



# EPA to Begin Clean up in Power City Warehouse Buildings in Niagara Falls, New York

Community Update

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## TIMELINE:

- EPA has fenced and secured the former Power City Warehouse and former Tract 2 buildings in Niagara Falls, New York. Securing activities started at both buildings in October 2009 and were completed in December 2009
- EPA cleaned up PCB contamination within the Tract 2 building, completing the work in February 2010
- Cleanup work will begin for the Power City Warehouse building in May 2010

## OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

Public participation is essential to the success of EPA's community involvement program. If you have any questions regarding EPA's cleanup activities at this site, please contact :

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## INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has begun clean up actions within the former Power City Warehouse building, located at 3123 Highland Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.

## CURRENT ACTIVITIES

EPA has obtained funding to clean up the former Power City Warehouse building. The clean up work will begin in May 2010 and will be completed in the fall of 2010. The cleanup work will involve the proper removal of asbestos, lead contaminated sediment and debris within the building, and removal of any containers of hazardous materials on the property. In addition, certain sections of collapsed building areas will be removed or stabilized. EPA will oversee the cleanup work and will monitor the air to ensure the cleanup is being performed in a safe manner for the community.

Project trailers will be brought to the site in May 2010. EPA will use the trailers to support the cleanup activities. Residents may visit the EPA project trailer to inquire about the cleanup actions that will occur.

## PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES

EPA has completely secured both the Power City Warehouse and Tract 2 buildings. Warning signs are posted to prevent access. EPA also properly removed polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) within the Tract 2 building.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Power City Warehouse site is the location of a former battery manufacturer and is no longer in operation. The warehouse building is located at 3123 Highland Avenue and covers approximately 400,000 square feet. The City of Niagara Falls is the owner of this site building and with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), requested that EPA secure the site and evaluate the need for a cleanup in the building.

The Tract 2 site is a the location of a former printing company and consists of an underground parking garage located at 3001 Highland Avenue and extends along the southern border of Beech Avenue and a building in the rear of the Power City Warehouse site. The City of Niagara Falls owns this property and along with the NYSDEC, requested that EPA secure the site and evaluate if a cleanup is needed within the former parking garage and rear building.

