

**CORRECTIVE MEASURES IMPLEMENTATION  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN  
MARJOL BATTERY SITE  
Throop, Pennsylvania**

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## 1.0 OVERVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN

Gould Electronics Inc. (Gould), owner of the Marjol Battery site, has updated the Community Relations Plan submitted as part of the July 2006 Corrective Measures Implementation (CMI) Work Plan to address specific communications with nearby residents, Borough officials and the site community during the upcoming construction activities at the Marjol Battery site.

This Community Relations Plan will be used as a guide to conduct community relations activities as part of the CMI process at the site. This Community Relations Plan describes the site and its history; a community profile; and the community relations activities Gould intends to perform during construction.

This Plan supplements the Contractor's Health and Safety Plan which more specifically discusses the actions that would be taken in the event of an emergency or if materials are encountered that are not consistent with battery recycling operations. By contrast, the Community Relations Plan addresses unexpected events that do not necessarily constitute an emergency but that might nonetheless arouse community concern.

In the event of an accident or an emergency during construction, the Contractor's Health and Safety Plan for the Marjol site will be followed. This Health and Safety Plan will include a chain of notification which will be followed in the event of an emergency. In addition to local emergency agencies and the Throop Emergency Management Coordinator, this chain of notification will include Throop Borough Officials, and Throop Borough residents (when applicable). A copy of the contractor's Health and Safety Plan will be provided to the local emergency agencies prior to the start of construction activities and following review and comment by USEPA and PADEP. Gould will also conduct a meeting for representatives of the emergency agencies prior to the start of construction.

## 2.0 THE CLEANUP PROCESS

Gould has been responsible for all of the cleanup activities that have been performed at the Marjol site and surrounding areas to date and will continue to be responsible for all cleanup activities in the future. Most of this work has occurred under consent orders, or agreements, among Gould, USEPA, and PADEP that spell out in general the work to be performed. Under these agreements, Gould developed work plans that provided more specifics on the activities covered; these work plans were reviewed and ultimately approved by USEPA and PADEP. Following their approval, the work then took place. Two agreements were previously signed. The first covered the initial emergency removal and stabilization work that was done on-site and off-site in the residential neighborhood near Marjol. The second agreement included a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) to determine the contaminants and volumes of contaminants at the site as well as a Corrective Measures Study (CMS) to evaluate the possible remedies for the site.

Now that USEPA and PADEP have decided upon a Final Remedy for the Marjol site, Gould has entered into a third Consent Order to design and implement the selected Final Remedy or Corrective Measure. This Consent Order, entered into by Gould with USEPA and PADEP, became effective on July 13, 2006. Under this order, Gould has agreed to design and implement USEPA's Final Remedy for the Marjol site.

It is expected that the Final Design (100%) will be submitted to USEPA/PADEP in mid April 2008. Comments received from other reviewing agencies after the Final Design has been submitted will be incorporated into the construction documents. All permits and approvals are expected to be in place by late Spring 2008. Bids from contractors were received on February 11, 2008. A contractor to perform the construction of the Final Remedy should be selected in early April 2008 and is subject to the approval of USEPA and PADEP. It is anticipated that construction of the Final Remedy will begin in late Spring 2008. Construction of the Final Remedy is expected to take approximately 2 years, through Fall 2009.

### 3.0 BACKGROUND

#### 3.1 SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

The Facility is on a 43.9-acre tract of land adjacent to the Lackawanna River as shown on Figure 1, Facility Location Map. The Site includes the Facility and adjoining Gould-owned properties which are included in the corrective measures. The main entrance to the Facility is at the end of Delaware Street, west of a predominantly residential area. The north and south sides of the Facility are bounded by wooded, undeveloped areas owned by Gould. Southwest of the site, a small neighborhood is located along Sanderson and Bellman Streets. The Lackawanna River borders the Site to the west. Immediately across the Lackawanna River lies Dickson City, a town with a population of 6,300.

The RFI identified the presence of approximately 176,000 cubic yards (cy) of crushed battery casings which had been disposed of at the Facility, and a comparable volume of soils that became contaminated with lead during the course of the operations. How to permanently handle these materials in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment was a primary focus of the RFI and the CMS. Low levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) were also found sporadically within the former operational areas and are contaminants of concern. The areas where PCBs and PAHs are found also have high concentrations of lead.

Gould acquired the Marjol Battery and Equipment Company in May 1980 and shortly thereafter began downsizing and phasing out plant operations. Operations ceased completely in April 1982, and since that time, activities at the site have centered around the cleanup.

### 3.2 COMMUNITY PROFILE

The Marjol site is located in Throop Borough. Throop Borough is in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, five miles north of the City of Scranton. The Borough of Throop has an area of 5.07 square miles, and has a population of approximately 4,010. There is a sanitary landfill situated in the eastern corner of the Borough; however, most of the filling is occurring outside the Borough boundaries and the tipping fees received in previous years are now significantly reduced. The Borough is governed by a seven-member Council that is elected to run all Borough activities. There is also an elected Mayor and an appointed Chief Clerk who assists in running Borough activities. The Borough supports a full-time police force, and maintains three volunteer fire departments. There are approximately 65 residential homes within 500 feet of the Site boundary in the Borough of Throop. All of the homes in this community are connected to the public water supply.

#### 4.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Now that the construction phase of the CMI is starting, the focus of Gould's community relations activities will be to keep residents informed of the construction activities that affect them and to keep Borough officials informed so that they can respond to questions that they receive. Described below are ten community relations activities for the Marjol Battery site designed to enhance communication between Gould, community members, local officials, and the media and to provide opportunities for community input. During construction of the Final Remedy, Gould believes that the needs of the site community will best be met by proactively providing information and addressing questions and concerns as they arise by means of the following activities:

- 1. Designate a Gould Community Relations Representative (CRR) who will be available to the community to address comments, questions, and concerns.**

Objective: To provide the community with someone who will answer their questions and provide prompt, accurate, and consistent responses and information about the site.

Method: Gould's CRR will work closely with the residents and act as a liaison between the residents and the project team (Gould, Advanced GeoServices Corp., and the contractor.) Lisa Ayers has been Gould's CRR at the Marjol site since 1991 and it is expected that she will continue in that position throughout the site cleanup. The CRR's responsibilities include transmission of information to the community, resolution of problems and complaints, and administrative tasks. Specific or unique problems brought to the CRR by residents will be presented to the appropriate Advanced GeoServices Corp. staff for resolution either by Advanced GeoServices Corp., Gould, or USEPA/PADEP.

Availability: The CRR will be present regularly in the community during site activities. The local Community Relations Office which was re-established in 1994 will continue to be open to the community during the site cleanup. The

office is located a few blocks from the site at 502 George Street in Throop, PA. The community will also be able to communicate with the CRR via telephone, e-mail, and fax. It will be the CRR's responsibility to respond promptly to inquiries from Throop residents, public officials, community groups, and the media.

**2. Inform Throop Borough officials and when appropriate, inform Throop Borough residents of unexpected incidents (non-emergency) occurring at the Site during the construction phase.**

Objective: To address the concerns Borough officials and residents might have should something unexpected occur or material unrelated to battery recycling operations be encountered at the Site during construction. To outline the planned communications with Throop Borough officials and local residents.

Method: Should an unexpected event that does not constitute an emergency occur at the Site during the construction process as specified in Section 02209 of the specifications (Appendix G of the 100% Design) the Field Coordinator is required to notify the CRR who in turn will contact the Throop Borough Council President to inform him of the event. The CRR will discuss additional notifications with Council President. Should any such non-emergency incident occur which might immediately arouse community concern, the CRR will contact the Throop Borough Council President and will also provide information to the local community (via telephone and as soon as possible on the web site).

As discussed previously, in the event of an accident or an emergency during construction, the Contractor's Site Specific Health and Safety Plan for the Marjol site will be followed. This Health and Safety Plan will include a chain of notification which will be followed in the event of an emergency. The chain of notification includes the local emergency agencies and the Throop Emergency Management Coordinator, Throop Borough Officials, and Throop Borough residents (when applicable).

**3. Inform Throop Borough Emergency Agencies of the Information in the Site Specific Health and Safety Plan.**

Objective: To provide local emergency agencies with information necessary to address an emergency at the Marjol site during construction activities.

Method: Gould will provide the local emergency agencies with a copy of the Contractor's Site Specific Health and Safety Plan prior to the start of construction and following review and comment by USEPA and PADEP. Gould will conduct a meeting for representatives of the emergency agencies prior to the start of construction.

**4. Inform the Throop Borough residents of upcoming site activities on a regular basis throughout the CMI process.**

Objective: To assist residents in planning their activities so that the construction work disrupts their normal schedule as little as possible. To keep residents and officials informed of expected work activities to minimize concerns that something unexpected is happening.

Method: Gould will do its best to inform the local community of upcoming site activities. Gould will use printed material (such as flyers), telephone calls, a web site, small group meetings for those residents living closest to the Site (on Hill Street, Delaware Street, Franko Street, Woodlawn Street, and Martarano Drive), and individual meetings as needed to focus on current and upcoming site cleanup work.

The CRR will call the approximately 15 residences nearest the Site on a regular basis to inform those residents of upcoming activities that might affect them. The CRR will call approximately 60 residences near the Site whenever significant events are occurring, such as the start of construction, when large-scale tree clearing in the North Woods will begin, when a large number of trucks will be

coming to the site, when construction stops for the winter and when it resumes again, etc. The list of residences that will be contacted can be expanded if an individual requests that he/she be called.

The small group meetings with residents living on Delaware, Hill, Woodlawn, and Franko Streets will focus on specific questions these residents might have such as questions about noise, hours of operation, truck traffic, and air monitoring. The small group meeting with the residents on Martarano Drive will address these concerns as well as concerns specific to them regarding the existing barrier fence and the creation of a stormwater retention area behind some of the homes on the western side of Martarano Drive.

**5. Prepare and distribute newsletters that include technical summaries.**

Objective: To provide an easy-to-read update on site activities. Site newsletters generally summarize site technical work and are mailed to residents, community groups, local and state officials, and other interested parties.

Method: Periodic newsletters will be produced and mailed to those on the site mailing list, the local newspaper, and local government representatives to provide information on the activities at the site and the status of the project. Gould intends to produce a newsletter approximately once every two months, though frequency may be greater or lesser in periods of high or low activity.

In addition to being mailed, copies of the newsletters will be available at the Throop Borough Municipal building, the Throop Civic Center, and the Community Relations Office. Copies of newsletters are also placed in the local repository for the site and will be posted on the Marjol web site.

The CMI newsletters may include information and pictures on past, current, and upcoming site activities; question-and-answer sections focusing on community concerns; overviews of cleanup technologies; and listings of EPA, Gould, AGC and other relevant contact persons.

Gould maintains an up-to-date listing of federal, state, and local officials; local media; and other interested parties. The list is provided in Attachment A. Gould also maintains a private list of residents living near the site whose properties have been sampled. To protect the privacy of these persons, Gould will not release the list to the press or to the general public. Gould uses both mailing lists in mailing site newsletters, providing telephone updates, and conducting other community involvement activities. Gould will update the list as needed to reflect new information. If not already on the mailing list, those interested in receiving a newsletter can be added to the mailing list by contacting the CRR.

**6. Establish and maintain a web site for the Marjol Battery site for the CMI.**

Objective: To provide another means for residents and elected officials to obtain information regarding the site, to ask questions via e-mail, view pictures of current site activities, and review pertinent documents.

Method: A web site has been established at [www.marjolicleanup.com](http://www.marjolicleanup.com). The web site includes a Site Background Section; a Project Information Section discussing the status of operations; a Schedule for the Corrective Measures Process; a Maintenance and Monitoring Section; a section with both current and historic Air Monitoring Data; a Community Relations Section; a Documents section providing copies of recently approved documents, recent newsletters, and quarterly reports; a section with Frequently Asked Questions; and, a Contact Information section providing information for those involved with the CMI. Sections to be added to the web site for construction include a section particularly for local residents providing information regarding Construction Activities and a Photo Gallery. Information on the chosen contractor will also be provided. Additional sections

can be added to the web site as needed. Gould will also use the web site to post a Project Calendar providing a weekly work schedule so that the community is kept informed on what is happening during the cleanup. The website has a banner on the Home page that is used to alert people to upcoming meetings and other items that are noteworthy. The CRR sends out an e-mail to notify people when the web-site is updated; anyone can request that he/she be added to the notification list.

**7. Maintain contact with Throop Borough elected officials.**

Objective: To keep Borough officials informed of site developments and expected work activities. To maintain communication between Gould and Throop Borough officials so that Borough officials can respond to community questions and requests for information.

Method: Gould will inform the Throop Borough elected officials of site developments and activities via newsletters, printed materials, the web site, regular updates at Throop Borough Council Work Sessions, and other means as described previously. In addition, Gould will continue to provide copies of documents such as the CMI Work Plan and the quarterly Progress Reports to the Throop Borough Council, the Throop Borough solicitor, and the Throop Borough engineer. As always, Gould will be responsive to requests from Borough officials for additional briefings or other meetings and will participate when asked in Marjol-related meetings with Borough officials (such as meetings that may be planned by USEPA/PADEP.)

**8. Continue to maintain and update the local information repository.**

Objective: To provide a reference point where the public can review finalized documents as well as historic information on the site cleanup. Gould will maintain the historic information and will update this collection of site-specific

documents on the Marjol Site so that citizens can follow the progress of the site cleanup.

Method: As site documents are released, they will be placed into the document repository. The repository serves as a reference collection of site information. The repository contains many documents that have been approved by USEPA regarding the Marjol Battery site. It provides the residents the opportunity to review work plans, and any other pertinent documents.

Location: The repository is located at the Throop Borough Municipal Building, 436 Sanderson Street in Throop. Information in the repository is available for public review during normal Borough office hours (Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Please note that the USEPA has an Administrative Record which includes many of the documents in the repository as well as additional documents. USEPA's Administrative Record is also available at the Throop Borough Municipal Building. Information for the repository is provided in Attachment B.

## **9. Sponsor Annual Blood Lead Screening Program**

Objective: To make sure that blood levels remain low and, in conjunction with the air monitoring and the off-site verification soil sampling (as spelled out in the Sampling and Analysis Plan, Appendix I of the 100% Design), to provide assurances that the construction work is not exposing residents to airborne lead. To continue to provide the community with the opportunity for free blood lead screening to address concerns they may have about elevated blood lead levels or the impact construction activities may have on their blood lead levels.

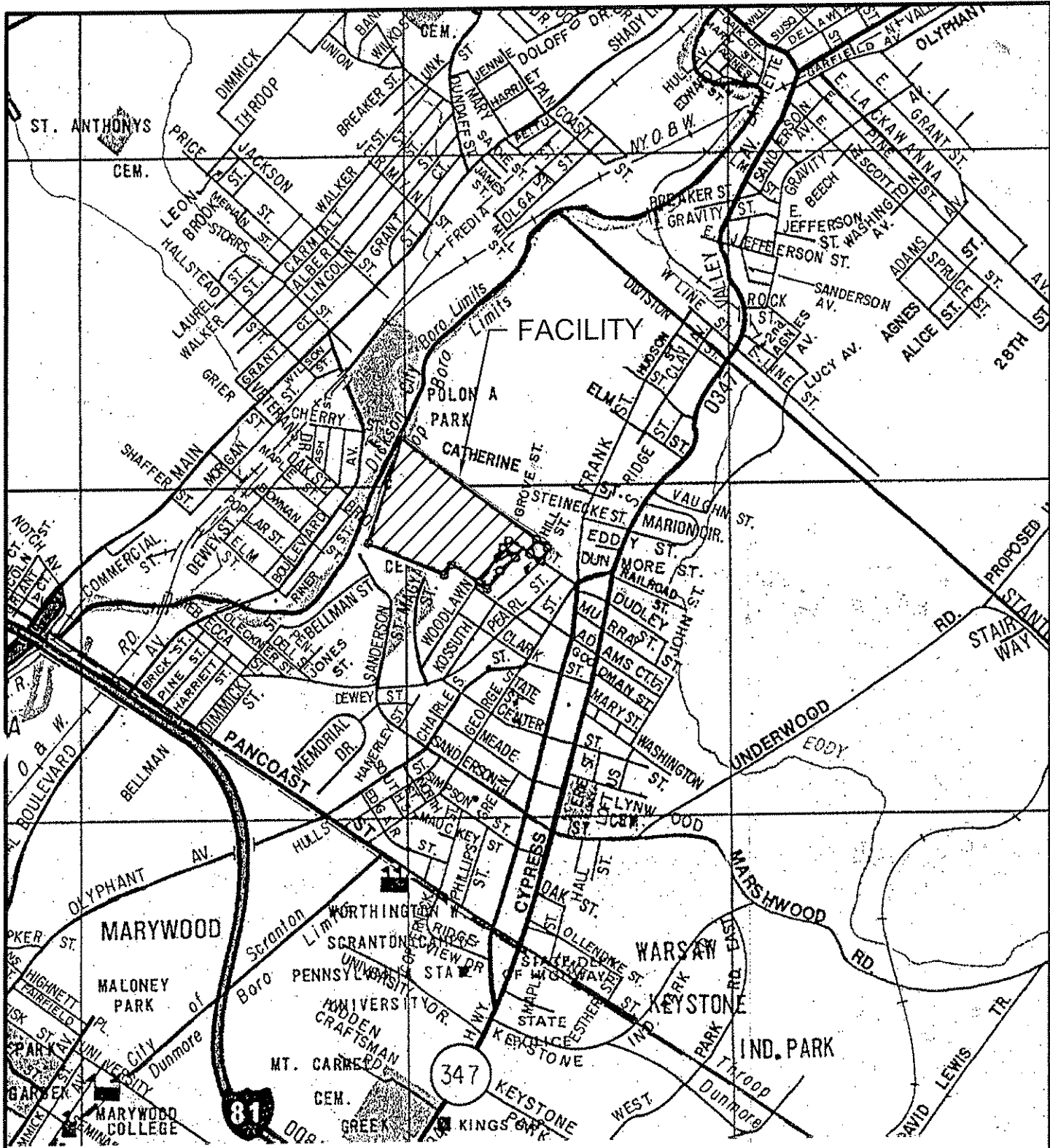
Method: Gould will continue to sponsor the Annual Blood Lead Screening Program in July of each year throughout the construction process. This blood lead screening is conducted by Clinical Laboratories and targets residents of Throop and individuals who have been previously tested; no one is turned away.

**10. Revise the Community Relations Plan if warranted.**

Objective: To identify and address community needs, issues or concerns regarding the site or the cleanup remedy that are not currently addressed in this Community Relations Plan.

Method: Gould will revise the Community Relations Plan, if necessary, to address community needs and concerns regarding the design and implementation of the site remedy which are not currently addressed in the Community Relations Plan.

# FIGURE



REFERENCE:  
 CHAMPION' STREET MAP  
 OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

**FACILITY LOCATION MAP**

<b>MARJOL BATTERY SITE</b>		
THROOP BOROUGH, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA		
PROJECT ENGINEER: B.L.F.	SCALE:	N.T.S.
CHECKED BY: J.W.D.	PROJECT NUMBER: 92-002-105	
DRAWN BY: P.S.G.	DATE:	FIGURE: 1



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# **ATTACHMENTS**

# **ATTACHMENT A**

## **Interested Parties and Contact List**

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INTERESTED PARTIES AND CONTACT LIST**

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**ATTACHMENT B**

**Information Repository**

**ATTACHMENT B  
INFORMATION REPOSITORY**

Repository

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