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www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: Former Michelsen Furniture Co. Site
DEC Site #: C828189
Address: 182 Avenue D & 374 Conkey Avenue
Rochester, NY 14621

Have questions?
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Below

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 Michelsen Furniture Co. Site ("site") located at 182 Avenue D & 374 Conkey Avenue, Rochester, Monroe 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 30 days, from **April 24, 2015** through **May 24, 2015**. 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:

Two underground storage tanks located along the northern edge of the building will be removed along with any contaminated soils that may be encountered. These 3000-gallon underground tanks were used for fuel oil storage. Any product left in the tanks will be pumped out and disposed of off-site. The excavations will be backfilled with clean soil. Additionally, a sub-slab depressurization system will be installed to prevent vapors from entering into the building. A sub-slab depressurization system is similar to a radon mitigation system. Several suction points will be installed through the basement concrete slab to collect vapors. The suction points will be connected to piping that will extend above the roofline of the building. A small fan will be mounted at the end of the pipes that are designed to pull the vapors out and discharge them to the air.

Summary of the Investigation

Previous investigations identified an on-site contamination source of chlorinated VOCs. Chlorinated VOCs include trichlorethene (TCE) which was a solvent used to degrease metal parts. These chemicals evaporate easily when exposed to the air and tend to persist in the underground soils and groundwater when released to the environment. During the ongoing remedial investigation, soil and groundwater will be sampled to determine the extent of contamination.

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 site is comprised of approximately 0.64 acres and consists of two parcels. The site is located in an urban neighborhood in the City of Rochester. It is bounded by Avenue D to the south, Conkey Avenue to the east, residential property to the north, and the El Camino Trail and city of Rochester Avenue D Recreation Center to the east.

Site Features: Parcel 1, addressed 182 Avenue D, encompasses approximately 0.41 acres with a four story brick warehouse building. Parcel 2 is a vacant lot addressed 374 Conkey Avenue. Parcel 2 encompasses approximately 0.23 acres in size.

Current Use: The current use of Parcel 1 is for commercial use and Parcel 2 is currently vacant.

Historical Use: The site was utilized for furniture manufacturing between 1918 through 1954. Additional operators at the Site in the 1950s included Columbia Carpet Co., Rice Tool & Die Co. and General Fabricators Co. Parcel 2 historically contained a railroad spur that serviced the Michelsen Building. The site has been utilized primarily for warehouse and distribution from the 1960's to present.

Geology and Hydrogeology:

Soils on site include silt with varying amounts of fine and coarse sand and gravel underlain by clay. Bedrock was encountered at 13 to 15 feet below ground surface. Groundwater is encountered at 10 to 12 feet below ground surface

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=C828189>

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.

Monroe County Library System
Attn: Lincoln Branch Library
851 Joseph Avenue
Rochester, NY 14621
Phone: 585-428-8210

Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions

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Site-Related Health Questions

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Empire State Plaza Corning Tower, Room 1787
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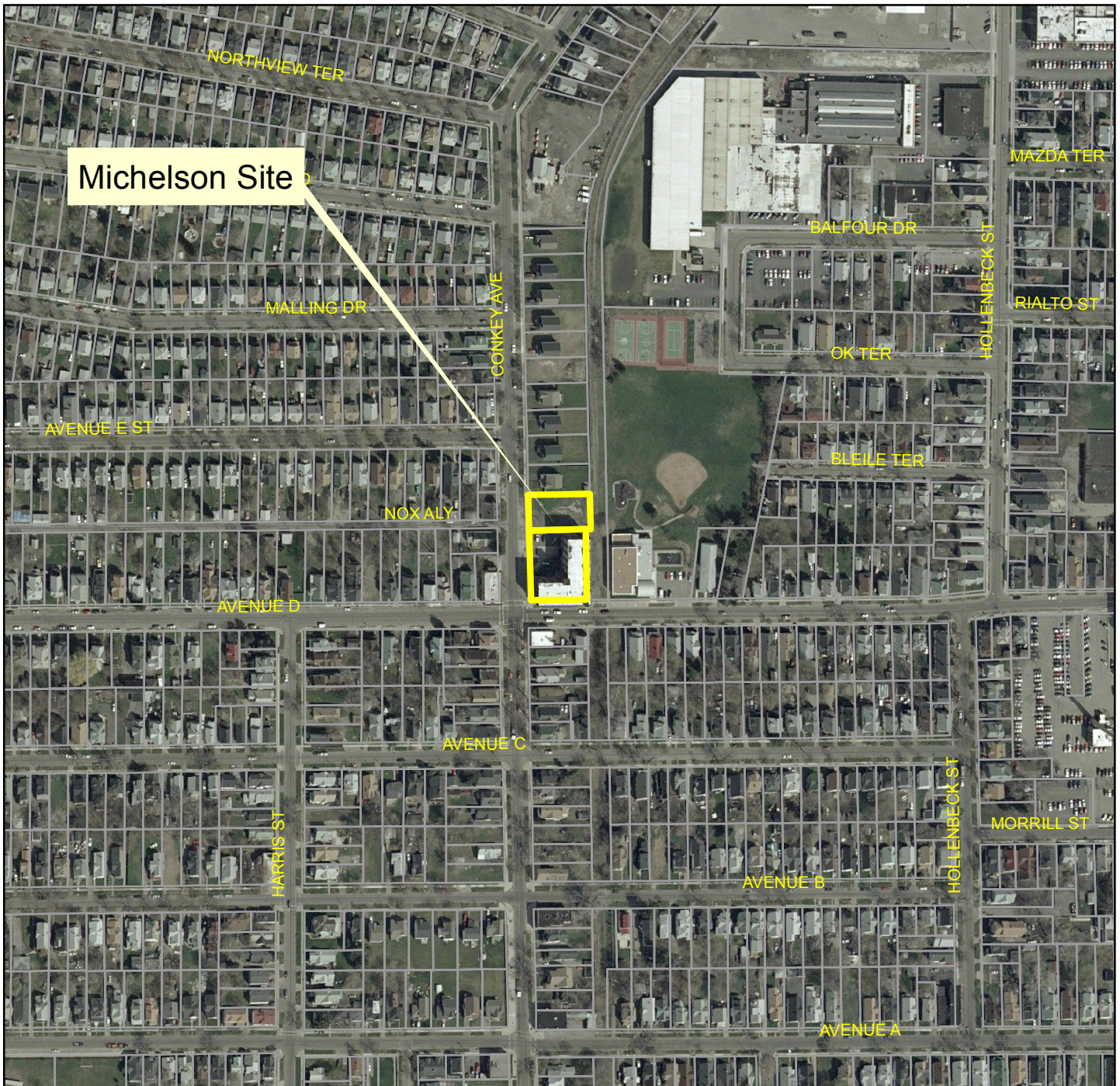
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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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