

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF SITE INVESTIGATION FOR  
TECUMSEH REDEVELOPMENT INCORPORATED, LACKAWANNA, NEW YORK  
EPA ID No. NYD002134880**

Public Notice Number: NY-2006-02

Date: May 24, 2006

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) have reviewed the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Report for the former Bethlehem Steel Corporation Lackawanna site submitted by:

Tecumseh Redevelopment Incorporated  
4020 Kinross Lakes Parkway  
Richfield, Ohio 44286-9000

and have made a tentative determination that the report satisfies the investigatory obligations of the EPA Administrative Order on Consent (Docket No. II RCRA-90-3008(h)-0201), and that the order can therefore be terminated. The RFI report and this tentative determination are available for public review and comment until **July 10, 2006**. The EPA, in conjunction with the DEC, will hold a public availability session on June 13, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Lackawanna Senior Citizens Center on Martin Road in Lackawanna, to provide the public with additional information about this action.

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

The former Bethlehem Steel Corporation site includes about 1600 acres and is located in Lackawanna, mainly between Route 5 and Lake Erie. Some operations located on the east side of Route 5 are also included. In 1990 EPA issued an order requiring environmental investigation of the site. This involved a series of groundwater, surface water, soil and sediment sampling efforts at the site and in adjacent water courses, including Smokes Creek, Blasdell Creek and Lake Erie. The results show that significant groundwater contamination is present in several areas of the site: near the coke ovens, near the mouth of Smokes Creek, and near a former tank farm north of Smokes Creek. Waste and contaminated soil are present mainly in the slag fill area in the western part of the site, where Bethlehem disposed waste from iron, steel making and the coking operation. Contaminated sediment is also present in several of the water courses, including Smokes Creek and Blasdell Creek. The Final RFI Report, submitted in January 2005, documents the investigations and findings. EPA plans to accept the RFI report and terminate the consent order, since the investigation required by the existing order has been completed.

Areas of the site will require clean-up. DEC will be the lead regulatory agency for future remedial activities at the site, and is negotiating a new consent order with Tecumseh to administer this work.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

Copies of the RFI Report and related documents are available for review at:

New York State  
Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
Region 9  
270 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14203-2999  
Contact: Stan Radon  
Telephone: 716-851-7220

New York State  
Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
Bureau of Hazardous Waste and Radiation Mgmt.  
625 Broadway - 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, New York 12233-7258  
Contact: Larry Thomas  
Telephone: 518-402-8594

and

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 2  
290 Broadway  
New York, New York 10007-1866  
Contact: James Reidy  
Telephone: 212-637-4172

A copy of a fact sheet summarizing this action may be obtained by contacting the staff listed above.

#### HOW TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS

All comments will be considered in making the final decision regarding the proposed action. A response to any comments submitted will be issued which will identify any changes to the proposed action and will describe and respond to the issues raised in writing or at the availability session. A notice of the decision will be sent to each person who submits written comments or who requests such notice. Written comments about this action must be sent to the above-listed contact person at the EPA Region 2 Office. A public hearing will be scheduled if warranted based on comments received.

All written comments must be submitted by **July 10, 2006**.