



FACT SHEET

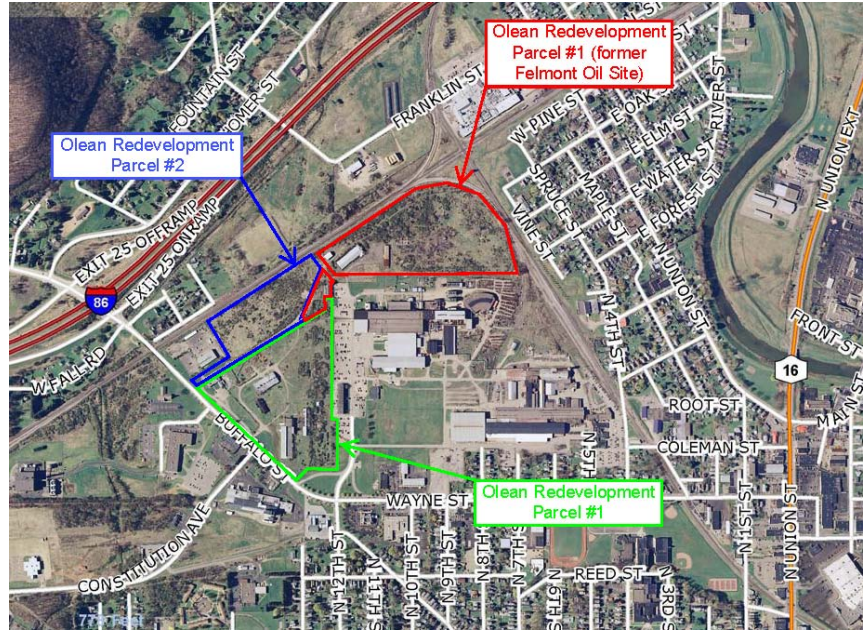
Former Felmont Oil Site to Be Cleaned Up Under New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) would like to inform the public that the Olean Urban Renewal Agency (OURA) has requested to terminate the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) State Assistance Contract for the former Felmont Oil site located in Olean, NY. At the request of OURA and the Exxon Mobil Corporation, the site has been transitioned into the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). OURA has elected to terminate its ERP agreement with NYSDEC to facilitate ExxonMobil's participation in the Brownfield Cleanup Program. ExxonMobil is responsible for contamination at the site.



Site Location Map

In order to terminate the existing Felmont Oil ERP State Assistance Contract between OURA and the NYSDEC, the NYSDEC is required to inform the public about environmental investigation work performed at the Felmont Oil site while it was an ERP project.

OURA submitted a draft Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis Report (RI/AAR) in August 2007. The report outlines environmental investigation activities conducted at the site and potential options for remediating the site. Remediation refers to actions that may be taken to eliminate, mitigate, or contain environmental contamination.

The draft RI / AAR is available for public viewing at the locations listed in this fact sheet. It should be noted that the draft RI / AAR was never approved by NYSDEC, nor does it represent NYSDEC's final assessment or preferred cleanup plan for the site. Additional investigation of the site is planned by ExxonMobil under the BCP.

The **Environmental Restoration Program (ERP)** provides financial assistance to municipalities to address, or remediate, contamination at brownfield sites. **Brownfields** typically are former industrial properties where the presence or potential presence of contamination prevents redevelopment. More information on the ERP can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8444.html>

The **Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP)** offers financial incentives to current or potential private property owners to remediate and redevelop brownfield sites. More information on the BCP can be found at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

Site Background

The Felmont Oil site was utilized for a variety of industrial purposes including oil refining, storage and distribution (1866 – 1955). Later, it housed a facility that produced ammonia for fertilizer at the adjacent Agway facility (1966 to mid 1980s). Since then the site has remained vacant and underutilized.

OURA entered the ERP in 2005. Investigation activities at the site took place from May 2005 through December 2006. OURA's consultant prepared a draft RI/AAR and submitted it to NYSDEC in August 2007. It documented the results of the investigation and outlined potential cleanup alternatives for site cleanup.

During this time, NYSDEC was identifying ExxonMobil as a potential responsible party for cleanup of petroleum contamination on properties that included the Felmont Oil site. Since ExxonMobil has taken responsibility for the cleanup, OURA requested to terminate the ERP for the site, provided ExxonMobil was accepted into the BCP.

Next Steps

NYSDEC and ExxonMobil have finalized the Brownfield Cleanup agreements for the "Olean Redevelopment Parcel #3" site (former Felmont Oil site) and two adjacent parcels identified as "Olean Redevelopment Parcel #1" and "Olean Redevelopment Parcel #2." It is ExxonMobil's responsibility to investigate and clean up as necessary all three sites in accordance with the requirements of the BCP. ExxonMobil initiated investigation of the BCP sites in the summer of 2008. A report detailing the results of the environmental investigation and proposed cleanup plan is expected to be available for public comment in the fall of 2009. NYSDEC will notify the public about additional site information and project milestones through fact sheets similar to this one.

Who Should I Call If I Have Questions About the Site?

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Locations to View Project Documents

To keep you informed, NYSDEC has set up two locations at which you may view project documents. These locations include:

Olean Public Library

134 North Second Street
Olean, NY 14760
Phone: (716) 372 - 0200

NYSDEC Region 9 Office

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