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Further Information

We hope this Fact Sheet will help bring you up to date on activities at this site. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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FACT SHEET

Dowcraft - South Dow Street

Hazardous Waste Site # 907020

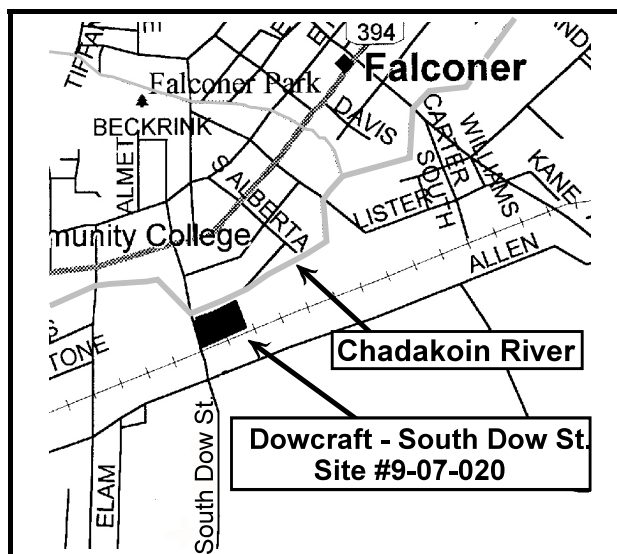
Cleanup Activities Update

November 2005

INTRODUCTION

Dowcraft Corporation, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) are pleased to inform you that cleanup activities are continuing at the Dowcraft South Dow Street hazardous waste site located at 65 South Dow Street, Falconer, NY. (See site map below). These cleanup activities are occurring as a result of a cleanup plan that was finalized by NYSDEC in a Record of Decision (ROD) issued in March 2003.

NYSDEC is providing this fact sheet to explain why cleanup activities at the Dowcraft site are occurring, what the activities will involve, and how to obtain more information.



SITE HISTORY

The Dowcraft site consists of property formerly owned by the Dowcraft Corporation. Various industrial operations have taken place at the site since the early 1900's. The building was initially a woolen mill; however, in the late 1930's the woolen mill was converted to a factory which made steel partitions. Dowcraft continued the manufacturing of steel partitions for office space and the telecommunications industry until 1999 when they moved into a new facility located on Lister Avenue. The facility was demolished in 1999 and in 2000, Jamestown Container purchased the site. Jamestown Allenco Inc. assumed Dowcraft's site remediation (cleanup) responsibilities in 2000. Future development of the site is restricted to commercial/industrial use.

ENVIRONMENTAL BACKGROUND

The Dowcraft facility was the subject of environmental investigations in the early 1990's. A report, "Environmental Investigation - Dowcraft Corporation", April 1991, presented initial findings at the site. In April 1993, a "Remediation Plan for the Dowcraft Corporation Site" was prepared which more clearly identified the presence of a contaminant called trichloroethene (TCE) in groundwater beneath the site. In 1994, Dowcraft proceeded with an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) consisting of a groundwater extraction and treatment system (air stripper) to address the TCE contamination. This system extracted groundwater from the area of where the vapor degreaser had been located and immediately downgradient from this location, and operated until the spring of 1999 when the facility was demolished.

An Order on Consent was signed with the company in March 2000 to finalize site investigations and develop a site cleanup plan. In May 2000, an additional IRM was approved by NYSDEC. The IRM included a cleanup technique that involved in-situ (in-place) chemical oxidation of TCE through the injection of potassium permanganate into the groundwater system located directly beneath the old degreaser source and immediately downgradient of this source area. This cleanup technique was performed again in November 2000 and June 2001. A Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Focused Feasibility Study was finalized in July 2002. Using information from the site investigation and feasibility study, the NYSDEC developed a Proposed Remedial Action Plan. The proposed plan was formally presented to the public for comment in early 2003. After considering all comments received, NYSDEC finalized a site cleanup plan in a Record of Decision that was issued in March 2003. On September 13, 2005, NYSDEC entered into an Order on Consent with Jamestown Allenco Inc., agreeing to do the cleanup work identified in the Record of Decision.

CURRENT CLEANUP ACTIVITIES

Based on the Record of Decision, cleanup activities at the site include the following:

- groundwater treatment through chemical oxidation, by injection of potassium permanganate dissolved in water, through existing well points into the shallow overburden groundwater table;
- groundwater monitoring to verify the effectiveness of the treatment;
- institutional controls that would prevent the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the Chautauqua County Health Department;

In late November, 2005, the next injection of potassium permanganate will occur.

NEXT STEPS

Cleanup activities and groundwater monitoring will continue until appropriate cleanup standards are met. A Draft Remedial Work Plan for the site is available for you to review at the document repository listed below. The Draft Remedial Work Plan provides a detailed explanation of the cleanup plans and techniques for the site, and includes a site groundwater monitoring schedule.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information about this project, you are encouraged to review site related documents at:

Falconer Village Library
101 West Main Street,
Falconer, NY 14733-1613
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or, if you have any questions or concerns regarding cleanup activities or other site related environmental issues, please contact Ms. Linda Ross at (716) 851-7220. For site related health concerns, please contact Mr. Cameron O'Connor, Public Health Specialist, New York State Department of Health at (716) 847-4385.