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www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

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Site Name: Greener Cleaners
DEC Site #: 447041
Address: 809 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12307

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Investigation to Begin at State Superfund Site

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will soon begin a detailed environmental study at the Greener Cleaners site ("site") located at 809 State Street, Schenectady, Schenectady County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

Investigation Work Plan

The investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan / Scope of Work," was developed under New York's State Superfund Program. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will perform the investigation which will assess conditions on-site (and, if appropriate, off-site).

Highlights of the Site Investigation

The purpose of the investigation is to define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected. The site investigation will fully characterize all contamination at the site.

Nature and Extent of Contamination - Soil, groundwater, and soil vapor samples were analyzed for the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) during the site characterization. The investigations have indicated that tetrachloroethene (PCE) in groundwater, soil, and soil vapor has impacted the site.

The investigation will include sampling of on-site sub-surface soil via soil borings and test pits, on and off-site groundwater sampling, and video of on-site sewer lines. Permission will also be sought to conduct a vapor intrusion investigation in several nearby residences to determine whether sub-surface vapors from the site are causing off-site impacts.

Next Steps

The information collected during the investigation will be summarized in a report. After the site investigation has begun, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will conduct a "Feasibility Study". This study uses information developed during the site investigation to develop and evaluate potential ways to clean up contamination related to the site. The information collected during the site investigation may also support the conclusion that no action, or no further action, is needed to address site-related contamination.

NYSDEC will then develop a draft cleanup plan, called a "Proposed Remedial Action Plan". This plan describes the remedy preferred by NYSDEC, or, if warranted, a no action or no further action alternative. The draft cleanup plan explains the decision that led to the preferred remedy by discussing each alternative and the reasons for choosing or rejecting it. The goal of the plan will be to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will announce the draft cleanup plan in a future fact sheet, and will present it to the public for its review and comment during a 30-day comment period and at a public meeting.

Background

Location: The former Greener Cleaners site, previously Kem Cleaners, was a commercial dry cleaning business in Schenectady. The site is located at 809 State St, and is bordered by State St. to the south, Mynderse St. to the west, Chestnut St. to the east, and the rear of residences on Victory Ave. to the north. The site is in an urban area with a mix of commercial and residential properties along State St. and residences on the side streets off of State St.

Site Features: The site is 1.39 acres in area and includes an approximately 16,000 square foot, one story masonry building and a 1000 square foot outbuilding. The remainder of the site is covered with asphalt, some of which is used for parking while other areas are unused. The portion of the site to the west of the on-site building is fenced with a gate on the State St. side.

Current Use: The site is still in operation as a commercial dry cleaner by a new operator under the name of Best Cleaners. The dry cleaning operations at the site have reportedly not used PCE or other chlorinated solvents since 2008.

Historic Use: The site operated as Kem/Greener Cleaners for approximately 12 years until 2010. The site was used as an automobile dealership until the late 1990s.

Site Geology and Hydrology: The depth to groundwater is approximately 15 feet in the vicinity of the site. Groundwater flow direction is west. Soils at the site are sands above 15 feet, overlying a mix of sand, silt and clay below 15 feet.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=447041>

State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Schenectady County Public Library
Attn: Reference Desk
99 Clinton St.
Schenectady, NY 12305
phone: (518) 388-4500

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project Related Questions

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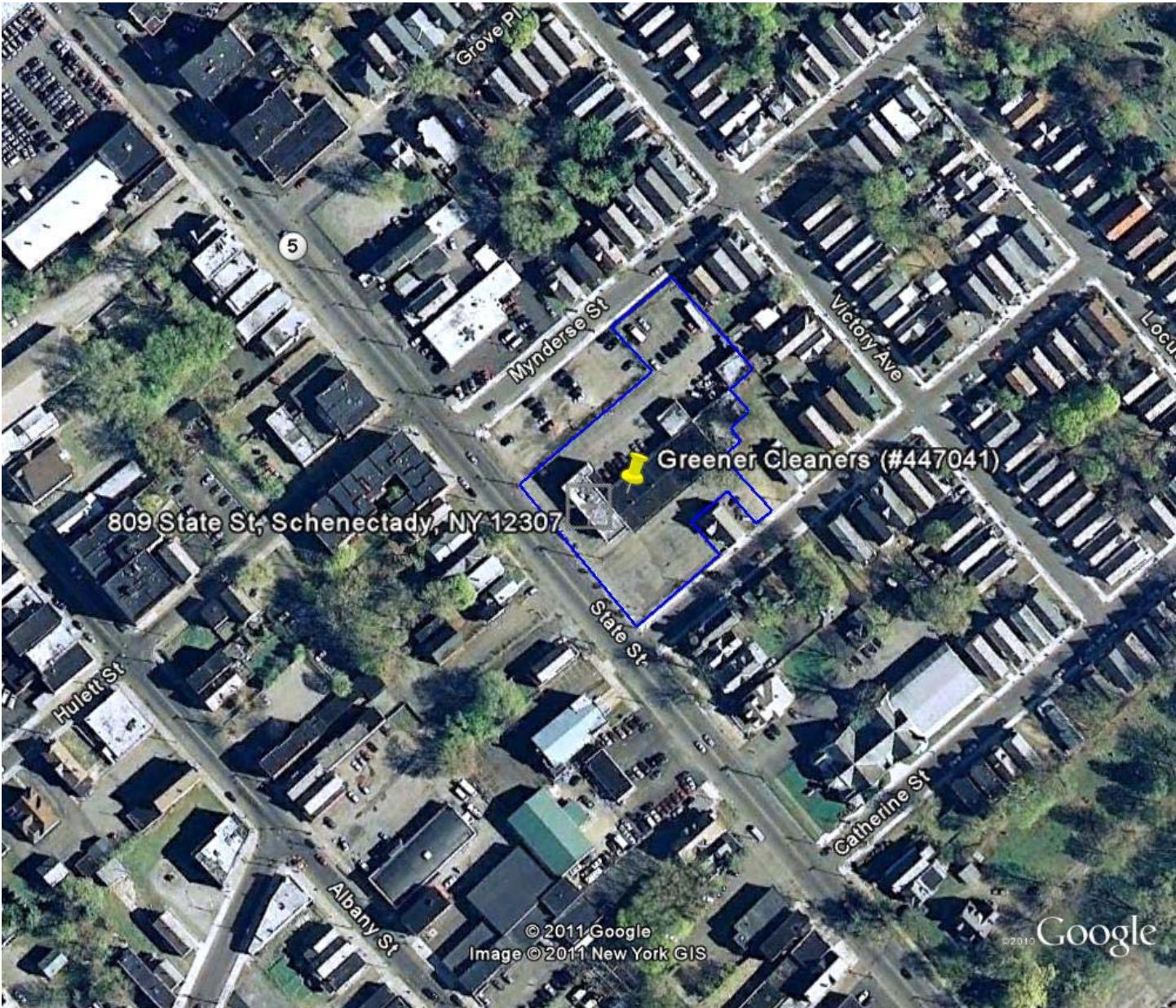
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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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Greener Cleaners Inactive Hazardous Waste Site #447041