



FACT SHEET

April 2006

Environmental Cleanup Activities to Begin at Buffalo Business Park

Voluntary Cleanup Program

Site #: V-00663-9

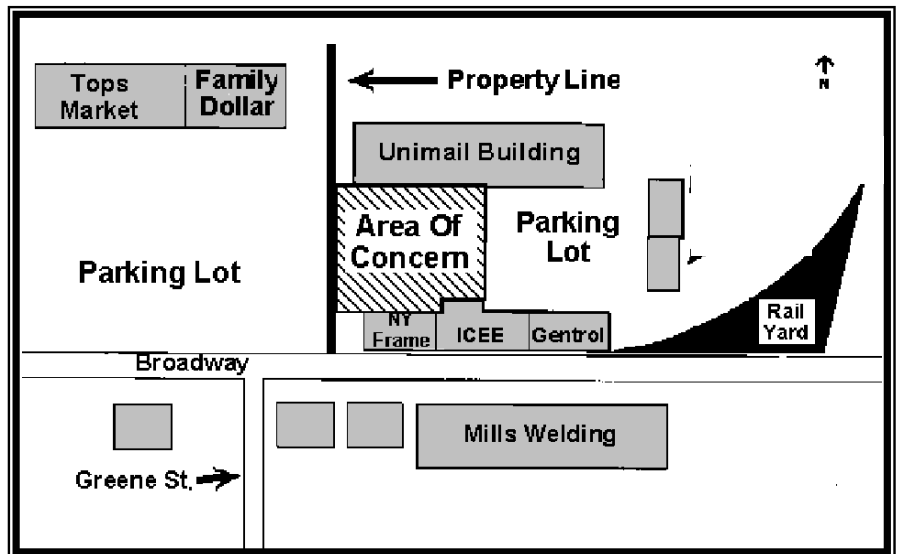
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is providing this fact sheet to inform you about upcoming environmental cleanup activities that will occur at Buffalo Business Park, located at 1800 Broadway in the City of Buffalo. Environmental site investigations have revealed that contaminated soil is present in an area of this site. (See figure below, specifically area labeled "Area of Concern.")

To address the contaminated soil that was found at the site, Buffalo Business Park Inc. will conduct an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM). An IRM is a cleanup action that can be conducted relatively quickly to reduce the risk from a well-defined hazardous waste to people's health and the environment.

IRM activities at Buffalo Business Park will begin in mid-April 2006 and are expected to take about two weeks to complete.

Cleanup work at this site is being completed voluntarily by the site's owner

(Buffalo Business Park Inc.) under the Voluntary Cleanup Program. Through this program, Buffalo Business Park Inc. has agreed to investigate, remove and cleanup contaminated soils from affected areas of the site. All cleanup work at the site will be performed according to a work plan approved by DEC.



SITE HISTORY

From 1900 through the 1950s, the Buffalo Business Park complex was an industrial area used primarily by the Pullman Car Company to repair and store railroad cars. Since the early 1960s, the complex has been used by various area businesses. Within the business complex, the area of concern is currently a parking area that is about one acre in size. (See figure above.)

On-site environmental investigations of the property, completed by Buffalo Business Park Inc. between March 2001 and May 2002, indicated that soil and groundwater in the parking lot area are contaminated with solvents such as perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene, and their related compounds. The source of the contamination is unknown. Through the site investigations, the contaminated area has been delineated.

WHAT WILL THE UPCOMING CLEANUP ACTIVITIES INVOLVE?

During the upcoming IRM, contaminated soils will be excavated and disposed of properly at an off-site, permitted landfill. The excavated area will then be backfilled with clean fill. During cleanup activities, Health and Safety Plans, and Air Monitoring Plans will be implemented to protect workers and the nearby community.

WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

Once the IRM is completed, a groundwater investigation will be conducted to determine if site contamination had any impact on groundwater in the bedrock. Following the investigation, a Final Investigation Report and Construction Closeout Report will be submitted to DEC for review.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SITE?

Questions regarding the cleanup of this site are welcome. Should you have any questions, please contact the following representatives:

Site Related Environmental Questions

Mr. Jaspal Walia, P.E., Project Manager
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220

Site Related Health Questions

Mr. Cameron O'Connor, Public Health Specialist
NYS Department of Health
584 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 847-4385

LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT RELATED DOCUMENTS

Public understanding and involvement are important to the success of New York's Voluntary Cleanup Program. Project related documents are available for your review at the following locations:

East Delevan Library
1187 East Delevan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14215
(716) 896-4433

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220
(Please call for an appointment.)

Additional Information on the Voluntary Cleanup Program

The **Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP)** is a New York State program designed to address the environmental, legal and financial barriers that often hinder the redevelopment and reuse of contaminated properties. The program was developed to enhance private sector cleanup of properties by enabling businesses to cleanup sites using private (rather than public) funds, as well as to reduce development pressures on "greenfield" sites. Under the Voluntary Cleanup Program, a volunteer agrees to investigate and clean up a site to a level that is protective of public health and the environment for the present or intended use of the property. Investigation and cleanup is carried out under the oversight of DEC. When the volunteer completes cleanup work, the State provides a release from State liability for the work done, enabling the site to return to productive use. For more information about New York's Voluntary Cleanup Program, please visit DEC's website at www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der.