



EPA Cleanup of NL Industries Phase 2 Residential Properties – Update 2009

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Public participation is essential to the success of the EPA superfund program. If you have any questions regarding EPA's response activities at this site, please contact Arlene Anderson, On-Scene Coordinator (OSC), at (732) 906-6803 or email Arlene at:

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Regional Public Liaison

EPA, Region 2, has designated a Regional Public Liaison for you to call should you have concerns or complaints about the Superfund program. Please call (888) 283-7626.

For information on the Superfund process, please visit EPA's website at:

www.epa.gov/superfund

Information on the various tools and resources available to community groups, as well as fact sheets about other sites can be found there.

Near Former NL Industries Site Depew, New York

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 2 is providing you with this update on the status of their cleanup of lead contaminated soils at the **Phase 2 Residential Properties** on the east and west sides of transit Road in the Village of Depew, NY.

The site consists of 66 residential properties, 64 of which are located east of Transit Road on Tyler, Rumford, Brewster, and Lincoln Streets as well as Walden Avenue and two properties west of Transit Road on Harvard Avenue.

In May of this year, EPA began to remove lead contaminated soils from residential properties which included removal of shrubs and /or trees; restoration with clean topsoil, new shrubs/trees and installation of sod.

As of October 30, 2009, EPA's contractor completed excavation activities at 34 residential properties removing 6,121 tons of lead contaminated soil that was transported to area disposal facilities. Activities this year saw properties at the west and east side of Tyler Street, east to Rumford, Brewster and Lincoln Streets remediated.

Cleanup activities are now suspended for the winter months from November 2009 to May 2010 because of snow and freezing temperatures. In May 2010 the remediation activities will resume on Walden Avenue, east of Transit Road and continue on Harvard Avenue; north of Eliot Avenue on Rumford and Brewster Streets.

EPA's Command Post located at 5600 Transit Road has been closed until next year. On-Scene Coordinator, Arlene Anderson can be reached at

EPA's Edison Field Facility, New Jersey at (732) 906-6803 or Community Involvement Coordinator Mike Basile can be reached at EPA's Western New York Public Information Office, Buffalo, NY at (716) 551-4410.

Overview of the Site

The Site is located in an industrial and residential area in Depew, New York.

In early 1998, NYSDEC approached Norampac, Inc. ("Norampac"), a member of Cascades Group, regarding the elevated PAHs and metals detected at the former NL property in 1987 and requested that Norampac conduct a subsurface investigation on their property. Norampac & NL Industries, Inc. ("NL") extended the investigation to

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residential properties to the north of Walden Avenue and west of Transit Road. Lead contaminated residential properties were identified and were later distinguished as the Phase 1 Residential Properties or Phase 1 area.

A total of 36 properties on Transit Road, Walden and Harvard Avenues, as well as Bostwick Place, W. Third and W. Second Streets were found to have lead-contaminated soil that required remediation. These residential properties were remediated by NL in 2005 under an Administrative Order on Consent ("AOC") executed by EPA on September 29, 2004.

The activities listed below summarize the scope of work for the Phase 2 Residential Properties.

- Acquire access agreements for each privately held property proposed for remediation and/or sampling;
- Prepare an inventory of each property (landscaping, features, mature trees, etc.);
- Removal of trees, shrubs, and landscape items (as necessary);
- Excavation of lead-contaminated soil from residential properties with the collection of post excavation confirmatory samples to verify attainment of remediation goals;
- Restore excavated areas with backfill, topsoil, and sod as well as the replacement of shrubs/trees from the affected areas;
- Dispose of lead-contaminated soil at an off-site disposal facility that is in compliance with EPA's off-site Disposal Rule; and
- Monitoring of site conditions for one year after the property is restored.