Standard Practice for Limited Environmental Due Diligence: Transaction Screen Process

1. Scope

1.1 Purpose—The purpose of this practice is to define a good practice in the United States of America for conducting a transaction screen for a parcel of commercial real estate where the user wishes to conduct limited environmental due diligence (that is, less than a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment). If the driving force behind the environmental due diligence is a desire to qualify for one of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Landowner Liability Protections (LLPs), this practice should not be applied. Instead, the ASTM E1527: Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process or ASTM E2247: Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process for Forestland or Rural Property may be used.

1.1.1 This practice will not satisfy the requirement to conduct all appropriate inquiries into the previous ownership and uses of the property consistent with “generally accepted good commercial and customary standards and practices” as defined in 42 U.S.C. §9601(35)(B) to qualify for one of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Landowner Liability Protections (LLPs). Users who desire to conduct environmental due diligence to qualify for one of the CERCLA LLPs should conduct assessment activities in conformity with “Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries,” 40 C.F.R. Part 312, ASTM E1527: Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process or ASTM E2247: Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process for Forestland or Rural Property.

1.2 An evaluation of business environmental risk associated with a parcel of commercial real estate may necessitate investigation beyond that identified in this practice. See Sections 1.4 and 11.

1.2.1 Potential Environmental Concerns—The goal of conducting a transaction screen is to identify potential environmental concerns, as defined in 3.2.35.

1.2.2 Other Federal, State, and Local Environmental Laws—This practice does not address requirements of any state or local laws or of any federal laws. Users are cautioned that federal, state, and local laws may impose environmental assessment obligations that are beyond the scope of this practice. Users should also be aware that there are likely to be other legal obligations with regard to hazardous substances or petroleum products discovered on property that are not addressed in this practice and may pose risks of civil and/or criminal sanctions for non-compliance.

1.3 Objective—The objective guiding the development of this practice is to facilitate standardized transaction screens.

1.3.1 Note of Caution—The user should be cautious in applying this practice to properties with known current or historic handling of hazardous substances or petroleum products.

1.4 Considerations Beyond the Scope—The use of this practice is strictly limited to the scope set forth in this section. Section 11 of this practice identifies, for informational purposes, certain environmental conditions (not an all-inclusive list) that may exist on a property that are beyond the scope of this practice but may warrant consideration by parties to a commercial real estate transaction. The need to include an investigation of any such conditions in the scope of services should be evaluated based upon, among other factors, the nature of the property and the reasons for performing the assessment (for example, a more comprehensive evaluation of business environmental risk) and should be agreed upon as additional services beyond the scope of this practice prior to initiation of the Transaction Screen Process.

1.5 Organization of This Practice—This practice has several parts and one appendix. Section 1 is the Scope. Section 2 refers to other ASTM standards in the Referenced Documents. Section 3, Terminology, has definitions of terms not unique to...
this practice, descriptions of terms unique to this practice, and acronyms. Section 4 is Significance and Use of this practice. Section 5 is the Introduction to the Transaction Screen Questionnaire. Section 6 sets forth the Transaction Screen Questionnaire itself. Sections 7 – 10 contain the Guide to the Transaction Screen Questionnaire and its various parts. Section 11 provides additional information regarding non-scope considerations. See 1.4.

1.6 This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:
E1527 Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process
E2247 Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process for Forestland or Rural Property

2.2 Federal Statutes:
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (sometimes also referred to as the Solid Waste Disposal Act), as amended (“RCRA”), 42 U.S.C. §6901 et seq.

3. Terminology

3.1 Scope—This section provides definitions, descriptions of terms, and a list of acronyms for many of the words used in this practice. The terms are an integral part of this practice and are critical to an understanding of this written practice and its use.

3.2 Definitions:

3.2.1 activity and use limitations (AULs)—legal or physical restrictions or limitations on the use of, or access to, a site or facility; (1) to reduce or eliminate potential exposure to hazardous substances or petroleum products in the soil or ground water on the property, or (2) to prevent activities that could interfere with the effectiveness of a response action, in order to ensure maintenance of a condition of no significant risk to public health or the environment. These legal or physical restrictions, which may include institutional and/or engineering controls, are intended to prevent adverse impacts to individuals or populations that may be exposed to hazardous substances and petroleum products in the soil or ground water on the property.4

3.2.2 actual knowledge—the knowledge actually possessed by an individual who is a real person, rather than an entity. Actual knowledge is to be distinguished from constructive knowledge that is knowledge imputed to an individual or entity.

3.2.3 adjoining properties—any real property or properties the border of which is contiguous or partially contiguous with that of the property, or that would be contiguous or partially contiguous with that of the property but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them.

3.2.4 aerial photographs—photographs taken from an aerial platform with sufficient resolution to allow identification of development and activities of areas encompassing the property. Aerial photographs are often available from government agencies or private collections unique to a local area. See Question 22 of the questionnaire in this practice and 10.2.2.

3.2.5 all appropriate inquiries—that inquiry constituting “all appropriate inquiries” into the previous ownership and uses of the property consistent with good commercial or customary practice” as defined in CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9601(35)(B), that will qualify a party to a commercial real estate transaction for one of the threshold criteria for satisfying the LLPs to CERCLA liability (42 U.S.C. §§9601(35)(A) & (B); §9607(b)(3), §9607(q), and §9607(r)), assuming compliance with other elements of the defense.

3.2.6 approximate minimum search distance—the area for which records must be obtained and reviewed pursuant to the records review section of Practice E1528, subject to the limitations provided in that section. The term approximate minimum search distance may include areas outside the property and shall be measured from the nearest property boundary. The term approximate minimum search distance is used instead of radius to include irregularly shaped properties.

3.2.7 commercial real estate—any real property except a dwelling or property with no more than four dwelling units exclusively for residential use (except that a dwelling or property with no more than four dwelling units exclusively for residential use is included in this term when it has a commercial function, as in the building of such dwellings for profit). This term includes but is not limited to undeveloped real property and real property used for industrial, retail, office, agricultural, other commercial, medical, or educational purposes; property used for residential purposes that has more than four residential dwelling units; and property with no more

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4 The term AUL is taken from the ASTM Standard Guide E2091 to include both legal (that is, institutional) and physical (that is, engineering) controls within its scope. Other agencies, organizations, and jurisdictions may define or utilize these terms differently (for example, EPA and California do not include physical controls within their definitions of “institutional controls.” The Department of Defense and the International County/City Management Association use “Land Use Controls.” The term “land use restrictions” is used but not defined in the Brownfields Amendments).
than four dwelling units for residential use when it has a commercial function, as in the building of such dwellings for profit.

3.2.8 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS)—the list of sites compiled by EPA that EPA has investigated or is currently investigating for potential hazardous substance contamination for possible inclusion on the National Priorities List.

3.2.9 CORRACTS list—a list maintained by EPA of hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities and other RCRA-regulated facilities (due to past interim status or storage of hazardous waste beyond 90 days) that have been notified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to undertake corrective action under RCRA. The CORRACTS list is a subset of the EPA database that manages RCRA data.

3.2.10 demolition debris—concrete, brick, asphalt, and other such building materials discarded in the demolition of a building or other improvement to property.

3.2.11 drum—a container (typically, but not necessarily, holding 55 gal (208 L) of liquid) that may be used to store hazardous substances or petroleum products.

3.2.12 due diligence—the process of inquiring into the environmental characteristics of a parcel of commercial real estate or other conditions, usually in connection with a commercial real estate transaction. The degree and kind of due diligence vary for different properties and differing purposes.

3.2.13 dwelling—structure or portion thereof used for residential habitation.

3.2.14 engineering controls—physical modifications to a site or facility (for example, capping, slurry walls, or point of use water treatment) to reduce or eliminate the potential for exposure to hazardous substances or petroleum products in the soil or ground water on the property. Engineering controls are a type of activity and use limitation (AUL).

3.2.15 environmental lien—a charge, security, or encumbrance upon title to a property to secure the payment of a cost, damage, debt, obligation, or duty arising out of response actions, cleanup, or other remediation of hazardous substances or petroleum products upon a property, including (but not limited to) liens imposed pursuant to section 107(l) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. §9607(l)) and similar state or local laws.

3.2.16 environmental professional—a person meeting the education, training, and experience requirements as set forth in 40 C.F.R. §312.10(b). The person may be an independent contractor or an employee of the user.

3.2.17 ERNS list—EPA’s Emergency Response Notification System list of reported CERCLA hazardous substance releases or spills in quantities greater than the reportable quantity, as maintained at the National Response Center. Notification requirements for such releases or spills are codified in 40 C.F.R. Parts 302 and 355.

3.2.18 fill dirt—dirt, soil, sand, or other earth, that is obtained off-site, that is used to fill holes or depressions, create mounds, or otherwise artificially change the grade or elevation of real property. It does not include material that is used in limited quantities for normal landscaping activities.

3.2.19 fire insurance maps—maps produced for private fire insurance map companies that indicate uses of properties at specified dates and that encompass the property. These maps are often available at local libraries, historical societies, private resellers, or from the map companies who produced them. See Question 22 of the questionnaire in this practice and 10.2.2.

3.2.20 hazardous substance—a substance defined as a hazardous substance pursuant to section 101(14) of CERCLA, (42 U.S.C. §9601(14)), as interpreted by EPA regulations (see 40 C.F.R. §302.4) and the courts: “(A) any substance designated pursuant to section 311(b)(2)(A) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, (B) any element, compound, mixture, solution, or substance designated pursuant to section 102 of this Act, (C) any hazardous waste having the characteristics identified under or listed pursuant to section 3001 of [RCRA] (but not including any waste the regulation of which under [RCRA] has been suspended by Act of Congress), (D) any toxic pollutant listed under section 307(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, (E) any hazardous air pollutant listed under section 112 of the Clean Air Act, and (F) any imminently hazardous chemical substance or mixture with respect to which the Administrator [of EPA] has taken action pursuant to section 7 of the Toxic Substances Control Act. The term does not include petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof which is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under subparagraphs (A) through (F) of this paragraph, and the term does not include natural gas, natural gas liquids, liquefied natural gas, or synthetic gas usable for fuel (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas).”

3.2.21 hazardous waste—any solid waste having the characteristics identified under or listed pursuant to section 3001 of RCRA, as amended, (42 U.S.C. §6921) but not including any waste the regulation of which under RCRA (42 U.S.C. §6901 et seq.) has been suspended by Act of Congress). RCRA is sometimes also identified as the Solid Waste Disposal Act. RCRA defines a hazardous waste, in section 1003 (42 U.S.C. §9003), as: “a solid waste, or combination of solid wastes, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may—(A) cause, or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible, illness; or (B) pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of, or otherwise managed.”

3.2.22 landfill—a place, location, tract of land, area, or premises used for the disposal of solid wastes as defined by state solid waste regulations. The term is synonymous with the term solid waste disposal site and is also known as a garbage dump, trash dump, or similar term.

3.2.23 Landowner Liability Protections (LLPs)— Landowner liability protections under CERCLA pursuant to the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act amendments to CERCLA (42 U.S.C. §§9601(35) & 9607(b)(3); these protections include the bona fide prospective purchaser liability protection, contiguous propertyowner liability protection, and innocent landowner defense from CERCLA liability.
3.2.24  *local street directories*—directories published by private (or sometimes government) sources that show ownership, occupancy, use of sites, and/or by reference to street addresses. Often local street directories are available at libraries of local governments, colleges or universities, or historical societies. See Question 22 of the questionnaire in this practice and 10.2.2.

3.2.25  *LUST sites*—state lists of leaking underground storage tank sites. Section 9003(h) of Subtitle I of RCRA gives EPA and states, under cooperative agreements with EPA, authority to clean up releases from UST systems or require owners and operators to do so. 42 U.S.C. §6991b(h).

3.2.26  *major occupants*—those tenants, subtenants, or other persons or entities each of which uses at least 40% of the leasable area of the property or any anchor tenant when the property is a shopping center.

3.2.27  *National Priorities List (NPL)*—list compiled by EPA pursuant to CERCLA (42 U.S.C. §9605(a)(8)(B)) of properties with the highest priority for cleanup pursuant to EPA's hazard ranking system. See 40 C.F.R. Part 300.

3.2.28  *obvious*—that which is plain or evident; a condition or fact which could not be ignored or overlooked by a reasonable observer while *visually or physically observing* the property.

3.2.29  *occupants*—those tenants, subtenants, or other persons or entities using the property or a portion of the property.

3.2.30  *owner*—generally the fee owner of record of the property.

3.2.31  *petroleum exclusion*—the exclusion from CERCLA liability provided in 42 U.S.C. §9601(14), as interpreted by the courts and EPA: “The term (hazardous substance) does not include petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof which is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under Subparagraphs (A) through (F) of this paragraph, and the term does not include natural gas, natural gas liquids, liquefied natural gas, or synthetic gas usable for fuel (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas).”

3.2.32  *petroleum products*—those substances included within the meaning of the terms within the petroleum exclusion to CERCLA (42 U.S.C. §9601(14)), as interpreted by the courts and EPA, that is: petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof that is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under Subparagraphs (A) through (F) of 42 U.S.C. §9601(14), natural gas, natural gas liquids, liquefied natural gas, and synthetic gas usable for fuel (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas). (The word fraction refers to certain distillates of crude oil, including gasoline, kerosene, diesel oil, jet fuels, and fuel oil, pursuant to *Standard Definitions of Petroleum Statistics.*

3.2.33  *Phase I Environmental Site Assessment*—the process described in Practice E1527.

3.2.34  *pits, ponds, or lagoons*—man-made or natural depressions in a ground surface that are likely to hold liquids or sludge containing *hazardous substances or petroleum products*. The likelihood of such liquids or sludge being present is determined by evidence of factors associated with the pit, pond, or lagoon, including, but not limited to, discolored water, distressed vegetation, or the presence of an *obvious wastewater discharge*.

3.2.35  *potential environmental concerns*—The term *potential environmental concerns* means the possible presence of any *hazardous substances or petroleum products* on a property under conditions that indicate the possibility of an existing release, a past release, or a threat of a future release of any *hazardous substances or petroleum products* into structures on the property or into the ground, ground water, or surface water of the property. The term includes *hazardous substances or petroleum products* even under conditions in compliance with laws. (Note that “threat of release” is generally understood to be present when *hazardous substances or petroleum products* are poorly managed (for example in corroded tanks or damaged containers) but the release of the contaminants has not yet occurred, and there is an opportunity to take response action to prevent a release of the contaminants.)

3.2.36  *practically reviewable*—information that is *practically reviewable* means that the information is provided by the source in a manner and in a form that, upon examination, yields information relevant to the property without the need for extraordinary analysis of irrelevant data. The form of the information shall be such that the user can review the records for a limited geographic area. Records that cannot be feasibly retrieved by reference to the location of the property or a geographic area in which the property is located are not generally *practically reviewable*. Most databases of public records are *practically reviewable* if they can be obtained from the source agency by the county, city, zip code, or other geographic area of the facilities listed in the record system. Records that are sorted, filed, organized, or maintained by the source agency only chronologically are not generally *practically reviewable*. Listings in *publicly available* records which do not have adequate address information to be located geographically are not generally considered *practically reviewable*. For large databases with numerous facility records (such as RCRA hazardous waste generators and registered underground storage tanks), the records are not *practically reviewable* unless they can be obtained from the source agency in the smaller geographic area of zip codes. Even when information is provided by zip code for some large databases, it is common for an unmanageable number of sites to be identified within a given zip code. In these cases, it is not necessary to review the impact of all of the sites that are likely to be listed in any given zip code because that information would not be *practically reviewable*. In other words, when so much data is generated that it cannot be feasibly reviewed for its impact on the property, it is not *practically reviewable*.

3.2.37  *preparer*—the person preparing the *transaction screen questionnaire* pursuant to this practice, who may be either the user or the person to whom the user has delegated the preparation. See 4.3. In selecting options permitted by the
Transaction Screen, preparers should satisfy themselves that they are qualified to undertake the analysis contemplated by that option. Unless otherwise agreed to by the user and the preparer, it is not the responsibility of the preparer to draw conclusions regarding affirmative or unknown answers. See 4.3 and 5.6.

3.2.38 property—the real property that is the subject of the transaction screen described in this practice. Real property includes buildings and other fixtures and improvements located on the property and affixed to the land.

3.2.39 publicly available—information that is publicly available means that the source of the information allows access to the information by anyone upon request.

3.2.40 RCRA generators—those persons or entities that generate hazardous wastes, as defined and regulated by RCRA.

3.2.41 RCRA generators list—list kept by EPA of those persons or entities that generate hazardous wastes as defined and regulated by RCRA.

3.2.42 RCRA TSD Facilities—those facilities on which treatment, storage, and/or disposal of hazardous wastes takes place, as defined and regulated by RCRA.

3.2.43 RCRA TSD Facilities list—list kept by EPA of those facilities on which treatment, storage, and/or disposal of hazardous wastes takes place, as defined and regulated by RCRA.

3.2.44 reasonably ascertainable—information that is (1) publicly available, (2) obtainable from its source within reasonable time and cost constraints, and (3) practically reviewable.

3.2.44.1 Discussion—For additional information on the meaning of “reasonable time and cost constraints,” see Practice E1527 at 8.1.5.

3.2.45 records of emergency release notifications (EPCRA §304)—Section 304 of EPCRA (42 U.S.C. §11004) requires operators of facilities to notify their local emergency planning committee (as defined in EPCRA) and State Emergency Response Commission (as defined in EPCRA) of any release beyond the facility’s boundary of any reportable quantity of any extremely hazardous substance. Often the local fire department is the local emergency planning committee. Records of such notifications are “Records of Emergency Release Notifications.”

3.2.46 records review—that part of the transaction screen that is contained in Section 6 of this practice and addresses which records shall or may be reviewed.

3.2.47 solid waste disposal site—a place, location, tract of land, area, or premises used for the landfill disposal of solid wastes as defined by state solid waste regulations. The term is synonymous with the term landfill and is also known as a garbage dump, trash dump, or similar term.

3.2.48 solvent—a chemical compound that is capable of dissolving another substance and may itself be a hazardous substance used in a number of manufacturing/industrial processes including, but not limited to, the manufacture of paints and coatings for industrial and household purposes, equipment clean-up, and surface degreasing in metal fabricating industries.

3.2.49 site visit—the visit to the property during which observations are made constituting the site visit requirement of this practice.

3.2.50 standard environmental record sources—those records specified in Section 6 of this practice of the records review section.

3.2.51 standard practice—the activities set forth in this practice for the conduct of a transaction screen.

3.2.52 standard sources—sources of environmental or historical records specified in the records review section (Section 6) of this practice.

3.2.53 state registered USTs—state lists of underground storage tanks required to be registered under Section 9002 of RCRA (42 U.S.C. §6991a).

3.2.54 sump—a pit, cistern, cesspool, or similar receptacle where liquids drain, collect, or are stored.

3.2.55 transaction screen questionnaire—the questionnaire set forth in Section 6 of this practice.

3.2.56 transaction screen process (transaction screen)—the process described in Practice E1528 whereby a person or entity seeks to determine if a particular parcel of real property (including improvements) is subject to potential environmental concerns.

3.2.57 TSD Facility—treatment, storage, or disposal facility (see definition of RCRA TSD Facilities).

3.2.58 underground storage tank (UST)—any tank, including underground piping connected to the tank, that is or has been used to contain hazardous substances or petroleum products and the volume of which is 10 % or more beneath the surface of the ground.

3.2.59 user—the party seeking to use the transaction screen process of this practice to conduct limited environmental due diligence of the property. A user may include, without limitation, a potential purchaser of property, a potential tenant of property, an owner of property, a lender, or a property manager. It is the user’s responsibility to draw conclusions regarding affirmative or unknown answers (see 5.6).

3.2.60 visually and/or physically observed—during a site visit pursuant to this practice, this term means observations made by vision while walking through a property and the structures located on it and observations made by the sense of smell, particularly observations of noxious or foul odors. The term “walking through” is not meant to imply that disabled persons who cannot physically walk may not conduct a site visit; they may do so by the means at their disposal for moving through the property and the structures located on it.

3.2.61 wastewater—water that (1) is or has been used in an industrial or manufacturing process, (2) conveys or has conveyed sewage, or (3) is directly related to manufacturing, processing, or raw materials storage areas at an industrial plant. Wastewater does not include water originating on or passing through or adjacent to a site, such as stormwater flows, that has
not been used in industrial or manufacturing processes, has not been combined with sewage, or is not directly related to manufacturing, processing, or raw materials storage areas at an industrial plant.

3.3 Acronyms:

3.3.1 AULs—Activity and Use Limitations.

3.3.2 CERCLA—Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability of 1980 Act (as amended, 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq.).

3.3.3 CERCLIS—Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (maintained by EPA).

3.3.4 C.F.R.—Code of Federal Regulations.

3.3.5 CORRACTS—facilities subject to Corrective Action under RCRA.

3.3.6 EPA—United States Environmental Protection Agency.

3.3.7 EPCRA—Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (also known as SARA Title III), (42 U.S.C. §11001 et seq.).

3.3.8 ERNS—Emergency Response Notification System.

3.3.9 FOIA—U.S. Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552 et seq.).

3.3.10 LLP—Landowner Liability Protections.

3.3.11 LUST—leaking underground storage tank.

3.3.12 NCP—National Contingency Plan.

3.3.13 NFRAP—former CERCLIS sites where no further remedial action is planned under CERCLA.

3.3.14 NPL—National Priorities List.

3.3.15 PCBs—polychlorinated biphenyls.

3.3.16 RCRA—Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (as amended, 42 U.S.C. §6901 et seq.).

3.3.17 SARA—Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (amendment to CERCLA; also contains law not part of CERCLA).

3.3.18 TSD Facility—hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal facility.


3.3.20 UST—underground storage tank.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 Uses—This practice sets forth a procedure for conducting limited environmental due diligence. This practice is intended for use on a voluntary basis by parties who wish to assess the environmental condition of commercial real estate where a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment is, initially, deemed to be unnecessary by the user and the parties do not seek CERCLA LLPs. This practice is intended primarily as a commercially prudent or reasonable approach to conducting an inquiry designed to identify potential environmental concerns in connection with a property.

4.2 Clarifications on Use:

4.2.1 Use Not Intended for CERCLA Liability Protection—This document is not intended to permit a user to satisfy CERCLA LLPs, that is, the practices that constitute “all appropriate inquiries into the previous ownership and uses of the property consistent with good commercial or customary practice” as defined in 42 U.S.C. §9601(35)(B).

4.2.2 Transaction Screen Does Not Identify Recognized Environmental Conditions—This practice does not define a scope of assessment sufficient to identify recognized environmental conditions as defined in 3.2.74 of Practice E1527 and 3.2.80 of Practice E2247.

4.2.3 Residential Tenants/Purchasers and Others—Although this document is not intended for residential purposes, it may be used at the user’s discretion for residential tenants of multifamily residential buildings, tenants of single-family homes or other residential real estate, or purchasers of dwellings for residential use, to conduct a transaction screen in connection with these transactions.

4.2.4 Site-Specific—This practice is site-specific in that it relates to assessment of environmental conditions on a specific parcel of commercial real estate. Consequently, this practice does not address many additional issues raised in transactions such as purchases of business entities, or interests therein, or of their assets, that may well involve environmental liabilities pertaining to properties previously owned or operated or other off-site environmental liabilities.

4.3 Who May Conduct—The transaction screen process may be conducted by the user, or some other person, including environmental consultants, lenders, brokers, appraisers, corporations, lawyers, government agencies or any other party looking to screen environmental property risk. The transaction screen process can be performed by, but does not require the judgment of an environmental professional. If an environmental professional is contracted to prepare a transaction screen questionnaire, nothing in this practice requires the professional to develop opinions and conclusions. Nothing in this practice precludes a user from contracting with any person identified herein for mutually agreed upon additional services.

4.4 Inquiry Beyond the Transaction Screen Process—If further inquiry is needed after performance of the transaction screen process, the user must determine, in the exercise of the user’s reasonable business judgment, whether further inquiry may be limited to those specific issues identified as of concern or should proceed to further inquiry (see 5.8).

4.5 No transaction screen can wholly eliminate uncertainty regarding the potential for environmental concern in connection with a property.

4.5.1 Not every property will warrant the use of a limited environmental assessment such as the transaction screen. The appropriate use of the transaction screen will be guided by the type of property subject to assessment, the expertise and risk tolerance of the user, and the information developed in the course of the inquiry.

4.5.2 Transaction screens must be evaluated based on the reasonableness of judgments made at the time and under the circumstances in which they were made. Subsequent environmental site assessments or transaction screens should not be
considered valid standards to judge the appropriateness of any prior assessment based on hindsight, new information, use of developing technology or analytical techniques, or other factors.

4.6 Continued Viability of Transaction Screen—A transaction screen meeting or exceeding this practice and completed more than 180 days previously may be used to the extent allowed by 4.6.1 and 4.6.2.

4.6.1 Subject to 4.6.2, a prior transaction screen or other due diligence may be used in its entirety or as an information source if, in the reasonable judgment of the user, the prior transaction screen or other due diligence meets or exceeds the requirements of this practice and the conditions at the property likely to affect potential environmental concerns in connection with the property are not likely to have changed materially since the last transaction screen or other due diligence was conducted. In making this judgment, the user should consider the type of property assessed and the conditions in the area surrounding the property.

4.6.2 If the user, or any other preparer(s) conducting a transaction screen has actual knowledge that the information being used from a prior transaction screen is not accurate or if it is obvious, based on other information obtained by means of the transaction screen or known to the person conducting the transaction screen, that the information being used is not accurate, such information from a prior transaction screen may not be used.

4.7 The contractual and legal obligations between prior and subsequent users of transaction screens or between those who conducted prior transaction screens and those who would like to use such prior transaction screens are beyond the scope of this practice.

4.7.1 The contractual and legal obligations between a preparer and a user (and other parties, if any) are beyond the scope of this practice.

4.8 If the user is aware of any specialized knowledge or experience that is material to potential environmental concerns in connection with the property, and the preparer is not the user, it is the user’s responsibility to communicate any information based on such specialized knowledge or experience to the preparer. The user should do so before the preparer makes the site visit.

5. Introduction to Transaction Screen Questionnaire

5.1 Process—The transaction screen process consists of asking questions contained within the transaction screen questionnaire of owners and occupants of the property, observing site conditions at the property with direction provided by the transaction screen questionnaire, and, to the extent reasonably ascertainable, conducting limited research regarding certain government records and certain standard historical sources. The questions asked of owners are the same questions as those asked of occupants.

5.2 Guide—The transaction screen questionnaire is followed by a guide designed to assist the person completing the transaction screen questionnaire. The guide to the transaction screen questionnaire is set out in Sections 7 – 10 of this practice. The guide is divided into three sections: Guide for Owner/Occupant Inquiry, Guide to Site Visit, and Guide to Government Records/Historical Sources Inquiry.

5.2.1 To assist the user, its employee or agent, or the preparer in preparing a report, the guide repeats each of the questions set out in the transaction screen questionnaire in both the guide for owner/occupant inquiry and the guide to site visit. The questions regarding government records/historical sources inquiry are also repeated in the guide to that section.

5.2.2 The guide also describes the procedures to be followed to determine if reliance upon the information in a prior transaction screen is appropriate under this practice.

5.2.3 A user, his employee or agent, or the preparer conducting the transaction screen process should not use the transaction screen questionnaire without reference to or without familiarity with the guide based on prior use of the guide.

5.3 The user may either conduct the transaction screen process, or delegate it to an employee or agent or may contract with a third party to prepare the questionnaire on behalf of the user. No matter who prepares the questionnaire, the user remains responsible for the decision to conduct limited environmental due diligence and the impact of that decision on risk management.

5.4 The preparer conducting the transaction screen process should use good faith efforts in determining answers to the questions set forth in the transaction screen questionnaire. The user should take time and care to check whatever records are in the user’s possession and forward relevant information or specialized knowledge to the preparer.

5.5 Knowledge—All answers should be given to the best of the owner’s or occupant’s knowledge. The most knowledgeable person available should be chosen to answer the questions.

5.5.1 While the person conducting the transaction screen has an obligation to ask the questions in the transaction screen questionnaire, others may have no obligation to answer them.

5.5.2 The transaction screen questionnaire and the transaction screen guide sometimes include the phrase “to the best of your knowledge.” This phrase does not impose a constructive knowledge standard. It is intended as an assurance to the person being questioned that he or she is not obligated to search out information he or she does not currently have in order to answer the particular question.

5.6 Conclusions Regarding Affirmative or Unknown Answers—Once a transaction screen questionnaire has been completed, it shall be presented to the user. Subject to 5.6 through 5.7, an affirmative, unknown, or no response is presumed to be a potential environmental concern. If any of the questions set forth in the transaction screen questionnaire are answered in the affirmative, the preparer must document the reason for the affirmative answer. If any of the questions are not answered or the answer is unknown, the user should document such nonresponse or answer of unknown and evaluate it in light of the other information obtained in the transaction screen.
process, including, in particular, the site visit and the government records/historical sources inquiry. If the user decides no further inquiry is warranted after receiving no response, an answer of unknown, or an affirmative answer, the user must document the reasons for any such conclusion.

5.6.1 Upon obtaining an affirmative answer, an answer of unknown or no response, the user should first refer to the guide. The guide may provide sufficient explanation to allow a user to conclude that no further inquiry is appropriate with respect to the particular question.

5.6.2 If the guide to a particular question does not, in itself, permit a user to conclude that no further inquiry is appropriate, then the user should consider other information obtained from the transaction screen process relating to this question. For example, while on the site performing a site visit, a person may find a storage tank on the property and therefore answer Question 10 of the transaction screen questionnaire in the affirmative. However, during or subsequent to the owner/occupant inquiry, the owner may establish that substances now or historically contained in the tank (for example, water) are not likely to cause contamination.

5.6.3 If either the guide to the question or other information obtained during the transaction screen process does not permit a user to conclude no further inquiry is appropriate with respect to such question, then the user must determine, in the exercise of the user’s reasonable business judgment, based upon the totality of unresolved affirmative answers or answers of unknown received during the transaction screen process, whether further inquiry may be limited to those specific issues identified as of concern.

5.7 Presumption—A presumption exists that further inquiry is necessary if an affirmative answer is given to a question or because the answer was unknown or no response was given. In rebutting this presumption, the user should evaluate information obtained from each component of the transaction screen process and consider whether sufficient information has been obtained to conclude that no further inquiry is necessary. The user must determine, in the exercise of the user’s reasonable business judgment, the scope of such further inquiry.

5.8 Further Inquiry—Upon completing the transaction screen questionnaire, if the user concludes that further inquiry or action is needed (for example, consult with an environmental consultant, contractor, governmental authority, or perform additional governmental and/or historical records review), the user should proceed with such inquiry. (Note that if the user determines to proceed with a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, the user may apply the current Practice E1527, Practice E2247, or alternatively the provisions of EPA’s regulation “Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries,” 40 C.F.R. Part 312.)

5.9 Signature—The user and the preparer of the transaction screen questionnaire must complete and sign the questionnaire as provided at the end of the questionnaire.

6. Transaction Screen Questionnaire

6.1 Persons to Be Questioned—The following questions should be asked of (1) the current owner of the property, (2) any major occupant of the property or, if the property does not have any major occupants, at least 10% of the occupants of the property, and (3) in addition to the current owner and the occupants identified in (2), any occupant likely to be using, treating, generating, storing, or disposing of hazardous substances or petroleum products on or from the property. A major occupant is any occupant using at least 40% of the leasable area of the property or any anchor tenant when the property is a shopping center. In a multifamily property containing both residential and commercial uses, the preparer does not need to ask questions of the residential occupants. The preparer should ask each person to answer all questions to the best of the respondent’s actual knowledge and in good faith. When completing the site visit column, the preparer should be sure to observe the property and any buildings and other structures on the property. The guide to this transaction screen questionnaire (see Sections 7 – 10) provides further details on the appropriate use of this questionnaire. (See Note 1.)

NOTE 1—Unk = “unknown” or “no response.”

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<td>2a. Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that the property has been used for an industrial use in the past?</td>
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<td>5a. Are there currently any damaged or discarded automotive or industrial batteries, pesticides, paints, or other chemicals in individual containers of &gt;5 gal (19 L) in volume or 50 gal (190 L) in the aggregate, stored on or used at the property or at the facility?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>5b. Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously any damaged or discarded automotive or industrial batteries, pesticides, paints, or other chemicals in individual containers of &gt;5 gal (19 L) in volume or 50 gal (190 L) in the aggregate, stored on or used at the property or at the facility?</td>
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<td>12b. Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously any leaks, spills, or staining by substances other than water, or foul odors, associated with any flooring drains, walls, ceilings or exposed grounds on the property?</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>13b. If the property is served by a private well or non-public water system, is there evidence or do you have prior knowledge that the well has been designated as contaminated by any government environmental/health agency?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>14. Does the owner or occupant of the property have any knowledge of environmental liens or governmental notification relating to past or recurrent violations of environmental laws with respect to the property or any facility located on the property?</td>
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<td>16. Does the owner or occupant of the property have any knowledge of any environmental site assessment of the property or facility that indicated the presence of hazardous substances or petroleum products on, or contamination of, the property or recommended further assessment of the property?</td>
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<td>17. Does the owner or occupant of the property know of any past,</td>
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<td>20. Is there a transformer, capacitor, or any hydraulic equipment for</td>
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**Government Records/Historical Sources Inquiry**

(See guide, Section 10, and Practice E1527)

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    systems list the property or any property within the search distance    |
    noted below (where available):                                          |

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22. Based upon a review of fire insurance maps, local street directories,|
    or aerial photographs, all as specified in the guide (10.2.1), are any |
    buildings or other improvements on the property or on an adjoining property|
    identified as having been used for an industrial use or that could possibly|
    lead to contamination of the property?                                  |

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Firm
Address
Phone number
Date
Role(s) at the site
Number of years at the site
Relationship to user (for example, principal, employee, agent, consultant)

The Occupant questionnaire answers were provided by:

Name
Title
Firm
Address
Phone number
Date
Role(s) at the site
Number of years at the site
Relationship to user (for example, principal, employee, agent, consultant)

The Site Visit questionnaire was completed by:

Name
Title
Firm
Address
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Date
Role(s) at the site
Number of years at the site
Relationship to user (for example, principal, employee, agent, consultant)

The Government Records and Historical Sources Inquiry questionnaire was completed by:

Name
Title
Firm
Address
Phone number
Date
Role(s) at the site
Number of years at the site
Relationship to user (for example, principal, employee, agent, consultant)

User's relationship to the site (for example, owner, prospective purchaser, lender, etc.)

If the preparer(s) is different from the user, complete the following:

Name of User
User's address
User's phone number

Copies of the completed questionnaires have been filed at:

Copies of the completed questionnaires have been mailed or delivered to:

Preparer represents that to the best of the preparer's knowledge the above statements and facts are true and correct and to the best of the preparer's actual knowledge no material facts have been suppressed or misstated.

Signature __________________ Date __________________
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If the user is different from the preparer(s), the user shall sign below affirming that the completed questionnaire has been received. It is the user's responsibility to draw conclusions regarding affirmative or unknown answers.

Signature __________________ Date __________________
7. Guide to Transaction Screen Questionnaire

7.1 The following sets forth the guide to the transaction screen questionnaire. The guide accompanies the transaction screen questionnaire to assist the preparer in completing the questionnaire. Questions found in the transaction screen questionnaire are repeated in the guide.

7.2 If the preparer completing the transaction screen questionnaire is familiar with the guide from prior usage, the questionnaire may be completed without reference to the guide.

7.3 The site visit portion of the guide considers most of the same questions set forth in the guide to owner/occupant inquiry because the transaction screen process requires both questions of owners and occupants of the property and observations of the property by the preparer.

7.4 Prior transaction screen usage procedures are contained in the guide to owner/occupant inquiry and the guide to government records/historical sources inquiry. The information supplied in connection with the site visit portion of a prior transaction screen may be used for guidance, but may not be relied upon without determining through a new site visit whether any conditions that are material to potential environmental concerns in connection with the property have changed since the prior transaction screen. Therefore, the guide to the site visit does not contain any prior assessment procedures.

7.5 In performing the site visit portion of the transaction screen process, the preparer should visually and physically observe the property and any structure located on the property to the extent not obstructed by bodies of water, cliffs, adjacent buildings, or other impassable obstacles.

7.5.1 The periphery of the property should be visually and physically observed, as well as the periphery of all structures on the property, and the property should be viewed from all adjacent public thoroughfares. Any overgrown areas should be inspected, including roads or paths with no apparent outlet that should be visually and physically observed to their ends.

7.5.2 On the interior of structures on the property, accessible common areas expected to be used by building occupants or the public (such as lobbies, hallways, utility rooms, and recreation areas), a representative sample of owner and occupant spaces, and maintenance and repair areas, including boiler rooms, should be visually and physically observed. It is not necessary to look under floors, above ceilings, or behind walls.

7.5.3 After completing the site visit, the preparer of the transaction screen questionnaire may obtain “yes” answers that require the preparer once again to ask questions of the owner of the property or occupants of the property to satisfy the user that no further inquiry is necessary.

7.6 In addition to asking questions of the owner of the property and occupants of the property (Section 8) and visually and physically observing the property (Section 9), the user completing the transaction screen process should determine, either from governmental agencies or through commercial services providing government environmental records, whether certain known or suspected contaminated sites or activities involving the release of hazardous substances or petroleum products has occurred on or near the property. See Section 10.

7.6.1 These records may be obtained either directly from the government agencies or from commercial services that provide the records for a fee. Because of the numerous sources that must be searched and the response time of government agencies, commercial services are available that provide a single source for federal and state records.

7.6.2 If government information is obtained from a commercial service, the firm should provide assurances that its records stay current with the government agency record sources. Government information obtained from non-government sources may be considered current if the source updates the information at least every 90 days, or, for information that is updated less frequently than quarterly by the government agency, within 90 days of the date the government agency makes the updated information available to the public.

7.6.3 The identity of firms providing this type of government information may be obtained through local telephone directories or through an inquiry of environmental professionals in the area of the preparer completing the transaction screen questionnaire.

8. Guide for Owner/Occupant Inquiry

8.1 Is the property used for an industrial use?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.1.1 Is any adjoining property used for an industrial use?

Property: _____________________________

Adjoining properties north: ______________

Adjoining properties south: ______________

Adjoining properties east: ________________

Adjoining properties west: ________________

8.1.2 Guide:

8.1.2.1 It is recommended that the preparer describe the use of the property and adjoining properties.

8.1.2.2 Certain industrial uses on the property may raise concerns regarding the possibility of contamination affecting the property. For purposes of the transaction screen questionnaire, an industrial use is an activity requiring the application of labor and capital for the production or distribution of a product or article, including, without limitation, manufacturing, processing, extraction, refining, warehousing, transportation, and utilities. Manufacturing is defined as a process or operation of producing by hand, machinery, or other means a finished product or article from raw material. Industrial uses may be categorized as light or heavy industrial uses, depending upon the scale of the operations and the impact upon surrounding property in terms of smoke, fumes, and noise. Regardless of such categorization, the concern for purposes of the transaction screen process is whether the use involves the processing, storage, manufacture, or transportation of hazardous substances or petroleum products. For example, further inquiry would be necessary if the industrial use concerned the
manufacture of paints, oils, solvents, and other chemical products but not if the use concerned the storage of inert goods in containers.

8.1.2.3 To use the information supplied in response to this question in a prior transaction screen, the preparer must determine if there were changes in the use of the property or any adjoining property since the prior transaction screen that are material to potential environmental concerns in connection with the property. If not, using information in the prior transaction screen is appropriate. If so, the information requested must be supplied for each property for which the use has so changed.

8.2 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that the property has been used for an industrial use in the past?  
___Yes  ___No  ___Unknown

8.2.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that any adjoining property has been used for an industrial use in the past?  
___Yes  ___No  ___Unknown

8.2.2 Guide—See guide for question 8.1.

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8.3 Is the property used as a gasoline station, motor repair facility, commercial printing facility, dry cleaners, photo developing laboratory, junkyard, or landfill, or as a waste treatment, storage, disposal, processing, or recycling facility (if applicable, identify which)?  
___Yes  ___No  ___Unknown

8.3.1 Is any adjoining property used as a gasoline station, motor repair facility, commercial printing facility, dry cleaners, photo developing laboratory, junkyard, or landfill, or as a waste treatment, storage, disposal, processing, or recycling facility (if applicable, identify which)?  
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8.3.2 Guide:
8.3.2.1 It is recommended that the preparer describe the uses of the property and adjoining properties.
8.3.2.2 Gasoline stations, motor vehicle repair facilities (with or without supplying gas for the motor vehicles), dry cleaners, photo developing laboratories, commercial printing facilities, junkyards or landfills, and waste treatment, storage, disposal, processing, or recycling facilities all involve the use of hazardous substances or petroleum products and therefore require further inquiry concerning the possible release of such substances.

8.3.2.3 To rely on the information supplied in response to this question in a prior transaction screen, the preparer must determine if there were changes in the use of the property or any adjoining property since the prior transaction screen that are material to potential environmental concerns in connection with the property. If not, then use of information in the prior transaction screen is appropriate. If so, the information requested must be supplied for each property for which the use has so changed.

8.4 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that the property has been used as a gasoline station, motor repair facility, commercial printing facility, dry cleaners, photo developing laboratory, junkyard or landfill, or as a waste treatment, storage, disposal, processing, or recycling facility (if applicable, identify which)?  
___Yes  ___No  ___Unknown

8.4.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that any adjoining property has been used as a gasoline station, motor repair facility, commercial printing facility, dry cleaners, photo developing laboratory, junkyard or landfill, or as a waste treatment, storage, disposal, processing, or recycling facility (if applicable, identify which)?  
___Yes  ___No  ___Unknown

8.4.2 Guide—See guide for question 8.3.

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8.5 Are there currently any damaged or discarded automotive or industrial batteries, pesticides, paints, or other chemicals in individual containers of >5 gal (19 L) in volume or 50 gal (190 L) in the aggregate, stored on or used at the property or at the facility?  
___Yes  ___No  ___Unknown

8.5.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously any damaged or discarded automotive or industrial batteries, or pesticides, paints, or other chemicals in individual containers of >5 gal (19 L) in volume or 50 gal (190 L) in the aggregate, stored on or used at the property or at the facility?  
___Yes  ___No  ___Unknown

8.5.2 Guide:
8.5.2.1 Are there any containers on the site that may contain any of these items or petroleum products? Is there any reason to suspect that chemicals or hazardous substances in such quantities or petroleum products may be stored on the site?
Sheltered areas, cartons, sacks, storage bins, large canisters, sheds, or cellars of existing improvements are examples of containers and areas where chemicals or hazardous substances or petroleum products may be stored. If the answer to this question is “yes,” list the items and the location(s) where they are stored. If unfamiliar with the contents of any container located on the site, the question must be answered “yes” until the materials are identified.

8.5.2.2 Hazardous substances may often be unmarked. The preparer should never open any containers that are unmarked because they may contain explosive materials or acids.

8.5.2.3 Consumer products in undamaged containers used for routine office maintenance or business, such as copy toner, should not create a need for further inquiry unless the quantity of such products is in excess of what would be customary for such use. The Environmental Protection Agency has published a guidance document that identifies hazardous substances that must be reported under Sections 311 and 312 of EPCRA.7

8.5.2.4 A preparer should not rely exclusively upon a prior transaction screen in supplying this information.

8.6 Are there currently any industrial drums (typically, 55 gal (208 L)) or sacks of chemicals located on the property or at the facility?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.6.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously any industrial drums (typically 55 gal (208 L)) or sacks of chemicals located on the property or at the facility?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.6.2 Guide:

8.6.2.1 Chemicals are frequently stored in large 55-gal (208-L) drums and dry chemicals are often stored in 20-lb (9-kg) sacks. See Appendix X1 for examples of 55-gal (208-L) drums and for surface staining resulting from improper drum storage.

8.6.2.2 A preparer should not rely exclusively upon a prior transaction screen in supplying this information.

8.7 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that fill dirt has been brought onto the property that originated from a contaminated site?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.7.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that fill dirt has been brought onto the property that is of an unknown origin?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.7.2 Guide:

8.7.2.1 The origin of fill dirt brought onto the property should be investigated to determine whether such dirt originated from a contaminated site. The term fill dirt is defined in the definitions and the preparer should refer to the definitions if the preparer has any question concerning the meaning of the term.

8.7.2.2 If any structures have been demolished on the property, the preparer should investigate whether the structures were demolished in place and fill dirt compacted over them because such demolition debris may contain asbestos or hazardous substances.

8.7.2.3 To use the information supplied in response to this question in a prior transaction screen, the preparer must determine if there has been any filling at the site since the prior transaction screen. If not, then using information in the prior transaction screen is appropriate. If so, the information requested must be supplied for any fill dirt brought on the property since the prior transaction screen.

8.8 Are there currently any pits, ponds, or lagoons located on the property in connection with waste treatment or waste disposal?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.8.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously, any pits, ponds, or lagoons located on the property in connection with waste treatment or waste disposal?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.8.2 Guide:

8.8.2.1 The presence of pits, ponds, or lagoons, together with waste treatment or waste disposal may indicate contaminated property. See the definitions with respect to the definition of pits, ponds, or lagoons in 3.2.34.

8.8.2.2 A preparer should not rely exclusively upon a prior transaction screen in supplying this information.

8.9 Is there currently any stained soil on the property?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.9.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there has been previously, any stained soil on the property?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.9.2 Guide:

8.9.2.1 Stained soils are frequently associated with contamination and often are an indication of either current or previous leakage associated with piping and liquid storage containers. Soils that are stained show a marked discoloration as compared to other soils in the immediate vicinity.

8.9.2.2 A preparer should not rely exclusively upon a prior transaction screen in supplying this information.

8.10 Are there currently any registered or unregistered storage tanks (above or underground) located on the property?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.10.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously, any registered or unregistered storage tanks (above or underground) located on the property?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.10.2 Guide:

8.10.2.1 Tanks are often used to store heating fuels, chemicals, and petroleum products; while tanks may be associated with the storage of chemicals, they are most often associated with liquid fuel heating systems (for example, oil furnaces).

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7 EPA, List Of Lists—Consolidated List of Chemicals Subject to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), and Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act, EPA 550-B-12-003 (Oct. 2012).
8.10.2.2 To use the information supplied in response to this question in a prior transaction screen, the user must determine if there were storage tanks installed on the site since the prior transaction screen. If not, then using information in the prior transaction screen is appropriate. If so, the information requested must be supplied on all storage tanks installed on the site since the prior transaction screen.

8.11 Are there currently any vent pipes, fill pipes, or access ways indicating a fill pipe protruding from the ground on the property or adjacent to any structure located on the property?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.11.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously, any vent pipes, fill pipes, or access ways indicating a fill pipe protruding from the ground on the property or adjacent to any structure located on the property?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.11.2 Guide:

8.11.2.1 Vent or fill pipes often signal the current or previous existence of underground storage tanks.

8.11.2.2 Additionally, in answering this question the owner and occupant should consider any asphalt or concrete patching that would indicate the possibility of previous underground storage tank removal. Examples of vent and fill pipes are illustrated in Appendix X1.

8.11.2.3 A preparer should not rely exclusively upon a prior transaction screen in supplying this information.

STRUCTURE ISSUES

8.12 Is there currently evidence of leaks, spills or staining by substances other than water, or foul odors, associated with any flooring, drains, walls, ceilings or exposed grounds on the property?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.12.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously any leaks, spills or staining by substances other than water, or foul odors, associated with any flooring, drains, walls, ceilings or exposed grounds on the property?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.12.2 Guide:

8.12.2.1 Stains (other than water stains) or foul odors may indicate leaks or spills of hazardous substances or petroleum products or other contaminants. Floor drains located within a building adjacent to hazardous substance storage areas or connected to an on-site disposal system (for example, septic system) present a potential source of subsurface discharge of contaminants.

8.12.2.2 A preparer should not rely exclusively upon a prior transaction screen in supplying this information.

OTHER ISSUES

8.13 If the property is served by a private well or non-public water system, is there evidence or do you have prior knowledge that contaminants have been identified in the well or system that exceed guidelines applicable to the water system?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.13.1 If the property is served by a private well or non-public water system, is there evidence or do you have prior knowledge that the well has been designated as contaminated by any government environmental/health agency?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.13.2 Guide:

8.13.2.1 Private wells and non-public water systems are not monitored daily for water quality as municipal systems are monitored. If the system is private, it probably has been tested for contamination or evidence that it is free from contamination, and the results of any such tests should be produced by the owner or occupant of the well. The preparer is not required to test the water system to conduct the transaction screen.

8.13.2.2 A preparer should not rely exclusively upon a prior transaction screen in supplying this information.

8.14 Does the owner or occupant of the property have any knowledge of environmental liens or governmental notification relating to past or recurrent violations of environmental laws with respect to the property or any facility located on the property?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.14.1 Guide:

8.14.1.1 In most cases, the federal or state government will notify the property owner prior to filing a lien on the property. Sections 302, 311, 312, and 313 of EPCRA (42 U.S.C. §§11002, 11021-23) and other provisions of federal and state environmental laws establish reporting requirements with respect to businesses storing or using hazardous substances in excess of certain quantities. These businesses should be making periodic reports to a federal, state, or local environmental department, agency, or bureau. The government may periodically inspect such facilities to ensure compliance with environmental laws. In the event of a release of a reportable quantity within a 24-h period (as defined in CERCLA and the regulations promulgated pursuant to CERCLA), the person in charge of the facility is obligated to notify the U.S. EPA of the release. Any notification or response by any governmental entity will be in writing.

8.14.1.2 The information supplied in response to this question in a prior transaction screen may be used provided it is updated to the present time.

8.15 Has the owner or occupant of the property been informed of the past existence of hazardous substances or petroleum products with respect to the property or any facility located on the property?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.15.1 Has the owner or occupant of the property been informed of the current existence of hazardous substances or petroleum products with respect to the property or any facility located on the property?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.15.2 Has the owner or occupant of the property been informed of the past existence of environmental violations with respect to the property or any facility located on the property?

___Yes ___No ___Unknown

8.15.3 Has the owner or occupant of the property been informed of the current existence of environmental violations
with respect to the property or any facility located on the property?

____Yes  ____No  ____Unknown

8.15.4 Guide:

8.15.4.1 Consider whether any environmental professionals familiar with hazardous substances or petroleum products have observed or determined that contamination existed on the property. Hazardous substances or petroleum products from the property may have affected soils, air quality, water quality, or otherwise affected structures located on the property.

8.15.4.2 The information supplied in response to this question in a prior transaction screen may be used provided it is updated to the present time.

8.16 Does the owner or occupant of the property have any knowledge of any transaction screen for the property or facility that indicated the presence of hazardous substances or petroleum products on, or contamination of, the property or recommended further assessment of the property?

____Yes  ____No  ____Unknown

8.16.1 Guide:

8.16.1.1 Copies of reasonably ascertainable prior transaction screens of the property or any portion thereof should be obtained and examined to determine whether further action or inquiry is necessary in connection with any environmental problems raised by a prior transaction screen.

8.16.1.2 The information supplied in response to this question in a prior transaction screen may be used provided it is updated to the present time.

8.17 Does the owner or occupant of the property know of any past, threatened, or pending lawsuits or administrative proceedings concerning a release or threatened release of any hazardous substance or petroleum products involving the property by any owner or occupant of the property?

____Yes  ____No  ____Unknown

8.17.1 Guide:

8.17.1.1 The user is not required to make an independent investigation or search of records on file with a court or public agency in answering this question; this question is to be answered by the owner or occupant based upon their respective actual knowledge and review of reasonably ascertainable records in their possession.

8.17.1.2 The information supplied in response to this question in a prior transaction screen may be used provided it is updated to the present time.

8.18 Does the property discharge wastewater (not including sanitary waste or storm water) onto or adjacent to the property and/or into a storm water system?

____Yes  ____No  ____Unknown

8.18.1 Does the property discharge wastewater (not including sanitary waste or storm water) onto or adjacent to the property and/or into a sanitary sewer system?

____Yes  ____No  ____Unknown

8.18.2 Guide:

8.18.2.1 The owner and each occupant should be asked where drain traps lead and the purpose of drainage pipes at the facility. The reference to wastewater does not include domestic sewage.

8.18.2.2 To use the information supplied in response to this question in a prior transaction screen, the preparer must determine if there was any change in discharge practices at the facility since the prior transaction screen. If not, using information in the prior transaction screen is appropriate. If so, the information requested must be supplied for all new or changed discharge practices.

8.18.2.3 Some jurisdictions require facilities with large roof or paved areas and construction sites to collect and divert runoff through a treatment process prior to discharging the stormwater runoff to municipal, separate storm sewer systems, or the waters of the United States. Such units are often called stormwater treatment systems. Oil-water separators are most often found outside a building under a manhole and require routine servicing to remove oil. Oil-water separators are usually in restaurants, repair garages, and service stations. An example of an oil-water separator is shown in Appendix X1. If any such oil-water separators or treatment systems have been installed at the property since a prior transaction screen, the requested information must be supplied for each new installation.

8.19 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that any hazardous substances or petroleum products, unidentified waste materials, tires, automotive or industrial batteries, or any other waste materials have been dumped above grade, buried and/or burned on the property?

____Yes  ____No  ____Unknown

8.19.1 Guide:

8.19.1.1 Past waste disposal practices should be examined because these may have resulted in hazardous substances or petroleum products being released on the property. Does the property evidence any mounds or depressions that suggest a disposal site?

8.19.1.2 To use the information supplied in response to this question in a prior transaction screen, the preparer must determine if there was any dumping, burying, or burning of such materials at the site since the prior transaction screen. If not, then using information in the prior transaction screen is appropriate. If so, the information requested must be supplied for all such events since the prior transaction screen.

8.20 Is there a transformer, capacitor, or any hydraulic equipment for which there are any records indicating the presence of PCBs?

____Yes  ____No  ____Unknown

8.20.1 Guide:

8.20.1.1 PCBs are regulated by the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. §2601 et seq.). The provisions of CERCLA may apply if there is a release of PCBs. Accordingly, if an affirmative answer is obtained to this question, the further focus should be on whether there have been any instances of insulating oil leakage and, if so, whether these are suspected of being PCB or PCB-contaminated.

8.20.1.2 Transformers containing PCBs may have many different sizes and shapes. Some of the more commonly used transformers are set forth in Appendix X1. Transformers are to be registered pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §761.30.

8.20.1.3 Elevators and auto lifts are often run by hydraulically controlled systems containing PCBs. If inspection or
maintenance records for the elevator, capacitor, or other hydraulic equipment indicate no release has occurred or that regular, scheduled maintenance has taken place and the machinery does not appear to be damaged or leaking, no further inquiry is required.

8.20.1.4 To use the information supplied in response to this question in a prior transaction screen, the preparer must determine if there were any transformers installed at the site since the prior transaction screen that are not owned by a utility, cooperative, or association. If not, then using information in the prior transaction screen is appropriate, except that for any transformer identified in the prior transaction screen, the PCB status should be updated. If new transformers have been installed, their PCB status should also be verified.

9. Guide to Site Visit

9.1 Is the property used for an industrial use?

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9.1.2 Guide:

9.1.2.1 It is recommended that the preparer describe the uses of the property and adjoining properties.

9.1.2.2 Certain industrial uses on the property may raise concerns regarding the possibility of contamination affecting the property. For purposes of the transaction screen questionnaire, an industrial use is an activity requiring the application of labor and capital for the production or distribution of a product or article, including, without limitation, manufacturing, processing, extraction, refining, warehousing, transportation, and utilities. Manufacturing is defined as a process or operation of producing by hand, machinery, or other means, a finished product or article from raw material. Industrial uses may be categorized as light or heavy industrial uses, depending upon the scale of the operations and the impact upon surrounding property in terms of smoke, fumes, and noise. Regardless of such categorization, the concern for purposes of the transaction screen process is whether the use involves the processing, storage, manufacture, or transportation of hazardous substances or petroleum products. For example, further inquiry would be necessary if the industrial use concerned the manufacture of paints, oils, solvents, and other chemical products but not if the use concerned the storage of inert goods in containers.

9.1.2.3 The term adjoining properties means any real property or properties the border of which is contiguous or partially contiguous with that of the property, or that would be contiguous or partially contiguous with that of the property but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them.

9.2 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that the property has been used for an industrial use in the past?

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9.2.2 Guide:

9.2.2.1 The user should inspect for any indications present on the property that would cause the user to suspect an industrial use in the past.

9.2.2.2 See guide for 9.1.

9.3 Is the property used as a gasoline station, motor repair facility, commercial printing facility, dry cleaners, photo developing laboratory, junkyard or landfill, or as a waste treatment, storage, disposal, processing, or recycling facility (if applicable, identify which)?

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9.3.2 Guide:

9.3.2.1 It is recommended that the preparer describe the uses of the property and adjoining properties.

9.3.2.2 Gasoline stations, motor vehicle repair facilities (with or without supplying gas for the motor vehicles), dry cleaners, photo developing laboratories, commercial printing facilities, junkyards or landfills, and waste treatment, storage, disposal, processing, or recycling facilities all involve the use of hazardous substances or petroleum products and therefore require further inquiry concerning the possible release of such substances.
9.3.2.3 The term adjoining properties means any real property or properties the border of which is contiguous or partially contiguous with that of the property, or that would be contiguous or partially contiguous with that of the property but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them. Adjoining properties include those that border the property and include properties across the street or any right of way from the property.

9.4 Did you observe evidence or do you have any knowledge that the property has been used as a gasoline station, motor repair facility, commercial printing facility, dry cleaners, photo developing laboratory, junkyard, or landfill, or as a waste treatment, storage, disposal, processing, or recycling facility (if applicable, identify which)?

___Yes ___No

9.4.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that any adjoining property has been used as a gasoline station, motor repair facility, commercial printing facility, dry cleaners, photo developing laboratory, junkyard or landfill, or as a waste treatment, storage, disposal, processing, or recycling facility (if applicable, identify which)?

___Yes ___No

9.4.2 Guide—See guide for 9.2 and 9.3.

Previous use of property

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9.5 Are there currently any damaged or discarded automotive or industrial batteries, pesticides, paints, or other chemicals in individual containers of >5 gal (19 L) in volume or 50 gal (190 L) in the aggregate, stored on or used at the property or at the facility?

___Yes ___No

9.5.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously any damaged or discarded automotive or industrial batteries, pesticides, paints, or other chemicals in individual containers of >5 gal (19 L) in volume or 50 gal (190 L) in the aggregate, stored on or used at the property or at the facility?

___Yes ___No

9.5.2 Guide:

9.5.2.1 Are there any containers on the site that may contain any one of these items? Is there any reason to suspect that chemicals or hazardous substances or petroleum products in such quantities may be stored on the site? Sheltered areas, cartons, sacks, storage bins, large canisters, sheds, or cellars of existing improvements should be investigated because these are areas where chemicals or hazardous substances or petroleum products may be stored. If the answer to this question is “yes,” list the items and the location(s) where they are stored. If you are unfamiliar with the contents of any container located on the site, the question must be answered “yes” until the materials are identified. The existence of any damaged or opened containers identified as containing hazardous substances or petroleum products requires further investigation.

9.5.2.2 Hazardous substances or petroleum products may often be unmarked. The preparer should never open any unmarked containers at the facility because they may contain explosive materials or acids.

9.5.2.3 Consumer products in undamaged containers used for routine office maintenance or business, such as copy toner, should not create a need for further inquiry unless the quantity of such products is in excess of what would be customary for such use. If a preparer has a question regarding whether the substance is a hazardous substance under CERCLA, the preparer may refer to the list of lists or 40 C.F.R. Part 302.8

9.6 Are there currently any industrial drums (typically, 55 gal (208 L)) or sacks of chemicals located on the property or at the facility?

___Yes ___No

9.6.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously any industrial drums (typically 55 gal (208 L)) or sacks of chemicals located on the property or at the facility?

___Yes ___No

9.6.2 Guide—If found, they will require further examination with respect to any hazardous substance associated with them.

9.7 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that fill dirt has been brought onto the property that originated from a contaminated site?

___Yes ___No

9.7.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that fill dirt has been brought onto the property that is of an unknown origin?

___Yes ___No

9.7.2 Guide—Fill dirt brought onto the property may appear as mounds or depressions that do not appear to be naturally occurring. Fill dirt may be added in construction of a facility. The term fill dirt is defined in the definitions, and the preparer should refer to the definitions if the preparer has any question concerning the meaning of the term.

9.8 Are there currently any pits, ponds, or lagoons located on the property in connection with waste treatment or waste disposal?

___Yes ___No

9.8.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously, any pits, ponds, or lagoons located on the property in connection with waste treatment or waste disposal?

___Yes ___No

9.8.2 Guide—The presence of pits, ponds, or lagoons, together with waste treatment or waste disposal may indicate contaminated property. See the definitions with respect to the definition of pits, ponds, or lagoons in 3.2.34.

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8 EPA, List Of Lists—Consolidated List of Chemicals Subject to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), and Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act, EPA 550-B-12-003 (Oct. 2012); see also 40 C.F.R. §302.4.
9.9 Is there currently any stained soil on the property?
___Yes  ___No

9.9.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there has been previously, any stained soil on the property?
___Yes  ___No

9.9.2 Guide—Stained soils are frequently associated with contamination and often are an indication of either current or previous leakage associated with piping and liquid storage containers. Soils that are stained show a marked discoloration as compared to other soils in the immediate vicinity.

9.10 Are there currently any registered or unregistered storage tanks (above or underground) located on the property?
___Yes  ___No

9.10.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously, any registered or unregistered storage tanks (above or underground) located on the property?
___Yes  ___No

9.10.2 Guide—Tanks are often used to store heating fuels, chemicals, and petroleum products; while tanks may be associated with storage of chemicals, they are most often associated with liquid fuel heating systems (that is, oil furnaces). Examples of tanks are illustrated in Appendix X1.

9.11 Are there currently any vent pipes, fill pipes, or access ways indicating a fill pipe protruding from the ground on the property or adjacent to any structure located on the property?
___Yes  ___No

9.11.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously, any vent pipes, fill pipes, or access ways indicating a fill pipe protruding from the ground on the property or adjacent to any structure located on the property?
___Yes  ___No

9.11.2 Guide—Vent or fill pipes often signal the current or previous existence of underground storage tanks. Additionally, observations should be made regarding any asphalt or concrete patching that would indicate the possibility of previous underground storage tank removal. Examples of vent and fill pipes are illustrated in Appendix X1.

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9.12 Is there currently evidence of leaks, spills or staining by substances other than water, or foul odors, associated with any flooring, drains, walls, ceilings or exposed grounds on the property?
___Yes  ___No

9.12.1 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that there have been previously any leaks, spills, or staining by substances other than water, or foul odors, associated with any flooring, drains, walls, ceilings or exposed grounds on the property?
___Yes  ___No

9.12.2 Guide—Stains (other than water stains) or foul odors may indicate leaks of hazardous substances or petroleum products or contaminants. Floor drains located within a building adjacent to hazardous substance storage areas or connected to an on-site disposal system (for example, septic system) present a potential source of subsurface discharge of contaminants.

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9.13 If the property is served by a private well or non-public water system, is there evidence or do you have prior knowledge that contaminants have been identified in the well or system that exceed guidelines applicable to the water system?
___Yes  ___No

9.13.1 If the property is served by a private well or non-public water system is there evidence or do you have prior knowledge that the well has been designated as contaminated by any government environmental/health agency?
___Yes  ___No

9.13.2 Guide—Evidence of well water generally consists of a 4 to 12-in. (102 to 305-mm) diameter low level pipe protruding from the ground that is capped, as illustrated in Appendix X1.

9.14 Does the property discharge wastewater (not including sanitary waste or storm water) onto or adjacent to the property and/or into a storm water system?
___Yes  ___No

9.14.1 Does the property discharge wastewater (not including sanitary waste or storm water) onto or adjacent to the property and/or into a sanitary sewer system?
___Yes  ___No

9.14.2 Guide:
9.14.2.1 All drain traps and pipes should be examined and their end points should be determined. Any ditches or streams on or adjacent to the site should be visually and physically observed for wastewater flow.
9.14.2.2 Some jurisdictions require facilities with large roof or paved areas and construction sites to collect and divert such runoff through a treatment process prior to discharging the stormwater runoff to municipal, separate storm sewer systems, or the waters of the United States. Such units are often called stormwater treatment systems. Oil-water separators are most often found outside a building under a manhole and require routine servicing to remove oil. Oil-water separators are usually in restaurants, repair garages, and service stations. An example of an oil-water separator is shown in Appendix X1.

9.15 Did you observe evidence or do you have any prior knowledge that any hazardous substances or petroleum products, unidentified waste materials, tires, automotive or industrial batteries, or any other waste materials have been dumped above grade, buried and/or burned, on the property?
___Yes  ___No

9.15.1 Guide—Past waste disposal practices should be examined because these may have resulted in hazardous substances being released on the property. Does the site evidence any mounds or depressions that suggest a disposal site?

9.16 Is there a transformer, capacitor, or any hydraulic equipment for which there are any records indicating the presence of PCBs?
___Yes  ___No

9.16.1 Guide:
9.16.1.1 PCBs are regulated by the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. §2601 et seq.). The provisions of CERCLA may apply if there is a release of PCBs. Accordingly, if an affirmative answer is obtained to this question, the further focus should be on whether there have been any instances of insulating oil leakage and, if so, whether these are suspected of being PCB or PCB-contaminated.

9.16.1.2 Elevators and auto lifts are often operated by hydraulically controlled that may contain PCBs. If inspection or maintenance records for the elevator, capacitor, or other hydraulic equipment indicate no release has occurred and the machinery does not appear to be damaged or leaking, no further inquiry is required.

9.16.1.3 Transformers containing PCBs may have many different sizes and shapes. Some of the more commonly used transformers are set forth on Appendix X1. Transformers are to be registered pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §761.30.

10. Guide to Government Records/Historical Sources Inquiry

10.1 Do any of the following Federal, State, or Tribal government record systems list the property or any property within the search distance noted below:

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<td>State and tribal leaking storage tank lists</td>
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10.1.1 Guide:

10.1.1.1 If the preparer elects to obtain the records directly from government agencies, it may be necessary to request those records through a formal written request to the office within each agency that is responsible for maintaining the records or for responding to public requests for records. Some agency offices will respond to informal requests for records. If a formal request is necessary, these requests at the federal level are governed by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). FOIA requires a written request and the request should identify the records or for responding to requests for records. Typically, the office responsible for maintaining the records and for responding to requests for records is the same. Once again, the written request should identify the specific records requested and identify the site and geographic area for which the preparer needs the records. The state agency response will vary from state to state and agency to agency, but the preparer should anticipate a minimum of four weeks for a response.

10.1.1.2 If government information is obtained from a commercial service, the firm should provide assurances that its records stay current with the government agency record sources. Government information obtained from commercial sources may be considered current if the source updates the information at least every 90 days, or for information that is updated less frequently than quarterly by the government agency, within 90 days of the date the government agency makes the updated information available to the public.

10.1.1.3 The information supplied in response to this question in a prior transaction screen may be used provided it is updated to the present time.

10.1.1.4 Although many states do not have specific Freedom of Information laws, if the preparer elects to obtain the records directly from government agencies, a similar written request for state records should be made to the primary state agency responsible for environmental regulation in that state. Typically, the office responsible for maintaining the records and for responding to requests for records is the same. Once again, the written request should identify the specific records requested and identify the site and geographic area for which the preparer needs the records. The state agency response will vary from state to state and agency to agency, but the preparer should anticipate a minimum of four weeks for a response.

10.1.1.5 In some cases, the request should be directed to a specific state office. For example, leaking underground storage tank requests should be made through either the state agency’s ground water management division, the state Fire Marshall’s office, or the state Emergency Planning and Management Agency.

10.1.1.6 The identity of the state office to which the request should be made can be obtained by contacting the primary state environmental agency. Also, there are publications listing agency sources for each state. The local public library may contain these publications.

10.1.1.7 The NPL or National Priorities List is a list compiled by EPA pursuant to CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9605(a)(8)(B), of properties with the highest priority for cleanup pursuant to EPA’s Hazard Ranking System. See 40 C.F.R. Part 300, Apps. A & B.

10.1.1.8 The Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) is the list of sites compiled by EPA that EPA has investigated or is currently investigating for potential hazardous substance contamination for possible inclusion on the National Priorities List.

10.1.1.9 RCRA CORRACTS is a list of hazardous waste facilities subject to RCRA corrective action. The list of corrective action sites is a subset of EPA’s RCRAInfo.

10.1.1.10 The LUST list is a list of sites containing one or more underground storage tanks that have been identified as having leaked or are potentially leaking their contents into the ground or ground water; these sites may be involved in a state cleanup program.

10.1.1.11 The solid waste/landfill facilities list is a list of sites that currently accept, or have accepted in the past, waste of any kind for disposal on site. Solid waste/landfill facilities lists typically are obtained through a state office of solid waste management that is often a division of the primary state environmental agency.

10.1.1.12 Based upon a review of fire insurance maps, local street directories, or aerial photographs, are any buildings or other improvements on the property or on an adjoining property identified as having been used for an industrial use or uses (such as dry cleaners or gas stations) likely to lead to contamination of the property?

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10.1.1.13 The information supplied in response to this question in a prior transaction screen may be used provided it is updated to the present time.
10.2 Guide:

10.2.1 The focus of this research is to determine whether any past use of the property would suggest the presence of contamination associated with the property due to releases of hazardous substances or petroleum products. If reasonably ascertainable, one of three sources of historical data must be examined: fire insurance maps, local street directories or historical aerial photographs. If the first source examined yields insufficient information from the present back to 1940, then the second source, if reasonably ascertainable, must be selected and examined. If this source also yields insufficient information, the then the third source, if reasonably ascertainable, must be examined. If all three sources yield insufficient information or are not reasonably ascertainable, lack of historical information is presumed to be a potential environmental concern subject to 5.6 through 5.7. However, if the user has first-hand knowledge of the use of the property from the present back to 1940 or if the preparer interviewed disinterested people with such knowledge, then the preparer may eliminate this research and answer “not applicable” to the questions above. In addition, the preparer may eliminate this research and answer “unavailable” to the question if the preparer is unable to find appropriate sources of fire insurance maps, local street directories, or aerial photographs after making a reasonable effort in good faith to locate such information or if the information is otherwise not reasonably ascertainable.

10.2.2 Fire insurance maps (defined in 3.2.19) include detailed information regarding town and building information in approximately 12,000 U.S. towns and cities from 1867 to present day. The majority of these maps are in more developed, central business district, urban and suburban areas. Local street directories (defined in 3.2.24) are listings (names) of residents, businesses, organizations or institutions, giving their street address in a city and are available in many developed towns, cities and hamlets across the country. Historical aerial photographs (defined in 3.2.4) are available for most areas of the country, developed and undeveloped. Fire insurance maps, local street directories or aerial photographs may be available for review from public libraries, colleges, and local historical societies, or from commercial services.

10.2.3 A source is deemed to be sufficient if it covers the property and provides relevant information about the likely presence of hazardous substance or petroleum product releases connected with the property from the present back to 1940.

10.2.4 If the preparer is unable to find sources of fire insurance maps, local street directories, or aerial photographs, or they are otherwise not reasonably ascertainable, after making a reasonable effort in good faith to locate such information, the preparer may eliminate this research and answer “unknown” to the question.

10.2.5 Subject to 10.2.1 – 10.2.4, the preparer must obtain fire insurance maps or local street directories, or historical aerial photographs for periods not covered by the first-hand knowledge of the user or of those interviewed, or by the source of historical data initially examined.

10.2.6 In examining a fire insurance map or aerial photographs, the user is only required to review those areas shown in the given source. For example, if the property is at the edge of a map sheet, the user need not order the adjoining sheet. If a source covers a large area, the user need only review the area within approximately 1/8 mile (200 m) of the property.

10.2.7 Fire insurance maps or local street directories or aerial photographs reviewed as part of a prior transaction screen do not need to be searched for or reviewed again, but the preparer should make a reasonable effort to determine the uses of the property since the last use identified in a prior transaction screen.

11. Non-Scope Considerations

11.1 General:

11.1.1 There may be environmental issues or conditions at a property that parties may wish to assess in connection with commercial real estate that are outside the scope of this practice (the non-scope considerations). Some substances may be present on a property in quantities and under conditions that may lead to contamination of the property or of nearby properties but are not included in CERCLA’s definition of hazardous substances (42 U.S.C. §9601(14)). In any case, they are beyond the scope of this practice.

11.1.2 Whether or not a user elects to inquire into non-scope considerations in connection with this practice or any other transaction screen, no assessment of such non-scope considerations is required for appropriate inquiry as defined by this practice.

11.1.3 There may be standards or protocols for assessment of potential hazards and conditions associated with non-scope conditions developed by governmental entities, professional organizations, or other private entities.

11.1.4 Following are several non-scope considerations that persons may want to assess in connection with commercial real estate. No implication is intended as the relative importance of inquiry into such non-scope considerations, and this list of non-scope considerations is not intended to be all-inclusive:

11.1.4.1 Asbestos-containing materials,
11.1.4.2 Radon,
11.1.4.3 Lead-based paint,
11.1.4.4 Lead in drinking water,
11.1.4.5 Wetlands,
11.1.4.6 Regulatory compliance,
11.1.4.7 Cultural and historic resources,
11.1.4.8 Industrial hygiene,
11.1.4.9 Health and safety,
11.1.4.10 Ecological resources,
11.1.4.11 Endangered species,
11.1.4.12 Indoor air quality,
11.1.4.13 High voltage power lines, and
11.1.4.14 Mold.
APPENDIX

X1. PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE STANDARD PRACTICE FOR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE: TRANSACTION SCREEN PROCESS

FIG. X1.1 Indoor chemical and used oil storage in 55-gal (208-L) steel drums.

FIG. X1.2 Outdoor chemical storage in 55-gal (208-L) plastic and steel drums.

FIG. X1.3 Typical pole-mounted electrical transformers that may contain PCBs.

FIG. X1.4 Manhole covers outside a vehicle repair shop leading to a two-stage oil-water separator. Oil-water separators are often located under manholes inside or outside repair garages, oil change facilities, restaurants or at any location where it is necessary to separate oil from water prior to discharge of the water to the sanitary sewer system, an on-site septic system, or to surface waters.
NOTE 1—Floor drains come in various shapes and sizes. Floor drains may lead to the sanitary sewer, the storm sewer, an oil-water separator, an on-site drain field/septic system, surface waters, or discharge directly into the ground below the drain. It is important to know the point of discharge of any floor drain in order to determine if the liquids reaching the floor drain are being properly disposed.

FIG. X1.5 Example of Floor Drain, Example 1

NOTE 1—Floor drains come in various shapes and sizes. Floor drains may lead to the sanitary sewer, the storm sewer, an oil-water separator, an on-site drain field/septic system, surface waters, or discharge directly into the ground below the drain. It is important to know the point of discharge of any floor drain in order to determine if the liquids reaching the floor drain are being properly disposed.

FIG. X1.6 Example of Floor Drain, Example 2
FIG. X1.7 Fill pipe and vent pipe leading to an underground storage tank containing fuel oil in the yard of a single family home.

FIG. X1.8 Four vent pipes attached to the exterior wall of a commercial building indicating the presence or former presence of four underground storage tanks nearby.

FIG. X1.9 Fill pipe for an underground storage tank containing fuel oil located on the back porch of a single family home.

FIG. X1.10 Staining on the concrete floor from improper storage and dispensing of petroleum products. Heavy staining like this may indicate repeated leaks or spills that could migrate through the concrete to the underlying soils.
NOTE 1—Photograph shows an approximately 8-in. diameter outer well casing in the yard of a home. Releases of chemicals or petroleum products near or into a well can result in the contamination of the groundwater aquifer in which the well is constructed.

FIG. X1.11 Water Supply Well, Example 1

NOTE 1—Photograph shows a manhole-sized access leading to the well casing located in a field near a farm outbuilding. Releases of chemicals or petroleum products near or into a well can result in the contamination of the groundwater aquifer in which the well is constructed.

FIG. X1.12 Water Supply Well, Example 2