



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

990 Niagara Street
990 Niagara Street
Buffalo, NY 14213

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SITE No. C915313
NYSDEC REGION 9

Where to Find Information:

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
230 Porter Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14201
(716) 882-1537

Who to Contact:

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

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**For more information about New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the 990 Niagara Street site ("site") located at 990 Niagara Street, Buffalo, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information."

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **April 17** through **May 31, 2019**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

Draft Remedial Work Plan: The proposed Unrestricted Use remedy consists of:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 6,060 tons of contaminated soil from areas beneath and outside of the existing on-site building;
- Removal and off-site disposal of the inactive transformer units located within the northern portion of the building;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean material that meets unrestricted soil cleanup objectives for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) would also be required for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site may be necessary.

The proposed remedy was developed by 990 Niagara LLC ("applicant(s)") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP).

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Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant(s) may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The 1.05-acre site is located at 990 Niagara Street in an urban area in the City of Buffalo. The site contains a 50,000 square foot vacant former industrial building with the remainder of the site area being vacant. Former site occupants included Hewitt Rubber, Buffalo Niagara General Electric Company and International Railway Company. The site was operated as a powerhouse and converter station, merchandising export distributor, multiform desiccant manufacturer and automotive repair station.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C915313) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals. Limited petroleum impacts were also observed at the northern end of the site. Impacted soils were observed at varying depths across the exterior portions of the site, as well as beneath the southern end of the building. A slight exceedance of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) above

groundwater standards was identified in a monitoring well that was installed in proximity to the former transformer room.

Brownfield Cleanup Program: New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses may include recreation, housing, business or other uses. A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs available at the following web page:

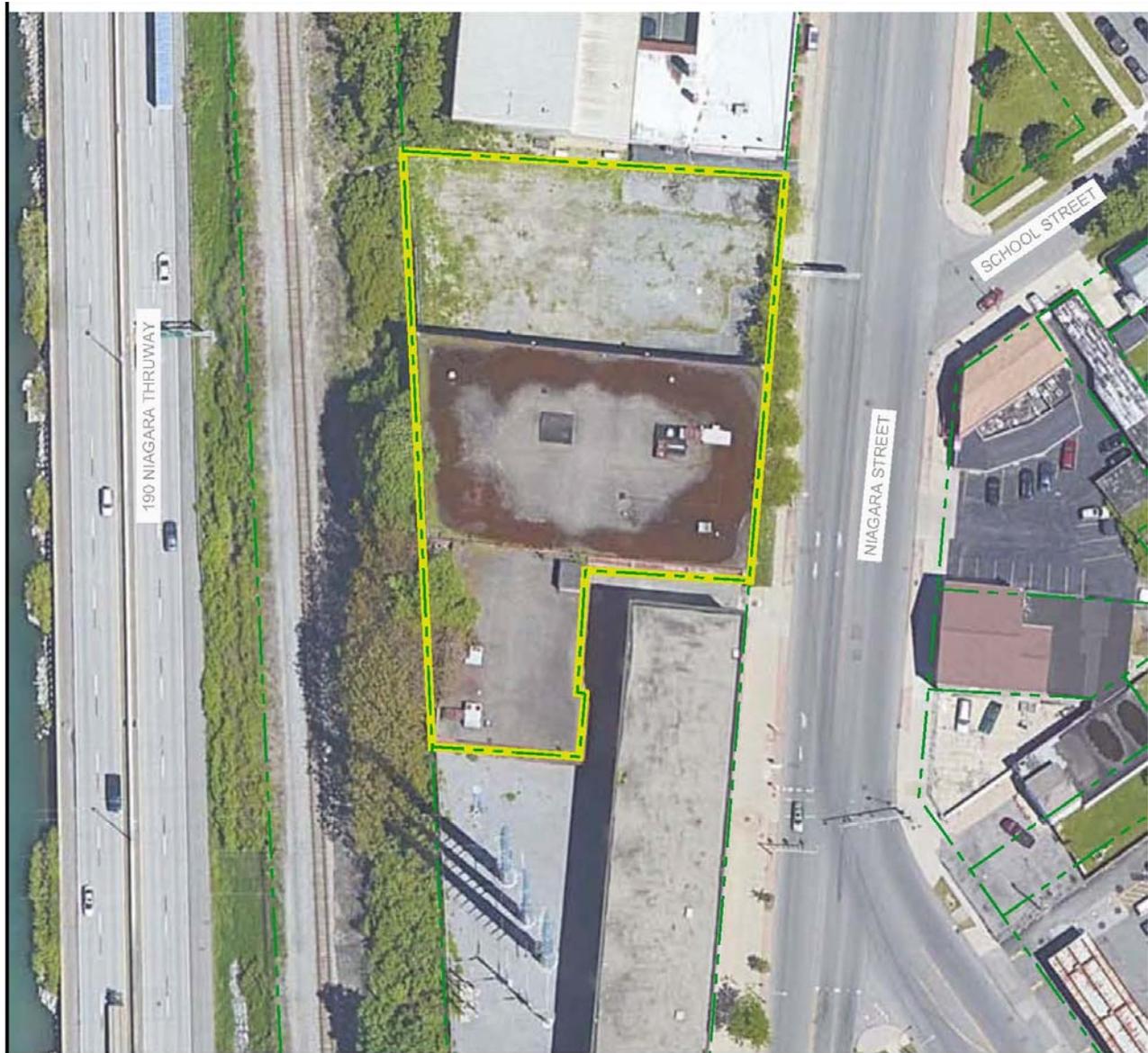
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/ announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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Site Location Map



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-  BCP SITE BOUNDARY
-  PARCEL BOUNDARY

