

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: Northeast Treaters of New York, LLC DEC Site #: C420029 Address: 796 Schoharie Turnpike Athens, NY 12015 Have questions? See "Who to Contact" Below

Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the Northeast Treaters of New York, LLC site ("site") located at 796 Schoharie Turnpike, Athens, Greene County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program. Please see the map for the site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by Northeast Treaters of New York, LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicant has submitted a draft Final Engineering Report for NYSDEC review which states that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

Highlights of the Site Cleanup:

A site cover was installed to allow for commercial use of the site. The cover consists of structures such as buildings, pavement or sidewalks that comprise the site development, or a clean soil cover in areas where the upper one foot of exposed surface soil exceeded the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) for arsenic and chromium, the contaminants of concern. Where the soil cover was required, it is a minimum of one foot of soil placed over a demarcation layer, with the upper six inches of soil of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetative (*e.g.*, grass) layer. The total cost of the cleanup will be approximately \$700,000.

Next Steps

When NYSDEC approves the Final Engineering Report, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" below). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion which will be announced in a fact sheet that is sent to the site contact list.

The applicant would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a Certificate of Completion. In addition, the applicant:

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

A Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked if, for example, an applicant does not comply with the terms of its Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with NYSDEC.

Background

The site is located in a rural area on the north side of the Schoharie Turnpike (Route 28), approximately 0.75 miles east of Route 9W in the Town of Athens. The site is used as pressure treated wood manufacturing facility and is zoned light industrial. The surrounding parcels are used for agriculture, light industry and are forested.

The original facility consisted of three buildings: a lumber stacking building, the process building and the maintenance building. The process building, recently demolished and now rebuilt, contained a drip pad and offices. The Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) site is limited to approximately 4 acres of the eastern most portion of the 32.2-acre Northeast Treaters facility, specifically the area of the former process building and property to the north and east.

A stormwater collection system transports runoff water from the site to a settling basin located on the western portion of the facility (*i.e.* off of the BCP site). The basin has an outflow, which is referred to as a swale located to the south and west of the basin.

The facility was constructed in 1977 and was originally a saw mill. Atlantic Wood Industries, Inc., began operating as a pressure treating wood manufacturing facility in 1979. The facility treated architectural and dimensional lumber with a chromated copper arsenate preservative. The facility ceased using chromated copper arsenate preservative in 2003.

The site slopes slightly towards the west. Predominant soils in the vicinity of the site consists of clay. The bedrock in the vicinity of the site is shale and is estimated to exist at a depth ranging from 60 to 100 feet. The nearest surface water, a tributary to Murderers Creek, is located approximately 1,000 feet to the north of the site. Murderers Creek is located approximately 1.6 miles to the north of the site and flows east towards Sleepy Hollow Lake.

Isolated pockets of groundwater are occasionally present in the fill material immediately above the native clay. Information gained during the site investigation indicates that this groundwater does not migrate. Groundwater was not encountered in the underlying clay during the site investigation. Groundwater exists in the bedrock beneath the site. The regional groundwater flow direction is anticipated to be west to southwest, based on interpretation of topographic maps.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C420029

Brownfield Cleanup Program: New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses include recreation, housing, business or other uses.

A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit: <u>http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html</u>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

D. R. Evarts Library Attn: Jake Widrick 80 Second Street Athens, NY 12015 Phone: (518) 945-1417

Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions Walter Wintsch Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Remediation 1130 North Westcott Rd Schenectady, NY 12306 518-357-2008 walter.wintsch@dec.ny.gov <u>Site-Related Health Questions</u> Justin Deming New York State Department of Health Empire State Plaza - Corning Tower Room 1787 Albany, NY 12237 (518) 402-7880 BEEI@health.ny.gov

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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.

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

