



FACT SHEET

Remedial Investigation & Interim Remedial Measures Work Plans for the Former Mill #2 Proposed Northern Extension Site Available for Public Review

Brownfield Cleanup Program

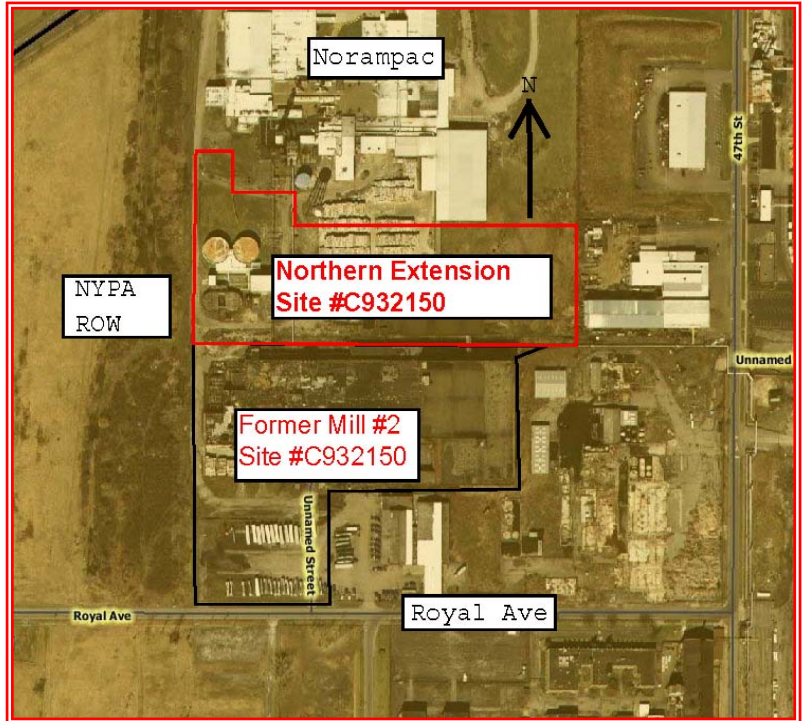
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Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is pleased to inform you that Greenpac Mill LLC (Greenpac) has submitted a proposed amendment to their Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) application for their Site, located at 4001 Packard Rd in Niagara Falls, Niagara County. This proposed Northern Extension site is an expansion of the Former Mill #2 approved BCP site. The BCP application includes a Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan and Interim Remedial Measures (IRM) Work Plan. Past industrial activities at the site may have contaminated the soil and groundwater at the property. Environmental investigations at the property will assess the contamination levels at the site.

The application and draft work plans are available for review. A 30 day comment period on the BCP application, announced in a previous public notice, will end on January 13, 2011. **A 45 day comment period on the RI and IRM Work Plans will run from December 15, 2010 until January 31, 2011.** Copies of the RI and IRM work plans are available at the Niagara Falls Public Library and online (see back page for link).



Description of the RI and IRM Work Plans

The RI and IRM Work Plans identify the activities and tasks associated with the investigation remedial activities anticipated in the Northern Expansion area of the site.

The RI activities will define the nature and extent of contamination, identify contaminate source areas and produce data of sufficient quality and quantity to support the development of a Remedial Action Work Plan, if needed. The RI work plan includes but may not be limited to the following:

- Drilling soil borings for sub-surface soil sample collection;
- Installing monitoring wells for groundwater sampling;
- Investigating the potential for soil vapor intrusion into buildings;
- Analyzing samples and evaluating data;
- Assessing the potential for exposure to contamination;
- Surveying the site; and
- Identifying environmental problems that could be addressed in a timely manner with additional IRMs. An IRM is a cleanup action that can be taken without extensive investigation to address an obvious environmental problem that may be impacting public health and the environment.

The IRM work plan describes the demolition of Building 10 and Waste Water Pretreatment facilities, necessary for

completing the investigation of the site. The IRM includes:

- Surveying asbestos-containing structures and identifying wastes prior to demolition;
- Removing asbestos and cleaning structures and building elements;
- Performing demolition work in accordance with provisions for site security and storm water management;
- Suppressing dust and monitoring air quality to protect workers and the surrounding community; and
- Safely staging and properly disposing waste materials.

It is anticipated that the demolition work will be conducted in the Spring of 2011.

What is the Next Step?

After the building demolition is completed and it is safe to work in the area, the RI will be conducted to assess the environmental conditions at the site. Greenpac will then develop an alternatives analysis report (AAR), which will evaluate options for cleaning up the site, if necessary. If environmental problems are identified during the investigation, additional cleanup plans will be prepared and presented for public comment. The investigation and building demolition for the Northern Extension will be conducted in conjunction with the Former Mill #2 work. The NYSDEC will notify the public about future site developments through fact sheets similar to this one.

Background

The Proposed Northern extension is located in a highly industrial urban area of Niagara Falls. This area historically housed paper manufacturing, finishing and packaging operations of finished goods. Along with the Former Mill No. 2 area, it is now owned by Norampac. Building No. 10 is a five story masonry and concrete structure that was originally built around 1936 as a warehouse for finished goods. The waste water pre-treatment building was constructed in 1940 to serve the former Mill #2 and continues to serve the active Norampac Mill #1.

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
Phone: (716) 283-8309

NYSDEC Region 9 Office
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Electronic versions of project documents are also available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/64084.html>.