



FACT SHEET

NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Bush Industries Site in Village of Cattaraugus

Environmental Restoration Program

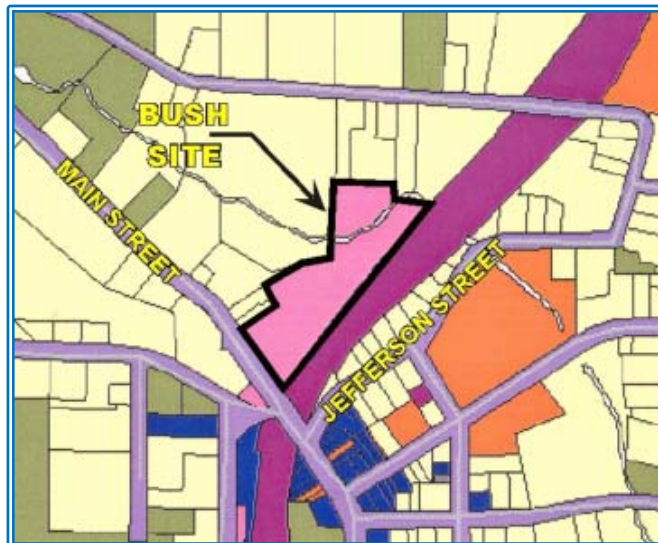
November 2010

Project No. E905029

Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that cleanup requirements at the Bush Industries site, located at 1 North Main Street in the Village of Cattaraugus, have been achieved.

NYSDEC approved a Final Engineering Report that documents the cleanup actions performed at the site and issued a Certificate of Completion to the Village of Cattaraugus. A copy of the Certificate of Completion, which certifies that the site has been properly cleaned up and made suitable for redevelopment, is available at the locations identified in this fact sheet.



What Actions Were Taken to Address Contamination at the Site?

A previous environmental cleanup action, called an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM), was performed in 2007 to remove approximately 3,400 tons of soil contaminated with petroleum and to demolish and properly dispose of asbestos-containing buildings and structures.

The cleanup actions successfully addressed contamination, and NYSDEC approved the Final Engineering Report and Site Management Plan in November 2010. The Certificate of Completion was issued on October 22, 2010.

Are Controls In Place to Ensure Continued Protection of Public Health and the Environment?

Institutional controls and engineering controls are designed to reduce or eliminate exposure to any remaining contaminants of concern. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as an environmental easement, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a vapor barrier.

The following institutional and/or engineering controls have been put in place on the site:

- Depending on land use, installing a soil cover by the future site owner, to reduce dust and contact with surface soils (see paragraph below);
- Prohibiting the use of site groundwater for potable use; and
- Implementing a Site Management Plan and Environmental Easement which restricts the use of the site.

Since the IRM performed in 2007 cleaned up the soil to standards acceptable for industrial use, installation of a soil cover will not be necessary if the future use of the site is for industrial purposes. However, the Record of

Decision (ROD) provides contingencies for commercial or restricted-residential reuse. If the future use of the site is for commercial purposes, a one-foot soil cover will be installed. If the use of the site is for restricted-residential purposes, a 2-foot soil cover will be installed. A “restricted-residential” designation means that townhouses or multi-dwelling housing complexes are allowed, but vegetable gardens and single family homes are prohibited.

Next Steps

No additional steps are necessary, unless the site is redeveloped for commercial or restricted-residential purposes. NYSDEC issued the Certificate of Completion based on review and approval of a Final Engineering Report submitted by the applicant. The Final Engineering Report includes: 1) a description of the cleanup activities completed; 2) certification that cleanup requirements have been achieved for the site; 3) a description of any institutional/engineering controls to be used; and 4) a certification that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

Background

The Bush Industries site is a 4.7 acre property that was formerly the location of the Setter Brothers/Bush Industries veneer manufacturing facility. The property was involved in commercial operations since the early 1900's and was once the location of the Standard Oil facility, an apple evaporator facility, and a gasoline service facility. Environmental impacts at the site included petroleum-impacted soils and asbestos-containing structures on site. Remedial actions at the site have successfully addressed these impacts.

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

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

Environment related questions:

Linda Ross
NYSDEC
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220

Health related questions:

Matthew Forcucci
NYSDOH
584 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 847-4501

Locations to View Project Documents

Project documents, including the Certificate of Completion, are available at the following locations:

Village Hall
14 Main Street
Cattaraugus, NY 14719
(716) 257-3661

Cattaraugus Free Library
23 Main Street
Cattaraugus, NY 14719
(716) 257-9500

NYSDEC Buffalo Office
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220
(please call for appointment)

You may also view project documents at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/50574.html>.