



FACT SHEET	Brownfield Cleanup Program
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Site Name: Rite Aid, 350 Niagara Street
DEC Site #: C915297
Address: 350 Niagara Street
 Buffalo, NY 14201

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Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the Rite Aid, 350 Niagara Street site ("site") located at 350 Niagara 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 below under "Where to Find Information."

Draft Investigation Work Plan

The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by Rite Aid of New York, Inc. ("applicant(s)") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from **February 12, 2016** through **March 13, 2016**. The proposed plan is available for 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.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation

The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected and will include:

- Completion of soil borings and soil sampling
- Installation of groundwater monitoring wells and groundwater sampling
- Soil vapor intrusion investigation

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below). After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to the NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a cleanup plan, called a “Remedial Work Plan” will be developed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period. The Department will then prepare a Decision Document outlining the approved remedy. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Background

Location:

The subject property is located in an urban area. The property consists of two adjacent parcels totaling approximately 1.84 acres located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Niagara and Virginia Streets in Buffalo. The physical address is 350 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14201.

Site Features:

The property is improved with a single story commercial building, a Rite Aid drug store. There are no other improvements on the property. The remaining portions of the property are covered with the associated paved parking areas, lawn areas, and landscaping.

Current Zoning and Land Use:

The property is zoned for commercial use. The drug store has been in operation since 1995. The property is adjacent to residential property as well as commercial properties. There do not appear to be any industrial, agricultural, or recreational areas in the immediate area.

Past Use of the Site:

The property was previously used as a filling station, auto repair shop, carpet cleaning operation, paint shop, electroplating shop, and taxicab company. All of these uses had potential to impact the soil and groundwater beneath the site.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology:

The subject property is relatively flat and slopes to the southwest at an elevation of about 597 feet above mean sea level. The direction of groundwater flow beneath the subject property is to the southwest. Lake Erie is located approximately 2,500 feet southwest of the property.

The site soils appear to be glacial lake Warren deposits and the site is located between two large east-west oriented glacial moraines; the Niagara Falls Moraine is north of the site and the Buffalo Moraine is located to the immediate south of the site. The Moraines generally consist

of boulders, gravel, sands, and silts deposited at the end of the former glacier. Soils encountered in each of the borings generally consisted of a thin upper layer of fill material underlain by a brown to red-brown silty clay with discrete fine sand seams observed in some of the boring soil samples. Groundwater was encountered at depths of approximately 6 to 7.5 feet.

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=C915297>

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** is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the BCP, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location to help the public stay informed.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library - Niagara Branch
Attn: Linda Rizzo
280 Porter Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14201
phone: 716-882-1537
(rizzol@buffalolib.org)

Project documents are also 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

David Locey
Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Remediation
270 Michigan Ave
Buffalo, NY 14203-2915
716-851-7220
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Site-Related Health Questions

Kiran Mall
New York State Department of Health
Empire State Plaza Corning Tower Room 1787
Albany, NY 12237
(518) 402-7860
BEEI@health.ny.gov

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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>. 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.



Front Park

Lower West Side

Allentown

Lakeview

350 Niagara St

Columbus

Waterfront

Buffalo

Downtown

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LAKE ERIE

2172 ft

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SEVENTH STREET

VIRGINIA STREET

30 yds