



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: 945 Kenmore Avenue
DEC Site #: C915286
Address: 945 Kenmore Avenue
Tonawanda, NY 14223

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NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Brownfield Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the 945 Kenmore Avenue site ("site") located at 945 Kenmore Avenue, Tonawanda, Erie County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program have been met. Please see the map for the site location.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C915286>

The cleanup activities were performed by 945 Kenmore Group LLC with oversight provided by NYSDEC. NYSDEC has approved a Final Engineering Report and issued a Certificate of Completion for the site. Copies of the Final Engineering Report and Notice of the Certificate of Completion are available at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

Completion of Project

Cleanup activities were completed at the site between July 2015 and September 2016. The site cleanup included:

- Demolition of the existing structure and rerouting/termination of the existing on-site subsurface utilities required for demolition.
- Removal of three on-site underground storage tanks (USTs) and associated piping.
- Removal of four in-ground hydraulic lift systems.
- Removal and off-site disposal of 2941 tons of soil exhibiting an unacceptable degree of nuisance characteristics in the four former pump island areas, UST fill port areas, and hydraulic lift areas.

Final Engineering Report Approved

NYSDEC has approved the Final Engineering Report, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left

over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.

4) Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

No institutional controls have been or will be put in place on the site.

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Next Steps

With its receipt of a Certificate of Completion, the applicant is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicant:

- 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 cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

A Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

Background

Site Location: The Site is located in a mixed residential/commercial business area at 945 Kenmore Avenue in the Town of Tonawanda. The Site is bordered by residential properties to the North, Kenmore Avenue to the south, Fairmount Avenue to the east and South Irving Terrace to the west. Residential properties are located on the side streets surrounding the site.

Site Features: The site consists of one 0.55 acre parcel which had been covered with asphaltic pavement and two single-story buildings which have been demolished. Extensive excavations have been completed and the site is currently covered and rough graded with clean backfill material.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The site is within a C-General Business district zoned for commercial use and is currently vacant.

Past Use of the Site: The site was utilized as a gasoline station from at least 1950 to 1986 and as an automotive repair facility from at least 1958 to 2010; operations included automotive body repair work from at least 1994 to 2010. Several prior petroleum spills have been reported at the Site related to the removal of former underground storage tanks (USTs) and petroleum contamination observed in the utility corridor along Kenmore Avenue, adjacent to the former pump islands.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: Bedrock underlying the site consists of the Upper Silurian Akron Dolostone and Salina Group; specifically, the Camillus, Syracuse, and Vernon Formations, described as shale, dolostone, salt, and gypsum. Thickness generally ranges between 400 and 700 feet.

Surface deposits in the area of the site consist of lacustrine silt and clay. Thickness is variable, and generally ranges up to 300 feet.

Groundwater is approximately 25 feet below ground surface. Groundwater flow is to the southwest.

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, 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>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

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

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
Attn: Kenmore Branch
160 Delaware Road
Kenmore, NY 14217
phone: 716-873-2842

Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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

