

# Ashland Tank 75

State Superfund Program

Site No. 915008B

Tonawanda, Erie County



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

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## Investigation Completed at State Superfund Site; Results will Help Evaluate Alternatives to Address Contamination

A detailed environmental study has been completed by Ashland LLC (“remedial party”) for the Ashland Tank 75 site (“site”) accessed through the United Refining property, addressed as 4625 River Road, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location.

NYSDEC has approved a “Remedial Investigation Report” (RIR) that describes the results of the site investigation and recommends development of a cleanup plan to address contamination that has been found.

- Access the RIR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/915008B/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under “Where to Find Information.”

### Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report

- Samples were collected from water and sediment/sludge present in Tank 75, surface and subsurface soil, and groundwater surrounding Tank 75.
- During the investigation, a petroleum sheen and odor was present on the water surface within Tank 75, indicating remaining petroleum impacts from the past use of the structure.
- VOCs, SVOCs, PCBs, metals, and PFAS were detected above one or more standard, criteria, or guidance value in the sediment/sludge within Tank 75. Some of the materials exhibit signs of petroleum contamination.
- Subsurface soil and groundwater around Tank 75 appeared to be largely unimpacted by the structure. However, multiple holes in the concrete liner were identified during the investigation but could not be fully investigated due to accessibility issues.
- Screening for technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material (TENORM) during investigation activities. No radiological issues were identified during the investigation.
- Based on these findings, NYSDEC has recommended that a feasibility study be done to assess best possible choices for site cleanup and removal of Tank 75 and its contents.

### Next Steps

A Feasibility Study will be conducted based on information obtained during the investigation to:

- 1) define the objectives of the site cleanup program;
- 2) develop cleanup alternatives; and
- 3) screen and analyze the alternatives.

NYSDEC will then develop a draft cleanup plan, called a “Proposed Remedial Action Plan.” This plan describes the cleanup actions preferred by NYSDEC to address contamination related to the site. The draft cleanup plan will explain the decision that led to the preferred cleanup by discussing each alternative and the reasons for choosing or rejecting it. The goal of the plan will be to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will announce the availability of the draft

cleanup plan in a future fact sheet and present it to the public for its review and comment during a 30-day comment period and at a public meeting.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

## Site Description

The 1.25-acre Ashland Tank 75 site is located in an industrial area of the Town of Tonawanda. The site is accessed through the United Refining property, addressed as 4625 River Road, which is bound by the I-190 to the southwest, the Seaway/Niagara Landfill to the northeast, River Road to the northwest and commercial properties to the southeast. The Niagara River is approximately 3,300 feet north of the site.

The Tank 75 structure is approximately 200 feet by 300 feet in size, constructed during World War II to store crude oil. Because of the shortage of steel during the war, the impoundment was built as a concrete (gunite) lined structure to a depth of approximately 28 feet below grade.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 915008B) at:

<https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

## State Superfund Program

New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/state-superfund-sites>

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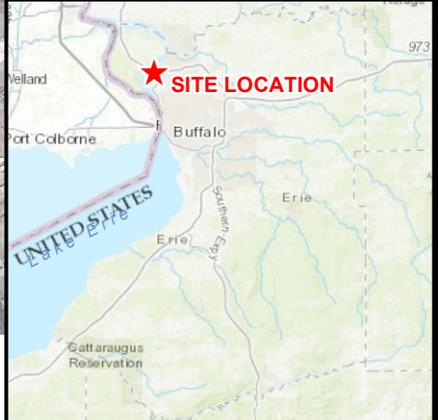
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