



FACT SHEET

Environmental Restoration Program

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Site Name: Former Brown Manufacturing Site
DEC Site #: B00024
Site Address: 101 Chester Street
Syracuse, NY 13207

February 2012

Public Meeting
Monday, March 5th, 2012 at 7:30 PM

**NYSDEC Region 7 Headquarters
Hearing Room
615 Erie Blvd West, 2nd Floor
Syracuse, New York 13204**

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 45-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written public comments about the proposed remedy for 45 days, from **02/10/2012 through 03/26/2012**. Submit written comments to:

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Environmental Restoration Program:

New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) reimburses municipalities for their costs to investigate and clean up municipally owned contaminated properties. Once cleaned up, the properties may be redeveloped for commercial, industrial, residential or public use.

A **brownfield** is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the ERP, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8444.html

Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site; Public Meeting & Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a remedy proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to address contamination related to the Former Brown Manufacturing Site ("site"). The site is located at 101 Chester Street in the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County. See map for site location.

The Proposed Remedy

The proposed remedy is described in a draft cleanup plan called a "Proposed Remedial Action Plan". The document is available for public review and comment at the locations identified below under "Where to Find Information".

The primary contaminants of concern at the site include polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), petroleum, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) (which are also constituents of petroleum) and metals. Contamination was not identified off-site. To address the contamination, the proposed remedy includes the following elements:

- excavation and off-site disposal of soil that contains PCBs at concentrations greater than 10 parts per million
- excavation and off-site disposal of soil which is heavily impacted by oil,
- installation of an oil recovery system to collect and remove oil which is not readily accessible to excavation, and
- covering the site with 2 feet of clean, imported soil or impervious surfaces.

Contamination will remain at the site; therefore the remedy also requires the following:

- restricting future use of the site to restricted residential

use through an environmental easement, and

- developing a Site Management Plan, which will provide for the long term operation, maintenance and monitoring of the remedy.

The proposed remedy will protect human health and the environment by removing the most heavily contaminated soil and preventing exposure to remaining contamination through the cover system, environmental easement and Site Management Plan.

NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after the City of Syracuse (“municipality”) investigated the site and analyzed potential alternatives to address contamination under New York’s Environmental Restoration Program.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a “Record of Decision” that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments received on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan. The Record of Decision will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below).

After NYSDEC issues the Record of Decision, the municipality can choose to submit a plan to perform the remediation called a “Remedial Design or Remedial Design Work Plan”. The Remedial Design would include the necessary details for implementing the remedy. Once the Remedial Design is approved by the NYSDEC, the municipality would implement the remedy. When the remediation of the site has been completed to NYSDEC’s satisfaction, NYSDEC would issue a document called a “Certificate of Completion”. This document would release the municipality from State liability related to contamination at the site and would allow the site to be re-used.

If the municipality elects not to enter into an agreement with the NYSDEC to implement the remedy, an institutional control, such as an environmental easement, would be placed on the property. The institutional control would place restrictions on the use of the property. If NYSDEC determines that the municipality has met the requirements of its agreement with the NYSDEC, then NYSDEC would issue a document to the municipality called a “Satisfactory Completion of Project letter”. This document would release the municipality from liability related to contamination present at the site.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the site remediation process.

Background

The Former Brown Manufacturing site is located at 101 Chester Street in a residential portion of the City of Syracuse. It is situated on the southeast corner of the intersection of Chester Street and Bellevue Avenue. The site is vacant and is a generally flat parcel of land covered with grass, concrete, stone, and asphalt. A row of trees and a chain link fence are located along the eastern property boundary.

The site was formerly the location of the Brown Manufacturing Corporation, an automobile parts manufacturing facility which burned down in August 1981. Disposal of waste oil/sludge into a disposal pit and underground quenching trough appears to be the cause of site contamination. Following the fire, a remediation contractor reportedly removed and disposed of approximately 100 drums of PCB-contaminated

waste oil, the contents of the disposal pit and quenching trough, and a ruptured electrical transformer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following locations to help the public stay informed. These documents include the draft cleanup plan for the site, called the "Proposed Remedial Action Plan".

Onondaga County Public Library
Local History & Genealogy
The Galleries of Syracuse
447 South Salina Street, 5th Floor
Syracuse, NY 13202
Phone: 315-435-1900

Hours:

Mon, Thurs, Fri & Sat – 11:00 am – 4:50 pm

Tues & Wed – 11:00 am – 7:20 pm

<http://www.onlib.org>

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Hours: Mon – Fri - 7:30 am – 3:45 pm

By appointment

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project Related Questions

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Site-Related Health Questions

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

You may continue also to receive paper copies of site information for a time after you sign up with a county listserv, until the transition to electronic distribution is complete.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

