

**NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF**



**ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION**

Dear Interested Citizen:

This Fact Sheet is to inform you about the availability of the Remedial Investigation and Alternatives Analysis Work Plan and the upcoming investigation field work at the Former Hettling Farm Site located in the Town of Clermont. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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For site related health questions, please contact the following New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) representative:

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FACT SHEET

**FORMER HETTLING FARM SITE
US ROUTE 9 - Site No.: E411015
Environmental Restoration Program**

**Town of Clermont, New York
August 2006**

INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is providing this fact sheet to announce the availability of the Work Plan for the environmental investigation at the Former Hettling Farm Site located on US Route 9 in the Town of Clermont, Columbia County, New York. See attached map for the location of the site. NYSDEC approved an application submitted by the Town of Clermont to participate in New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP). NYSDEC is providing this fact sheet to explain highlights of the planned remedial investigation and how to get more information. The "Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis Work Plan" (RI/AA Work Plan) was submitted by the Town of Clermont under the ERP. The RI/AA Work Plan is available for public review at the document repositories identified in this fact sheet.

SITE BACKGROUND

The site, which consists of vacant land that was formerly used for agricultural purposes, is located along the western side of U.S. Route 9, approximately 1,100 feet north of this route's intersection with County Route 6, in the Town of Clermont, Columbia County, New York. The site consists of an irregular-shaped, approximately 20.5-acre parcel that constitutes a subdivision of southern portions of the Hettling Farm and is identified as Columbia County Tax Map Parcel I.D. number 181.00, Block 1, Lot 25.1. Past uses of the site have included an active fruit orchard on western portions of the site and the active cultivation row crops, vegetables and fruit trees on eastern portions of the site. Various pesticides and herbicides may have been applied on the site during its past usage for agricultural purposes.

INVESTIGATIONS

The remedial investigation will be performed by the Town of Clermont with oversight by NYSDEC and the NYSDOH. The planned investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination that might be present at the site. As part of the site investigation and as described in the RI Work Plan, the Town of Clermont will complete the following scope of work:

- Electromagnetic (EM) Geophysical Survey
- Subsurface Investigation of Geophysical Anomalies (via Test Pits/Borings)
- Interim Remedial Measure for Disposal of On-Site Wastes
- Surface/Subsurface Soil and Sediment Sampling
- Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation
- Surface Water and Groundwater Sampling
- Fish & Wildlife Impact Study
- Potable Private Well Water Supply Survey

The field work is expected to begin in the fall of 2006. The duration of field work associated with the investigation is anticipated to be 3 to 4 weeks.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

After the investigation is complete, the Town of Clermont will prepare a Remedial Investigation Report that summarizes the results of the investigation and submit it to NYSDEC and NYSDOH for review. The Town of Clermont will also evaluate remedial alternatives on the basis of the findings and prepare an Alternatives Analysis Report for NYSDEC and NYSDOH review. After these documents are reviewed, NYSDEC will prepare a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) and present the plan to the public for comment. The preferred remedy will then be finalized in a Record of Decision for the site.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Public understanding and involvement are important to the success of New York's Environmental Restoration Program. The Town of Clermont, in conjunction with the NYSDEC has developed a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) as part of the RI/AA Work Plan for the site. The CPP outlines how information about the site and activities will be disseminated to the public. To provide you with more detailed information, the Town of Clermont has placed the RI/AA Work Plan documents in repositories in and near your community.

The Document repositories for the Former Hettling Farm Site are:

Town Clerk's Office

1795 Route 9, Germantown, New York 12526

Telephone: (518) 537-6668

Hours of Operation: Thursday (6:00pm-8:00pm), Saturday (10am-12pm)

NYSDEC Region 4 Office

1150 North Westcott Road, Schenectady, New York 12306

Telephone: (518) 357-2234

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:45pm

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233

Telephone: (518) 402-9818

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm (by appointment only)

ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM

The 1996 Clean Water/ Clean Air Bond Act provides funding to municipalities for the investigation and cleanup of brownfields. Brownfields are abandoned, idled, or under-used properties where redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. They typically are former industrial or commercial properties where operations may have resulted in environmental contamination. Brownfields often pose not only environmental, but legal and financial burdens on communities. Under the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP), the state provides grants to municipalities to reimburse up to 90 percent of eligible costs for site investigation and remediation activities. Once remediated, the property can then be reused. For more information on the New York State ERP please visit the Department of Environmental Conservation's Website at: www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/erp