## NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF



# ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

#### **Dear Interested Citizen:**

This Fact Sheet is to inform you about the clean up plans for the Pfohl Brothers Landfill site located in Cheektowaga, N.Y. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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For site related health questions, please contact the following New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) representatives:

Mr. Joseph Crua
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NYSDOH
547 River Street
Troy, NY 12180
1 (800) 458-1158, ext 27860

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Outreach Unit
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# FACT SHEET

### PFOHL BROTHERS LANDFILL Site # 9-15-043

**REMEDIAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE: June 2000** 

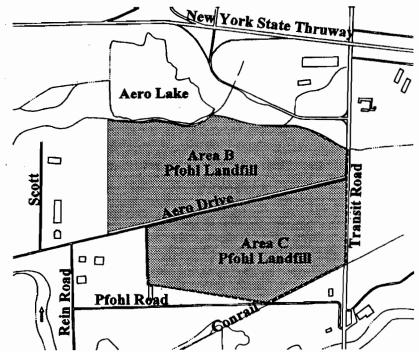
#### INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), are pleased to inform you that negotiations with the Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) Group are nearing completion. A legal agreement for the remedial program is expected to be signed this summer and the work is expected to start immediately thereafter. The design for the Pfohl Brothers Landfill remedial construction project is complete.

#### BACKGROUND

In 1992, the NYSDEC selected the following cleanup option for the site: covering the landfill with clay and a liner material; encircling the landfill with a barrier to prevent movement of contaminated groundwater; and, collection and treatment of the groundwater. As a first step, before the final remedy was constructed, drums were removed as an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM). This IRM program was initiated by the NYSDEC in 1992 and completed by the PRP Group.

In 1994, the PRP Group agreed to begin to develop remedial design plans and specifications. To gather additional design data, a number of field activities were undertaken. These activities, conducted with direct involvement and oversight by the state, included: a delineation of landfill materials, a landfill gas study, a wetlands assessment, extraction well pump tests and other field programs. The PRP Group submitted a "Predesign Activity Report", dated October 1994, which summarized the findings of these activities.



#### REMEDIAL PLAN

The PRP Group submitted the Design Report and other relevant documents in October 1999. The design report details the various components of the remedy which include:

- Waste excavation (about 365,000 cubic yards) and consolidation from 31 acres of the landfill. The excavated areas will be tested and backfilled with clean fill.
- Construction of a 10,000 ft. long groundwater collection system around the perimeter of areas B and C and a 1000 ft. interior collection system in area B.
- Construction of an on-site treatment system to process the collected groundwater prior to discharge to the Buffalo Sewer Authority sewer.

- Construction of an multi-peak 98 acre multilayer cover system over the landfill.
- Implementation of surface water management program.
- Wetlands restoration plan.
- A long term Operation and Maintenance plan will be implemented at the completion of construction.

During construction, NYSDEC will oversee the work to assure that work is being conducted according to the approved documents, including a Health and Safety Plan.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Upon final approval of the remedial design, the NYSDEC will hold a Public Availability Session to discuss the construction project. Staff from the NYSDEC and NYSDOH will be present to discuss the various components of the project and answer any questions you may have. A Meeting Notice will be distributed when this session has been scheduled announcing the date, time and location.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

The NYSDEC and the NYSDOH will keep you informed throughout the remedial program. Your understanding and involvement in this project will help to ensure an effective remediation. If you would like more information about this project, you are urged to review site related documents at:

Cheektowaga:

North Branch Library 735 Maryvale Drive

Cheektowaga, N.Y.;

Williamsville:

Public Library 5571 Main Street

Williamsville, N.Y.

or by appointment only at:

NYSDEC's Buffalo Office, 270 Michigan Avenue,

(716) 851-7220

Buffalo, N.Y.,

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the remediation or other environmental aspects of the site, please contact Mr. Jaspal S. Walia at (716) 851-7220; or call, toll free, 1-800-342-9296 and leave your name, address and request. For health related concerns regarding this site, feel free to contact the New York State Department of Health's Mr. Joseph Crua, Public Health Specialist, at (518) 402-7860; or by calling Mr. Mark VanDeusen of the Department's Health Outreach Unit at, 1 (800) 458-1158, ext. 27530.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION** In an effort to keep you fully informed, the Department thought you should be aware of the following:

Since waste from area C (see sketch on reverse side), which is on the south side of the Aero Drive, has to be hauled to area B, on north side of Aero Drive, Aero Drive may have to be closed. The planned road closure, time frame, and anticipated detours will be determined by Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA), the PRP Group's engineering consultant. If you would like more information about this matter, please feel free to contact Michael Percival, the PRP Group's representative, at: (734) 261-0280.