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RCRA CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM STATEMENT OF BASIS February 2026

L3Harris Technologies, Inc.
Former ITT A/C Division Facility
3700 East Pontiac Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana
U.S. EPA ID. IND005420245

I. INTRODUCTION

Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), all permitted and interim status hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities are required to conduct corrective action for any release of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents at or from their facilities.

This Statement of Basis is issued by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), regarding L3Harris Technologies, Inc., 3700 East Pontiac Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 47711. IDEM has determined that no further corrective action is necessary for any of the identified solid waste management units (SWMUs) or areas of concern (AOCs) at this facility.

IDEM is issuing this Statement of Basis as part of its public participation responsibilities under RCRA Corrective Action Program guidance and is using the administrative procedures found in 40 CFR Part 270, as adopted by reference, to provide public notice and solicit comments. The public notice period is hereby announced and will continue for 30 days from the published date of the Public Notice in *The Journal Gazette*.

This Statement of Basis summarizes information found in greater detail in the work plans, reports, or other documents in this facility's administrative record, which can be accessed via IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (VFC). IDEM encourages the public to review these documents to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the facility and the activities that have been conducted under RCRA authority. IDEM may modify this corrective action determination or select another remedy based on public comments or new information obtained.

This determination completes the corrective action process under the RCRA Corrective Action Program for this facility. The facility must continue to comply with all applicable parts of RCRA.

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We appreciate your input!



II. FACILITY BACKGROUND

L3Harris Technologies, Inc. and its predecessors occupied the Pontiac Street site since approximately 1949 and was involved in the development of defense technologies since that time. The removal of an above ground acid tank found contamination in the soil at that location. L3Harris Technologies, Inc., formerly ITT A/C Division Facility, entered the IDEM Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) in January 1997. The site was assigned VRP Site Numbers 6961207 and 6971010.

A series of environmental investigations have been carried out by L3 Harris Technologies and its predecessors. Site characterization, remediation and risk evaluation efforts completed previously, as well as the history of regulatory status are described in detail in a Remediation Completion Report (RCR) dated December 10, 2021, found in the IDEM Virtual File Cabinet (VFC) as document numbers 83252572 and 83252578.

Site characterization, remediation and closure were conducted in response to past releases of chlorinated volatile organic compounds (cVOCs), primarily trichloroethylene (TCE). A map showing the distribution of TCE in groundwater as of October-November 2019 is shown in Figure 2. The RCR presents information addressing the delineation/distribution of dissolved phase TCE in groundwater on-site and on the adjacent site to the east, identified as 3838 East Pontiac Street, relative to screening levels established in the Remediation Closure Guide (IDEM, 2012, updated through 2021). As described fully in the RCR, conditions related to TCE in groundwater are demonstrated to be stable, and land use restrictions are in place to prohibit withdrawal of groundwater from the site and the adjacent site.

III. SITE ASSESSMENT

Trichloroethylene waste and contaminated soils excavated from the site were piled on site in illegal waste piles. The release was found when a chromic acid waste storage tank was removed.

The VRP remediation plan was divided into four areas. None of the areas showed evidence of an existing release. Further information is available in the Voluntary Remediation Completion Report (VFC # 8325272).

ITT initiated a groundwater remediation system on September 18, 1996, including a quarterly groundwater monitoring program at the site to build a comprehensive dataset and further evaluate groundwater quality, with consecutive quarterly monitoring events completed between February 2014 and December 2020.

In order to address a data gap due to a steep slope that prevented adequate sampling, the facility conducted a further site investigation. One boring was advanced and one groundwater sample was collected from 46 to 50 ft bgs for VOC analysis to complete delineation of TCE at the off-site location. The sample results were non-detect for TCE and its breakdown derivatives.

IV. SUMMARY OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION DETERMINATION

Based on the administrative record, IDEM is proposing no further action. IDEM recommends that a Corrective Action Complete with Controls determination be issued for the L3Harris Technologies, Inc. facility. “With Controls” means that an ERC has been recorded on the property deed. The ERC was established to address risks associated with volatile organic compounds. The owner shall not use the Real Estate for residential purposes, extract groundwater for any purpose, and shall not use the Real Estate for agricultural use.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public is encouraged to review and submit written comments on this proposed determination, particularly if you are aware of past spills and/or releases that have occurred at this facility. You may request IDEM hold a public hearing. At a public hearing, you would have the opportunity to submit oral or written comments. If a public hearing is held, IDEM will make a separate announcement of the date, time, and location of the hearing 30 days in advance.

The Public Notice and the administrative record are available for review on IDEM’s Virtual File Cabinet. To view these documents, go to www.in.gov/idem/legal/public-records/virtual-file-cabinet/. VFC content numbers are provided in Section VI. for the primary documents IDEM used to support this decision.

Before taking final action, IDEM will consider all significant and relevant comments received. IDEM will summarize the comments and its responses to the comments and announce its decision in a Final Decision/Response to Comments document. This document will be incorporated into the administrative record. To send written comments or obtain further information, contact:

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VI. REFERENCES

Storage Closure Certification	August 1986	<u>80070771</u>
Waste Pile Closure Certification	November 1997	<u>62599170</u>
VRP Application	December 1996	<u>48082032</u>
Soil Remediation Work Plan	August 2003	<u>35925850</u>
GW Remediation Work Plan	July 1997	<u>47441151</u>
Area 3 Soil and GW Investigation	March 1999	<u>46267253</u>
Area 2 Soil Investigation	August 2000	<u>46271563</u>
Area 1 Off-Site GW Investigation	October 2000	<u>47439036</u>
Quarterly Progress Report	July 2001	<u>47439857</u>
Soil Investigation Areas 1 – 4	June 26, 2002	<u>46273798</u>
Quarterly Progress Report	June 2003	<u>46171080</u>
Semi-Annual GWM Report	January 2004	<u>46180142</u>
Semi-Annual GWM Report	December 2005	<u>46087730</u>
Remediation Work Plan Approval	November 2006	<u>83568952</u>
Soil Remediation Completion Report	August 2007	<u>45524225</u>
Semi-Annual GWM Report	July 2008	<u>33542014</u>
Semi-Annual GWM Report	July 2009	<u>50990130</u>
Semi-Annual GWM Report	July 2010	<u>57671841</u>
Supplemental Investigation Report	December 2011	<u>64440425</u>
Supplemental Investigation Report	February 2013	<u>67415676</u>
Semi-Annual GWM Report	October 2015	<u>80181817</u>
ERC Recorded	July 2021	<u>83192801</u>
Voluntary Remediation Completion	December 2021	<u>83252572</u>
Work Plan Further Site Investigation	June 2024	<u>83650005</u>
Further Site Investigation Completion	November 2025	<u>83897707</u>