New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: 945 Kenmore Avenue
DEC Site #: C915286
Address: 945 Kenmore Avenue
Tonawanda, NY 14223

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Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the 945 Kenmore Avenue site ("site") located at 945 Kenmore Avenue, Tonawanda, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

Draft Investigation Work Plan

The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by 945 Kenmore Group LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from **November 12, 2014** through **December 12, 2014**. The proposed plan is available for review at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area below.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation

The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Previous reports have identified petroleum contamination resulting from the operation of a former gasoline station. Significant investigation activities identified in the draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan are:

. Performing a geophysical survey to assist in determining the potential presence and location of underground storage tanks and product piping that could be a source for the petroleum contamination.

. Installation and sampling of up to 20 soil borings to determine the extent of soil contamination.

. Installation and sampling of 5 groundwater monitoring wells to determine the extent of groundwater contamination.

Next Steps
NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" below). After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to the NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a cleanup plan, called a "Remedial Work Plan" will be developed and a Decision Document will be proposed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy, or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Background
Site Location: The proposed BCP site is located at 945 Kenmore Avenue at the intersections of South Irving Terrace, Kenmore Avenue, and Fairmount Avenue in the Town of Tonawanda, Erie County.

Site Features: The site consists of one 0.552 acre parcel which is developed with a one single-story structure that was constructed in 1949. Over three-quarters of the site is currently covered with asphaltic pavement and the remnants of a concrete slab.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The site is within a C-General Business district and is currently vacant.

Past Use of the Site: Project Site was utilized as a gasoline station from at least 1950 to 1986 and as an automotive repair facility from at least 1958 to 2010; such operations included automotive body repair work from at least 1994 to 2010

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: Bedrock underlying the site consists of the Upper Silurian Akron Dolostone and Salina Group; specifically, the Camillus, Syracuse, and Vernon Formations, described as shale, dolostone, salt, and gypsum. Thickness generally ranges between 400 and 700 feet.

Surface deposits in the area of the site consist of lacustrine silt and clay. Thickness is variable, and generally ranges up to 300 feet.

Groundwater is between approximately 10 and 20 feet below ground surface. Groundwater flow is likely to the west.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:
http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C915286

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** 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**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
Attn: Kenmore Branch
160 Delaware Road
Kenmore, NY 14217

Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions
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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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

Site Location