



FACT SHEET

May 2005

Upcoming Brownfields

Site Investigation

Former Felmont Oil Site

1446 Buffalo Street, Olean



Project Start: Spring 2005

Project No. E-9 05 027

INTRODUCTION

The Olean Urban Renewal Agency (OURA), in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), is conducting an environmental investigation of the Former Felmont Oil Site. The work will be done under New York State's 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act "Environmental Restoration Program". Under the Program, the State provides grants to municipalities to reimburse up to 90 percent of eligible costs for site investigation and remediation. Once remediated, the property may then be redeveloped as appropriate.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE INVESTIGATION?

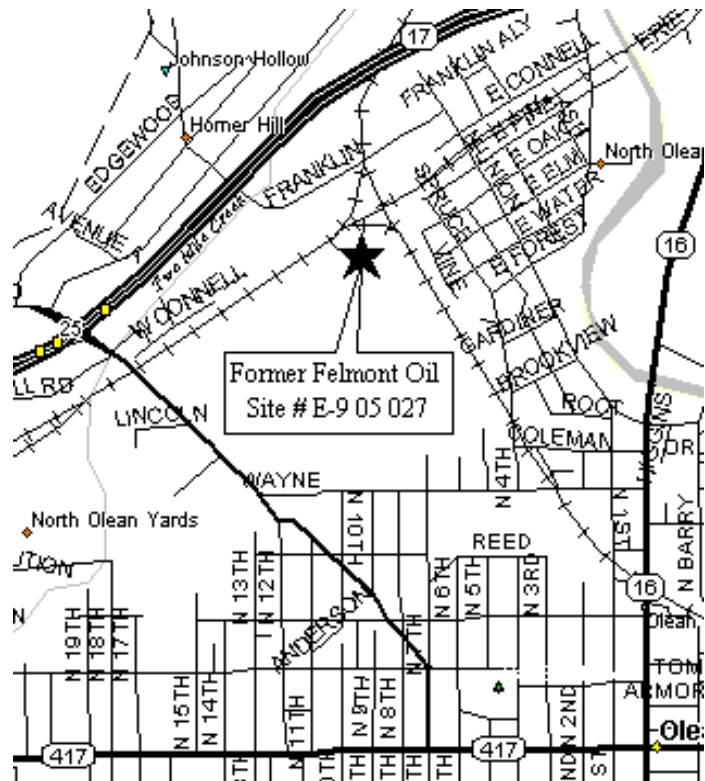
The purpose of this project is to investigate known and suspected contamination at the Former Felmont Oil Site. After the investigation and any potential remediation, the Olean Urban Renewal Agency has identified the Site as a prime candidate for restoration and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

The project site was the location of an oil refining, storage and distribution operation from about 1866 until 1955. Felmont Oil acquired the site in 1964 and sold a portion of the site to Agway, Inc. In 1966, Felmont Oil operated a plant that produced ammonia that was sold to an adjacent Agway fertilizer facility until the 1980s. The site has been mostly vacant and underutilized since 1983. The surrounding parcels are currently used for commercial and industrial purposes.

DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION

- ▶ The investigation will focus on determining the nature and extent of contamination in the following three media: surface soil and fill, subsurface soil and fill and groundwater.
- ▶ A limited geophysical survey will be completed to investigate the potential presence of buried drums and abandoned underground storage tanks.
- ▶ Test pits will be dug on the site in areas where abandoned tanks may be present.
- ▶ Groundwater monitoring wells will be installed. As each well is drilled the soil will be tested to determine the condition of the fill and the subsurface soil.
- ▶ A soil gas survey will screen for the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the subsurface.



PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The community will be kept informed of the project's progress through fact sheets like this one in order to promote two way communication between the public and the government agencies. This input is needed to make informed decisions about the site's investigation and any proposed remedial action plan, if necessary.

WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

It is estimated that it will take about eight months to complete the investigation activities, which are scheduled to begin in May 2005. Upon completion of the sampling and testing, the OURA's consultant will prepare a report (Remedial Investigation) summarizing the results. The report will be reviewed by the City of Olean, NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health. Using information from the investigation, an Alternatives Analysis report will be developed which will outline what remedy will be used to clean up the Site, if necessary. Copies of the Remedial Investigation report and the Alternatives Analysis report will be placed in the project repository for public review once they are complete. These documents should be available for public review in early 2006.

WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FORMER FELMONT OIL SITE?

<u>Project related questions</u>	<u>Environmental related questions</u>	<u>Health related questions</u>
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DEFINITIONS

Brownfields Properties that are abandoned, idled, or under-used where expansion or development is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. They typically are former industrial or commercial properties where operations may have resulted in environmental contamination.

Remedial The RI fully defines and characterizes the type and extent of contamination at the site.

Investigation The AAR, which may be conducted after the RI, uses information developed during the

Alternatives RI to develop alternative remedial actions to eliminate or reduce the threat of

Analysis Report contamination to public health and the environment.

Document A file of documents pertaining to a site's remedial and citizen participation programs

Repository which is made available for public review. The file generally is maintained in a public building near the Brownfield site to provide access at times and a location convenient to the public.

DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES: Public understanding and involvement are important to the success of New York Brownfields program. To keep you informed, the OURA's and NYSDEC has established a local document repository for this site and have placed site documents in it for your review. The local document repositories for this site are at:

Olean Public Library
134 North Second Street
Olean, N.Y. 14760-2583
(716) 372-0200

or; NYSDEC's Buffalo Office
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, N.Y. 14203
For an appointment, please contact
Mr. Thomas Biel at (716) 851-7220.