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FACT SHEET

FORMER BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S FIRING RANGE

VOLUNTARY CLEANUP AGREEMENT

April 2002

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Dear Interested Citizen:

This Fact Sheet is to inform you about the plans to clean up the former Broome County Sheriff's Firing Range site located in the Town of Dickinson, N.Y. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Syracuse, NY 13204-2400
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For site related health questions, please contact the following New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) representative:

Mr. Gary Robinson
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NYS Department of Health
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INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is pleased to inform you that Broome County has volunteered to clean up contaminated areas found at the Former Sheriff's Firing Range in the town of Dickinson. These Remedial Activities are being performed under the Department's Voluntary Cleanup Program. Remedial work is expected to begin in June and should be completed by the end of 2002.

COMMENT PERIOD

A 30-day public comment period for the proposed Remedial Action Plan for the remediation of the Former Broome County Firing Range site begins April 10, 2002 and ends May 9, 2002. Written comments may be submitted to Thomas S. Suozzo, P.E. at the address shown. Verbal comments can be called in to Mr. Suozzo by phoning (607) 775-2545.

BACKGROUND

The former Broome County Sheriff's Firing Range is located in a suburban area, surrounded by natural landscape consisting of mixed wooded and open spaces within the Town of Dickinson. The site is adjacent to the county Public Safety Complex and Broome Community College with nearby residential areas. The site is currently vacant and was used in the past as a practice firing range.

The site covers about 0.85 acres, consisting of: a small building, a grassy firing lane area with strips of pavement, an earthen backstop area, and drainage swales with intermittent flow.

REMEDIAL HISTORY

Contamination on the site consists of heavy metals, primarily lead, with elevated levels of copper and arsenic as well. The extent of site contamination has been previously determined through environmental investigations conducted prior to this remediation proposal. The results of that work identified three areas to be addressed during the remedial stage. The three areas are: the target backstop area, the firing area where firearms were discharged, and the drainage swales where sediments containing site contamination have accumulated. Contamination has been identified in soils and sediments on site to depths of approximately 2 feet.

UPCOMING REMEDIAL WORK

To address the contamination on the property, the remedial plan calls for:

- Excavation of the highly contaminated backstop area, on-site treatment through mechanical and pneumatic separation, proper off-site disposal of contaminated soils, and recycling of recovered lead.

- Excavation and proper off-site disposal of contaminated soils and sediments from the firing lane and drainage swale areas.

- To ensure that the remediation has achieved the cleanup goals and will be protective for unrestricted use, comprehensive confirmation sampling will be performed before backfilling to the original grade.

To ensure that site workers and the surrounding community are protected, all remedial activities are being done in accordance with a NYSDEC and NYSDOH approved Health and Safety plan.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information about this project, you are invited to review site related documents. A document repository has been established for public viewing at the Broome Community College Library located at 901 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905. Library hours are Monday-Thursday (7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.), Friday (7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.), Saturday (Noon-5:00 p.m.), and Sunday (4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.). During college breaks and recess it is recommended the interested parties call ahead for library hours.

If you have any **questions or concerns regarding the remediation or other environmental aspects** of the site, please contact Mr. Thomas Suozzo, P.E., at (607)775-2545; or call, toll free, 1-800-775-2510.

For health related concerns regarding this site please contact the New York State Department of Health's Mr. Gary Robinson, Public Health Specialist, at (315)426-7633.