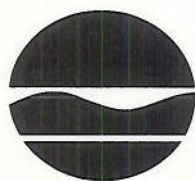


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New York's State Superfund Program was developed to enhance private sector cleanup of properties by enabling businesses to investigate and cleanup sites using private rather than public funds. The investigation and cleanup are carried out under the oversight of The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

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FACT SHEET

Former Union Tools Manufacturing Site
Frankfort, NY
Site No. 6-22-011
February 2009

Notice of Upcoming Interim Remedial Measures (IRM) Activities at the Former Union Tools Manufacturing Site, Frankfort, NY

INTRODUCTION

The former Union Tools, now owned by Ames True Temper, (Ames) has been a Class 2 Site on the New York State Inactive Hazardous Site Registry since the early 1990's. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) required Union Tools to perform environmental investigations and cleanup at the company's property located at 4167 Acme Road (the Former Frankfort Manufacturing Site) in the Village of Frankfort (see Figure-1). The work is being conducted through New York State's Superfund Cleanup Program.

The NYSDEC, in conjunction with Ames and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is providing this fact sheet to explain upcoming Interim Remedial Measures (IRM) activities at the Union Tools Site and how to get more information.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE INTERIM REMEDIAL MEASURE (IRM)

Union Tools, and later Ames, has been investigating and assessing environmental conditions at its Former Frankfort Manufacturing site. Ames and the NYSDEC have agreed that an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) should be performed. An IRM consists of cleanup actions that can be conducted at a site relatively quickly to address environmental impacts from a well-defined area. This IRM project is targeted to begin in February 2009, dependent on weather conditions.

The IRM will address three areas of the site. Two areas in the northeast portion of the property require the removal of contaminated soil. (See Figure 2). The third area involves the removal of soil, impacted by a former leak in the fuel delivery system for the on-site boilers, from the southwest portion of the property. The three areas will be restored by importing clean fill soils and then finishing with gravel. The project will be completed in accordance with the IRM work plans that were developed by Ames' environmental consultant, Bradburne, Briller & Johnson, LLC (BB&J) and approved by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

ABOUT THE UNION TOOLS SITE

The Former Union Tools, Inc. (Union Tools) Plant is a Class 2 Inactive hazardous waste disposal site located along the east side of Main Street in the Village of Frankfort, New York (Subject Property). The majority of the Site is developed with many buildings formerly used by Union Tools in the manufacture of garden tools.

In April 2006, Ames purchased Union Tools. Union Tools operated at the Subject Property since the early 1900's. Facility operations were discontinued in December 2006. Former operations at the Subject Property included manufacturing hoes, shovels, forks and other hand tools. Manufacturing processes conducted at the Subject Property included forging, stamping, painting, varnishing and milling.

The Union Tools site and surrounding areas have been extensively studied by both Union Tools and the NYSDEC. Several rounds of soil and groundwater sampling have been conducted at the site from the mid 1980s until most recently in 2007. Based on the results of the investigations, three areas have been targeted for remedial activities through soil excavation and off-site disposal. Chemicals associated with former manufacturing operations include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are the focus of the IRM cleanup.

PLANNED IRM WORK

The IRM will be completed in approximately four weeks. The proposed activities consist of the removal, via excavation up to 16 feet deep, of contaminated soil. Excavated material will be disposed off-site at permitted disposal facilities.

The IRM work will be performed in accordance with the Revised IRM Work Plan that was developed by Ames' consultant, BB&J, and was approved by NYSDEC and NYSDOH. The approved IRM Work Plan includes a Health and Safety Plan and a Community Air Monitoring Plan to protect the workers and the public during IRM work at the site. Work activities will generally take place Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM. After completion of the IRM activities Ames will prepare an IRM project completion report for review and approval by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The NYSDEC will keep you informed of progress at the site through fact sheets like this one. Because our mailing list includes property owners of apartments and/or businesses, we encourage you and the building owners to share this Fact Sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or to post this Fact Sheet in a prominent area of the building for tenants, employees, or visitors to view. Anyone who wishes to be added to the contact list to receive future mailings, please contact Mr. Salvatore F. Priore, P.E. Project Manager, at the address above.

The IRM work plan and other documents related to this site are available for your review at the following document repositories:

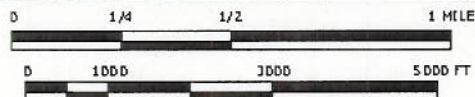
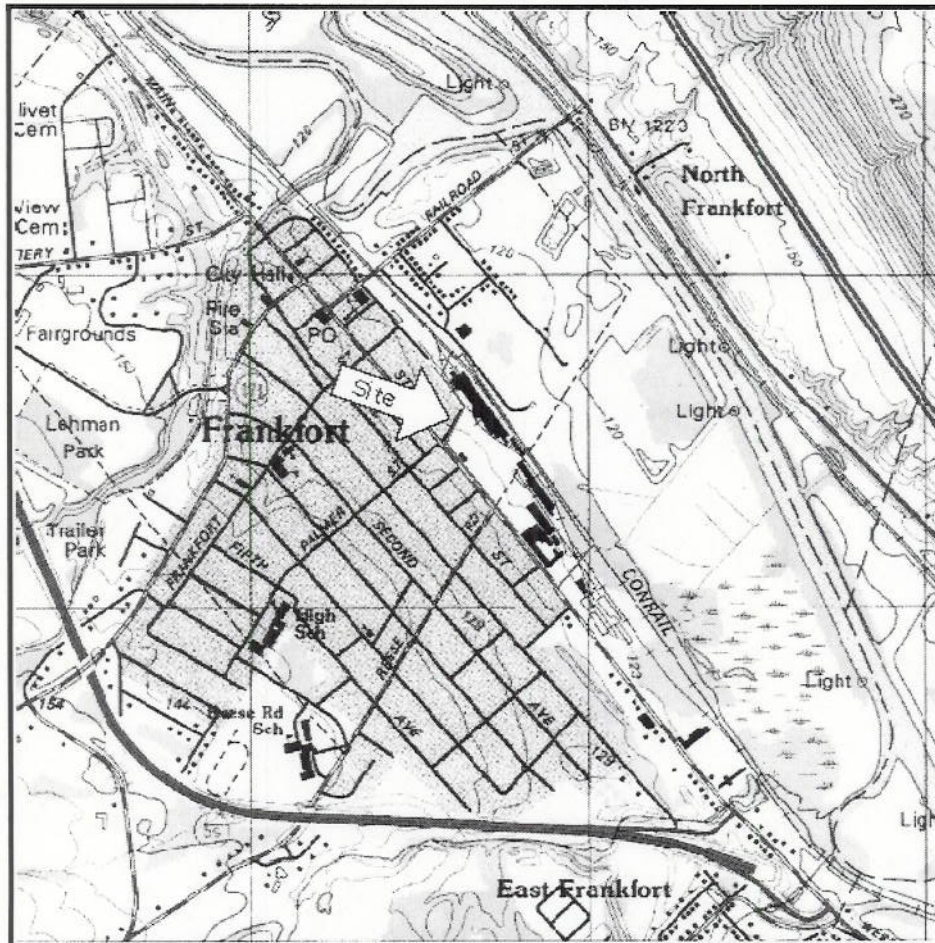
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Figure 1 Site Location

Source: U.S. Geological Survey Iliion, New York Quadrangle, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic), Dated 1982.



Quadrangle Location

- Subject Property

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Site Location Map

Project 0234201 Figure 1

FIGURE 2 Site Plan

Source: Alpha Geoscience Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan, Union Tools, Inc. Frankfort, New York dated January 2006

