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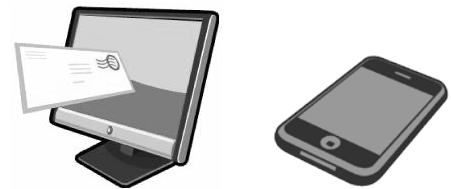
DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

**You must sign up for the DER email listserv:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



## Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- Get site information faster and share it easily;
- Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

**If “paperless” is not an option for you**, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



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# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Former Wollensack Optical Site  
872 & 886 Hudson Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14621

## Where to Find Information:

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Phillis Wheatley Library  
c/o Lori Frankunas  
33 Dr. Samuel McCree Way  
Rochester, New York 14608  
585-428-8212

## Who to Contact:

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

### **Project-Related Environmental Questions**

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For more information about New York's  
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:

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

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SITE No. C828209

NYSDEC REGION 8

## **Interim Remedial Measure Proposed; Public Comment Period**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is proposing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the Former Wollensack Optical site ("site") located at 872 and 886 Hudson Avenue, City of Rochester, Monroe County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site including the draft Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan can be found at the location(s) identified to the left 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 the site. The expedited cleanup activities are expected to begin within 45 days after NYSDEC approval and last about 8 months. The activities will be performed by Jefferson Wollensack LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **September 18** through **October 18, 2019**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

**Draft Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) 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 proposed cleanup activities that include:

- Injection of chemical oxidant into contaminated groundwater to destroy the contaminants and produces harmless byproducts.
- Installation of injection wells and piping associated with the injection process.
- Groundwater monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the oxidant injections.
- Removal and off-site disposal of material inside the building which exhibits low levels of radiation.
- Implementation of the site-specific Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during for all ground intrusive activities.

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**Site Description:** The site is in an urban area in the City of Rochester at the intersection of Avenue D and Hudson Avenue on the northeastern side of the intersection. The site is bounded by Hudson Avenue to the west, Roycroft Drive to the north, residential properties to the east, and Avenue D to the south. The area surrounding and adjacent to the site is a mix of residential properties and commercial properties. The site is comprised of a total of approximately 0.48-acres with a vacant 26,000 square foot, four-story former manufacturing facility with a partial basement. The remainder of the site is grass covered.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C828209) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

**Summary of the Investigation:** The remedial investigation is ongoing at the site. The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs), which are present in groundwater and in soil beneath the 26,000 square foot building. The remedial investigation also included the screening of the building and site soils for radiation impacts. Screening activities detected low levels of radiation in four small areas of the building that will be addressed as part of this IRM. The radioactive materials encountered were associated with previous manufacturing activities at the facility and these materials were not identified outside of the building. Also, during the remedial investigation two underground storage tanks (USTs) were encountered at the site. Contamination associated with the 2 USTs will be addressed in later phases of the project.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the IRM work plan in consultation with the New York State Department of Health. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" on the front page).

When the expedited cleanup activities are completed, 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.

**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 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>

***We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.***

## Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs at:

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/ announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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## Site Location Map

