

**STATEMENT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF UNISYS CORPORATION  
TO ACCESS ELMIRA HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY  
FOR SITE CHARACTERIZATION PURPOSES**

Last year, Unisys Corporation (“Unisys”) was granted access to the Elmira High School (“EHS”) property as part of an ongoing environmental evaluation on and around the property. Unisys is the successor to Remington Rand, which operated a manufacturing facility on the EHS property and adjacent parcels of land between 1936 and 1972.

Unisys’ evaluation, which is being conducted in accordance with an Order on Consent and Administrative Settlement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”), is the latest in a series of studies examining soil, groundwater, and indoor air conditions at the EHS property. As with prior assessments, the current site characterization is being undertaken to ensure that the impacts of past industrial activities at the site are thoroughly understood and, if necessary, properly addressed. The site characterization also will allow ECSD to update the EHS Environmental Management Plan (“EMP”), which was implemented in 2009.

Representatives of ECSD, NYSDEC, the New York State Department of Health (“NYSDOH”), and Unisys recently met to discuss the results of soil sampling completed by Unisys as part of the site characterization process. The data does not alter the previous conclusions or recommendations in the 2003 Health Consultation (NYSDOH), which have been addressed by the EMP for the EHS property. However, the parties agreed that further evaluation of the property should be undertaken. To facilitate additional site characterization activities and as a precaution until the results of such activities can be taken into account:

- ECSD has temporarily closed the track and football field at EHS during the school spring break (the week of March 29); and
- Unisys will implement a short term response action in cooperation with ECSD at EHS during the school spring break to enhance the quality of turf or temporarily cover areas with mulch to mitigate the potential for exposure to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in certain unpaved areas (see Figure 1).

Additional site characterization activities are anticipated to take place this summer. Those are expected to include more soil sampling and characterization of former drainage structures on the east and southeast portions of the EHS property. ECSD is committed to ensuring the safety of the EHS property and looks forward to working with NYSDEC, NYSDOH, and Unisys to facilitate the successful completion of the ongoing evaluation.

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