

FACT SHEET

Voluntary Cleanup Program

Stuart Park Complex VCP Site: V00178-8 Village of Newark August 2009

Remedy Proposed for Voluntary Cleanup Program Site Contamination Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to address contamination related to the Ultralife Corporation (Ultralife) Site (also known as Stuart Park Complex) located at 2000 Technology Parkway in the Village of Newark, Wayne County. See attached maps for Site location.

The Proposed Remedy

The Final Investigation Report, dated December 2008, revealed sediment contamination in two outfalls (Outfall # 1 and Outfall #2) impacted with polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and heavy metals. Ultralife proposes to excavate contaminated sediment in Outfall #1 and Outfall #2. Sediment would be excavated from the Outfall #1 drainage ditch approximately 40 feet down gradient to the VCP Site boundary and another 160 feet beyond the Site boundary. Sediment would be excavated from the Outfall #2 drainage ditch approximately 60 feet down gradient. Since the impacts are higher at the discharge point of each outfall, the first 20 feet of the drainage ditch would be excavated to a depth of three feet. The remaining length of the drainage ditch would be excavated to a depth of two feet. The width of the excavation work would be four feet, or two feet on each side of the centerline of the ditch. Implementation of the proposed remedy would have temporary habitat disturbance. After the excavation, a restoration plan would be implemented to restore vegetative cover in the area disturbed.

The proposed cleanup remedy is described in a draft cleanup plan called the "Remedial Action Selection Report & Remedial Action Work Plan." This document is available for review at the Newark Public Library and the NYSDEC's Region 8 office identified below under "Where to Find Information."

Voluntary Cleanup Program: New York's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) was developed to encourage private sector volunteers to investigate and clean up contaminated properties and return these sites to productive use. Once cleaned up, the properties may be redeveloped for commercial, industrial, residential or public use.

For more information about the VCP, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8442.html

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written public comments about the proposed remedy for 30 days, from September 2, 2009 through October 2, 2009.

Submit written comments to:

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Summary of the Proposed Remedy

The draft cleanup plan that identifies the proposed remedy has several goals:

- 1) Identify cleanup levels to be attained or the process to be used to determine these levels.
- 2) Explain why the proposed remedy will protect public health and the environment.
- 3) Provide a detailed description of the proposed remedy.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and select a remedy. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The draft Remedial Action Work Plan that describes the proposed remedy is revised as needed to describe the final selected remedy, and will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" below). The Volunteer may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH. It is estimated that activities to cleanup the Site will take about one week for the excavation work and another week for the restoration work.

Background

NYSDEC previously accepted an application from the Volunteer to participate in the Voluntary Cleanup Program. The application proposed that the Site will be used for commercial and industrial purposes.

The size of the Site is currently 14.42 acres; however, the size will be expanded to include the off-Site area of the Outfall #1 swale. The Site is part of a larger 67-acre complex that is now owned by Ultralife. The Site is located in a rural area, with commercial or industrial uses in the immediate vicinity of the site. There are residential uses located further away.

Until the late 1960's, the Site was 217-acres of farmland. In 1974, Sarah Coventry, Inc. constructed the 119,000 square foot building (Building 3000) that was used as a warehouse storage facility for finished and packaged jewelry. Ultralife currently operates in Building 3000. Jewelry was not manufactured at this location. A second building (Building 2000) was the Sarah Coventry world headquarters office building. Building 1000 was also an office building and is now partially leased by Faradyne Motors and Finger Lakes Community College.

In 1985, Eastman Kodak Company bought the 217-acre complex then named Stuart Park and began limited manufacturing of primary lithium batteries in Building 3000. Kodak constructed a small building (Building 4000) in 1985 for the purpose of storing its hazardous materials and waste. Ultralife began leasing Buildings 3000 and 4000 from Kodak in 1991 when the company purchased the equipment and process for the purpose of manufacturing primary lithium batteries.

In February 1998, the Wayne County Industrial Development Agency (WCIDA) purchased the property from Kodak. In 1998, Ultralife began leasing Buildings 2000, 3000, and 4000 plus additional acreage for a total of 67-acres.

As noted above, only a smaller portion of the 67 acres owned by Ultralife required investigation and remediation. The investigation took place from 2001 through 2009. The first small area that required remediation was outside of the hazardous storage building (Building 4000). This building has four rooms for hazardous material storage and a now enclosed and inactive outdoor hazardous waste storage pad. The building is unoccupied and is equipped with blow out walls, explosion proof lighting, and floor drains. The floor drains led to a 500-gallon underground concrete vault. The floor drains have been sealed and the concrete vault was removed as part of a previous remediation.

Soil contamination associated with the 500-gallon underground concrete vault was remediated and the confirmatory soil samples indicate that unrestricted use standards were met. The contaminants detected in the soil included acetone, arsenic, and 2-butanone. Groundwater contamination associated with the 500-gallon vault will be monitored to confirm compliance with groundwater standards.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following locations to help the public stay informed. These documents include the draft cleanup plan (draft Remedial Action Work Plan).

Newark Public Library 121 High Street Newark, New York 14513 Phone: 315-331-4370 Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday: 9:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Region 8 Office 6274 East Avon-Lima Road

Avon, New York 14414 Phone: 585-226-2466 Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:45 PM

Please call for an appointment.

Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions

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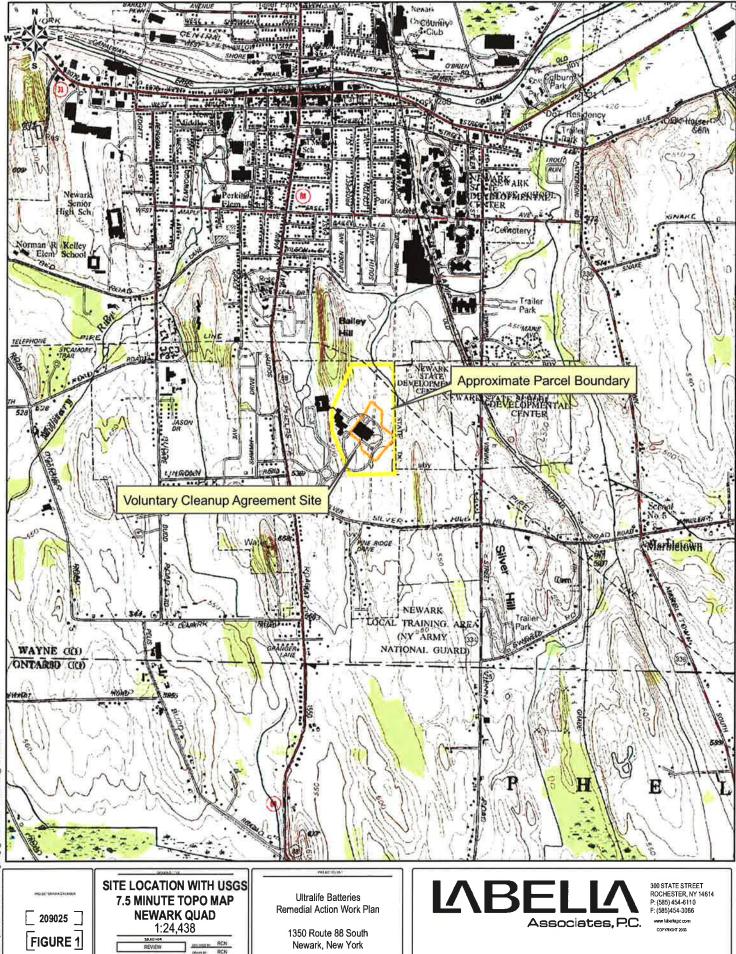


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