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Dear Interested Citizen:

We hope this Fact Sheet will help bring you up to date on activities at this site. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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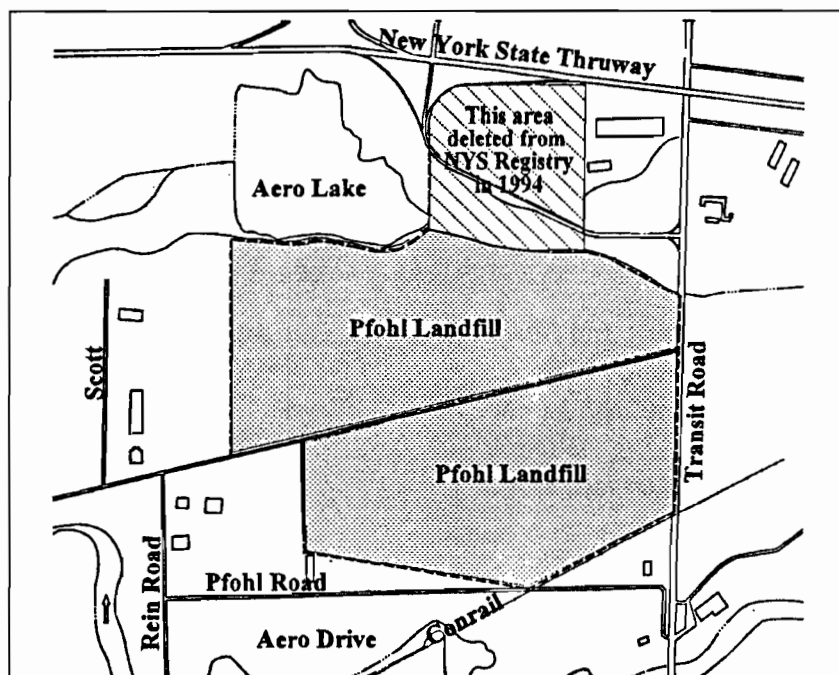
REMEDIAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE FOR: THE PFOHL BROTHERS LANDFILL

This Fact Sheet is intended to update the public as to the status of remedial activities at the Pfohl Brothers Landfill. In 1992, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) declared Capping and Containment with Leachate Collection and Treatment as the selected remedy for the site. As a component of the remedy, drums and phenolic tars were to be removed as an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM), in advance of the final remedy. This IRM program was initiated by the NYSDEC in 1992.

The NYSDEC subsequently reached an agreement with the

Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) Group, who took over the program, and have since completed the work. In 1994, the PRP Group agreed to begin a number of "predesign" activities to aid in the development of remedial design plans and specifications.

These activities, conducted with direct involvement and oversight by the state, included: a delineation of landfill materials, a landfill gas study, a wetlands assessment, extraction well pump tests and other field programs. The PRP Group submitted a "Predesign Activity Report", dated October 1994, which summarized the findings of these activities.



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DESIGN ACTIVITIES:

Based on existing information and the findings of the predesign activities, the PRP Group recently submitted the 30% Preliminary Design Report. The Design Report details the various components of the remedy including: installation of an interceptor trench around the perimeter of the landfill to collect contaminated groundwater (i.e. leachate), installation of a gas venting system to insure proper landfill ventilation, and installation of a low permeability cap to impede infiltration of precipitation. Another component of the remedial design is a grading project which involves the placement of acceptable fill material for purposes of landfill contouring. It is

proposed that about 1.3 million cubic yards of fill material be placed across the 130 acre landfill, to construct contours for proper drainage. The fill which is considered acceptable for this project includes soil, rock, wood, brick, and other uncontaminated construction and demolition (C&D) debris. The report details the various tasks associated with the remedy and includes a proposed project schedule, itemizing the duration of these various tasks. Construction could start as early as the Spring of 1996, if negotiations for the Order on Consent (legal agreement) can be completed. This document is presently under review by the state.

GROUNDWATER MONITORING:

Conestoga-Rovers and Associates (CRA), on behalf of the PRP Group, conducted a round of groundwater testing in December of 1994. This sampling of perimeter and off-site wells was conducted at the request of the NYSDEC, in light of the duration since the previous sampling round (February 1993). Previous data did not show any evidence of significant off-site migration of contaminants beyond the perimeter of the landfill in

either the overburden or bedrock aquifers. CRA prepared a report entitled "Groundwater Sampling Event, December 1994" to discuss the findings. The report indicates that in general, the analytical results from the December sampling event are consistent with previous analytical results. This and other site related information can be found at the repositories listed below.

NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST:

On December 16, 1994, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) added the Pfohl Brothers Landfill to the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is the federal government's compilation of the most serious sites in the Nation. The NPL currently contains approximately 1200

sites. The recent NPL listing of the Pfohl Brothers landfill is not anticipated to change the state's role as the remedial project lead, however, the USEPA will now provide technical support to the NYSDEC and be involved in decisions pertaining to the cleanup.

ALL DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR REVIEW

Various reports and related documents are available for your review at either:

Cheektowaga:
North Branch Library
735 Maryvale Drive
Cheektowaga, N.Y.;

Williamsville:
Public Library
5571 Main Street
Williamsville, N.Y.

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In addition, information may be obtained by calling 1-800-342-9296 and leaving your name, complete address and your request to which Mr. Ryan will respond.
