



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: Site III-7 Tecumseh Phase III Business Park
DEC Site #: C915199G
Site Address: 2537 Hamburg Turnpike; Lackawanna, NY 14218
Website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/69841.html>

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Tecumseh Update: DEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Brownfield Site

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Site III-7 Tecumseh Phase III Business Park site ("site") located at 2537 Hamburg Turnpike, Lackawanna, Erie County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program have been or will be met. Please see the map for the **Site Location**.

The cleanup activities were performed by Welded Tube USA Realty, LLC, Welded Tube USA, Inc., and Tecumseh Redevelopment Inc. with oversight provided by DEC. DEC has approved a Final Engineering Report and issued a Certificate of Completion for the site. Copies of the Final Engineering Report and Notice of the Certificate of Completion are available at the locations identified below under **Where to Find Information**.

Final Engineering Report Approved

DEC has approved the Final Engineering Report, which:

1. Describes the cleanup activities completed;
2. Certifies that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the site;
3. 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 contamination left over after the cleanup action 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.
4. Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by DEC.

The following institutional controls have been or will be put in place on the site:

- Environmental Easement
- Site Management Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction

The following engineering controls have been or will be put in place on the site:

- Cover System

Next Steps

With its receipt of a Certificate of Completion, the applicant is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicant:

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

A Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with DEC.

Background

Location: The Tecumseh Phase III-7 site (Site) is one of 10 sub-parcels comprising the Tecumseh Phase III Business Park (Phase III). Phase III is located at 2537 Hamburg Turnpike in the City of Lackawanna, New York. Situated in an industrial area, Phase III is part of a larger property that once included the Bethlehem Steel Company (BSC) and is identified on the Erie County Tax maps as SBL 141.15-1-1. Phase III is located west of Route 5 and the Tecumseh Phase II Business Park, south of Gateway Metroport and east of the remaining former Bethlehem Steel property and Lake Erie.

Site Features: Centrally located within Phase III is the Site, a 39.23 acre, non-descript, sub-parcel with no remarkable or unique features. The mostly rectangular Phase III is approximately 5,500 feet long, averages 1,500 feet wide and is 148.83 acres in size. Bisected by Smokes Creek, Phase III is flat, covered with slag fill and remnants of former steel manufacturing buildings and foundations. Most of the business park is vegetated with natural grasses, shrubs and poplar trees typical of a primary shrub-young forest ecosystem. The entire BSC site is fenced with vehicle access limited to one automatic gate.

Zoning/Uses: Phase III and the Site are zoned medium industrial. Surrounding uses near the site include: adjacent, to the west, a rail corridor within Parcel III-10; further west, a portion of the BSC that is a class 2 inactive hazardous waste disposal site being addressed by the responsible party; adjacent along the eastern side is a drainage feature, named the South Water Return Trench; beyond which is the Tecumseh Phase II Business Park Site, Site #C915198; and, to the south are sub-parcels III-5 and III-6. Future use anticipates industrial re-use.

Historic Uses: Formerly Phase III was a portion of BSC's steel making operations. Specific processes and steel making facilities performed on or proximate to the Site included:

- Open Hearth Furnaces
- Basic Oxygen Furnace
- Mold Warming and Preparation

- Electrical Substations
- Wastewater Treatment

Geology/Hydrology: The entire Phase III is filled with between two to eight feet of steel and iron-making slag as well as other fill material being used for backfill. Underlying fill material are lacustrine silts and clays. Native materials are encountered from about 12 to 14 feet below ground surface.

Bedrock is Middle Devonian age, Skaneateles Formation, consisting of Levanna shale and Stafford limestone of the Hamilton Group. Bedrock varies from about 24 feet deep in the southeastern corner of the site to 45 feet deep with the near the northern border of Phase III.

Due to the porous nature of the slag/soil fill there is very little storm water retention, or surface runoff, as most of the precipitation seeps into the highly permeable slag/soil fill. Any surface waters flow into the South Water Return Trench which parallels the eastern border of the property and flows southerly where it empties into Smokes Creek which discharges west into Lake Erie.

Groundwater, when encountered, is about 7 feet deep trending westerly and northerly toward Lake Erie.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/69841.html> and at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C915199G>.

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>.

Site Location



Where to Find Information

Public interest in this project is valued and appreciated. Project documents are available at the following location to help the public stay informed. For more information about the BCP, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>.

NYS DEC Region 9 Office
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14203
716-851-7220
(Call for appointment)

Lackawanna Public Library
Attn: Jennifer Hoffman
560 Ridge Road
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Who to Contact

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

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For More Information

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

