



FACT SHEET

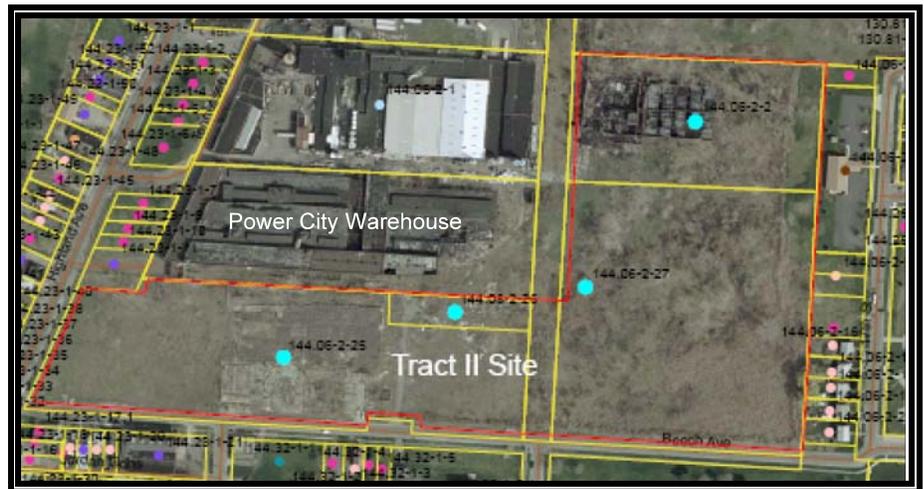
New York State Superfund Program

Tract II Parcel - Highland Avenue
Site # 932136
Niagara Falls, Niagara County

October 2008

Environmental Activities Scheduled for Fall 2008 at the Tract II - Highland Avenue Site

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is pleased to inform you that certain field activities have been scheduled at the Tract II site. The Tract II site is located along Highland and Beech Avenues in the City of Niagara Falls. The Tract II site is made up of 4 parcels owned by the City of Niagara Falls and is adjacent to the former Power City Warehouse site (See aerial photo at right).



The field activities to be performed in the Fall of 2008 will include the clearing of brush and other vegetation and the completion of excavation “test trenches” to determine the types of soil fill materials present at the site. Sampling of the various fill materials will also be performed. The DEC will use this information to develop a remedial design to clean up the environmental contamination at the Tract II site.

New York State Superfund Program:

The Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Program, or Superfund, is the State's program for identifying, investigating and cleaning up sites where consequential amounts of hazardous waste may exist. These sites go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

For more information on the Superfund Program, visit

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

SITE BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS WORK

The site was last occupied by Moore Business Forms Company. The business form manufacturing facility at the site was closed in 1971. The majority of the site buildings were demolished in 1992. The remaining building remnants include a raised concrete foundation and an underground parking garage located in the central portion of the Highland Avenue side of the property. There is also a dilapidated building in the northeast portion of the property. This building is believed to have been associated with the adjacent former Power City Warehouse site. Illegal dumping of debris and residential wastes have been noted in the central portion of the Tract II site. The eastern portion of the Tract II site is overgrown with tall brush and trees.

The City completed a site investigation and an analysis of cleanup alternatives in August 2000 under the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP), which provides funding for municipally owned brownfield sites. The investigation found that site soils were contaminated with metals, of which the primary contaminant was lead, particularly in the eastern portion of the site. This contamination is believed to be associated with the former battery manufacturing operations that occurred on the adjacent property, the Power City Warehouse site.

In March 2003, the DEC issued a Record of Decision for the Tract II site. The cleanup plan for the site includes:

- Demolishing remaining structures and disposing of site debris;
- Excavating contaminated soil and disposing at a permitted facility;
- Removing asbestos debris and disposing at a permitted facility; and
- Imposing a site deed restriction that will limit future use of the site to commercial and/or industrial purposes.

The City has elected not to continue with the site cleanup under the ERP. Consequently, in July 2008 DEC referred the site for action under the State Superfund program and listed it as a "Class 2" site in the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites in New York State. A Class "2" designation means that the site has been determined to pose a significant threat to human health and/or the environment.

NEXT STEPS

After the completion of field activities, the DEC will determine if any changes to the March 2003 Record of Decision are necessary. If appropriate, an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) will be prepared which details any changes to the March 2003 ROD. Any changes to the Record of Decision will be presented to the public for comment. Following these activities, DEC's engineering consultant will develop a remedial design for the Tract II site. After approval of the design, the consultant will prepare the complete remedial design for the site cleanup. The DEC currently expects the remedial design to be completed in 2009, with construction of the site remedy to begin in 2010. Additional fact sheets will be distributed by the DEC to keep the public informed of future site activities.

LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT RELATED DOCUMENTS

You may review project documents at the following locations:

Dolores Jones Family Resource Center
3001 9th Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

OR

NYSDEC Region 9 Office
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203

(Please call 851-7220 to schedule an appointment)

WHO TO CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

Project Related Questions

Mr. Jeff Konsella, P.E.
Division of Environmental Remediation
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220

Health Related Questions

Mr. Matt Forcucci
Public Health Specialist
NYS Department of Health
582 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 847-4385