

FACT SHEET:

Former Mohasco Mill Complex Brownfields Site Investigation/Remedial Alternatives Report

The City of Amsterdam will be conducting an environmental Site Investigation under a grant from the New York State Clean Air/Clean Water Bond Act of 1996 at the former Mohasco Mill Complex Site during the Fall/Winter of 1998. The former Mohasco Mill Complex is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Forest Avenue and Lyon Street in the City of Amsterdam, New York. The site is approximately 21.6 acres in size.

SITE HISTORY

The site was used for carpet manufacturing from the late 1880s through 1984. Manufacturing processes conducted at the site consisted primarily of milling and weaving of raw materials and dye operations. Based on reviews of existing documents, it is believed that chemicals shipped to, used, and stored at the site included, but may not have been limited to, sulfuric acid, acetic acid, hydrogen peroxide, hydrosulfites, PCBs, and some metalized dyes.

Carpet manufacturing activities ceased in 1984 and the site was leased for use as storage and office space from 1984 to 1992. Several of the buildings at the site were destroyed by fires in 1992 and 1994. Most of the central and northern sections of the property are covered with demolition debris, building foundations, and the remains of buildings destroyed in the fires. Large multi-story buildings still exist in the northeast and southwest corners of the site. The site is currently unoccupied.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Site Investigation will be performed by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. of Latham, New York, the City's consultant, during the Fall/Winter of 1998. The focus of the Site Investigation is to identify the distribution of potential chemical contamination in the soil and groundwater in areas of concern, where chemicals were previously stored, handled and transported. The Site Investigation will include:

- Sampling of soils beneath the site to evaluate the presence or absence of contaminated soils;
- Installation of monitoring wells at the site to assess hydrogeology and groundwater quality at the site;
- Groundwater sampling and analysis from the monitoring wells;
- Field mapping of on-site bedrock outcrops to aid in evaluating potential contaminant migration pathways;
- Test pit excavation in an area of concern to determine to presence or absence of an electrical transformer suspected to contain PCBs;
- Air monitoring during any intrusive site activities;
- Sampling of sediment from the North Chuctamunda Creek to assess potential environmental impacts from the site;
- Lead paint and asbestos survey of Buildings 20A and 36.

Upon completion of the Site Investigation, Malcolm Pirnie will prepare a Site Investigation/ Remedial

Alternatives Report (SI/RAR) for submittal to the NYSDEC. The SI portion of the report will include a description of the field investigation activities, presentation of the analytical results, discussion of the nature and extent of contamination, and conclusions and recommendations drawn from the interpretation of the data. The RA portion of the report will identify and screen appropriate remedial technologies and present a comparison of remedial alternatives to address any risks to human health and the environment.

Upon review and approval of the SI/RAR, the NYSDEC will issue a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) which outlines the recommended remedial alternative. The PRAP will be available for public comment and a public meeting will be held to discuss the results of the investigation and the PRAP. At the end of the public comment period, a Record of Decision (ROD) describing the chosen remedial alternative will be issued by the NYSDEC. The ROD will include a responsiveness summary which addresses relevant public comments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A public meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on October 26, 1998 at Amsterdam City Hall located at 21 Church Street, Amsterdam, New York to discuss the Work Plan for the Site Investigation at the former Mohasco Mill Complex. Representatives of the City of Amsterdam, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), and Malcolm Pirnie, the City's consultant, will be available to answer questions regarding the Work Plan at this time.

The following is a tentative project schedule for SI/RAR:

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME FRAME</u>
Mailing describing SI activities	October 1998
Begin field activities	Fall 1998
Mailing announcing availability of SI/RAR	Spring 1999
Mailing describing the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) and announcing comment period	Late spring/early summer 1999
45-day comment period for PRAP	Completion of PRAP
Public Meeting to discuss PRAP	During 45-day PRAP Comment period
Mailing describing Selected Site Remedy and Response to Comments	After remedy is selected and Finalized

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Questions regarding the progress of the Site Investigation or citizen participation activities can be directed to the following individuals:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW

A copy of the project Work Plan is available for public review at the following locations:

Amsterdam Public Library
28 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010
(518) 842-1080

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