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# FACT SHEET

Former Binghamton Plastics  
Site No. 7-04-024  
City of Binghamton  
Broome County

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## Environmental Investigation to Begin at Former Binghamton Plastics Site

The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and Health (NYSDOH) are working with the DII Group (the Responsible Party for this site) to conduct an environmental investigation, known as a Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (RI/FS), at the Former Binghamton Plastics site. The Responsible Party, in consultation with NYSDEC and NYSDOH, has prepared RI/FS Work Plans and is initiating the project at the Former Binghamton Plastics site, located at 498 Conklin Avenue, in the City of Binghamton (*see map on next page*).

The site is listed in New York's Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (site number 7-04-024). The NYSDEC, in conjunction with NYSDOH, is responsible for investigating and cleaning up hazardous waste sites such as this one. This fact sheet outlines the project's current status.

### Background:

This facility was constructed in 1956 by Binghamton Plastics. Additions to the property were constructed in 1963, 1974, and 1982. Universal Instruments Corporation purchased the facility in the early 1980s and continued operations until Universal Instruments was taken over by Dover Electronics Corporation. In 1993, Dover Electronics was separated from Dover as a stand-alone corporation named Dovatron, Inc. In 1996, Dovatron changed its name to The DII Group. The building has been occupied by McIntosh Laboratories since the late 1980s. The facility has been used as a circuit board assembly plant and is currently operated as an electronic repair facility.

The site consists of a large industrial building (44,800 square feet) with associated parking, landscaping, and storage areas. A complete list of chemical substances used at the plant is not available; however, the use of trichloroethene (TCE) and 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA) has been substantiated.

In addition, a 1,000-gallon underground storage tank (UST) that stored hydraulic oil contaminated with 1,1,1,-TCA and TCE, was removed in 1986.

### The Upcoming Investigation:

Many samples have already been collected and analyzed to characterize the contamination present at the site. However, as a part of the remedial program for this site, additional information needs to be gathered to fully define the extent of the contamination. As a result, the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) is being initiated to: 1) completely characterize the