The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to investigate the Niagara Street Market site (“site”) located at 710 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, Niagara County. Please see the map for the Site Location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the locations identified below under Where to Find Information.

**Draft Investigation Work Plan**

The draft investigation work plan, called a “Remedial Investigation Work Plan,” was submitted to DEC under New York’s Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed with oversight by DEC and the New York State Department of Health (DOH).

**How to Comment**

DEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from June 6, 2013 through July 5, 2013. The proposed plan is available for review at the locations identified below under Where to Find Information. Please submit comments to the DEC 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 soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

**Next Steps**

DEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. DOH 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 DEC that summarizes the results. DEC 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. DEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period. DEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

**Background**

**Location:** The subject property is a combination of three adjacent parcels which together total approximately 0.3 acres. Located in the City of Niagara Falls on the northwest corner of 8th Street and Niagara Street, the property is just west of the intersection of John Daily Blvd. and Niagara Street.

**Site Features:** The property contains a one-story masonry building.

**Current Zoning/Use:** Current and intended use is commercial.

**Historic Uses:** The one-story masonry building formerly functioned a gasoline service station and vehicle repair facility.

**Geology & Hydrogeology:** The site appears to have shallow bedrock ranging from 3-5 feet below ground surface. A few boring showed deeper bedrock from 10.5 near the pump island and 9.0 feet adjacent to the UST area. Fill consisting of silty clay, gravel and sand with some clayey-silt. Textured lake sediment underlain by glacial till in some locations was found above the bedrock. The bedrock is described as hard dolostone.


**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 include recreation, housing, business or other uses. A brownfield is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination. For more information about the BCP, visit: [http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html).
**Where to Find Information**
Public interest in this project is valued and appreciated. Project documents are available at the following locations as well as online at: [http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/91582.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/91582.html) to help the public stay informed.

**NYS DEC Region 9 Office**  
270 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14203  
716-851-7220  
(Call for appointment)

**Niagara Falls Library**  
Earl W. Brydges Building  
1425 Main Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14305  
716-286-4894

**Who to Contact**
Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

**Project Related Questions:**  
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Buffalo, NY 14203-2915  
716-851-7220  
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**Site-Related Health Questions:**  
Wendy S. Kuehner, P.E.  
NYS DOH  
Public Health Engineer 2  
Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation  
Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Room 1787  
Albany, NY 12237  
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**Site Location**

**For More Information**

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

***Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email***

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. DEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs available at the following web page: [http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html). It’s quick, it’s free, and it will help keep you better informed.

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