



# FACT SHEET

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## Environmental Cleanup Activities to Begin at Buffalo Color Plant Site

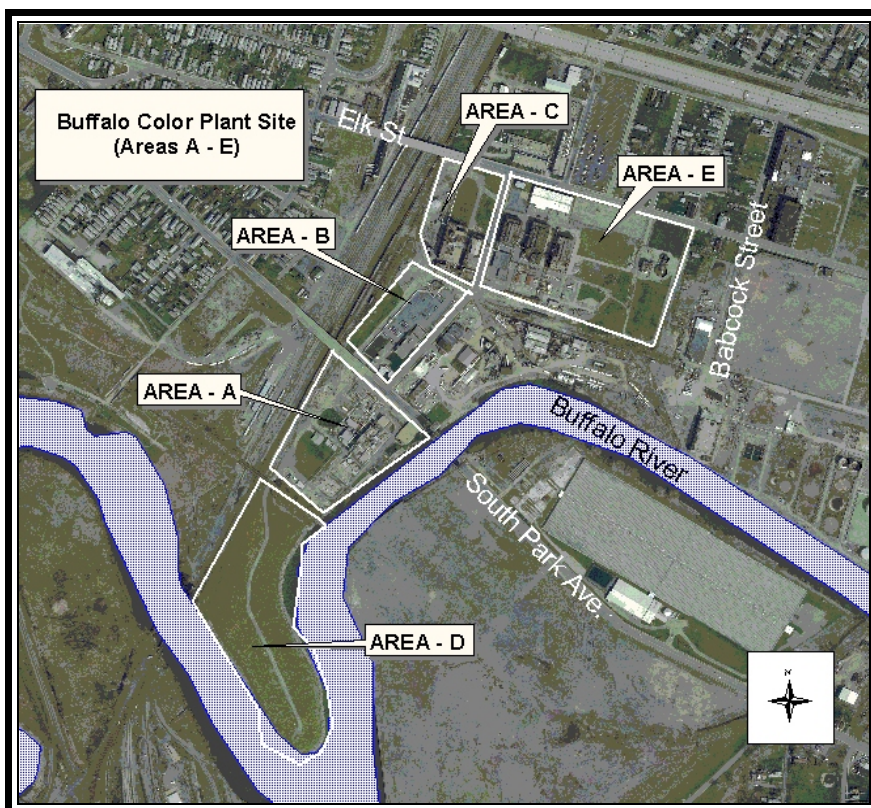
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Site # HW915184

### INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is providing this fact sheet to inform you about upcoming environmental cleanup activities that will occur at the Buffalo Color Corporation (BCC) Plant site, located at 100 Lee Street in the City of Buffalo. (See map at right.) Areas A, B, C and E of the site will be involved in upcoming cleanup activities. (Area D was cleaned up previously.)

To address contaminated groundwater that was found at the site during environmental investigations, Honeywell (a potentially responsible party) will conduct a cleanup effort at the site called an Interim Corrective Measure (ICM). An ICM is a cleanup action that can be conducted relatively quickly to reduce the risk from a well-defined hazardous waste to people's health and the environment.



ICM activities at the BCC Plant site will begin in May 2006 and are expected to be completed during the Fall of 2006. After construction, the installed cleanup systems will be monitored through a DEC approved Operation and Maintenance and Monitoring Plan.

### SITE HISTORY

The BCC plant occupies approximately 42 acres of land adjacent to the Buffalo River. The area surrounding the BCC site is zoned for heavy industry. For over one hundred years, the BCC facility has been involved in the continuous production of dyestuffs and organic chemicals. The BCC plant is currently in Chapter 11 bankruptcy awaiting the outcome of suits filed for unfair trade practices.

In 2005, Honeywell entered into an Order on Consent to address groundwater contamination at the site. An Order on Consent is a legal agreement between DEC and responsible or potentially responsible parties, in which the parties agree to undertake investigation and cleanup, or pay for the costs of investigation and cleanup work at a site. Honeywell completed an ICM engineering design to address groundwater contamination at the BCC Plant site in 2005. Honeywell began voluntarily removing abandoned chemicals (tanks, drums, etc.) from the site in December 2005, and removal efforts are still continuing.

## **WHAT WILL THE UPCOMING CLEANUP ACTIVITIES INVOLVE?**

ICM cleanup activities at the site will be performed by a contractor hired by Honeywell. The major components of the upcoming cleanup activities for the site will include:

- installing a groundwater extraction system to extract contaminated groundwater in Area A;
- controlling the discharge location of groundwater in Areas B, C and E;
- obtaining environmental easements that will restrict the future use of the entire site;
- repairing a drain system in Area E for proper storm water drainage;
- performing stream bank erosion control in Area A; and
- properly disposing of all materials generated during cleanup at an off-site location.

## **WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?**

Once cleanup activities for the ICM are completed, groundwater monitoring at the site will continue. In addition, DEC anticipates a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Order with Honeywell which will result in further investigation of soil and groundwater contamination at the entire site. Fact sheets, such as this one, will be sent to keep you updated on project progress.

## **WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SITE?**

Questions regarding the cleanup of this site are welcome. Should you have any questions, please contact the following representatives:

### Site Related Environmental Questions

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## **LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT RELATED DOCUMENTS**

DEC values public understanding and involvement in this project. Project related documents are available for your review at the following locations:

Dudley Branch Library  
2010 South Park Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14220  
(716) 823-1854

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
270 Michigan Ave.  
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*(Please call for an appointment.)*