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CONSERVATION**

Dear Interested Citizen:

The purpose of this Fact Sheet is to announce the start of a site characterization to examine potential contamination from the Luster-Coate Metallizing, Inc. Site off East Buffalo Street in the Village of Churchville. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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website/der/](http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/)

FACT SHEET

LUSTER-COATE METALLIZING, INC.

SITE CHARACTERIZATION

Churchville, Monroe County

Possible Hazardous Waste Site (Site # 8-28-113)

October 2004

Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), is pleased to inform you that the State will begin a site characterization (environmental investigation) at the Luster-Coate Metallizing, Inc. Site beginning in November 2004. The former manufacturing site is located at 32 East Buffalo Street (Route 33) along the east side of Black Creek in the Village of Churchville (see map below). The site characterization is NYSDEC's first investigation of a site where hazardous waste has or may have been disposed illegally or improperly.

The process will also determine whether or not the site poses a significant threat to public health or the environment. Finally, the site characterization will develop sufficient information for the proper classification of the site under the New York State Hazardous Waste Classification system, if necessary. The site is currently considered a potential hazardous waste site based on the abandoned material and existing environmental report described below.



Recently, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) started a chemical waste removal action at the request of NYSDEC under their program for removal of abandoned material. To date, USEPA has packaged chemicals abandoned on-site, cleaned several manufacturing areas that had contained abandoned material, and begun to remove the waste material. While no imminent threat was noted from the abandoned material, past site practices and the types of materials encountered indicate the need for a formal Site Characterization. For more information on the USEPA work, they have established a website at www.epaosc.net/lustercoate.

Background

Luster-Coate Metallizing Corporation provided application of metal film and paint coatings to plastic materials manufactured off-site. Prior to this activity, the site was reportedly used for a variety of industrial purposes including bottle processing and wooden toy manufacturing with industrial activity dating to at least 1929. Luster-Coate Metallizing Corp. is currently undergoing Chapter 7 liquidation. Operations at the site have ceased and drums, pails, and vats of chemicals were abandoned on-site until the USEPA began their removal

The property consists of a main building where manufacturing occurred and warehouse buildings for storage of parts and material. The main building consists of two levels with a footprint of approximately 36,000 square feet with portions reportedly dating to the 1800's. There are four warehouse buildings of varying sizes approximately 2,400 to 3,600 square feet reportedly built during the 1970's. The site is approximately 4.5 acres with the majority covered by the structures or pavement.

Previous Site Assessment Activities

The NYSDEC was provided a copy of an environmental site assessment completed by ENSR International, an environmental consultant, in 2001 on behalf of a third party for a potential property transaction. The investigation identified several areas of concern outside the manufacturing building including a former waste storage area, former aboveground storage tanks, and a possible off-site fuel tank that could be impacting the site. In addition, a chemical storage area, ventilation system sump, and caustic rinse from the manufacturing building were investigated. The analyses detected elevated concentrations of semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOC) in soils near the area of the caustic rinse sump. SVOCs are chemicals such as chrysene and naphthalene. SVOCs and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were detected in soil and ground water analyses near the off-site fuel storage tank. Elevated concentrations of VOCs were detected in the groundwater analyses from the existing site water supply wells and near the manufacturing building's storage area. VOCs are carbon containing chemicals that evaporate readily and include cleaning solvents and gasoline. Elevated concentrations of metals including zinc, nickel, thallium and mercury were detected in soil and/or groundwater. Although elevated levels of contaminants have been detected in groundwater and soil, the local area is serviced by a separate municipal water supply and no evidence of off-site impacts have been noted.

The Next Steps

Under the State Superfund program, NYSDEC will perform a site characterization investigation of the site. NYSDEC has selected Shaw Environmental, Inc. under to complete the investigation beginning approximately October 25, 2004. As part of the site assessment, various testing will be done to assist in classification of the site and determine if contamination is present. The investigation will focus on the following:

- a. conduct a background search on past uses and practices;
- b. defining groundwater quality and characteristics through installation and sampling of monitoring wells;
- c. collect and analyze surface and subsurface soil samples;
- d. identify discharge points for site drains and sumps;
- e. collect and analyze sediment samples; and,
- f. collect and analyze surface water samples.

Using results from the Site Characterization, NYSDEC and NYSDOH will classify the site within the State's Hazardous Waste Classification System or delist the site, and determine further actions necessary to investigate or remediate (clean up) the site. The site characterization investigation is anticipated to be completed May 2005.

For More Information

program. To keep you informed, NYSDEC distributes fact sheets, and places site documents for your review in a local repository. The Document Repository for the Luster-Coate Metallizing Site will be at the Newman-Riga Library.

Document Repository Newman-Riga Library One Village Park Churchville, NY 14428	by appointment at NYSDEC Central Office 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-7013	by appointment at NYSDEC Region 8 Office 6274 E. Avon-Lima Road Lima, NY 14414
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If you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding **environmental aspects** of the site, please contact Edward Hampston, P.E., Project Manager, at (518) 402-9812. For site related **health concerns** feel free to contact the New York State Department of Health at (518) 402-7860 or (800) 458-1158, Ext. 2-7860. For more information regarding a site characterization (PSA) or other remedial programs, please visit the Department's website at: http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/ihws/fs_psa.html.

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