



FACT SHEET

DEC Announces Opportunity to Comment On Proposal to Clean Up Ameron Site

NY State Superfund Program

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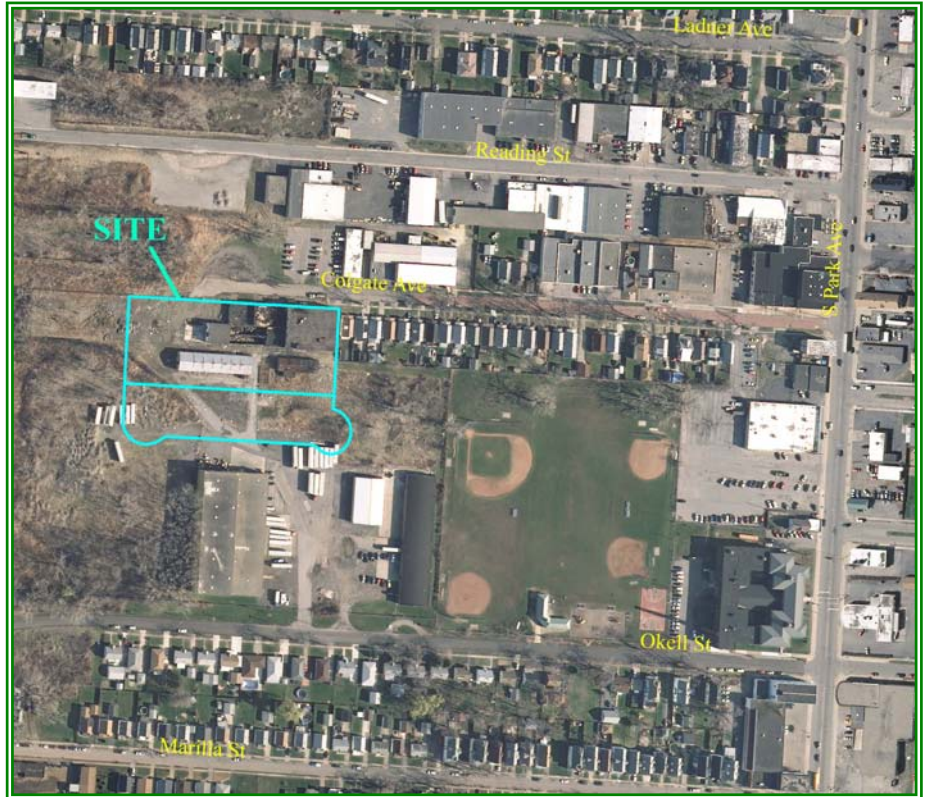
Project No. 915133

Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) invites you to comment on a cleanup proposal that will address contamination at the Ameron Site, located at 111 Colgate Avenue in Buffalo, NY. The cleanup proposal is described in a document called the Decision Document, which is available for your review at the locations listed in this fact sheet and on the DEC website.

Public comments on the Decision Document will be accepted for 30 days, from June 21 – July 20, 2010. You may address written comments to the DEC project manager listed on the opposite page.

Contamination at the Ameron site is being addressed under the New York State Superfund, New York's program for addressing suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. For more information on the Superfund Program, visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>.



Site Location Map

What Does the Proposed Cleanup Plan Involve?

The proposed cleanup, or remedy, for the site includes:

- Excavating impacted soil and properly disposing it off-site;
- Treating contaminated groundwater at two locations by injecting into the ground certain chemicals that will react with contaminants and form less toxic products; and
- Implementing a Site Management Plan, which includes a groundwater monitoring plan, an environmental easement to restrict the use of the site, and a soil excavation work plan.

The proposed remedy represents the alternative preferred by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). It was chosen following a detailed investigation of the site and evaluation of alternatives to address contamination. NYSDEC and NYSDOH believe the proposed remedy best meets the criteria for protecting human health and the environment. It calls for the removal and offsite disposal of contaminated soils and treating the groundwater. Cleanup of contaminated soils and groundwater will eliminate the possibility of human exposure to contamination both onsite and offsite.

What Comes Next?

Comments received during the comment period will be considered as the Decision Document for the Ameron Site is finalized. Fact sheets similar to this one will be distributed periodically to keep the public informed as the cleanup continues and project documents become available.

Site Background

The Ameron site encompasses approximately 3.2 acres in an urban setting. The site is located in a mixed use (residential/industrial/commercial) area. From approximately 1960 to 1982 the site had been used for the production of protective coating materials involving the use of solvents and other chemicals. In 1984 Ameron discovered environmental contamination in the subsurface soil and groundwater at the west end of the main production building. Ameron entered into an Order on Consent (a legal document signed by NYSDEC and Ameron that obligated Ameron to complete activities defined in the order) to remediate the chemical release by constructing and operating a soil vapor extraction remediation system. The system operated from 1989 to 1999. During confirmation sampling conducted by Ameron, underground storage tanks (USTs) were located near the remediated area. In 2004, Ameron removed and disposed 11 USTs, chemical residue and associated impacted soil. Contaminants of concern included polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), lead, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Who Should I Call If I Have Questions About the Site?

Should you have any question about this project, please feel welcome to contact these representatives:

Environmental Questions

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Buffalo, NY 14202
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Locations to View Project Documents

Public interest and input in this project is valued and appreciated. To keep you informed, DEC has set up locations at which you may view project documents. These locations include:

Dudley Branch Library

2010 South Park Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14220
(716) 823-1854

NYSDEC Region 9 Office

270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220
Contact: Bill Murray (*please call for appointment*)

You may also access electronic copies of project documents at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/54171.html>. Size limitations for posting documents on the web sometimes prevent electronic access to full documents. Hard copies of full documents are always available at the designated locations for viewing documents.