FACT SHEET

Proposed Final Cleanup Plan
For the 1132-1146 Seneca Street Site Available for Public Comment

Brownfield Cleanup Program **Project No. C915228** **July 2010**

Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) requests public comment on a report about environmental investigation and cleanup activities performed to date, along with the final proposed cleanup plan, for the 1132-1146 Seneca Street site in Buffalo. The report describes the specific investigation techniques, findings, interim corrective actions, and additional cleanup measures proposed to address contamination at the site.

Site Location Map

The report, called the Remedial Investigation Report/Remedial Work Plan (RIR/RWP) is available for public review at the locations listed in this fact sheet and the DEC website (see opposite page for web address). **Written comments on the report will be accepted from Friday July 30 until September 13, 2010** and can be sent to the project manager at the address listed on the opposite page, or e-mailed to region9@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

Cleanup work at the site will be performed by Flexo Transparent Inc/RSB Enterprises LLC (Flexo) under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The goal of the BCP is to facilitate private-sector cleanup of brownfields, which typically are former industrial properties where redevelopment or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of contamination. Flexo purchased the Site property and voluntarily entered the BCP to clean up the Site for expansion of their adjacent manufacturing facility.

Description of Environmental Activities Detailed in the Report

The RIR/RWP documents the environmental investigation and initial cleanup work completed at the Site as of July 2010 and describes the proposed cleanup plan. Investigation and cleanup activities detailed in the report include:

- Installing groundwater monitoring wells;
- Sampling, analyzing, and evaluating soil, groundwater, and waste; and
- Removing (from two locations) soils contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and disposing the material at a permitted offsite facility.

The 2010 investigation confirmed that contaminants of concern at the Site consisted of PCBs and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs). These contaminants were present in surface and subsurface soil.

The proposed cleanup plan provides for the following:

- Removing and properly disposing additional PCB contaminated soils;
- Removing and properly disposing SVOC contaminated soil;

- Removing and properly disposing underground storage tanks and potentially contaminated water/soils;
- Restoring the site by backfilling excavations with clean soils;
- Limiting site use to industrial purposes by placing an environmental easement on the property; and
- Developing and implementing a Site Management Plan to ensure the site controls are maintained.

For more information about the investigation, cleanup activities, and proposed cleanup plan, please consult the full RIR/RWP.

What is the Next Step?

The RIR/RWP concludes that there is additional contamination at the site and that additional cleanup work is necessary. In order to stay on schedule with the project timeline, Flexo will begin cleanup work prior to the conclusion of the comment period. However, Flexo understands that NYSDEC will require it to perform additional cleanup measures if NYSDEC determines that significant public comment warrants modification of the cleanup plan. Flexo will complete the work necessary to address the remaining contamination and submit a Final Engineering Report that describes all completed cleanup activities. DEC will continue to notify the public about important milestones in the cleanup process.

Site Background

The Site encompasses approximately 4.2 acres and is located on the northern/northeastern side of Seneca Street in a predominantly mixed industrial, commercial and residential area of South Buffalo, New York. The Site has been used for industrial purposes, including an electrical transformer repair facility. Previous releases of PCBs have impacted the Site. Initially Flexo entered the Brownfield Cleanup program intending to remediate the site to meet standards suitable for commercial use. However, the proposed cleanup plan intends to maintain the site for industrial use in accordance with current land use plans for the area.

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

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Locations to View Public Documents

Public understanding and involvement are important to the success of New York Brownfields programs. To keep you informed, the NYSDEC has established the following locations where you can view project documents:

Buffalo & Erie County Library
Dudley Branch
2010 South Park Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14220
Phone: (716) 823-1854

NYSDEC Buffalo Office
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
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(please call for appointment)

You may also view electronic copies of project documents at http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/52466.html