



FACT SHEET

Remedial Investigation Work Plan for Former Scott Aviation Facility – Area 1 Available for Public Comment

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Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) welcomes public comment as it reviews a Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis (RI/AA) Work Plan for the Former Scott Aviation Facility – Area 1 in Lancaster, Erie County. The RI/AA Work Plan outlines an environmental investigation to be performed at the site. Previous industrial activities at the site have contaminated soil, groundwater, and potentially soil vapor. An environmental investigation will help to further determine the nature and extent of contamination at the site as well as options for cleaning it up, if necessary.



The investigation work will be performed by Scott Technologies, Inc. under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The BCP provides existing or potential property owners financial incentives to promote the voluntary cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites. Brownfields typically are former industrial properties where the real or perceived presence of contamination impedes reuse of the site.

Public Comments on the Remedial Investigation Work Plan

The RI/AA Work Plan is available for public viewing at the locations listed in this fact sheet. An electronic copy is available on NYSDEC's Region 9 Remediation web page (link provided on next page). NYSDEC will accept written public comments on the RI Work Plan for 30 days, from **February 24 to March 25, 2010**. Written comments should be submitted to the NYSDEC project manager listed on the following page.

What Will the Upcoming Investigation Work Involve?

The planned remedial investigation will provide further environmental data to determine the nature and extent of contamination and assist in determining whether certain areas of the site need to be addressed. The RI/AA work will include:

- Drilling soil borings;
- Installing groundwater monitoring wells;
- Surveying all soil borings and monitoring wells; and
- Sampling and analyzing surface and subsurface soil, fill materials, groundwater, and sub-slab soil vapor to evaluate risks to human health, if any.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments before it approves the RI/AA Work Plan. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) must concur in the approval of the RI/AA Work Plan. The approved plan will be available for public review at the locations listed below and on the DEC website. After receiving approval, Scott Technologies, Inc. may proceed with the environmental investigation at the site. The RI/AA is expected to begin in May 2010. NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the cleanup and redevelopment process of the Former Scott Aviation Facility Area 1 site through fact sheets similar to this one.

Site Background

The project site, located at 225 Erie Street in Lancaster, New York, is a vacant 1.1 acre parcel that sits next to Plant 1 of the Scott Aviation (AVOX) facility.

The oldest portion of Plant 1 was erected in the early 1950s. The western portion of the plant had been a foundry that was used to cast regulator bodies for supplied-air systems and landing plates for small airplanes from the early 1950s to about 1973.

The primary manufacturing activity currently in the adjacent Plant 1 is fabricating and refurbishing of self-contained supplied air systems, which includes metal cleaning, chemical surface treating, and painting operations.

Previous environmental investigations at the 1.1 acre site revealed environmental impacts from historic releases of paint waste and other contaminants. Samples collected of soils and groundwater revealed concentrations of various organic compounds and/or metals that exceeded New York State standards.

Who Should I Call If I Have Questions About the Site?

Site-Related Environmental Questions

Ms. Linda Ross, Project Manager
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Buffalo, NY 14203
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Site-Related Health Questions

Ms. Tamara Girard, Public Health Specialist II
NYSDOH
547 River Street, Room 300
Troy, NY 12180
(518) 402-7870

Locations to View Project Documents

To keep you informed, NYSDEC has set up two locations at which you may view project documents. These locations include:

Lancaster Public Library

5466 Broadway
Lancaster, New York 14086
Phone: (716) 683-1120

NYSDEC Region 9 Office

270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14203-2999
Phone: (716) 851-7220 (Please call for appointment)
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30AM to 4:45PM

You may also view project documents on NYSDEC's Region 9 Environmental Remediation Project Information page at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37554.html>. Look for the Scott Aviation Area 1 entry under the Erie County heading.