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**ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION**

For Further Information:

We hope this Fact Sheet will help brief you on activities at this site. If you have any questions or would like further information about the Site Investigation, please do not hesitate to contact:

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FACT SHEET

DEPEW VILLAGE LANDFILL SITE STATE SUPERFUND PROGRAM

Site # HW 9-15-105
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INTRODUCTION

The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and Health (NYSDOH), will be conducting a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of a site across Cayuga Creek from Zurbrick Road (see photo). The work will be done under New York State's Superfund Program. The investigation/study is expected to begin during early 2006.



BACKGROUND

The site to be investigated is located along the banks of Cayuga Creek, which includes land that was formerly the Village of Depew landfill. The landfill is located on a peninsula of Cayuga Creek, north of Zurbrick Road. The landfill operated from 1940 to 1961 and accepted ash from the municipal waste incinerator, that was once operated adjacent to the landfill. Erie County purchased a large portion of the landfill property in 1983, removed 60,000 cubic yards of the municipal waste, and constructed the current Overflow Retention Facility on the property.

The landfill was previously listed in the NYSDEC's Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites; however, the site was later removed from this list when no documented evidence of significant hazardous waste disposal could be found.

In 2001, the US Army Corps of Engineers sampled soils from the site as part of a stream bank stabilization project and found concentrations of lead above typical background levels. Ash and debris were also observed. The Corps of Engineers suspended work pending delineation of the contamination.

In 2003, the Village of Depew entered into the Voluntary Cleanup Program, and agreed to conduct an investigation of a portion of the site property. This investigation confirmed the presence of elevated lead concentrations in the site soils and indicated that the contamination may extend to other parts of the Village and County property to the north. Based upon this information the Village opted out of the VCP, and the site was re-listed in the Registry and referred for an RI/FS under the New York State Superfund Program.

UPCOMING REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION / FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Remedial Investigation activities will include:

- a review of relevant federal, state and local records (e.g. historical aerial photos, previous investigations and construction records) to learn more about the site property;
- development of a site sampling plan to determine the surficial and subsurface vertical and areal extent of the fill material on the site;
- installation of six (6) new groundwater monitoring wells;
- collection and testing of groundwater, surface water, leachate, soil, fill material, and sediment to delineate the nature and extent of the contamination at, around, and down gradient of the site
- a site survey to establish the coordinates of sampling points and other physical features of the site and area;
- preparation of a Site Investigation Report summarizing all of these site activities, analytical results and findings.

A Remediation Plan will be included in the Site Investigation Report, describing the type of cleanup that might be required. The Remediation Plan will present a list of cleanup alternatives, and an evaluation of those alternatives. The public will be provided an opportunity to review and comment on the cleanup plan before it is implemented.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Public understanding and involvement are crucial to the success of New York's hazardous waste remedial program. To provide you with more detailed information, the NYSDEC will place site documents in a repository in your community so you can read them. The document repositories for the Depew Village Landfill Site are :

Village of Depew
Municipal Building
85 Manitou Street
Depew, NY 14043

or

NYSDEC Buffalo Office
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14203
For an appointment contact
David Locey at (716) 851-7220

In addition, questions, concerns or comments regarding **environmental aspects of the site** can be addressed by contacting Mr. Randy Hough, Project Manager, at (518) 402-9818.

Inquires regarding **site related health concerns** should be addressed to Mr. Matt Forcucci, Public Health Specialist, at (716) 847-4385.

ABOUT THE STATE SUPERFUND PROGRAM

The Department of Environmental Conservation, along with the Departments of Health and Law is responsible for ensuring the cleanup of inactive hazardous waste disposal sites across the state. Under New York State's Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Remedial Program, the process begins with the discovery of a potential hazardous waste site and follows a path through investigation, remedy selection, design, construction, and monitoring. For more information please visit the Department's web site at: http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/ihws/fs_rifs.html