



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Pierce Arrow Site  
1695, 1721, and 1723  
Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14203

SITE No. C915308

NYSDEC REGION 9

October 2018

**Where to Find Information:**  
*Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.*

**Buffalo and Erie County Public Library – North Branch**  
633 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222  
716-858-8900

**NYS DEC Region 9 Office**  
270 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14203  
716-851-7220  
(Call for appointment)

**Who to Contact:**  
*Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:*

**Project-Related Questions**  
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**Project-Related Health Questions**  
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For more information about New York's  
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

## Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to address contamination related to the Pierce Arrow site ("site") located at 1695, 1721, and 1723 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, Erie 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 to the left under "Where to Find Information."

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **October 31 through December 14, 2018**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

**Draft Remedial Work Plan:** The proposed Multi-Use Restricted Residential/Unrestricted remedy consists of:

- Excavation, and off-site disposal of all urban fill material around the exterior of the Administrative Building and on the north side of the Garage Building, achieving unrestricted use in these areas;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of soil/fill below portions of the building slab within the Administrative Building to achieve unrestricted use cleanup levels beneath the Administrative Building;
- Decommissioning and disposal of three transformers and removal of piping and sediment within a concrete trench located inside the Administrative Building;
- Excavation and removal, or abandonment in-place, of one aboveground storage tank (AST) and five underground storage tanks (USTs) including all associated fuel dispensers, aboveground/underground piping or other structures associated with a source of contamination;
- Installation of a cover system on the south side of the Garage Building and northeast corner of the Administrative Building that meets the requirements for restricted residential use. The existing concrete slab within the Garage Building will be maintained as a cover system; and
- Implementation of a site management plan and recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper future use and maintenance of the site.

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**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant(s) may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

**Site Description:** The 2.85-acre site is located at the intersection of Elmwood Avenue and Great Arrow Avenue and bounded to the North by Conrail Railroad. It is currently developed with an Administrative Building along Elmwood Avenue and two Garage Buildings along the rail line. Previously, the site has been used for commercial and industrial purposes including testing engines, tool and die manufacturing, dry cleaning, and office space. The site is currently vacant.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C915308 at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the Site are metals and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) mainly associated with urban fill. Groundwater exceeds standards for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and metals.

**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 site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations. For more information about the BCP, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

*We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.*

## Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs available at the following web page:

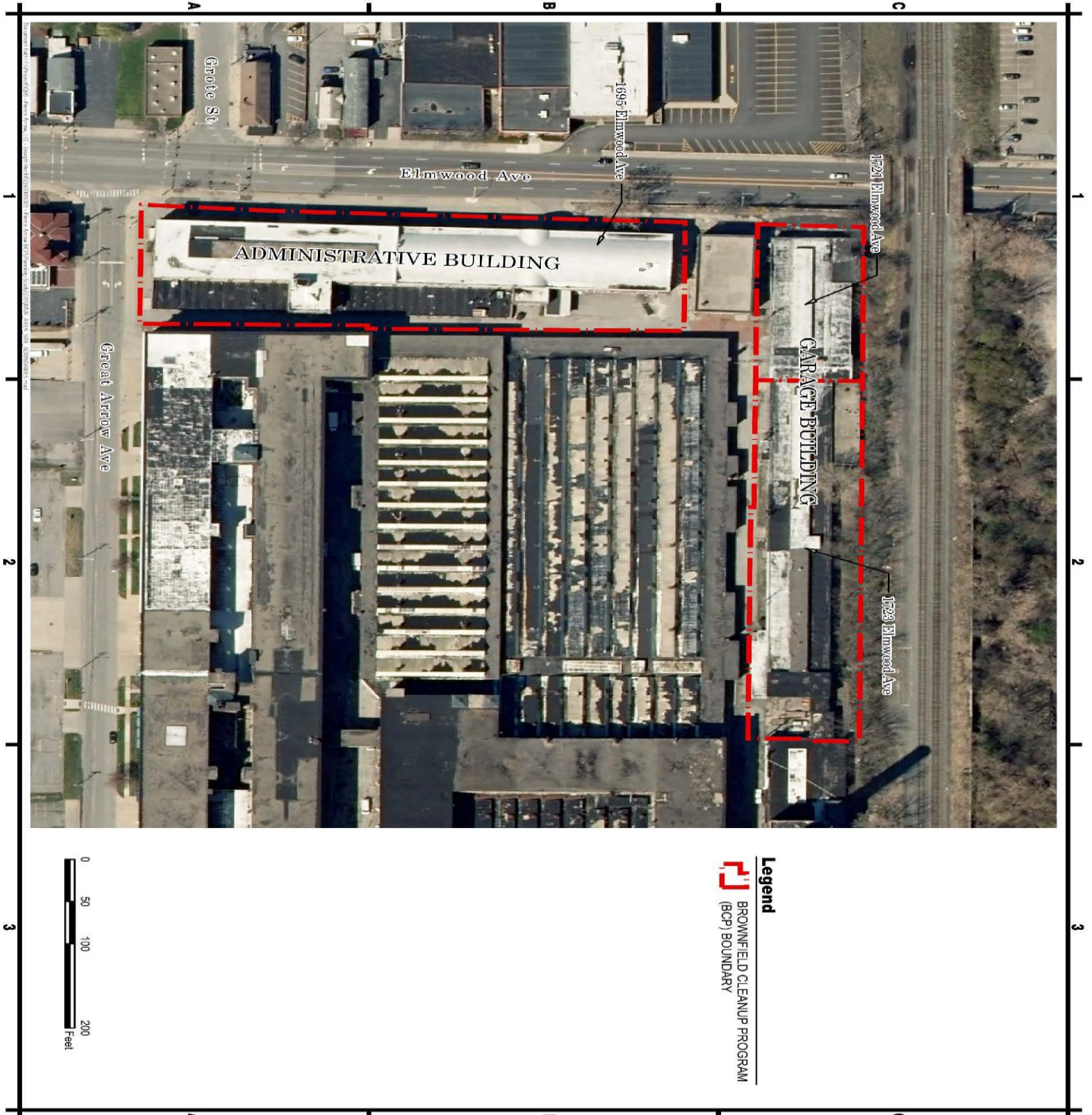
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. 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.

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<b>FIGURE 2</b> PROJECT AREA AND SITE BOUNDARIES	<b>PIERCE ARROW SITE</b> <b>BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM</b> <b>SITE NO. C915308</b>  <b>CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK</b>		 C&S Engineers, Inc. 141 Elm Street Buffalo, New York 14203 Phone: 716.841-1630 Fax: 716.841-1424 www.csgs.com												
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