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Public Meeting for  
the Lawrence  
Aviation Industries  
Site

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## Lawrence Aviation Industries Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is announcing a public meeting for the Lawrence Aviation Industries Site. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the upcoming Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). This RI/FS process is a requirement of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) for locations classified as inactive hazardous waste sites.

### SITE LOCATION

The Lawrence Aviation facility is located in Port Jefferson Station, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York (see Figure 1). The Long Island Railroad tracks and Old Sheep Pasture Road form the northern border, to the east and west are residential single family houses and to the south lies a wooded area beyond which is an apartment complex.

### SITE HISTORY

Lawrence Aviation Industries, Inc., was originally located in Long Island City and conducted business as Leadkote Products, Inc. Their products included lead gutters and spouts for roof drains. The company moved to Port Jefferson Station in 1951 and in 1959 changed names to Lawrence Aviation Industries, Inc.

Lawrence Aviation Industries has been and, still remains, an industrial manufacturing facility. Since relocating to Port Jefferson in the 1950's, the main product of Lawrence Aviation Industries has been specialty products of titanium sheet metal and other titanium products. To date, this is still the main product of Lawrence Aviation.

In 1980 through 1981, Suffolk County required Lawrence Aviation to remove numerous drums of waste materials from the facility. Reportedly, many of these waste materials were spilled during the removal process. Drums reportedly contained spent acid sump sludges, salt waste, perchloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), hydraulic oils, zyglol penetrant, solvents, hydrofluoric acid, nitric acid, and other plant wastes.

In 1987, the NYSDEC requested the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to perform an emergency removal action in Port Jefferson. This action was implemented to address private wells that were contaminated with chlorinated organic solvents. The scope of the USEPA work included extending a Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) waterline and connecting several homes with private wells located downgradient from Lawrence Aviation Industries to municipal water. The remedial investigation will determine if this private well contamination is associated with Lawrence Aviation.

In 1991, a second drum removal action was conducted at Lawrence Aviation. This was overseen by the NYSDEC Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program. The RCRA program regulates active facilities that generate wastes as a function of their operations.

The Lawrence Aviation facility was listed on the New York State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites in March of 1992 as a Class 2 site. Class 2 sites are those that present a significant threat to human health and/or the environment and that require action. The total area is 126 acres in size. The Plant buildings occupy approximately 34 of the 126 acres.

### **REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION AND FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is pleased to announce that the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study is now underway. Camp, Dresser, and McKee (CDM) is the consultant hired by New York State to perform this work. This project is being funded by the 1986 Environmental Quality Bond Act, also known as the New York State Superfund program.

### **AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN**

Past operation and disposal practices may have resulted in the release of hazardous wastes to the environment. At one time, various areas of the site were used to store numerous drums of various process wastes associated with plant operations (see Figure 1). The drums were stored on the ground surface. Lawrence Aviation also operated waste lagoons as the discharge point of neutralized acid and base process solutions.

The purpose of the remedial investigation is to identify any environmental concerns existing at the site. Based on the information gained from the Remedial Investigation, the lateral and vertical extent of site contamination will be determined. A Feasibility Study will then be conducted to determine the best course of action to protect human health and the environment.

Your input is important to this project. At the August 21, 1997 public meeting, the RI/FS work plan will be presented to the community for public comment. All documents relating to this site are available to the public at the document repositories.

**Document Repositories:** The public is encouraged to review the documents related to the sites which are available for public review at the following locations:

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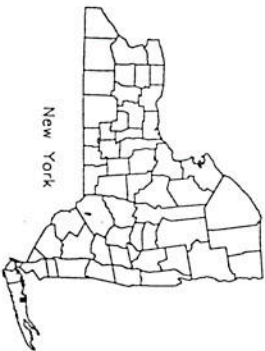
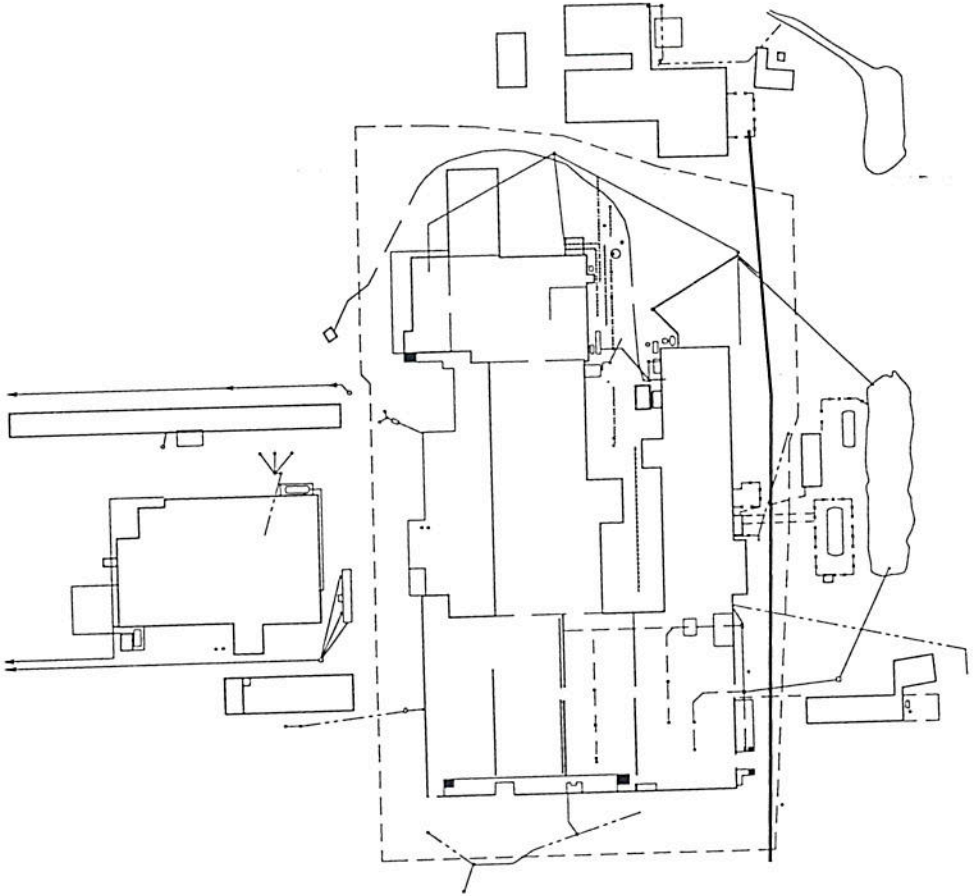
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FIGURE 1



LAWRENCE AVIATION INDUSTRIES SITE  
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SITE PLAN

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FIGURE 2