

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

FACT SHEET

2530 Hamburg Turnpike Site # C915191 Lackawanna, Erie County Brownfield Cleanup Program

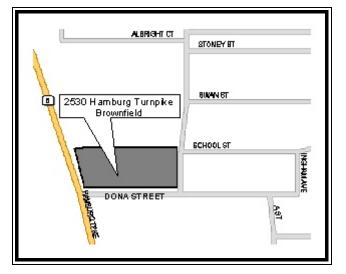
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Environmental Site Investigation and Cleanup Activities Completed at 2530 Hamburg Turnpike Site; Site Closure Report under Review

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is pleased to inform you that cleanup activities have been completed to address environmental contamination at 2530 Hamburg Turnpike, located at the corner of Dona Street and Route 5 in the City of Lackawanna. (See map at right for location.) Cleanup work was completed under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP.) See box below for more information about the BCP.

Hamburg Turnkpike LLC has completed environmental investigation and cleanup work at the site, and has submitted a **Site Closure Report** to DEC for review. The Site Closure Report states that cleanup requirements have been achieved at the site to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use (commercial). The Site Closure report is available for public review at the

location listed at the end of this fact sheet.



DEC previously accepted an application submitted by 2530 Hamburg Turnpike LLC to participate in the BCP. The

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 application proposed that the site will be used for restricted commercial or industrial purposes, specifically a full service gas station at the corner of Hamburg Turnpike and Dona Street.

The Site Closure Report includes information that:

- describes cleanup activities completed at the site;
- certifies that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved
- defines the boundaries of the site; and
- describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when the remedial action leaves residual contamination that makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.

CLEANUP ACTIVITIES COMPLETED AT THE SITE

A Supplemental Investigation (SI) was completed at the site and included soil and groundwater sampling to define the location of contamination from petroleum compounds from an old gas station

that operated in the 1940s on the property, and other compounds from industrial activities in the area. A cleanup

activity called an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) consisted of cleanup of the entire property – the southwest corner was cleaned for the old gasoline petroleum products, and the remainder of the site was cleaned for other contaminants.

The following activities were completed as part of the cleanup work in the SI/IRM Work Plan (April 2005, revised July 2005):

- Soil sampling and analysis at 30 locations
- Installation of four groundwater monitoring wells
- Groundwater sampling and analysis
- Mobilization and staging of remedial equipment
- Excavation of contaminated materials that exceeded standard levels
- Excavation water treatment and discharge into sanitary sewer with a County permit
- Disposal of excavated soils at a permitted solid waste landfill
- Backfill of excavated areas with clean materials from off-site, and regrading

The supplemental investigation was completed over a period of two months beginning in May 2005, and the IRM was completed over three months, from July to September 2005. IRM cleanup activities resulted in the removal of 5,908.2 tons of contaminated soils on the site. Residual contamination in the soils is at levels that are now suitable for commercial development of the property for use as a gas station. An environmental easement will be put in place for restricted commercial use of the property.

NEXT STEPS

DEC will complete its review, have any necessary revisions made and, if appropriate, approve the Site Closure Report. DEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion to 2530 Hamburg Turnpike, LLC. With its receipt of a Certificate of Completion, 2530 Hamburg Turnpike LLC would:

- have no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing remedial activities and for redevelopment of the site.

A Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked if, for example, the applicant does not comply with the terms of its Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with DEC, or if the applicant commits fraud regarding its application or its certification that it has met cleanup levels.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

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LOCATIONS TO VIEW SITE RELATED DOCUMENTS

DEC will place copies of the approved Site Closure Report, as well as other relevant documents for this site, at the locations listed below. These locations have been established to help the public to review site related documents.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Remediation, Region 9 270 Michigan Avenue Buffalo, NY 14203-2399 (716) 851-7220 (Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM to 4:45 PM) Lackawanna Public Library 560 Ridge Road Lackawanna, NY 14228 (716) 823-0630 (check <u>www.buffalolib.org</u> for hours)

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