



# FACT SHEET

## Environmental Restoration Program

Pan American Tannery  
NYSDEC Site No. B00175-5  
City of Gloversville, NY

February 2006

### Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan Availability

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and the City of Gloversville (City), is pleased to announce the availability of a proposed Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan (IRM Work Plan) for the Pan American Tannery site located at 312 West Fulton Street in the City of Gloversville, Fulton County, New York. See attached map for the location of the site.

The IRM Work Plan outlines the City's plans to ready the site for a detailed environmental remedial (cleanup) investigation the City intends to complete as part of New York State's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP). The poor condition of the main tannery building is preventing the City from completing the remedial investigation activity. The City proposes demolition of the main tannery building and other related IRM activities to allow for the complete remedial investigation. The findings of the remedial investigation could then be used to develop a plan of action for remediation of the Pan American Tannery site. NYSDEC is providing this fact sheet to explain highlights of the planned IRM and how to get more information. The "Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan" (IRM Work Plan) was submitted by the City of Gloversville and is available for public review at the document repository identified in this fact sheet.

#### Background

The site, an abandoned tannery complex, is located on the north side of West Fulton Street in the City of Gloversville, Fulton County, New York, mainly in a residential area with some commercial use. The site is approximately 4.8 acres of land and is identified on the City of Gloversville tax maps as being within the parcel with Section 148.08, Block 2, Lot 17.5. A copy of a portion of the City of Gloversville tax map showing the site and surrounding areas is attached. There has been no previous investigations or remedial activities performed at the Pan American Tannery prior to the City's involvement with the ERP.

**Environmental Restoration Program:** New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) encourages the cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be returned to productive use. These uses include recreation, housing and business.

A **brownfield** is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the ERP, visit:  
[www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/erp](http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/erp)

#### Highlights of the Proposed Interim Remedial Measures

- 1.) Demolish the Main Tannery Building #1;
- 2.) Clean and close petroleum storage tanks;
- 3.) Install chain-link fencing to secure the site;
- 4.) Remove and dispose waste materials from the Main Tannery Building #1;
- 5.) Evaluate building materials for disposal;
- 6.) Design and implement asbestos abatement;
- 7.) Dispose residual bulk tanning materials and wastes in the Main Tannery Building #1.
- 8.) Remove and dispose polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) laden transformers;
- 9.) Clean the floor drains and trenches in the Main Tannery Building #1; and
- 10.) Clean the waste water treatment plant.

The City of Gloversville will complete the work proposed in the IRM Work Plan with oversight by NYSDEC and the NYSDOH. The work proposed in the IRM is expected to begin in early Spring 2006 and may take two to three months to complete.

### **Next Steps**

The City of Gloversville will prepare technical plans and specifications for publicly bidding the IRM, and will then authorize a Contractor to conduct the IRM. NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the IRM at the Pan American Tannery through mailings and, possibly, public meetings. NYSDEC will announce the time, date, and location of any public meetings by mail. The City of Gloversville, with guidance and input from the NYSDEC, has developed a Citizen Participation Plan for the Pan American Tannery site. This plan describes activities that will occur at different stages of the site investigation and cleanup process, including opportunities for public input. It also includes a glossary of terms and other useful information. The Citizen Participation Plan and other site related documents can be reviewed at the repositories listed below.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

#### **Document Repository**

A local document repository has been established at the following location to help the public to review important project documents. These documents include the application to participate in the ERP accepted by NYSDEC, and the IRM Work Plan:

- Gloversville Public Library  
58 E. Fulton Street, Gloversville, New York 12078  
Telephone: (518) 725-2819  
Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00am - 7:00pm, Thursday. & Friday 10am-6pm & Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm (Summer Hours for July through Labor Day Weekend, Tuesday-Friday 9:00am – 7:00pm)
- City of Gloversville Clerks Office  
City Hall, 3 Frontage Road, Gloversville, New York 12078-2897  
Telephone: (518) 773-4542  
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm
- New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation  
Region 5 Office, Route 86, P.O. Box 296, Ray Brook, NY 12977-0296  
Telephone: (518) 897-1242  
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:45pm

#### **Who to Contact**

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