



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: Hornell Waste
DEC Site #: C851027
Address: 188 Seneca St-Rear/Shawmut Yards
Hornell, NY 14843

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Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the Hornell Waste site ("site") located at 188 Seneca St-Rear/Shawmut Yards, Hornell, Steuben County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

Draft Investigation Work Plan

The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by Hornell Site Development LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from **February 4, 2015 through March 6, 2015**. The proposed plan is available for review at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area below.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation

The proposed investigation includes the collection of surface soil, sub-surface soil, soil vapor, and groundwater samples to define the nature and extent of contamination at the property. Soil samples will be collected from areas at the site where impacts are expected to have occurred as a result of former site operations. Groundwater samples will be collected from across the site to characterize the depth and flow of groundwater as well as the presence of contamination. Soil vapor samples will be collected from shallow soils in areas associated with former operation to evaluate the site for the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below). After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to the NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a cleanup plan, called a “Remedial Work Plan” will be developed and a Decision Document will be proposed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy, or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Background

Location: The site is located in a rural area at Shawmut Yards in the City of Hornell, Steuben County. The approximately 16.9 acre site is west of Seneca Street, north of the intersection with Adsit Street, east of West Genesee Street and south of the Canisteo River.

Site Features: The site currently has some residual waste including metals and small parts associated with the former scrap metal and vehicle collection operations. All structures have been removed except a small concrete-block garage. The concrete foundational pads of the removed buildings remain. The former operation areas are open with vegetation around the perimeter of the site although primarily to the north towards the Canisteo River.

Current Zoning/Use(s): The site is currently vacant but three of the parcels are zoned for light industrial use and one for general business use.

Historical Use(s): A railroad yard complete with fuel tanks and maintenance facilities occupied the Site as early as 1915, as well as the Hornell Sanitary Dairy Company. From at least 1926 to 1948, the Site housed the Mahaffey Brothers Oil Corporation which later was operated by Atlantic Refining Company. A refrigerated warehouse and a potato storage building have also been located on the Site. From 1948 until 2014, the Site was operated as a metal processing facility known as Hornell Waste Material Company, Inc. Big Elms Trailer Park was also located on one of the parcels comprising the Site.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: In general, a layer of fill soil or soils impacted from years of industrial use overlays the area. These soil impacts include many pieces of metal and stone. The fill was characterized by the presence of stone, soil, or construction debris over the former topsoil surface (dark soils with plant matter). Below the fill and topsoil, silt and clay soils were found to a depth of approximately 8 to 12 feet where sand and gravel were encountered.

Brownfield Cleanup Program: New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses may include recreation, housing, business or other uses.

A **brownfield** is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the BCP, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Hornell Public Library
Attn: Alice Taychert
64 Genesee Street
Hornell, NY 14843
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Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project Related Questions

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.



Site Location



Title: Site Location Map
Hornell Waste Site – Site #C851027
Hornell, New York

Prepared For: Hornell Site Development LLC
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Project: 856.001
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