



FACT SHEET

Environmental Restoration Program

47 Utica Street
ERP Site No. E727011
Hamilton, Madison County, New York

May 2006

Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan Available for Public Review

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) announces that a “*Remedial Investigation Work Plan*” has been prepared to investigate the site located at 47 Utica Street, Hamilton, New York (see map for the location of this site).

Madison County acquired the property in 2002 through tax foreclosure. In May 2005, NYSDEC accepted Madison County’s application to investigate and remediate the site as a volunteer under the New York State Environmental Restoration Program (ERP). The County’s ERP application proposes that the site will be redeveloped for future commercial use.

The Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan is available for public review at the document repositories identified in this fact sheet.

Questions may be directed to:

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Highlights of the Remedial Investigation

The Remedial Investigation has the following goals:

- 1) define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and other impacted media;
- 2) identify the source(s) of any contamination at the site;
- 3) assess the impact of the contamination on public health and/or the environment; and
- 4) provide information to support the development of a Remedial Work Plan to address the contamination.

The RI will be performed by Stearns & Wheler, LLC, on behalf of Madison County, with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

The Remedial Investigation (RI) program proposed for the site will include the following main elements:

- Surface and subsurface soil samples will be collected to determine the potential presence of contamination in soils.
- Soil vapor samples will be taken at the site to evaluate the potential for vapor phase contamination to enter into buildings.
- Groundwater monitoring wells will be installed to determine the presence of groundwater contamination both on site and off site.
- A human health exposure assessment will be completed to determine whether there is a potential for on site and off site exposure to site contaminants.
- A fish and wildlife evaluation will be completed to determine the potential effects of site contamination on local ecological resources.

Next Steps

The approved RI Work Plan can be found in the indicated document repositories. It is anticipated that field work for the RI will begin in the spring of 2006.

Following collection and analysis of the soil, groundwater, and soil vapor samples from the site and surrounding areas, an RI Report will be prepared that describes the extent of contamination, the potential for contaminant migration, and the potential for human exposure to the identified contaminants. The RI Report will be submitted to NYSDEC, as well as document repositories for public review.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the investigation and remediation of the 47 Utica Street site, Hamilton, NY. A Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) is included in the RI Work Plan, and is available for public review.

Background

The site at 47 Utica Street, Hamilton, NY is approximately ¼ acre, located in a commercial/residential setting. In November 2000, prior to the County's acquisition of the site, fuel dispensers and five (5) underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed under the direction of NYSDEC. Petroleum contamination was observed in soils adjacent to the USTs. A sixth UST (a waste oil tank) was not removed. The NYSDEC spills hotline was contacted and Spill # 00-09395 was assigned. Following the removal of the USTs, a *Preliminary Subsurface Investigation Report* was completed by Nature's Way Environmental Consultants and Contractors, Inc. and submitted to the NYSDEC in April 2002. This and subsequent investigations indicated groundwater at the site was contaminated by petroleum compounds which required further investigation.

After the site was accepted into the ERP in May 2005, an IRM (Interim Remedial Measure) was conducted in October 2005 in accordance with a NYSDEC-approved IRM Work Plan (Stearns & Wheler, August 2005). During the IRM, the waste oil tank and another UST discovered were removed from the site, along with visibly contaminated soils. The IRM Report indicated that the IRM was successful at removing the majority of known contamination from the site.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Document Repositories

Document repositories have been established at the following locations to help the public to review important project documents. These documents include the Remedial Investigation Work Plan, the IRM Report, and the application to participate in the ERP accepted by NYSDEC:

Hamilton Public Library
13 Broad Street
Hamilton, NY 13346
Phone: (315) 824-3060
Hrs: 8:30-4:45 (M-F),
10-5 (Sat), Closed Sun

NYSDEC Region 7 Office
615 Erie Blvd West
Syracuse, NY 13204-2400
Phone: (315) 426-7519
Attn: Chris Mannes
Phone: 315-426-7519
Hours: M-F, 8:30am-4:45pm
Please call to schedule
an appointment

Madison County
Planning Department
PO Box 606
Wampsville, NY 13163
Phone: (315) 366-2201
Hours: 9am-5pm, M-F

Whom to Contact

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

Project Related Questions

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Health Related Questions

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Flannigan Square
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800-458-1158 ext. 27860

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