



POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

Indian Road, Depew, NY	02-8601-35
Address	TDD Number

SITE DESCRIPTION

The Land Reclamation, Inc. site is a municipal landfill, approximately 100 acres in size, which began operating in approximately 1965. The facility was permitted by the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for the disposal of industrial wastes, including foundry sands, slag, and core sands. Various NYSDEC-prohibited wastes were also reportedly disposed of in the landfill, including oil sludge, pine tar pitch, acidic wastes, inks, lubricating oils, and phenolic binders. In the late 1970's Newco Waste Systems purchased Land Reclamation, Inc. The latter continued to operate the landfill under the ownership of Newco Waste Systems until Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) assumed ownership in 1982. BFI currently operates a waste transfer station on-site.

PRIORITY FOR FURTHER ACTION: HIGH MEDIUM X LOW NONE RECOMMENDATIONS

A medium priority is given to this site, as previous sampling of surface and groundwaters indicated the presence of numerous contaminants, including heavy metals, phenols, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB). There is no immediate health hazard, as groundwater is not used for drinking water and the nearest surface water intake is approximately nine miles downstream of the site. However, the Cayuga Creek, which lies adjacent to the site, is used for recreational purposes. Also, the site itself is easily accessible.

Prepared by: Joann Wagner Date: March 13, 1986

of NUS Corporation

POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PART 1 - SITE INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT

1. IDENTIFICATION
01 STATE 02 SITE NUMBER
NY D000513929

II. SITE NAME AND LOCATION Ol SITE NAME (Legal, common, or descriptive name of site)	O2 STREE	ET, ROUTE NO., (OR SPECIFIC	LOCATION ID	ENTIFIER
Land Reclamation	Indian				
03 CITY	04 STATE	05 ZIP CODE	06 COUNTY	07 COUNTY CODE	08 CONG DIST.
Depew O9 COORDINATES	NY	14043	Erie	029	38
LATITUDE LONGITUDE					
4 2 5 4 0 2 N 7 8 4 3 2 4 W					
10 DIRECTIONS TO SITE (Starting from nearest public road)					
Proceed west on Broadway in Depew to 'T' intersection withi Industries, owner and operator of former Land Reclamation f	in Indian F facilty, wi	Road; turn left ill be on left-h	onto Indiar nand side of	n Road. Bro f the road.	wning - Ferris
III. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES 01 OWNER (if known)	O2 STREE	T (Business, ma	iling, resi	dential)	
Browning - Ferris Industries	2321 Ker	more Avenue, Bo	x 9		
03 CITY	04 STATE			06 TELEP	HONE NUMBER
Kenmore 07 OPERATOR (if known and different from owner)	NY OR STREE	14217	7411 	(716) 87	3-7500
		T (Business, ma	•	gential)	
Browning - Ferris Industries 09 CITY	2321 Ker 10 STATE	more Avenue, Bo		12 TELEP	HONE NUMBER
Kenmore	NY	14217			
13 TYPE OF OWNERSHIP (Check one)				(716) 87	
X A. PRIVATE B. FEDERAL: (Agency name)	_ c.	STATE D	. COUNTY	E	. MUNICIPAL
F. OTHER: (Specify)	e.	UNKNOWN			
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14. OWNER/OPERATOR NOTIFICATION ON FILE (Check all that app	ily)			•	
A. RCRA 3001 DATE RECEIVED:/ / B. UN	CONTROLLED	WASTE SITE (CE	RCLA 103 c)	DATE RECEI	VED: <u>//</u>
X C. NONE					
IV. CHARACTERIZATION OF POTENTIAL HAZARD					
Ol ON SITE INSPECTION BY (Check all that ap	ply)				
X YES DATE: 5 / / 85 A. EPA X B. EPA	A CONTRACT	TOR C. STAT	Œ D.	OTHER CONT	RACTOR
NO E. LOCAL HEALTH OF	FICIAL	X F. OTH	IER: State	Contractor	
CONTRACTOR NAME(S)	: Engineer	ing-Science in		cify) with Dame	% Moore
			23300100	with bank	<u> </u>
02 SITE STATUS (Check one)	03 YEARS	OF OPERATION			
X A. ACTIVE B. INACTIVE C. UNKNOWN	1965 BEGIN	1983 INING ENDI		_ '	UNKNOWN
04 DESCRIPTION OF SUBSTANCES POSSIBLY PRESENT, KNOWN, OR ALL The site was permitted by the New York State Department of including foundry sands slag, and core sands. Various NYSD sludge, pine tar pitch, acidic wastes, ink, lubricating oil	LEGED Environmen EC - prohi	ital Conservatio	n for the d		
05 DESCRIPTION OF POTENTIAL HAZARD TO ENVIRONMENT AND/OR PO- Contaminants were previously detected in suface water and g continued contamination of these water resources and of flo population exposure via surface waters, as the Cayuga Creek	roundwater	ına inhabiting t	the area. 1	mation. The	ere is potential for a potential for
IV. PRIORITY ASSESSMENT Ol PRIORITY FOR INSPECTION (Check one. If high or medium i Description of Hazardous Conditions and Incidents)	s checked,	, complete Part	2 - Waste i	nformation	and Part 3 -
A. HIGH $\frac{X}{X}$ B. MEDIU (Inspection required promptly) (Inspection requ		C. LO		basis)	
D. NOME (No further action needed, comple	te current	disposition fo	ra)		
VI. INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM					
01 CONTACT 02 OF (Agency/Organiz	-		LEPHONE NUM	IBEK	
Diana Messina U.S. Environmental Pr	otection A	lgency (201)	321-6685		
04 PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSMENT 05 AGENCY 06 ORG	ANIZATION	07 TELEPHONE N	UMBER	08 DA	TE
Joann Wagner NUS Corp. Region	n II FIT	(201) 225-6160)	3 /12	/ 86_

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POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PART 2 - WASTE INFORMATION

1. IDENTIFICATION
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1.					
II. WASTE STATE	S, QUANTITIES, AND CHARACTER	OZ WASTE QUANTITY AT	SITE 03 WASTE CHA	RACTERISTICS (Check all	that apply)
X A. SOLID B. POWDER, X C. SLUDGE D. OTHER:	E. SLURRY	(Measures of waste quantities must be independent) TONS Unknot YARDS Unknot NO. OF DRUMS N/A	X A. TOXIC B. CORROSIVE C. RADIOACTIVE X D. PERSISTENT	F. INFECTIOUS _ J. I X G. FLAMMABLE _ K. I H. IGNITABLE _ L.	HIGHLY VOLATILE EXPLOSIVE REACTIVE INCOMPATIBLE NOT APPLICABLE
III. WASTE TYPE	SUBSTANCE NAME	01 GROSS AMOUNT	02 UNIT OF MEASURE	03 COMMENTS	
SLU *	SLUDGE	Unknown	Unknown	Background infor	mation does not
OFM	OILY WASTE	Unknown	Unknown	indicate the qua	
SOL	SOLVENTS			disposed of at t	
PSD	PESTICIDES			mation facility.	
0 CC	OTHER ORGANIC CHEMICALS	Unknown	Unknown		
100	INORGANIC CHEMICALS		•		•
ACD	ACIDS	Unknown	Unknown		
BAS	BASES				•
MES	HEAVY METALS				
	UBSTANCES (See Appendix for				06 MEASURE OF
CATEGORY	02 SUBSTANCE NAME	03 CAS NUMBER	04 STORAGE/DISPOSAL ME	THOD OS CONCENTRATION	CONCENTRATION
			••		
			_		
		•			
	•				
V. FEEDSTOCKS (See Appendix for CAS Numbers 01 FEEDSTOCK NAME	OZ CAS NUMB	ER CATEGORY	O1 FEEDSTOCK NAME	O2 CAS NUMBER
FDS	UI IEEDSTOOK WEEL	OE CRO HOND	FDS	VI TEEDSTOOK WALL	OL OID NOIDEN
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U.S. EPA backgr		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			

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POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PART 3 - DESCRIPTION OF HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND INCIDENTS

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II. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND INCIDENTS				
Ol X A. GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION O3 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: OAccording to a report by RECRA Research a investigation to determine the extent of include heavy metals, phenols, & PCB's.	02 X OBSERVED (DATE: 1979 04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION nd Wehran Engineering, groundwater sampl groundwater contamination at the site.	es were co Contaminan	_ POTENTIAL llected as part of ts detected in the	_ ALLEGED a hydrogeologic. groundwater
01. X B. SURFACE WATER CONTAMINATION 03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 8910 According to the same report cited above, along the southern property boundary, wer recreational purposes such as canoeing, f	surface water samples collected from se e contaminated with heavy metals, phenol	even locati s & PCB's.	_ POTENTIAL ons along Cayuga C Area residents us	_ ALLEGED reek,which flows e the creek for
Ol x C. CONTAMINATION OF AIR O3 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 8910 The potential exists, as phenolic binders surface and groundwater samples collected odor problems. During the site inspectio monitoring but did not detect volatile or	were reportedly disposed of at the faci from the site. Citizen complaints asso n by Engineering-Science for Dames & Moo	ciated wit ore in 1985	h the facility inc	luded reports of
Ol. x D. FIRE/EXPLOSIVE CONDITIONS O3 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 3300 The potential exists, as flammable wastes at the facility.	02 OBSERVED (DATE: 0 04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION such as oil sludge, pine tar pitch, and) lubricati	<u>X</u> POTENTIAL ng oils were repor	ALLEGED tedly disposed o
01. X E. DIRECT CONTACT 03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 690 The potential for direct contact is great		enced.	<u>x</u> POTENTIAL	_ ALLEGED
01 X F. CONTAMINATION OF SOIL 03 AREA POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 10 (ACRES) The potential is great. According to the water is in contact with the landfill, an Creek.	May 1979 "Hydrogeologic Investigation o			
Ol. X G. DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATION O3 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 891 There is a slight potential for drinking located downstream of the site. The high waters adjacent to the landfill is cause intake is approximately 9 miles downstream	water contamination as a public water so ly toxic and persistent nature of the co for concern for potential drinking water	ntaminants	previously detect	ed in surface
Ol X H. WORKER EXPOSURE/INJURY O3 WORKERS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: Unknow The potential exists, as the landfilled a			<u>X</u> POTENTIAL	_ ALLEGED
O1 X I. POPULATION EXPOSURE/INJURY	O2 OBSERVED (DATE:		X POTENTIAL	ALLEGED

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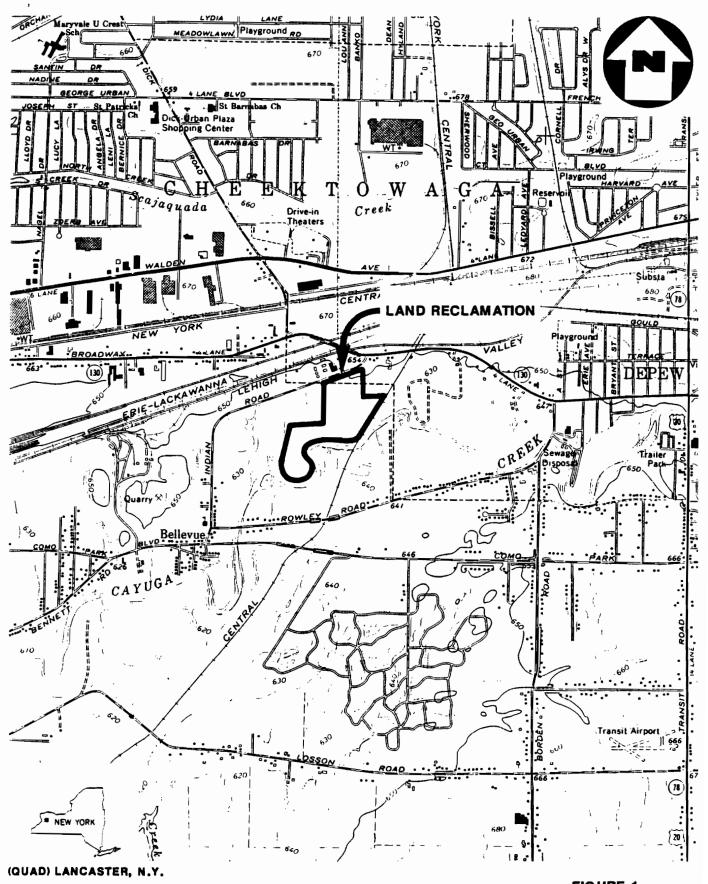
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1. IDENTIFICATION 01 STATE 02 SITE NUMBER NY D000513929

II. HAZARDOUS COMDITIONS AND INCIDENTS (Continued)		
01 x J. DAMAGE TO FLORA 04 MARRATIVE DESCRIPTION The potential for damage to aquatic flora exists, as co from the creek adjacent to the site. There is no recor conducted in 1979.	O2 _ OBSERVED (DATE: ontaminants were previously found in surfard of containment or remediation efforts s	ce water samples collected
01 X K. DAMAGE TO FAUNA 04 NĀRRATIVE: DESCRIPTION (Include name(s) of species) The potential÷ for damage to aquatic fauna exists as des to local fauna which may drink from the Cayuga Creek.	O2 _ OBSERVED (DATE:	
01 X L. CONTAMINATION OF FOOD CHAIN 04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION The potential exists, as there is potential for damage and PCB, which were detected in previous surface water	02 OBSERVED (DATE: to both flora and fauna. Contaminants su samples, have a tendency to bioaccumulate	ch as mercury, lead, chromium
01 X M. UNSTABLE CONTAINMENT OF WASTES (Spills/runoff/standing liquids/leaking drums) 03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: Background information does not include any mention of is noted that at one time there was a leachate collecticontamination indicates instability of a liner, if pres	ion pond southwest of the landfill mound.	of the landfill, although it Surface and groundwater
Ol N. DAMAGE TO OFFSITE PROPERTY O4 NĀRRATIVE DESCRIPTION There is no record of damage to off-stie property resul	02 _ OBSERVED (DATE: ting form activities at Land Reclamation.	
OI X O. CONTAMINATION OF SEWERS, STORM DRAINS, WWTPS O4 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION According to a report by RECRA Research and Wehran Engi landfill exhibited elevated levels of sodium, arsenic,	ineering, samples collected from a storm s	
O1 X P. ILLEGAL/UNAUTHORIZED DUNPING	02 _ OBSERVED (DATE:	_)POTENTIAL _X ALLEGED
O4 MARRATIVE DESCRIPTION According to a Phase I report submitted to the NYSDEC, including oil sludge, pine tar pitch, acidic wastes, in O5 DESCRIPTION OF ANY OTHER KNOWN, POTENTIAL, OR ALLEG	iks, lubricating oils and phenolic binders	rious NYSDEC-prohibited wastes • .:
No other known hazards.		
III. TOTAL POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 89100		
IV. COMMENTS Two monitoring wells were installed as part of a hydrog Phase II work plans include the installation of more ov groundwater flow is north to south. Concern is express contamination from the Schultz Demolition and Construct	erburden and bedrock wells, the location and for determining possible contributions	of which indicates that
V. SOURCES OF INFORMATION (Cite specific references. U.S. EPA background file. Telecon note, 3/13/86: Telephone conversation between D U.S.G.S. Topographic Map. Lancaster, NY Quadrangle, 7.5 General Software Corporation, Graphical Exposure Modeli	ennis Sutton of NUS Corp. and Ron Koczaja minute series.	

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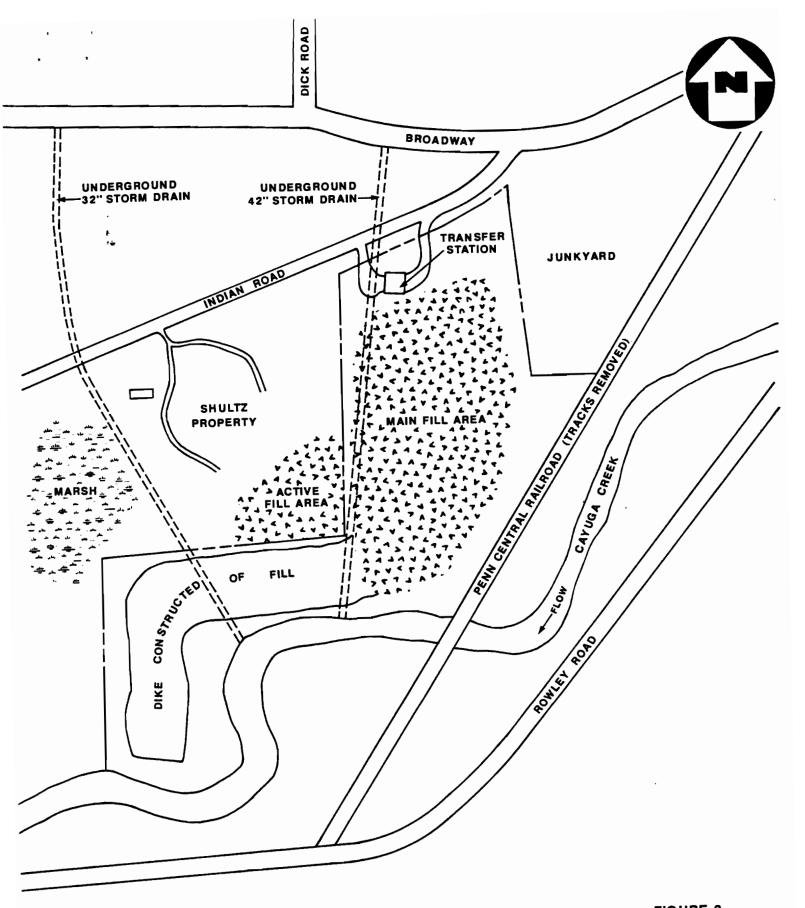
APPENDIX A MAPS AND PHOTOS



SITE LOCATION MAP
LAND RECLAMATION, DEPEW, N.Y.

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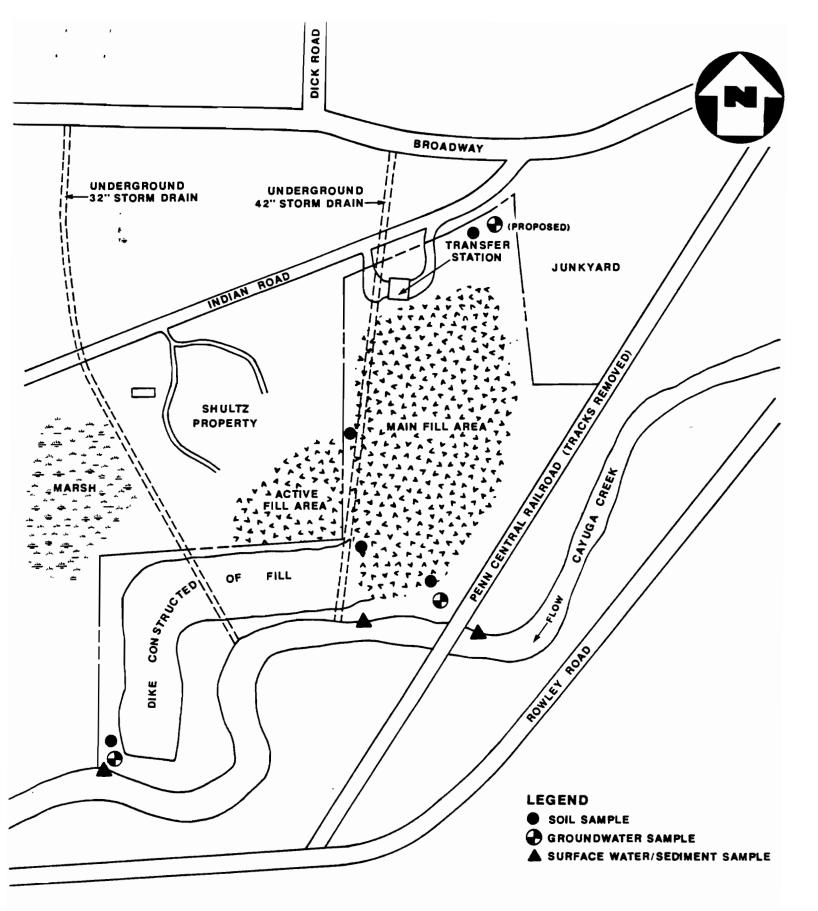


SITE MAP

LAND RECLAMATION, DEPEW, N.Y.

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PRE-SAMPLE LOCATION MAP
LAND RECLAMATION, DEPEW, N.Y.

((NOT TO SCALE)

FIGURE 3



LAND RECLAMATION DEPEW, NEW YORK TDD# 02-8601-35 FEBRUARY 26, 1986

PHOTOGRAPH INDEX

ALL PHOTOS TAKEN BY JOE MAYO

Photo Aumber	Description	Time
2P-13	Main fill area of Land Reclamation in background, with Schultz property building in foreground, facing southeast from Indian Road.	1145
2P-14	Main fill area of Land Reclamation facing south from Indian Road.	1155
2P-15	Waste transfer station, facing south from Indian Road.	1156
2P-16	East end of waste transfer station, facing southwest from Indian Road. Truck can be seen unloading material into open bay of transfer station.	1156



LAND RECLAMATION, DEPEW, NEW YORK



P-13 February 26, 1986 1145
Main fill area of Land Reclamation in background, with Schultz property building in foreground, facing southeast from Indian Road.
Photographer: Joe Mayo.



2P-14 February 26, 1986 1155
Main fill area of Land Reclamation facing south from Indian Road.
Photographer: Joe Mayo.



LAND RECLAMATION, DEPEW, NEW YORK



2P-15 February 26, 1986 1156
Waste transfer station, facing south from Indian Road.
Photographer: Joe Mayo.



2P-16 February 26, 1986 1156
East end of waste transfer station, facing southwest from Indian Road. Truck can be seen unloading material into open bay of transfer station.
Photographer: Joe Mayo.

APPENDIX 8 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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SITE DATA

LACTION - SON

EPA ID NU.: NYLUU0513929 SHEET OI

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+__+ *__+ STREET: INDIAN RU CONG. DIST.: 38 NUTIS: 0

NATE PRIORITY: N CITY: ULPLW ST: NY LIP: 14043-___ STS: 2

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RESPUNSE TERMINATION (CHECK ONE OF APPLICABLE): PENDING *_* NO FURTHER ACTION *_* OTHER: O

ENFURCEMENT DISPUSITION (CHECK ANY THAT APPLY): NO VIABLE RESPONSIBLE PARTY *_* - VOLUNTARY RESPONSE *_*

ENFORCED RESPONSE *_* COST RECOVERY * *

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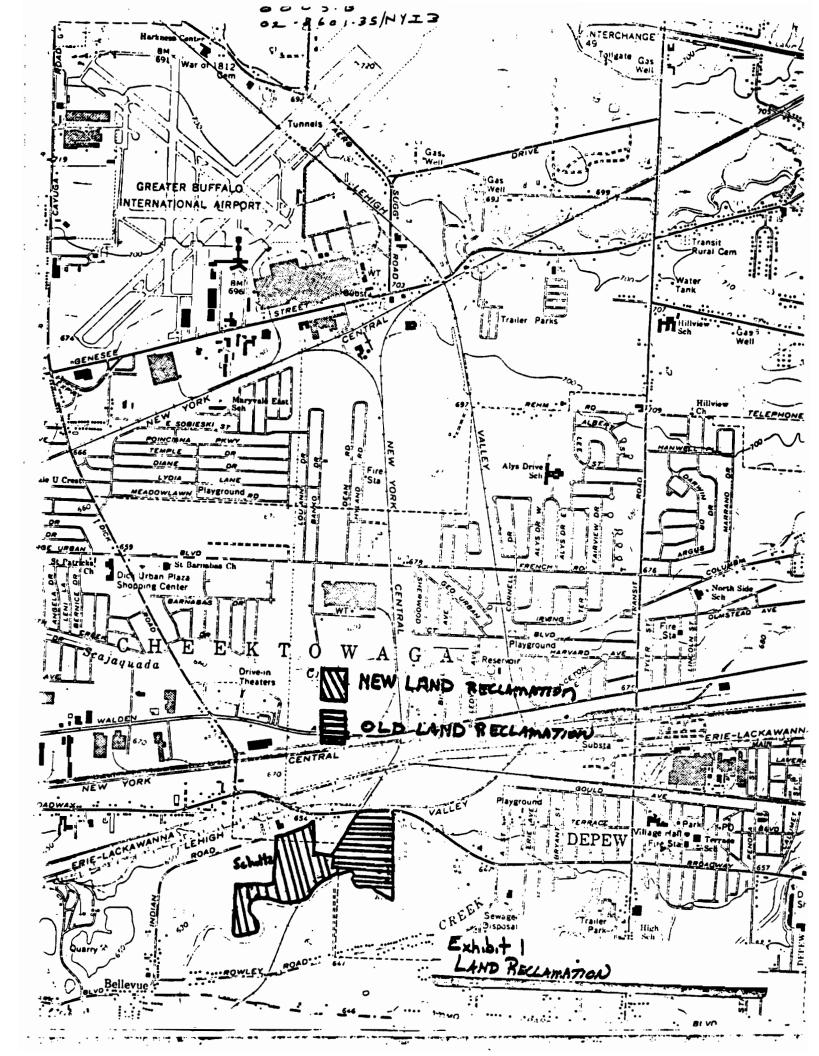
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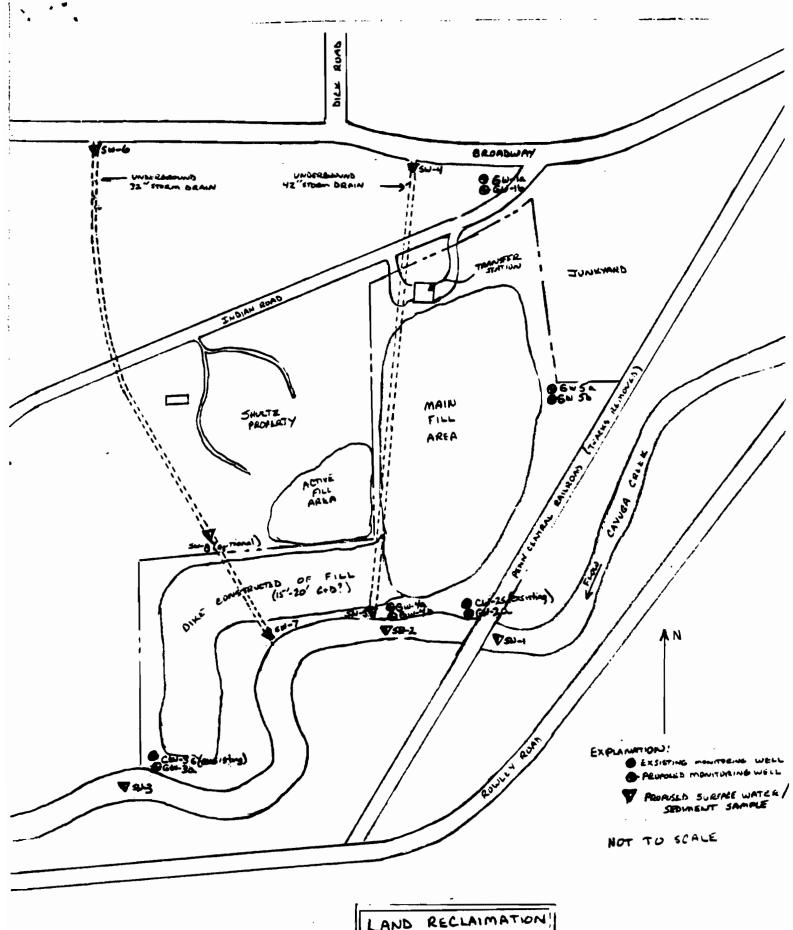
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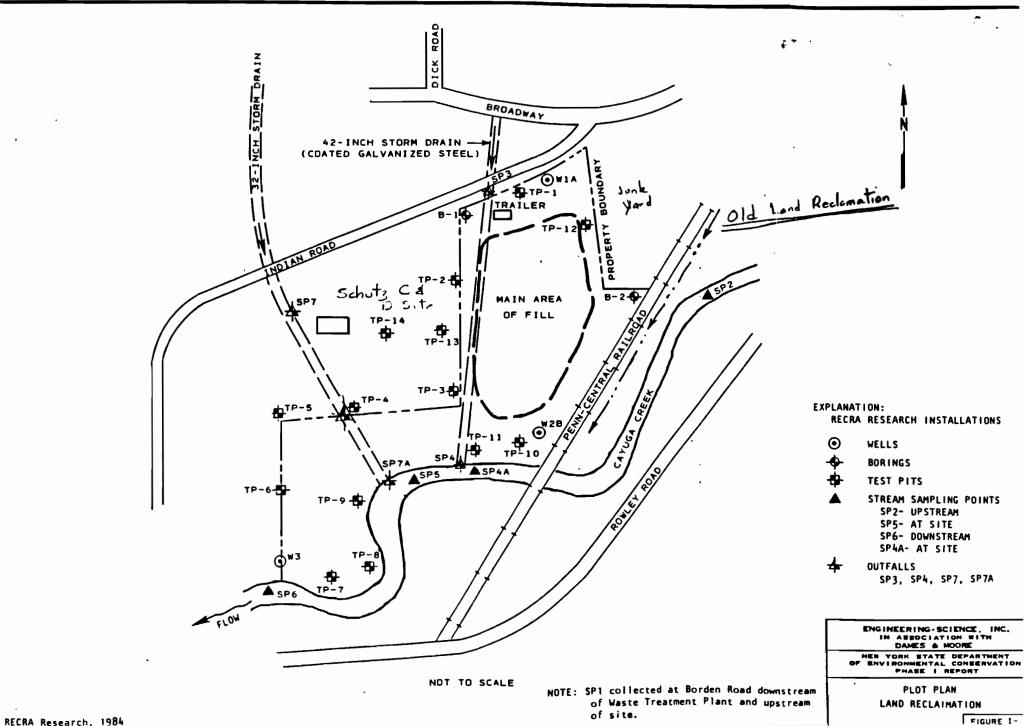
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ICE: RECRA Research, 1984

Draft Phase II Work Plan Land Reclamation Town of Cheektowaga, Erie County 10 # 915070 prepared by David Vitale

Geophysics: Electromagnetic (Terrain Conductivity) limited electrical restrictly surveys of main fill area

Grandwater: See attached map

designation	prose	agrifer	appromise screen dept
6 W-1a	upgraduent (north)	bedrock	40 feet
GW-1b	upgradient (north)	overburden	15-feet
Gw-2a	downgradient	bedrock	40 feet
6W-3a	downgradient	bedrack	40 feet
GW-4a	downgradient	bedrock	40 feet
GW-46	dangradient	overburden	15 feet
6W-5a	upgradient (northeast)	bedrock	40 feet
GW-5b	upgadient (northeast)	overburden	15 feet

Surface Water

and Sediment: See attached map

description	Arase
SW-1	upgndient
-Sw-2	upgradied from 42 storm-sower outlet / doungradient from Sw.
SW-3	doungradient
su.4	upgradient (42 "Storm sewer)
Sw-5	doungadient (42" storm sewer autlet)
Sw-6	upgradient (32" storm sewer)
Sw-7	downgradient (32" Storm sewer outlet)
5w-8	- property differentiation (optional) see note below

Analysis: Groundwater: GCIMS scan (as per Generic Work Plan), Priority Pollutant Metals, PCB's Surface Water: GCIMS scan (as per Generic Work Plan), Priority Pollutant Metals PCB's Soil /Sediment: GCIMS scan (as per Generic Work Plan), Priority Pollutant Metals, PCB's Samples should be collected from CW-25 and CW-35 (exsisting) as Well as from all newly installed wells.

Air: HNU meter (premisty specified in cover letter)

Soldy: Level D with respirators available minimum

Other Concerns: - Apporty boundnes must be reinfied.

- Exsisting monitoring wells (CW-25 and CW-35) should be evaluated for Compatibility with the Phase II program requirements, (ie. construction, integrity) - SW-8 should be collected from an access point (ie. manhole in sever-line if one exsists, as close to the Schutte/Land Reclaimation property line as possible.

- Access to GW-3a may be difficult and access to GW-4a+GW-4b me be very difficult.

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Peter Buechi

FROM:

Charles Zippiroli

SUBJECT:

Hazardous Waste Site Ownership

DATE:

May 28, 1985

The following is a list of past owners of those lands you outlined as part of the Old Land Reclamation Landfill in Depew.

Land Reclamation Inc.

Broadadel Corp.

G.C.F. Inc.

Samuel Greenfield Co.

Mary C. Morgan

Sheridan Construction Corp.

Village of Depew

South Ogden Land Development Corp.

Wilfred Schultz

Lehigh Valley Railroad

County of Erie

Mecca Bros, Inc.

Florence Cee (nee Czerminski)

Mahlon D. Smith

Alar Enterprizes

Joseph J. Nowak

Laura Cudzilo

Edward P. Snyder

Richard L. Snyder

Demolition of Buffalo

Andrew Wityk

John Kocialski

Hirsch etal

Marsden Chen
Lawrence Clare
LAND RECLAMATION #915070
DRAFT PHASE I REPORT
September 27, 1985

In addition to the comments offered in the attached memorandum from the Solid Waste Section, I would offer the following throughts on the Phase II Work Plan:

- 1. The 32" storm drain under the southwest corner of the site is routed under the Shultz Construction & Demolition Site. If surface water samples are to be taken from this drain, it is imperative that the Schultz contribution be isolated from Lang Reclamation. SS-8 is upstream of Schultz. SS-9 is downstream of Land Reclamation. SS-8A should be added near TP-4 (in the storm drain).
- 2. Upstream Cayuga Creek sampling must be performed at the railroad bridge. The property immediately east of the railroad is the Old Land Reclamation site. SS-1 and SP-2 are located upstream of a drainage ditch (southeast of the railroad) which may be contributing contaminants to Cayuga Creek from Old Land Reclamation.
- 3. At one point in time (circa 1979) a leachate collection pond existed southwest of the mound. Has a test pit been located to pick up any residue?
- 4. The site inspection report does not mention current operations. Will any current activity (washdown water, wastewater, fuel storage and spillage) affect any of the proposed sampling points?

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

MEMORANDUM

TO: FROM: SUBJECT: Mr. Peter Buechi, Attn: Mr. Lawrence Clare

Mr. James P. Goehrig, Solid Waste 州学

COMMENTS ON PHASE I INVESTIGATION - LAND RECLAMATION, MAY 1985

DATE:

September 9, 1985

I have reviewed the above referenced document along with other material available in the DEC files. Highlights of this report are:

- 1. Refuse station currently operating on site.
- 2. East and west of the site are other disposal areas. West of the site is the Schultz property, which accepts only construction and demolition debris. A junk yard is east of the site.
- 3. Past problems with the landfill included blowing paper, inadequate cover, odors, leachate outbreaks, rodents and insects, inadequate maintenance of closed portions, and illegal disposal of such wastes as oil sludge, pine tar pitch, acid salt wastes, inks, lube oils and phenolic binders.
- 4. Industrial wastes permitted included foundry sands, slag, and core sands.
- 5. Groundwater contamination noted since 1979 include such constituents as heavy metals, phenols and PCB's. A 42 inch storm sewer pipe which runs under the landfill was tested and levels of sodium, arsenic, PCB, TOX and TOC were found to exceed Class GA standards for groundwater. The report suggests this is an indication of leachate infiltration.
- 6. Surface water samples were collected from various locations at the landfill site. Constituents exceeding standards for Class GA surface waters included chloride, sodium, arsenic, chromium, lead, mercury, phenols, and PCB.
- 7. Sampling of test pits on site conducted in 1979 indicated exceedence of Class GA groundwater standards for lead, mercury, iron, manganese, cadmium, and phenols. Two of the test pits located at the northern section of the landfill were also contaminated with PCB. However, the proximity of these test pits to the Schultz disposal site makes the source of the groundwater contamination unclear.
- 8. The proposed Phase II work plan includes:
 - A. Collect additional field data to identify the extend and occurrence of contamination.
 - B. Perform a conceptual evaluation of remedial alternatives.
 - C. Prepare a site investigation report.

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- D. Initiate a groundwater monitoring system consisting of shallow wells and bedrock wells.
- E. Initiate a surface water and sediment monitoring system in Cayuga Creek, which is adjacent to the landfill. In addition, sampling will be conducted at the entrance and exit of the 42 inch and 36 inch storm sewer pipes.

In general, the Phase I report presents an accurate picture of the history of the Land Reclamation Landfill. The Phase II Work Plan is essentially a sound plan. However, the conceptual evaluation of remedial alternatives (noted in 8-B) must address the Schultz Construction and Demolition Site since this site may be contributing some of the contaminants noted earlier. In addition, the May 1979 "Hydrogeologic Investigation of Land Reclamation Landfill" points out that (1) groundwater is in contact with the landfill and (2) the sand and gravel in the soil serve as a conduit from the landfill to Cayuga Creek. This situation should also be taken into account in the review of possible remedial action alternatives.

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ENGINEERING INVESTIGATIONS AT INACTIVE HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES

PHASE I INVESTIGATION

Land Reclaimation
Town of Cheektowaga

Site No. 915070 Erie County

Date: May 1985



Prepared for: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233 Henry G. Williams, Commissioner

Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Norman H. Nosenchuck, P.E., Director

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In Association With
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SECTION I

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY LAND RECLAMATION LANDFILL

This report, prepared for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), presents the results of the Phase I investigation for the Land Reclamation Landfill site (NYS Number 915070, EPA Site Number D000513929) located in the Town of Cheektowaga, Erie County, New York (see Figure I-1).

SITE BACKGROUND

Land Reclamation, Inc. began landfill disposal operations at the Cheektowaga Landfill site in approximately 1965. Newco Waste Systems purchased Land Reclamation, Inc. in the late 1970's. Land Reclamation, Inc. continued to operate the Land Reclamation Landfill under the ownership of Newco Waste Systems until Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) assumed ownership in 1982 (BFI, 1985).

The Land Reclamation site is a municipal landfill, approximately 100 acres in size (see Figure I-2), consisting of two major disposal cells. Industrial wastes including foundry sands, slag and core sands were permitted by the NYSDEC for disposal in the landfill following EP toxicity analysis (Land Reclamation Landfill Operation Permits). Various NYSDEC-prohibited wastes were also disposed of in the landfill including oil sludge, pine tar pitch, acidic wastes, inks, lubricating oils, and phenolic binders (NYSDEC, 1979 and Wehran Engineering, 1979).

The Land Reclamation Landfill was plagued with numerous problems during its years of operation. Problems noted during Erie County and NYSDEC site inspections and reported in citizen complaints included blowing paper, inadequate cover, odors, leachate outbreaks, rodents and insect infestations, inadequate maintenance of closed portions of the landfill and illegal disposal of toxic or hazardous wastes (NYSDEC Site Inspection Reports and Citizen Complaints). In 1976, the landfill was cited by Erie County for many of the operational problems listed above. In 1979, Land Reclamation entered into a consent agreement with the NYSDEC to make site improvements and conduct a hydrogeologic investigation (NYSDEC Order of Consent 1976). Groundwater and surface water samples were collected during this study to determine the extent of contamination at the site. Contaminants detected in the groundwater at levels exceeding NYS effluent standards for Class GA groundwaters included heavy metals, phenols, and PCBs (Test Pits Nos. 3 and 4 and Well 2). Surface water samples were collected from seven locations along Cayuga Creek and detected similar exceedences of the surface water standards (heavy metals, PCBs and phenols). Samples collected from the storm sewer pipe that passes under the landfill exhibited elevated levels of sodium, arsenic, PCBs, TOX and TOC, indicating infiltration of landfill leachate (RECRA Research and Wehran Engineering, 1979).

In 1983, the Land Reclamation Site, under another order of consent, discontinued landfill operations and closed the remaining disposal areas of the landfill. BFI has scheduled placement of the final top soil cover and vegetative cover. A refuse transfer station is presently operating on-site and is expected to continue operating following site closure (BFI, 1985).

Since the completion of the hydrogeologic investigation in 1979, groundwater and surface water monitoring was conducted for indicator parameters only, with the exception of samples taken in December 1983 and March 1984. Results of these two samplings indicated the continued exceedence of NYS standards for heavy metals and chlorides. No analyses were performed for PCBs or phenols (RECRA Research, 1983 and 1984).

HNu meter readings taken on-site did not detect volatile organics in concentrations greater than 1 ppm (ES and D&M, 1985).

ASSESSMENT

The preliminary HRS score was:

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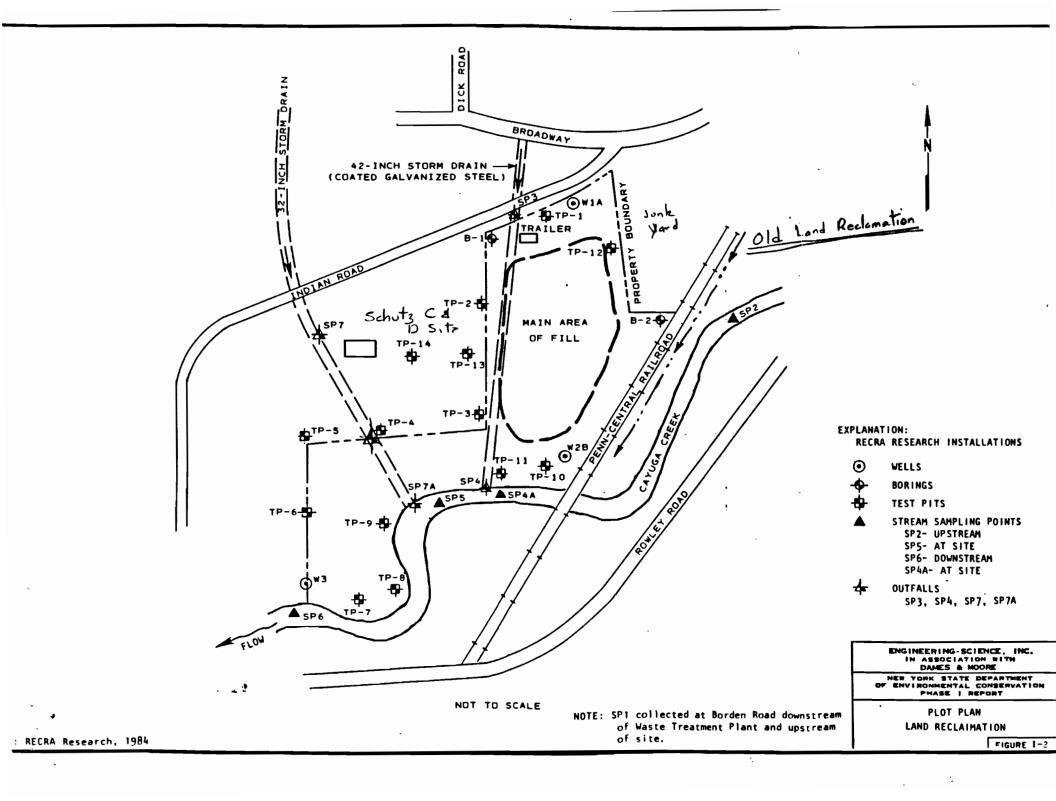
These scores reflect the proximity of the landfill to Cayuga Creek, the potentially large volume of hazardous waste, and the observed release of contaminants to both surface water and groundwater.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are made for Phase II:

- o Groundwater monitoring system consisting of bedrock wells and two shallow wells.
- o Surface water and sediment monitoring system consisting of ten monitoring stations in Cayuga Creek. One station should be located upgradient of point where landfill surface runoff enters the storm sewer pipe that underlies the landfill.
- o Sample analyses to include priority pollutants.

The estimated man-hour requirements to complete Phase II are 847, while the estimated cost is \$ 75,812.



COUNTY OF ERIE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

* * * MEMORANDUM * * *

FROM: ANTHONY T. VOELL, Deputy Commissioner DATE: 8/1/85

TO: Peter Buechi, NYSDEC

SUBJECT: Phase I Report - Land Reclamation Site #915070

The following comments are offered regarding this report:

- 1) We agree with the need for a Phase II investigation of this area. The investigation should be combined with a similar study for the old Land Reclamation area to the east of this site and south of Broadway. A sampling and site evaluation study on the old site was sent to you in April of this year.
- Any analysis of groundwater samples for metals should be done on field filtered samples.
- 3) A review of aerial photography by Cameron O'Connor showed that there were two major ox-bows existing prior to 1969 which were subsequently filled in. These may provide pathways for migration of landfill contaminants and any sampling program should take these areas into account.

Your copy of the Phase I report is being returned with this memorandum.

ANTHONY T. VOELL, P.E. Deputy Commissioner

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ATV: jk Enclosures



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Marsden Chen, Division of Solid & Hazzrdous Waste with law

FROM:

Lawrence Clare, Region 9

SUBJECT: Draft Phase I Report

October 10, 1985

Attached are the Draft Phase I Reports for Land Reclamation (915070) and Lancaster Reclamation (915069). Comments are provided in the margins as well as in memoranda stapled to the front covers.

These reports represent the last of the draft 3rd round reports to be reviewed in Region 9. Please contact me with any questions you may have on these review comments.

LGC:egb Att.

Anthony Voell Peter Buechi Draft Phase I Report

July 11, 1985

Attached find a copy of the draft Phase I Report for the Land Reclamation site #915070. This is an extra copy of the Land Reclamation report provided to us by our Albany office.

Please review this Phase I report in accordance with my earlier memo on Phase I's, and return it to this office upon completion of your review.

PJB:cag Attachment

cc: Lawrence Clare

June 17, 1985

Mr. Sean T. Irwin Assistant District Manager BFI Waste Systems 2321 Kenmore Avenue Kenmore, New York 14217

Dear Mr. Irwin:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 14, 1985 regarding the Land Reclamation Site on Indian Road in Cheektowaga.

Please be advised that a copy of the final Phase I report on the Land Reclamation site will be provided to you once the report is completed.

Yours truly,

Peter J. Buechi, P.E.

Associate Sanitary Engineer

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ce: Mr. Lewrence G. Clare



June 14, 1985

Mr. Peter Buechi/Associate Sanitary Engineer Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites
New York State Dept. of Env. Conservation
600 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202-1073

RE: Land Reclamation Site, Indian Road, Cheektowaga

Dear Mr.

This is to follow-up our telephone conversation.

We are interested in receiving the preliminary report on the Phase I for Land Reclamation, Indian Road, Cheektowaga.

It is our feeling that Land Reclamation has been inappropriately included in this list, and it is our desire to have it removed from the inactive hazardous waste site list.

When you have the information from the consulting engineering firm, please contact me so we may follow through.

Very truly yours,

Sean T. Irwin

Assistant District Manager

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CC: Dave Hanson Robert Mitrey Brian Swartzenberg File

COUNTY OF ERIE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

* * * MEMORANDUM * * *

FROM: ANTHONY T. VOELL, Deputy Commissioner DATE: 2/21/84

TO: Peter Buechi, NYSDEC

SUBJECT: Land Reclamation Disposal Area

Indian Road and Broadway

Town of Cheektowaga

Attached is a report prepared by Cameron O'Connor regarding past dumping practices at the old (east of the railroad tracks) and new areas of Land Reclamation as well as Schultz Disposal site.

As Cameron mentioned this is not to be considered a complete profile on this site.

The information is being provided because it is considered sufficient for initial action regarding the old Land Reclamation site.

I recommend the following actions by DEC:

- Include the old Land Reclamation site on the New York Registry of Inactive Sites.
- Require additional test borings or other additional information on the new Land Reclamation site to supplement the Wehran Engineering Report on this site. This would have to be coordinate with Bob Mitrey. Please advise our Department if Bob Mitrey is no longer

involved since the site is now inactive.

3. Require submission of surface, groundwater and a soil sampling program on the old and new sites to more adequately reflect the suspected past dumping practices and conditions on the site.

We are currently following up on a complaint regarding leachate seeping from the old Land Reclamation area. A sampling program is being considered and this will be coordinated with you and Bob Mitrey. Sampling is expected after sufficient snow melt.

Should you want to discuss this further, please let me know.

ATV: jk Attachments

cc: L. Clare

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AN ANNOTATED HISTORY

OF

LAND RECLAMATION

TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA

DISCLAIMER

This report is not intended to be a complete site profile on the Land Reclamation Landfilll site nor is it meant to provide conclusions in regard to its environmental impact.

The purpose of the report is to trace the progress of the fill activity with the use of aerial photography interpretation and to make observations that may be of interest, as a result of that aerial review.

This project was undertaken because the Solid Waste staff felt there were severe gaps in knowledge in regard to the past activities at the site. Specifically, no agency has investigated or caused investigation, of the old Land Reclamation site which existed east of the railroad tracks.

A BRIEF BACKGROUND

Land Reclamation Inc. is currently operating a Transfer Station at the Indian Road site.

The Transfer operation consists of little more than dumping refuse onto the ground which is then promptly (more or less) transferred into larger trucks which haul it to Hooker or Niagara Landfill.

Newco Waste Systems has received approval from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to build a transfer facility at the site.

In the past, Land Reclamation has operated a solid waste landfill. The site is approximately 65+ acres in size. Operations were performed on the west side of the railroad tracks (present Land Reclamation) and on the east side of the tracks (Old Land Reclamation).

This landfill received and buried municipal and industrial wastes in the past from Allied Chemical, Allied Dye, Ford, Chevrolet, Arcata Graphics, Pratt and Letchworth, American Optical, Trico and F.N.Burt. The Interagency Task Force indicates that wastes received included pine tar pitch, inks, lab chemicals, waste colors, slag, sulfuric and nitric acid salts, spent refractories, foundry sand, vanadium pentroxide catalyst and solid polmerized sulpar.

The DEC indicates that remedial action is under way, but must be monitored. DEP records (and experience) indicate little remedial action beyond cover material application, grading and seeding.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH INTERPRETATION

1958-1960

Landfilling operations are noted on the east side of the railroad tracks, on the northwest portion (see Base Map I).

Fill method is by area placement. The fill material is uniform in tone (light) and mounds of material are noted. The light tone may indicate the placement of newly excavated earth or slag. Ponded water is noted at the toe of the landfill. Access is from Broadway.

There appears to be an area of isolated dumping located to the southeast of the disposal area. This dumping is occurring from a different access road and it is unknown if this disposal is associated with Land Reclamation activities.

Undisturbed land consists of cut fields and flood plain vegetation.

There is no filling activities on the west side of the railroad tracks. This area is covered with open field and flood plain vegetation.

Surface drainage consists of Cayuaga Creek to the south, two tributary streams of Cayuaga Creek and a drainage network from the pond area adjacent to the toe of the landfill. Two oxbows are present in the study area.

1965

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Landfilling continues in the "old Land Reclamation" area with fill progression to the south and east.

Again, there appears to be additional disposal to the southeast of the Land Reclamation operation.

Activity has started on the Schultz property. The site appears as a uniform light tone. The 1965 plot could not be viewed through a stereoscope, therefore, the nature of the activity was difficult to determine.

However, light tones usually indicate clean fill or earth excavation. It has been reported that the Schultz Property was once used as a soil farm.

The activity on the Schultz property has disturbed one of the tributary streams of Cayuga Creek.

1969

In 1969, extensive disposal at Land Reclamation is evident.

In the area of old Land Reclamation disposal has progressed south toward Cayuga Creek. The active face of the landfill is over the northern curve of an oxbow creek.

In 1969, land filling is occurring in the area that is known as the "new Land Reclamation Site".

The tone noted in the aerial photography is light and dark, indicating hetergeneous disposal.

One tributary stream of Cayuga Creek has been completely filled in. Also, most of another oxbow has been affected by filling.

There are three bodies of water associated with the "new Land Reclamation site".

Pond 1 (See Base Map I) is small and nearly rectangular in shape.

Pond 2 is at the southern toe of the landfill. Of interest, is a fan shaped plume immediately south of this water body. (The plume could be an overflow area from liquid disposal).

Pond 3 is at the eastern portion of the "new Land Reclamation" site. There appears to be an inlet to this pond, but no outlet was noted.

The Schultz property now appears to be receiving hetergeneous disposal of material. Access roads are visible throughout the Schultz property. One access road leads to an active face that seems to be on both the Schultz and Land Reclamation property.

1972

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Operations at both new and old Land Reclamations have expanded (See Base Map II).

In the "old Land Reclamation" area landfilling has expanded to the east and south. Numerous piles of foundry sand are noted in the area.

The oxbow stream is all but covered.

Most activity is on the "new Land Reclamation" site.

Offices, scrap metal piles and landfilling equipment are visible.

Landfilling has progressed south. District lifts are noted. On top of one lift is the active area. Two large tanker trucks are visible driving away from this area. Fanshaped areas of disposal are noted. These fan shaped areas are not raised, or appear to represent an additional lift of refuse. These could be the disposal of sludges.

Landfilling at the adjacent Schultz property is continuing.

Soil skimming appears to be occurring on the southeast portion of the property.

<u> 1978</u>

The "old Land Reclamation" area has been completed.

The "new Land Reclamation" area is now in the same basic configuration as it is today.

Landfilling has completely changed the original drainage of the site and oxbows are completely filled in.

A BRIEF HYDROGEOLOGY OF THE SITE

The northern section of the study area is classified as urban soilds. Soil permibility, texture and depth to groundwater is miscellaneous.

The southern portion of the site is Teel and Middlebury.

Teel and Middlebury soils formed in recent alluvil deposits dominated by silt. Teel soils are slightly more silty and are less acid than the Middlebury soils. Both of these soils are moderately well drained to somewhat poorly drained, and have a seasonal high water table that rises into the subsoil soil for brief periods in early spring. The water table level is influenced by the water level in the adjacent streams. In some years, these soils are subject to flooding, usually in early spring. In both Teel and Middlebury soils the rate of water movement (permeability) through the subsoil is moderate. Gravel lenses are commonly present in some areas of these soils.

Bedrock on site is limestone at a depth of greater than 4 feet.

Hydrogedogic data indicates that this is a poor location for a sanitary landfill.

The potential of pollution to the groundwater, both surfical and consolidated, is likely to be high. This is confirmed in the Hydrogelogic Report submitted for the land fill.

HOW CAN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AID IN SAMPLING

Aerial photography can aid in both commenting on sampling locations from other (ie. Hydrogeologic Investigations/Plans) or in picking new sampling points.

For example, on Page 13 of the Hydrogeologic Investigation Land Reclamation Inc. Sanitary Landfill, it reports, "The nature of the fill materials themselves were well exposed in the exploratory test pits. The waste was observed to consist primarily of ordinary solid waste, with some demolition debris. In all cases, the test pits were excavated around the perimeter of the landfill and, therefore, are representative of the fill comprising the basal, or initial lifts of the landfill and not necessarily, the landfill as a whole".

As written, this statement is essentially true; however, after aerial photography interpretation, the reviewer believes that the statement should be even more restrictive.

Actually, the test boring reflects the basal lifts of the more recently used disposal areas. Consequently, the solid waste uncovered during the test pit excavations were wastes that were buried during the more controlled phase of the landfill's life. Hazardous materials were not allowed to be buried during this phase, so its no surprise that only innocuos material were found.

The most obvious omission is the fact that the entire "old Land Reclamation" site was not even mentioned in the report.

As previously mentioned, aerial photography can be useful in picking new sampling points.

Referring back to the older photography which shows the undisturbed topography would be the first step. Field inspection would be performed as follow up.

As noted, on Base Map I, there were 2 oxbows, (one on each of Land Reclamation areas), that were filled in. These oxbows which are beneath the older fill areas, as well as the filled in tributary stream represent a hydraulic connection between the older fill material and Cayuga Creek.

Taking water samples at sampling points 1 and 2 may reflect leachates from the older fill areas. It may also be further advantageous to take soil samples at these points at a depth of one to two feet.

Sampling points number 3 and 4 might also be a good place for sampling.

The northern part of this tributary stream was filling in during the earlier period of the landfill's life. The southern portion still exists. One might say that sampling in these areas would not isolate disposal activities at the Schultz and those of Land Reclamation, however, given the concurrent and somewhat over lapping disposal at the two areas and the hydrogeological link between the two, an inter-relationship has been made that precludes the separation of the two landfills.

Again, water and soil samples would be taken. The soil samples should be taken at a depth of 2 feet to reflect older sediments.

Sample point 5 and 6 would be taken to represent leechate seepage into a drainage ditch located on the eastern portion of old Reclamation.

One of these samples should be taken upstream of Land Reclamation, if possible.

Additional sampling points would be chosen due to field inspection and other information. For example, present surface drainage from the centrol portion of the site drains north to Indian Road, and then into a culvert that flows south beneath the landfill and discharges into Cayuga Creek. Sampling locations 7 and 8 could be possible locations during a sampling program.

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