

Community Update

Superfund Program



Genzale Plating Site

Franklin Square, New York

April 2003

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing this notice to inform you of the status of activities at the Genzale Plating Superfund Site.

Preparative work on the former plant building has been completed. **Actual demolition of the former facility will begin the week of May 5th, and is expected to take about 30 days.** It is anticipated that the major demolition activities will occur between 9AM-5PM. Real-time daily air quality monitoring logs will be placed in the information repository at the Franklin Square Public Library and will also be available at the site trailer within 48 hours after sampling. In the unlikely case of an emergency, nearby residents will be notified immediately, as detailed in the Emergency Response Plan discussed at last December's meeting. EPA is also in the process of developing a web site for the air monitoring information, an update will be provided when this is available. The real-time monitoring data will later be followed by laboratory-grade data, which will be available following quality assurance and control checks.

EPA and our contractor have site trailers in the parking lot area of the site (entrance is on Kalb Avenue) and the general EPA Site contact number is (516) 352-4203. An interagency agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard has been issued for additional on-Site assistance during the demolition activities. During these activities, either Lou DiGuardia, the EPA On-Scene Coordinator, Patrick Hamblin, Remedial Project Manager, Cecilia Echols, Community Involvement Coordinator, or the U.S. Coast Guard should be present if you have questions about activities at the Site. Patrick Hamblin, (212) 637-3314, and Cecilia Echols, (212) 637-3678 or (800) 346-5009, can also be contacted at their office numbers with questions about the Site. EPA Region 2 also has a designated ombudsman, George H. Zachos, for community concerns and questions about the federal Superfund program, who can be reached at (732) 321-6621 or (888) 283-7626.

The following individuals from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) can also be contacted regarding specific health concerns:

Jacquelyn Nealon, NYSDOH Project Manager, Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation, (800) 458-1158, ext. 27880.

For you or your physician to discuss specific medical concerns:

Ms. Lorraine Benton, NYSDOH Bureau of Occupational Health, (518) 402-7950 or (800) 458-1158, ext. 27950.

For questions regarding the NYS Cancer Registry, Cancer Mapping Initiative and Cancer Surveillance:

Jan Rocklin, NYSDOH Bureau of Chronic Disease, Epidemiology and Surveillance, (518) 474-2354.