



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

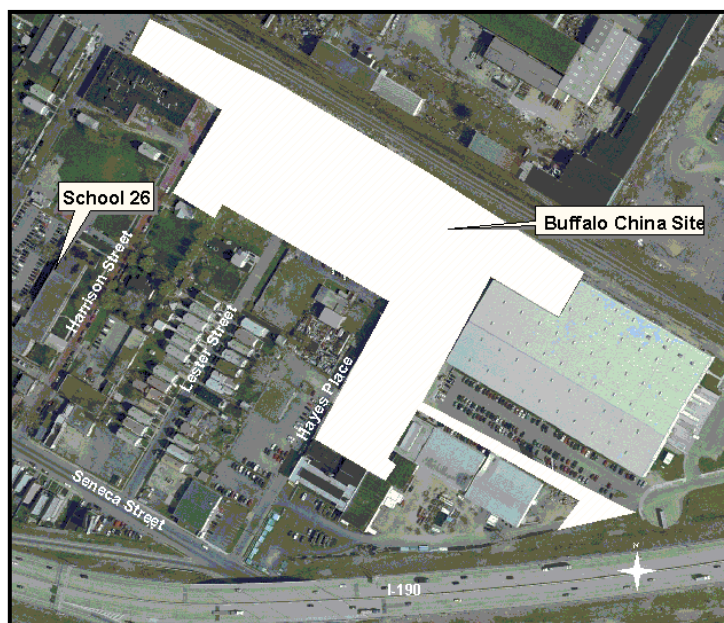
Former Buffalo China Site
 Site #C915209
 Buffalo, Erie County

September 2008

Environmental Investigation Results at the Former Buffalo China Site Available for Public Review

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) have prepared this fact sheet to provide an update on the environmental investigation activities at and around the former Buffalo China Site located at 51 Hayes Place, Buffalo, Erie County.

The investigation activities were conducted by Oneida Limited in order to develop an appropriate cleanup plan for the Site and to move towards the ultimate goal of cleaning up and improving environmental conditions at the Site. Cleanup work at this Site will be performed under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program.



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. The nearest body of water is the Buffalo River, located approximately ¼ mile south and east of the site. Previous environmental investigations at the site indicated that the site's soil and groundwater have been impacted by volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and lead. The DEC determined that this contamination poses a significant threat to the environment and the public.

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.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES

An Interim Site Investigation Report documents the environmental investigation work completed as of July 2008. The report is available for review at the East Clinton Branch Library and the DEC Region 9 office (see "For More Information" section of this fact sheet). The report details the completed investigation activities, which included:

- installing 21 soil borings at designated on-site and off-site locations to determine the extent of soil contamination;
- collecting and analyzing surface and subsurface soil samples;

- sampling five existing on-site groundwater monitoring wells; and
- installing additional on-site and off-site groundwater monitoring wells.

An access agreement from the City of Buffalo for several properties in the investigation area was recently acquired. The City-owned properties include several parcels on Lester and Harrison Streets, including the City of Buffalo School No. 26 and the associated playground. Fieldwork, which included soil and groundwater sampling, was recently completed. The results of sampling are currently pending and will be made available in an Addendum Report that will be available for review at the locations identified below.

NEXT STEPS

It will be necessary to install additional groundwater monitoring wells and collect groundwater samples to evaluate whether there have been impacts to groundwater and soil vapor beyond the Site boundaries. Any investigation work extending beyond Site boundaries onto private property will be conducted with appropriate permission or authority. Following completion of Site investigation activities, a Remedial Investigation and Remedial Alternatives Report will be prepared to summarize investigation results and to further determine an appropriate cleanup plan for the Site. Fact sheets similar to this one will be sent throughout the project to keep you updated and informed on the project's progress.

LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT-RELATED DOCUMENTS

Important project documents are available for public review. Project documents at these locations include the final Site Investigation Work Plan, the Interim Site Investigation Report, and the project's BCP application. You are welcome and encouraged to view project documents at:

East Clinton Branch Library
1929 East Clinton Street
Buffalo, NY 14206
Phone: 716-823-5626

Library Hours:

Monday/Wednesday – 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday/Thursday – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday and Sunday - Closed

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
Phone: 716-851-7220

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(Please call for an appointment.)

WHO TO CONTACT

Comments and questions regarding this project are always welcome and can be directed to the contacts below:

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