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FACT SHEET REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION TO BEGIN AT RAILROAD DRY CLEANERS SITE

Railroad Dry Cleaners Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site
3180 Lawson Boulevard
Hamlet of Oceanside, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York
Site No. 1-30-066
July 2003

INTRODUCTION

In July 2003, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will begin an environmental study at the Railroad Dry Cleaners Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site. The site is located at 3180 Lawson Boulevard in Oceanside. The site contains a one-story commercial building, which is currently occupied by Railroad Cleaners. The site has been used as a dry cleaners since original development in 1963. The site is directly adjacent to the Hercules Machine Sales Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site (Site No. 1-30-083). **See the map on page 3 showing the location of the site.**

The Nassau County Department of Health (NCDOH) discovered an unpermitted liquid discharge to the soil on this property in July of 1988. The discharge was noted shortly after an underground No. 2 fuel oil tank located at the rear of the building was excavated and removed. Subsequent soil sampling revealed the presence of tetrachloroethylene (PCE) at levels of 1,100 parts-per-million (ppm) and components of fuel oil which had been used for heating. PCE is a solvent used in dry cleaning. Analysis of groundwater samples taken in 1990 revealed the presence of PCE in the groundwater at 28,000 parts-per-billion (ppb). This concentration greatly exceeds the New York State groundwater standard of 5 ppb. In 1992, the NYSDEC listed the site as a Class 2 site on the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites. A Class 2 site is a site at which hazardous waste is present and constitutes a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

SITE INVESTIGATION

The study to be done at the Railroad Dry Cleaners site is called a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). The Remedial Investigation will determine the amount of contamination at the site and how far it extends, as well as possible threats to human health and the environment. As part of the investigation, various environmental media (including soil gas, soil and groundwater) will be sampled at many locations and depths. Field work for the Remedial Investigation will begin in August of 2003 and should be finished within two months. The Feasibility Study will be conducted alongside and after completion of the Remedial Investigation. The Feasibility Study will evaluate possible actions to clean up the site. Copies of

the Work Plan which describes the investigation in detail are available for your review at the locations listed below. Based on the results of the RI/FS (which may be available in the spring of 2004), the NYSDEC will propose a plan to clean up the site. After considering public comments on the proposed cleanup plan, NYSDEC will select the remedy and implement it.

Copies of the workplan which describes the RI/FS in detail are available for your review at the document repositories listed below.

YOUR OPPORTUNITIES TO BE INFORMED AND INVOLVED

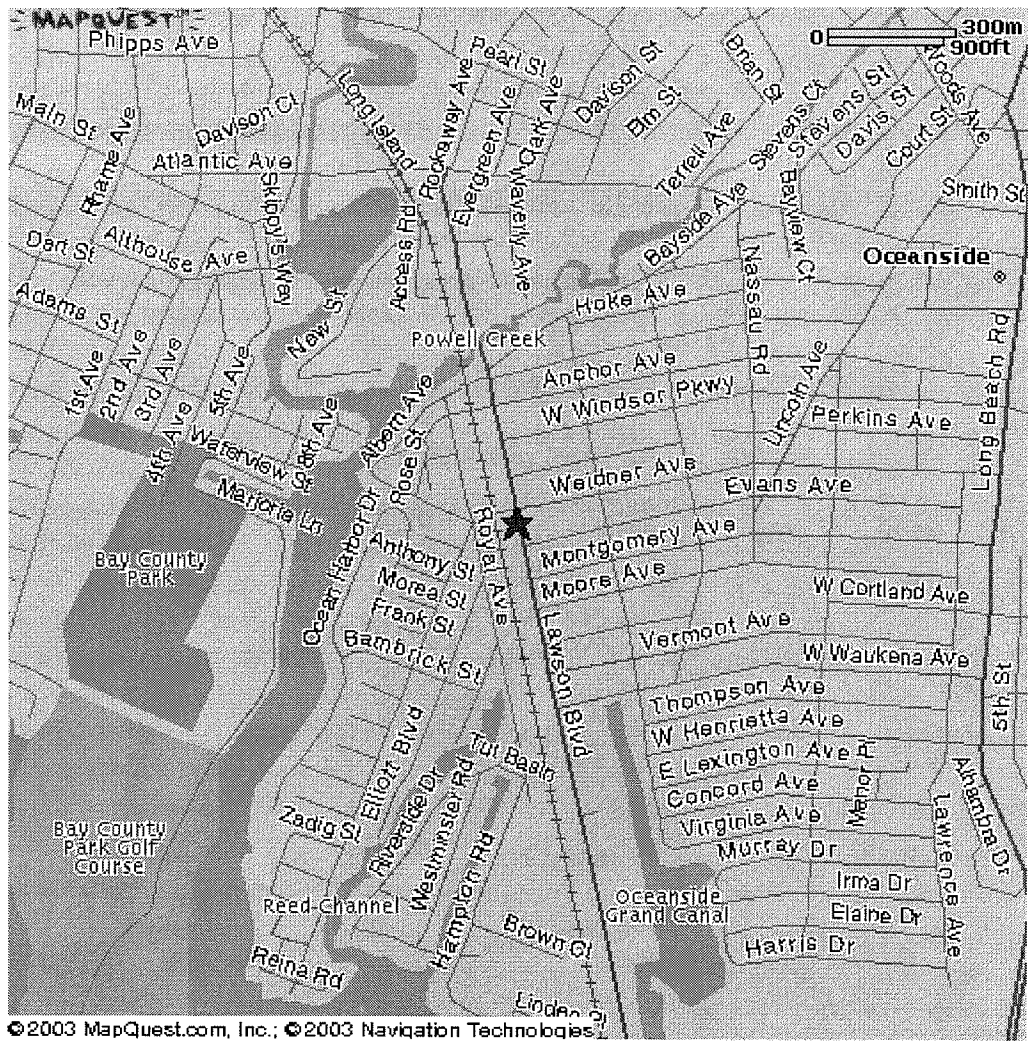
NYSDEC wants your input on the project. Your understanding and involvement can help make sure that the cleanup program effectively protects human health and the environment.

Document Repositories. Three locations provide access to information about the site:

Oceanside Library	Mr. Jeffrey L. Dyber	NYSDEC - Region 1 Office
30 Davison Avenue	Project Manager, NYSDEC	SUNY Bldg. 40
Oceanside, NY 11572	625 Broadway	Stony Brook, NY 11790
(516) 766-2360	Albany, NY 12233-7015	Attn: Bill Fonda
M-Th 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.	(518) 402-9621	(631) 444-0350
F-Sa 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	M-F 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.	M-F 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Any questions or concerns about the site investigation can be addressed by contacting Mr. Jeffrey Dyber at (518) 402-9621. For site related health concerns feel free to contact the New York State Department of Health's Ms. Jacqueline Nealon, Environmental Specialist, at (518) 402-7880 or 1-800-458-1158, Ext. 27880.

Location Map



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