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Public Meeting
7:00 PM March 14, 2007
NYSDEC Annex Building
11-15 47th Avenue
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and 47th Avenue)
Long Island City, NY

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Written or verbal comments on the proposed remedy as well as any environmental concerns can be directed to:

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FACT SHEET

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Amtrak Sunnyside Yard, Operable Unit 3 39-29 Honeywell Street, Queens, NY Site Code 241006

Public Meeting Announced: March 14, 2007 at 7:00 PM Proposed Remedial Action Work Plan Available For Public Comments

Comment Period runs from February 23 through March 25, 2007

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), working cooperatively with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), announces the availability of a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for Operable Unit 3 of Amtrak Sunnyside Yard. A public meeting will be held on March 14, 2007 at 7:00 PM at NYSDEC office located at 11-15 47th Avenue in long Island City on the North east corner of 11th Street and 47th Avenue (Map attached). NYSDEC seeks input from the community on all PRAPs. The PRAP was released to the public on February 23, 2007 and a summary will be presented at the public meeting along with the results of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study.

Site Description: The Amtrak Sunnyside Yard is a railroad maintenance and storage facility that encompasses approximately I33 acres, and it is currently undergoing capital improvements. To allow these improvements to continue prior to the conclusion of a site-wide remedial investigation, the remedial effort was divided into six (6) operable units. OU-3 is the subject of this PRAP, and consists of the PCBs laced Separate Phase Hydrocarbon (oil) plume, the contaminated soils above groundwater, and the contaminated underground structures in an area in the north east part of the site. This area includes the now-abandoned Engine House, Metro-Shop, and the former locomotive fueling area. The oil plume extends into a portion of the LIRR property to the north of the Yard.

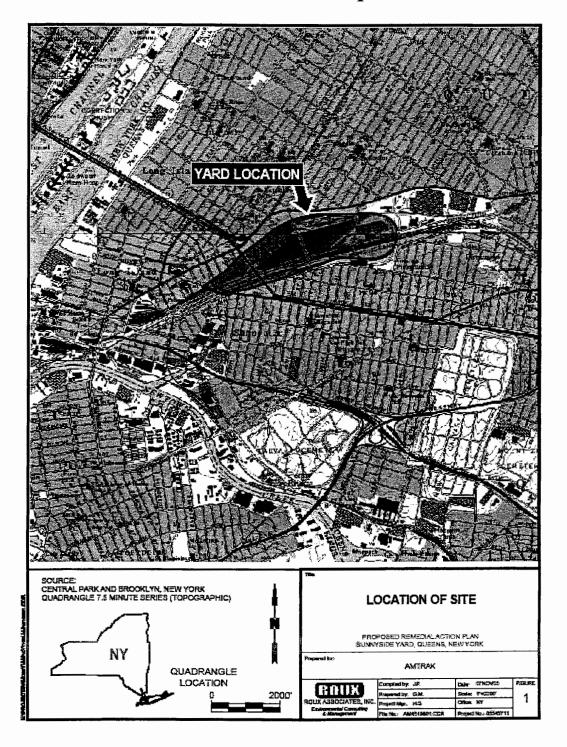
Investigations to date: The Yard has widespread contamination from PCBs, petroleum and lead. Seventeen areas of concern were initially identified based upon prior use of the site and the release of contaminants. A free product plume of PCBs laced oil (referred to in all documents as Separate Phase Hydrocarbon) is known to have been present in OU3 since 1985. In 1994, this oil plume was estimated to be three acres in size. Based on data collected in the RI and revised during the FS, the mobile portion (thickness 0.1 ft or greater) of this historic SPH plume is approximately one -half acre in size. Visible surficial petroleum is present in an one-half acre area down to a maximum of one foot below the surface. PCBs and lead above the proposed site specific clean up numbers are present in one location each. PCBs and petroleum are present in underground structures.

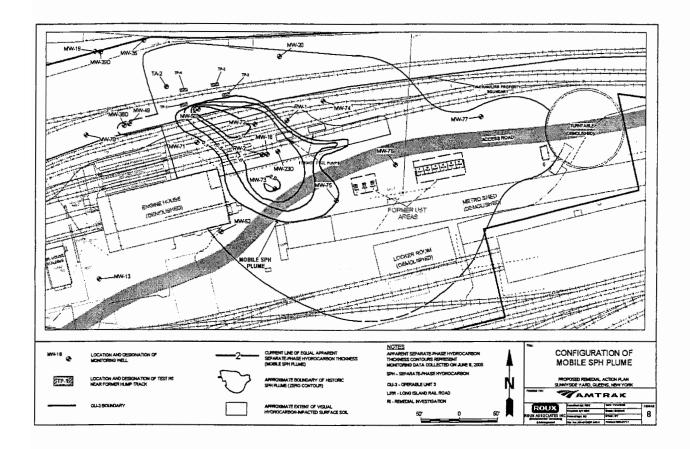
Proposed remedy: NYSDEC proposes excavation of the oil plume and associated soils, followed by bio-remediation of the residual oil present in soils down to 10 feet below ground. Additionally, the remedy proposes to remove all visible petroleum contaminated soils; clean and/or remove underground structures such as the former engine house and metro-shop pits; fuel dispenser island with all associated piping; and, remove underground storage tanks. Hot spots of lead and PCBs in soils would also be removed

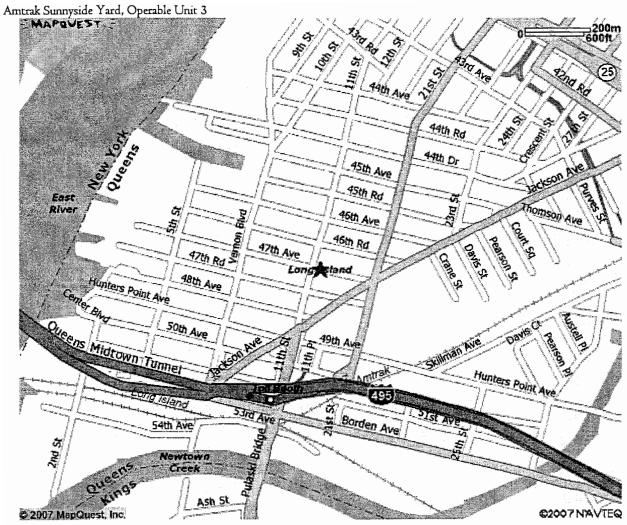
Next Steps: The PRAP will be presented by NYSDEC at the public meeting. After the presentation, a question-and-answer period will be held, during which verbal or written comments may be submitted on the PRAP. Written comments may also be sent to Mr. Shaun Bollers through the comment period which ends on March 25, 2007. The Department may modify the proposed remedy or select another alternative presented in this PRAP, based on new information or public comments.

Directions to the Public Meeting Location: By Subway – Take #7 train to Hunter's Point. Walk west towards Manhattan. Turn right on 21* Street. At the next traffic light, make a left on 47th Avenue. The building is at the north east corner of IIth Street and 47th Avenue (see attached map on Page 4 of this Fact Sheet.

Site Location Map







Location Map for NYSDEC Annex Building II-I5 47th Avenue Long Island City, NY