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Site Name: Union Fork & Hoe
DEC Site #: 622011
Address: 253 EAST MAIN STREET
FRANKFORT, NY 13340

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Investigation to Begin at State Superfund Site

Ames True Temper will soon begin a detailed environmental study at the Union Fork & Hoe site ("site") located at 253 EAST MAIN STREET, FRANKFORT, Herkimer 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," was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's State Superfund Program. Ames True Temper (the "responsible party(ies)"), with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), 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.

Highlights of the Remedial Investigation will include, sampling of surface and subsurface soils in areas of concern, sampling of surface soil throughout the site, installation of monitoring wells and monitoring of groundwater site-wide, and a soil vapor investigation.

The information collected during the investigation will be summarized in a report. After the site investigation has begun, Ames True Temper, with oversight provided by NYSDEC, 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.

Additional Details

An Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) is currently underway at the site. The IRM consists of the demolition of all on-site buildings. Currently, two buildings remain on-site (Buildings 16 and 305). Several piles of construction & demolition debris are currently staged at the site. Debris will either be disposed of off-site or used as on-site fill pending characterization.

Background

Location: The Union Fork & Hoe site is located in a suburban area in the Town of Frankfort, Herkimer County. A portion of the site is located in the Village of Frankfort. The site consists of a rectangular-shaped area of approximately 29 acres along East Main Street. The site is approximately ½ mile southwest of the Mohawk River.

Site Features: The site includes several vacant industrial buildings, which were part of a former hand tool manufacturer. The majority of the site is covered by former parking areas and grass fields with some more densely vegetated areas along the site boundaries. A public water supply well field was impacted by the site and is located adjacent to and northeast of the site. In 1991, a treatment system was placed on the municipal well.

Current Zoning/Use: The site is currently inactive, and is zoned for commercial and industrial use. The surrounding area has a mix of industrial, commercial, and residential zoned uses.

Historic Use(s): The site has been used for industrial purposes for over 100 years. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, railroad operations took place in the central portion of the site. For most of the 20th century, the site was used for the manufacture of hand tools such as hoes, shovels, and forks. Manufacturing processes included forging, stamping, painting, varnishing, and milling. In 2006, the site was acquired by Ames True Temper, and manufacturing operations were discontinued.

The site has been the subject of several environmental investigations over the last 25 years. Elevated levels of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs), Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), and Metals have been documented historically in site soils. Several removal actions have been performed at the site to address impacts to site soils over the last 15 years.

In 2011, Ames True Temper signed a Consent Order with NYSDEC to complete a remedial program at the site. An Interim Remedial Measure started in July 2012 to demolish on-site buildings. In August 2012, a fire destroyed several buildings at the northern end of the site.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: The site lies on relatively flat terrain ½ mile southwest of the Mohawk River. Site soils primarily consist of glacial till, which increases in density with depth.

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.

Village of Frankfort
110 Railroad Street
Frankfort, NY 13340
phone: (315) 895-7651

NYSDEC
Attn: Bill Bennett
Division of Environmental Remediation, 11th Floor
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-7014
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Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions

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Site-Related Health Questions

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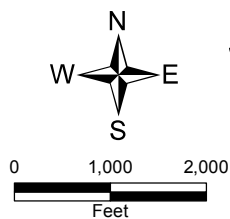
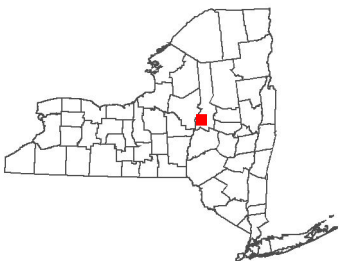
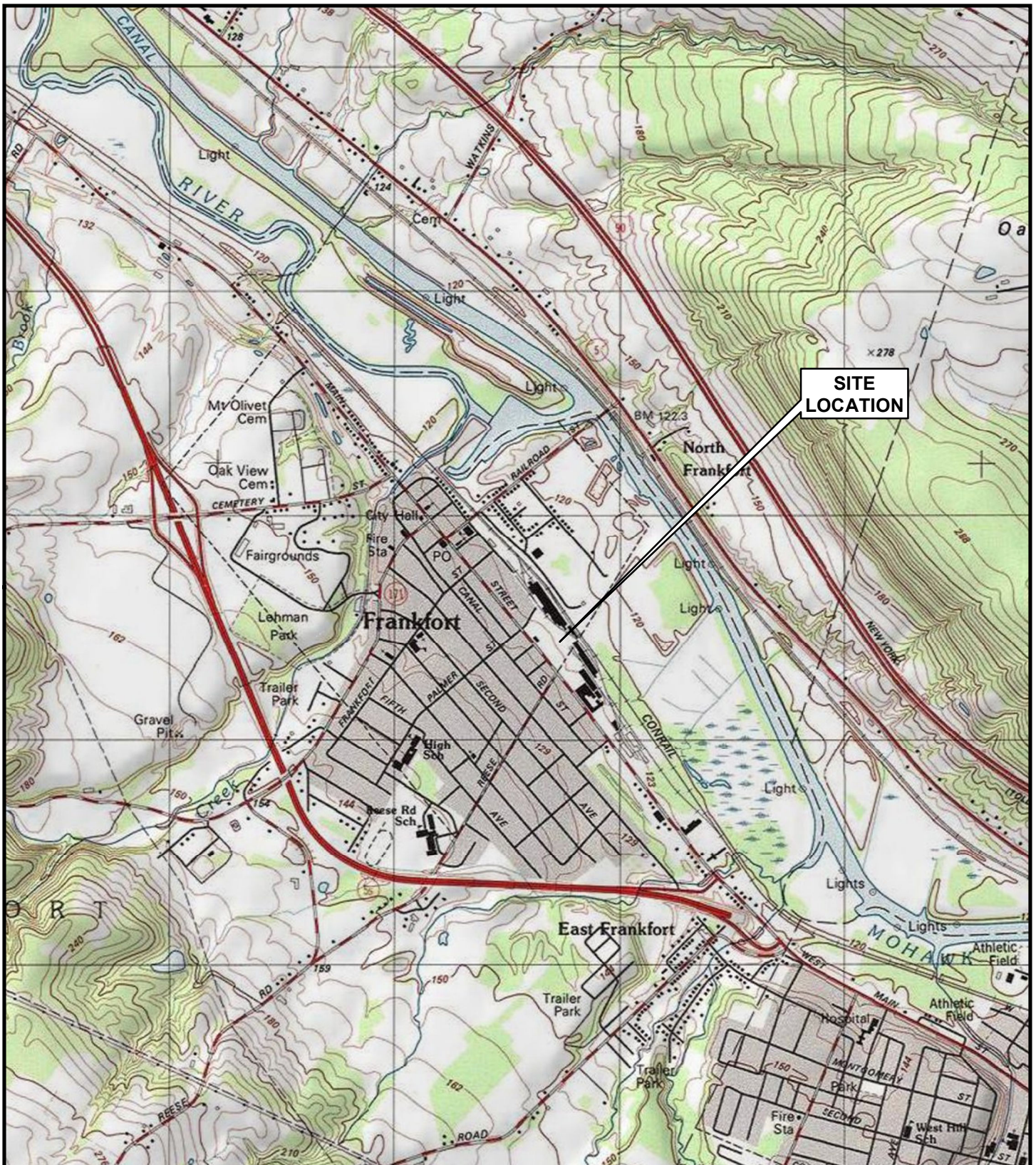
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Site Location Map

Union Fork & Hoe Site
Town of Frankfort, Herkimer County
Site No. 6-22-011

