



# FACT SHEET

## Environmental Cleanup Work Plan for Former Mill No. 2 Site In Niagara Falls Available for Public Comment

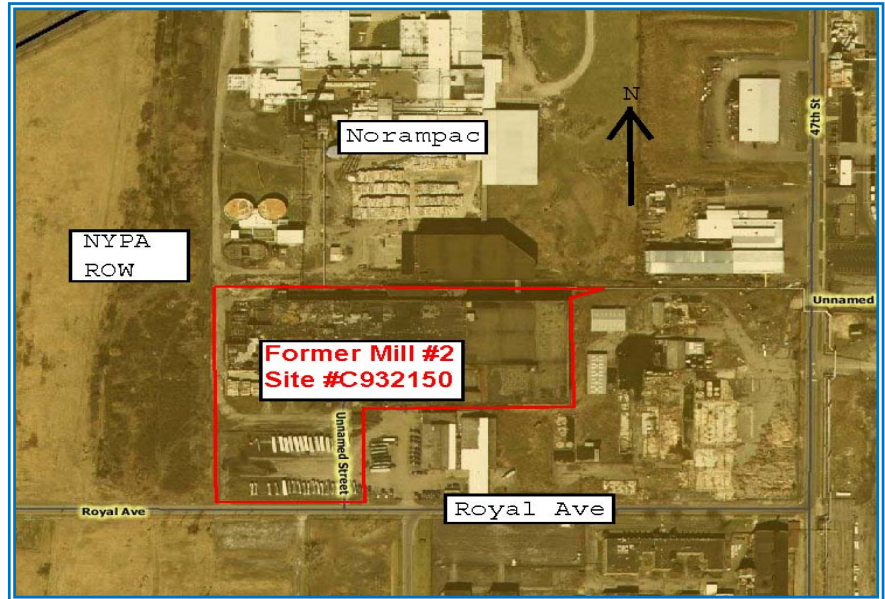
Brownfield Cleanup Program

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### Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is pleased to inform you about proposed cleanup activities at the Former Mill No. 2 Site, located at 4001 Packard Rd in Niagara Falls, Niagara County. Norampac Industries Inc. and NYSDEC have entered into a Brownfield Clean-up Program Agreement to investigate, clean up and redevelop the property. Past industrial activities at the site may have contaminated site soil and groundwater. Future environmental investigations at the property will assess the contamination levels at the site.



Before any environmental investigations can begin at the site, deteriorating buildings must be torn down to allow safe access to the areas of concern. Building demolition will be addressed through an action called an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM). An IRM can be conducted relatively quickly and without extensive investigation to address obvious environmental issues.

### Public Comments on the IRM Work Plan

A draft IRM Work Plan has been prepared and is available for review. A comment period on this work plan will run for 45 days, from **April 14 until May 28, 2010**. Copies of the IRM work plan are available at the Niagara Falls Public Library and NYSDEC website (address information on next page). Comments on the Work Plan can be sent to Mr. Michael Hinton at the address below.

### Description of the IRM Work Plan

The IRM Work Plan identifies the activities and tasks associated with the demolition of the Former Mill No. 2. The IRM activities will include:

- Conducting an asbestos survey and creating a waste inventory;
- Properly removing asbestos, suppressing dust, and monitoring air to protect the community;
- Pre-cleaning structures and building elements;
- Demolishing buildings;
- Ensuring worker safety and site security; and
- Managing storm water and inspecting waste staging and disposal areas.

It is anticipated that the demolition work will be completed during the summer of 2010.

### What is the Next Step?

After the building demolition is completed and it is safe to work in the area, a remedial investigation (RI) will be conducted that will assess the environmental conditions at the site. A report that documents the investigation results

and describes alternatives for cleaning up the site, if necessary, will then be developed. The NYSDEC will notify the public about future site developments through fact sheets similar to this one.

### **Background**

The Former Mill No. 2 is located in a highly industrialized urban area of Niagara Falls. This former mill historically housed paper manufacturing, finishing and packaging operations of finished goods. The facility consisted of several interconnected concrete and masonry buildings which were constructed between 1923 and 1974. The mill was serviced by rail and evidence of the former rail line is present on site. The former mill was taken out of service several years ago and has fallen into disrepair to the point where certain areas have collapsed and others exhibit evidence of structural distress. In addition, a portion of the site experienced a significant fire that also may have caused additional structural deficiencies and contributed to the overall building decay.

### **Who Should I Call If I Have Questions About the Site?**

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

#### **Project Related Questions**

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### **Locations for Viewing Public Documents**

The public may view project documents at two locations, including:

Niagara Falls Public Library  
1425 Main Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304  
Phone: (716) 283-8309

NYSDEC Region 9 Office  
270 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
Phone: (716) 851-7220 (Please call for appointment)

Electronic versions of project documents are also available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/64084.html>.