



# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

SMC Brownfield Site  
Site #C633016  
New Hartford, NY

March 18, 2010

### Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the Special Metals Corporation (SMC) Brownfield site (“site”) located at 4317 Middle Settlement Road in New Hartford, Oneida County, New York. See map for site location. The draft investigation work plan, called a “Remedial Investigation Work Plan,” was submitted to NYSDEC by SMC (“applicant”) under New York’s Brownfield Cleanup Program.

#### How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from **April 1, 2010** through **April 30, 2010**. The draft investigation work plan is available for review at the location identified below under “Where to Find Information”.

Submit written comments to:

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**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](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

#### Highlights of the Proposed Remedial Investigation

The remedial investigation has several goals:

- 1) define the nature and extent of contamination in surface and subsurface soil, groundwater, and sediment, and other parts of the environment that may be affected
- 2) identify the source(s) of the contamination
- 3) assess the impact of the contamination on public health and the environment
- 4) provide information to support the development of a proposed remedy to address the contamination.

The investigation will be performed by the applicant with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

Nine areas of concern (AOCs) have been identified at the SMC Brownfield Site based on a review of historical aerial photographs and spill reports, as well as a review of past facility operations. Former use of the property has resulted in isolated releases of contaminants to soil, groundwater, and sediment on the SMC Brownfield Site. These contaminants include polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and metals associated with historic operating processes in the manufacture of specialty metals. The following nine AOCs will be investigated during the remedial investigation:

- Demolition Debris Landfill
- Former Landfill
- Historic and Active Outfall AOCs
- Rinse Water/Acid Spill
- North Drainage Swale
- Pilot Plant Exterior Building Foundation Staining
- Pilot Plant Drainage Swale
- Former Generator Room (inside manufacturing facility)
- Former Furnaces #2 through #5 (inside manufacturing facility)

The remedial investigation will include the following:

- Advancement of soil borings and installation of groundwater monitoring wells
- Collection and laboratory analyses of surface and subsurface soil samples, groundwater samples, and sediment samples.

### **Next Steps**

NYSDEC will consider public comments to the draft investigation work plan, revise the plan as necessary, and subsequently approve it..NYSDOH must also concur with the plan. The approved investigation work plan will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below). After the investigation work plan is approved, the applicant may proceed with the site investigation.

It is estimated that the investigation will take about six weeks to complete.

When the investigation is completed, the applicant will prepare and submit a report that summarizes the results and recommends whether cleanup of site contamination is required. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the investigation report.

The applicant may then develop a cleanup plan, called a “Remedial Action Work Plan”. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed remedy at each AOC, 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 draft cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day public comment period.

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

### **Background**

NYSDEC previously accepted an application from the applicant to participate in the Brownfield Cleanup Program. The application proposes that the site will be used for industrial purposes.

The SMC Brownfield Site consists of approximately 42 acres located at 4317 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford, Oneida County, New York. The Site is zoned industrial, and is located in a mixed-use area. The facility has been in operation at this location since 1958. Operations at the facility include melting, hot rolling, and cold finishing. Melting is performed in vacuum induction, vacuum arc, and electroslag furnaces. Property immediately adjacent to the Site is owned by Special Metals Corporation/ Oneida County Industrial Development Agency.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

#### **Where to Find Information**

Project documents are available for review at the following location to help the public stay informed. These documents include the draft investigation work plan and the application to participate in the Brownfield Cleanup Program.

New Hartford Public Library  
2 Library Lane  
New Hartford, New York  
Attn: Mary Javorski, Reference Librarian  
Phone: (315) 733-1535  
Hours: Mon. – Sat. 10 am – 8 pm  
Sun. – 1 – 5 pm (except July/August)  
Mon, Tues, Wed 10 am - 9 pm  
Thurs/Fri – 10 am – 6 pm  
Sat. – 10 am – 5 pm

## **Who to Contact**

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

### Project Related Questions

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