



FACT SHEET

June 2004

Busy Bee Cleaners, Site No.V00376-1

1818 Merrick Road

Merrick, NY

Off-site Remedial Investigation planned for Busy Bee Cleaners

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), working cooperatively with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and the owner of Busy Bee Cleaners have developed an off-site remedial investigation work plan. Field work is scheduled to investigate the extent of off-site contamination associated with the Busy Bee Cleaners site located at 1818 Merrick Road in Merrick, New York. The work will be done under the provisions of the NYSDEC Voluntary Cleanup Program by the current owner of the Busy Bee Cleaners, who has been identified as the responsible party.

The Proposed Action: Subsurface investigation of the ground water and soil vapors will be conducted to define the extent of contamination identified during the on-site remedial investigation. The off-site scope of work for the remedial investigation is available for public review at the document repositories listed below. The field work is scheduled to begin on Alice Street in the beginning of July 2004. A remedial investigation report will be generated at the conclusion of the on and off site remedial activities. After reviewing the remedial investigation report, the NYSDEC, working with NYSDOH, will determine if remediation is necessary.

BACKGROUND

The investigation being conducted at the Busy Bee Cleaners site is called a voluntary cleanup investigation and is implemented under the provisions of the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). The VCP was established in New York State to address the environmental, legal, and financial barriers that often hinder the redevelopment and reuse of contaminated properties. In March 2001, the NYSDEC and the owner of Busy Bee Cleaners signed a voluntary cleanup agreement to conduct an environmental investigation to determine the nature and extent of contamination on and off site.

The Busy Bee Cleaners site is approximately 0.3 acre in size and is located at 1818 Merrick Road in Merrick. The site is comprised of a single-story building located in the central portion of the property. The building is currently occupied by Busy Bee Cleaners, a commercial dry cleaning operation located at this site for approximately 35 years. Potable (drinkable) water in Merrick is supplied by the New York Water Service Corporation and meets or exceeds all County, State and Federal standards for potable water. If anyone has knowledge of a private well being used in the immediate vicinity south of the Busy Bee Cleaners (Merrick Road) please contact either the NYSDEC or NYSDOH.

ON-SITE REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION

Busy Bee submitted a remedial investigative work plan through its environmental consultant in September 2003. The on-site remedial investigation work plan was approved by the State on October 7, 2003. The on-site remedial investigation sampling started on December 29, 2003 and ended on January 2, 2004.

The draft analytical soil sampling results did not detect volatile organic compounds above the NYSDEC Recommended Soil Cleanup Objectives in on-site soils. The draft analytical on-site ground water results detected tetrachloroethene (PCE or PERC), trichloroethene (TCE), and 1-2, dichloroethene at concentrations of 9,700 ppb, 700 ppb, and 1,700 ppb respectively. The NYSDEC ground water standards for each of these compounds is 5 ppb.

The sample location was at the rear fence line, directly behind the rear door of Busy Bee Cleaners. This approximate depth of the sample was six to eight feet below the ground surface.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

To stay informed about activities at the Busy Bee Cleaners site throughout the investigation and remediation process, you are encouraged to take advantage of the site's document repositories and contacts listed on this fact sheet. As documents are generated during the remedial process, they will be added to the repositories. Documents currently available include the June 4, 2004 off-site scope of work letter, Off-site Remedial Investigation Fact Sheet dated June 2004, Remedial Investigation Work Plan dated October 2003, Remedial Investigation Fact Sheet dated September 2003, and the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement dated March 2001.

DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES

NYSDEC, Region 1 Office:

By Appointment
Attn: Mr. Bill Fonda
SUNY - Bldg. 40
Stony Brook, New York 11790-2356
M-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Phone: (631) 444-0350

Public Library:

North Merrick Public Library
1691 Meadowbrook Road
North Merrick, NY 11566
Phone: (516) 378-7474
Hours:
M-Thurs 10 am - 9 pm
Fri, Sat 10 am - 6 pm
Sun 1 pm - 5 pm*
(*Sundays hours begin in October, closed on Sundays during the Summer) Materials can be found at the Reference Desk

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