

NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF



ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION

**Proposed Remedial
Action Plan Meeting**

**Tuesday,
November 14, 2000
from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
at the
NYS Office Building
Genessee Street
Utica, New York**

The purpose of this meeting is to present the NYSDEC's Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the NIMO - Harbor Point Site, Operable Unit 3 - Utica Harbor and to solicit comments from the public. Comments will be accepted through November 21, 2000

*File 4840
Ni Mo Harbor Pt.*

FACT SHEET

NIMO - Harbor Point Site
Site No. 6-33-021
October 18, 2000

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Niagara Mohawk Harbor Point Site Operable Unit 3 - Utica Harbor

Public Meeting to be held November 14, 2000

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will hold a public meeting to present the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the NIMO - Harbor Point site, Operable Unit 3 - Utica Harbor, and solicit formal comments from the public (see box at left). At the meeting, the NYSDEC will discuss the results of environmental investigations at the site and describe the remedial actions proposed by the State. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions relating to the site and the proposed remedy. A summary of the information presented in the PRAP is included below.

Comment Period: The public is invited to submit comments on the proposed plan until November 21, 2000. In addition to any comments received at the public meeting, written comments may be submitted to John Spellman, P.E., Project Engineer, at the address shown at the end of this notice.

Site Description: The Niagara Mohawk Harbor Point Site in Utica, New York is the location of a former coal gas production facility, which operated between 1845 and the early 1950's. The site is situated on a peninsula formed by the intersection of the New York State Barge Canal, Utica Harbor and a bend of the Mohawk River. Utica Harbor is a roughly rectangular water body measuring approximately 600 by 800 feet. The "harbor neck" links the harbor to a lock controlling the entrance to the Erie Canal.

Three dredge spoils areas (DSAs) border the harbor and harbor neck on the northwest and northeast (see attached Figure). These are soil mounds consisting of sediments dredged from the canal and harbor. Each area is surrounded by a berm of soil. DSA1 is located directly east of the harbor neck, on a triangular land parcel between the neck and the Mohawk River, north of DSA 1, on a narrow strip of land between the Mohawk River and the main stem of the Erie Canal and DSA3 is located to the northwest of Harbor Point, across the Mohawk River. It is bounded on the north, south, and west by the Utica Marsh and on the east by the Mohawk River.

- A two-foot thick cap would be placed over the contaminated areas of the Utica Harbor floor.
- For DSA 1, approximately 20,000 cubic yards of contaminant hot spots would be excavated for treatment or disposal and this area would be allowed to remain open for the disposal of future dredge spoils from the area.
- For DSA 2, a two-foot thick cover consisting of non-contaminated soil would be provided.
- For DSA 3, since contaminant levels are low, limited action consisting of restrictions on the future use this area, limiting it to non-residential uses and requiring additional safe guards for future development is proposed. Similar restrictions would also be placed on the other two DSAs
- Sewer outfalls from the site, to the harbor would be slip lined or plugged.
- Although not part of the proposed remedy, the harbor would be dredged where needed to provide for the intended navigational use. Clean or low-level contaminated sediment could be disposed in DSA 1.

A more detailed description of the site history, existing conditions and the proposed alternative, as well as other alternatives evaluated by the NYSDEC, can be found in the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) which is available at the document repositories listed below.

Document Repositories: Two locations have been established as document repositories to provide you with access to project information. The RI, FS, PRAP and other site-related documents are available for review at the following locations:

Utica Public Library
303 Genesee Street
Utica, New York 13501
Attn: Barbara Brookes
Hours: M/T/W: 8 am-8:30 pm
Th/F: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat.: 8:30 am - 5 pm

NYSDEC
Utica Sub-office
State Office Building
Utica, New York 13501
Attn: Joseph Homburger
(315) 793-2560 by appointment

NYSDEC
Division of Environmental Remediation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, N.Y. 12233-7010
Room 348, Attn: John Spellman
(518) 457-4343 by appointment

Your Opportunities to be kept Informed and Involved: Please come to the public meeting announced in the sidebar on page 1. Your understanding and involvement in this project will help to ensure an effective remedial program. You are encouraged to contact any of those listed below at any time with questions, comments or concerns.

***For More Information About
The Investigation/PRAP/Meeting:***

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***For More Information About
Site-Related Health Concerns:***

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