

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
POLLUTION REPORT**

Date: Monday, October 27, 2003

From: Michael f. Solecki

Subject: FINAL (includes appropriate closeout dates)

KARG Tannery

20 East Fulton Street, Johnstown, NY

Latitude: 43.0111800

Longitude: -74.3711300

POLREP No.:	31	Site #:	PX
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	036
Start Date:	7/24/2001	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	7/23/2001	Response Type:	Emergency
Demob Date:	6/19/2002	NPL Status:	Non NPL
Completion Date:	4/15/2003	Incident Category:	Removal Action
CERCLIS ID #:	PX	Contract #	68-S2-99-07
RCRIS ID #:	NYD002064004		

Site Description

see previous POLREPS

Current Activities

A meeting was held between the On-Scene Coordinator, the Site Assessment Manager and the Brownfields Coordinator. It was determined that the property will be returned to the state of New York. The EPA does not anticipate doing further work on the site. The site does score high enough for listing on the National Priority List (NPL) however it scores low for the list. The City of Johnstown has indicated that it would be more beneficial to them to use the property with land-use restrictions than to further tie the property up for further clean-up.

The EPA has determined that the state of contamination in the soil is not severe enough to seek the listing of the site on the NPL and that the property can be safely used for light industry. This is provided that the city not disturb the "in-place" slabs and the soil below these concrete slabs and all construction be built above the slabs. The city engineer's office has indicated that the city plans to further build up the grade anyway, since the property tends to flood during most rain events. Which, is not attractive to potential users. The EPA believes that if the city does as it intends to do about the grade it will further encase the contamination (mostly chromium) not allowing it to affect the local ecosystem which includes the human population as well as the Cayadutta Creek and its ecosystem.

The final details and restrictions will be worked out between the state and the city under the observation of the EPA.

Next Steps

No further action by EPA anticipated. All land-use specifications are to be negotiated between appropriate city and state authorities.

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