

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Remediation



FACT SHEET

November 1, 2000

JONAS AUTOMOTIVE
SITE No. B00136-3
86 Wisner Avenue,
Newburgh, NY 12550

Site Investigation to Begin at the Former Jonas Automotive Facility

In November 2000, the City of Newburgh will begin a detailed environmental study at the Jonas Automotive Brownfields Site. The investigation will be conducted under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) Environmental Restoration Projects or Brownfields Program. The 1996 Clean Water / Clean Air Bond Act will be providing up to 75% of the funding for this project. The site is located at 86 Wisner Avenue in the City of Newburgh (see map on reverse side for location). The property consists of the former Jonas building situated on an approximately 1.5 acre gravel lot. Jonas operated the property from 1993 to 1999 for the dismantling of automobile motors. A concrete pad area exists behind the building where the motors were removed and transported into the building. An underground gasoline tank and above ground waste oil tank are still present on site. In March of 1998, a spill was reported to the NYSDEC where motors were being dumped in the rear of the property with fluids visible on the ground. Jonas stockpiled the impacted soil on site, but failed to properly dispose of it. The stockpiled soil was properly disposed of off site by the City in December 1999. The City took ownership of the property in March of 1999.

The Site Investigation: The study to be performed at the Jonas Automotive site is called a "Site Investigation/Remedial Alternatives Report" (SI/RAR). The site investigation will determine the nature and extent of the contamination at the site, as well as potential threats to public health and the environment. As part of the investigation, various environmental media will be sampled, including groundwater and soil, and several on-site drums and the underground and above ground storage tanks will be removed and properly disposed of off site. First Environment of New Jersey has been retained by the City to perform the investigation. The Remedial Alternatives Report will evaluate possible actions to clean up the site and will be developed concurrent with the SI and completed after the SI is complete. Based on the results of the SI/RAR, the NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will propose a means for cleaning up the site, and present a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) to the public. Following consideration of public comments on the proposed cleanup plan and its alternatives, the NYSDEC and NYSDOH will select the site remedy.

Copies of the work plan, which describes the SI/RAR process in detail, are available for your review at the document repositories listed on the back of this fact sheet, and you may contact David Camp of the NYSDEC at (518)-457-7924 if you have questions or comments on the work plan.

NYSDEC encourages your participation in the project. Your understanding and involvement can help ensure a cleanup program that effectively protects public health and the environment.

Document Repositories: Information and documents pertaining to the site are available for public review at the following locations:

Newburgh Free Library
124 Grand Street
Newburgh, New York 12550
(845) 561-1985

NYSDEC Region 3 Office
21 South Putt Corners Road
New Paltz, New York 12561
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