



FACT SHEET

March 2006

Cleanup Activities Completed at Buffalo Street Site State Seeks Public Input on Proposal for No Further Action Proposal

Voluntary Cleanup Program

Site #: V-00659-9

STATE SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT

*Comments Accepted Until
APRIL 24, 2006*

Environmental investigation and cleanup activities have been completed at the 5 Buffalo Street site Hamburg. A proposal has been made for no further action at the site. The proposal is available for public review at the locations listed below:

Hamburg Public Library
102 Buffalo St.
Hamburg, NY 14075
(716) 649-4415

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220

**Please call for an appointment.*

Please submit comments to:

Mr. Dave Loey, Project Manager
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
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The Investigation Report for the site is available for public review at the locations listed at the end of this document and in the box above.

DEC encourages your input on the proposed plan for no further action at the site. Public comments on the proposal will be accepted until **April 24, 2006**. See box above for more details.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is providing this fact sheet to inform you about environmental investigation and cleanup activities that have occurred at a building located on the corner of Buffalo and East Main Streets in the Village of Hamburg. See site map below. The building includes several storefronts (addresses 1 through 15 Buffalo Street). The focus of environmental investigation and cleanup activities has been 5 Buffalo Street, the location of a former dry cleaning store.



The site owner, the estate of Anthony C. Ilardo, undertook environmental investigation and cleanup activities at the site under New York State's Voluntary Cleanup program. (See box below for more information about the Voluntary Cleanup Program.)

Following investigation and cleanup activities at the site, the site owner provided DEC with an Investigation Report, which describes the type and location of contamination found at the site, as well as the cleanup activities that were taken to address the contamination. The report concludes that contamination at the site has successfully been addressed, and proposes that no further cleanup measures are necessary.

The Voluntary Cleanup Program is a New York State program designed to promote the voluntary cleanup of contaminated sites, where the site owner (or Volunteer) enters into a voluntary cleanup agreement with DEC. In return for cleaning up the site, the volunteer receives a limited liability release for past environmental contamination of the site.

SITE BACKGROUND

Between the years 1953 and 1995, the 5 Buffalo Street storefront was occupied by a dry cleaning facility called "Clockwise Cleaners." From 1995 to 1998, the dry cleaning operations on the premises were discontinued, and the store was operated by "One Hour Cleaners" as a dry cleaning drop off only center.

In January, February and May of 2003, environmental investigations of the site were completed by the Ilardo estate (the Volunteer). The investigations revealed the presence of a chemical called perchloroethylene (PCE) in soil and groundwater located in the alley behind the 5 Buffalo Street address. PCE is a common ingredient of dry cleaning solvents. Samples of the vapors within the soils (soil vapor) and the air beneath and within the building also contained traces of the PCE contaminant.

CLEANUP ACTIVITIES COMPLETED AT THE SITE

To address the contamination that was found, a cleanup activity called an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) was performed in March 2004. The IRM included the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 200 tons of contaminated soil from the alley area.

Another IRM was completed in March 2005 which included the installation of a simple ventilation system to direct any contaminated soil vapor from beneath the floor of the building to outside vents, preventing those vapors from possible accumulation indoors.

Additional soil, water and air samples were collected afterwards to evaluate the effectiveness of the completed IRMs. The results indicated that contamination had been adequately addressed and were effective.

The site owner has prepared a Site Management Plan, (included with the Investigation Report), that describes the procedures that will be followed to inspect, maintain, and properly operate the floor ventilation system. Restrictions will also be placed on the property to ensure that the building's future use remains as commercial and non-residential.

WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SITE?

Site Related Environmental Questions

Mr. David Loey, Project Manager
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220

Site Related Health Questions

Mr. Cameron O'Connor, Public Health Specialist
NYS Department of Health
584 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 847-4385

OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMENT AND LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT RELATED DOCUMENTS

DEC welcomes your input on the proposal for no further action at the site. You may review the proposal, as well as other site-related documents at the locations listed below. DEC welcomes public comments on the proposal, and will accept comments until **April 24, 2006**. Please send written comments to Mr. David Loey at DEC's Buffalo Office, (address listed above under "Site Related Environmental Questions"). Any comments that object to the proposal should include an explanation for opposition. A formal response to comments is not anticipated, however, DEC may re-evaluate the plan for this site based on comments received. Project reports can be viewed at the following locations:

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