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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>) and at these location(s):

Document Repository Name

Erie County Library*
East Clinton - Bailey Branch
1929 Clinton Street
Buffalo, NY 14206
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Key project documents also are available on the NYSDEC website at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915298A/>

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www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

FACT SHEET

837 Bailey Avenue Off-Site
(Former J & J Auto Parts)
State Superfund Program
837 Bailey Avenue,
Buffalo, NY 14206

SITE No. C915298A

DEC REGION 9

April 2021

Cleanup Action to Continue at State Superfund Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will continue work to address potential contamination of off-site residential and commercial properties located adjacent to the 837 Bailey Avenue Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) Site No. C915298 in the City of Buffalo. See the map below for the site location.

Remedial activities will resume in April 2021 on the Northern Properties Area (see attached map), where cleanup work began in September 2020 and was paused during the winter months. Work in this area is expected to be substantially completed in late spring 2021. Remedial activities on the Southern Properties Area are anticipated to begin upon completion of cleanup work on the Northern Properties Area, with completion by late summer 2021. Remedial activities will be performed by National Vacuum Environmental Services, and construction management and soil sampling will be performed by Ecology and Environment Engineering and Geology, P.C.; both under contract with and oversight provided by DEC. Highlights of the upcoming cleanup activities are provided below.

The BCP applicant addressed contamination at the 837 Bailey Avenue site but is not responsible for cleanup of off-site contamination. Therefore DEC, under the New York State Superfund Program, is addressing off-site contamination attributed to prior site operations. During the BCP on-site investigation, soil samples were collected from the back yards of residential properties bordering the site to help assess the potential for off-site contamination. Analysis revealed the presence of metals, especially lead, at levels above state soil cleanup objectives (SCOs). As a result, more extensive sampling of these properties was conducted to determine the extent of contamination. Subsequently, property-specific cleanup plans were developed.

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Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities:

The goal of the off-site cleanup action is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. Key components of the upcoming remedial activities include:

- Northern Properties Area:
 - Excavation and proper disposal of soils from areas that exceed soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) related to former on-site operations;
 - Restore affected property features, including replacement of landscaping and other features affected by the cleanup activities; and
 - Provide the owner of property that was remediated a letter and report documenting completion of the cleanup activities.
- Southern Properties Area:
 - An evaluation of soil samples collected from these areas during 2020 found that contaminants likely attributed to historical activities on the 837 Bailey Avenue property are present and warrant cleanup. The results of the soil sampling program were provided to each property owner;
 - Request property access from each property owner to clean up their property;
 - Conduct limited, additional sampling to refine the extent of contamination and inform the property specific remedial designs;
 - Develop a remedial plan for excavation and restoration for each affected property and present the plan to the property owner prior to the start of excavation;
 - Excavate and properly dispose of soils from areas that exceed SCOs related to former on-site operations;
 - Restore affected property features, including replacement of landscaping and other features affected by the cleanup activities; and
 - Provide the owner of property that was remediated a letter and report documenting completion of the cleanup activities.

Next Steps:

A site-specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP), Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP), and Vibration Monitoring Plan (VMP) will be implemented for all investigation and cleanup activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-site workers and residents and include dust monitoring and suppression measures. The VMP describes procedures implemented to protect structures during excavation and restoration activities.

Work will resume in April at six properties at the southeast corner of Bailey Avenue and Dingsen Street (Northern Properties Area). Restoration of affected properties is anticipated to be substantially completed by early summer.

Additional soil sampling will be completed along Peru Place (Southern Properties Area) in March or April. Meetings will be held with the owners of these properties in late spring or early summer to review cleanup plans for each property before excavation begins.

After the cleanup of a particular property is completed, DEC, in coordination with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), will issue property-specific Construction Completion Reports and No Further Action determinations to document completion of the cleanup. A Final Engineering Report will also be prepared to certify that overall cleanup requirements have been achieved. DEC will keep the public informed throughout the cleanup of the neighborhood.

Site Description:

The 837 Bailey Avenue Off-Site project consists of several properties that are adjacent to the 837 Bailey Avenue Brownfield Cleanup Program Site (C915298) which was used as an auto salvage/wrecking facility, an automotive repair facility, a tire recapping facility, and a filling station. The properties that are the subject of this project consist of six off-site residential parcels at the southeast corner of Bailey Avenue and Dingsen Street north of the site as well as up to ten residential and commercial properties along the north side of Peru Place south of the site.

Additional off-site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915298A) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?ProgNo=C915298A>

Summary of previous on-site activities at 837 Bailey:

In 2019, DEC issued a decision document and approved a Remedial Alternatives Analysis Report that presented the selected remedial plan for the onsite cleanup of the 837 Bailey Avenue site under the BCP. This plan required:

- Removal and off-site disposal of contaminated soil/fill contaminated with metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs);
- Removal and off-site disposal of debris piles;
- Construction of a soil cover over the entire site within the site fenced area; and

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- Filing of an Environmental Easement that would restrict site use to commercial or industrial uses (based on local zoning), prohibit the use of groundwater and require compliance with the site management plan.

The specified work at the on-site portion of the 837 Bailey Avenue site was satisfactorily completed by the BCP participant and DEC issued a Certificate of Completion in December 2019.

Documents related to the on-site site cleanup are available at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915298/>.

State Superfund Program:

New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring. DEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

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

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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>

Site Location



837 Bailey Avenue Off-Site Project
837 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo, NY
Site No. C915298A

