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Site Name: Former Ogilvie Foods Company
DEC Site #: C623028
Address: 148 NORTH PLEASANT STREET
Watertown, NY 13601

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Interim Remedial Measure Proposed; Public Comment Period Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is proposing an expedited cleanup for the Former Ogilvie Foods Company site ("site") located at 148 NORTH PLEASANT STREET, Watertown, Jefferson County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." NYSDEC is conducting a public comment period because this Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) is likely to represent a significant part of the cleanup for this site.

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed IRM work plan for 45 days, from **May 27, 2014** through **July 11, 2014**. The proposed plan is available for review at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area below.

Draft Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan

An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation.

The draft IRM work plan describes the proposed cleanup activities that include:

- Excavation and off-Site disposal of approximately 250 to 300 tons of petroleum impacted soil from the eastern portion of the Site;
- Removal of two 10,000-gallon closed-in-place underground storage tanks (USTs);
- Additional sampling to delineate areas of impacted surface soil on the western portion of the Site;
- Excavation and off-Site disposal of impacted western soils to meet Residential Use Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs);
- Placement of clean on-Site cover material to prevent contact with contaminated surface soils within the former railroad right-of-way;
- Groundwater monitoring; and

- Institutional controls.

It is proposed that the westernmost portion of the former railroad right-of-way will be redeveloped for future residential use. The remainder of the former railroad right-of-way will be retained by the City of Watertown for potential use as a paved or gravel walking trail. It is anticipated that remediation of impacted soil within this portion of the railroad right-of-way can be addressed by placement of clean cover material and institutional controls.

Summary of the Investigation

Surface Soil Investigation: Surface soil samples were collected from the northern portion of the Site, in the area of the former rail bed, and other areas of accessible surface soil. Samples were analyzed for organic compounds, metals, and pesticides. Contaminant concentrations were compared to NYSDEC Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) in 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.8. Analytical results are summarized as follows:

- Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) were detected above Residential Use SCOs in the former railroad right-of-way and on the western edge of the Site.
- Arsenic was detected above the Residential Use SCO, also in the former railroad right-of-way.

Sub-Surface Soil Investigation: Sub-surface soil sampling was conducted to help locate a suspected additional UST, and aid in the development of a remedial design plan. Elevated photoionization detector (PID) readings, gray staining and petroleum odors were observed in soils from the eastern portion of the site, indicating petroleum contamination. Only one exceedance of an organic compound was reported, along with low levels of benzene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (all compounds are commonly found in petroleum products).

Underground Storage Tank (UST) Investigation: Test pits were completed to evaluate subsurface conditions surrounding the known UST in the central portion of the site. A test pit uncovered the known UST and no measurable product (gasoline, fuel oil, etc) was observed in surrounding soils. It is suspected that an additional tank remains on-site, but its location remains unknown.

Groundwater Investigation: Groundwater has not been sampled to date. The installation of monitoring wells to facilitate groundwater sampling is planned to be completed after the existing foundations and slab have been removed.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the IRM work plan in consultation with New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below). After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented. Upon completion of the work, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Background

Location: The Former Ogilvie Foods Property is located in a predominately residential area of the City of Watertown. The site located on 148 North Pleasant Street, Watertown, Jefferson County, New York.

Site Features: Ogilvie Foods, Inc. closed the whey production operations at the site in the late 1990s. The facility's buildings were demolished in 2003 after being condemned by the City. At that time, several chemical and milk product bulk storage tanks were reportedly removed. Building slabs, foundations, and basements were left in place. After demolition, the site was covered with shot rock to limit trespassing, help prevent vegetation growth, and allow water to drain more quickly.

A rail line also ran across the northern portion of the property beginning in the late 1800s. The former rail bed is now an overgrown drainage ditch. In the winter of 2011, City of Watertown DPW crews discovered a tank while exploring the site for former building foundations. Discovery of the tank was reported to NYSDEC and assigned Spill #1010788. This tank remains at the site and according to historical records it is likely that at least one more tank is present on the property. Both of these tanks apparently held fuel oil and have a capacity of 10,000 gallons.

Currently, most of the site is covered by remaining foundations, asphalt, or shot rock. The southern portion of the site has some soil present with sparse grass covering it. Vegetation across upland areas of the site is limited. The ditch in the former railroad right-of-way is vegetated, with small brush and trees growing in some portions. The eastern portion of the ditch is reported to remain wet throughout most of the year. Topography is varied, but in general the ground slopes to the north toward the ditch.

Current Zoning/Use: Site is now vacant and was previously used for manufacturing. The site is zoned for light-industrial use.

Historic Uses: The history of the Ogilvie Site reveals that the property was used for dairy operations for over 60 years. The eastern portion of the property was occupied by the National Biscuit Company from the early 1900s until approximately 1960. Ogilvie Foods, Inc. operated whey production operations until they closed in the late 1990s. The site has remained vacant since.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: The property is relatively flat and not in a flood zone. Groundwater appears to flow to the north or northwest towards the Black River. The soil type is comprised of a mixture of fill and native soils. The site does not lie in or near a wetland.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C623028>

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 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: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

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

City Hall
245 Washington Avenue
Watertown, NY 13601
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Who to Contact

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

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