



Investigation Work Plan Available



The field work for the environmental investigation of the ITT Automotive Site, is scheduled to begin in July 2004. The "Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study Work Plan" and other site-related documents are available for public review at:

Gates Public Library
1605 Buffalo Road
Rochester, NY 14624
(585) 247-6446

Hours:

Mon - Fri: 10am - 9pm
Sat: 10am - 5pm
Sun: Closed

and:

NYSDEC Region 8 Office
6274 East Avon-Lima
Rd. Avon, NY 14414
(585) 226-5326
(Contact Lisa LoMaestro
Silvestri for an
Appointment)
Hours: Mon -Fri.
8:30 am - 4:45pm

FACT SHEET

June 2004

ITT Automotive Site

Gates, NY

Monroe County

Environmental Investigation to Begin at the ITT Automotive Site in Gates



The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the Monroe County Health Department (MCHD), is sending you this fact sheet to announce an upcoming environmental investigation at the ITT Automotive site located on Pixley Industrial Parkway in the Town of Gates, Monroe County. The property is listed as a "Class 2" site on New York State's Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites. A "Class 2" site is a site where hazardous waste represents a significant threat to the environment or human health and action is required. The upcoming investigation is the next step in determining appropriate action at the site.

About the ITT Automotive Site:

The site is located at 30 Pixley Industrial Parkway in the Town of Gates (*See attached map*). The site consists of approximately 3 acres of land improved by a single story 45,500 square-foot building. The ITT property was dedicated to agricultural activities until approximately 1973 when the original portion of the building was constructed. The facility was known as Rochester Form Machine until 1994. The facility manufactured aluminum components for automotive air conditioning and various general applications. Operations included drilling and machining, alkali cleaning, solvent degreasing, steam cleaning, tube forming, aluminum brazing and welding. ITT ceased manufacturing operations at the site in 2004 and the facility is scheduled to be vacated by the end of June 2004. Surrounding properties are used for commercial and industrial activities.

Between 1991 and 2001, several environmental investigations were completed at the ITT property and the adjacent property to the east. Soil and groundwater were tested at various locations during these studies. The results indicated the soils at the ITT property were impacted by volatile organic compounds including 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA) and 1,4-dioxane (also referred to as diethylene dioxide and diethylene ether). The most impacted soils were located just north of the ITT building. The results also indicated that groundwater at both properties was impacted by TCA and 1,4-dioxane. The most impacted groundwater was located at the northeast corner of the ITT property and the northwest corner of the adjacent property.

TCA was commonly used at industrial facilities for removing grease from parts. 1,4-Dioxane was commonly added to TCA to help the TCA last longer. ITT stopped using TCA at the facility in 1993.

In 1999, ITT reportedly excavated 968 tons of TCA contaminated soil for off-site disposal. The soil was removed from the area north of the ITT building. ITT completed this project on their own without NYSDEC involvement. Follow-up tests indicated that the soil removal did not reduce the contamination in the groundwater. Additionally, the extent of contaminated soil may be larger than the area that was excavated.

About the Upcoming Investigation:

Soil and groundwater samples were collected in previous investigations to begin characterization of the site's contamination. However, as part of the remedial program for this site, additional information needs to be gathered to fully define the extent of the contamination. As a result, ITT has agreed to implement a formal environmental investigation, called a Remedial Investigation. As part of the Remedial Investigation, ITT will:

- Investigate a number of potential sources of TCA contamination, including underneath the ITT building;
- Test for other compounds besides TCA and 1,4-dioxane to ensure there are no other contaminants of concern;
- Evaluate the potential for people to come into contact with chemicals from the site; and
- Install groundwater monitoring wells at ITT and some adjacent properties to determine how far the contaminants have traveled.

The Remedial Investigation is expected to begin in July. Field work will be conducted periodically over a period of about a year and a half. Depending on the results of this investigation, additional field work may be necessary to define the extent of contamination from the site.

What Happens Next:

After the Remedial Investigation is completed, ITT will submit a report to the NYSDEC. NYSDEC, along with the NYSDOH and MCHD, will evaluate the report and determine if additional investigation is necessary. When all investigation activities have been completed, ITT will perform a Feasibility Study to examine different alternatives for cleaning up the contamination related to the site. After the Feasibility Study is completed, the state will propose a cleanup plan and present the plan to the public.

For More Information:

NYSDEC will keep you informed and involved throughout the investigative process through mailings and public meetings. We will design these activities to meet two objectives:

- To encourage two-way communication between the State agencies and the community during the investigation and evaluation of the site.
- To provide interested and concerned citizens with accurate and timely information pertaining to the site cleanup.

NYSDEC will announce the time, date, and location of any public meetings by mail and through news releases.

Additionally, a Citizen Participation Plan has been developed for the ITT Automotive site. This plan describes activities that will occur at different stages of the investigation and cleanup process, including opportunities for public input into the process. It also includes a glossary of terms and other useful information. You can review the Citizen Participation Plan and other site-related documents at the locations listed in the box on the first page of this fact sheet.

You are encouraged to contact representatives of the NYSDEC, NYSDOH, or MCHD anytime with questions, comments or concerns. If you know someone who would like to be added to the mailing list, have them send in the attached mailer or contact one of the State representatives listed below. You do **not** have to return the mailer if you received this fact sheet in the mail; your name will automatically remain on the mailing list. Because our mailing list includes property owners, we encourage you and building owners to share this Fact Sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this Fact Sheet in a prominent area of your building for tenants, employees and visitors to view.

➤ For Questions About the Investigation, Contact:

Frank Sowers, P.E., Project Manager (585) 226-5357 or
Lisa LoMaestro Silvestri, Citizen Participation Specialist (585) 226-5326
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6274 East Avon-Lima Road
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➤ For Site-Related Health Questions, Contact:

Deborah McNaughton
NYS Department of Health
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Rochester, NY 14202
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Rochester NY 14692
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NYSDEC Mailer

Please feel free to use this mailer for any of the following purposes:

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- _____ 2. You would like to include the name and address of someone you know who maybe interested in receiving future fact sheets.
- _____ 3. You would like to be taken off our ITT Automotive mailing list.
- _____ 4. You would like to provide us with a change of name or address. If you are moving, future fact sheets are NOT automatically forwarded unless we are notified by you.
- _____ 5. You would like to provide us with a comment or concern.

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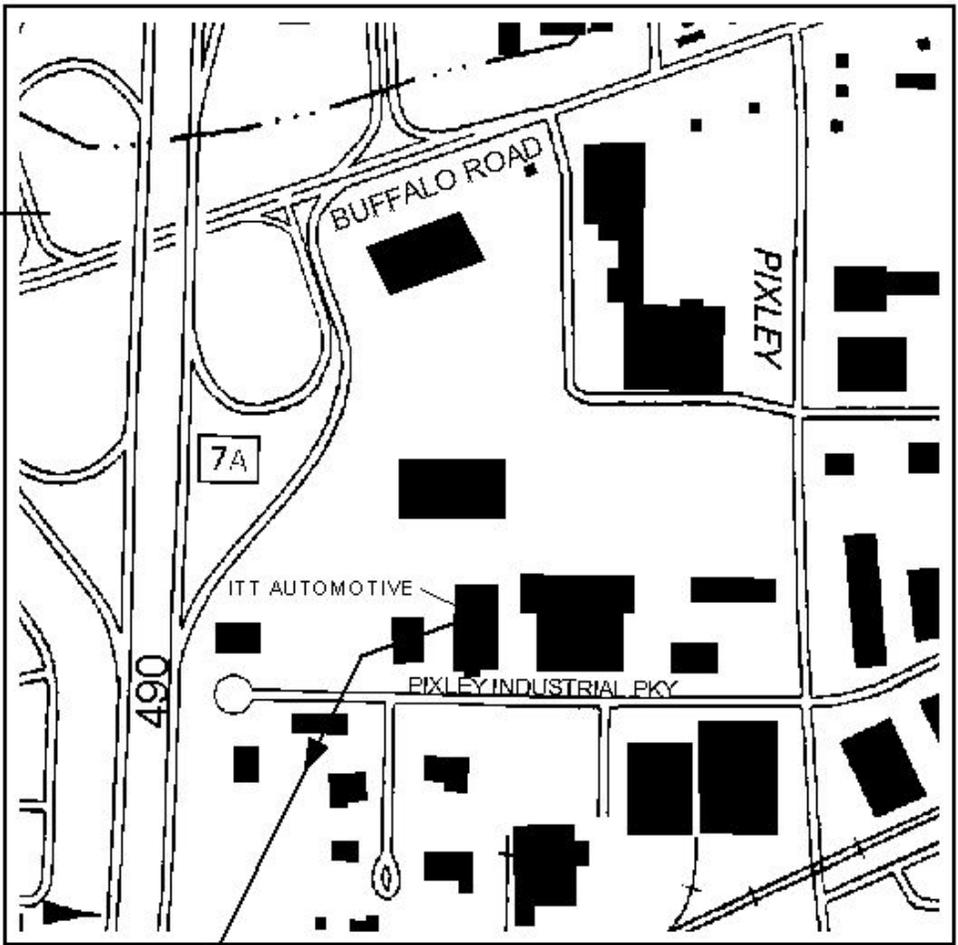
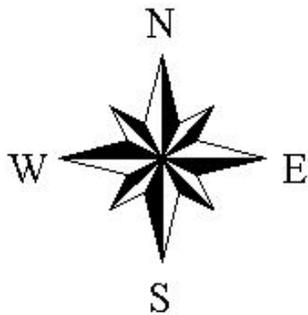
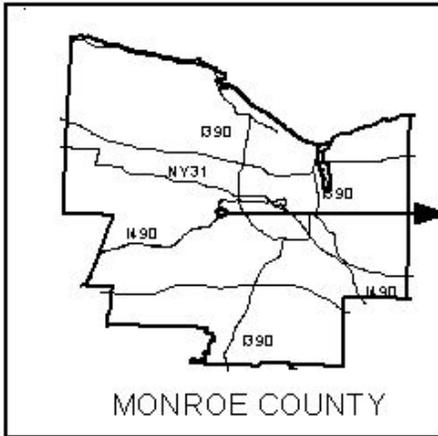
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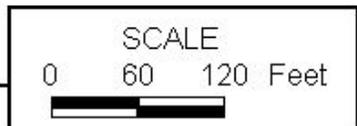
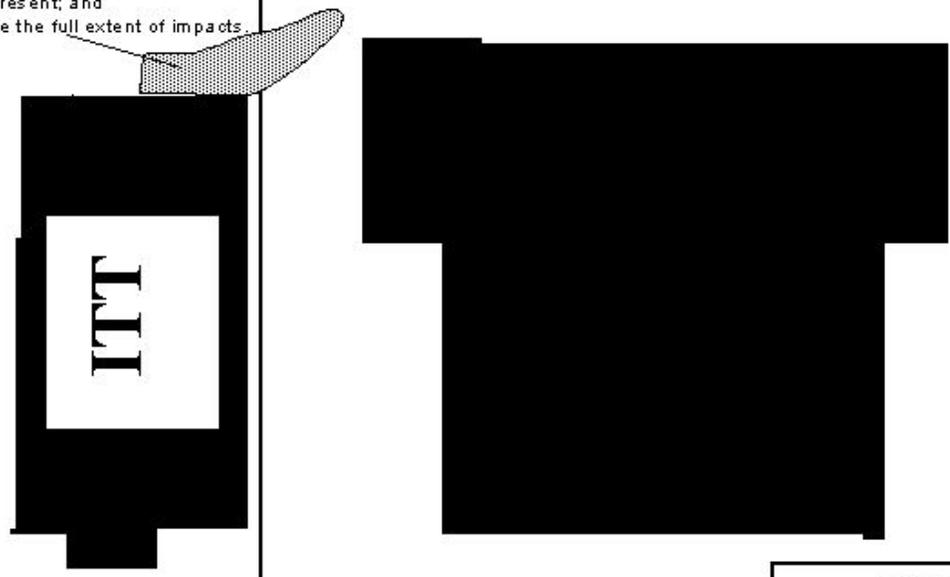
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Area of most impacted soil and/or groundwater known at this time.
 More tests are needed to:
 a) determine if other highly impacted areas are present; and
 b) determine the full extent of impacts.



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