



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: Former Packaged Lighting Systems, Inc.

October 2011

DEC Site #: C336079

Site Address: 29 Grant Street

Walden, NY 12586

Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is reviewing one or more cleanup documents relative to Former Packaged Lighting Systems, Inc. ("site") located at 29 Grant Street in Walden in Orange County. See map for site location. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be located at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information".

Brownfield Cleanup Program: New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses may include recreation, housing, business or other uses.

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 BCP, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Draft Investigation Work Plan. The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by the Estate of Hy Hilzen, with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). The investigation will assess conditions on-site (and if appropriate, off-site). NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. The approved work plan will be placed in the public document repositories. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented. When the activities in the investigation work plan are completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to the NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report. After the investigation a cleanup plan called a "Remedial Work Plan" will be developed and a Decision Document will be proposed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy, or recommend a "no action" or "no further action" alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days,

from 10/31/2011 through 11/30/2011. Please submit comments to the following:

John Miller
NYSDEC
Division of Environmental Remediation
625 Broadway, 11th Floor
Albany, NY 12233

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation

The site investigation has several goals:

- 1) define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected;
- 2) identify the source(s) of the contamination;

Background

Location: This former commercial/industrial site is located at 29 Grant Street in the Village of Walden, Orange County. It is situated along the southern side of Grant Street, approximately 500 feet east of the intersection of Grant Street and NYS Route 208. The site is approximately 3 acres in size.

Site Features: The site contains an abandoned, vacant commercial/industrial use building. The site is bounded to the north by Grant Street, to the west by an active railroad line, to the east by two residences along Elm Street and to the south by a commercial/industrial facility.

Current Zoning/Use: The area is zoned I-1- Industrial Park. The site is currently vacant. The intended future use is commercial.

Historical Use: The site has a history of industrial use dating back to the mid-1800s. From 1885 to 1894, it was occupied by the Rider Engine Company, a manufacturer of steam engines. From 1900 to 1939 the facility operated under the name Rider-Ericsson Engine Company and continued manufacturing steam engines. From the 1920s until 1967 the facility was operated by Spence Engineering, a manufacturer of steam regulators and valve mechanisms. From 1968 until 2008 the facility was used by Packaged Lighting Systems, Inc., which designed unique lighting systems for New York City theaters.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: Soils on the site consist of 12 to 18 inches of dark organic loam mixed with historic fill, underlain to a depth of 12 feet by dense clayey till and lenses of small gravel. Bedrock in the area of the site is presumed greater than 60 feet below grade.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Josephine Louise Public Library
Attn: Ms. Ginny Neidermier
5 Scofield Street
Walden, NY 12586
phone: 845-778-7621
(neidg@rcls.org)

Region 3 NYSDEC
21 S. Putt Corners Road
Attn: Michael Knipfing
New Paltz, NY 12561
(phone) 845-256-3154
please call for appointment

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project Related Questions

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Site-Related Health Questions

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

Figure 1

