



FACT SHEET	Brownfield Cleanup Program
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Buffalo China Site

December 2006

Site # 915209

Buffalo, Erie County

Brownfield Cleanup Application and Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan Available for Public Comment

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) welcomes public comments as it reviews a draft Brownfield Cleanup (BCP) application and Site Investigation (SI) Work Plan for the Buffalo China site, located at 51 Hayes Place, Buffalo, Erie County, New York. (See map on last page for site location.)

The Brownfield Cleanup application and draft "Site Investigation Work Plan" were submitted by Buffalo China (the applicant) under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The application proposes that the site will be used for industrial purposes.

The terms "remedial" or "remediation" used throughout this fact sheet refer to all necessary actions to address and clean up any known or suspected environmental contamination associated with a site.

Public Comment Period for the Draft SI Work Plan

DEC will accept written public comments on the draft SI Work Plan for 30 days, from **December 13, 2006**, through **January 12, 2007**. The application and draft SI Work Plan are available for public review at the locations identified at the end of this fact sheet.

Written comments on the draft SI Work Plan can be submitted to:

Ms. Linda Ross, CPG
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14203-2999

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

Highlights of the Draft Site Investigation Work Plan

The site investigation proposes several goals that include:

- 1) defining the type and location contamination in the site's soil, groundwater and soil gas;
- 2) identifying the sources of the contamination;
- 3) assessing the impact of the contamination on public health; and
- 4) providing information to support the development of a Remedial Work Plan to address the contamination.

Site investigation activities will be performed by a contractor hired by Buffalo China, and will be overseen by DEC.

Details about the Remedial Investigation

Based on previous sampling activities at the site, the major contaminants identified at the site are lead and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil and groundwater. Site investigation activities proposed in the SI Work Plan include:

- sampling 15 soil borings from designated on-site locations;
- collecting 23 surface soil samples from designated off-site locations;
- installing 8 additional monitoring wells at designated on-site and off-site locations;
- sampling soil and groundwater at designated on-site and off-site locations; and
- monitoring soil vapor if necessary.

Next Steps

DEC will consider public comments when it completes its review of the BCP application and SI Work Plan. These documents will be made available for public review at the locations listed below under the heading "For More Information." If the application and the SI Work Plans are approved, Buffalo China may proceed with the remedial investigation at the site. It is estimated that remedial investigation activities will take about ten months to complete.

The applicant will develop a Remedial Investigation and Remedial Alternatives Report that summarizes the results of the remedial investigation, and proposes an appropriate remediation plan for the site.

DEC will keep the public informed during cleanup of the Buffalo China site through fact sheets, similar to this one.

Site Background

The Buffalo China site has historically been the location of china and mirror manufacturing. The site comprises approximately 8 acres and is bounded on the north by Conrail railroad tracks on the east by the adjoining former Buffalo China Warehouse and other commercial/industrial facilities, and on the south and west by residential properties. The City of Buffalo School #26 and adjacent playground is located a few hundred feet to the southeast; these properties are planned to undergo sampling as part of this investigation. The nearest body of water is the Buffalo River, located approximately ¼ mile south and east of the site.

The site has undergone two environmental investigations to date, both indicating that the site's soil and groundwater have been impacted by VOCs and lead.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Locations to View Project -Related Documents

Important project documents are available for public review at the locations identified below. Project documents at these locations include the draft Site Investigation Work Plan, and the application to participate in the BCP. You are welcome to view project documents at:

East Clinton Branch Library
1929 East Clinton Street
Buffalo, New York 14206
Phone: (716) 823-5626

Library Hours:

Tuesday/Friday 11 AM to 6 PM
Wednesday 4 PM to 8 PM

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14203-2999
Attn: Ms. Linda Ross, CPG
Phone: (716) 851-7220
Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
(Please call for appointment.)

Who to Contact

Comments and questions regarding this project are always welcome and can be directed as follows:

Site-Related Project Questions

Ms. Linda Ross, CPG
 New York State Department of Environmental
 Conservation
 270 Michigan Avenue
 Buffalo, New York 14203-2999
 716-851-7220

Site-Related Health Questions

Mr. Cameron O'Connor, Public Health Specialist
 New York State Department of Health
 584 Delaware Avenue
 Buffalo, New York 14202
 716-847-4385

If you know of someone who would like to be added to the project mailing list, please have them contact the DEC 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.

Site Location

