



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Former Trico Plant
791 Washington St
Buffalo, NY 14203

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SITE No. C915281
NYSDEC REGION 9

Where to Find Information:

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Document Repository Name

Erie County Public Library
Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203
Phone: 716-858-9000

Who to Contact:

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**For more information about New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the Former Trico Plant site ("site") located at 791 Washington Street, Buffalo, Erie County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Please see the map for the site location.

Cleanup activities were performed by 791 Washington Street, LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicant(s) has submitted a draft Final Engineering Report (FER) for NYSDEC review which states that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

- Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915281/>.
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Highlights of the Site Cleanup: The following activities have been or will shortly be completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- 1) Removal and off-site disposal of approximately 171 tons of paint debris generated from hydro-blasting, 6 drums of various oils, and 51 oil-filled electrical equipment units. Additional removal actions included:
 - Removal and off-site disposal of 140,000 gallons of water and 10,682 tons of sludge from sub-basement and 7 drums of sediment from on-site sumps and sewer.
 - Removal and off-site disposal of crawl space sediments.
 - Removal of approximately 90 tons of asbestos.
 - Removal and off-site disposal of hydraulic lift parts, hydraulic oils and stained concrete.
 - Removal and off-site disposal of soil and concrete contaminated with polychlorinated bi-phenyls (PCBs).
- 2) Development of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term management of residual contamination as required by the Environmental Easement, including plans for: (1) institutional and engineering controls (IC/ECs); (2) soil/fill management; (3) monitoring; and (4) reporting.
- 3) Recording of an Environmental Easement as an IC to prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site and to ensure implementation of the SMP.

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Next Steps: When NYSDEC approves the FER, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information"). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) that will be announced in a fact sheet. The applicant(s) would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a COC. In addition, the applicant(s):

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

A COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, an applicant does not comply with the terms of its Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with NYSDEC.

Site Description: The 2.11-acre site consists of five connected industrial buildings having 617,627 square feet of space. The site is located in the densely developed urban center of downtown Buffalo. The site was used by Trico Products Corporation for the manufacture of windshield wipers for the automotive industry from 1920 to 1990. The operations included electroplating, smelting, die-casting, rubber extrusion and metal fabrication. The site has been vacant since 2000. Development of the site will be under a mixed-use development plan consisting of apartments, an extended-stay hotel, commercial space, retail and indoor parking.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C915281) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/dereexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Brownfield Cleanup Program Overview: 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 may include recreation, housing, business or other uses. A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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Sign up to receive site updates by email:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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

DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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Site Location Map

