

# WEEKLY AIR MONITORING REPORT

## Vo-Toys Removal Action

**Site Name:** Vo-Toys Site, Harrison, New Jersey

**CERCLA Docket No.:** 02-2019-2028

**Report No.:** 45

**Report Date:** July 30, 2021

**Reporting Period:** July 26 to July 30, 2021

## 1 Introduction

This report summarizes the Vo-Toys Removal Action (RA) air monitoring program conducted between July 26 to July 29, 2021, at the Vo-Toys site located at 400 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrison, New Jersey (the site). Air monitoring for particulates less than 10 microns in diameter (PM<sub>10</sub>) and mercury vapor was conducted in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)-approved Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP). PM<sub>10</sub> and mercury vapor results were compared with action levels presented in the CAMP.

Air monitoring during the week of July 26, 2021 included the following monitoring tasks:

- Meteorological monitoring
- Work area perimeter air monitoring
- Site perimeter air monitoring
- Off-site/Community air monitoring

A summary of the monitoring activities that were conducted is presented in Section 3.

## 2 Meteorological Monitoring

Meteorological monitoring was conducted to measure wind speed, wind direction, and air temperature. Meteorological readings were recorded on a data logging device and evaluated at least three times per day to determine the upwind and downwind boundaries of the site.

Table 2-1 presents a summary of the meteorological monitoring during the week of July 26, 2021. The attached site air monitoring figures show the locations of the meteorological sensors.

**Table 2-1**  
**Meteorological Monitoring Summary**

Date	Weather
July 26, 2021	Partly sunny, high in the low 90s°F; Winds: 0-5 mph W (online), 0-5 mph W (site).
July 27, 2021	Partly sunny, high in the upper 90s°F; Winds: 5-10 mph WSW (online), 0-5 mph W (site).
July 28, 2021	Partly sunny, high in the mid-80s°F; Winds: 5-10 mph NNE (online), 0-5 mph S (site)
July 29, 2021	Partly sunny, high in the mid-70s°F; Winds: 10-15 mph S (online), 0-5 mph W (site)

### 3 PM<sub>10</sub> and Mercury Vapor Monitoring

#### 3.1 Work Area Perimeter Air Monitoring

Air monitoring was performed at the perimeter of the RA work areas and the RA activities were modified as necessary so that particulates and mercury vapors above action levels were not migrating to the site perimeter and off-site/community air monitoring locations. The work area perimeter monitoring locations were in or adjacent to the buildings and were determined based on the location and extent of RA activities and, for exterior RA activities, the prevailing wind direction. Readings were recorded and maintained on site by the Engineer.

#### 3.2 Site Perimeter Air Monitoring Summary

Site perimeter monitoring was performed to document that particulates (PM<sub>10</sub>) or mercury vapor above action levels were not migrating beyond the site boundary. Five air monitoring stations were located outside the buildings around the site perimeter: one upwind and four downwind. Figures SP-1 through SP-4 show the locations of the site perimeter stations each day. Readings were recorded and maintained on site by the Engineer.

On July 26 and 27, 2021, all site perimeter monitoring stations exhibited elevated PM<sub>10</sub> readings that exceeded the PM<sub>10</sub> action levels. The elevated readings were due to atmospheric particulates in the air as a result of West Coast wildfires.

On July 29, 2021, site perimeter monitoring station SP-4 exhibited elevated PM<sub>10</sub> readings that exceeded the PM<sub>10</sub> action levels. The elevated readings were due torch cutting activities that were occurring in the Building A west elevator shaft. The contractor was informed, torch cutting was paused, and dust levels returned below action levels.

All other PM<sub>10</sub> and mercury vapor site perimeter air monitoring data were below action levels defined in the CAMP. A summary of site perimeter air monitoring data is presented in Table 3-1.

**Table 3-1**  
**Summary of PM<sub>10</sub> and Mercury Vapor Site Perimeter Air Monitoring**

Date	Air Monitoring Station/Location	Upwind/Downwind	PM <sub>10</sub> 15-Minute Average Range (ug/m <sup>3</sup> ) Action Level < 100 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Mercury Vapor 15-Minute Average Range (ug/m <sup>3</sup> ) Action Level < 10 ug/m <sup>3</sup>
07/26/2021 <sup>4</sup>	Station 1 – West	Upwind	61.7 – 131.1	0.10 - 0.24
	Station 2 – East	Downwind	43.7 – 96.7	0.12 - 0.43
	Station 3 – Southeast	Downwind	60.3 – 127.9	0.10 - 0.54
	Station 4 – North	Downwind	39.9 – 94.9	0.11 - 0.29
	Station 5 – South	Downwind	52.5 – 115	-
07/27/2021 <sup>4</sup>	Station 1 – West	Upwind	62.9 – 141.2	0.10 - 0.29
	Station 2 – East	Downwind	43.7 – 103.1	0.10 - 0.56
	Station 3 – Southeast	Downwind	57 – 134.3	0.11 - 0.60
	Station 4 – North	Downwind	40.7 – 100.5	0.11 - 0.44
	Station 5 – South	Downwind	45.4 – 140.9	-
07/28/2021	Station 1 – West	Downwind	37.1 – 62.5	0.10 - 0.28
	Station 2 – East	Downwind	25.0 – 35.8	0.10 - 0.22
	Station 3 – Southeast	Upwind	35.1 – 51.3	0.10 - 0.19
	Station 4 – North	Downwind	21.5 – 99.8	0.16 - 0.29
	Station 5 – South	Downwind	31.1 – 44.9	-
07/29/2021	Station 1 – West	Upwind	40.1 – 65.3	0.10 - 0.17
	Station 2 – East	Downwind	26.5 – 36.9	0.12 - 0.43
	Station 3 – Southeast	Downwind	37.3 – 52.8	0.10 - 0.22
	Station 4 – North	Downwind	32.8 – 208.4 <sup>5</sup>	0.12 - 0.35
	Station 5 – South	Downwind	33.9 – 52.4	-

Notes:

1. PM<sub>10</sub> action level: Normal operations if PM<sub>10</sub> < 100 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.
2. Mercury vapor action level: Normal operations if 15-minute average of MVA readings is < 10 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.
3. See CAMP for further details on action levels.
4. PM<sub>10</sub> readings above action levels were attributed to atmospheric particulates from West Coast wildfires.
5. PM<sub>10</sub> readings above action levels were attributed to torch cutting.

### 3.3 Off-Site/Community Air Monitoring

Off-site/community air monitoring for mercury vapors was performed during specific phases of the RA to document that mercury vapor above action levels were not migrating beyond the site boundary. In accordance with the CAMP, each day that included a qualifying mercury vapor monitoring event, four 8-hour off-site air samples were collected for mercury vapor analysis (one upwind and three downwind). Off-site/community air monitoring for mercury vapors was performed July 26, 28, and 29 2021. Figures SP-1 through SP-4 show the locations of the off-site/community air sample locations for the days when sampling was performed.

A summary of off-site/community air monitoring (including analytical results from the previous week) is presented in Table 3-2.

**Table 3-2**  
**Summary of Mercury Vapor Off-Site/Community Air Monitoring**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Mercury Vapor Monitoring Event</b>	<b>Air Monitoring Station/Location</b>	<b>Upwind/ Downwind</b>	<b>Mercury Vapor 8-Hour Sample (ug/m<sup>3</sup>) Action Level &lt;4 ug/m<sup>3</sup></b>
07/19/2021	Floor Removal	Station 1 - West	Upwind	ND
		Station 2 - Southeast	Downwind	ND
		Station 3 – East	Downwind	ND
		Station 4 - North	Downwind	ND
07/20/2021	Floor Removal	Station 1 - West	Upwind	ND
		Station 2 - Southeast	Downwind	ND
		Station 3 – East	Downwind	ND
		Station 4 - North	Downwind	ND
07/21/2021	Floor Removal	Station 1 - West	Downwind	ND
		Station 2 - Southeast	Upwind	ND
		Station 3 – East	Downwind	ND
		Station 4 - North	Downwind	ND
07/22/2021	Floor Removal	Station 1 - West	Upwind	ND
		Station 2 - Southeast	Downwind	ND
		Station 3 – East	Downwind	ND
		Station 4 - North	Downwind	ND
07/26/2021	Floor Removal	Station 1 - West	Upwind	Results Pending (to be reported next week)
		Station 2 - Southeast	Downwind	Results Pending (to be reported next week)
		Station 3 – East	Downwind	Results Pending (to be reported next week)
		Station 4 - North	Downwind	Results Pending (to be reported next week)
07/28/2021	Building B Washdown	Station 1 - West	Downwind	Results Pending (to be reported next week)
		Station 2 – Southeast	Upwind	Results (to be reported next week)
		Station 3 – East	Downwind	Results Pending (to be reported next week)
		Station 4 - North	Downwind	Results Pending (to be reported next week)
07/29/2021	Asbestos Abatement/ Building B Washdown	Station 1 - West	Upwind	Results Pending (to be reported next week)
		Station 2 - Southeast	Downwind	Results (to be reported next week)
		Station 3 – East	Downwind	Results Pending (to be reported next week)

Date	Mercury Vapor Monitoring Event	Air Monitoring Station/Location	Upwind/ Downwind	Mercury Vapor 8-Hour Sample (ug/m <sup>3</sup> ) Action Level <4 ug/m <sup>3</sup>
		Station 4 - North	Downwind	Results Pending (to be reported next week)

Note:

1. ND = Not detected at a concentration above the laboratory detection limit
2. J = Estimated

## 4 Monitoring Equipment

Table 4-1 presents the air monitoring devices used.

**Table 4-1**  
**Monitoring Equipment and Calibration**

Parameter	Monitoring Equipment
Mercury Vapors – Real Time and Average Concentrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jerome Mercury Vapor Analyzer J405 – Arizona Instruments, LLC (work area monitoring, regenerated prior to daily use)</li> <li>VM 3000 – Mercury Instruments (site perimeter stations, auto zeroed prior to daily use)</li> </ul>
Airborne Particulates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MIE DataRAM™ Portable Particulate Monitor (work area perimeter, zeroed prior to daily use)</li> <li>TSI Dusttrak Particulate Monitor (site perimeter stations, zeroed prior to daily use)</li> </ul>
Meteorological Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vantage Pro 2 weather station</li> </ul>
Mercury Vapors – 8-hour Average Concentrations via NIOSH 6009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensidyne Gilian GilAir 3 air sampling pump (low flow module)</li> <li>Mesa Labs Defender 500 series air sampling pump flow calibrator</li> <li>Solid sorbent glass tubes containing Hopcalite</li> </ul>

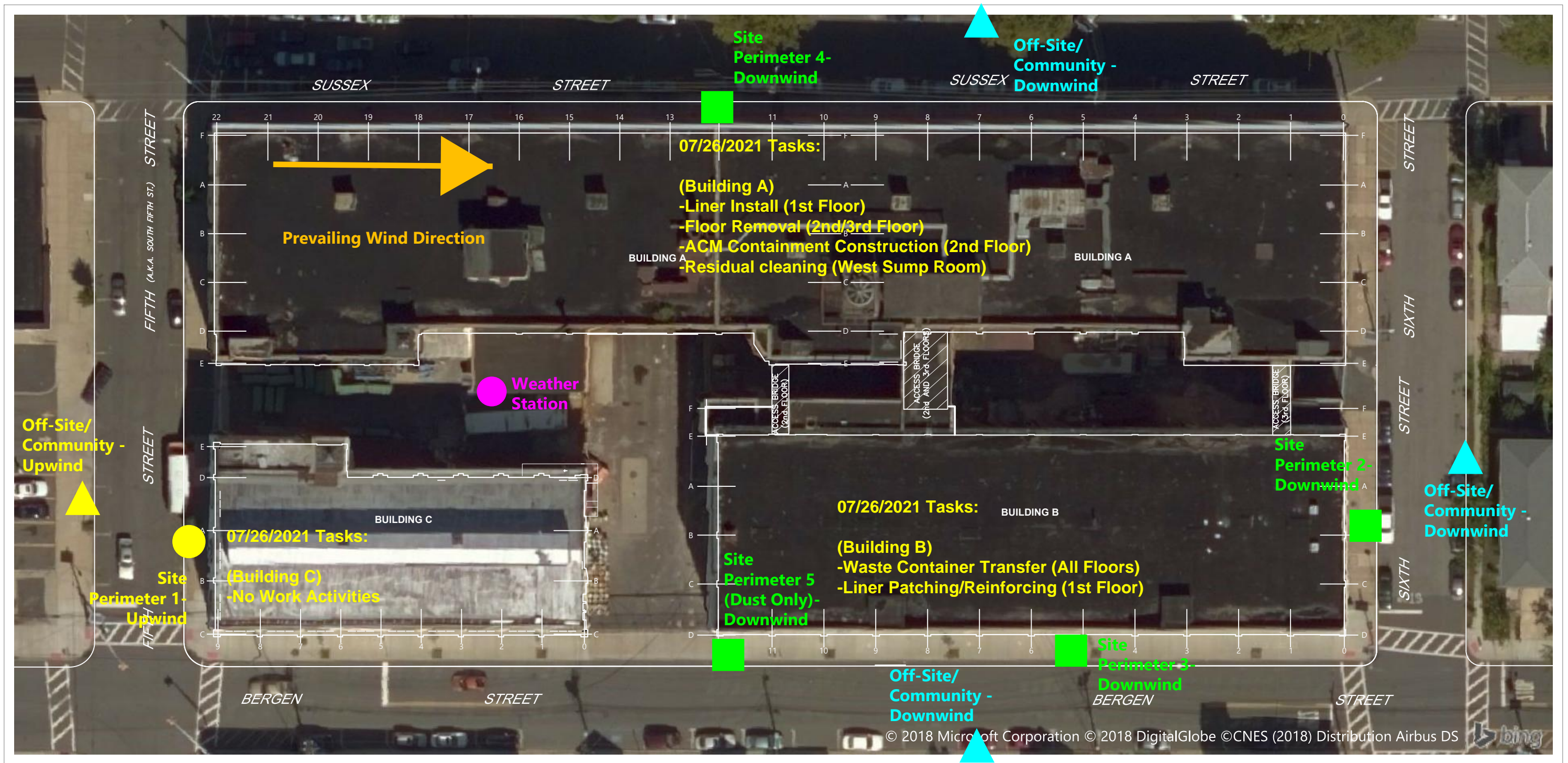
## 5 Issues or Potential Modifications to the CAMP

None

## Figures

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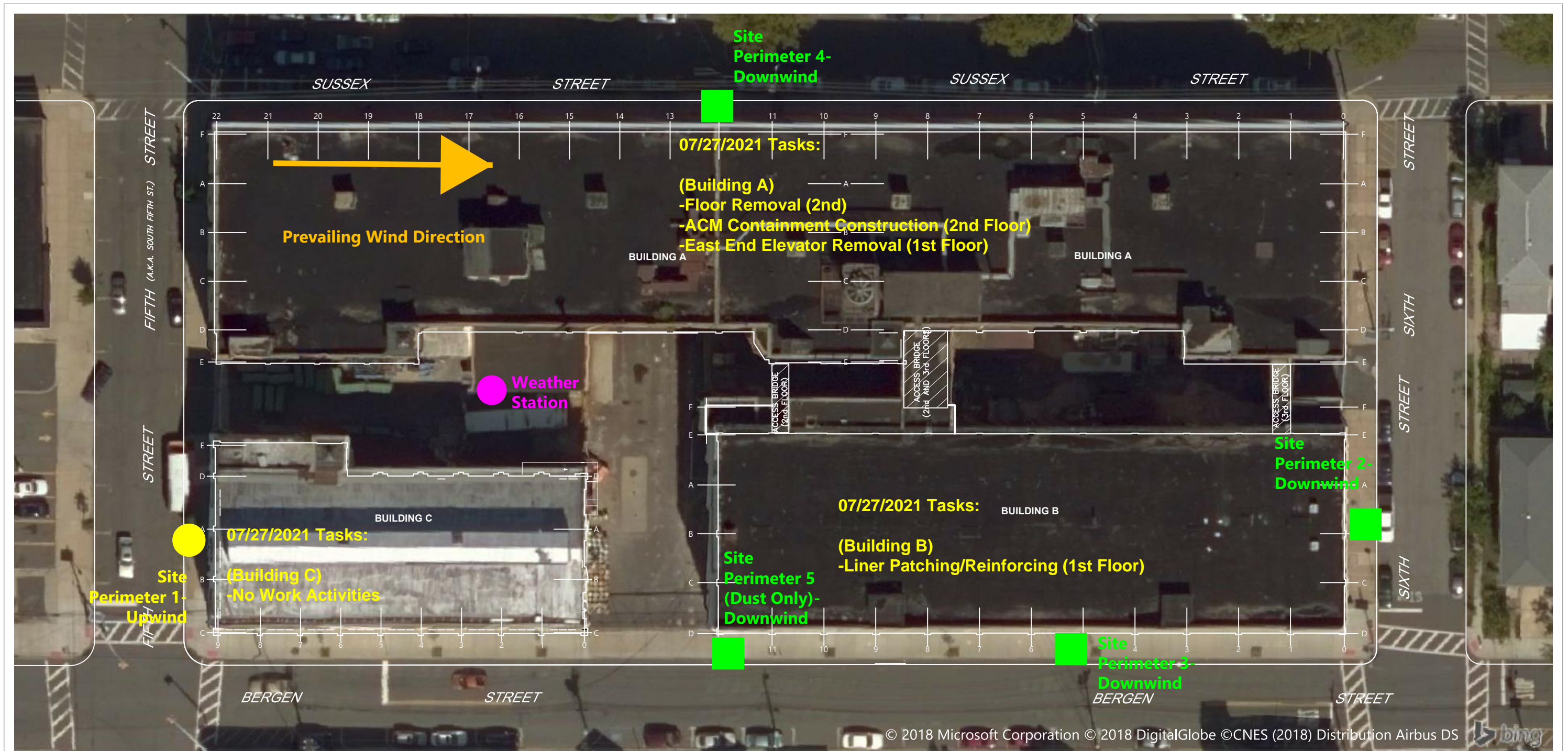
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**Figure SP-1**  
**07/26/2021**  
**Air Monitoring Station Locations**  
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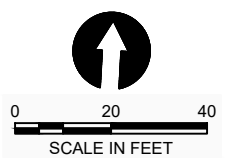
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**LEGEND**

A,1 — — — BUILDING COLUMN LINE

- Site Perimeter Air Monitoring Location
- Upwind Site Perimeter Monitoring Location

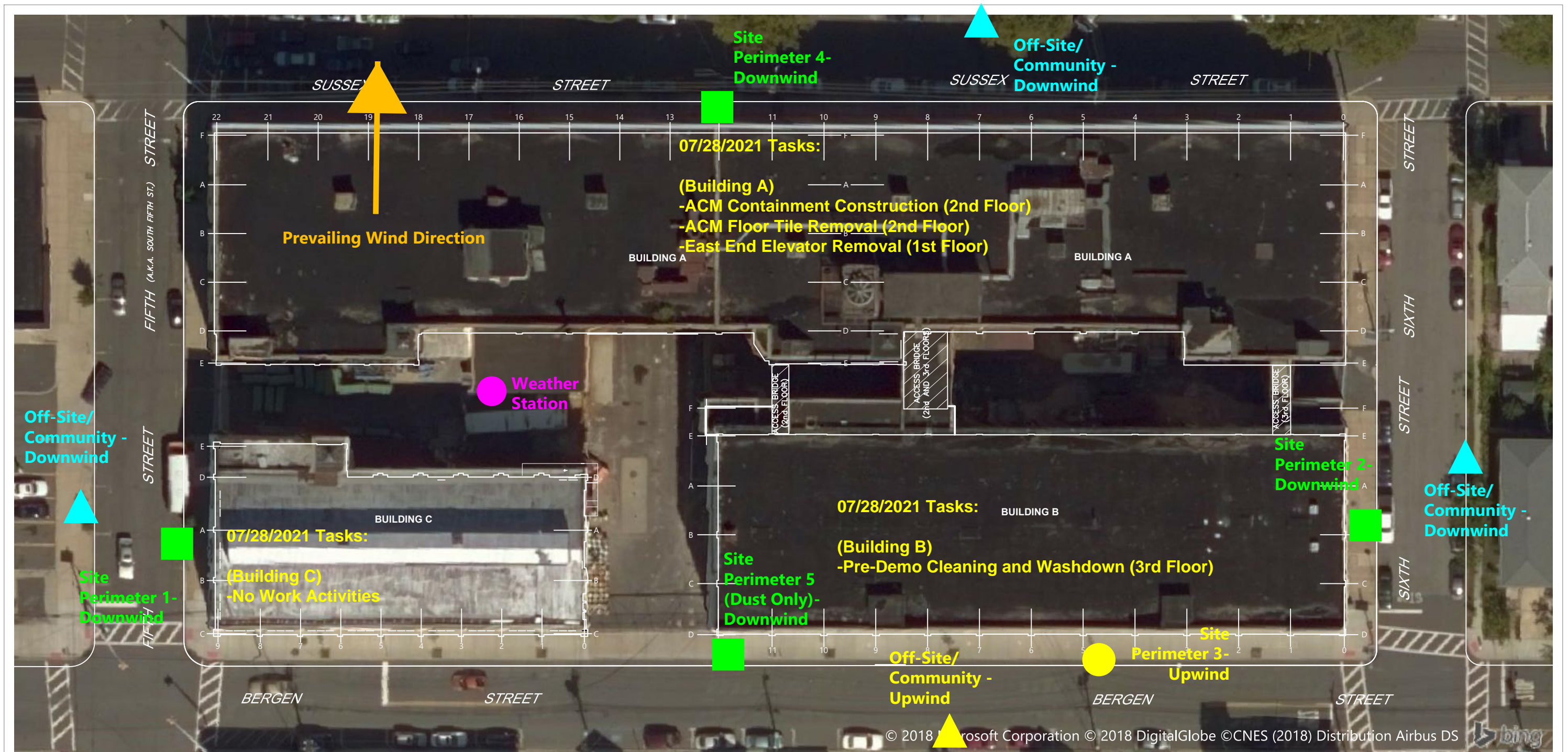


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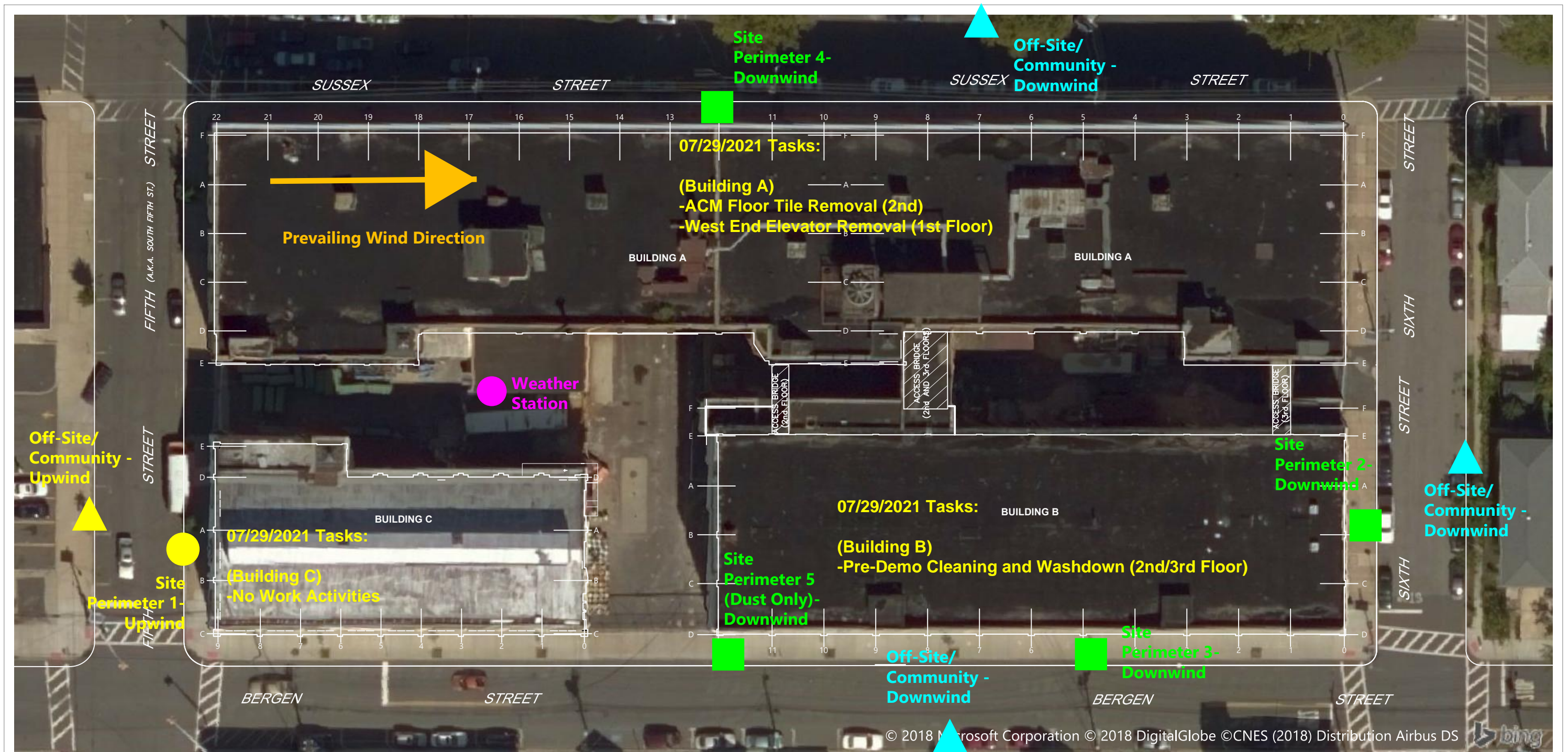
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