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# FACT SHEET

## OUTOKUMPU AMERICAN BRASS PLANT

Voluntary Clean-up Project  
Proposed Remedial Action  
Project No. V00314-9  
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### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Dear Interested Citizen:

This Fact Sheet is to inform you about the results of the investigation and remediation activities for the Outokumpu American Brass Facility located in Buffalo, N.Y. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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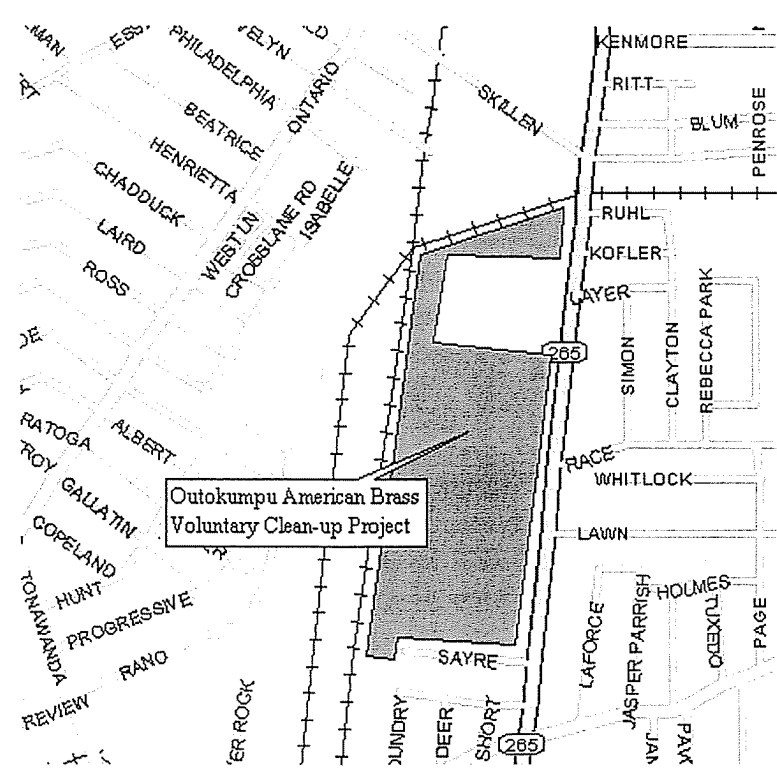
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For site related health questions, please contact the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) representative:

Mr. Cameron O'Connor  
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NYSDOH  
584 Delaware Avenue  
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(716) 847-4385

### INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is pleased to inform you that Outokumpu American Brass, Inc. is proposing to conduct remedial activities at their property located at 70 Sayre Street in the City of Buffalo, New York. This work is required by a Voluntary Clean-up agreement the Company entered into with the NYSDEC. The Agreement requires the company to investigate and clean-up contaminated areas found on their plant property.



### BACKGROUND

The American Brass plant complex encompasses about 71 acres. There are residential areas across the street from the facility on the south (Sayre Street) and east side (Military Road) of the property. The plant has operated as a copper and copper-based alloy production facility since 1907, and is currently active. The project encompasses several small areas of the site designated as Areas A, C, D, J and M. These areas have been historically associated with the manufacturing facility.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE REMEDIAL ACTION

Areas A, C, D, and M area currently used as parking areas and have had an asphalt cover installed to prevent exposure to contaminants in subsurface soils. The contaminants consist of elevated levels of the metals (i.e., lead, copper and cadmium) which are associated with the manufacturing process.

Area J is the location of the facility's former foundry waste landfill. A small area (40 by 40 feet) of Area J has exhibited elevated levels of arsenic in surface soils that are adjacent to a recreational area (baseball fields). This area will be regraded, covered with clean soil and seeded. A security fence will also be installed to prohibit site access.

The specifics of the proposed remedial activities can be found in the report entitled *Area J Interim Remedial Measures, Outokumpu American Brass Plant, Buffalo, New York*, dated July 29, 2004. The results of previous investigations and identifications of the various remedial areas and their contaminants of concern are provided in the following reports: *Remedial Action Completion Report - March 2002*;

and, *Supplemental Remedial Investigation Report Vols. 1 & 2 - December 1995*.

Upon completion of this remedial work a Remedial Completion Report will be submitted for the purposes of documenting the results of activities performed in accordance with the Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan under a Voluntary Agreement with the NYSDEC. As part of the agreement the following tasks will be completed:

- implementation of a Site Soil Management Plan,
- implementation of a cover system consisting of a vegetative clean soil or pavement cover in areas as required by the agreement,
- filing of a Deed restriction on the property to restrict its future use to only, industrial/commercial applications; and,
- implementation of an annual inspection and certification to the NYSDEC.

The report has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Agreement to remediate the property to support the existing and future industrial use of the current property.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

The proposed remedial activities as outlined in the Area J Interim Remedial Measures report and the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement are available for public review at the Document Repositories listed below. Written comments on the report are welcome and will be accepted from September 22, 2004 to October 21, 2004. Comments expressing objection or opposition to the report must explain the basis of that opposition and identify the specific grounds which could lead the Department to impose significant changes to the project. Comments should be directed to Mr. Gregory Sutton, Project Manager, NYSDEC, 270 Michigan Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. 14203.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Public understanding and involvement are crucial to the success of New York's Voluntary Cleanup Program. The NYSDEC has all site documents available for your review at:

NYSDEC's Buffalo Office  
270 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, N.Y.

North Park Branch Library  
2351 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, NY  
(716) 875-3748

For an appointment contact Greg Sutton; or,

## ABOUT THE VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM

The Voluntary Cleanup Program was developed to enhance private sector cleanup of properties by enabling businesses to remediate sites using private rather than public funds, and to reduce the development pressures on "greenfield" sites. Under the Program, a volunteer agrees to investigate and remediate a site to a level which is protective of public health and the environment for the present or intended use of the property. Investigation and remediation is carried out under the oversight of NYSDEC. When the volunteer completes the work, the State provides a release from State liability for the work done, returning the site to productive use.