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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: Phase III Business Park Site
Site Numbers: C915199G & C915199H
Site Address: Lackawanna, New York

July 2012

Environmental Cleanup Plan for Interim Remedial Measures Tecumseh Phase III Business Park Sub-parcels III-7 and III-8

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has prepared this Fact Sheet to notify interested parties and nearby property owners of a plan to implement focused environmental cleanup activities at the Tecumseh Phase III Business Park Site ("Site"), which is located at 1951 Hamburg Turnpike in Lackawanna, Erie County. The plan proposes an environmental cleanup action, called an interim remedial measure (IRM), which will address environmental impacts on two sub-parcels within the Site while taking the initial cleanup steps necessary to prepare them for redevelopment. An IRM can be conducted relatively quickly to address obvious issues at a site and minimize environmental and health risks. A work plan describing the project, called an "Interim Remedial Measures (IRM) Work Plan," was submitted to DEC by Tecumseh Redevelopment Inc. ("applicant") under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP).

Site Location Map

Public Review of the IRM Work Plan

The IRM Work Plan is available for public viewing at the Lackawanna Branch of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library and the DEC Buffalo Office identified below under **"Where to Find Information."**

Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP): New York's 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** 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: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Highlights of the Proposed Cleanup Work

This Fact Sheet has been prepared to notify interested parties and nearby property owners of a plan to implement focused environmental cleanup activities on Sub-parcels III-7 (C915199G) (approximately 39 acres) and III-8 (C915199H) (approximately 6 acres) within the Phase III Business Park Site. The plan proposes an environmental cleanup action that will involve excavation of soils containing elevated levels of contaminants followed by treatment or offsite disposal. The proposed remedial work will be performed by the applicant with oversight by DEC.
Upcoming IRM cleanup activities will include:

- Excavation of two shallow hotspot areas impacted by arsenic, with offsite disposal of the excavated material.

- Excavation of petroleum-impacted soils, followed by onsite bioremediation of the soils. This involves spreading and tilling the soils while adding moisture and nutrients to promote petroleum breakdown by naturally-occurring microorganisms.
- Temporary collection and treatment of groundwater that may enter deeper excavation areas.

Next Steps

Once approved, Tecumseh Redevelopment may proceed with the above-described environmental cleanup actions at the Site. The IRM field work is expected to be completed in summer 2012.

A report detailing the IRM activities will be completed later in 2012 and made available at the public viewing locations listed below. DEC will keep the public informed of Site activities through fact sheets similar to this one.

Background

DEC previously accepted an application from Tecumseh Redevelopment (Tecumseh) to participate in the BCP. The application encompassed the entire 150-acre Phase III Business Park Area. Tecumseh subsequently requested that DEC subdivide the Phase III Business Park into several smaller sub-parcels to facilitate cleanup and redevelopment on a more manageable sub-parcel basis. DEC agreed and is presently working with Tecumseh to formalize the subdivision arrangement.

Tecumseh is interested in redeveloping the 39-acre sub-parcel III-7 with potential future expansion onto the 6-acre sub-parcel III-8. The planned IRM activities described above will be completed prior to redevelopment. Other remedial measures (e.g., placement of cover) are also planned to be completed during the redevelopment work pending DEC approval and public comment on a final remedial plan.

In May 2008, TurnKey Environmental Restoration, LLC (TurnKey) performed a Remedial Investigation (RI) at the Phase III Business Park Site. The IRM Work Plan includes a summary of relevant RI investigation findings, and the planned approach for implementation of the IRM activities

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available for review at the following locations to help the public stay informed. These documents include the IRM Work Plan and the application to participate in the BCP.

Lackawanna Public Library
560 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218
Phone: (716) 823-0630
Hours: M&W 1-8; T&T 10-8; F 10-4; S&S (closed)
Eff. Sep 3: Sa 10-4; F&Su (closed)

NYS DEC Region 9 Office
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14203-2999
Phone: (716) 851-7220
Hours: M-F 8:30 am – 4:45 pm
(Call for appointment)

Project information is also available on the DEC website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/69841.html

Who to Contact

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

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