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## FACT SHEET REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION TO BEGIN AT HERCULES MACHINE SALES SITE

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**Hercules Machine Sales Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site  
3188 Lawson Boulevard  
Hamlet of Oceanside, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York  
Site No. 1-30-083  
July 2003**

### INTRODUCTION

In July 2003, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will begin an environmental study at the Hercules Machine Sales Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site. The site is located at 3188 Lawson Boulevard in Oceanside. The site contains a one-story commercial building, which is currently occupied by Rightway Air Conditioning and Heating. Until 1999, the site was occupied by Hercules Machine Sales, which reconditioned and sold dry cleaning equipment. The site is directly adjacent to the Railroad Dry Cleaners Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site (Site No. 1-30-066). **See the map on page 3 showing the location of the site.**

In 1992, the Nassau County Health Department found activated carbon on the ground behind the site building. The activated carbon was sampled and contained 1,400 parts-per-million (ppm) of perchlorethylene (PCE), a dry cleaning solvent. In addition, the groundwater beneath the site contained 28,000 parts-per-billion (ppb) of PCE, exceeding the New York State groundwater standard of 5 ppb. In 1996, 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 Hercules Machine Sales 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, indoor air, 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**

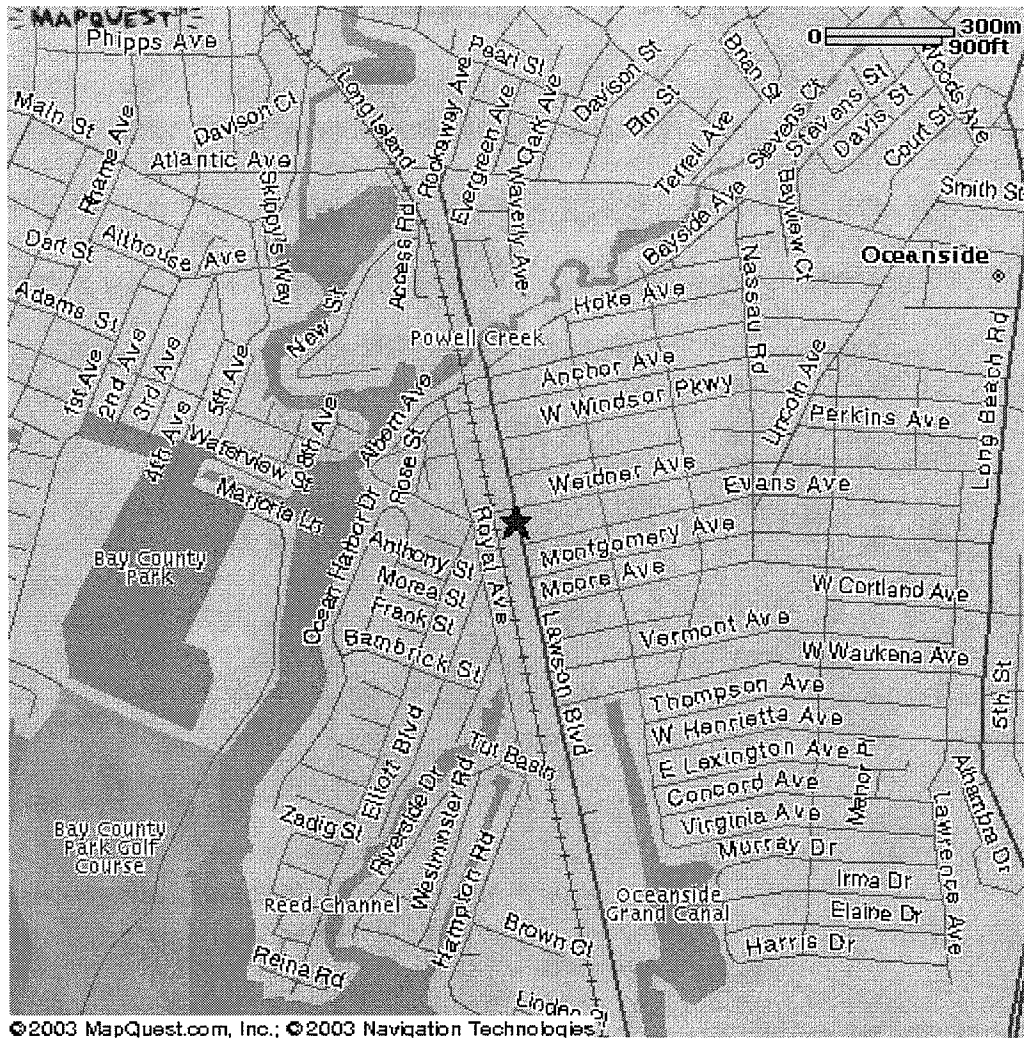
NYSDEC wants your input on the project. Your understanding and involvement can help make sure that the cleanup program effectively protects human health and the environment.

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

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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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