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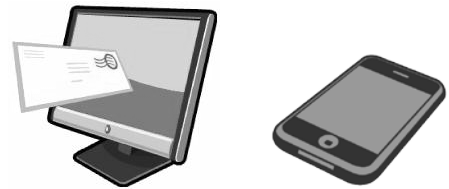
DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

You must sign up for the DER email listserv:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- ☒ Get site information faster and share it easily;
- ☒ Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- ☒ It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

If “paperless” is not an option for you, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these locations:

Buffalo and Erie County Public Library
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 858-8900

Elaine M. Panty Branch Library
820 Tonawanda Street
Buffalo, NY 14207
(716) 875-0562

Whom to Contact

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

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For more information about New York's State Superfund Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Tonawanda Forge
2390 Kenmore Avenue
Tonawanda, NY 14150

SITE No. 915274
NYSDEC REGION 9

January 2020

Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

Public Meeting, Wednesday 2/26/20 at 7:00 PM
Kenmore Branch Library
160 Delaware Road, Tonawanda, 14217

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) invites you to a public meeting to discuss the remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

The public is invited to comment on a remedy being proposed by the DEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH) to address contamination related to the Tonawanda Forge site ("site") located at 2390 Kenmore Avenue, Tonawanda, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$7,174,000.

How to Comment: DEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 30 days, from **February 07** through **March 09, 2020**.

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://gisservices-dev.dec.ny.gov/gis/dil/index.html?rs=915274>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the DEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Whom to Contact" area at left.

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

Proposed Remedial Action Plan: The remedy proposed for the site includes:

- Placement of a one-foot thick cover system across the northeastern portion of the site, otherwise known as the "Front 40";
- Excavating eleven contaminated "hot spot" areas across the site at depths ranging from the surface to 5 feet below grade;
- Installing a storm water collection system that redirects on-site ponded surface water to the existing Town of Tonawanda municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4);

- Cleaning and filling approximately 19,000 linear feet of existing on-site storm sewer pipeline;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site may be necessary.

DEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site and evaluating the remedial options in the "Feasibility Study".

Next Steps: DEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments. A detailed design of the selected remedy will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

DEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The site is 33.2-acres and is bordered on the north, west, and south by General Motors - Tonawanda Engine Plant facility and on the east by UAW-GM Boulevard. The site was part of the neighboring General Motors - Tonawanda Engine Plant facility until 1994, but is now vacant. Demolition of previous on-site buildings began in 2008 where two spill numbers, 0911809 and 1112690, were created to address petroleum and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). As these spills were not appropriately addressed by the property owner, DEC instituted clean-up procedures. Four buildings currently remain on-site: two dilapidated, brick, multi-story buildings; a storage pole barn; and a small building. The site is currently vacant.

This site was divided into two operable units. An operable unit represents a portion of a remedial program for a site that for technical or administrative reasons can be addressed separately to investigate, eliminate, or mitigate a release, threat of release or exposure pathway resulting from the site contamination.

Operable unit 1 (OU1) addresses the on-site soil, sewer sediment, and surface water contamination. OU2 consists of the on-site groundwater and will be addressed at a future date.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/haz/detail.s.cfm?ProgNo=915274>

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site for OU1 are semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), metals, and PCBs which are present site-wide in soil. SVOCs and metals are detected in ponded surface water across the site.

State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

DEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

Stay Informed With DEC Delivers

Sign up to receive site updates by email:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

STATE SUPERFUND PROGRAM

Site Location Figure
Tonawanda Forge
2390 Kenmore Avenue, Tonawanda, NY
Site No. 915274

