



FACT SHEET

Environmental Investigation Work Underway At Old Upper Mountain Road Site

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Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) would like to inform you about environmental investigation work being conducted at the Old Upper Mountain Road Site, located in the Town of Lockport, Niagara County. Historical waste disposal activities at the site have contaminated soil, ground water, and surface water. The environmental investigation will help to determine the nature and extent of contamination at the site as well as options for cleaning it up, if necessary.

The investigation work will be performed under New York State's Superfund, a program tasked with identifying, investigating and cleaning up sites where hazardous waste may exist.



Is the Site a Threat to Public Health?

Trespassers risk possible exposure to site contaminants and hazardous waste. Access to most of the site is restricted by fence, and DEC has posted signs to warn trespassers about the contamination that is present. Still, there is a potential for limited site access. Excavations and illegal dumping activities at the site indicate past trespassing. DEC and DOH advise that residents refrain from trespassing on the site until remedial actions have been implemented.

What Does the Investigation Involve?

The investigation work currently underway includes:

- Drilling soil borings;
- Excavating test pits;
- Installing groundwater monitoring wells, and
- Sampling and analyzing surface and subsurface soil, fill materials, surface water, sediment, and groundwater, to evaluate risks to human health and the environment, if any.

Next Steps

The investigation is expected to conclude in the Spring, 2010. A report detailing the investigation results is expected to be released in September 2010. NYSDEC will assess cleanup alternatives and propose a plan to address the site. Before finalizing a cleanup plan, NYSDEC will present the plan to the public and offer a 30-day comment period. Once public comments have been considered and the plan has been finalized, NYSDEC

will begin remediating the site. NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the investigation and cleanup at the site through fact sheets similar to this one.

Site Background

The Old Upper Mountain Road Site is approximately 7 acres in size and consists of seven parcels in a mixed residential/commercial/ industrial neighborhood near the intersection of NY State Routes 31 and 93 in the Town of Lockport, Niagara County, New York. The site is bounded on the west by Old Upper Mountain Road, on the south and east by the Somerset Railroad, and on the north by private property and a ravine and creek known as The Gulf. The Gulf Creek flows in a northerly direction from the site and eventually discharges into Eighteenmile Creek approximately one mile to the north.

The site was reportedly operated as a municipal dump by the City of Lockport from 1921 through the 1950's. Garbage and other wastes were apparently dumped at the landfill, burned, and then pushed into the ravine.

Previous investigations at the site have found that site soils, fill material, and surface and ground water are contaminated with volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds and metals, particularly lead.

Who Should I Call If I Have Questions About the Site?

Site-Related Environmental Questions

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Locations to View Project Documents

To keep you informed, NYSDEC has set up two locations at which you may view project documents. These locations include:

Lockport Public Library

23 East Avenue
Lockport, NY 14094
Phone: (716) 433-5935

NYSDEC Region 9 Office

270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14203-2999
Phone: (716) 851-7220
(Please call for appointment)

You may also view project documents on NYSDEC's Region 9 Environmental Remediation Project Information page at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37554.html>. Look for the Old Upper Mountain Road entry under the Niagara County heading.