



# FACT SHEET

## Remedial Investigation Work Plans for GMCH Buildings 7, 8 & 10 Available for Public Comment

Brownfield Cleanup Program

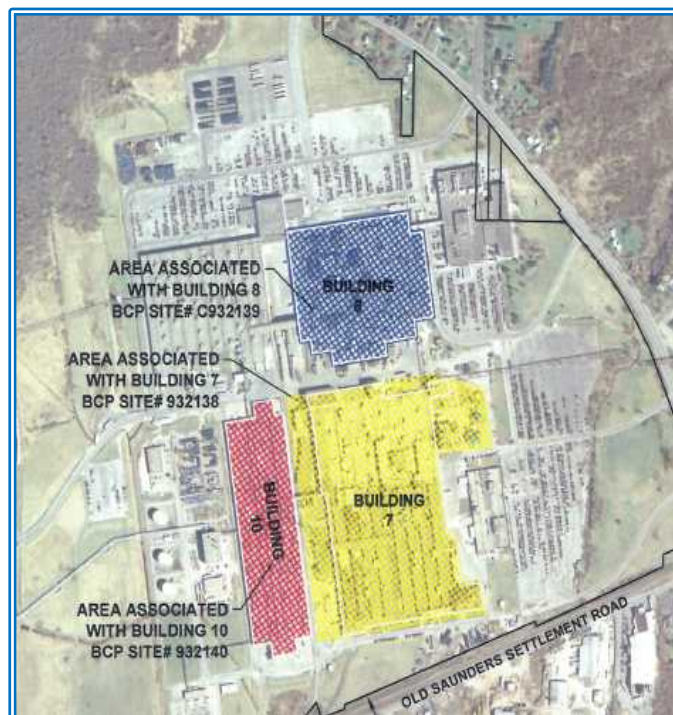
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### Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) welcomes public comment as it reviews the draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plans for the GM Components Holdings LLC (GMCH) Building 7, Building 8 and Building 10 located at 200 Upper Mountain Road in Lockport, New York. The work plans outline an environmental investigation to be performed in association with the three buildings. Previous industrial activities at the site have resulted in contaminated soil, groundwater, and soil vapor. A Remedial Investigation will help to determine the nature and extent of contamination at the site as well as options for cleaning it up if necessary.

The investigation work will be performed under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The BCP provides existing or potential property owners financial incentives to clean up and redevelop brownfield sites. Brownfields typically are former industrial properties where the real or perceived presence of contamination impedes reuse of the site.



### Public Comments about the Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan

The RI Work Plans are available for public viewing at the locations listed in this fact sheet. NYSDEC will accept written public comments about the RI Work Plans for 30 days, from **July 15 to August 13, 2010**. Written comments should be submitted to the DEC project manager listed on the following page.

### Are People Exposed to Contamination?

Previous investigations at the GMCH facility have identified contamination in site soil, groundwater, and soil vapor. There are no known human exposure pathways to site-users and the surrounding community. However, additional sampling and evaluation of potential exposure pathways is warranted and will be completed during the remedial investigation.

### What Will the Upcoming Investigation Work Involve?

The planned remedial investigation will provide further environmental data to determine the nature and extent of contamination and if certain areas require cleanup or other remedial actions. The RI work will include:

- Drilling soil borings;
- Installing groundwater monitoring wells, and
- Sampling and analyzing subsurface soil, groundwater, and sub-slab soil vapor to evaluate risks to human health, if any.

## **Next Steps**

NYSDEC will consider public comments before it approves the RI work plans. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) must concur in the approval of the work plans. The approved plans will be available for public review at the locations listed below and on the DEC website (see link below). After they are approved, GMCH may proceed with the environmental investigation at the facility. The RI is expected to begin in Summer/Fall 2010. NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the investigation and cleanup process of the GMCH facility through fact sheets similar to this one.

## **Site Background**

GMCH owns and operates an automotive component manufacturing complex located at 200 Upper Mountain Road in both the City and Town of Lockport, which is located in Niagara County, New York. GMCH is approximately 342 acres and located in an area of mixed residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial settings along Upper Mountain Road.

**Building 7** constitutes approximately 31 of the 342 acres of the GMCH facility. It is located in the southern central portion of the complex and has been used for manufacturing since 1937. During the next few years, GMCH plans to reconfigure the Lockport Complex and consolidate most of the manufacturing operations into Building 7. Previous investigations identified elevated levels of chlorinated solvent in soils beneath several former degreaser areas within the building, as well as chlorinated solvents and semi-volatile organic compounds in groundwater immediately upgradient (west) of the building.

**Building 8** constitutes approximately 13 of the 342 acres of the GMCH facility. It is located in the northern central portion of the complex and has been used for manufacturing since 1960. Previous investigations identified three areas of interest within the footprint of the building, which included a former chromium sump area, former degreasing locations, and historic press operations area. Trichloroethene (TCE), a volatile organic compound, was detected in soil samples above NYSDEC standards for industrial properties. Chlorinated solvents were also detected in the groundwater just south of Building 8 at concentrations above their respective NYSDEC groundwater standards.

**Building 10** constitutes approximately 11 of the 342 acres of the GMCH facility. Building 10 was constructed in two sections, the north end in 1960 and the south end in 1969. It was used for warehousing until 1989, when manufacturing equipment installation began in the north end. From 1990 to 2002, the north end of the building was used for manufacturing. Previous investigations identified chlorinated solvent contamination in the soil and groundwater beneath the building. In March 2009, soil vapor extraction and sub-slab depressurization systems (SSDS) were installed and put into operation in the northern portion of this building. A SSDS prevents gases in the soil from entering the building. A low amount of suction is applied below the foundation and the vapors are vented to the outside through a pipe.

## **Who Should I Call If I Have Questions About the Site?**

### **Site-Related Environmental Questions**

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## **Locations to View Project Documents**

To keep you informed, NYSDEC has set up two locations at which you may view project documents. These locations include:

### **Lockport Public Library**

23 East Avenue  
Lockport, New York  
Phone: (716) 433-5935

### **NYSDEC Region 9 Office**

270 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14203  
Phone: (716) 851-7220 (Please call for appointment)

You may also view electronic versions of project documents at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/66164.html>.