



Dear Interested Citizen:

This Fact Sheet provides an update on activities at the Harbor Point peninsula. On March 30, 2002 the Record of Decision was signed by the NYSDEC. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact:

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FACT SHEET

State Finalizes Record of Decision For Three Utica Harbor Point Sites:

NIMO - Harbor Point Property New York Tar Emulsion Products Mohawk Valley Oil

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), and the New York State Department of Health are pleased to announce the selection of a remedy to address hazardous waste contamination at three inactive hazardous waste disposal sites in Utica. These sites are the:

- NIMO - Harbor Point Property
- New York Tar Emulsion Products Site
- Mohawk Valley Oil Site

The selected remedy addresses the soil and groundwater contamination at each of these sites. The remedy is detailed in a document called a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD summarizes the site investigations, the remedial alternatives evaluated by the State, and comments received from the public about the plan. The remedy selected by the ROD for these sites includes:

- ▶ excavation and on-site low temperature thermal treatment of approximately 115,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil;
- ▶ containment of the highly contaminated Water Gas Plant area of the NIMO - Harbor Point Property, with a barrier wall and cap, along with groundwater extraction and treatment;
- ▶ consolidation and capping of purifier wastes in the Water Gas Plant area;
- ▶ a soil cover over approximately 40 acres of the peninsula area;
- ▶ soil vapor extraction and air sparging of groundwater in areas of higher volatile organic compound contamination;
- ▶ installation of NAPL recovery wells or trenches; and,
- ▶ institutional controls to limit development to nonresidential uses, prohibit groundwater use and ensure the integrity of the remedy, including a long-term monitoring program.

Site Description: The NIMO - Harbor Point Property, the New York Tar Emulsion Products, and the Mohawk Valley Oil Sites are located on the Harbor Point peninsula in the city of Utica (see Figures 1 and 2). The peninsula is formed by a meander bend in the Mohawk River and the Utica Harbor. On the NIMO - Harbor Point Property, gas was produced using coal from approximately 1948 to the early 1950s. At the New York Tar Emulsion Products Site, road tar was produced from raw coal tar starting in 1926 with the American Tar Products Company and later the Koppers Company. At the Mohawk Valley Oil Site a light oils plant existed, producing gasoline, toluene and other products from coal tar from 1926 to 1951. Bulk petroleum storage also existed concurrently and after the light oil plant operation.

Two RODs were issued in March 2001 for other areas near the Harbor Point peninsula. One ROD addresses the Monarch Chemical Site, requiring, among other items, soil vapor extraction of the groundwater contaminant source, hydraulic control and treatment of the groundwater contaminant plume, a soil cover and institutional controls. The other ROD addresses the Utica Harbor including the harbor neck, and three dredge spoils areas; the ROD calls for, among other items, placement of a sediment cap in the harbor, contaminated soil removal in dredge spoil area 1, soil covers at dredge spoil areas 1 and 2, and institutional controls.

Next Step: A design phase generally follows the issuance of a ROD, to verify the components of the ROD and provide the details necessary for the construction, maintenance and monitoring of the remedial program. Thus, a design phase is, or will be, underway at the following locations:

- NIMO - Harbor Point Site
- New York Tar Emulsion Products Site (*)
- Mohawk Valley Oil Site (Former Texaco parcel *)
- Monarch Chemical Site (*)
- Utica Harbor and Dredge Spoil Areas

(* means negotiation for design work with the responsible party(ies) may be required)

Construction of the remedies will follow design. The remaining area of the Harbor Point vicinity is the Mohawk River, where a remedial investigation/ feasibility study is occurring. A comprehensive schedule will be developed which will coordinate the areas and phases of remediation.

Document Repositories: Two locations have been established as document repositories to provide you with access to project information. The RI, FS, PRAP, ROD 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: MTuW 8:30-8
ThF 8:30-5:30
S 8:30-5

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