



Department of
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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

68 Tonawanda Street

68 Tonawanda Street
Buffalo, NY 14207

June 2018

SITE No. C915316

NYSDEC REGION 9

Where to Find Information:

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

**Buffalo & Erie County Public Library,
Riverside Branch**
820 Tonawanda Street
Buffalo, NY 14207
716-875-0562

Who to Contact:

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

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For more information about New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:
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 68 Tonawanda Street site ("site") located at 68 Tonawanda Street, 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."

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the low level contamination found at the site; the absence of off-site migration of contaminants in groundwater; and the limited potential for human exposure to site-related contaminants via soil vapors.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **June 6 through July 20, 2018**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location 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 Track 4 remedy consists of:

- Excavation, transportation, and off-site disposal of contaminated soil and fill to 1-foot depth in areas where asphalt paving and concrete will be installed, and 2-foot depth in areas where a clean soil cover will be installed;
- Excavation, transportation, and off-site disposal of contaminated soil and fill that exhibits petroleum odors;
- Placement of a site wide cover system consisting of the existing building; hardscape such as asphalt and concrete; and a minimum of 2 feet of clean imported material that is acceptable for restricted residential use;
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term monitoring and maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by Buffalo Freight House LLC ("applicant") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A "Remedial Investigation Report", which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted concurrently with the "Alternatives Analysis Report" and is available for review at the location identified to the left.

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Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis Report 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 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 68 Tonawanda Street Site is located on approximately 1.74 acres of land at 68 Tonawanda Street in the Black Rock section of the City of Buffalo. The site is bordered by rail lines and vacant undeveloped industrial and commercial properties to the west; a parcel of the 31 Tonawanda Street Site (Site No. C915299) to the north; Tonawanda Street, vacant commercial and industrial properties, the 57-71 Tonawanda Street Site (Site No. C915024) and Scajaquada Creek to the east; and a vacant residential/restaurant structure, a vehicle repair shop and Niagara Street to the south. The New York State Thruway and the Niagara River are located about 0.1 miles to the southwest.

The property contains the former New York Central Freight House and Office, a 1.5 story brick building constructed in the early 1900's that is approximately 40 feet wide by 742 feet long. The property has been associated with rail operations since the mid to late 1800's. The contemplated future use of the site includes repurposing the existing freight house into apartments along with 2,500 square feet of light commercial space.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C915316) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals. PAHs and metals were present site wide in fill material to depths up to six feet. Groundwater was found to be impacted with metals, with one well also containing naphthalene (a PAH), PCBs and acetone. Soil vapor intrusion was not detected at the site.

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>

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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

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.

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Site Location Map

