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Environmental Investigation and Demolition to Begin at the Former American Linen Supply Company Facility

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Site Number C915241

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Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has approved a work plan to perform environmental investigation activities at the Former American Linen Supply Company Facility located at 822 Seneca Street in Buffalo, Erie County. The site was formerly the location of an industrial dry cleaning facility, and includes a vacant building and parking area. Former site usage has resulted in soil and groundwater contamination on portions of the site.

The Remedial Investigation (RI), which includes building demolition and removal, will begin in the summer of 2011. The RI will help to evaluate the type and location of contamination at the Site as well as develop options for cleaning it up, if necessary. The

work plan, called a Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP), describes the building removal activities and outlines approaches for investigating other areas of the site where the extent of environmental impacts are unknown. The RIWP is available at the locations identified in this fact sheet and on the DEC website (see link below).

Site investigation will be performed under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The BCP provides existing or potential property owners financial incentives to promote the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites. AmeriPride Services, Inc., the BCP Participant, plans to clean up the Site so that it may be used for future commercial or industrial uses.

Due to previous site usage, soil and groundwater on portions of the site have been impacted by volatile organic compounds (CVOCs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Information on these contaminants is available at the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry ToxFAQ website at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp>



Due to the restricted nature of the site via a locked fence and pavement cover, and considering that groundwater is not used as a potable drinking water source, there are currently no known pathways through which people may be exposed to contamination. Additional sampling and evaluation of potential exposure pathways will be completed during the Remedial Investigation. Environmental monitoring including Community Air Monitoring will be conducted during building demolition investigation activities. The monitoring is further described in the RIWP.

What Will the Upcoming Investigation Involve?

The planned RI will provide additional environmental data to evaluate the nature and extent of contamination and to assess whether certain areas of the Site require cleanup or other remedial measures. The RI work will include:

- Site preparation activities including building demolition;
- Drilling soil borings;
- Excavating test pits;
- Installing groundwater monitoring wells;
- Sampling and analyzing subsurface soil, fill materials, groundwater, and soil vapor.

Next Steps

AmeriPride Services, Inc. is currently making preparations to site investigation. It is anticipated that the work will take approximately 1 to 3 months, and a report detailing results of the investigation will be prepared when field work is completed. In addition, AmeriPride Services, Inc. will prepare an Alternatives Analysis Report that will describe alternatives for addressing site impacts. NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the investigation process of the Former American Linen Supply Company Facility through fact sheets similar to this one.

Site Background

The site is an approximately 2.9 acre parcel located at 822 Seneca Street in Buffalo, New York. The site was formerly occupied by an industrial laundering facility. The former laundry building and associated parking lots cover most of the site.

The on site building was first developed in 1910. Prior to 1910, the site is indicated to have been occupied by residential and commercial properties. Between 1910 and 1978, the site appeared to be used as a book binding and printing facility. The facility was used for laundering operations reportedly beginning in 1978. Dry cleaning operations using tetrachloroethylene (PCE) was conducted at the site between 1978 and 1985. Use and/or storage of PCE were not reported after 1985, though laundering operations continued at the site until 2004. Between April 2004 and July 2005 the site was used as a laundering depot and later as a fleet vehicle maintenance shop. The site has been vacant since July 2005.

Previous environmental investigations at the site revealed two primary environmental impacts: (1) Low levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (compounds typically associated petroleum products) have been identified in urban fill at the site. The presence of these compounds is likely the result of typical constituents found in urban fill and/or possible former site uses; and (2) Chlorinated volatile organic compounds (dry-cleaning related chemicals) have been identified in groundwater on the southern portion of the site. The presence of these compounds is anticipated to be the result of former dry cleaning operations and related activities at the site.

Who Should I Call If I Have Questions About the Site?

Site-Related Environmental Questions

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Demolition and Investigation-Related Questions

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Locations to View Project Documents

To keep you informed, NYSDEC has set up two locations at which you may view project documents. These locations include:

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library

Central Branch
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, New York 14203
Phone: (716) 856-8900
Hours: M, Tu, W, F, Sa – 8:30 am to 6:00 pm
Th – 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
Su* – 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

* Labor Day through Memorial Day, only.

NYSDEC Region 9 Office

270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14203-2999
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(Please call for appointment)

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