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<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

**Huntley Power South Parcel
3500 River Road
Tonawanda, Erie County**

April 2025

**SITE No. C915337
NYSDEC REGION 9**

Interim Remedial Measure to Begin

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is announcing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the Huntley Power South Parcel site ("site") located at 3500 River Road, Tonawanda, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location.

The expedited cleanup activities are expected to begin in May 2025 and last about 3 months. The activities will be performed by Huntley Power LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

- Access the IRM Work Plan project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915337/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information".

Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) Work Plan: An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation.

The IRM work plan describes upcoming cleanup activities that include:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 3,700 cubic yards of soil contaminated by petroleum products from two areas in the northwest portion of the former coal pile;
- Removal of temporary sumps and piping previously used to recover petroleum product from within the coal pile area;
- Collection and analysis of post-excavation soil samples to confirm that all impacted soils have been removed;
- Backfilling the excavation with approved materials; and
- Implementation of a Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities.

Site Description: The 34.80-acre Huntley Power South Parcel site is located in an industrial area of the Town of Tonawanda, Erie County. The site is a portion of the larger, now inactive, Charles R. Huntley Station electric generating power plant. The site is bounded to the north by the remainder of the former power plant property, to the east by River Road beyond which is the former Sumitomo Rubber facility, to the south by Erie County Water Authority property, and to the west by the Niagara River.

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The site is currently undeveloped with a former settling pond, coal pile area, and two asphalt lined equalization basins remaining from past power plant operations.

It is expected that the site will be remediated to meet commercial use standards, but a final redevelopment plan has not been determined at this time.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915337) at:

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are residual petroleum impacts, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and arsenic in soil. Residual petroleum product has also been identified on top of the water table at some locations. Arsenic is the primary contaminant of concern in on-site groundwater.

Next Steps: NYSDEC has approved the IRM work plan in consultation with the New York State Department of Health. The approved work plan is available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" on the front page).

When the expedited cleanup activities are completed, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

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 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:

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