



## SUPERFUND COMMUNITY UPDATE

### Genzale Plating Site

Franklin Square, New York

November 2004

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

##### Community Involvement

Public participation is essential to the success of EPA's Superfund program. If you have any questions regarding cleanup activities at the site, please contact Kevin Willis, Project Manager, at **212-637-4252**, or Cecilia Echols, Community Involvement Coordinator at **212-637-3678** or **1-800-346-5009**.

##### Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

A representative of ATSDR is available to answer your health-related questions. Please call Arthur Block, ATSDR Senior Regional Representative, at **(212) 637-4307**.

##### Superfund

For information on the Superfund process, please visit EPA's website at: **[www.epa.gov/superfund](http://www.epa.gov/superfund)**.

The site contains information on the various tools and resources available to community groups, as well as fact sheets about other sites.

##### Regional Public Liaison

EPA Region 2 has designated a Regional Public Liaison for you to call, should you have concerns or complaints about the Superfund program. Please call **(888) 283-7626**.

##### Information Repository

Franklin Square Public Library

##### Current Activities

In the Summer of 2003, the former plant building was demolished to the basement structure and a new soil vapor extraction (SVE) system, a process that uses vacuum wells to remove hazardous gases from the soil, was installed. The SVE system has been addressing the elevated levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), contaminants that evaporate into the air easily. The SVE system has been operating continually since that time, in addition, subsequent ambient air samples in the homes have shown this system to be effective in reducing the vaporous Trichloroethelene (TCE) contamination in the area. TCE is a solvent frequently used to degrease metal objects.

Analysis of the SVE system operation has identified a buried tank at the rear of the former process building continues to provide a source for the VOC contamination at the site. An explanation of Significant Differences was issued by EPA in July 2004 which described this finding and the measures necessary to remediate this additional problem. Funds to conduct the remaining cleanup has been secured. This work is expected to begin in December 2004.

##### What to expect next?

- Tank and soil excavation will be done before Spring 2005. Once the tank is excavated and the SVE system has removed the VOC contamination, the remainder of the building will be demolished and the metals-contaminated soils will be excavated.
- A groundwater extraction and treatment system will be installed and be completed by Winter 2005. At that time, the site will be prepared for redevelopment.

##### How will the site be used in the future?

The owner of the property has marketed the property for sale. Concerns regarding the future use of the property, or its zoning, should be referred to the local Town Planning Board.