

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name:800 Hiawatha Boulevard West (former Roth Steel)DEC Site #:C734083Address:800 Hiawatha Blvd. West
Syracuse, NY 13204

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Interim Remedial Measure Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has approved an expedited cleanup at the 800 Hiawatha Boulevard West (former Roth Steel) site ("site") located at 800 Hiawatha Blvd. West, Syracuse, Onondaga 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."

Interim Remedial Measure

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 IRM cleanup activities include:

- Characterization, removal and proper disposal of approximately fifty 55-gallon drums and other assorted containers of residual oil and liquids;
- Removal and proper disposal of one 55-gallon drum of PCB capacitors;
- Removal and disposal of two above-ground Automobile Shredder Residue (ASR) piles (approximately 2,000 cubic yards) to an approved solid waste landfill; and
- Excavation of PCB-impacted soil from four pier support areas in preparation for construction of the Onondaga County Canalways Trail Pedestrian Bridge.

Next Steps

The IRM is to be implemented by OCIDA in Fall 2016 through Winter 2017. 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 via additional factsheets announcing the investigation results, proposed remedy, start of the remedial action, and availability of the final report.

Background

Location:

The 800 Hiawatha Boulevard West (former Roth Steel) Site is a 24 acres site located along the southern shore of Onondaga Lake in an urban area north of the intersection of Hiawatha Boulevard with State Fair Boulevard. The site is bounded by: CSX Railroad tracks to the northwest; the Onondaga County Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant to the north/northeast; Hiawatha Boulevard to the east/southeast; and several commercial businesses to the southwest on State Fair Boulevard.

Site Features:

The site is relatively flat and accessible via several driveways off of Hiawatha Boulevard. There are eight unoccupied buildings on the property. A paved driveway surrounds Buildings 1, 2, and 3 on the northeast end of the site. Unpaved driveways and storage areas surround Buildings 4 through 8. A former unregulated stormwater pond is located in the center of the property. The pond is approximately 100 feet by 300 feet and is currently overgrown with vegetation. In addition, to the two above-ground ASR piles, there are two ASR disposal cells located on the northwest side of the site. The remaining portion of the site is undeveloped and covered with fill, waste materials, and debris.

Current Zoning and Land Use:

The site is currently vacant and is zoned as an industrial district. The surrounding parcels are currently used for a combination of commercial, light industrial, and utility right-of-ways. The nearest residential area is 0.3 miles to the east.

Past Use of the Site:

The site is the former Roth Steel facility and operated as a metal processing and recycling center from the 1950s up until 2014. Prior uses that appear to have led to site contamination include the storage and shredding of vehicles, white goods, and other scrap materials; onsite disposal of ASR in two above-ground piles and in two underground disposal cells; and unregulated discharges of stormwater. The site was previously investigated under a Consent Order between Roth Steel and DEC. Roth declared bankruptcy and closed the facility in 2014 effectively ending the Consent Order. Onondaga County Industrial Agency purchased the site from the bankruptcy trustee in 2015.

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

http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C734083

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 site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

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.

Onondaga County Public Library - Kinchen Central Library The Galleries of Syracuse 447 South Salina Street Syracuse, NY 13202 Phone: 315-435-1900

NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation - Region 7 615 Erie Blvd. West Syracuse, NY 13204 Phone: 315-426-7551

Who to Contact

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

<u>Project Related Questions</u> Karen Cahill Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Remediation 615 Erie Blvd W Syracuse, NY 13204 315-426-7551 karen.cahill@dec.ny.gov <u>Site-Related Health Questions</u> Sarita Wagh Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation New York State Department of Health Empire State Plaza - Corning Tower Room 1787 Albany, NY 12237 518-402-7860 BEEI@health.ny.gov

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