the Behr VOC Plume site.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

Exposure of nearby residents to contamination via vapor intrusion associated with the Behr VOC Plume site posed an ***Indeterminate Public Health Hazard*** for *in the past*. There are no indoor air data that indicate that nearby residents were breathing contaminants in the air from the Behr facility. There are no soil gas data that indicate that contaminants were at levels in the soils that could pose a vapor intrusion hazard to nearby residents.

Based on the November 2006 sampling conducted by the USEPA Emergency Response Branch, the Behr VOC Plume site poses a ***Public Health Hazard*** for exposure of nearby residents to contamination via vapor intrusion *at the present time*. The indoor air data collected by the USEPA and subsequent data collected by the Chrysler Corporation in 2007 and 2008 indicate that some nearby residents are breathing TCE in indoor air via the vapor intrusion route *in the present* at levels that may pose a long term health threat.

The Behr VOC Plume site poses a ***Public Health Hazard*** for exposure of nearby residents to contamination via vapor intrusion *in the future*. The source or sources of the groundwater contamination in the neighborhood needs to be fully identified and cleaned up. The installed vapor abatement systems are only intended to be a temporary solution to prevent the contaminants entering nearby homes and posing a health threat to the residents. The long term solution to the contaminant threat to the North Dayton area is identifying and removing the source of the groundwater contamination underlying the community.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The nature and extent of the groundwater contamination needs to be more fully investigated. Details of groundwater flow direction and investigation of possible additional sources of contamination are areas that need further investigation. Dayton's well field, one mile to the north, has a cone of influence very close to the northern edge of the Behr facility. Vigilant monitoring of the groundwater in this area is recommended to ensure that contaminants are not entering Dayton's water supply.
2. The full extent of the TCE contamination associated with the Behr VOC Plume site should be determined. Residences and businesses at risk of exposure via vapor intrusion pathway should have their sub-slab and indoor air sampled for TCE.
3. Residences with indoor air levels of TCE exceeding long term screening value for TCE in indoor air should be provided with sub-slab vapor abatement systems.
4. Installed sub-slab vapor abatement systems need to be monitored at regular intervals to ensure that these systems continue to remove vapor-phase chemicals before they can enter the home.
5. Due to the number of mitigation systems installed in the neighborhood and the concentrations of contaminants expelled by these systems, the ambient air should be monitored to ensure that the ambient outdoor air is not at concentrations that pose a health concern.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION PLAN**

Actions at this site are currently being pursued under USEPA Emergency Response Branch (ERB) authorization to identify and remediate environmental impacts on air, land, and water and evaluate threats to public health in the north Dayton area. Chrysler is conducting an investigations and remediation in a portion of the Phase 2 area and is disputing USEPA claims that the Behr VOC Plume area extends into other neighborhoods further to the southeast and southwest of the Phase I area. In response to concerns from the community, USEPA is currently conducting investigations and remediation in these disputed Phase 2 areas.

HAS will review any additional environmental data collected in Phase I neighborhood. HAS will review indoor air data after the installation of the vapor mitigations systems. HAS will also review environmental data from the Phase 2 area.

At the request of the community, HAS has requested a community cancer assessment from ODH's Chronic Disease and Behavioral Epidemiology Section for the residential area around the Behr facility.

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## CERTIFICATION

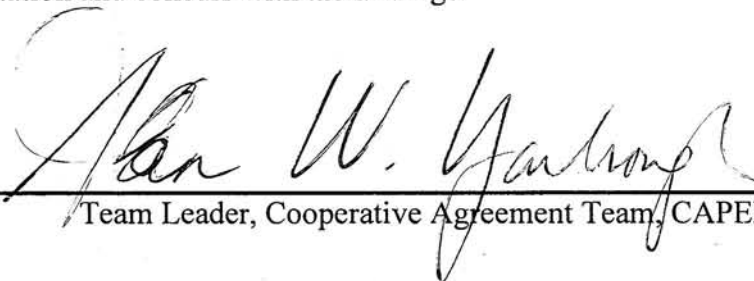
The Ohio Department of Health prepared this Health Consultation under a cooperative agreement with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). At the time this Health Consultation was written, it was in accordance with the approved methodologies and procedures. Editorial review was completed by the Cooperative Agreement partner.



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The Division of Health Assessment and Consultation, ATSDR, has reviewed this public health consultation and concurs with the findings.



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## TABLES

**Table 1. Behr VOC Plume - Phase I  
Shallow Groundwater Monitoring Data**

Volatile Organic Compound	MCL	OSWER	MW024S	MW025S	MW027S	MW028S	MW029S	MW030S	MW031S
Sample Date	ug/L	ug/L	3/7/2006	3/7/2006	3/7/2006	3/9/2006	11/18/2003	3/8/2006	3/9/2006
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	3,100	0.8U	0.8U	0.8U	46	16U	0.8U	0.8U
1,1-Dichloroethene	7	190	0.8U	0.8U	0.8U	4J	16U	0.8U	0.8U
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	70	210	0.8U	1J	0.8U	94	3800	0.8U	0.8U
Tetrachloroethylene	5	110	0.8U	1J	0.8U	4U	16U	0.8U	0.8U
Trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	100	180	0.8U	0.8U	0.8U	4U	29J	0.8U	0.8U
Trichloroethylene	5	5	1U	16	1U	3900	16000	1U	1U
Vinyl Chloride	2	2	1U	1U	1U	5U	730	1U	1U



Volatile Organic Compound	MCL	OSWER	MW032S	MW033S	MW034S	MW035S	MW036S	MW037S	MW038S	MW039S
Sample Date	ug/L	ug/L	11/14/2003	3/9/2006	11/17/2003	11/15/2003	11/16/2003	3/8/2006	3/9/2006	11/9/2005
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	3,100	6	18J	0.8U	9	2J	3J	12J	6
1,1-Dichloroethene	7	190	0.8U	4J	0.8U	0.8U	0.8U	0.8U	4U	6
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	70	210	7	690	16	62	120	3J	810	190
Tetrachloroethylene	5	110	0.9J	4U	1J	3J	0.8U	2J	4U	0.8U
Trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	100	180	0.8U	19J	0.9J	5J	3J	0.8U	19J	10
Trichloroethylene	5	5	250	3800	220	220	720	120	3900	310
Vinyl Chloride	2	2	1U	36	10	1U	1U	1U	18J	3J

- Samples collected in 2006.
- Concentration exceeds MCL.
- Concentration exceeds MCL and OSWER guidance levels.
- Sample quantitation limit is above the MCL.
- J The associated value is an estimated quantity.
- U The analyte was analyzed for, but was not detected. The associated value is a sample quantitation limit
- OSWER Action levels were derived from the USEPA Draft Vapor Intrusion Guidance Document, 2002, based on target groundwater concentrations at the 10-4 risk level

**Table 2. Behr VOC Plume Site - Phase I  
Ohio EPA Deep Soil Gas Data, Oct. 2006**

Volatile Organic Compound	OSWER	OSWER	SG-01	SG-02	SG-03	SG-04	SG-05	SG-06	SG-07
ppb	Shallow	Deep							
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	4,000	40,000	640	140*	1300	1500	160*	310	220
1,1-Dichloroethene	500	5000	300*	330*	1200	780	10	12	ND
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	88	880	10000	11000	5400	4800	410	1200	400*
Tetrachloroethylene	120	1200	33*	5	9	8	2	8	6
Trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	180	1800	770	390*	460*	210*	23	59*	34*
Trichloroethylene	4.1	41	120000	70000	160000	140000	13000	16000	12000
Vinyl Chloride	110	1100	92*	86*	45*	9	ND	2	ND

\* = Value exceeds calibration range.  
 = Indicates not detected at or above the EQL (estimated quantitation limit) value.

 Concentration exceeds OSWER's shallow soil gas value  
 Concentration exceeds OSWER's deep soil gas value

ND

**Table 3. Behr VOC Plume Site - Phase I  
USEPA Sub-Slab Soil Gas Data, Oct./Nov. 2006**

Volatile Organic Compound	Screening	Immediate	EPA-01	EPA-02	EPA-03	EPA-04	EPA-05	EPA-06	EPA-07	EPA-08
ppb	Action Level	Action Level								
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	4,000	7,000	11	260	140	17	140	39	25	900
1,1-Dichloroethene	500	NA	4	52	45	ND	170	ND	ND	540
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	88	2000	57	3100	2900	2	7900	170	ND	4200
Tetrachloroethylene	120	2000	ND	37	30	5	23	2.1	0.85	3.8
Trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	180	2000	3	130	130	ND	340	13	0.19	230
Trichloroethylene	4	1000	980	18000	16000	260	62000	3700	49	62000
Vinyl Chloride	110	300	ND	10	14	ND	79	ND	ND	6.7

ND = Indicates not detected at method detection limits.



Concentration exceeds OSWER's Sub-Slab soil gas Screening Action Level were derived from the USEPA Draft Vapor Intrusion Guidance Document, 2002, based on target indoor air concentration at the 10-4 risk level.



Concentration exceeds ATSDR's Intermediate Sub-Slab soil gas Screening Action Level derived from the ATSDR Intermediate Environmental Media Evaluation Guide for air.

**Table 4. Behr VOC Plume Site - Phase I  
USEPA Indoor Air Data, Oct./Nov. 2006**

Volatile Organic Compound ppb	Screening Action Level	Immediate Action Level	EPA-01	EPA-02	EPA-03	EPA-04	EPA-05	EPA-06	EPA-07	EPA-08
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	400	700	ND	1.4	0.99	0.5	1	4.9	ND	0.89
1,1-Dichloroethene	190	NA								
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	8.8	200	ND	11	8.3	0.19	20	0.21	ND	1.9
Tetrachloroethylene	12	200	ND	0.2	0.13	0.24	0.13	0.12	ND	0.17
Trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	18	200	ND	0.5	0.34	ND	0.97	ND	ND	ND
Trichloroethylene	0.4	100	1.9	180	130	13	260	7.5	0.4	49
Vinyl Chloride	11	30	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND

ND Indicates not detected at method detection limits.

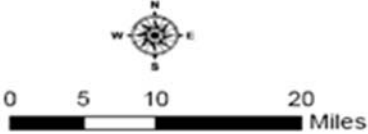
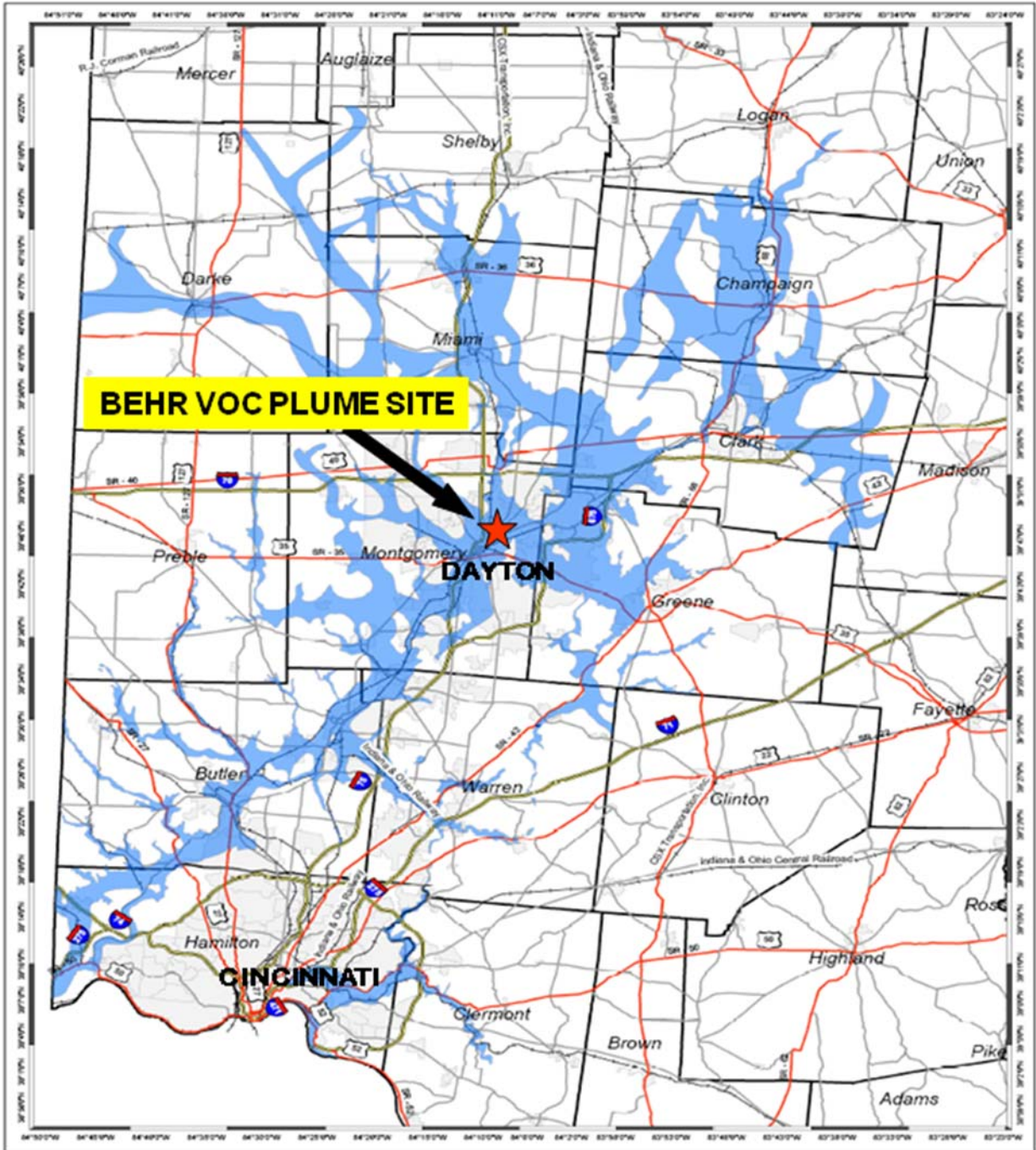


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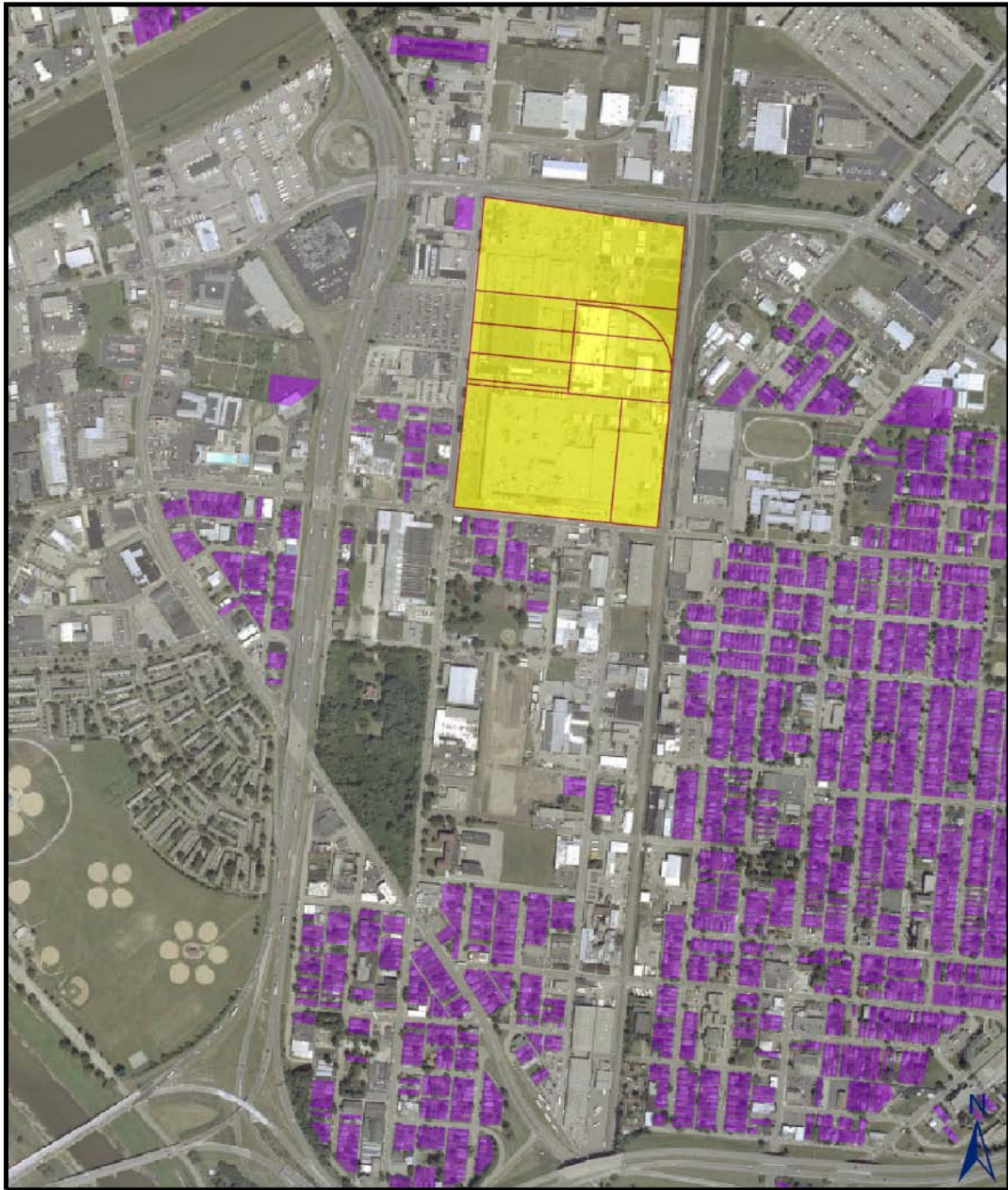
## FIGURES



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**FIGURE 1—BEHR VOC PLUME LOCATION  
 AND  
 GREATER MIAMI SOLE SOURCE AQUIFER**





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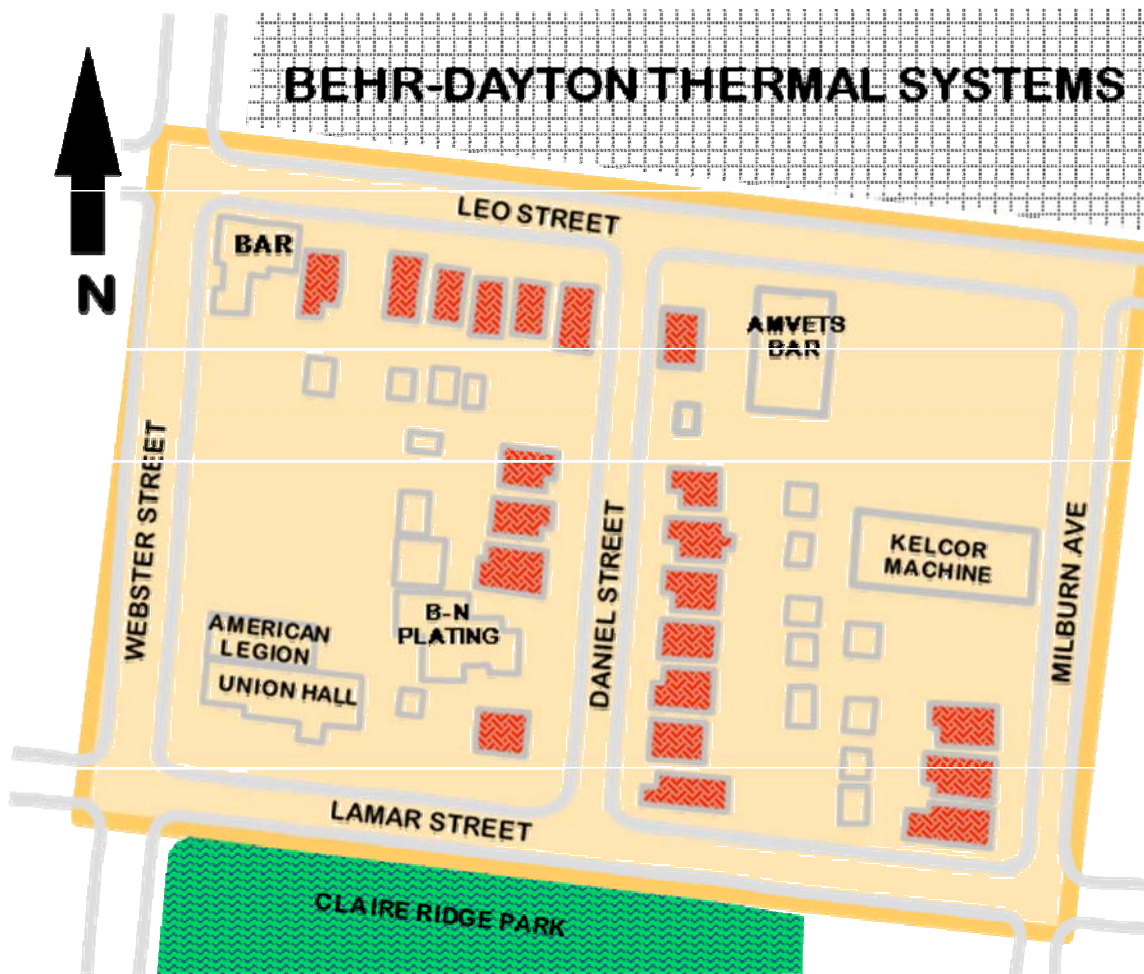
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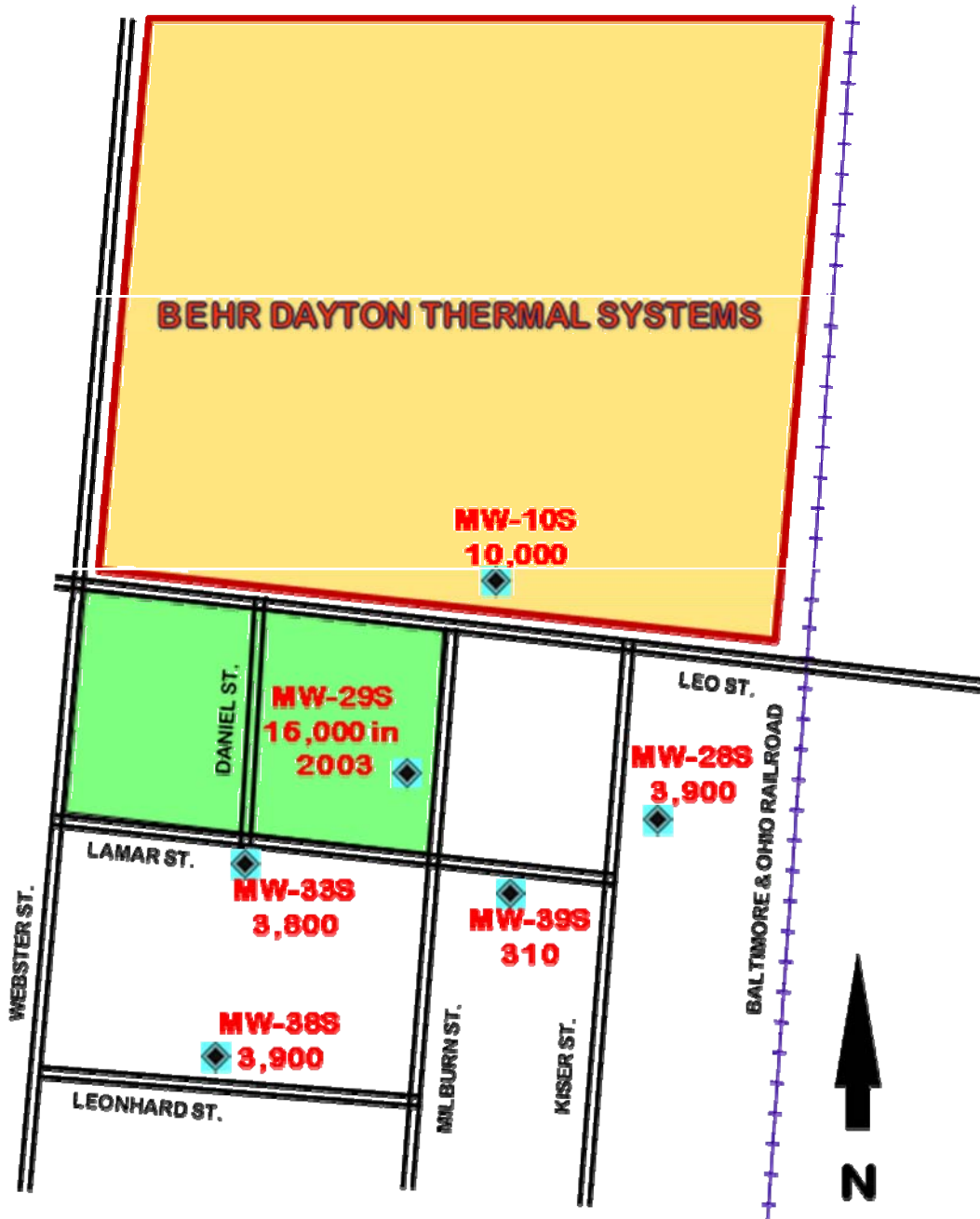
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- Behr Dayton Thermal Systems LLC Project Boundary
- Residential Properties

**Figure 2 Residential Properties South of the Behr Dayton Facility**



**FIGURE 3- RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE BEHR VOC PLUME - PHASE I AREA**



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- ◆ GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL LOCATION
- PHASE I LOCATION

**MONITORING WELL & TCE LEVELS IN PPB**

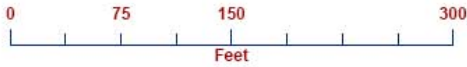
**FIGURE 4 – TCE LEVELS IN GROUNDWATER 2006  
BEHR VOC PLUME AREA**





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**Behr Dayton Thermal Systems LLC**  
October 16, 2006 Soil Gas Sampling Locations



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 Behr Dayton Thermal Systems LLC Project Boundary  
 Residential Properties  
 Geoprobe Soil Gas Location

**Figure 5 Ohio EPA Soil Gas Sample Locations**

## **APPENDIX A**

**“ACTION LEVELS” (Parts per billion per volume) FOR CHLORINATED SOLVENTS  
BEHR-DAYTON SITE, DAYTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

<b>Residential</b>	<b>Short-term Action Level<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Short-term Action Level</b>	<b>Long-term Screening Level<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Long-term Screening Level</b>
<b>Chemical</b>	<b>Indoor Residential</b>	<b>Sub-slab Residential</b>	<b>Indoor Residential</b>	<b>Sub-slab Residential</b>
Trichloroethylene	100	1,000	0.4	4.0
Perchloroethylene	200	2,000	12	120
cis 1,2 DCE	200	2,000	8.8	88
trans 1,2 DCE	200	2,000	18	180
1,1,1 TCA	700	7,000	400	4,000
Vinyl chloride	30	300	11	110

<sup>1</sup> = ATSDR Intermediate Environmental Media Evaluation Guide (EMEG) for air

<sup>2</sup> = US EPA Draft Vapor Intrusion Guidance document (2002) [ Target Indoor air concentration at the 10<sup>-4</sup> Risk Level]

Note: TCE, PCE, and Vinyl chloride are considered to be human carcinogens and values are based on a 10<sup>-4</sup> cancer risk number. 1,2 DCE and 1,1,1 TCA are non-carcinogens and risk value based on a chronic hazard index of 1.0

“Short-term Action Level” denotes a level that would trigger immediate action to be taken to reduce exposure levels, either through installation of a sub-slab depressurization system, improved ventilation, or some other action that could be implemented to reduce exposure until the source could be remediated. The “Intermediate” ATSDR EMEG is used instead of the “Acute” EMEG as these exposures would more likely represent something greater than 14 days but less than a lifetime. As such, an exceedence does not necessarily indicate that the home would be unsafe for occupancy, necessitating evacuation of residents. These numbers represent fairly conservative screening criteria.

Evacuation might be a potential course of action if levels of COCs exceeded an Acute EMEG value [2,000 ppb for TCE] or more appropriately a Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit (TEEL) [= 100 ppm for TCE].

<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Short-term Action Level 1</b>	<b>Short-term Action Level</b>	<b>Long-term Screening Level 2</b>	<b>Long-term Screening Level</b>
<b>Chemical</b>	<b>Indoor Commercial</b>	<b>Sub-slab Commercial</b>	<b>Indoor Commercial</b>	<b>Sub-slab Commercial</b>
Trichloroethylene	420	4,200	1.7	17
Perchloroethylene	840	8,400	50	500
cis 1,2 DCE	840	8,400	37	370
trans 1,2 DCE	840	8,400	76	760
1,1,1 TCA				
Vinyl chloride	126	1,260	46	460

<sup>1</sup> = ATSDR Intermediate Environmental Media Evaluation Guidance (EMEG); adjusted for 8-hr day

<sup>2</sup> = Target Indoor air concentrations US EPA Vapor Intrusion Guidance document (2001); adjusted for 8-hour day

## **APPENDIX B**



**The fact sheets for *Exposure to Toxic Chemicals*, the *Vapor Intrusion Pathway*, and *Trichloroethylene* can be found at the Ohio Department of Health web link;**

**[www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/eh/hlth\\_as/chemfs1.aspx](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/eh/hlth_as/chemfs1.aspx)**