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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: 73-79 W. Huron St.
DEC Site #: C915282
Address: 73-79 W. Huron St.
Buffalo, NY 14202

Have questions? See "Who to Contact" Below

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 (DEC) to investigate the 73-79 W. Huron St. site ("site") located at 73-79 W. Huron St., Buffalo, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location 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 DEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed with oversight by DEC and the New York State Department of Health (DOH).

How to Comment

DEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from **January 20, 2015** through **February 20, 2015**. The proposed plan is available for review at the location identified below under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to DEC 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.

As an interim remedial measure, previously identified, contaminated soils from the central and southern portions of the parking lot will be excavated and disposed. Other areas of the site, targeted by the investigation, may also be included, based on analytical results.
The anticipated depths of the excavation (20 feet) will require the handling of groundwater infiltrating the excavation; groundwater has been encountered at depths of 9 to 11 feet. The excavation water will be pumped to a temporary storage tank on site and treated before being discharge to the sanitary sewers. The excavation will then be backfilled with clean, tested fill and the area re-graded and paved for its intended use

Next Steps
DEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. DOH 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 DEC that summarizes the results. DEC 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. DEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period. DEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Background
Location: The site is located at 73-79 W. Huron Street, Buffalo, in Erie County. The site is approximately .576 acres in size.

Site Features: The site consists of a building and a parking lot. The six story rectangular parking garage is at 73 W Huron. The vacant parking garage is a brick structure with a basement and has a .34 acre footprint. The rectangular parking lot is located to the west of the parking garage. The asphalt paved parking lot is currently in use.

Current Zoning/Use: The parking lot portion of the site is used for commercial purposes.

Following a site cleanup, the building will be redeveloped for mixed commercial/residential use.

Historial Use: The six-story building was constructed in the early 1900s as a horse stable. It was later converted to an automobile parking ramp. Historical activities included the use of petroleum products in above ground drums and underground tanks.

Geology and Hydrogeology:
Soils beneath the asphalt parking lot consist of fine to medium sand with less than 20% silt and clay and intermittent fill. Groundwater is present at approximately 7.5 to 10 feet below ground surface and locallly flows to the southeast.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's website at http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/100339.html and http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C915282

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 to help the public stay informed.

Erie County Central Library
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203

Project documents are also available on the DEC website at:
http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/100339.html

Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions
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Division of Environmental Remediation
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Site-Related Health Questions
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NYS DOH
Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation
Empire State Plaza - Corning Tower Room 1787
Albany, NY 12237
518-402-7850
BEEI@health.ny.gov

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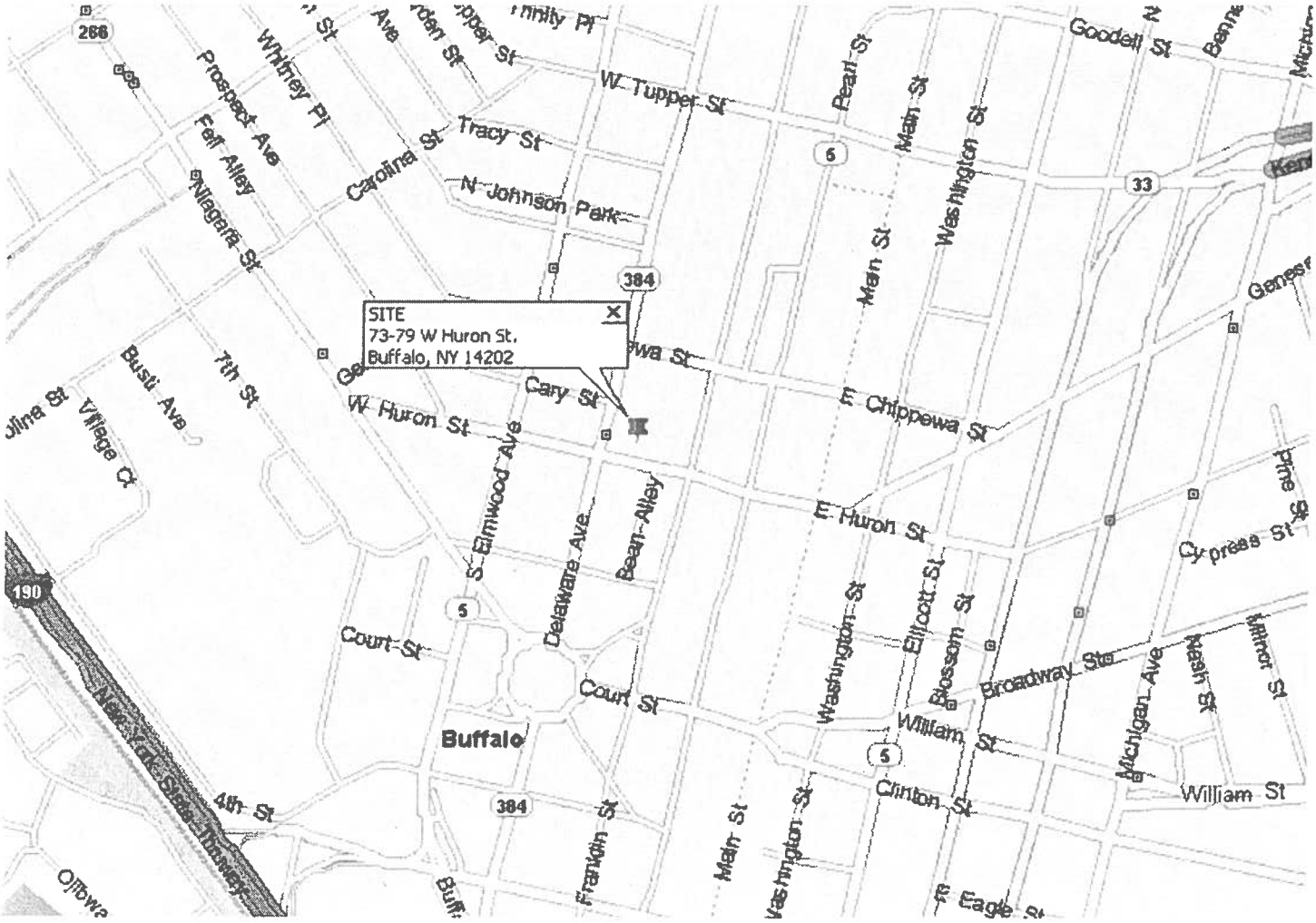
Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. DEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs available at the following web page: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html. It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you *better informed.*

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.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