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MEETING NOTICE

Former Sciore's Dry Cleaners Site (No.8-49-003)
Watkins Glen, Schuyler County

Dear Interested Citizen:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will host a public meeting to present the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Former Sciore's Dry Cleaners site. The public meeting will be held at:

DATE AND TIME:

Thursday
March 16, 2006
at 6:30 PM

PLACE:

Watkins Glen Middle School
Auditorium Room 201
200 10th Street
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Public comment on the PRAP is welcomed during this meeting, as well as any written comments received by Friday, March 31, 2006. Any comments received will be considered before the final selection of a remedial action plan is made for this site. Written comments should be directed to:

Mr. Jeffrey McCullough
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NYSDEC
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-7013

A Responsiveness Summary will be prepared to describe the State's answers or actions to address any remarks received during the public meeting or the comment period. The selected remedial action will then be documented by the State in a Record of Decision.

The attached fact sheet summarizes the remedial investigation, interim remedial measures and the PRAP. For more information about the site, all related documents are available at the public repository located at the Watkins Glen Public Library, 610 Decatur Street, Watkins Glen, NY 14891 and the Department's regional office located in Avon.

For any health related questions, please contact Ms. Charlotte M. Bethoney, NYSDOH at Toll Free (800) 458-1158 (Ext. 27860).

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Dear Interested Citizen:

This Fact Sheet provides an update for the former Sciore's Dry Cleaners site. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact one of the following:

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For site related health questions, please contact the New York State Department of Health's representative:

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Fact Sheet

Former Sciore's Dry Cleaners

Site No. 8-49-003

March 2006

PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and Health (NYSDOH) are pleased to inform you that the Remedial Investigation (RI) and the Interim Remedial Measures (IRM) have been completed at the Former Sciore's Dry Cleaners site. The site is located at 129-135 East 4th Street in the Village of Watkins Glen. The disposal of hazardous waste at the site has contaminated soil, indoor air and groundwater. The major contaminant found at the site is the dry cleaning compound tetrachloroethene (PCE). This informational fact sheet is part of a continuing citizen participation program for the site and provides a summary of remedial activities conducted and proposed for this site.

The next step is to present the results of the investigation and the proposed remedy, or clean up plans, to the public for comment. To do this, the NYSDEC, in cooperation with the NYSDOH, has prepared a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) which is outlined in this Fact Sheet. The PRAP was developed using the information from the RI, which assesses the nature and extent of contamination at the site, and the IRMs, which were implemented at the site to address the contamination.

PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

The Department will present the preferred alternative in the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP). The PRAP is available for review at the document repositories listed below for public comment from March 1, 2006 until March 31, 2006. The Department will also hold a public meeting as indicated in the attached public meeting notice to discuss the PRAP and to accept comments from the public. The Department's final decision will be presented in a Record of Decision (ROD) and the community will be notified of the decision. Based on the results of the investigation at the site and the IRMs that have been performed, the NYSDEC is proposing the following remedy:

- (1) Installing Sub Slab Depressurization (SSD) systems in the existing on-site building and one off-site building. This action has been completed as of December 2005. Conduct additional indoor air sampling in residences in close proximity to the site in February 2006. If data indicate contravention of NYSDOH air guidance values, SSD systems will be offered to those building owners as part of the remedy.
- (2) Conduct groundwater monitoring.
- (3) Development of a site management plan to address residual contamination and any access and use restrictions.
- (4) Imposition of an environmental easement with periodic certification of the institutional controls. Institutional controls are methods used to control access to a contaminated site, such as fencing, deed restrictions and easements.

REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION

The purpose of the RI was to define the nature and extent of any contamination resulting from previous activities at the site. The RI was conducted between June 2004 and February 2006. The field activities and findings of the investigation are described in the RI report.

The following activities were conducted during the RI:

- (1) Research of historical information;
- (2) Installation of 12 soil borings and three monitoring wells for analysis of soils and groundwater as well as physical properties of soil and hydrogeologic conditions;
- (3) Collection of one surface water sample from the storm water sewer manhole;
- (4) Sampling of nine new and existing monitoring wells;
- (5) Collection of 51 groundwater samples; and
- (6) Collection of three sub-slab vapor samples, four indoor air samples and two outdoor air samples.

The field activities and findings of the investigation are described in the RI reports. The RI data indicates that PCE was detected in groundwater at concentrations above the standards, criteria and guidance (SCGs). SCGs are values that indicate acceptable levels of contaminants.

INTERIM REMEDIAL MEASURES

An interim remedial measure (IRM) is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before completion of the RI/FS. The IRM taken at this site consisted of mitigation measures taken at the on-site building and one adjacent building to address current human exposures (via inhalation) to volatile organic compounds (i.e., PCE) associated with soil vapor intrusion into buildings. The placement of a sub slab depressurization (SSD) system in both the on-site building and one off-site building were completed in an IRM conducted in December 2005. In February 2006, additional indoor air/sub slab sampling of structures adjacent to and down gradient of the site will be performed. If data indicate contravention of NYSDOH air guidelines, SSD systems will be offered to those building owners as part of the remedy.

DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES

Public understanding and involvement are crucial to the success of New York's hazardous waste remedial program. For more information, please contact those listed in the side bar on the previous page. Various site related documents are available for review at the following locations:

Watkins Glen Public Library
610 Decatur Street,
Watkins Glen, NY 14891
(607) 535-2346
Hours: Monday - Friday
11am - 5pm & 7pm - 9pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm
Sunday 2pm - 4pm

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(Contact Lisa LoMaestro Silvestri
for an appointment)

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