



FACT SHEET

Remedial Investigation and Interim Remedial Measure Work Plans Approved for Former Mill No. 2 Site in Niagara Falls

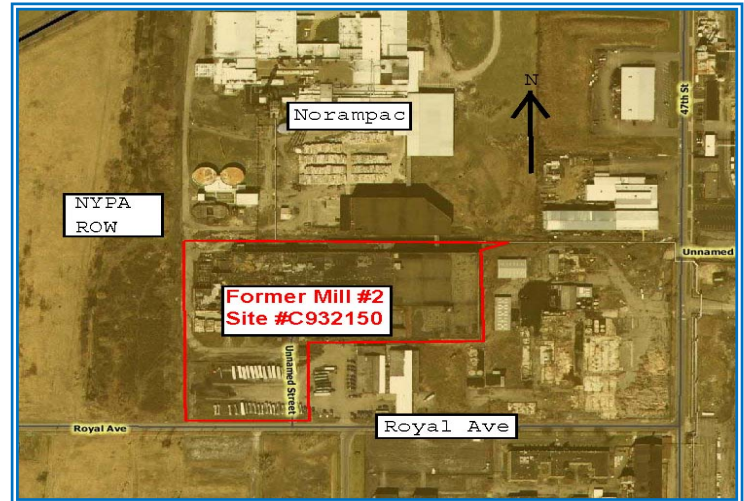
Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has reviewed and approved the Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan dated April 2010 and the Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) Work Plan dated March 2010. These work plans identify environmental actions to be performed at the Former Mill No. 2 Site, located at 4001 Packard Road in Niagara Falls. Past industrial activities at the site may have contaminated the soil and groundwater at the property.



The IRM Work Plan identifies building demolition that is needed to allow the Remedial Investigation (RI) at the property to proceed. The RI will assess the levels of contamination at the site and will be performed in conjunction with the demolition of site buildings.

No comments regarding the technical aspects of the RI and IRM work plans were received during the public comment period. Copies of the approved work plans are available at the Niagara Falls Public Library, the NYSDEC Region 9 Office, or online at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/64084.html>.

Demolition and investigation work is anticipated to begin in November 2010.

What is Next Step?

After the building demolition and the RI are completed, additional IRMs may be proposed and additional work plans developed to address any contamination identified during the first phase of work.

Following completion of the RI, a Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis /Interim Remedial Measures Report (RI/AAR/IRM) will be prepared that presents the findings of the RI and identifies proposed remedial alternatives to address the site contamination. The report will also include an IRM section that will discuss the Former Mill No. 2 demolition and any other IRMs performed during the course of the investigation. It is anticipated that the RI/AAR/IRM report will be available in Summer 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 industrialized 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 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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Niagara Falls, New York 14304
(716) 283-8309

NYSDEC – Region 9

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