



FACT SHEET Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: 1550 Harlem Road
DEC Site #: C915321
Address: 1550 Harlem Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14206

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Draft Investigation-Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the 1550 Harlem Road site ("site") located at 1550 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga, 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 below under "Where to Find Information."

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C915321

Draft Investigation – Interim Remedial Measures – Alternatives Analysis Work Plan

The draft Remedial Investigation (RI) – Interim Remedial Measures (IRM) – Alternative Analysis Report (AAR) Work Plan was submitted to NYSDEC under New York’s Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by American Tire, Inc. ("applicant") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft RI/IRM/AAR work plan for 45 days, from December 20, 2017 through February 2, 2018. The proposed plan is available for review at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area below.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation

The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in surface soil, subsurface soil and groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected. As part of the remedial program, an interim remedial measure has been proposed.

The proposed IRM will include:

- Removal of an 8,000-gallon underground storage tank (UST).
Excavation and off-site disposal of impacted soil associated with the UST and former pump island areas.

Note: To accommodate this IRM, the remedial party intends to demolish the existing on-site building.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below). After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to the NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a cleanup plan, called a “Remedial Work Plan” will be developed and a Decision Document will be proposed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy, or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Background

Location:

The site consists of two parcels totaling approximately 0.43 acres of land. The site is bound to the east by Harlem Road, to the west by Gratton Street and residential properties, to the north by a commercial use property (Romar Industrial Plaza) and to the south by commercial use property (H&V Sales). The site is located in an urban area utilized for commercial and residential purposes.

Site Features:

A 4,075 square foot one story building is located on the southern and central portion of the site. Historic features associated with a former greenhouse and outdoor nursery structures are located in the western and northern portion of the site, as well as paved parking areas in the eastern areas.

Current Zoning and Land Use:

The site is currently inactive and has been abandoned since 2014. 1550 Harlem Road is currently zoned commercial – greenhouse. The western portion of the site is zoned as residential vacant land.

Past Uses of the Site:

The site was originally developed as a gasoline station in the late 1950s or early 1960s, and continued to be used as a gas station until the 1970s. The site then remained vacant for a period of several years before being converted into a nursery/garden center in the early to mid 1980s. The site continued to be operated as a nursery/garden center until early 2014 and has been vacant since that time.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology:

The site contains granular and cohesive fill material throughout the site. The fill material generally extends to between 3 to 5 feet below ground surface. The fill is underlain by silty clay. The depth of groundwater is from 4 to 8 feet below ground surface. The shallow localized groundwater flow is in a southerly direction toward Cayuga Creek located approximately 0.75 miles south.

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>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

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

East Clinton Branch Library
1929 Clinton Street
Buffalo, NY 14206
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Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

