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Standard Motor Products, Inc.

Site No: 241016

37-18 Northern Blvd, Long Island City
NYSDEC Region 2

Investigation at Standard Motor Products, Inc.

The Site:

The Standard Motor Products Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site (the Site) is located at 37-18 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City, New York. The property consists of a large, industrial, six-story building occupying a full city block in northwestern Queens County. The building has been used for industrial activities since 1919. Presently it is used for the manufacturing of car parts and the corporate headquarters of Standard Motor Products, Inc. (SMP). In the past, SMP painted automobile parts in-house prior to distribution. All painting operations were phased out in 1990. Other past processes include: chrome plating (1975 to 1984); die casting (discontinued in the 1970s); rubber production (discontinued in 1985); and degreasing using chlorinated solvents (discontinued in 1990). The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and SMP are conducting a detailed environmental study at the Site.

The Investigation:

The study to be done at the Site is called a "Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study" (RI/FS). The Remedial Investigation (RI) will determine how much contamination there is, how far it extends, and potential threats to the public health and the environment. As part of the investigation, soil and groundwater will be sampled. The Feasibility Study (FS) will follow the RI. The FS will evaluate possible actions to address any contamination at the Site. The NYSDEC will describe the proposed remedy to address any contamination at the Site in a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP). After an opportunity for public comment on the PRAP, NYSDEC will finalize the proposal in the Record of Decision (ROD). Cleanup activities will commence following NYSDEC approval of the Remedial Action Work Plan based on the ROD.

During the month of July 2003, Phase 2 of the Investigation will take place.. Five groundwater monitoring wells will be installed and sampled. Remedial Investigation activities performed in November 2002 included surveying and site mapping, surface soil sampling, subsurface soil sampling, sump sampling, and groundwater sampling. SMP also must perform a human health risk evaluation as part of the Remedial Investigation (RI) to assess conditions at the Site and determine the risk, if any, posed to public health. The RI workplan provides additional detail about the upcoming investigation. You can review a copy at the repositories listed below.

Your Opportunities to Be Informed and Involved: A Citizen Participation (CP) Plan has been prepared for the Site. The CP Plan describes activities to inform and involve you during the investigation and cleanup of the Site. You are encouraged to review the complete CP Plan for the Site. Copies are available at the document repositories. Comments regarding the Site's CP program are always welcome. Your understanding and involvement can help ensure a cleanup program that effectively protects public health and the environment.

The upcoming RI field work is scheduled to begin in early July 2003. Sometime in 2004, another mailing to the public will describe the proposed remedy for the Site and invite comments on the PRAP as well as announce a public meeting.

Document Repository. To access information about the Site:

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