



Department of
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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Ekonol Polyester Resins

6600 Walmore Road
Wheatfield, Niagara County

December 2024

SITE No. C932173

NYSDEC REGION 9

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C932173/>

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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), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the Ekonol Polyester Resins site ("site") located at 6600 Walmore Road, Wheatfield, Niagara County. Please see the map for the site location.

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has determined that the site poses a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the nature of the existing contaminants identified at the site; the potential for off-site migration of contaminants in groundwater; and the potential for human exposure to site-related contaminants via soil vapors. To address this threat, NYSDEC has developed the proposed remedy summarized below.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Alternatives Analysis Report" for 45 days, from **December 4, 2024 through January 18, 2025**.

- Access the AAR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C932173>.
- Documents also are available 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 Industrial Use remedy consists of:

- A site cover currently exists and will be maintained to allow for industrial use of the site. Any site redevelopment will maintain the existing site cover, which consists of buildings, pavement, or sidewalks;
- Continued operation, maintenance, and monitoring an underground barrier installed as an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) to treat chlorinated VOCs in groundwater;
- Additional In-situ ("in place") treatment of groundwater. The appropriate bioremediation amendment and method of injection will be determined during the remedial design;
- Continued operation of the sub-slab depressurization system in the off-site St. Gobain office area to prevent the migration of sub-slab soil vapor from soil and groundwater into the building;
- Implementation of a groundwater monitoring program to assess the attenuation of contaminants in groundwater over time;

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- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) that requires long-term maintenance and monitoring of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by Elm Holdings Inc. (“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 previously approved by the NYSDEC in 2022. This report is also available for review at the locations identified on Page 1.

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 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 1.006-acre site is a portion of a 55.1-acre parcel that is bordered by the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station to the north, Walmore Road to the east, the Bell Aerospace - Textron remediation site and Niagara Falls Boulevard (NYS Route 62) to the south, and the Niagara Falls International Airport to the west. The site is zoned for industrial use and is an active manufacturing facility. The Ekonomol Polyester Resins building was historically (and is currently) used for production of a polyester resin that is used as a spray-on coating for turbine engines. The anticipated future use of the site is industrial/manufacturing.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C92173) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: Chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs) related to former degreasing operations were found in subsurface soil at the site, and in overburden and bedrock groundwater both on-site and off-site. Chlorinated VOCs were also detected in soil vapor and indoor air at the off-site St. Gobain office area.

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:

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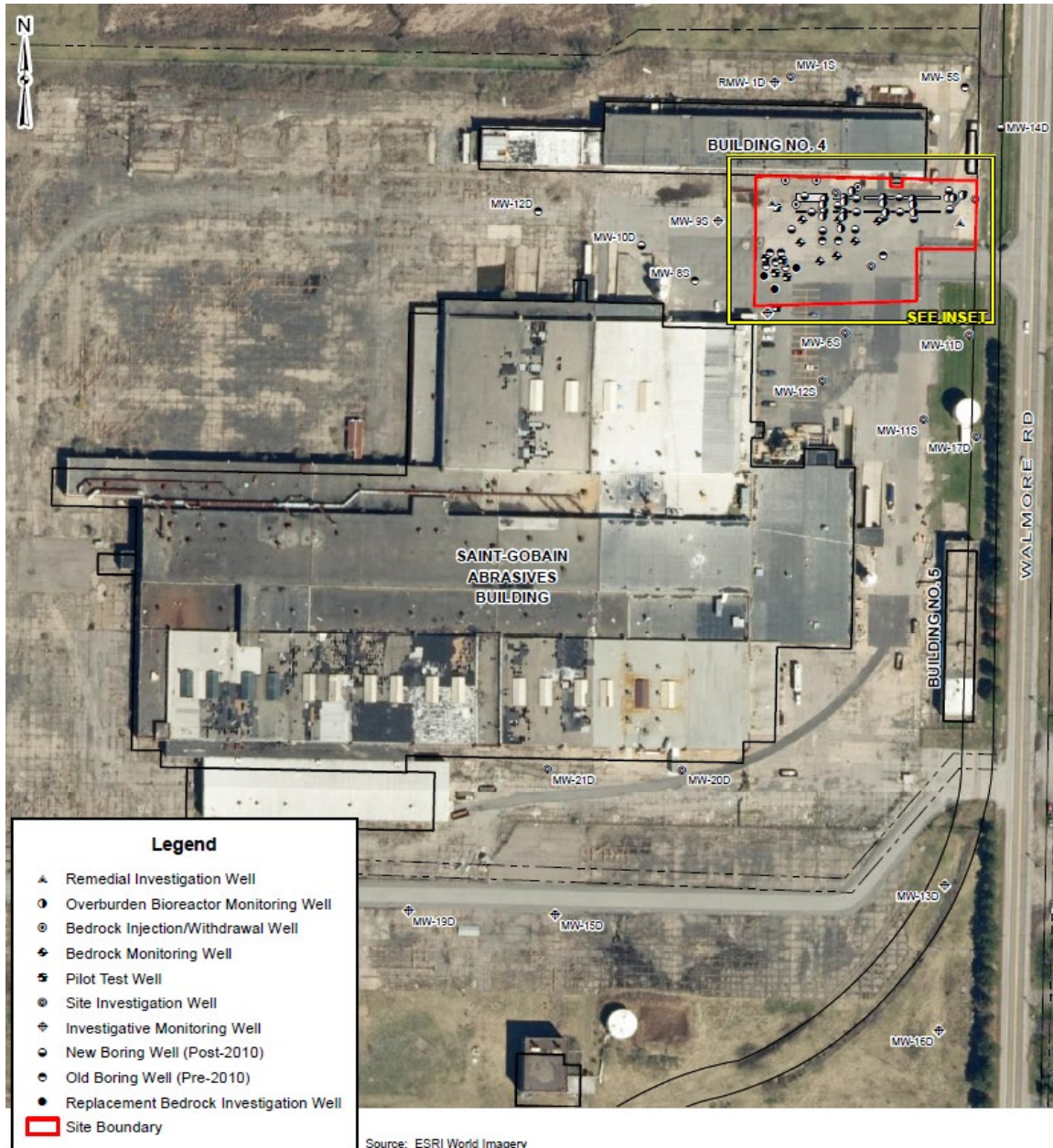
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Site Location





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