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Current and Upcoming Activities

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is assessing the former TooBro Cheese-Ogdensburg site located in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, for the presence of hazardous materials and coordinating their removal. The City of Ogdensburg requested that EPA perform a removal assessment of the site in September 2020 due to the presence of abandoned ammonia and other gas cylinders, dozens of drums of caustic and corrosive liquids; and several pails of used oil.

Prior to initial site entry, EPA met with City of Ogdensburg representatives in late October 2020. EPA conducted an air monitoring survey within the building and assessed the condition of the ammonia refrigeration system and associated ammonia containers.

During the site visit, it was confirmed that the refrigeration system was free of ammonia. The three empty ammonia cylinders were found at the site and removed. Seven gas cylinders found in the site buildings were also removed. EPA conducted a container

inventory following the refrigeration inspection and found the drums and other smaller containers containing chemicals on the ground floor and upstairs storage area of the buildings.

EPA will sample and categorize waste in December 2020 to evaluate the remaining material at the site. EPA is coordinating with the City of Ogdensburg regarding the removal of the hazardous substances. It is anticipated that all hazardous materials will be removed from the site by late January 2021.

Background

The TooBro Cheese-Ogdensburg site, located at 30 Main Street, Ogdensburg, New York, is the location of a former cheese and dairy product manufacturing facility. The City of Ogdensburg took ownership of the property via foreclosure in 2008. In April 2009, the City leased the manufacturing facility to individuals and entities who manufactured dairy products at the site from 2009 until approximately 2011.

The site consists of at least three buildings and is bordered by vacant and commercial land to the north and east, and residential and vacant land to the south and west. Due to evidence of trespassing and vandalism at the site, the City of Ogdensburg has taken temporary actions to secure the building.