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FACT SHEET

Remedial Soil Excavation Activities to Begin At Greif Site in Tonawanda

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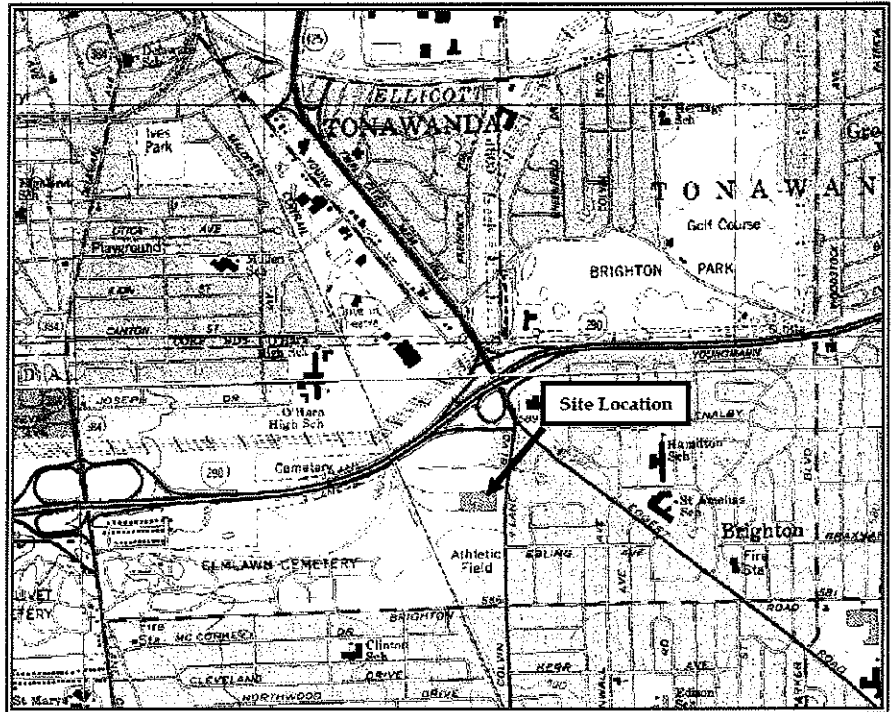
Voluntary Cleanup Program

Project Number V00334-9

May 2011

Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) would like to provide an update on the environmental cleanup work for the Greif, Inc. facility located at 2122 Colvin Boulevard in the Town of Tonawanda. The environmental cleanup work is being performed by Sonoco Products Company (Sonoco), a former owner of the property and a Volunteer in NYSDEC's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). New York State established the VCP to address the environmental, legal, and financial barriers that often hinder the re-development and reuse of properties with identified environmental issues. The goal under the VCP is to clean up the Site to a level that is protective of public health and the environment in accordance with the intended use of the property. The current use and the intended future use of the property are for commercial purposes.



Environmental Cleanup Status Update

NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) have determined that contamination at the Site has not migrated to any adjacent properties. As part of the NYSDEC-approved remediation at the site, Sonoco, with oversight by NYSDEC, will begin the excavation and removal of contaminated soil outside the building in the Former Varnish Underground Storage Tank (UST) Area at the Site in May 2011. The cleanup work to be performed includes:

- Installation of soil erosion and sedimentation controls;
- Implementation of a Community Air Monitoring Program to ensure that dust and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are not released from excavation activities;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil;
- Collection of confirmation soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the soil excavation cleanup;
- Application of a material to the excavation walls and floor that will enhance the natural breakdown of remaining low levels of contamination that cannot be accessed without endangering the structural integrity of the adjacent building; and
- Backfilling the excavation with clean fill and installation of asphalt pavement over the work area.

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Next Steps

The soil excavation cleanup activity at this site is expected to be completed by June 2011. Sonoco will also be expanding an existing sub-slab depressurization system beneath the building that provides protection against potential migration of contaminant vapors. Institutional controls and a Site Management Plan (SMP) will be established to govern future use of the Site. An institutional control is any non-physical means of informing potential owners, operators, site workers, or members of the public about environmental conditions at the site, restricting the use of the site or site ground water to limit human and environmental exposure, or preventing activities that would interfere with the effectiveness of the site cleanup.

A Final Engineering Report (FER) along with a SMP that includes an environmental easement will be prepared to document the cleanup performed on site. The FER, SMP and easement should be completed by December 2011. NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the cleanup of the Greif Site with fact sheets similar to this one.

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

Questions are encouraged and welcomed. You may contact the following representatives:

Environment-Related Questions

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E-Mail: bee1@health.state.ny.us

If you know someone who would like to be added to the project mailing list, please have them contact the NYSDEC project manager listed above. We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

Locations to View Project Documents

The public may review important project documents at the following locations:

Kenmore Public Library OR
160 Delaware Road
Kenmore, NY 14217
Telephone: 716-873-2842

NYSDEC Region 9 Office
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
Telephone: 716-851-7220
(Please call for an appointment)

Electronic versions of project documents can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/60234.html>.

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

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