

SITE No. C835027A Spring 2019 NYSDEC REGION 8

### FORMER GENEVA FOUNDRY SITE

## Off-Site Air Deposition Area Cleanup

**State Superfund Program** 

23 Jackson Street, Geneva, NY 14456

# WHO TO CONTACT

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

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FOR INFORMATION
ON NEW YORK'S STATE
SUPERFUND PROGRAM,
SITE NO. C835027A:

http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/107812.html

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will continue the cleanup of properties in neighborhoods adjacent to the Former Geneva Foundry Site (Site No. C835027A), located at 23 Jackson Street in Geneva, Ontario County, beginning in April 2019. Based on the January 2017 Record of Decision (ROD), the cleanup includes removal of contaminated soil from residential and commercial parcels located near the former foundry (see Figure 1 on page 2). This will be the third year of a multi-year cleanup effort.

Beginning in April, soil removal and restoration activities will resume in areas adjacent to the former foundry. Remedial construction activities are expected to continue into December 2019, weather permitting.

DEC is currently meeting with owners of properties identified for remediation to review and discuss their soil data, the proposed remedial and restoration activities, and to confirm their consent for property access to allow remediation to take place.

We encourage you to contact DEC and DOH if you have questions about these activities.

#### **Highlights of Activities Planned for 2019**

- Approximately 35 additional properties contaminated as a result of operations of the former Geneva Foundry are anticipated to be remediated during 2019, pending property owner agreements.
- Landscaping and other restoration activities will be completed at properties where remediation was completed during 2018, but final restoration could not be completed before winter.
- Construction will occur in areas east and west of Exchange Street, primarily in areas along State Street, Genesee Street, Lafayette Avenue, Middle Street, Wadsworth Street, and Herbert Street (see Figure 2).
- Work and equipment operation will typically take place five days per week (Monday through Friday), generally between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The activities will be performed by LaBella Associates of Rochester, NY, with oversight provided by Ecology and Environment Engineering and Geology, P.C., on behalf of DEC.
- Three existing construction staging areas on State Street, Middle Street, and Lehigh Avenue will continue to be operated.
- Areas that are disturbed during the cleanup will be restored to pre-existing conditions in consultation with each property owner. Prior to being brought to the site, all backfill materials will be tested to demonstrate that they meet DEC quality requirements.

# **DEC** will remove contaminated soils and restore affected property features

Soil identified for remediation will be excavated and disposed of off-site at a permitted facility. All areas that are disturbed during the removal will be restored, including lawns, sidewalks, driveways, trees, shrubs, garden beds, sheds, decks, etc.

Trucks will be lined with plastic sheeting and covered to properly secure all material during transport. Truck traffic patterns will be designed to minimize congestion on local roads and maintain safety in the community. Truck traffic will also be minimized when school buses are picking up and dropping off students near work zones.

DEC and DOH have approved a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) that requires continuous air monitoring during all excavation and backfilling activities to ensure no additional contamination is released to the environment or adjacent properties during the cleanup.

DEC will continue to conduct soil sampling within the remedial boundary to inform the preparation of property-specific excavation and restoration plans. DEC will continue to keep area residents informed as areas are scheduled for cleanup. DEC is adaptively managing this project to ensure the remediation and restoration activities are completed as efficiently as practicable.





### **Site Background**

Historic air emissions from the former foundry contained lead and arsenic, which were deposited onto the soil in the surrounding area. DEC is designing and implementing site-specific cleanups of residential properties to remove the contaminants from impacted properties.

The project is being funded and conducted pursuant to the State Superfund program. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the locations identified below under "Where to Find Information." Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/107812.html.



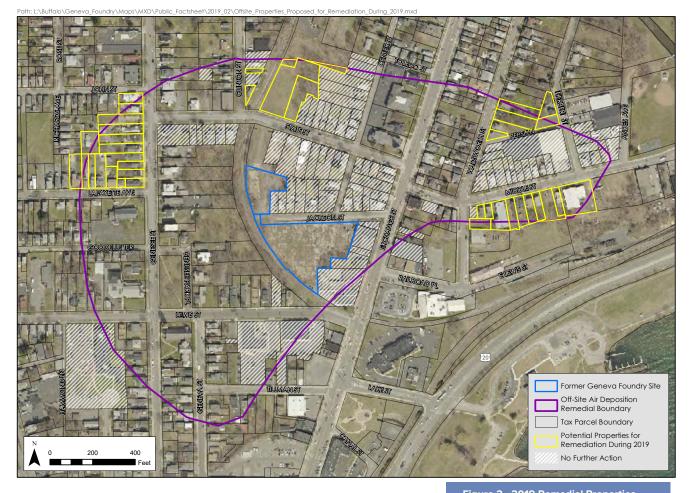


Figure 2 - 2019 Remedial Properties and Offsite Remedial Boundary Site No. C835027A Geneva, Ontario County, New York



# Remedial Action Status

Cleanup activities at the former foundry site at 23 and 44 Jackson Street were completed in 2018. Activities were performed by the City of Geneva with oversight provided by DEC. The City has submitted a draft Final Engineering Report (FER) for DEC 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.

To date, DEC and DOH have issued letters of No Further Action to the owners of eighty-seven parcels in the off-site remedial area.

More information is available at: https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/107812.html.

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https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information and announcements for all contaminated sites in the counties you select. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.

If the listserv is not an option, call or write to the DEC project manager identified in this newsletter and indicate that you need to receive fact sheets through the U.S. Postal Service. Include the site name in your request. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.

## WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION



Project documents are available at these locations to help the public stay informed:

Geneva Public Library 244 Main Street Geneva, New York 14456 Phone: 315-789-5303

DEC Region 8 Office 6274 East Avon-Lima Road Avon, New York 14414 Phone: 585-226-5353 Please call for an appointment.

Project documents also are available on DEC's project website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/107812.html

For more information about State Superfund Sites, visit: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html