



FACT SHEET

February 2006

Proposed Cleanup Plan Former Flintkote Plant Site

Public Meeting Announcement

Site No. B-00161-9

You are invited to attend a
PUBLIC MEETING

Regarding the
**Former Flintkote
Plant Site**
to be held

February 27, 2006

at

6:30 PM

at

**Lockport Public Library
23 East Avenue
Lockport, NY 14095-0475**

At the meeting, DEC will discuss and answer questions regarding the proposed cleanup plan for the Former Flintkote Plant Site. The meeting is also an opportunity to input your comments on proposed cleanup activities.

INTRODUCTION

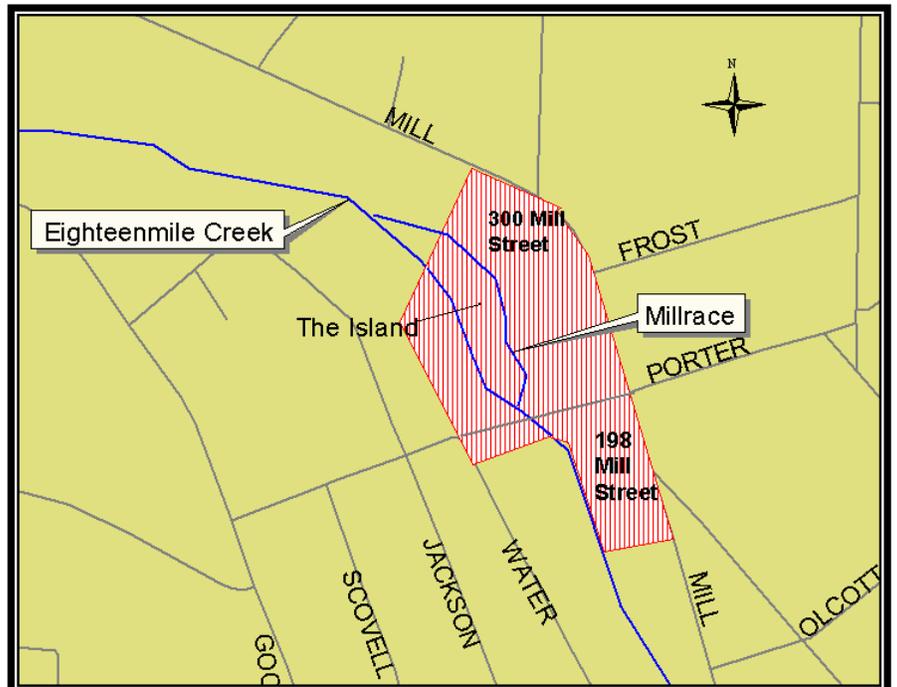
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Niagara County invite you to attend a public meeting regarding proposed cleanup activities at the Former Flintkote Plant Site in Lockport, Niagara County. (See meeting box at left for meeting location and time.) At the meeting, representatives from DEC, Niagara County, and New York State Department of Health (DOH) will present a proposed cleanup plan for the site and be available to answer questions from the public. The proposed cleanup plan, called the "Proposed Remedial Action Plan" (PRAP) is also available for your review at the library listed at the end of this fact sheet. Public comments on the PRAP will be accepted through March 23, 2006.

Cleanup work will be performed under the New York State 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act "Environmental Restoration Program" (ERP). Through the ERP, DEC provides financial assistance to local governments for the cleanup and restoration of brownfields sites. A brownfield is currently unused, abandoned, or idle property that may have been used for industrial purposes in the past but no longer contributes to the tax base of a municipality.

This fact sheet is being provided to explain why a cleanup plan for the Former Flintkote Plant Site is being proposed, what the proposed cleanup activities will involve, and how to obtain more information.

SITE BACKGROUND

The Former Flintkote Plant Site is an abandoned industrial property that occupies approximately six acres at 198 and 300 Mill Street in the City of Lockport. The majority of the site is situated along the eastern bank of Eighteenmile Creek, although a small portion of the site is located along the western bank of Eighteenmile Creek and is bounded to the south by residential properties along Water Street (Water Street Section). The site is bisected by William Street, which divides the site into north (300 Parcel) and south (198 Parcel) sections. The section of 300 Mill Street between Eighteenmile Creek and the millrace section of the creek is referred to as the Island. (See site location map at right for details.)



Flintkote began operations as a manufacturer of felt and felt products in 1928 when the property was purchased from the Beckman Dawson Roofing Company. In

1935, Flintkote began production of sound-deadening and tufting felt for use in automobiles. It is also believed that Flintkote manufactured composite laminates. Manufacturing continued at Flintkote until December of 1971, when operations ceased and the plant closed. The site has been vacant since that time and presently contains the rundown remnants of the former manufacturing complex.

To determine the type and location of contamination at the site, a Site Investigation (SI) was conducted by Niagara County in 2003. In 2005, a Remedial Alternatives Report (RAR) was completed to evaluate potential cleanup alternatives. These reports are available at the locations listed at the end of this page.

The SI documented the presence of approximately 46,500 cubic yards of ash fill containing contaminants such as semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals. SVOCs are chemicals that are commonly produced during the combustion process of fossil fuels and do not readily evaporate. The SI indicated that groundwater at the site was not significantly contaminated.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CLEANUP ACTIVITIES

To address the contamination present at the site, the DEC has prepared a cleanup plan called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP). The cleanup activities proposed in the PRAP include:

- Excavating all fill containing contaminants at levels that are considered hazardous and disposing of excavated materials at an off-site location. All remaining non-hazardous fill will be covered with a minimum 2 foot thick layer of clean soil.
- Removing sediments from one building sump and trench drain, and stabilizing sediments from the deep basement of another building prior to its demolition. A minimum 2 foot thick, clean soil cover will be installed over the demolished building footprint;
- Demolishing all buildings to four feet below grade and removing demolition debris from the site;
- Removing sediment from a portion of an outfall pipe to Eighteenmile Creek and closing the pipe in place;
- Removing asbestos containing materials (ACMs);
- Developing a cleanup design program;
- Developing a site management plan to address residual contamination, use restrictions, and maintenance of the soil cover;
- Imposing an environmental easement that will restrict future site use to recreational purposes; and
- Periodically certifying that cleanup remedies are still effective.

The goal of the proposed cleanup activities is to clean up the site for the protection of human health and the environment.

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held on February 27, 2006, at Lockport Public Library (see meeting announcement on front of this page) to discuss the proposed cleanup plan of the Former Flintkote Plant Site. At the meeting, DEC and DOH representatives will be available to answer questions regarding proposed cleanup activities.

WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SITE?

Site related environmental questions

Mr. Glenn M. May, Project Manager
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220

Site related health questions

Ms. Charlotte Bethoney, Public Health Specialist
NYS Department of Health
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Troy, NY 12180
1-800-458-1158 ext. 27860

OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMENT AND LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT RELATED DOCUMENTS

DEC welcomes your input on the proposed cleanup plan. You may review the PRAP, as well as other site-related documents at the locations listed below. DEC will accept comments on the plan at the public meeting and in writing until March 23, 2006. Please send written comments to Mr. Glenn May at DEC's Buffalo Office, (address listed above under "Site related environmental questions"). To keep you informed, DEC has established two locations at which you can view site-related project documents. These locations include:

Lockport Public Library
23 East Avenue
Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 433-5935

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220
(by appointment only)