NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

We hope this Fact Sheet will help brief you on activities at this site. If you have any questions or would like further information about the environmental testing activities at the site, please do not hesitate to contact:

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FACT SHEET

FORMER PIZZA HUT SITE - OFF-SITE CHARACTERIZATION

Site # V00370-9
State Superfund Program
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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), will be completing a Site Characterization in the area of the former Pizza Hut restaurant located at 2137 Seneca Street in Buffalo, Erie County. The Site Characterization will involve collecting environmental data from the site through a series of soil and groundwater tests. Field activities associated with the Site Characterization are expected to begin in late November or in early December, 2005, and will continue through early 2006.

NYSDEC is providing this fact sheet to explain why environmental testing of the site is occurring, what the testing will involve, and how to obtain more information.

SITE ENVIRONMENTAL BACKGROUND

Under NYSDEC's Voluntary Cleanup Program, the site owner, General Electric Capital Franchise Finance Corporation (GECFFC), completed investigation activities at the former Pizza Hut site located at 2137 Seneca Street in the City of Buffalo, Erie County. (The Voluntary Cleanup Program is a NYSDEC program that promotes voluntary cleanup of contaminated sites, in which the site owner enters into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement.)

During site investigation activities completed in early 2003, at the former Pizza Hut site, tetrachloroethene (PCE) was identified in both on-site and off-site groundwater. PCE is a chlorinated solvent commonly used in the dry cleaning industry. The chlorinated solvents likely came from an old dry cleaning establishment that once occupied part of the site. To address the PCE contamination at the former Pizza Hut site, GECFFC is currently implementing a cleanup program.

Based on the results of the site investigation, GECFFC concluded that the off-site contamination may not be associated with the former Pizza Hut site. Instead, the off-site contamination may be associated with an off-site source – specifically, nearby parcels that historically operated as dry cleaners. As a volunteer in the Voluntary Cleanup Program, GECFFC is only responsible for on-site cleanup. To better understand the source and extent of the off-site contamination, NYSDEC will be completing Site Characterization testing activities to further investigate the area. See map on back for location of investigation area.

UPCOMING SITE CHARACTERIZATION ACTIVITIES

NYSDEC is currently working with O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc. on the completion of Site Characterization testing activities near the former Pizza Hut site. The purpose of conducting this series of tests is to expand on the work completed by GECFFC, to define the source and extent of the off-site PCE contamination, as well as to eliminate any potential exposure pathways.

To meet these objectives, the Site Characterization will involve the collection

of data during upcoming field activities. Specifically, field activities will include the following:

1) Soil Gas Investigation - Use of hand tools to collect shallow soil gas samples for laboratory analysis;
2) Subsurface Drilling Program - Use of a small drilling rig to collect soil samples and install groundwater monitoring wells. The monitoring wells will allow for subsequent groundwater sample collection;
3) Groundwater Sampling Program - Collection of groundwater samples for laboratory analysis from existing and newly installed monitoring wells (#2 above).

Depending upon the results of activities #1 and #2 above, an indoor air monitoring program may be completed to evaluate the potential for PCE-contaminated soil vapors to enter nearby buildings/structures.

Field work will either be completed by or overseen by a NYSDEC State Superfund Contractor. In addition, NYSDEC will provide oversight during the Site Characterization activities. Field activities associated with the Site Characterization are expected to begin in late November or in early December, 2005, and will continue through early 2006. Based on the results of the Site Characterization, a final summary report will be prepared and will be made available for public review at the two document repositories listed below.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

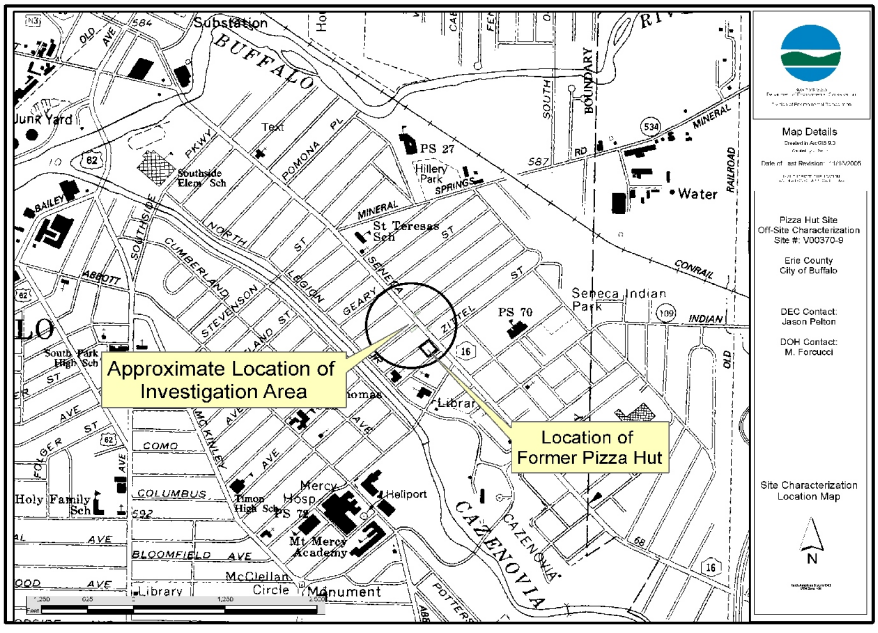
Public understanding and involvement are important to the success of New York's hazardous waste cleanup program. To provide you with more detailed information, NYSDEC has placed site documents in a repository in your community so that you can review them. The document repositories for the Former Pizza Hut Site are:

Dudley Branch Library
2010 South Park Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14220
(716) 823-1854

or

NYSDEC Buffalo Office
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14203
Attn: David Locey
(716) 851-7220
By appointment only

In addition, questions, concerns or comments regarding **environmental aspects of the site** can be addressed by contacting Mr. Jason Pelton, Project Manager, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, at (888) 459-8667.



For **site related health concerns** feel free to contact the New York State Department of Health's Mr. Matt Forcucci, Public Health Specialist, at (716) 847-4385.

For questions regarding the **former Pizza Hut restaurant site**, please contact Mr. David Locey, Environmental Engineer, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, at (716) 851-7220.

(Map at left illustrates approximate location of Site Characterization investigation area.)

Figure illustrating
approximate location of Site
Characterization