



FACT SHEET

August 2003



Environmental Cleanup Proposed at 99 Ridgeland Road Site

Town of Henrietta, Monroe County

In 1999, American Siepmann Corporation (ASC) signed a voluntary agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to perform an environmental investigation and cleanup at 99 Ridgeland Road in Henrietta (see map). The project is being conducted through New York State's voluntary cleanup program.

The NYSDEC, in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the Monroe County Health Department (MCHD), is providing this fact sheet to explain highlights of the investigation and planned cleanup, how to get more information, and to obtain the public's input on the proposed cleanup plan.

About the Investigation:

From 1999 to 2002, ASC tested the groundwater, indoor air, and soil at the site. Significant soil contamination was not identified, but contaminated groundwater containing trichloroethene (TCE) and associated compounds was found under the building and in a plume spreading in a southwest direction towards Interstate 390 and Jefferson Road.

Ways that humans can come into contact with site contaminants appear to be limited to excavations that would encounter groundwater. The area is served by public water and area groundwater is not used as a source of drinking water. Additionally, the air inside the building was tested and compounds related to the site contamination were not detected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ACCEPTED

NYSDEC will accept comments on the proposed cleanup plan in writing until September 19, 2003. Please send your comments to:

Frank Sowers, P.E., Project Manager
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Region 8 Office, 6274 E. Avon-Lima Road
Avon, NY 14414-9519

About the Proposed Cleanup Plan:

Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) with deed restrictions and sub-slab venting is the proposed remedy for the site cleanup. TCE breaks down naturally under oxygen-poor conditions. The investigation results verified that this breakdown process is occurring at an acceptable rate at the 99 Ridgeland Road site. The MNA cleanup plan includes a long-term groundwater monitoring program to assess the effectiveness of this process over time.

Deed restrictions will also be placed on the property. These deed restrictions will limit the ability of the owner to perform future excavations at the site without NYSDEC involvement, will prohibit the use of groundwater at the site, and will prohibit the site from being used for daycare, healthcare, or residential purposes. Additionally, the site owner will have to annually certify to the NYSDEC that the deed restrictions have been

adhered to and that the conditions at the site are protective of public health and the environment.

While compounds related to the site contamination were not detected in the air inside the building, a sub-slab venting system will be installed underneath the building. The venting system will pull air from underneath the building and vent it through a pipe to the top of the building. This will prevent contaminated air vapors from entering the building in the future.

About the 99 Ridgeland Site:

The Site consists of a 1.25-acre property located in a commercial and light industrial portion of the Town of Henrietta. Currently, the Site is owned by GMC Management Corporation. They use the property for office space and lease to a small computer service company and a land title search company. A building addition was recently completed on the south side of the original structure. The addition was constructed with a sub-slab ventilation system.

In the past, the building was occupied by a variety of businesses including the corporate relatives American Siepmann Corporation, Rochester Abrasives, Inc., and Cation Corporation. These companies used the Site for manufacturing and research and development activities. American Siepmann Corporation distributed grinding and polishing machines, etch marking equipment, and related supplies at the Site from 1983 to 1992. Cation Corporation developed, researched, and manufactured gun barrel manufacturing equipment at the site from 1985 to 1989. Cation Corporation reportedly used small quantities of chlorinated solvents in addition to other chemicals. Rochester Abrasives manufactured and developed epoxy and resin bonded grinding wheels at the site from 1987 to 1992. Rochester Abrasives reportedly used larger quantities of chlorinated solvents to clean the mixing equipment used to make the grinding wheels.

Opportunities to Comment on the Proposed Cleanup Plan:

The NYSDEC welcomes public input into this proposed cleanup plan. ASC has prepared an Investigation Report and a Remedial Action Work Plan which explain the investigation results and the proposed plan in more detail. You can review these documents at the locations listed on the next page.

The NYSDEC will accept comments on the cleanup plan in writing until September 19, 2003. Please send written comments to Frank Sowers, P.E., the NYSDEC Project Manager, at the address listed on the next page. If there is sufficient community interest, a public meeting will be held. Please contact Mr. Sowers or Ms. LoMaestro Silvestri if you would like to request a public meeting.

For More Information:

Documents related to this investigation are available for you to review at:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Region 8 Office
6274 E. Avon-Lima Rd.
Avon, NY 14414
Hours: Monday- Friday 8:30 am - 4:45 pm
(585) 226-2466 (Contact Lisa LoMaestro Silvestri for an appointment)

Henrietta Public Library
455 Calkins Road
Henrietta, NY 14623
(585)-359-7092 Reference Librarian Sarah Mathias
Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday Noon - 6:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday Closed

We encourage you to contact the representatives listed below with questions, comments or concerns. Because our mailing list includes property owners of businesses and apartments, we encourage you and the building owners to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or to post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for tenants or employees to view. If you know someone who would like to be added to the mailing list, have them send in the attached mailer or contact one of the people listed below. You do **not** have to return the mailer if you received this fact sheet in the mail; your name will automatically remain on the mailing list.

➤ For Question About the Investigation, Contact:

Frank Sowers, P.E., Project Manager (585) 226-5357
Lisa LoMaestro Silvestri, Citizen Participation Office (585) 226-5326
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
6274 East Avon-Lima Road
Avon, NY 14414

➤ For Site-Related Health Questions, Contact:

Joseph Crua
NYS Department of Health
Flanigan Square
547 River Street
Troy, NY 12180
(800) 458-1158 ext. 27860 or
(518) 402-7860

Joseph Albert
Monroe County Health Department
111 Westfall Road - PO Box 92832
Rochester NY 14692
(585) 274-6904

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- _____ 5. You would like to provide us with a comment or concern.

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