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BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM

Former Dico G Auto & Truck Repair

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Public Announcement
**COMMENCEMENT OF REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION
& START OF INTERIM REMEDIAL ACTION**

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is notifying the public of the start of Remedial Investigations (RI) and soil remediation at the Former Dico G Auto & Truck Repair Site located at 3035 White Plains Road in the Bronx, NY (See map on page 2 for location of Site). A draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RI) submitted by the site developer under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) was recently approved for implementation by the NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). NYSDEC previously accepted an application submitted by the site developer to participate in the BCP. Public comment period on RI and IRM work plans ended on September 28, 2007.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSED REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION

The RI has several goals: to define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, groundwater and any other impacted media; to identify the source(s) of the contamination; to assess the impact of the contamination on public health and/or the environment; and to provide information to support the development of a Remedial Work Plan to address the contamination.

Following is a summary of the activities proposed in the draft RIWP:

- sampling to confirm the absence of non-petroleum contaminants such as pesticides, PCBs and metals in soil and groundwater;
- geophysical survey of the property;
- 18 soil borings for soil sampling and analysis;
- 13 groundwater monitoring wells to evaluate groundwater quality;
- 12 soil vapor sampling locations; and
- additional sampling if needed during the course of the investigation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSED INTERIM REMEDIAL MEASURE

(IRM) The IRM will commence in November and will consist of:

- excavating gasoline impacted soils and other contaminated urban soils from most of the site to the bedrock surface which varies from 2 to 10 feet below ground surface.
- transportation and proper disposal of contaminated soils in accordance with Federal and State and local regulations.
- a Health and Safety Plan and a community air monitoring program to ensure the protection of the general public and workers.
- Post excavation sampling to confirm limits of excavation.

Copies of the IRM Work Plan, the Remedial Investigation Work Plan and all other project related reports are available in the document repositories listed in the box to the left.

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SITE DESCRIPTION

The Site consists of an approximately 16,880 square foot parcel, which is improved with a single-story 1,653 square foot masonry building with 3 service bays. The building was constructed in 1960 as a service station and is currently used as an auto repair shop. The property is surrounded by a 6-foot high chain link fence which also bisects the site just north of the service station building. The surrounding area is characterized by commercial businesses (mostly retail) along White Plains Road. Residential areas are located behind (east-west) this commercial corridor. An elevated section of the Metro-North Railway passes in front of the property, directly over White plains Road.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and a preliminary subsurface investigation were conducted in February 2007. The Phase I collected information about the Site history and uses of concern for environmental impacts. Sampling of the Site soils and groundwater occurred in February 2007 when contamination was discovered while soil boring was used to determine the structural capacity of the ground for a new building.

The sampling found that Site soils and groundwater were impacted by volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are constituents of petroleum products (gasoline).

As a result of the limited investigation, an interim remedial measure (IRM) was recommended to reduce obvious risks to the environment. The IRM to remove the contaminated soil and other urban soils is currently under review by the NYSDEC and the NYSDOH.

Copies of the IRM Work Plan the Remedial Investigation Work Plan and all investigation reports are available in the document repositories listed on the front page of this fact sheet.

NEXT STEPS

NYSDEC and NYSDOH have reviewed RI Work Plan, which was revised and approved on October 1, 2007. The draft IRM Work Plan is still under review. Public comment period on work plans ended on September 28, 2007.

The Developer will now implement the RI and IRM activities in accordance with the work plans. All activities conducted during the investigation and all of the results obtained, will be documented in a draft Remedial Investigation Report. This report will be the basis for determining what actions will need to be taken to address any remaining contamination at the Site.

Contact NYSDEC's project manager if you have any concerns or questions on implementation of IRM and / or RI work plans, or if you would like to be added to the project contact list to receive future fact sheets for this Site.

BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM (BCP)

OVERVIEW - New York established its BCP to address the environmental, legal, and financial barriers that often hinder the redevelopment and reuse of contaminated properties and to enhance private sector cleanups. New York's BCP is a cooperative approach among the NYSDEC, the NYSDOH, and Volunteers to investigate and/or remediate contaminated Sites. Under the BCP, a Volunteer enters into a Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with the NYSDEC and thereafter submits one or more work plans to investigate and, if necessary, remediate a site. The goal under the BCP is to remediate sites to a level that is protective to public health and the environment consistent with the proposed uses of the site. When a Volunteer completes work, a release from liability from the NYSDEC is provided with standard reservations. A Certificate of Completion is issued. With its receipt of a Certificate of Completion, Former Dico G Site would:

1. have no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
2. be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of remedial activities and for redevelopment of the site.

A Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked if, for example, the applicant does not comply with the terms of its Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with NYSDEC, or if the applicant commits fraud regarding its application or its certification that it has met cleanup levels.

For information regarding New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program, please visit our web Site at:

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