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FACT SHEET

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Site Name: Shulman's Salvage Yard
NYSDEC Site #: 808013
Address: 197 East Washington Avenue
Elmira, NY 14901

February 2015

PUBLIC MEETING, TUESDAY, 3/24/2015 AT 6:00 PM
Economic Opportunity Program, Inc.
650 Baldwin Street, Elmira, NY 14901

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) invites the public to comment on a remedy proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) related to Shulman's Salvage Yard located at 197 East Washington Avenue, Elmira, Chemung County, NY.

Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information".

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NYSDEC invites you to comment on this proposed remedy. Written comments will be accepted through **March 30, 2015**

See **How to Comment** on Page 5

COMMENT PERIOD ENDS March 30, 2015

Proposed Remedial Action Plan
The remedy proposed for the site includes:

Excavation and off-site disposal of PCB contaminated soil at that site where concentrations exceed 1 ppm in surface soils and 10 ppm in subsurface soils. Remaining soils with metals contamination above commercial standards will be consolidated on-site in the excavated areas along with clean fill brought in from off-site. A one foot soil cover will be placed over all areas with contaminated soil remaining above commercial standards. Off-site areas with metals and PCB contamination in soil will be remediated to residential standards. An institutional control in the form of an environmental easement will be put in place, along with a site management plan, to ensure monitoring of the soil cover and use-classification of the site. Post-remediation, the

groundwater monitoring network will be expanded as necessary and a 5 year limited groundwater monitoring will be incorporated as part of site management to ensure effectiveness of the remedy.

This remedy will protect human health and the environment by removing the bulk of contaminated soil from on-site and off-site areas that could potentially be a source of exposure or lead to contamination of the groundwater. Consolidating the remainder of the contaminated soils along with clean fill and placement of a soil cover will eliminate direct exposure risk in surface soils and reduce risks posed to groundwater. This remedy will attain site cleanup to commercial standards on-site and residential standards in off-site areas.

Summary of Investigation

An investigation to understand the nature and extent of contamination at the site was completed in October 2013. The investigation identified metals, including lead, copper, chromium, and mercury, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) as the primary contaminants at the site. The investigation suggests that site operations released PCBs and metals in the processing areas of the site. This has resulted in soil being contaminated with metals and PCBs across the processing and rail transit areas of the property.

During the investigation, groundwater was found to be impacted by metals as well as low levels of trichloroethene (TCE). The source of the TCE contamination originates uphill on the adjacent property, the Triple Cities Metal Finishing Class P site (HW ID No. 8-08-045). The attributed groundwater impacts will be handled under the investigation for this site.

NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site and evaluating the remedial options in the “feasibility study” submitted under New York’s Program.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in the document called a “Record of Decision” that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments.

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed clean-up through **March 30, 2015.**

Send comments to:

David Lates
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7017
david.lates@NYSDEC.ny.gov

All comments will be considered in making the final decision regarding this remedy. A responsiveness summary will be prepared and included as part of the final Record of Decision.

The responsiveness summary will identify any changes made to the proposed remedy and will describe and respond to the comments and issues raised. A notice of the decision will be sent to each person who submits written comments or who requests such notice.

Background/History

Location:

The Shulman's Salvage Yard Site is located at One Shulman Plaza in a mixed residential and commercial area in the City of Elmira, Chemung County. The 7.34 acre property is located along the intersection of Eastern Washington Avenue and Clemens Center Parkway.

The site is located approximately 1,200 feet northwest of the Former Diamond Cleaners Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site (ID No. 808030) located at 717 Lake Street and directly adjacent to the Triple Cities Metal Finishing site (ID No. 808045) located at 926 Stowell St.

Site Features:

The property includes four permanent buildings along with a weigh station and a scale house trailer. The gated main entrance to the property is locked after business hours, and fencing surrounds much of the property. With the exception of an asphalt surface along the southern portion of the site, the majority of the site is unimproved and used for the storage and handling of salvage materials. A rail-spur on the northern end of the property connects to Norfolk Southern Railroad for shipment of materials by rail.

Current Zoning and Land Use:

The property is zoned commercial and used primarily for industrial and commercial metal recycling operations. These operations include weighing, processing, sorting, and shipping of scrap metal. Paper and NYS deposit cans and bottles are also received and processed on-site for recycling. The property is bordered immediately to the west and south by a combination of residential and commercial properties. Clemens Center Parkway borders the property immediately to the east and the Norfolk and Southern Railway borders the site to the north.

Past History of the Site:

The property has operated as the Shulman's Salvage Yard for various metal salvaging operations since the late 1960's/early 1970's. Data collected during initial site characterization activities at the site in 1984 and 1987 indicate that metal salvaging operations had resulted in polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and metals contamination in soil, groundwater, and surface water, as well as volatile organic compound (VOC) contamination (mainly trichloroethylene) in groundwater. The PCB contamination was suspected to be linked to a shipment of drained transformers processed on-site in 1982.

The 1984 and 1987 site characterizations were executed pursuant to orders on consent between the Department and Shulman and Son, Inc. Based on the initial findings of the 1984 investigation, the site was classified as a Class 2 inactive hazardous waste disposal site in 1986 and a remedial program for the site was prepared under the direction of the Department. This program was revised based on additional data received during the 1987 investigation. The remedial party challenged their requirement to conduct these additional activities, which conflicted with original remedial requirements specified in the consent order. The remedial party's challenge, which took years to reach resolution, was upheld

and the remedial program was postponed. The remedial program was resumed under the State Superfund Program in 2012, and a remedial investigation was conducted in spring-fall 2013.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology:
The site geology is mapped as outwash sand and gravel and consists of fine to coarse sand and gravel with occasional silty clay lenses. Bedrock was not encountered on-site at depths up to 25 feet below ground surface. Groundwater occurs at a depth of approximately 2 to 8 feet beneath the ground surface and flows in a northeast direction toward the Sullivan Street water supply wells and Newtown Creek. The Sullivan Street water supply wells, located approximately 4,000 feet northeast of the site, have not been used since the late 1990's and are not planned to be used in the foreseeable future according to the Elmira Water Board.

The nearest surface water body is a small pond located approximately 2,200 feet east of the site, identified as Weyer Pond. Newtown Creek is located approximately 500 feet further to the east of Weyer Pond and is located approximately 3,000 feet east of the Shulman's Salvage Yard site. Newtown Creek flows to the south and drains into the Chemung River. The majority of surface water runoff from the site is captured by a stormwater collection system that drains into the Chemung River. The site is located over a primary aquifer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information – Document Repositories

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

NYSDEC Central Office
Division of Environmental Remediation
625 Broadway – 12th Floor
Albany, NY 12233-7017
(518) 402-9813
Contact: David Lates

Steele Memorial Library
101 East Church Street
Elmira, NY 14901
Contact person: Librarian
Telephone (607) 733-9173

Whom to Contact

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

<u>Project Related Questions</u>
David Lates
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Division of Environmental Remediation
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<u>Site-Related Health Questions</u>
Mark Sergott
New York State Department of Health
Empire State Plaza Corning Tower
Room 1787
Albany, NY 12237
518-402-7860
BEEI@health.ny.gov

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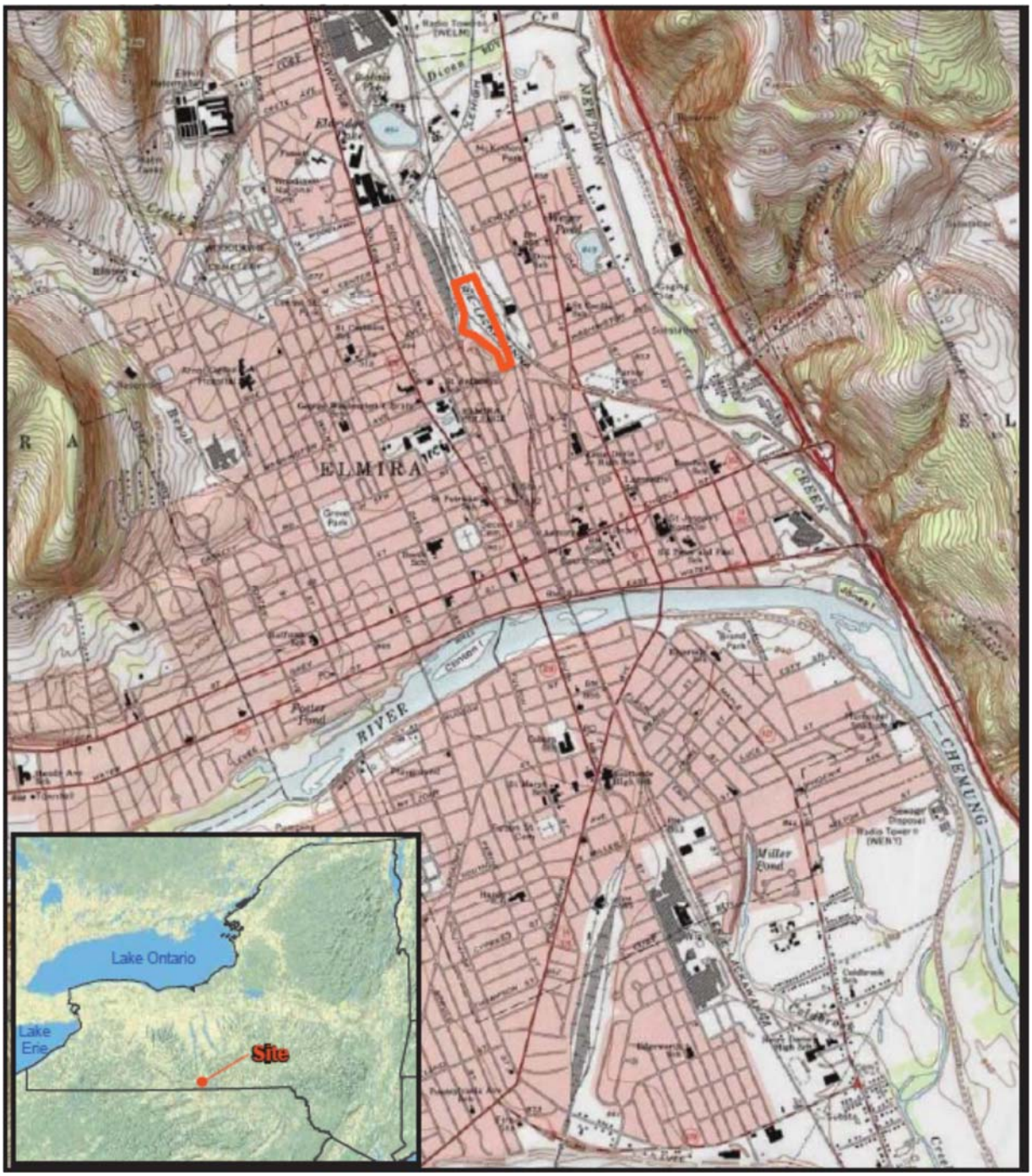

Site Location Map