

Huntley Power South Parcel

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C915337

Tonawanda, Erie County



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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 interim cleanup activities are expected to begin in July or August 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 and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915337/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified 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:

- Segregation and removal of existing soil placed on the surface of the berms located on the eastern portion of the site. Segregated soil will be returned to the berm footprint after removal of the underlying coal combustion residuals that make up the remainder of the berm to temporarily restore the surface grade;
- Excavation and off-site reuse of coal combustion residuals that was historically placed in the berms along the eastern portion of the site. The berm material will be removed from their current elevation to the surrounding ground surface. The removed coal combustion material will be transported to a cement plant for inclusion in its Portland cement mixes; and
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities.

Next Steps

The approved work plan is available to the public (see "Where to Find Information", below).

When the 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.

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.

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://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

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:

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

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<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/environmental-cleanup-email-newsletters>

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: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915337/>

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Site Location





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