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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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New Hartford, NY 13413

**Re: SMC Brownfield Site
Site No. C633016**

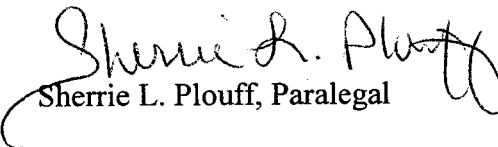
Dear Mary:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Fact Sheet and IRM report on the SMC Brownfield Site for placement in the document repository.

Feel free to contact us should you have any questions. Thank you for your courtesies.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Ms. Debra Moloughney, Environmental Program Specialist 1,
Site Control Section, NYSDEC, Central Office
Mr. Peter Ouderkirk, Project Manager, NYSDEC, Region 6
Ms. Deanna Ripstein, NYSDOH



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

SMC Brownfields Site
C633016
New Hartford, NY

January 21, 2010

Proposed Interim Remedial Measure (IRM)

The public is invited to comment on a proposed Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to address certain contamination at the Special Metals Corporation (SMC) Brownfields site ("site") located at 4317 Middle Settlement Road in New Hartford, Oneida County. See map for site location.

The Proposed Interim Remedial Measure (IRM)

The proposed IRM for the site includes excavating soils from former furnace areas within the facility that contain levels of contamination and backfilling the excavations with clean soil. Special Metals Corporation ("applicant") developed the proposed IRM remedy after performing an investigation in the area to be excavated. The work is proposed to be implemented as an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) and is further described in a draft work plan called "Interim Remedial Measure – Former Furnace Area". The document is available for review at the New Hartford Public Library identified below under "Where to Find Information".

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed remedy for 45 days, from January 22, 2010 through March 8, 2010. NYSDEC will consider scheduling a Public Meeting to discuss the proposed Interim Remedial Measure upon request. A request for a public meeting must be submitted within 30 days of the commencement of the comment period.

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** 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 BCP, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Submit written comments to:

Peter Ouderkirk, P.E.
Project Manager
NYSDEC, Region 6
Division of Environmental Remediation
317 Washington Street
Watertown, New York 13601
(315) 785-2513

Summary of the Proposed IRM

The draft work plan that identifies the proposed IRM has several goals:

- 1) identify cleanup levels to be attained or the process to be used to determine these levels
- 2) explain why the scope of the proposed IRM will protect public health and the environment
- 3) provide a detailed description of the proposed IRM remedy.

SMC is proposing to remove, to the extent practicable, soil containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a compound historically used during operation of the former furnaces within the facility. The proposed actions will target those soils under existing buildings in the former furnace area that contain PCBs in excess of the 6 NYCRR Part 375 industrial use soil cleanup objective (SCO) of 25 mg/kg. The action will substantially remove impacted soils and provide increased potential for re-use of this portion of the facility.

The proposed action will include demolition of concrete slabs on grade, flooring, and miscellaneous subsurface concrete structures that currently remain in the former furnace areas as well as removal of approximately 3,000 tons of impacted material. The excavation will be backfilled with clean material when removal is complete. Excavated material will be disposed of at an appropriate permitted facility off the site. This area of the site will also have a specific environmental easement placed on the property deed that will permit only industrial uses of the property, prohibitions on groundwater useage, and adherence to a Site Management Plan

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the proposed IRM. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) must concur with the proposed workplan. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy to address the Furnace Area. The draft IRM Work Plan that describes the proposed remedy will be revised as needed to describe the selected remedy, and will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below). The applicant then may design and perform the cleanup IRM action to address the contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH. It is estimated that the activities proposed in this Work Plan to clean up the site will take about four months to complete once construction is begun.

Background

NYSDEC previously accepted an application from the applicant to participate in the Brownfield Cleanup Program. The application proposes that the site will continue to be used for industrial purposes.

The SMC Brownfield Site (approximately 42 acres) is located at 4317 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford, Oneida County, New York. The site is zoned industrial, and is located in a mixed-use area. The facility has been in operation at this location since 1958. Operations at the facility include melting, hot rolling, and cold finishing. Melting is performed in vacuum induction, vacuum arc, and electroslog furnaces. All adjacent property to the Brownfield Site is owned by Special Metals Corporation/ Oneida County Industrial Development Agency.

SMC implemented investigations of the former furnace areas within the SMC facility during 2007 and 2008. These investigations included the collection of soil and groundwater samples. The results of the former investigations indicated elevated concentrations of PCBs above soil cleanup objectives for industrial sites.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed. These documents include the draft “Interim Remedial Measure – Former Furnace Area” Work Plan.

New Hartford Public Library
2 Library Lane
New Hartford, New York
Attn: Mary Javorski, Reference Librarian
Phone: (315) 733-1535
Hours: Mon. – Sat. 10 am – 8 pm
Sun. – 1 – 5 pm (except July/August)
Mon, Tues, Wed 10 am - 9 pm
Thurs/Fri – 10 am – 6 pm
Sat. – 10 am – 5 pm

Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions

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NYSDEC, Region 6
Division of Environmental Remediation
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Watertown, New York 13601
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Site-Related Health Questions

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Bureau of Environmental Exposure Assessment
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If you know someone who would like to be added to the site contact list, have them contact the NYSDEC project manager above. We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.