



FACT SHEET

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Record of Decision Announced for the 1 Bristol Avenue Site in Lockport

Environmental Restoration Program

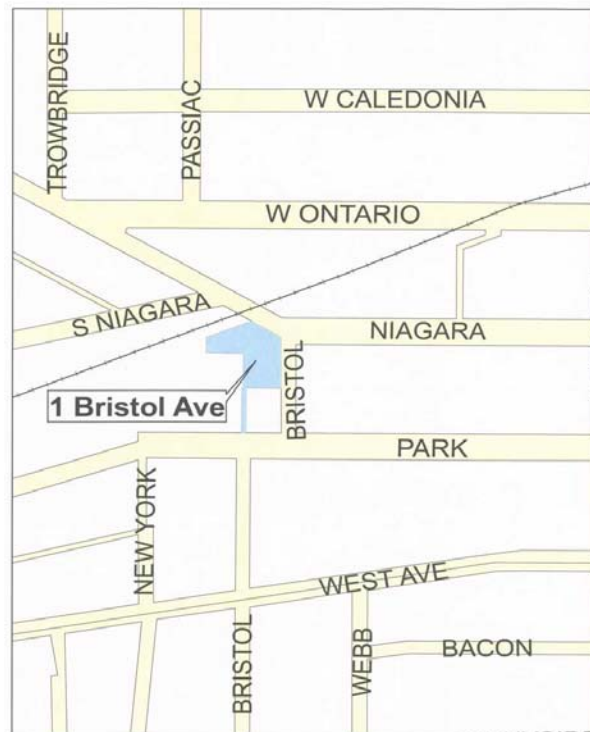
Project No. E932125

INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is pleased to announce that the cleanup plan for the 1 Bristol Avenue Site in Lockport has been finalized.

A public meeting was held on January 26, 2009 to discuss the final cleanup plan for the site. After seeking public comment, DEC finalized the plan in a document called a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD also summarizes site investigations and responses to comments received from the public. The ROD and other documents related to the 1 Bristol Avenue Site are available for your review at the locations listed on the back of this page, and on the DEC website (see link on opposite page).

Cleanup work at the site was performed under New York State's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) authorized by the 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act. The ERP provides financial assistance to local governments for the cleanup of brownfield sites. A brownfield is currently unused or under-used property that may have been used for industrial purposes in the past and no longer contributes to the tax base of a municipality. Brownfields may be, but are not necessarily, environmentally contaminated.



SITE BACKGROUND

The 1 Bristol Avenue site is a 1 acre parcel located in a mixed residential/commercial area of Lockport in Niagara County. The site is bordered to the north by a rail line and Niagara Street, on the east by Bristol Avenue, and on the south and west by other commercial buildings. The site was used for agricultural retail (feed and grain store) for more than 80 years. Several fuel oil and gasoline tanks were associated with these operations and are believed to have leaked petroleum products into the site soils.

Site investigations began in 2000, when the DEC Spill Response Program sampled soils from both the 1 Bristol Avenue parcel and the property immediately to the south. In 2004, the City removed and disposed of approximately 750 tons of petroleum contaminated soils from the property immediately to the south of the 1 Bristol Avenue parcel. While petroleum contamination was known to extend further north, the soil excavations were terminated at the southern property line of the 1 Bristol Avenue site at that time.

An interim remedial measure (IRM) is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before completion of the site investigation and remedial alternatives analysis. An IRM was completed by the City in 2008 and resulted in the removal and disposal of 2,250 tons of contaminated soils from the 1 Bristol Avenue site. Clean soil was used to fill the excavations.

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD OF DECISION

The final remedy for the site is detailed in the February 2009 ROD. The ROD incorporates elements of the successfully completed Interim Remedial Measures (IRM). The main elements of the IRM are:

- Removing and disposing 2 underground storage tanks;
- Excavating and disposing approximately 2,250 tons of petroleum contaminated soils;
- Placing and compacting approximately 2,250 tons of clean backfill soils;
- Grading and seeding the excavation areas.

HEALTH ISSUES

The IRM removed the sources of petroleum contaminants from the site. As a result, no potential pathways of exposure remain.

WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SITE?

Should you have any question about this project, please feel welcome to contact these representatives:

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LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT RELATED DOCUMENTS

Public interest and input in this project is valued and appreciated. To keep you informed, the DEC has established two locations at which you may view site-related project documents. These locations include:

Lockport Public Library
23 East Avenue
Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 433-5935

NYSDEC Region 9 Office
270 Michigan Avenue
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The ROD is also available on the DEC public website. Go to the Region 9 Environmental Remediation Project Information page at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37554.html> and look for the 1 Bristol Avenue entry under the Niagara County listings.