



FACT SHEET

December 2005



Environmental Investigation Planned at the Former Brainerd Manufacturing Site

Despatch Industries, Inc. has signed a voluntary agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to perform an environmental investigation at the former Brainerd Manufacturing facility in East Rochester (see Figure 1). The investigation is being conducted through New York State's voluntary cleanup program (see box at right).

The Department of Environmental Conservation is providing this fact sheet to explain highlights of the planned investigation and how to get more information.

Upcoming Investigation:

As part of the environmental investigation, Despatch Industries (the Volunteer) will install several groundwater monitoring wells to determine the extent of groundwater contamination, to monitor the performance of an existing groundwater pump-and-treat system, and to assess the need to conduct an off-site vapor intrusion investigation. The investigation is expected to begin in January 2006 and should be completed in the Fall of 2006. If a vapor intrusion assessment is needed, then field activities will be conducted during the winter of 2005-2006.

About the Site:

The former Brainerd Manufacturing Facility consists of two properties located on the corner of North Washington and Monroe Streets in the Village of East Rochester. The site consists of a 73,400 square foot industrial/manufacturing

NEW YORK STATE'S VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Voluntary Cleanup Program promotes the return of contaminated property to productive use. These include sites contaminated by hazardous waste, petroleum, and solid waste.

Under this program, a person or entity (such as a corporation) agrees to pay for an investigation and/or environmental cleanup of the site. In return, this volunteer gets to develop or use the property. If the volunteer performs a cleanup of the site, the volunteer receives a limited release from liability for the past environmental damage at the site.

building and offices and various parking areas. Surrounding property is mixed use, with light industrial, railroad and residential properties. The property was operated as an industrial facility for nearly 100 years prior to relocation of Brainerd's operations in 1998. Historic uses of the facility included the manufacture of hardware and decorative metal products using various metal finishing processes. The property has been operated under lease since January 2004 by an office furniture reconditioning and sales company.

Environmental investigations conducted in February 2000 through August 2001 have indicated groundwater and soil contamination with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) associated with former facility operations. Volatile organic compounds are chemicals that easily evaporate in the air. The concentrations of these compounds exceed DEC standards and further investigation is necessary.

In summer 2004, a groundwater pump-and-treat system was installed as an interim remedial measure (IRM). The IRM collects contaminated groundwater and treats it using an air stripper.

Treated groundwater is discharged to the sewer and vapors are discharged through a roof stack. The pump-and-treat system is designed to prevent contamination from migrating off-site, and it has been in operation since August 2004. Currently, Despatch Industries, Inc. (the Volunteer) provides regular monitoring reports to the DEC.

What Happens Next:

Once the groundwater data are available, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the DEC will evaluate the information and determine if vapor intrusion investigations are necessary on nearby properties. A vapor intrusion investigation would involve indoor air sampling on nearby properties to determine if the volatile organic contaminants from the former Brainerd Manufacturing site are impacting indoor air quality. Property owners will be notified in advance of any indoor air sampling.

If it is determined that indoor air in nearby houses is impacted, appropriate measures will be taken to prevent contaminants from entering the houses. If indoor air has NOT been impacted, then the data gathered from the site investigation will be evaluated to determine if additional investigation or cleanup action is necessary. DEC will work with the Volunteer to perform the appropriate remedial (cleanup) actions. If the Volunteer does not wish to proceed with any required cleanup, the site will be referred to New York State's hazardous waste program for appropriate action.

For More Information:

Documents related to this investigation are available for you to review at:

The East Rochester Public Library
111 West Elm Street
East Rochester, NY 14445
Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 9:00
Friday 10:00 - 5:00
Saturdays 10:00-4:00 (closed Saturdays in the
summer)
(585)-586-8302

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Region 8 Office
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Avon, NY 14414
Hours: Monday- Friday 8:30 - 4:45
(585) 226-5350 (Contact Mr. Todd Caffoe, P.E.
for an appointment)

We encourage you to contact the representatives listed below with questions, comments or concerns. If you know someone who would like to be added to the mailing list, have them send in the attached mailer or contact one of the people listed below. You do **not** have to return the mailer if you received this fact sheet in the mail; your name will automatically remain on the mailing list. Since our mail list contains property owners, we encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for tenants, employees and/or visitors to view.

➤ For Question About the Investigation, Contact:

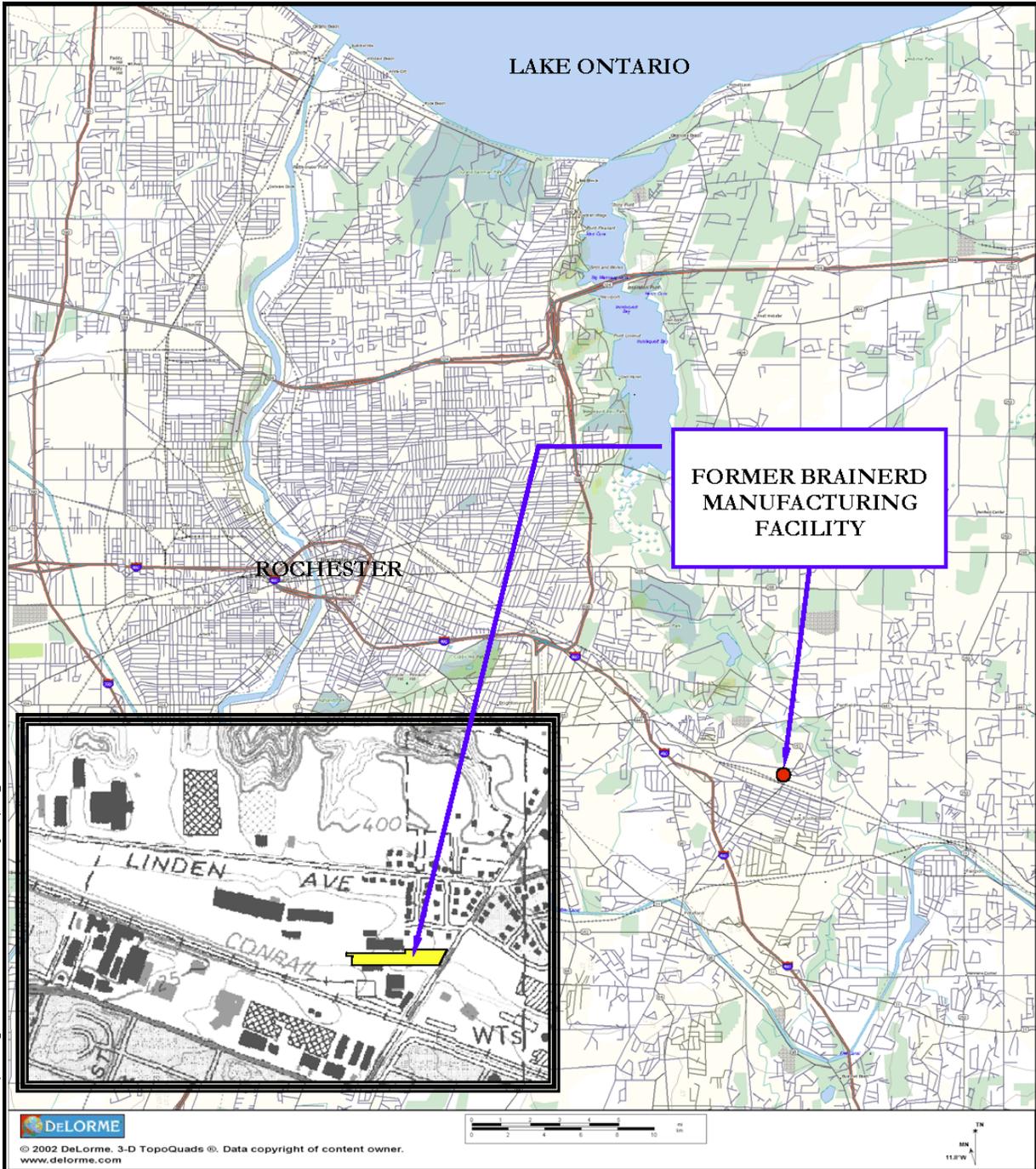
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FIGURE 1



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SITE LOCATION AND VICINITY MAP
SIRAS WORK PLAN

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