

Subject: **Bouchard Junkyard Site – New Lebanon, New York**
NYSDEC Registry Site #411014
Field Inspection Report

Inspection Date: May 2, 2013

Purpose: To inspect site conditions, site use, controls

Personnel: NYSDEC: Larry Thomas

Weather: Sunny, calm winds, temperature ~55 Degrees F

Report of Field Activities:

Site Use

I arrived on site at 0920hr to inspect site conditions. The site is in site management. The remedial action involved excavation and off-site disposal of PCB contaminated soils/materials. For the site proper, the removal action achieved residential use criteria, so there is no need for continuing controls. Some residual PCBs in soil remain in place along U.S. Route 20 State Highway as excavation would have undermined the highway. Based on end-point sample results an “easement” area was defined and surveyed. However, since the highway is State property, the institutional control could not be filed as an easement, but rather as an Environmental Notice that was signed by NYSDEC on January 20, 2011. I could not locate a record of filing of the Environmental Notice with the county in DER edocs.

A site map, showing the site bounds and surrounding features, is attached. There was a for sale sign along Route 20, advertising 12 acres, posted by the Liberty Investment Group. I parked along the main driveway into the site, next to a small yellow building with the number “666” on it. A trucking company appears to be using this part of the site and also the northwestern part of the site. There was a small sign for the trucking company (“Hunt Trucking, LLC”; Phone #518-336-0595) next to the entrance drive. There were two tractor trailers parked behind the yellow building. There was also some traffic activity into and out of the northwest corner of the site, which appears to be the main location of the trucking operation.

Site Conditions

The site is nicely vegetated. The eastern area, near the “Theater Barn”, is a nicely mowed lawn. The middle area near the yellow building has longer grass that has not been cut recently. The western area is also grass, and was cut relatively short, but is not a mowed lawn like the eastern part. There was no evidence of disturbance of soil in the area along Route 20. Vegetation is fully established along the highway. As part of the remedial action, excavation work had to be conducted within the wetland area along portions of the east edge of the site. Restoration was performed as an element of the remedial action. Under the site management plan, inspection of the wetland was included to make sure that the restoration was successful in re-establishing the wetland habitat. I inspected the wetland area. It was fully vegetated, with dry cattails from last season, and this year’s cattails greening up and starting to grow. There is a small (~15-foot across) pond in this area. Along the far eastern edge of the site, beyond the area that was excavated and restored, there was an area of blow-down, where a number of large trees (~8-12-inch diameter) were knocked down or leaning over. The site restoration work included “ornamental” planting of a number of small evergreens in the open/grassy areas of the site. Although these

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plantings are generally in good condition, 2 dead trees were noted in one row of 26 trees, near the old railroad alignment in the eastern part of the site.

There are several wells at the site. Most have surrounding bollards and were capped/locked. One exception was noted that the well just to the north of the yellow building. This well (WSW-4) is a stick-up completion with no cap or lock. It appears this was previously the supply well for the yellow building; there was an electric service panel next to the wellhead, but there was no piping or electric cable visible inside the protective steel casing or the interior PVC riser, so this well is not in active service.

I took a panoramic series of photos of the site from near where I parked. I also took photos of wells and other points of interest. Captioned photos taken on May 2, 2013 are attached.

Conclusions

Site is in good condition. The restoration/vegetation has been successful. There have been no disturbances of the Environmental Notice area.

Recommendations

Since the remedial action achieved residential use criteria for all areas except for the Route 20 roadbed, and recent groundwater data do not show site related impacts, this site appears to be a good candidate for a delist action. In conjunction with such an action, any wells that were installed by the State should be properly decommissioned.



Report prepared by: _____ Dated: May 3, 2013

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Attachments (Site Figure and Captioned Photos # 1-17, taken on May 2, 2013)



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 1 – Looking W, Rt. 20 at left



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 2- Looking west



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 3- Looking NW Trucking in distance



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 4 – Looking N , Yellow building



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 5 – Looking N, Yellow building



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 6 – Looking N, driveway E of yellow Bldg.



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 7 – Looking NE, N end of Theater Barn at right.



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 8 – Sign posted W of central driveway.



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 9 – Looking E at Theater Barn



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 10 – Looking E, restored wetland area



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 11 – Looking SE along wetland area



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 12 – Pond in wetland, looking E.



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 13 – Well MW-4, next to wetland area



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 14 – Well MW-2R, Looking N.



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 15 – Well WSW-4



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 16 – Well WSW-4, no cap/lock



Site #411014 5/2/2013 Photo 17 – Sign posted for trucking company.