



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

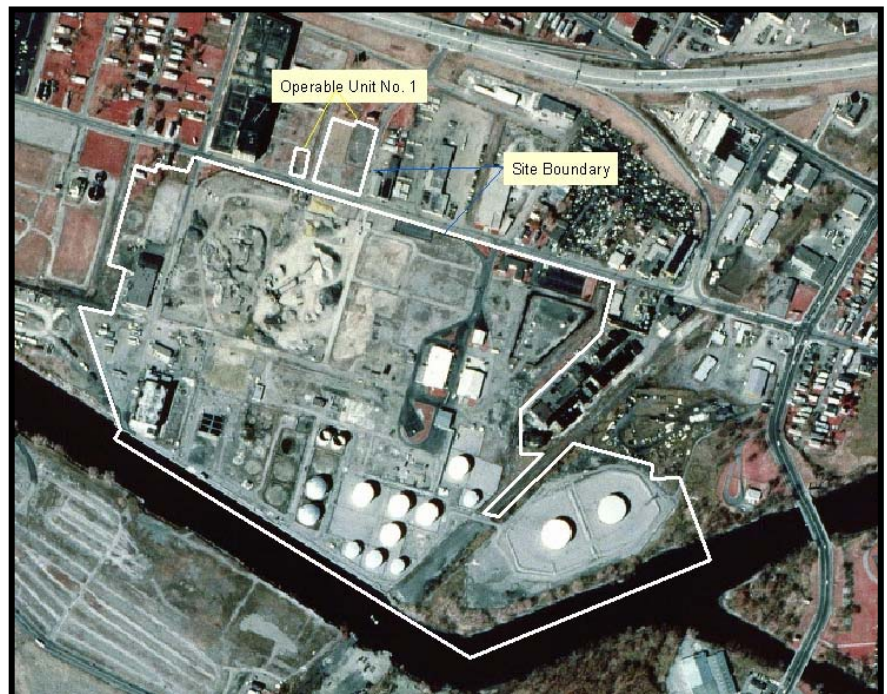
ExxonMobil Former Buffalo Terminal
Site No. C915201
Buffalo, NY

May 2007

Environmental Cleanup Activities to Continue at ExxonMobil Former Buffalo Terminal Site

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is pleased to announce the continuation of environmental cleanup activities at the ExxonMobil Former Buffalo Terminal Site located at 625 Elk Street in the City of Buffalo.

Cleanup activities will begin in the first (Operable Unit No. 1) of five separate areas designated for environmental cleanup at the site under the State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). (See map at right for site location and Operable Unit No. 1 location.) NYSDEC previously accepted an application submitted by ExxonMobil to participate in the BCP.



Highlights of the Proposed Interim Remedial Measures in Operable Unit No. 1

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 and business.

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.state.ny.us/website/der/bcp

Based on environmental investigations conducted at the site, it has been determined that cleanup is needed to address on-site contaminated soil. To address this concern, a cleanup effort called an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) will take place beginning in May 2006. An IRM is a cleanup action that can be conducted at a site relatively quickly in order to minimize risks to people's health and the environment. All cleanup activities conducted at the site will be in accordance with a Remedial Action Work Plan that has been approved by NYSDEC and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

Upcoming cleanup activities in Operable Unit No.1 will take about three weeks to complete and will include:

- The excavation and off-site disposal of 1,970 cubic

yards of contaminated soil.

- Backfilling the excavation with approved fill material, topsoil and grass seed.

Following completion of IRM cleanup activities, ExxonMobil will develop an IRM Closeout Report to summarize the results of the cleanup work conducted in Operable Unit No.1.

Sequential cleanup of the remaining four operable units is planned to take place following cleanup of Operable Unit No. 1. Additional facts sheets, similar to this one, will be sent throughout the project's duration to keep you updated on the progress of cleanup at the ExxonMobil Buffalo Terminal site.

Site Background Information

Site Description

The entire ExxonMobil Former Buffalo Terminal Site encompasses approximately 90 acres of land along Elk Street in the City of Buffalo, New York. The main portion of the property is bordered by Elk Street to the north, the Buffalo River to the south, a commercial property to the west (along Babcock Street) and a commercial property to the east. A petroleum distribution terminal operates in the southeastern portion of the site. The large above ground storage tanks on the site are associated with the distribution terminal.

Operable Unit No. 1 consists of two vacant parcels located on the north side of Elk Street totaling 1.8 acres in size. Chain link fencing surrounds both parcels. Operable Unit No. 1 is bordered by Elk Street to the South, vacant land and residential housing to the north, Bradford Street to the east and a vacant parcel to the west. The environmental cleanup in operable unit No.1 will support future development as a commercial property. Currently, ExxonMobil has no plan to develop the property.

Site History

Beginning in the late 1890s and continuing through the early 1980s, the site was operated as a petroleum refinery. Other petroleum related business occupied portions of the site including a distribution terminal, lube plant, etc. In 1976, a tank failure on the main portion of the site contaminated property on the north side of Elk Street. This contaminated property is Operable Unit No. 1. The environmental history of Operable Unit No. 1 is summarized below.

Environmental History

The type and location of contamination found in Operable Unit No. 1 at the ExxonMobil Former Buffalo Terminal Site were categorized in the following six site investigations including:

- October 1993, Environmental Assessment conducted by Groundwater Technology, Inc.;
- June through August 1998, Site Facility Investigation conducted by Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc.;
- July through October 1999, Site Facilities Investigation Completion conducted by Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc.;
- December 2001, Elk Street Properties Area Investigation Completion conducted by Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. and Roux Associates;
- August 2006, Additional Investigation in OU-1 conducted by Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. and Roux Associates.
- November 2006, Additional Investigation in OU-1 (Addendum No.1) conducted by Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. and Roux Associates.

Based on the results of these investigations, it was been determined that site soils in Operable Unit No. 1 are contaminated and require cleanup.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Locations to View Project-Related Documents

Project-related documents, which are available for your review at the locations identified below. Project documents at these locations include the Alternatives Analysis Report/Remedial Action Work Plan for Operable Unit No. 1 (as amended by the March 13, 2007 letter prepared by Remedial Engineering, P.C.), site investigation reports and ExxonMobil's application to participate in the BCP accepted by NYSDEC.

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