



FACT SHEET

Environmental Investigation Work Plan for Tecumseh Phase IA Business Park Site Available for Public Comment

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Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) requests comments as it reviews a draft work plan, called the Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan, to investigate the Tecumseh Phase IA Business Park Area, a portion of the former Bethlehem Steel Property, located at 1951 Hamburg Turnpike in the City of Lackawanna, Erie County. The environmental investigation work will be performed by Tecumseh Redevelopment Inc. (Tecumseh) as a participant in New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The BCP provides financial incentives for private property owners or future property owners to clean up and redevelop brownfields. Brownfields typically are former industrial properties that are difficult to redevelop because of the real or perceived presence of environmental contamination.

Public Comments about the RI Work Plan

NYSDEC is accepting written public comments about the draft environmental investigation work plan for 30 days, **from April 8 until May 7, 2010**. It is available for public review at

the locations identified at the end of this fact sheet, as well as on the NYSDEC website. Written comments should be submitted to the NYSDEC project manager listed on Page 2 of this fact sheet.

Highlights of the Proposed Environmental Investigation

The environmental investigation has several goals:

- Define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other impacted media;
- Identify the source(s) of the contamination;
- Assess the impact of the contamination on public health and/or the environment; and
- Provide information to support the development of a work plan to address the contamination.

The investigation will be performed by Tecumseh with oversight by NYSDEC. Tecumseh intends to investigate groundwater and soil/slag within the Phase IA Business Park Site for the purpose of characterizing types and sources of contamination and identifying/evaluating cleanup alternatives. The environmental investigation work plan identifies the scope of the investigation and the means by which it will be completed.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments when it reviews the draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan for the site. After the plan is approved, Tecumseh may proceed with the environmental investigation of the site. It is estimated that the investigation will be completed in Summer 2010, and a draft investigation report will be available by the end



of 2010. NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the investigation and cleanup of the Phase IA site with fact sheets similar to this one.

Background

The Phase IA Business Park Area is a section of the 1,100 acre former Bethlehem Steel property that is now owned by Tecumseh Redevelopment Inc. Tecumseh acquired the entire Bethlehem Steel property in 2003, and BQ Energy cleaned up a portion at its western end in order to construct 8 wind turbines. The portion of the property where the wind turbines now sit is known as Steel Winds I.

The Phase IA Business Park Area covers 9.8 acres. At one time it housed certain buildings and operations that supported Bethlehem's steel making operations. These included a locomotive and vehicle repair facility, a pump station, a boiler house, and a power generating station. Based on these historic operations, the types of contaminants that might be present in the Phase IA Business Park Area at elevated concentrations include petroleum organics, PCBs and heavy metals.

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Locations to View Project Documents

The public may review important project documents at the following locations:

Lackawanna Public Library
560 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218
Attn: Jennifer Hoffman, Librarian
(716) 823-0630

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
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(Please call for an appointment.)

The RI Work Plan is also available on the Region 9 Environmental Remediation Project Information web page at:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/63855.html>