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**Remedial Investigation
Work Plan
Public Comment Period
November 19 - December 20,
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FACT SHEET

BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM

November 2007

Fact Sheet #1

Former Canine Kennel Site
Gabreski Airport
Westhampton Beach, New York

Site No: C152079
NYSDEC Region 1

Proposed Remedial Investigation for the Former Canine Kennel Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) working cooperatively with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is providing the public with the opportunity to comment on the Remedial Investigation Work Plan for the Former Canine Kennel Site located at the Gabreski Airport in Westhampton Beach, NY (See attached map for location of Site). The Remedial Investigation Work Plan was prepared by P.W. Grosser Consulting, Inc, contracted with Suffolk County, under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The Work Plan has been approved by NYSDEC and the NYSDOH. NYSDEC previously accepted an application submitted by Suffolk County to participate in the BCP.

Your Opportunity to Review and Comment on the Remedial Investigation Work Plan for the Site.

The NYSDEC and NYSDOH are accepting comments on the RI Work Plan, within the public comment period specified at the left side of this page. The RI Work Plan is available for review at the document repositories identified on the left side of this page. Your comments are important and strongly encouraged.

Please direct written comments and questions to:

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Site Description and Background

The area of concern is a section of disturbed ground, irregular in shape; approximately 0.5 acres in size. The site is located in a remote portion of the airport, south of a former canine kennel and just east of a boat storage yard near the eastern property line.

In 1943, the Federal government built the airport for use as an Air Force base during World War II. After the war, it was given to Suffolk County. In 1951 it was reclaimed for the Korean War National Emergency. In 1960, it was leased by the US Air Force for an Air Defense Command Base, deactivated in 1969, then released back to Suffolk County in 1970.

The Canine Kennel Area was used by Suffolk County Air Force Base during deactivation activities (Spring 1970) for the burial of inert wastes, such as office furniture. It appears from the PCB contamination discovered in the surface soils, electrical distribution equipment such as transformers and capacitors were also disposed of in this area, the US Department of the Air Force was the owner and operator during the time of disposal.

The NYSDEC discovered the site in March 1984 in response to a complaint from a local citizen's group. At that time, a ten-foot deep pit was observed with several half buried capacitors leaking PCB oil. In May of 1984, nine soil samples were taken. Eight were found to contain PCBs (Aroclor 1254) in concentrations ranging from trace to 1700 ppm.

In July 2000, the NYSDEC performed additional soil sampling. Thirteen soil samples were collected from six locations at two depths (surface (0-4") and subsurface (2-4') below grade) and one soil sample was collected from the end of a capacitor located at the site. The highest soil concentration found was 280,000 ppm from the area around the capacitor.

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Remedial Investigation

The Planned work Includes the following tasks:

- Conducting a geophysical survey to identify affected areas.
- Perform exploratory test pits to identify boundaries and depths of waste.
- Collection of soil samples to delineate horizontal and vertical extent of PCB contamination in site soils.
- Install permanent groundwater monitoring wells and collect samples to determine if groundwater at the site has ben impacted.

Following completion of the field investigation a Remedial Investigation Report will be prepared.

Next Steps

NYSDEC and NYSDOH will consider public comments received on the approved Work Plan and make modifications where appropriate. The approved Remedial Work Plan will be placed in the document repository.

Contact the NYSDEC or NYSDOH project manager if you have any comments on the draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan, or if you would like to be added to the project contact list to receive future fact sheets for this Site.

Schedule

Field work for the investigation is anticipated to begin in January 2008.

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