



## PUBLIC NOTICE

## State Superfund Program

**Site Name:** Bengart & Memel, Inc.

**August 17, 2009**

**Site No.** 915115      **Tax Map No.** 112.77-4-2.1

**Site Location:** 1079 Clinton Street, Buffalo, NY 14206, Erie County

### Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Classification Notice

The Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Program (the State Superfund Program) is the State's program for identifying, investigating, and cleaning up sites where the disposal of hazardous waste may present a threat to public health and/or the environment. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) maintains a list of these sites in the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (the "Registry"). The site identified above was recently reclassified on the Registry as a Class 2 (a site that presents a significant threat to public health and/or the environment). See map on other side for the location of the site.

This site was previously listed as a Class 2 site from 1982 to 1987. In the past, transformers and capacitors were accepted at the site and PCB oil spillage resulted in contaminated soils and shallow groundwater. PCB-impacted run-off reached the Buffalo Sewer Authority combined sanitary sew system. Remediation activities included treatment and on-site reuse of PCB-impacted soils, treatment of on-site shallow groundwater, and capping of the PCB contamination area. The site was reclassified as a Class 4 with continued operation of the shallow water treatment system.

The existing groundwater treatment system has been inoperable since the late 1990s, the asphalt cap is in disrepair, and the responsible party has abandoned the site. The NYSDEC performed a limited site characterization study in 2006. This investigation of the site documented elevated concentrations of PCBs in groundwater and in surface soils and subsurface soils on-site. There is also the potential that contaminated runoff from the site could result in off-site migration of contaminants. In addition, PCBs have impacted on-site sumps and catch basins that are connected to the off-site sewer manholes.

Since people frequenting the site may come in contact with the contaminated soil or inhale contaminated dust, the site poses a significant threat to public health and the environment.

The Department will keep you informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

**If you own property adjacent to this site and are renting or leasing your property to someone else, please share this information with them. If you no longer wish to be on the contact list for this site or otherwise need to correct our records, please contact the Department's Project Manager listed below.**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Additional information about this site can be found using the Department's "Environmental Site Remediation Database Search" engine which is located on the internet at:

[www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3](http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3)

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

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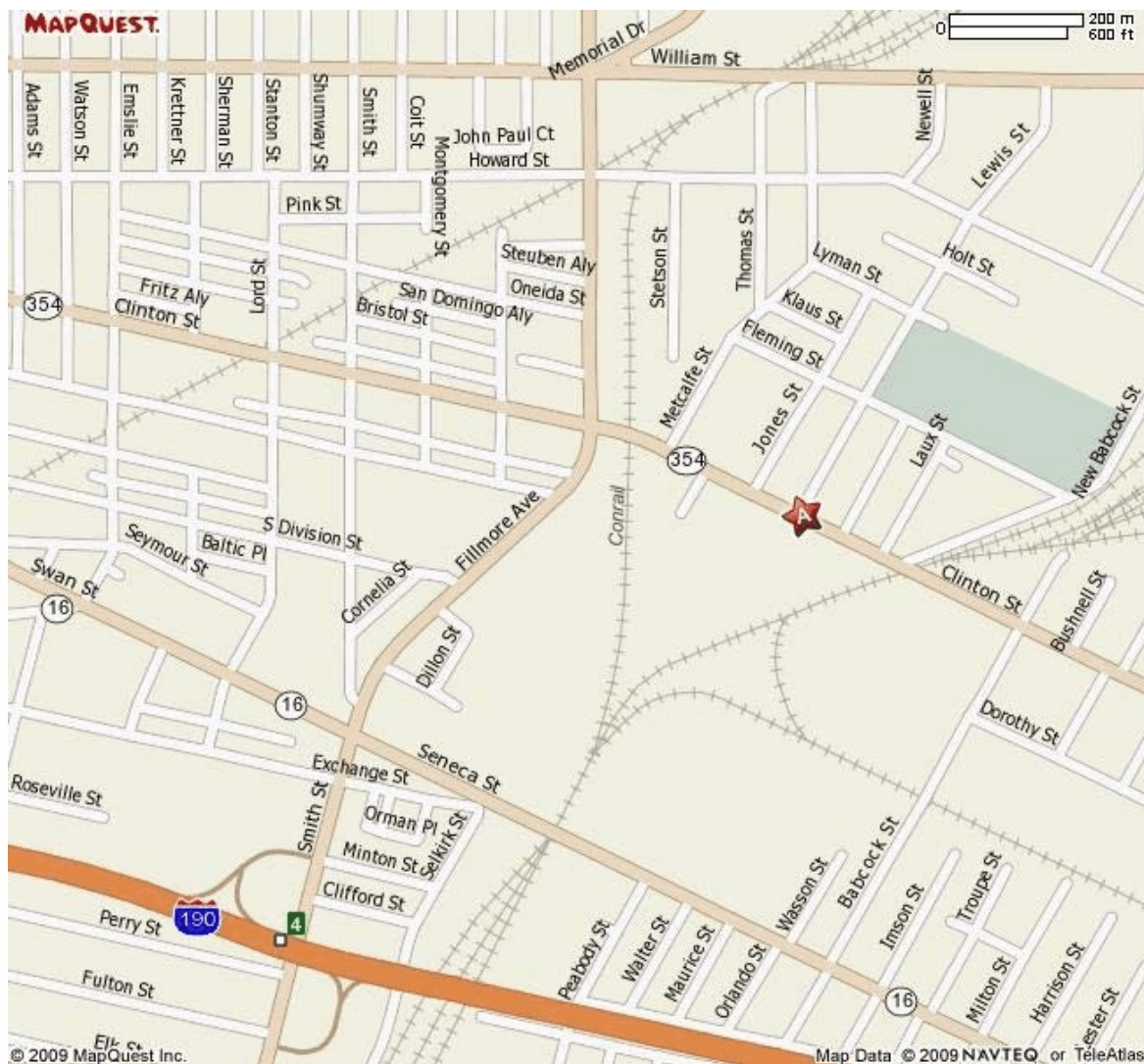
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The Department is sending you this notice in accordance with Environmental Conservation Law Article 27, Title 13 and its companion regulation (6 NYCRR 375-2.7(b)(6)(ii)) which requires the Department to notify all parties on the contact list for this site of this recent action.

**Approximate Site Location**

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