



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

Former Buffalo Forge  
490 Broadway Street  
Buffalo, NY 14204

**SITE No. C915280**  
**NYSDEC REGION 9**

**June 2018**

### Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

#### Where to Find Information:

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

#### **Buffalo and Erie County Public Library**

1 Lafayette Square  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
716-858-8900

#### **NYS DEC Region 9 Office 270**

Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14203  
716-851-7220  
(Call for appointment)

[Project documents also are available on the NYSDEC website at:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37554.html>

#### Who to Contact:

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

#### **Project-Related Questions**

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For more information about New York's  
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

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 Former Buffalo Forge site ("site") located at 490 Broadway Street, Buffalo, Erie 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 to the left under "Where to Find Information."

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **June 13 through July 26, 2018**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

**Draft Remedial Work Plan:** The proposed Restricted Residential Use remedy consists of:

- Excavation, transport, and off-site disposal of grossly contaminated media (GCM) impacted with petroleum;
- Excavation, transport, and off-site disposal of identified soil below the cover system exceeding site specific action levels for poly-cyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals;
- Importing clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives for use as backfill;
- Placement of a site wide cover system consisting of a minimum of 1 foot of soil meeting restricted residential use criteria or hardscape such as asphalt and concrete.
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Management of any impacted excavation water that may be encountered during remedial activities;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper future use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by Howden North America Inc./SAAKC Buffalo Forge, LLC ("applicant(s)") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP).

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. 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.

**Site Description:** The 12.5-acre site contains seven (7) parcels and is located between Sycamore and Broadway Street and bordered to the west by Spring Street. From 1877 through 1995, a manufacturing plant and a mixture of residential and commercial properties occupied the site. By 2007, the buildings had been demolished. The Site is currently vacant.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C915280 at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>)

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the Site are metals, semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), grossly contaminated media impacted by petroleum, and black foundry sand which are present site-wide in soil.

**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 may 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>

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[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.

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Site Location Map

