



FACT SHEET

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Environmental Cleanup Activities Continue at Buffalo Color Plant Site

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Site # HW915184

INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is pleased to update you about continued environmental cleanup activities at the Buffalo Color Corporation (BCC) Plant site, located at 100 Lee Street in the City of Buffalo. (See map at right.) Cleanup activities are currently underway in areas A, B, C and E of the site. Area D was cleaned up previously.

SITE HISTORY

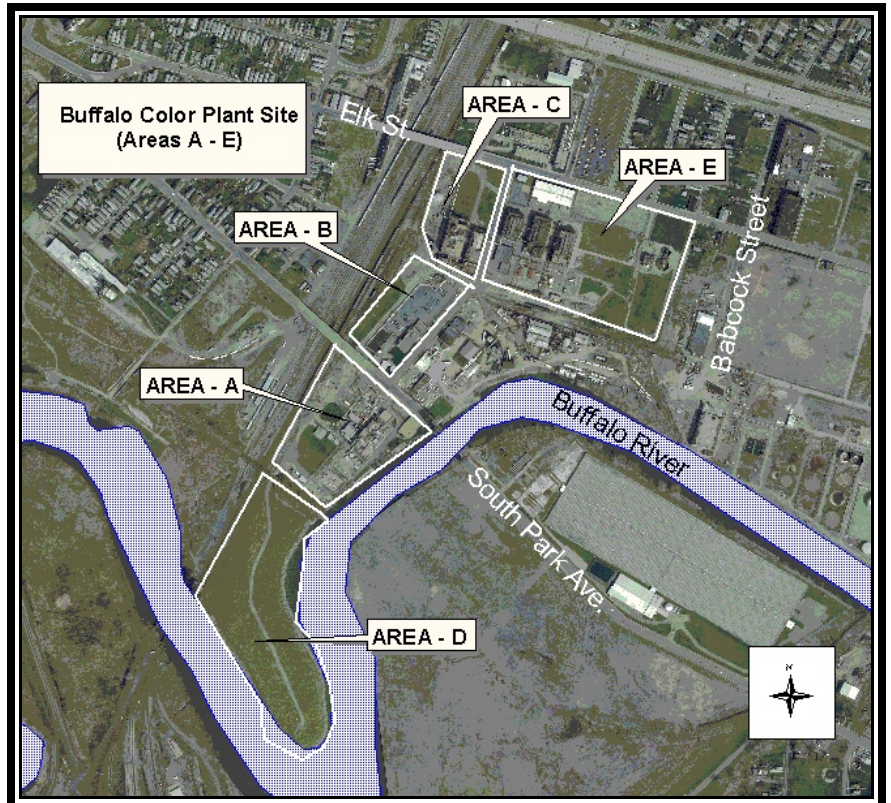
The BCC plant occupies approximately 42 acres of land adjacent to the Buffalo River. The area surrounding the BCC site is zoned for heavy industry. For more than one hundred years, the BCC facility has been involved in the continuous production of dyestuffs and organic chemicals. BCC is currently in the process of Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

INTERIM REMEDIAL MEASURE

To address contaminated groundwater that was found at the site during environmental investigations, Honeywell (a potentially responsible party) has completed a cleanup effort at the site called an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM), also referred to as an Interim Corrective Measure (ICM) in the previous fact sheet. An IRM is an environmental cleanup action that can be undertaken without extensive investigation and evaluation, in order to reduce potential exposure to environmentally impacted areas of a site.

IRM activities at the BCC Plant site began in May 2006 and are nearly completed. So far, cleanup activities at the site have included:

- installing a groundwater extraction system in Area A to control the migration of groundwater to the Buffalo River;
- controlling the discharge location of groundwater in Areas B, C and E;
- repairing a breach in the sewer sheet pile in Area E for proper water drainage at the site;
- performing stream bank erosion control in Area A; and
- properly disposing of all materials generated during cleanup at an off-site location.



Cleanup systems will continue to be monitored through an Operation, Maintenance and Monitoring Plan that has been approved by DEC.

BULK CHEMICAL REMOVAL

In December 2005, Honeywell began voluntarily removing chemicals (tanks, drums, etc.) from the site that were abandoned by Buffalo Color. Removal efforts are still continuing. Currently, approximately 90% of all the bulk chemicals found on site have been removed.

NEXT STEPS

In June of 2006, Honeywell entered into an Order on Consent with DEC to prepare an environmental investigation called a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). An Order on Consent is a legal agreement between DEC and potentially responsible parties, in which the parties agree to undertake environmental investigation.

The work plan for the investigation is currently under review, and field work is anticipated to begin during **January of 2007**. The RI/FS will result in further investigation of soil and groundwater contamination at the entire site. Fact sheets, similar to this one, will be sent to keep you updated on the project's 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:

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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
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