



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: Buffalo Color Corporation Site Areas A & B
DEC Site #: C915230
Site Address: 1337 & 1002 So. Park, 145 Prenatt St.; Buffalo NY 14210
Website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/52854.html>

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Buffalo Color Update: DEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Brownfield Site

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) determined the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Buffalo Color Corporation Site Areas A & B site ("site") located at 1337 South Park Ave, 1002 South Park and 145 Prenatt St. in Buffalo, Erie County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program have been met. Please see the map for the **Site Location**.

The cleanup activities were performed with oversight provided by DEC. DEC has approved a Final Engineering Report and issued a Certificate of Completion for the site. Copies of the Final Engineering Report and Notice of the Certificate of Completion are available at the location identified below under **Where to Find Information**.

Completion of Project

Remedies implemented for the site include:

- Containment of contaminated groundwater using a barrier wall;
- Treatment of extracted contaminated groundwater;
- Plugging of the storm sewer system;
- Installation of a new water-tight stormsewer system;
- Installation of a site-wide ground cover system;
- Monitoring groundwater quality; and
- Imposition of institutional controls and a Site Management Plan (for a list of the controls in place for this site, please visit the website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/52854.html>).

Final Engineering Report Approved

DEC has approved the Final Engineering Report, which:

1. Describes the cleanup activities completed;
2. Certifies that cleanup requirements have been achieved for the site;
3. Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier (for a list of the controls in place for this site, please visit the website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/52854.html>); and

4. Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by DEC.

Next Steps

With its receipt of a Certificate of Completion, the applicant is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicant:

- Has no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- Is eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

A Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with DEC.

The Certificate of Completion was issued on 12/31/2013.

Background

Location: The BCP site is situated in South Buffalo district located at 1337 South Park Avenue. The site is adjacent to the Buffalo River.

Site Features: This site is approximately 13.21 acres in size and was subdivided from the former 54 acre Buffalo Color Corporation (BCC) chemical and dye plant. The BCP site consists of two contiguous former BCC plant Areas A and B that formerly contained numerous process, administrative and maintenance buildings, process equipment and chemical storage tanks.

Area A is an approximately 10.03-acre area bounded by South Park Avenue to the north, the Buffalo River to the east, an inactive rail line to the south (beyond which is former BCC Area D - see site #915012), and an active railroad corridor to the west. Area B is approximately 3.18-acre area bounded by a rail spur and former BCC Area C (see site #C915231) to the north, an area (formerly part of Area B when BCC owned/operated the site) that contains an office building and a smaller out-building along Lee Street to the east, South Park Avenue to the south, and the active railroad corridor to the west. A single-story masonry structure is located on the northern end of Area B; the balance of Area B is vacant and is now covered with a soil cover system and a smaller area containing asphalt paving, and gravel cover. Various structures are present on Area A, including former BCC Building 75 (single-story masonry structure), the groundwater extraction system treatment building (single-story metal clad building), and several other metal-clad structures. The balance of Area A is now covered with a soil cover system, an asphalt paved parking lot and site entrance, and gravel pavement. All other buildings, aboveground tanks, and ancillary structures that were located on the site and associated with the former BCC chemical dye plant were demolished by South Buffalo Development (SBD) in 2011.

The site and surrounding area topography is generally flat but with an embankment leading to edge of the Buffalo River. The site and area surrounding the site is generally zoned for heavy industry and has been utilized for heavy industrial activity since the mid-1800s. The nearest residential areas are located approximately 1000 feet north of the Site.

Current Zoning/Use: The site is currently inactive and is zoned for industrial use. Neighboring areas includes the navigable section of the Buffalo River, a heavily used rail transportation corridor, some commercial, and a residential area within 2000 feet.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/52854.html> and at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=932110>.

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 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>.

Where to Find Information

Public interest in this project is valued and appreciated. Project documents are available at the following location to help the public stay informed. You may also view electronic versions of project documents by visiting this brownfield site's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/52854.html>. Large documents may be abbreviated to meet DEC's file size requirements for posting to the website. Hard copies of full project documents are available at the listed locations.

NYS DEC Region 9 Office

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Buffalo, New York 14203
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(Call for appointment)

Erie Co. Dudley Branch Library

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Who to Contact

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

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Site Location



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<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html>. It's *quick*, it's *free*, and it will help keep you *better informed*.

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