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FACT SHEET

MAESTRI SITE

Inactive Hazardous Waste Site No. 7-34-025

State Fair Boulevard, Geddes, N.Y.

July 2007

INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has prepared this fact sheet to update the public on the progress of the cleanup at the Maestri Inactive Hazardous Waste Site in the Town of Geddes, Onondaga County, New York. The Maestri site is located at 904 State Fair Boulevard (Figure 1). The site remediation was necessary to address volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semi volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) detected in soil and groundwater at the site.

BACKGROUND

In the 1970s the site was used by a waste hauler to dispose of chemicals allegedly originating from the former Stauffer Chemical Company. An initial drum removal was conducted in 1987. In 1988, a legal Order on Consent between the Stauffer Management Company (SMC), as corporate successor to Stauffer Chemical, and the NYSDEC was signed. The Order required SMC to conduct an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM), whereby approximately 400 additional drums were excavated and removed from the property. In addition, a groundwater recovery system was installed to prevent contaminated groundwater from migrating off site. During the course of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), more than 200 additional drums were discovered resulting in a third removal action completed in 1994. A Record of Decision (ROD) for the site was issued by the NYSDEC in March 1995.



Figure 1 - Maestri Site Location Map 1N

CLEANUP ACTIVITIES

The resulting remedy, implemented in 1996, consisted of the excavation of contaminated soil followed by biological treatment. In September 1999 the treated soils were returned to the excavated areas, regraded, covered with six inches of clean soil, and seeded with grass. Continued operation and monitoring of the groundwater recovery system, since the completion of soil remediation, has demonstrated decreasing trends of site contaminants in most of the monitoring and pumping wells.

In 1999 groundwater monitoring identified a remaining, localized area of contamination. Chemical treatment of this area was initiated in the fall of 1999. The chemical treatment process continued into the fall of 2001. Based on review of the groundwater data generated, 25 injection points were installed and another chemical treatment process was initiated in October 2002. During that time the groundwater recovery system was operated, sampled, and monitored to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment process. Based on the evaluation of the data generated, it was determined that further treatment was still necessary.

In October 2004 four off-site monitoring wells in the area of Alhan Parkway were removed. Removal of those wells was approved by the NYSDEC and NYSDOH after review of analytical data indicated no site contaminants of concern.

In April 2006 the localized area of soil contamination was again treated in place with biological/chemical reagents and the previously installed 25 injection points were removed. To test the effectiveness of this strategy and determine residual contaminant concentrations, post-treatment sampling and monitoring of the groundwater continues.

PLANNED FUTURE ACTIVITIES

In July 2007 the Stauffer Management Company (SMC) plans on excavating a test pit within the suspected remaining area of soil contamination. The excavated soil will be initially screened to determine the presence of potential contamination. If contamination is evident, SMC will make an attempt to define the extent of the contamination with the excavator. If the extent of the contamination appears manageable, the contaminated soil will be excavated and disposed of off site at a licensed disposal facility. If the extent of the contamination appears not manageable at the time, the test pit will be backfilled with excavated material and a plan will be developed by SMC to address the contaminated soil.

SMC will continue to operate the groundwater collection and treatment system, including monitoring groundwater elevations and recovery wells, until approval for termination is granted by the NYSDEC and the NYSDOH. Results from these groundwater remedial activities will help to determine whether the objectives have been achieved, if additional chemical treatment is warranted, or if conditions justify the use of an alternative technology. As stipulated in the ROD, the on-site groundwater treatment system is to be operated and evaluated annually until "concentrations of site contaminants can no longer be effectively removed or cleanup objectives are met."

FOR MORE INFORMATION

We invite you to contact us at the addresses listed on the front of this sheet. In addition, we urge you to visit the Document Repositories where the ROD and other site-related documents are available for your review. The Document Repositories that the NYSDEC has established for this site are at the following locations:

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