



FACT SHEET

Draft Environmental Investigation Work Plan for Former Mill No. 2 Site in City of Niagara Falls Available for Review

Brownfield Cleanup Program

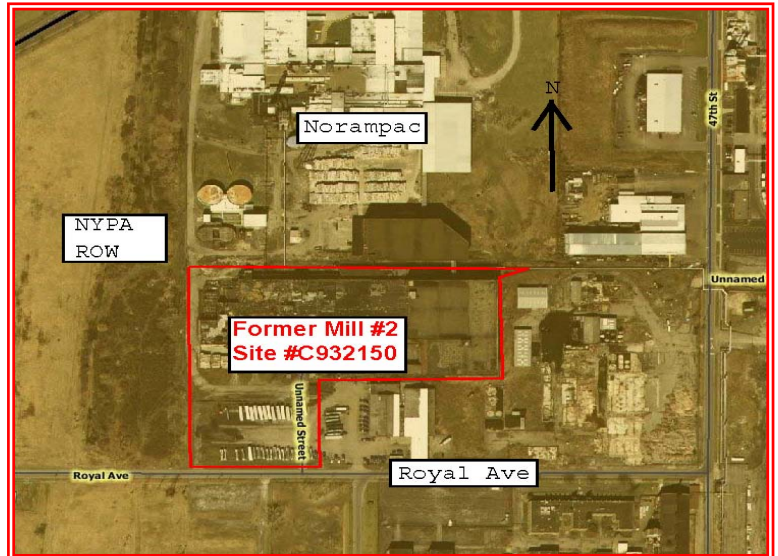
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Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is pleased to inform you about proposed environmental investigation activities at the Former Mill #2 Site, located at 4001 Packard Rd in Niagara Falls, Niagara County. Past industrial activities at the site may have contaminated the soil and groundwater at the property. The proposed Remedial Investigation (RI) at the property will assess the levels of contamination at the site.

The RI work will be performed in conjunction with the demolition of site buildings. **A comment period on the RI work plan will run for 30 days, from May 17 until June 15, 2010.** Copies of the RI work plan are available at the Niagara Falls Public Library or online at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/64084.html>.



Description of the RI Work Plan

The RI Work Plan identifies the activities and tasks associated with the environmental investigation of the Former Mill No. 2 Site. The investigation to identify the nature and extent of site contamination will include but may not be limited to the following:

- Sampling surface and subsurface soils;
- Installing groundwater monitoring wells to assess flow direction and contamination;
- Investigating possible soil vapor impacts depending on the findings of the soil and groundwater sampling;
- Investigating and identifying pits, sumps, drains and other areas in former buildings that become apparent after demolition;
- Evaluating the Building 11 fire area, yard drains, transformer yard, rubbish house and loading dock, caustic unloading area, former garage area and other locations identified in the work plan;
- Analyzing soil, groundwater, and sediment samples for volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds, metals, pesticides/herbicides and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs); and
- Identifying and implementing any additional Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) as may be appropriate. An IRM is a cleanup action that may be taken relatively quickly to address an obvious environmental hazard.

It is anticipated that the investigation work will be conducted during the summer 2010.

What is the Next Step?

After the building demolition and the RI are completed, possible additional IRMs may be proposed and additional work plans developed for IRM implementation.

After completion of the RI investigation, a Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis Report (RI/AAR) will be prepared that presents the findings of the RI and identifies proposed remedial action alternatives to address the site

contamination. The report will also include an IRM section that will discuss any and all IRMs performed during the course of the investigation. It is anticipated that the RI/AAR report will be available in January 2011.

The NYSDEC will notify the public about future site activities through fact sheets similar to this one.

Background

The Former Mill No. 2 is located in a highly industrial 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 No. 2 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:

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Locations for Viewing Public Documents

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

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1425 Main Street
Niagara Falls, New York 14304
Phone: (716) 283-8309

NYSDEC Region 9 Office
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Electronic versions of project documents are also available on DEC's Region 9 Remediation Project Information web page at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/64084.html>. Look for Former Mill No. 2 entry under the Niagara County heading.