Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to address contamination related to the 202 Franklin Street site (“site”) located at 202 Franklin Street, Olean, Cattaraugus 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."

The cleanup activities will be performed and funded by Silence Dogwood, LLC (applicant) with oversight provided by NYSDEC. When NYSDEC is satisfied that cleanup requirements have been achieved, the applicant may be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC, in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C905043

How to Comment
NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed cleanup plan for 45 days, from April 19, 2017 through June 1, 2017. The draft Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis Report (RI/AAR) containing the proposed site remedy is available for public review at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area below.

The proposed remedy consists of:

- Remove and dispose of an estimated 365 cubic yards of debris (ballast, cylinders, and sheet metal scraps) discovered in the northern site area;
- Remove and dispose of the 8,000-gallon underground storage tank (UST) and any associated piping including grossly contaminated media (GCM), identified as soils/fill with
visual and or odor impacts from petroleum contamination and/or exceedances of 100 parts per million measured with a PID (a PID is a field screening device used to detect volatile compounds);

- Manage and properly dispose of impacted water during remedial activities;
- Install a cover system including the existing parking lot, hardscape, or a minimum 12 inches of clean soil or gravel over the unpaved portion of the site;
- Place an environmental easement on the property restricting future use to commercial activities, restricting groundwater use and requiring compliance with the Site Management Plan (SMP);
- Preparation of a site specific SMP that will include an Engineering and Institutional Control Plan, Site Monitoring Plan and Excavation Work Plan.

Summary of the Investigation
The Remedial Investigation (RI) included the collection of environmental samples from surface soil, subsurface soil, and groundwater. Samples were screened in the field for indicators of contamination in addition to being sent to a laboratory for analysis.

The RI identified soil contamination at the site related to past industrial uses. Arsenic, cadmium, lead, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) were detected above levels that allow for commercial use. The RI also discovered an abandoned underground storage tank (UST) in the southern corner of the site and a pile of debris (ballast, cylinders, and sheet metal scraps) in the northern site area.

Next Steps
NYSDEC will consider public comments received on the proposed remedy presented in the draft RIAAR and ultimately issue a final Decision Document. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) must also concur with the remedy. The final Remedial Work Plan (with revisions if necessary) and the Decision Document will be made available to the public. The applicant(s) may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Background
Location: The 202 Franklin Street Site is a 5.159-acre site located in an urban area. The site is at the intersection of N Union Street and Franklin Street. The Site is bound to the north by the Interstate I-86 right-of-way (ROW), to the east by an athletic field, to the south by an industrial facility, and to the west by a railroad ROW.

Site Features: The site is relatively flat and includes a 1.83-acre paved parking lot. The remainder of the Site is vacant land covered by brush, small to mature trees and exposed remnants of former buildings (e.g. Concrete pads, bricks, etc.).

Current Zoning and Land Use: The site is currently inactive and zoned for commercial industrial use. The surrounding parcels are presently used for a combination of commercial, light industrial, recreation and utility right-of-ways. The nearest residential area is 0.3 miles to the south and east.
Past Use of the Site: Until 1962 the site was used for manufacturing wastebaskets, vases, etc. from reprocessed waste. Prior uses that appear to have led to site contamination include USTs, boiler, power plant, painting, wood alcohol, and paper pulp operations.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: Site soils consist of 0-11 feet of fill (bricks, concrete, pipe, scrap metal, ash, coal fragments and wire intermixed within reworked soil) underlain with clay, sand, and gravel deposits. The depth to groundwater is 18 feet below ground surface (fbgs) and flows east-southeast.

**Brownfield Cleanup Program:** New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses include recreation, housing, business or other uses.

A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit: [http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Where to Find Information**
Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Olean Public Library  
Attn: Lance Chaffee  
134 N. 2nd Street  
Olean, NY 14760-2583  
(716) 372-0200

Selected project documents are also available on the NYSDEC website at:  

**Who to Contact**
Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

**Project Related Questions**  
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Department of Environmental Conservation  
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Buffalo, NY 14203-2915  
[anthony.lopes@dec.ny.gov](mailto:anthony.lopes@dec.ny.gov)

**Site-Related Health Questions**  
New York State Department of Health  
Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Rm 1787  
Albany, NY 12237  
518-402-7860  
[beei@health.ny.gov](mailto:beei@health.ny.gov)
We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

### Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email
Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox.

NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs available at the following web page: [http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html). It’s quick, it’s free, and it will help keep you *better informed*.

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

**Note:** Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.
Property boundary based on a Survey entitled, "Goodban Belt LLC of lands at 202 Franklin Street", dated November 25, 2013, prepared by D. Michael Canada, New York State Licensed Land Surveyor, 483 Union Street, Olean, NY 14760.

Aerial imagery provided by the New York State GIS Clearinghouse, date 2012.

Legend:
- Limits of the 202 Franklin Street Site