



# FACT SHEET

July 2008

## Environmental Investigation Work Plan for Steel Winds II Site Available for Public Comment



**Brownfield Cleanup Program**

**Project No. C915217**

### INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) requests public comments as it reviews a draft work plan, called a Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RI Work Plan), to investigate the Steel Winds II Site located at 1951 Hamburg Turnpike in the City of Lackawanna, Erie County. The draft work plan was submitted by BQ Energy, LLC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP).

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

DEC previously accepted an application submitted by BQ Energy, LLC to participate in the BCP. The application proposes that the site will be used for industrial purposes.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE RI WORK PLAN

DEC is accepting written public comments about the draft environmental investigation work plan for 30 days, from **July 9, 2008 through August 7, 2008**. The draft plan is available for public review at the locations identified on the back of this fact sheet under the heading "For More Information."

#### **Written comments are welcome and can be submitted to:**

Mr. Maurice Moore  
DEC Region 9  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
270 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14203

### SITE BACKGROUND

The property, located west of Route 5 in the City of Lackawanna, was once home to the Bethlehem Steel Corporation (BSC), and was used for the production of steel, coke and other steel-related products. Steel operations ceased in 1983, and coke production ended in 2000. Tecumseh Redevelopment acquired the property in 2003 and cleaned up a 30 acre portion of the site on the western edge of the property, just off the shores of Lake Erie. This portion of the former Bethlehem Steel property is known as Steel Winds I and is now the site of an eight turbine wind farm that uses state-of-the-art technology to produce an estimated 20 mega watts of clean electric power.

BQ Energy, LLC, with permission from Tecumseh, intends to clean up another 55 acre portion of the property known as "Steel Winds II" (see map on the following page) and construct an additional eight turbines.

### WHAT WILL THE PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION ACCOMPLISH?

The environmental investigation has several goals:

1. Define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater, and any other impacted media;
2. Identify the source(s) of the contamination;
3. Assess the impact of the contamination on public health and/or the environment; and
4. Provide information to support the development of an environmental cleanup plan to address the contamination.

The investigation will be performed by BQ Energy, LLC with oversight by DEC and the New York State Department of Health (DOH). BQ Energy intends to investigate groundwater and slag/soil-fill within the Steel

Winds II area for the purpose of characterizing contamination and identifying/evaluating cleanup alternatives. The environmental investigation work plan identifies the scope of the investigation and the means by which it will be completed.

## NEXT STEPS

DEC will consider public comments when it reviews the investigation work plan. DOH must concur in the approval of the plan. The draft plan is now available for public viewing at the locations listed below. After the plan is approved, BQ Energy, LLC may proceed with the environmental investigation of the site. It is estimated that the investigation will take about 8 weeks.

Upon completion of the investigation, the applicant will develop a report that summarizes the results. DEC will keep the public informed during the investigation and cleanup of the Steel Winds II Site with fact sheets similar to this one.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

The public is welcome to review important project documents, including the draft RI Work Plan, at the following locations:

Lackawanna Public Library  
560 Ridge Road  
Lackawanna, NY 14218  
Phone: (716) 823-0630

OR

DEC Region 9 Office  
270 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
(716) 851-7220  
(Please call for an appointment.)

## Who to Contact

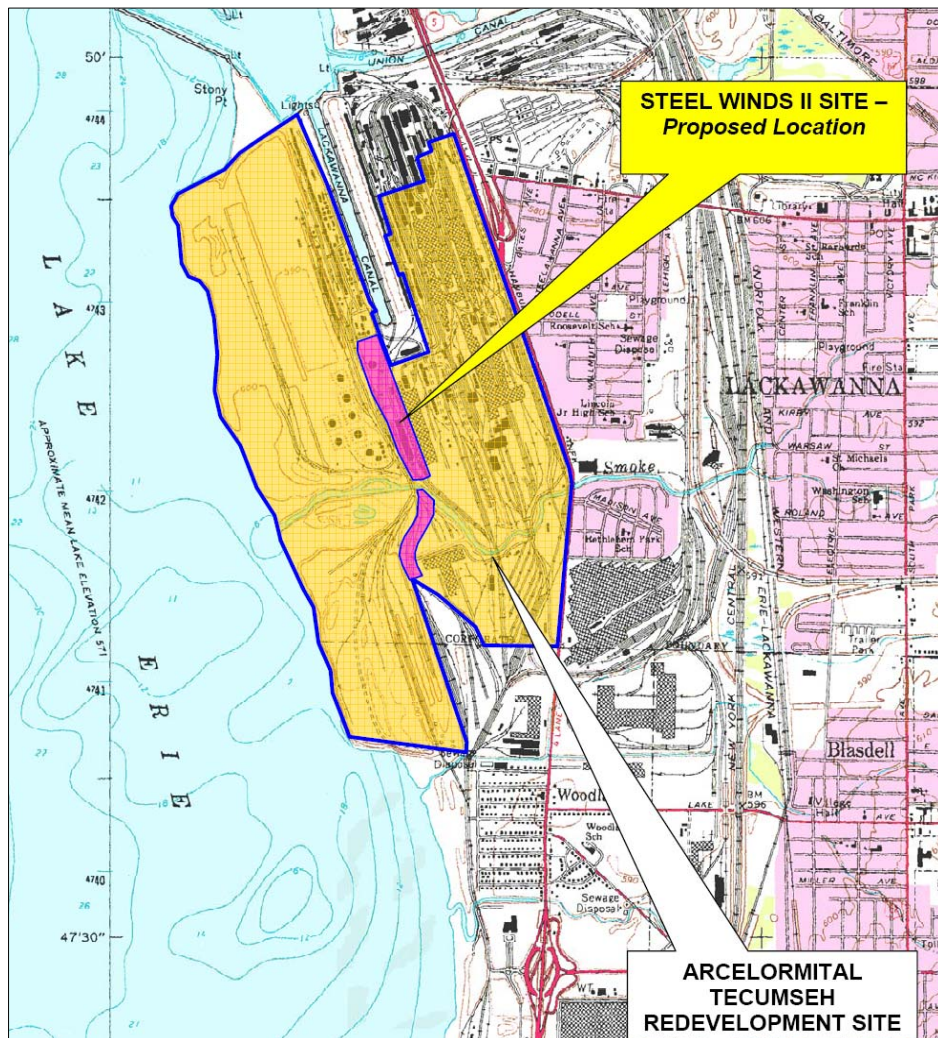
Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

### Project Related Questions

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### Health Related Questions

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