



FACT SHEET

Announcing the Availability of the
Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan for the
Former Oneida Knife Plant Site, Sherrill, New York

Brownfield Cleanup Program

February 2010

DEC Site Code C633077

Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) would like to announce the availability of a remedial investigation work plan (RIWP) for public review pertaining to the former Oneida Limited Knife Plant property (Site) located on Kenwood Avenue in the City of Sherrill, Oneida County, New York (refer to *Location Map*). The proposed work is being conducted by Oneida Silversmiths, Inc. through the NYSDEC Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The BCP encourages property owners or developers to voluntarily investigate and clean up brownfield sites so they may be returned to productive uses. Brownfield sites are typically former industrial properties no longer in use that often are contaminated from past industrial processes. Previous investigation work at the site conducted as part of an environmental site assessment related to a real estate transaction indicated the presence of contamination at the site.

Site Background

The property is a 2.9-acre parcel that includes the oldest portion of the former knife manufacturing plant. The property is zoned M-1 Manufacturing District and currently contains a vacant manufacturing building. The site borders Oneida Creek to the north and Kenwood Avenue to the west. The site has operated as a manufacturing facility since the mid-1800's. Knife manufacturing by Oneida Limited ceased at the site by 2006. Materials used at the site included lubricating oils and synthetic coolants, fuel oil used to heat the plant until the 1980's and trichloroethene (TCE) to clean oily parts until the mid-1990's. Recent studies have identified impacts to soil and groundwater, primarily with petroleum products and volatile organic compounds, including TCE. Oneida Silversmiths, Inc. signed a BCP application with the NYSDEC in November 2009 and subsequently completed the next step of preparing the RIWP.

What Will the RIWP Involve?

The RIWP is a detailed narrative document describing past operations at the site, area geography and geology, all previously obtained data regarding the occurrence of contamination at the site, a preliminary exposure pathway assessment and a detailed listing of the proposed investigation activities. The investigation activities will involve the completion of soil borings, installation of groundwater sampling wells and the collection of soil and groundwater samples for analysis of potential contaminants to delineate the nature and extent of contamination on the site. The collected data will be used to complete an exposure pathway analysis and identify potentially applicable remedial actions at the site.

What comes Next?

The RIWP will be available for public review and comments for a 30 day period. The availability of the document is provided below. After reviewing and addressing comments from the public, the NYSDEC will approve the final RIWP. The investigation work is expected to be completed in 2010. A report summarizing findings and conclusions of the remedial investigation activities will then be prepared for review by the NYSDEC. After review and approval of the investigation report, the next step is to prepare a remedial work plan describing the development and implementation of a cleanup plan for the site. Fact sheets and public comment periods will be provided throughout the process.

Who Should I Contact If I have Any Questions?

Questions regarding the RIWP for the site are welcome and can be directed to the following representatives:

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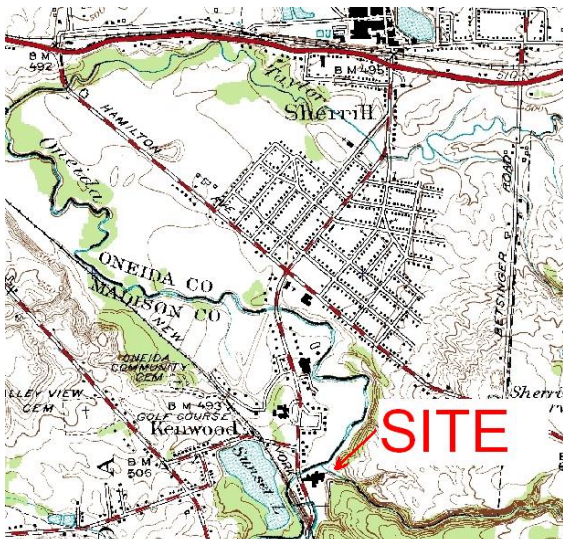
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Locations to View the Project Documents

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Site Location Map



Site Photograph

