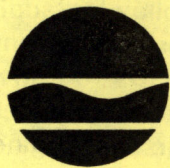


**NEW YORK STATE
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Dear Interested Citizen:

This Fact Sheet is to inform you about the upcoming remedial activities at the River Road and Cherry Farm sites in the Town of Tonawanda. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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For site related health questions, please contact the following New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) representatives at:

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NYSDOH

584 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 847-4502

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Ms. Anita Gabalski
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NYSDOH

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Albany, NY 12203-3399
1 (800) 458-1158, Ext. 402

FACT SHEET

RIVER ROAD and CHERRY FARM

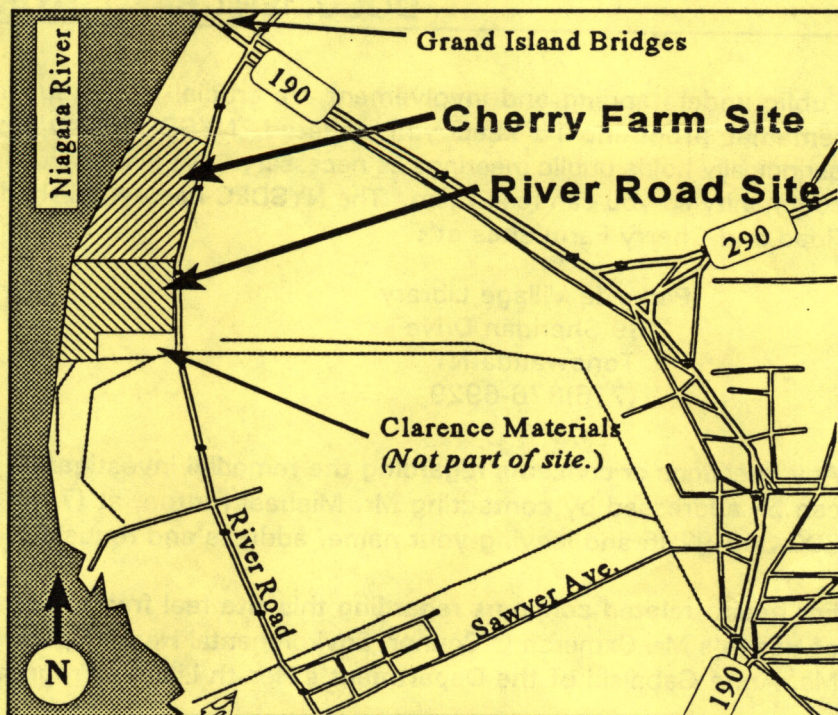
Hazardous Waste Site
(Site #9-15-031 & 9-15-063)
Town of Tonawanda
April 1996

INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is pleased to inform you that Remedial Construction at the River Road and Cherry Farm sites will begin in the near future. This site is located on River Road, south of the Grand Island Bridge and along the Niagara River (See Map). Some of the companies responsible for the site have awarded a construction contract to Haseley Construction Company of Niagara Falls, N.Y. for the remedial work.

BACKGROUND

The River Road site is approximately 23 acres in size. It is located along the Niagara River south of the Grand Island bridge. The adjoining Cherry Farm site is a 55 acre site and immediately north of the River Road site. The Cherry Farm and River Road sites were used for the disposal of waste from steel manufacturing from approximately 1908 to 1963, and were operated as a landfill for disposal of industrial wastes from facilities in the area from 1963 to about 1970. Flyash, bottom ash, foundry sand, slag, sludge, liquid boiler cleaning waste, concrete rubble, and miscellaneous fill were disposed on the sites. Due to the common history and similar remedial programs, the remediation of these two sites was combined into one construction project.



River Road and Cherry Farm Sites

SCOPE OF WORK

A Record of Decision (ROD) selecting a remedy for the River Road site was signed on March 24, 1994. A ROD for the Cherry Farm site was signed on February 15, 1991 and following additional investigations, an amended ROD was signed on October 7, 1993. A joint Order on Consent was signed on September 27, 1994. In accordance with this joint Order and the RODs, the involved companies were required to design and implement a remedial program to address the concerns at both these sites. The design was finalized by the company's consultant, Parsons Engineering Science, Inc., and approved by the NYSDEC on February 5, 1996.

The approved construction plans include the following elements:

- consolidation of waste;
- stabilization of the site shoreline along the Niagara River;
- removal and consolidation of contaminated sediments located in wetlands on the site;
- installation of a permeable cap over most of the site;
- installation and operation of groundwater extraction wells and collection trenches;
- collection and disposal of light non-aqueous phase liquids (LNAPL) found in groundwater;
- installation of soil covers to support vegetation over the capped areas;
- treatment and subsequent discharge of collected groundwater to the Town of Tonawanda sanitary sewer system;
- enactment of deed restrictions affecting future use of the properties; and,
- long term monitoring and maintenance of the installed remediation.

To the extent practicable, the remedial plans for the Cherry Farm site have been developed to reflect the proposed post-remedial development of a waterfront park and recreation area by the Town of Tonawanda; while the remedial plans for the River Road site have been developed to allow for future commercial or industrial development. The remedial construction will begin by the end of April 1996 and will take about one year to complete.

DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES

Public understanding and involvement are crucial to the success of New York's hazardous waste remedial program. To keep you updated, NYSDEC distributes fact sheets, like this one, and periodically holds public meetings as necessary. We also place site documents in a repository in your community so you can read them. The NYSDEC has established document repositories for the River Road and Cherry Farm sites at :

Parkside Village Library
169 Sheridan Drive
Tonawanda NY
(716)876-6929

or, by appointment at
NYSDEC's Buffalo Office
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, N.Y.
(716) 851-7220

Any questions or concerns regarding the remedial investigation or environmental aspects of the site can be addressed by contacting Mr. Michael Hinton, at (716) 851-7220; or by calling, toll free, 1-800-342-9296 and leaving your name, address and request.

For health related concerns regarding this site feel free to contact the New York State Department of Health's Mr. Cameron O'Connor, Environmental Health Specialist, at (716) 847-4502; or by calling Ms. Anita Gabalski of the Department's Health Liaison Program at, 1 (800) 458-1158, Ext. 402.