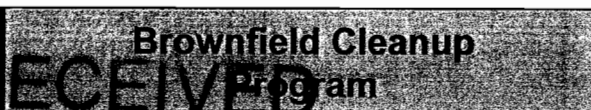




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DEC Certifies Brownfield Cleanup at Former Hanna Furnace Site - Company to Operate Manufacturing Facility at Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) wants to inform you that The Krog Corp (Krog) has completed activities to address contamination at a portion of the former Hanna Furnace property in the City of Buffalo, Erie County. The property is in the Buffalo Lakeside Commerce Park (see site map on last page). Krog undertook these activities for the owner (9505 MAIN ST.LLC) as part of New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The brownfields program encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped.

DEC issued a Certificate of Completion to 9505 MAIN ST. LLC in December 2006. This certificate describes the work completed to address contamination at the site. Krog has built a 90,000 square foot manufacturing facility at the site which will be occupied by a company called "Cobey LLC."

How Was Site Contamination Addressed?

Previous investigations showed that soil at the site contains metals and chemicals called semi-volatile organic compounds. To prevent human contact with this material, Krog placed a "cover system" over the site. Krog regraded some fill material on the site, covered it with clean soil, and seeded the soil to grow grass. In other areas, Krog installed asphalt roads, parking lots and concrete (for building slabs and heavy-use areas) over contaminated fill material. Krog completed work in 2006.

9505 MAIN ST. LLC will implement a Site Management Plan to ensure that the contaminated soils remain covered on a long-term basis. In addition, 9505 MAIN ST. LLC has placed an environmental easement on the property restricting its use to industrial purposes. 9505 MAIN ST. LLC is also required to annually certify that the cover system and site restrictions are in place.

What Happens Next?

DEC issued the Certificate of Completion after reviewing and approving a Remedial Action Report submitted by Krog. The report describes the activities Krog completed and certifies that the State's requirements have been achieved for the site.

As a result of the Certificate of Completion, 9505 MAIN ST. LLC:

- 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 remedial activities and for redevelopment of the site.

DEC may modify or revoke a Certificate of Completion if, for example, the applicant does not comply with the terms of its agreement with DEC, or if the applicant commits fraud regarding its application or its certification that it has met cleanup levels.

How Did The Contamination Get On The Site?

In 1900, the Buffalo Union Steel Corporation purchased the land and developed a pig iron manufacturing area and railroad yard. The Hanna Furnace Company (later Hanna Furnace Corporation) acquired the property from Buffalo Union Steel in 1915.

Hanna Furnace ceased all operations in 1982. Jordan Foster Scrap Corporation purchased the property in 1983. They removed most of the facility and the railroad. In 1986, Jordan Foster Scrap filed for bankruptcy.

In 1998, the City of Buffalo acquired title to the property due to nonpayment of taxes. For future development considerations, they divided the property into four parcels:

- Parcel 1 – the former railroad yard, about 43 acres in size.
- Parcel 2 – the manufacturing area, about 29 acres in size.
- Parcel 3 – a 200 feet wide strip around the canal, about 22 acres in size.
- Parcel 4 – a 19 acre area where manufacturing wastes were disposed.

The Cobey LLC project involves about 12 acres of parcels 1 and 2. The City of Buffalo and Erie County received funding from the State's 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act to address the environmental issues at Parcel 3. An investigation of parcel 4 was completed in 2006 and remedial alternatives are currently being evaluated.

The City of Buffalo conducted more extensive tests of Parcels 1 and 2 between 1999 and 2001. The tests identified various semi-volatile organic compounds, metals (e.g., arsenic, lead, and zinc) and cyanide in the soil.

Where Can I View Project Documents?

Project reports and a copy of the Certificate of Completion can be reviewed at:

Buffalo and Erie County Public Library
JP Dudley Branch
2010 South Park Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14220
(716) 823-1854
See reference desk.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
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Site Location Map

