



FACT SHEET

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Record of Decision Announced For the Former Flintkote Plant Site

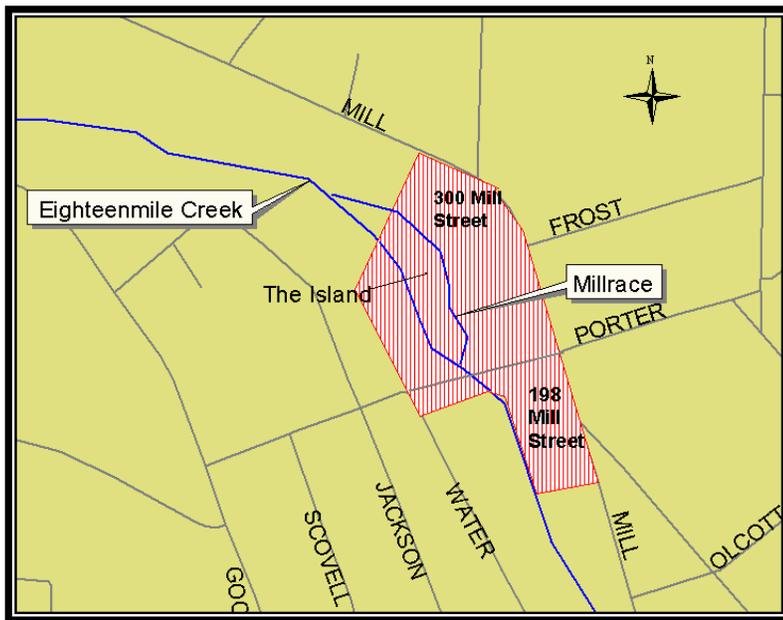
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Site No. B-00161-9

INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is pleased to announce that a cleanup plan has been finalized for the Former Flintkote Plant site on Mill Street in the City of Lockport.

A public meeting was held on February 27, 2006 at the Lockport Public Library, during which DEC presented a proposed cleanup plan for the site. After seeking public comment on the proposed plan, DEC finalized the cleanup plan in a document called a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD also summarizes site investigations and responses to comments received from the public. The ROD and other documents related to the Former Flintkote Plant site are available for your review at the locations listed on the back of this page.



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 brownfield 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.

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 is referred to as the Island.

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 ultimate installation and use in automobiles. It is also believed that Flintkote manufactured composite laminates. Manufacturing was continued at Flintkote until December 1971, when operations ceased and the plant closed. The site has been vacant since that time and presently contains the dilapidated 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 remedial alternatives. These reports are available at the locations listed at the end of this fact sheet.

The SI documented the presence of approximately 46,500 cubic yards of ash fill containing semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals. Similar contaminants were detected in waste and sediment inside plant buildings. Groundwater was not extensively contaminated.

DETAILS OF THE RECORD OF DECISION

DEC, in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), has selected the following cleanup activities for the Former Flintkote Plant Site. As determined in the ROD, cleanup goals for the site are to:

- excavate hazardous fill materials to native soils or bedrock (where native soils are absent) on the 198 Parcel, Island and Water Street Section of the site. These materials will be disposed off-site in an approved facility;
- remove sediments from one building sump and trench drain, and evaluate options to address sediments in a deep basement of another building;
- remove sediment from a portion of an outfall pipe to Eighteenmile Creek and close the pipe in place;
- remove asbestos containing materials (ACMs), and dispose of them at an off-site, approved facility;
- demolish all buildings to four feet below grade;
- remove construction and demolition debris for disposal at an off-site, approved facility;
- install a minimum 2 foot thick, clean soil cover over the demolished building footprint;
- construct a 2 foot thick, clean soil cover over the non-hazardous fill materials on the 300 Parcel of the site;
- develop a site management plan to address residual contamination, site use restrictions, and maintenance of the soil cover;
- impose an environmental easement; and
- periodically certify institutional and engineering controls.

Details of the selected cleanup plan can be found in the ROD, which is available for public review at the locations listed below.

NEXT STEPS

Now that the ROD has been issued, a letter will be sent to Niagara County asking the county if it wishes to remain in the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP). The county has 60 days to respond. If Niagara County decides not to remain in the ERP, DEC will then cleanup the site through the State Superfund Program. Under either program, cleanup activities will begin once the necessary cleanup construction designs and potential additional fieldwork are completed. This process should take approximately one to one and a half years. Fact sheets, such as this one, will be sent to keep you updated on project progress, and to inform you prior to the start of site cleanup activities.

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

Should you have questions regarding the Flintkote site, please feel free to contact the representatives below.

Site Related Environmental Questions

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Site Related Health Questions

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Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 847-4385

LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT RELATED DOCUMENTS

You are welcome to review the ROD and other site-related documents for the Former Flintkote Plant Site at the locations listed below.

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
(Please call for an appointment.)