



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

8-28 Ward Street
Site Number C828136
Rochester, NY

March 2007

Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan Available for Public Comment

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) requests public comments as it reviews a draft work plan to investigate the “8-28 Ward Street site” located at 8-28 Ward Street in the City of Rochester. Please refer to the map on page four for the location of the site. The draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan was submitted by Germanow-Simon Corporation as the volunteer under New York’s Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP).

NYSDEC previously accepted an application submitted by Germanow-Simon to participate in the BCP. The application proposes that the site will be used for restricted commercial or industrial purposes.

Public Comments About the Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan

NYSDEC is accepting written public comments about the draft RI Work Plan for 30 days, from **March 28, 2007** through **April 27, 2007**. The draft RI Work Plan is available for public review at the Lincoln Branch of the Rochester Public Library (see page three).

Written comments should be submitted to:

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Highlights of the Proposed Remedial Investigation

The remedial investigation has several goals:

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 and business.

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.state.ny.us/website/der/bcp

1. define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other impacted environmental media;
2. identify the source(s) of the contamination;
3. assess the impact of the contamination on public health and/or the environment; and
4. provide information to support the development of a cleanup plan to address the contamination.

The investigation will be performed by Germanow-Simon

with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

Germanow-Simon Corporation recently purchased the 8-28 Ward Street property. While completing BCP investigation and cleanup activities at the adjacent Ward Street Site (Site #C828117 located at 408 St. Paul Street), some contamination that appeared to be coming from an off-site source was detected. Investigation data from both sites indicated a source of volatile organic compound (VOC) contamination on the 8-28 Ward Street property. The type of contaminants on the 8-28 Ward Street site are similar to those found on the other Ward Street site.

Germanow-Simon anticipates completing the remedial investigation during the summer of 2007. The proposed remedial investigation activities will involve the following:

- Conduct a passive soil gas survey to look for underground VOCs in soil and soil vapor, and to assess the potential for VOC vapors to impact occupied buildings;
- Excavate test pits to assess underground features and look for buried metallic objects which might be a source of the VOCs;
- Install soil borings to determine the nature and extent of any soil contamination; and
- Install five (5) new groundwater monitoring wells to better define the nature and extent of groundwater contamination.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments as it completes its review, has any necessary revisions made, and approves the RI Work Plan. NYSDOH must concur in the approval of the RI Work Plan. The approved RI Work Plan will be placed in the document repository (see below). After the RI Work Plan is approved, Germanow-Simon may proceed with the remedial investigation of the 8-28 Ward Street site. It is estimated that the remedial investigation will take between 6 months to one year to complete. Germanow-Simon will, then, prepare a Remedial Investigation Report that summarizes the results of the remedial investigation.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the investigation and remediation of the 8-28 Ward Street site.

Background

The 8-28 Ward Street site is a 1.2-acre property located in a mixed residential commercial/industrial area. Historically the site was occupied by a dry cleaner and a mill supply and machinery company. Currently, the site is vacant and used as a parking lot. The site is immediately adjacent to the Ward Street site (#C828117) to the north and west, and residential areas to the south and east. Indoor air sampling at the residential tower located south of the site did not reveal any site-related contaminants. The cleanup at the adjacent Ward Street site involved installation of a multiphase extraction system to remove VOCs from the soil and groundwater. The VOCs encountered at the Ward Street site were related to historic petroleum, dry cleaning and chemical supply operations prior to ownership by Germanow-Simon. The main VOC contaminants in groundwater, soil and soil vapor were chlorinated solvents. These solvents were typically used by dry cleaners and were common degreasing solvents. Germanow-Simon did not use those petroleum, dry cleaning and degreasing solvents at its operations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Document Repository

A local document repository has been established at the following location to help the public to review important project documents. These documents include the draft RI Work Plan and the application to participate in the BCP accepted by NYSDEC:

City of Rochester Public Library

Lincoln Branch

851 Joseph Avenue

Rochester, New York 14621

Hours: Monday and Wednesday- 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Saturday - 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Sunday - closed

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An aerial photograph of an urban area with various streets and buildings. A specific lot is outlined in yellow. A white rectangular box with the text "Site Location" has a pointer directed at the yellow-outlined lot. Numerous street names are visible throughout the image, including Kelly St, Chilton Ave N, Emmett St, Ward St, Saint Paul St, Saint Bridget Dr, Cork St, Platt St, Browne Race, Rochester Inner Loop Hwy, Cumberland St, Joseph Ave, N Clinton Ave, Andrews St, Cartier Ct, N Water, Ramp Central Ave, We Kott St, and State St. There is also a label for "PARKING LOT" near the site. A large industrial complex with many silver storage tanks is located to the west of the site. A river or canal runs along the bottom left of the image.

