



FACT SHEET Environmental Restoration Program

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Site Name: Former Brown Manufacturing Site
DEC Site #: B00024
Address: 101 Chester Street
Syracuse, NY 13207

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Update Regarding Cleanup Action at Municipal Brownfield Site

A significant portion of the construction activities have been completed, as detailed below, to address the contamination related to the Former Brown Manufacturing Site ("site") located at 101 Chester Street, Syracuse, Onondaga County under New York State's Environmental Restoration Program. Please see the map for the site location.

The site is owned by the City of Syracuse. The cleanup activities were performed by contractors hired by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). A Final Engineering Report will be generated when all activities are completed and will made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" below). NYSDEC will then issue a Certificate of Completion.

Highlights of the Completed Remedial Action

The following activities have been completed:

- excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 8 tons of on-site soil contaminated by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at concentrations greater than 10 parts per million (ppm);
excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 4,500 tons of petroleum-contaminated soil;
excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 100 tons of ash from an off-site area which was believed to be the result of a fire at the facility in 1981;
removal of two previously unknown underground petroleum storage tanks. Approximately 8,300 gallons of oil were removed from the tanks;
removal of approximately 30 feet of a buried pipe which was partially covered in asbestos-containing material;
removal and off-site disposal of approximately eight to twelve previously unknown small capacitors, some of which were labeled as containing PCBs; and
construction of a cover system consisting of at least two feet of clean soil across the site has been completed to the extent possible at this time.

### *Additional Details*

The remediation project is not related to an on-going construction project located directly across Chester Street from the site.

### **Next Steps**

Construction of the cover system will be completed in the spring, and will include placing topsoil across the site and establishing vegetation. The cover system will prevent exposure to contaminants that will remain on-site.

An environmental easement will be placed on the site which will limit future site use to restricted residential use. Restricted residential use allows for apartment buildings or townhouses, as well as commercial or industrial uses. It also allows for recreational uses, but does not allow for single-family homes.

A Site Management Plan, which will contain details for how to manage remaining contamination, will also be prepared to guide future use of the site.

When the project has been completed, NYSDEC will issue a document to the municipality called a "Certificate of Completion." This document releases the municipality from liability related to the site and allows the site to be re-used.

A fact sheet will be sent to the site contact list when NYSDEC issues a "Certificate of Completion" to the municipality.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=B00024>

**Environmental Restoration Program:** New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) reimburses municipalities for their costs to investigate and clean up municipality owned contaminated properties. Once cleaned up, the properties may be redeveloped for commercial, industrial, residential or public use.

A brownfield is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the ERP, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8444.html>

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

### **Where to Find Information**

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Onondaga County Public Library  
Attn: Local History & Genealogy Department  
The Galleries of Syracuse  
447 South Salina Street  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
phone: 315-435-1900

NYSDEC Region 7  
Attn: Joshua Cook  
615 Erie Blvd West  
Syracuse, NY 13204  
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## Who to Contact

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

### Project Related Questions

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### Site-Related Health Questions

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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

