



FACT SHEET Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: 19 North Street
DEC Site #: C915303
Address: 19 North Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

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Interim Remedial Measure Proposed Public Comment Period Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is proposing an expedited cleanup for the 19 North Street site ("site") located at 19 North 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."

NYSDEC is conducting a public comment period because this Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) is likely to represent a significant part of the cleanup for this site.

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=C915303

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed IRM work plan for 45 days, from April 20, 2017 through June 4, 2017. 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.

Draft Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan

An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation.

The draft IRM work plan describes the proposed cleanup activities that include:

- Removal of approximately 6,000 cubic yards of soil for off-site disposal or treatment at a regulated facility.
If necessary, dewatering of the excavation area and the treatment of captured water.

- Post excavation soil sampling to confirm remaining soils meet Unrestricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives.
- Backfilling the excavation with fill material meeting unrestricted use criteria.

Summary of the Investigation

Environmental investigations have identified fill material that is impacted by semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals at concentrations above NYSDEC Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs). The fill material is present across the Site, from the surface to depths up to 13 feet. Groundwater samples meet NYSDEC Groundwater Criteria

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the IRM work plan in consultation with New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). 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. Upon completion of the work, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

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

Background

Location:

The proposed BCP Site is located in the City of Buffalo at the intersection of North Pearl Street and North Street, adjacent to the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

Site Features:

The Site is vacant with a small parking area in the eastern portion of the Site. The Site fronts to North Street.

Current Zoning and Land Use:

The Site is currently zoned as general commercial district and classified as a commercial land use. The surrounding parcels are a mix of commercial, residential and transit station zoning districts. Surrounding parcels are also a mix of commercial, residential and community service land uses.

Past Use of the Site:

The Phase I ESA indicated that the BCP Site was occupied by residential dwellings. By 1951, the residence at 23 North Street had become a radio station. By 1981, the residence at 19 North Street had been removed and replaced with a radio tower. Urban fill has been historically used throughout Buffalo to bring properties to grade during excavation and construction. Investigation of this Site indicated that urban fill has historically been used.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology:

The Site contains urban fill consisting of sand and gravel, clay, brick, concrete and traces of coal. Fill thickness range up to more than eight feet. The fill is underlain by brown silty clay and silty sand. Water was observed in site investigations to be approximately 5.5 feet below grade.

<p>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</p>

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>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

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

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library -
Attn: Carol Ann Batt
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203
phone: 716-858-7129

Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions

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Division of Environmental Remediation
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Site-Related Health Questions

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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.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.



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