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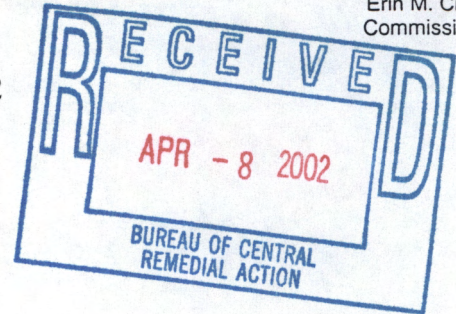
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Erin M. Crotty
Commissioner

April 3, 2002



JoAnn Kress
2752 Greeley Street
Schenectady, New York 12304

**Re: Former Ladd's Gas Station
Brownfields Project
Schenectady (C), Schenectady County
#B-00049-4**

Dear Ms. Kress:

Enclosed is a fact sheet from the referred project which reflects issuance of the Record of Decision (ROD).

I have forwarded your request to include the Schenectady Heritage Foundation on the mailing list for the Gillette Brownfields Project.

Sincerely,

Allan N. Geisendorfer
Regional Spill Engineer

Enclosure:

cc: K. Sarnowicz ✓

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FACT SHEET

March 2002



State Finalizes Remedial Action Plan For the Former Ladd's Gas Station Site

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), recently selected a remedial action plan for the Former Ladd's Gas Station Brownfields Site No. B-00049-4 in the City of Schenectady. This plan is described in a document called a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD also summarizes site investigations, cleanup alternatives evaluated by the State, and comments received from the public regarding the chosen plan.

The elements of the remedial action plan will include: HiVac Extraction of BTEX contaminated groundwater from the off-site dissolved BTEX plume with a contingency plan if necessary, and institutional controls as the remedy for the site.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is \$190,000 to \$340,000 depending on the required duration of remedial efforts. The cost to construct the remedy is estimated to be between \$140,000 to \$290,000 and the estimated average annual operation and maintenance cost is \$10,000.

The Record of Decision and other site-related documents are available at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 4 Sub-Office, 1150 Westcott Road and the Schenectady County Public Library, 99 Clinton Ave. Schenectady. This fact sheet also provides background information about the site.

Site Description and History:

The Ladd's site is located in a commercial-residential urban neighborhood approximately 2,000 feet to the southeast of the Mohawk River. The site acts as a gateway to the "Stockade Section" of the City of Schenectady from Erie Boulevard. The area is almost completely covered by asphalt, concrete, or buildings. In the past, several gas stations operated in the vicinity of the site. A Texaco service station was located across Erie Boulevard to the east. A Gulf Oil service station (currently the Burger King restaurant) was located at the corner of Erie Boulevard and Liberty Street from 1956 to 1969.

The operation of the Former Ladd's Gas Station on this site has contaminated the groundwater with primarily benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX). A plume of this contamination currently extends approximately 500 feet to the west of the site to the surrounding area. The Stockade area is connected to the City of Schenectady public water supply and there are no known private groundwater wells located in the area.

Based on the site investigation and the remedial actions report, the State proposed a cleanup plan and presented it at a November 2001 public meeting. The State's responses to comments received at the public meeting and during the 45-day comment period are included in Appendix A of the Record of Decision.

What Happens Next:

The NYSDEC will be the lead agency in the design and implementation of the remedy.

For More Information:

Please call the following staff for more information:

The Record of Decision:

Allan Geisendorfer, Project Manager
1150 Westcott Road
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You can also contact DEC toll-free at 1-800-342-9296. Leave your name, phone number, and a brief message and someone will return your call.

Site-Related Health Questions:

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