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FACTS

**EPA REMOVAL ACTIVITIES AT THE
LIBERTY INDUSTRIAL FINISHING SITE**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing this update to brief citizens and officials on the status of removal activities being conducted at the Liberty Industrial Finishing Superfund Site in Farmingdale, NY.

OVERVIEW

EPA is currently conducting a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of the Site to determine the nature and extent of contamination which will lead to selection of a long-term cleanup under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, also known as Superfund). Under Superfund, EPA may also respond to releases or threats of releases of hazardous substances by performing a removal action. A removal action is a short-term, relatively low-cost response intended to stabilize or clean-up an incident or site that poses a potential threat to public health.

Data collected by EPA from the RI as well data from a Removal Site Evaluation indicated that certain areas of contamination can be addressed under the Superfund removal program.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

On August 30, 1994 the Regional Administrator for EPA, Region 2 signed an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) with nine potentially responsible parties (PRPs) who have agreed to take certain actions to remove the most immediate potential threats known to exist at the Site. EPA also issued a unilateral administrative order (UAO) to six PRPs to perform the same cleanup activities and to participate and coordinate with the recipients of the AOC. The removal action will be conducted with oversight by EPA.

The removal action will consist of the sampling, analysis and the removal and off-site disposal of PCB-contaminated soil and materials from electrical transformer areas, as well as the removal and off-site disposal of waste materials in abandoned

drums and underground storage tanks. Sampling and analysis work for the removal action was initiated during the week of October 10, 1994. The removal is expected to be completed by early 1995. EPA has also taken steps to restrict access to the transformer areas of concern at the Site by installing and repairing fencing and posting warning signs.

SITE HISTORY

The Liberty Industrial Finishing Site is located in a suburban residential area in the unincorporated Village of Farmingdale, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York. The Site includes Lots 326 and 327 (approximately 30 acres) of Block 518, Section 48, as designated on the Nassau County tax map and is also known as 55 Motor Avenue. This property, which is located approximately one mile south of the Bethpage State Park, is generally bordered on the north by railroad tracks, on the east by Main Street, on the west by a small park (the Ellsworth-Allen-Park), and on the South by Motor Avenue. A small tributary of the Massapequa Creek is approximately one-half(1/2) mile south of the Site.

Since the late 1930's industrial operations at the Site have included aircraft parts and other manufacturing, and metal plating and finishing operations, including anodizing, electroplating, dyeing and painting. Numerous industrial and light industrial businesses have leased and continue to lease space at the Site. Site operations resulted in disposal of hazardous substances into unlined basins and other disposal features on-site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For information concerning the removal activities, contact Charles E. Fitzsimmons at (908) 321-6608. For additional information concerning EPA activities at the Liberty Finishing Site, please contact Carlos R. Ramos, EPA Remedial Project Manager at (212) 264-5636, or Yvette N. Harris, EPA Community Relations Coordinator at (212) 264-9368.

Copies of documents relating to removal and other Superfund actions at the Site are available at the following information repository:

South Farmingdale Branch
Library
Merritt Road and Broadway Avenue
Farmingdale, NY 11735