

Department of Environmental Conservation

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator <u>https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C932174/</u> and at these location(s):

Niagara Falls Public Library Earl W. Brydges Building 1425 Main Street Niagara Falls, NY 14305 (716) 286-4894

Who to Contact

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

Project-Related Questions

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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

August 2021

4435-4445 Military Road Site 4435-4445 Military Road Niagara, NY **14305**

SITE No. C932174 NYSDEC REGION 9

Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the 4435-4445 Military Road site ("site") located at 4435-4445 Military Road, Town of Niagara, Niagara County. Please see the map for the site location.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Investigation / Interim Remedial Measures / Alternatives Analysis Report (RIAAR)" for 45 days, from August 4 through September 18, 2021.

- Access the RIAAR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <u>https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C932174/</u>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

Draft Remedial Work Plan: The proposed remedy will allow for commercial use of the site and consists of:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of soil exceeding Commercial Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) from the upper one-foot;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminant source areas for soils which exceed the Protection of Groundwater SCOs for hexavalent chromium;
- Importing clean material that meets the established SCOs for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper future use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by the Town of Niagara ("applicant(s)") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A "Remedial Investigation Report", which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted concurrently with the Alternatives Analysis Report and is also available for review at the locations identified to the left.

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Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant(s) may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The 1.15-acres site is located at 4435-4445 Military Road in the Town of Niagara. The site is bordered on the west by Military Road, on the south by Grauer Road, and residential properties to the north and to the east. The site was previously used as an auto tire repair shop, auto repair shop, barber shop, pizzeria, gas station, and dry cleaner. The proposed future use of the site is commercial.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C932174) at:

https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are metals (arsenic, cadmium, chromium, and mercury), which are present in soil and groundwater. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were also detected at low-levels in one of the groundwater monitoring wells exceeding groundwater quality standards.

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 site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit: <u>https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html</u>

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.

Stay Informed With DEC Delivers Sign up to receive site updates by email: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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

DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <u>https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html</u>

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Site Location

