Cleanup Action to Begin at State Superfund Site
Availability Session Announced

Action is planned to commence in August to address the contamination related to the General Motors Inland Fisher Guide site ("site") located at 1000 Town Line Road, Salina, Onondaga County under New York's State Superfund Program. Please see the map for the site location.

The site consists of the former General Motors plant (Operable Unit 1), and approximately 9,200 feet of Ley Creek including the adjacent floodplains between Townline Road and the Route 11 Bridge (Operable Unit 2). A cleanup remedy was selected and a March 2015 Record of Decision (ROD) was issued for Operable Unit 2 (OU2) by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The OU2 remedy is being implemented by the Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response (RACER) Trust under oversight by NYSDEC.

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities

Remedial construction work for OU2 is scheduled to commence in August, and is anticipated to be completed in 2018.

Construction work planned to be completed in 2016 includes the excavation and off-site disposal of surface and subsurface soil that exceeds the 1 ppm PCB soil cleanup objective from a portion of the Ley Creek floodplain, including excavation of contaminated soil from residential properties that abut the creek.

Next Steps

RACER will mobilize this summer. Mobilization will include installing site security fencing and erosion control measures. Tree removal prior to soil excavation will also occur. Standard excavation equipment, such as backhoes and dump trucks, will be used for the soil removal and backfilling.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the cleanup of the site.
Background

The former General Motors Inland Fisher Guide Site is located on Town Line Road in the Town of Salina, Onondaga County, New York. The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment for which action is required. As described above, the site is divided into two OUs. Operable Unit 2 includes:

- Ley Creek sediments and adjacent floodplains between Townline Road and the Route 11 Bridge;
- a 10-acre wetland located on the northern portion of the National Grid property directly west of the former facility;
- soil in an approximately 1.8-acre area located directly between the former General Motors plant’s northern property boundary and Factory Avenue;
- soil in the area located along the northern shoulder of Factory Avenue in the vicinity of LeMoyne Avenue; and
- residential properties along the creek.

Several buildings, parking areas and a landfill are present at the former plant site (OU1). The main building on the facility property is currently leased to various manufacturing companies.

General Motors began operations in Salina in 1952. Operations conducted at the GM-IFG facility included metal die casting; nickel, chromium and copper cyanide electroplating; stamping; polishing; buffing; painting and machining. During the early 1960s injection molding operations were added to the existing metal operations. Metal finishing and die casting were subsequently reduced and replaced by injection molding by the early 1970s. PCB-containing hydraulic oil was used in production machines until 1969. PCB-containing oil leaked from the machines to floor drains and sumps. This oil and other process waste was discharged to an on-site swale. The swale discharged to Ley Creek, where PCBs are found in the sediments. All GM manufacturing operations at this facility ceased by December of 1993.

In 2009, General Motors filed for bankruptcy. On March 31, 2011, administration of the remedial activities at the site was taken over by the RACER Trust, who completed the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for OU 2. The Remedial Investigation report (March 2013) for OU2 of the Site was approved by NYSDEC in April 2013. The Feasibility Study report (May 2013) and the Feasibility Study report addendum (June 2014) were approved by NYSDEC concurrent with the issuance of the Record of Decision (ROD) in March 2015. OU 1 of the Site is currently in the RI/FS phase, and a separate Proposed Plan and ROD will be issued for that OU. The remedies for OU1 and OU2 will be paid for through the RACER Trust fund.

| State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring. |
| NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds. |
| For more information about the SSF, visit: [http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html) |
Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:


FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

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

- **Salina Library**
  - 100 Belmont Street
  - Mattydale, NY 13211
  - phone: 315-454-4524

- **NYSDEC**
  - 615 Erie Blvd., West
  - Syracuse, NY 13204
  - phone: 315-426-7400

- **Attn: Richard Mustico**
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NYSDEC Project documents are also available on the NYSDEC website at:
http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37558.html

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http://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.

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FIGURE 1

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LEGEND

- OFF-SITE AREAS
- FORMER IFG FACILITY

GENERAL MOTORS
IFG SITE
OPERABLE UNIT 2
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

PROPOSED PLAN
SITE LOCATION

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