



FACT SHEET

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Environmental Investigation to Begin at Former Electruk Battery Site

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INTRODUCTION

The Former Electruk Battery site in Niagara County has been identified by the Town of Lockport as a candidate for restoration and development. Because environmental contamination suspected or perceived at the site has hindered reuse, an environmental assessment must be completed before it is restored. Beginning in April 2008, an environmental investigation will be conducted at the site by the Town of Lockport, in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

The investigation, known as a remedial investigation (RI), will take about a month to complete. Work will be performed under the "Environmental Restoration Program" established by New York State's 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act. Through the ERP, DEC provides financial assistance to local governments for the cleanup and restoration of brownfield sites. A brownfield is currently unused, abandoned, or idle property that may have been used for industrial purposes in the past but no longer contributes to the tax base of a municipality.

This fact sheet is being provided to explain the need for an environmental investigation at the Former Electruk Battery site, what the investigation activities will involve, and how to obtain more information.

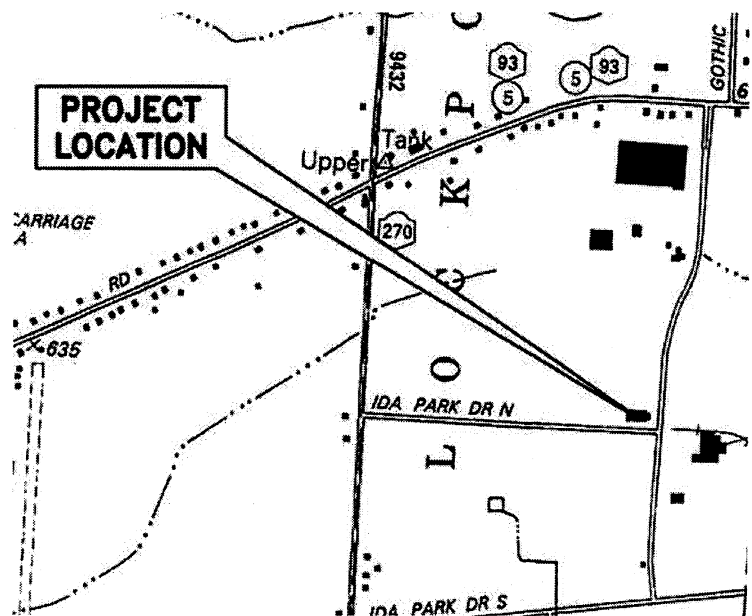
SITE BACKGROUND

The site is located at 4922 IDA Park Drive in the Lockport Industrial Park. It is approximately 1.4 acres in size and is currently occupied by an approximately 14,000 square foot building. The surrounding parcels are used for commercial, light industrial and agricultural purposes.

Electruk Battery used the site for the manufacturing of lead acid batteries from 1990 to 1996. A six-alarm fire in January 1995 damaged the facility and forced it to close in 1996.

In 1997, the Town of Lockport Industrial Development Agency hired a contractor to investigate the site. The investigation revealed the presence of a number of lead sludge- and sulfuric acid-containing vessels staged in the loading dock area outside the building. Lead dust covered the interior of the building (the 1995 fire exacerbated its spread) and contaminated the top layer of soil in several areas. Additionally, the building contained drums and smaller containers of solvents, as well as two bulk acid storage tanks.

In 1998, the NYSDEC requested that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)



perform an emergency removal action. USEPA assessed the site, determined that a removal action was required, and completed the action in June 1999. The USEPA did not pursue any investigation into potential on-site groundwater contamination or soil contamination caused by former site activities.

DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION

The investigation will focus on determining the nature and extent of contamination, if any, in the surface soil, subsurface soil, surface water, groundwater and on-site structures. Investigation activities at the site will include:

- digging test pits, using soil probes, and installing micro-wells for the collection and chemical analysis of soil and groundwater samples; and
- collecting sediment samples from drains within the building as well as the outside loading dock area to identify potential contamination associated with this building.

WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

Upon completion of sampling activities at the site and receipt of investigation data from the laboratory, the Town's consultant will prepare a Remedial Investigation Report that summarizes results of the investigation. This report will be reviewed by DEC, the Town of Lockport, and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). If any environmental cleanup work at the site is required, an Alternatives Analysis Report will be also prepared that will explain what cleanup method is appropriate for the site and what the cleanup process will involve. When completed, copies of the Remedial Investigation Report and the Alternatives Analysis Report will be available for public review at the locations listed below and on the Town of Lockport web page listed below. In addition, the community will continue to be updated on this project's progress through fact sheets such as this one.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT ABOUT THE FORMER ELECTRUK BATTERY SITE?

<u>Project related questions</u>	<u>Environmental related questions</u>	<u>Health related questions</u>
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LOCATIONS TO VIEW PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

Public understanding and involvement are important to the success of New York Brownfields program. To keep you informed, the Town of Lockport and NYSDEC have established the following locations where you can view project documents:

Town of Lockport 6560 Dysinger Road Lockport, N.Y. 14094 (716) 439-9520	or	NYSDEC's Buffalo Office 270 Michigan Avenue Buffalo, N.Y. 14203 For an appointment, please contact Mr. Michael J. Hinton, P.E. at (716) 851-7220.
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In addition, site related documents will be available at the Town of Lockport web page at www.elockport.com