



# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

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**Site Name:** George A. Robinson & Co., Inc.

**DEC Site#:** 828065

**Address:** 477 Whitney Road  
Penfield, NY 14445

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### Investigation to Begin at State Superfund Site

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will soon begin a detailed environmental study at the George A. Robinson & Co., Inc. site ("site") located at 477 Whitney Road, Penfield, Monroe County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/dereexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=828065>

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

### Investigation Work Plan

The investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan / Scope of Work," was developed under New York's State Superfund Program. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will perform the investigation which will assess conditions on-site (and, if appropriate, off-site).

### Highlights of the Site Investigation

The purpose of the investigation is to define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected. The site investigation will fully characterize all contamination at the site.

The site investigation has several goals:

- 1) Define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected;
- 2) Identify the source(s) of the contamination;
- 3) Assess the impact of the contamination on public health and the environment;
- 4) Provide information to support the development of a proposed remedy to address the contamination.

The Remedial Investigation will be completed to determine the extent of off-site groundwater contamination and to evaluate potential exposures to site contaminations via soil vapor intrusion. The following summarizes some of the major activities that will be completed during the Remedial Investigation:

- **Sediment and Surface Water Sampling** will be completed to evaluate sediment and surface water properties, contaminant migration, and possible remedial alternatives.
- **Vapor Intrusion Sampling** will be performed to evaluate potential human exposure to contaminants that may volatilize from groundwater into the indoor air of overlying buildings, through a process known as soil vapor intrusion.
- **Subsurface Drilling** will be included in the remedial investigation to evaluate the distribution of contaminants, groundwater quality, and groundwater flow patterns.
- **Groundwater Monitoring** will be completed to evaluate subsurface water properties, contaminant migration, and possible remedial alternatives.

It is expected that Remedial Investigation field activities will begin in December 2017. Field activities will be completed both on the site and at off-site areas. The off-site activities will begin at locations closest to the site and expand outward as needed to delineate the extent of contamination. It is expected that off-site activities will occur along Midvale Drive and the Old Trolley Route.

### **Next Steps**

The information collected during the investigation will be summarized in a report. After the site investigation has begun, NYSDEC will conduct a "Feasibility Study". This study uses information developed during the site investigation to develop and evaluate potential ways to clean up contamination related to the site. The information collected during the site investigation may also support the conclusion that no action, or no further action, is needed to address site-related contamination.

NYSDEC will then develop a draft cleanup plan, called a "Proposed Remedial Action Plan". This plan describes the remedy preferred by NYSDEC or, if warranted, a no action or no further action alternative. The draft cleanup plan explains the decision that led to the preferred remedy by discussing each alternative and the reasons for choosing or rejecting it. The goal of the plan will be to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will announce the draft cleanup plan in a future fact sheet, and will present it to the public for its review and comment during a 30-day comment period and at a public meeting.

### **Background**

**Location:** The site is located at 477 Whitney Road in the Town of Perinton, Monroe County. The 13.67 acre site is situated in a light industrial/residential area on the southeast of the City of Rochester.

**Site Features:** The site contains 10 wood-frame buildings, some of which are used for the active, on-site manufacturing business. It is located within the Ironrogenesee Primary Water Supply Aquifer and is considered a major recharge area for the aquifer. An unnamed tributary

of the Irondequoit Creek flows through the western part of the site. With the exception of the western end of the site, which is mostly wooded and contains the former settling ponds. The site is generally flat and covered with mowed grass, buildings and gravel roads.

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**State Superfund Program:** New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

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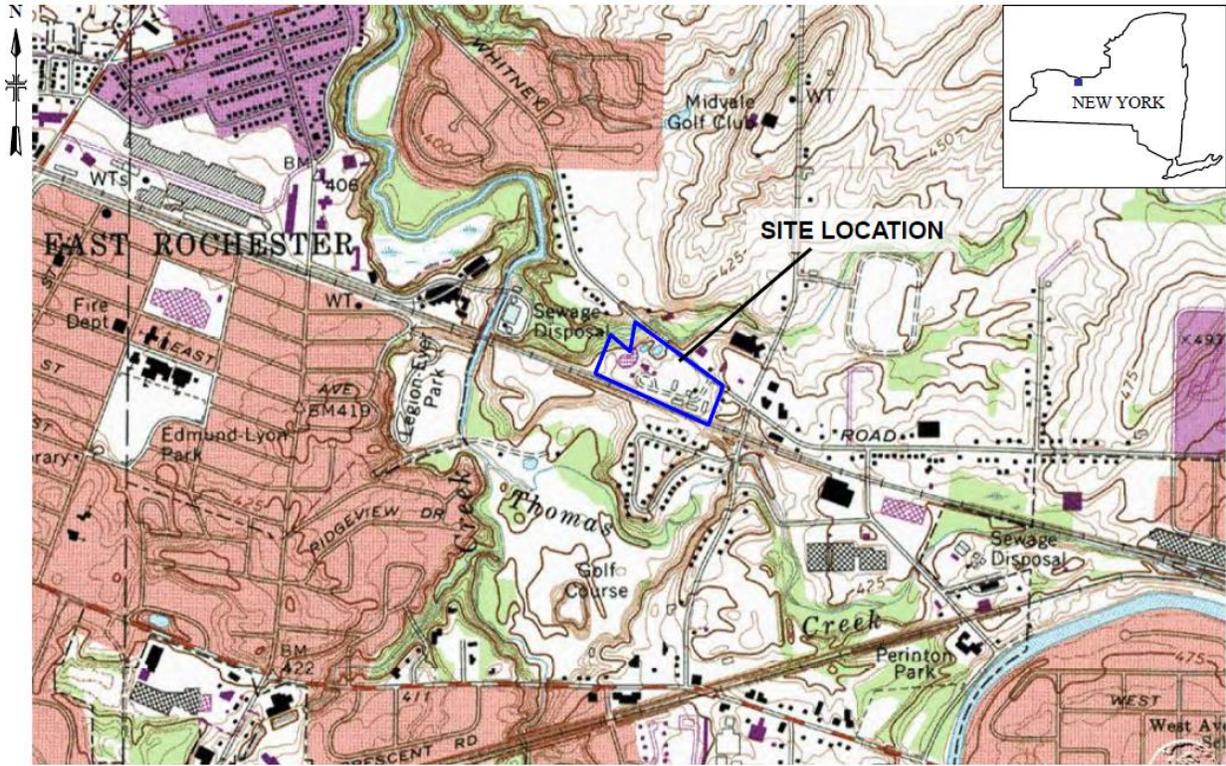
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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.



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