DEC ANNOUNCES START OF CLEANUPS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES NEAR FORMER GENEVA FOUNDRY

DEC and DOH to Hold Public Availability Sessions - Wednesday July 12

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is initiating cleanup of properties in neighborhoods adjacent to the Former Geneva Foundry Site (Site No. C835027A), located at 23 Jackson Street in Geneva, Ontario County (see attached Figures 1 and 2), beginning in July 2017. Based on the January 2017 Record of Decision (ROD), the cleanup will include removal of contaminated soil from residential and commercial parcels located near the former foundry.

**Public Availability Sessions:**
Wednesday July 12, 2017
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
The Salvation Army of Geneva, NY
41 North Street

Historic air emissions from the foundry contained lead and arsenic, which were deposited onto the soil in the surrounding area. DEC is designing and implementing site specific cleanups of residential properties to remove the contaminants from impacted properties.

Beginning in July, soil removal and restoration activities will begin on two licensed home based day care programs, and at least 16 residential properties immediately adjacent to the former foundry. DEC is prioritizing properties where contamination is likely to be higher and where site conditions allow for cleanup activities on multiple properties simultaneously. The primary goal of the cleanup effort is to ensure the effective removal and disposal of contaminated soil on these properties and to restore all properties with clean soil.

DEC is currently meeting with the individual property owners identified for remediation this year to review and discuss their soil data, the proposed remedial and restoration activities, and to confirm their consent for property access to allow remediation to take place.

The current work is scheduled to be initiated in July and continue into early December 2017, weather permitting, and pending final agreement with property owners. Once these agreements and all local permits are secured, work and equipment operation will typically take place five days per week (Monday through Friday) generally between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The activities will be performed by LaBella Associates of Rochester, New York, with full-time oversight and inspection provided by DEC.

Soil identified for remediation will be excavated and disposed of off-site. All areas that are disturbed during the removal will be restored, such as lawns, sidewalks, driveways, trees, shrubs, garden beds, sheds, decks, etc. Similarly, any City of Geneva owned roads, utilities, or other infrastructure impacted by the cleanup activities will also be repaired or replaced as necessary. Trucks will be lined with plastic sheeting and covered to properly secure all material during transport. Truck traffic patterns will be designed to minimize congestion on local roads and maintain safety in the community. Truck traffic will also be minimized when school buses are picking up and dropping off students near work zones.
DEC and DOH have approved a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) which requires continuous air monitoring during all excavation and backfilling activities to ensure no additional contamination is released to the environment or adjacent properties during the cleanup. Following completion of the remediation and restoration of the initial properties, DEC will review the work with the individual property owners and City officials to evaluate progress and identify opportunities to improve efficiencies in the cleanup process. In future years, construction activities will begin in the spring once weather permits, and move as quickly as possible based on site specific conditions.

DEC continues to conduct sampling and refine the areas in need of remediation, and will continue to keep area residents informed throughout the process, especially as additional areas are targeted for cleanup. DEC is adaptively managing this project to ensure the remediation and restoration activities are completed as expeditiously and efficiently as practical.

The project is being funded and conducted pursuant to terms of the State Superfund program. Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC’s website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/107812.html.
State Superfund Program

New York’s State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites. County email listservs are 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.

FIGURE 2 - 2017 Remedial Properties and Estimated Offsite Neighborhood Remedial Boundary
Site No. C835027A
Geneva, Ontario County, New York
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

Geneva Public Library
244 Main Street
Geneva, New York 14456
Phone: 315-789-5303

DEC Region 8 Office
6274 East Avon-Lima Road,
Avon, New York 14414
Phone: 585-226-5353
Please call for an appointment

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/107812.html

WHO TO CONTACT:

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

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