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**REDUCTION OF  
TOXICS LOADINGS TO  
THE NIAGARA RIVER FROM  
HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES  
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since 1987, the Niagara River has been the focus of attention for four environmental agencies in the United States and Canada (“The Four Parties”). In a Declaration of Intent, the Four Parties committed to reducing toxic chemical inputs to the Niagara River. Hazardous waste sites were considered the most significant non-point source of toxics to the River. Therefore, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) identified 26 U.S. sites responsible for over 99% of the estimated input from all such sites on the U.S. side of the basin, and put them on ambitious remediation schedules. Remediation of the sites is intended to virtually eliminate the migration of toxic pollutants from the sites.

All remedial construction has been completed at 9 of the sites. The remedial technology will be operated and monitored for effectiveness for years to come at those sites. Remedial actions are underway at 13 sites. Five of these are interim remedies, including 4 sites under interim remediation while final remedies are being designed or investigated, and one site where an interim remedial action was completed and an effort to identify potentially responsible parties is underway. At 9 of the 13 sites where remedial actions are underway, significant remedial controls are already operating. For many of these sites, the load reductions are substantial. The remaining sites are under design or study.

Based on various simplifying assumptions, EPA estimates that remediations to date have reduced the potential inputs into the River by at least 25%. This estimate is based primarily on the sites where the final remedial action is completed. It does not include the load reductions at all the sites where remedial controls are operating, though the reductions may be substantial. Therefore, the actual reductions to date exceed 25%. EPA also estimates that remedial activities to be completed through the first quarter of 1999 at several of the most significant sites will reduce the potential inputs into the River by approximately 80%. Revised remediation schedules call for all of the sites to be completed by 2003. Work by EPA and DEC is underway to improve reduction estimates.

### REMEDICATION OF U.S. HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES

#### 9 SITES ARE COMPLETED:

- CECOS (Niagara Falls)
- Bell Aerospace Textron (Niagara Falls)
- Occidental Chem. Durez (Niagara Falls)
- Stauffer Chemical (Lewiston)
- DuPont Buffalo Ave (Niagara Falls)
- Frontier Chemical (Pendleton)
- Occidental Chem. Durez (North Tonawanda)
- Olin Corporation (Niagara Falls)
- Buffalo Color Area D (Buffalo)

#### 13 SITES WHERE REMEDIATION IS UNDERWAY:

- Occidental Chem. Buffalo Ave (Niagara Falls)
- DuPont Necco Park (Niagara Falls)
- Occidental Chem. Hyde Park (Niagara Falls)
- Mobil Oil (Buffalo)
- 102nd Street (Niagara Falls)
- Occidental Chem. S-Area (Niagara Falls)
- River Road (Tonawanda)
- Niagara Mohawk Cherry Farm (Tonawanda)
- Frontier Chemical Royal Ave (Niagara Falls)
- Iroquois Gas-Westwood Pharmac. (Buffalo)
- Niagara County Refuse Disposal (Wheatfield)
- Vanadium Corporation (Niagara)
- Solvent Chemical (Niagara Falls)

Recent accomplishments in remediation of the priority waste sites include the following: Construction and optimization of the remedial systems has been completed at the Olin Corporation site and Buffalo Color - Area D. The groundwater stabilization programs at the Occidental Chemical Corporation's Buffalo Avenue site are nearly complete. Occidental is enhancing its new treatment plant for contaminated groundwater to allow increased groundwater extraction rates, and has converted an abandoned sewer line to an overburden groundwater collection system. This system is being augmented by installation of a tile drain collection system. Construction of remedial systems is also nearly complete at the 102nd Street site. The final landfill cap was recently completed. The leachate pump-and-treat system is under construction and due to be completed in December 1998. Site landscaping will be completed in March 1999. At Occidental's S-Area site, the new Niagara Falls Drinking Water Treatment Plant (DWTP) was completed and is now supplying the community with its drinking water. This allowed construction to begin on the remedy for the old DWTP area. The old DWTP was demolished, the final portion of the perimeter barrier wall was completed, and the cap and groundwater collection system are being installed. All remedial work is complete at the River Road and Niagara Mohawk - Cherry Farm sites, except for sediment removal. The remedial action includes fish and wildlife habitat enhancements. At Occidental's Hyde Park site, additional extraction wells were completed, and more are being installed, to ensure effective hydraulic containment. Remedial construction recently began at several sites, including Niagara County Refuse Disposal. The remedy at this site includes a perimeter clay barrier wall, leachate collection with off-site treatment, a final landfill cap, and other actions. At the Vanadium Site, an interim remedial action was initiated by one of the potentially responsible parties. The action involves capping portions of the site and control of storm water runoff.

Estimates of the cost of remediation are available for most of the 26 priority hazardous waste sites. Based on these estimates, the costs incurred to date are at least \$ 316,900,000. Additional costs expected in the future are estimated at \$ 312,700,000.

## INTRODUCTION

Since 1987, the Niagara River has been the focus of attention for four environmental agencies in the U.S. and Canada, called “The Four Parties”. The Four Parties signed a Niagara River Declaration of Intent, pledging cooperation to achieve significant reductions of toxic chemical pollutants in the Niagara River. The Declaration of Intent and a work plan form the Niagara River Toxics Management Plan (NRTMP).

<p style="margin: 0;"><b>THE FOUR PARTIES</b></p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <p style="margin: 0;">U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)          ENVIRONMENT CANADA (EC)          NY STATE DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC)          ONTARIO MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT (MOE)</p>
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Under the NRTMP, the Four Parties identified 18 persistent toxic chemicals as “priority toxics”. Actions to reduce the inputs of these priority toxics to the Niagara River have been aimed at point sources and non-point sources. Significant point sources on both sides of the River have been identified and are being addressed in U.S. and Canadian point source plans. The Four Parties summarize progress in controlling point sources in an annual report, last issued in February 1998 (Niagara River Secretariat, 1998).

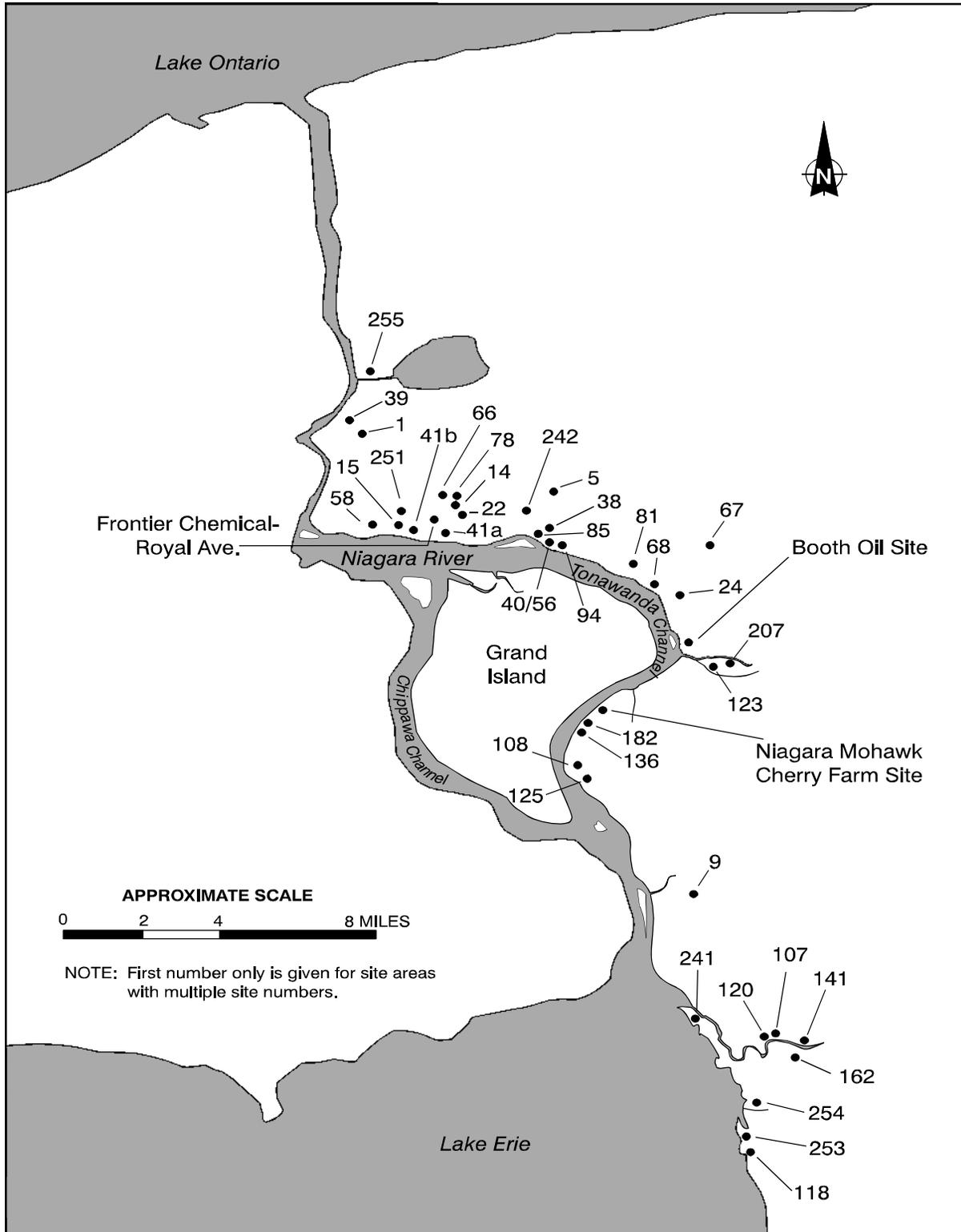
NRTMP PRIORITY TOXIC CHEMICALS	
Benz(a)anthracene	Mirex
Benzo(a)pyrene	Octachlorostyrene
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	PCBs
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	DDTs
Chlordane	Dioxins
Chrysene	Tetrachloroethylene
Dieldrin	Arsenic
Hexachlorobenzene	Lead
Mercury	Toxaphene

Non-point sources of toxic chemicals to the River (e.g., leachate from hazardous waste sites, storm water runoff, atmospheric deposition) are more difficult to quantify and control. Given the limited information available about non-point sources, the

U.S. has proceeded with its actions based on the assumption that hazardous waste sites are the most significant non-point sources of toxic chemicals to the River.

In 1988, an EPA study estimated potential toxic pollutant loadings to the River from U.S. hazardous waste sites (Gradient Corp/Geotrans Inc 1988). All known U.S. waste sites in the Niagara River area were considered. To help EPA/DEC focus actions on the sites that have the most significant potential for polluting the River, the report produced a list of 70 most-significant U.S. sites. The agencies treated the 70 sites as 33 site clusters, largely based on the manner in which data have historically been collected. Figure 1 shows the locations of these 33 clusters, and several additional hazardous waste sites.

The study showed that an estimated 694 lbs (315 kg)/day of toxic chemicals have the potential of migrating from the sites to the Niagara River. Because collection of site-specific transport data is ongoing, estimates were made based on certain assumptions -- for instance, that groundwater flow is horizontal, and that pollutants behave in a conservative manner. These assumptions yielded conservative estimates (i.e., estimates of toxic loadings that are expected to be higher than the actual loadings).



**Figure 1 LOCATION OF SIGNIFICANT NIAGARA RIVER HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES**

**Figure 1: LEGEND**

USGS SITE NUMBERS	SITE NAME
41b-49	Occidental Chemical (OCC) - Buffalo Avenue
81	Niagara County Refuse Disposal
14	DuPont Necco Park
78a,b	CECOS International/Niagara Recycling
39	Occidental Chemical (OCC) - Hyde Park
40,56,85,94*	102nd Street
5	Bell Aerospace Textron
66	OCC - Durez, Niagara Falls (formerly BTL)
41a	Occidental Chemical (OCC), S-Area
255	Stauffer Plant (PASNY)
251	Solvent Chemical
1	Vanadium Corp. (formerly SKW Alloys)
58,59,248	Olin - Buffalo Avenue
15-19,250	DuPont - Buffalo Avenue Plant
254	Buffalo Harbor Containment
120-122	Buffalo Color, including Area D
118	Bethlehem Steel
136	River Road (INS Equipment)
67	Frontier Chemical - Pendleton
24-37	OCC - Durez, North Tonawanda
253	Small Boat Harbor Containment
68	Gratwick Riverside Park
141	Mobil Oil
162	Alltft Realty
242	Charles Gibson
22	Great Lakes Carbon
182	Huntley Power Station
241	Times Beach Containment
108	Tonawanda Coke
107	Allied Chemical
207	Tonawanda Landfill
125-127	Dunlop Tire and Rubber
123	Columbus-McKinnon
38	Love Canal
9-15-141	Iroquois Gas/Westwood Pharmaceutical

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\* Occidental 102nd Street site (#40), Olin 102nd Street site (#56), Griffon Park (#85), and Niagara River Belden site (#94)

EPA and DEC issued a report in November 1989 prioritizing the 33 site clusters in order of their potential for polluting the River (EPA/DEC 1989). Table 1 presents the 33 site clusters divided into three categories, based on Gradient/Geotrans estimates of their potential toxic loads to the Niagara River:

Category I: Sites with greater than 50 lb/day loads

Category II: Sites with 1 to 50 lb/day loads

Category III: Sites with less than 1 lb/day loads

Sites from Category I and II collectively represented 99.9% of the total estimated loadings.

In keeping with the strategy to reduce inputs from the sites with the potential for contributing the largest amounts of pollutants to the River, the EPA/DEC report presented ambitious remediation schedules for the Category I and II sites. The report's best estimates indicated that the potential inputs of all toxic chemicals from these sites to the River would be reduced by 99% by 1996, if remediation schedules were met. However, the 1989 schedules were estimates based on limited knowledge of site conditions and average negotiation periods with Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs). Delays in the schedules have occurred, because of lengthy legal proceedings with PRPs or complex site conditions that were unanticipated. Thus, many of the sites have exceeded their original 1996 targeted completion date. In each progress update, EPA and DEC explain the circumstances surrounding the slippages in the site-specific reports in the Appendix.

Since 1989, EPA and DEC have also reevaluated the hazardous waste sites to identify those that new information shows are significant sources of toxic chemicals to Niagara River. Two sites have been removed as insignificant sources of toxics, and four sites have been added as significant sources. This November 1998 update reports on remediation progress at the resulting 26 significant hazardous waste sites.

EPA estimates that a reduction of 25% or more in potential toxic chemical inputs from all sites to the River has been achieved by the site remediations to date. The estimate is based on the percentage of remedial actions in place at some of the 22 sites with completed or on-going remedial actions (Table 2). A 100% reduction was assumed for the 9 sites with all remedial actions in place, and a percentage reduction was estimated for two other sites with partial implementation of remedial actions. Since estimates could not be made for many of the sites with on-going remediation, actual reductions to date are greater than the estimated 25%. Remedial systems are functioning at 9 of the 13 sites where remediation is underway, and these systems are expected to have already substantially reduced the off-site loadings. For example, groundwater pump-and-treat systems are operational at several sites, thus substantially reducing potential loadings to the river. Table 2 identifies the sites where remediation is not yet completed, but which have operational remedial systems that are expected to have reduced contaminant loads to the river.

Completion of final remedial actions are expected within the next several months at two of the most significant sites (OCC Buffalo Avenue, 102nd Street). Based on the expected implementation of the

final remedial actions at these sites in 1998 and the first quarter of 1999, EPA's best estimates are that, by the end of this period, the estimated toxic chemical inputs from all sites will be reduced by approximately 80% from the 1989 inputs. Revised schedules call for all sites to be remediated by 2003.

Efforts are underway by EPA and DEC to improve estimates of the chemical loadings to the Niagara River from the 26 waste sites. The focus of the efforts is to develop loading estimates for the 18 NRTMP priority toxic chemicals. The estimates will incorporate information that was not available at the time the Gradient/Geotrans estimates were developed, for example, improved information on chemical concentrations in groundwater and groundwater flow. At EPA's request, several site PRPs agreed to use existing information collected under EPA and DEC approved programs to develop loading estimates for several of the sites. EPA and DEC are reviewing a report submitted by the PRPs. DEC has completed data collection addressing the remaining sites. The efforts are expected to be completed in 1999. EPA and DEC expect that the results will confirm the significant progress in reduction of toxic chemical loadings.

In addition to remediation efforts at the waste sites themselves, it is also important to recognize the role of the Niagara Falls Waste Water Treatment Plant in reducing toxic inputs from a number of waste sites to the River. Based on information available in 1987, the U.S. identified the Falls Street Tunnel as the largest source of toxic pollutants from any of its point sources. The Tunnel was once a major unlined industrial sewer cut into the bedrock under the City of Niagara Falls. By the mid-1980s, it only received overflows of wastewater from the sewers of a Niagara Falls industrial area and contaminated groundwater from major waste sites infiltrating through cracks in the bedrock. Unlike flows from other point sources, flows from the Falls Street Tunnel entered the Niagara River untreated. In 1993, EPA and DEC required the City of Niagara Falls to treat the contaminated water flowing in the Falls Street Tunnel during dry weather at the Niagara Falls treatment plant. The data gathered by the U.S. show that this action has reduced, through wastewater treatment, the input from the Falls Street Tunnel into the River of mercury by 70%, tetrachloroethylene by 85% and four other priority toxic chemicals by almost 100%, relative to the 1980s inputs.

Since the Falls Street Tunnel captures portions of the upper Lockport bedrock groundwater flow from seven hazardous waste sites, the actions taken to control discharge from the Tunnel reduce the inputs from the following sites to the River:

DuPont - Buffalo Avenue	Solvent Chemical
Occidental Chemical - Buffalo Avenue	CECOS International
Frontier Chemical - Royal Avenue	DuPont Necco Park
Occidental Chemical - Durez, Niagara Falls	

For this report, reductions in toxic chemical inputs to the River due to the treatment of Falls Street Tunnel flow are not included in the estimate of the reduction in toxic inputs.

**TABLE 1**  
**Gradient/Geotrans Prioritization of Waste Sites According to**  
**Potential Toxic Loadings to Niagara River in 1988**

**Category I: greater than 50 lb/day**

Occidental Chemical - Buffalo Ave.  
 Niagara County Refuse Disposal  
 DuPont Necco Park  
 CECOS International  
 Occidental Chemical - Hyde Park

**Category II: between 1 - 50 lb/day**

Occidental Chemical - 102nd Street  
 Bell Aerospace Textron  
 Occidental Chemical - Durez, Niagara Falls (formerly known as BTL Specialty Resins)  
 Occidental Chemical - S-Area  
 Stauffer Plant (PASNY)  
 Solvent Chemical  
 Vanadium Corp. (formerly SKW Alloys)  
 Olin - Buffalo Avenue Plant  
 DuPont - Buffalo Avenue Plant  
 Buffalo Harbor Containment  
 Buffalo Color, including Area D  
 Bethlehem Steel  
 River Road (INS Equipment)  
 Frontier Chemical - Pendleton  
 Occidental Chemical - Durez, North Tonawanda  
 Small Boat Harbor Containment  
 Gratwick Riverside Park  
 Mobil Oil

**Category III: less than 1 lb/day**

Alltift Realty	Dunlop Tire and Rubber
Charles Gibson	Columbus-McKinnon
Great Lakes Carbon	Love Canal
Huntley Power Station	
Times Beach Containment	
Tonawanda Coke	
Allied Chemical	
Tonawanda Landfill	

## SUMMARY OF REMEDIATION PROGRESS

### OVERVIEW OF REMEDIATION STATUS

Table 2 and Figure 2 give overviews of remediation status at the 26 waste sites. In summary:

- All remediation is in place at 9 of the sites. The remedial technology installed at those sites will be operated and monitored for effectiveness for years to come.
- Remedial actions are underway at 13 sites.
  - 5 of these are interim remedies, including 4 sites under interim remediation while final remedies are being investigated or designed, and one site where an interim remedial action was completed and PRP search efforts are underway.
  - Construction of the final remedy is underway at 8 sites.
- Remedial actions are under design or investigation at 8 sites (including 4 of the sites under interim remediation).

### HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT ACTIONS

For each site, a detailed description of progress is presented in the Appendix. The highlights of progress made, with emphasis on accomplishments since the last progress report in May 1997, are summarized below.

#### Occidental Chemical -- Buffalo Ave

- ! Final completion of the groundwater stabilization programs in December 1998 will effectively eliminate future off-site contaminant loadings.
- ! A recently constructed plant to treat contaminated groundwater is being enhanced by increasing plant capacity and adding additional treatment measures. Once this is complete, the extraction rates of the bedrock groundwater recovery system will be increased.
- ! Conversion of abandoned sewer line to an overburden groundwater collection system, and a groundwater collection trench to expand the capture zone, was completed and began operation December 1997. The system is now being augmented by installation of a tile drain system to further enhance groundwater capture.
- ! Occidental Chemical will submit a comprehensive, site-wide, Final Corrective Measures Study in November 1998.

#### Niagara County Refuse Disposal

- ! EPA approved the Final Design Report in September 1997.
- ! The municipalities responsible for site remediation completed the requirements for state assistance in the remediation in May 1998.
- ! Remedial construction began in fall 1998. The remedy includes a perimeter clay barrier wall, leachate collection with off-site treatment and disposal, removal of field tile drains to the

- ! west of the landfill, a final landfill cap, and other actions.  
Completion of the Remedial Action is expected by September 2000.

**TABLE 2**  
**STATUS OF SITE REMEDIATIONS**

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**INVESTIGATION AND DESIGN:**

**REMEDIATION:**

PRP Search

Remediation Underway:

Frontier Chemical, Royal Avenue<sup>1</sup>

Interim Remedy In Place or Under Construction:

Site Investigation Underway

**OCC, BUFFALO AVENUE**

**Mobil Oil**

MOBIL OIL

**Buffalo Color**

Frontier Chemical, Royal Avenue<sup>1</sup>

Bethlehem Steel

DUPONT NECCO PARK

**Vanadium Corporation<sup>2</sup>**

**Vanadium Corporation<sup>2</sup>**

Construction of Final Remedy Underway

Remedial Design Underway

**OCC, S-AREA**

**DUPONT NECCO PARK**

**OCC, HYDE PARK**

**OCC - BUFFALO AVENUE**

**IROQUOIS GAS-WESTWOOD PHARMAC.**

**Gratwick Riverside Park**

**RIVER ROAD**

**Booth Oil**

**NIAGARA MOHAWK - CHERRY FARM**

**102 STREET (OLIN/OCC)**

**Niagara County Refuse Disposal**

**Solvent Chemical**

Remediation Completed

(Operation & Maintenance Underway)

**Stauffer Chemical**

Frontier Chemical, Pendleton

**Bell Aerospace Textron**

CECOS International

OCC - Durez, Niagara Falls

OCC - Durez, North Tonawanda

DuPont Buffalo Avenue

**Olin Plant Site**

**Buffalo Color - Area D**

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*The sites in interim remediation are also under investigation or design, and therefore are listed twice.*

<bold> Sites in bold have achieved progress since the May 1997 report.

<CAPS> These sites, though not completed, have operational remedial systems that are expected to have reduced contaminant loadings to the Niagara River.

<sup>1</sup> A major Superfund Response Action, including tank and drum removal, was completed in 1995. A PRP search is underway to be followed by negotiation of an RI/FS order.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary investigations were completed. Interim Remedial Action under construction. RI/FS Order under negotiation.

#### DuPont Necco Park

- ! The Proposed Plan was released to the public in July 1996.
- ! Extensive public comments on the Proposed Plan, leading EPA to revise the plan and provide an additional public comment period, contributed to delays. A Record of Decision was issued in September 1998.
- ! The following are among the measures included in the Final Remedy:
  - Upgrading the existing cap;
  - Containment of the overburden source area using hydraulic measures or a physical barrier;
  - Containment of the bedrock source area using hydraulic measures;
  - Treatment of the extracted groundwater on-site or off-site;
  - Collection and off-site disposal of DNAPL;
  - Comprehensive monitoring and additional site characterization.
- ! Remedial Design began in October 1998.
- ! Remedial construction is expected to begin December 1999. RA completion is expected September 2001.

#### Occidental Chemical -- Hyde Park

- ! Though the RA is not completed, the remedial systems are already containing most of the contaminated groundwater on site, thus greatly reducing the potential contaminant loading to the Niagara River. All of the overburden groundwater is being contained. In the three bedrock groundwater zones, at least 80% of contaminated groundwater is being contained. Remedial work to achieve full containment is continuing.
- ! Phase III of the bedrock groundwater treatment system was installed (pumping and monitoring wells, and force mains connecting the wells to the treatment plant), in mid-1997.
- ! However, complex site conditions and difficulties in pumping NAPL continue to result in the need to install additional wells. Three additional pumping wells were installed in Spring 1998, and the connecting force main will be completed in December 1998. Completion of all remedial systems, including optimization, is expected by September 2000.
- ! Sampling of fenced groundwater seeps in the Niagara River Gorge Face was conducted in 1997. Results indicated no need for additional control or remediation of the seep areas.

#### 102nd Street

- ! The final landfill cap was completed in 1998.
- ! The potential for contaminants to enter the River from this site will be eliminated with the completion of the leachate pump-and-treat system in December 1998.
- ! The remedial design was modified to take advantage of excess capacity at the Love Canal Treatment Plant. Instead of on-site leachate treatment, a force main is being constructed to pump leachate from the 102nd Street Site to the Love Canal Treatment Plant.

- ! Landscaping and optimization of the pump-and-treat system will continue until March 1999.

#### Bell Aerospace Textron

- ! CMI start-up was in 1995. An additional extraction well was installed in July 1998 to ensure that contaminated groundwater is not migrating from the site.

#### Occidental Chemical, S-Area

- ! The new Niagara Falls Drinking Water Treatment Plant (DWTP) was completed and fully operational in March 1997.
- ! This allowed construction of the remedy for the old DWTP property to begin. Decommission and demolition of the old plant were completed in early 1998. The barrier wall on the eastern perimeter of the property was completed in May 1998, thus completing barrier wall construction around the S-area site.
- ! The cap and overburden drain collection system for the old DWTP property are now being installed. Completion is expected December 1998.
- ! Operation of the drain collection system for the landfill portion of the site began in 1996. Additional wells were installed in 1997 to improve the performance of the system in collecting NAPL. However, a portion of the system is not functioning as designed due to collapse of the drain pipe in several areas. EPA and DEC are assessing what actions are necessary to repair or replace the damaged system. EPA anticipates that this problem will delay completion of the Remedial Action by approximately one year, until 2000.
- ! The final landfill cap is scheduled for construction in 1999, but is likely to be delayed depending on the actions necessary to correct the damaged landfill drain collection system.

#### Stauffer Chemical

- ! Construction at this site is completed. Operational difficulties with the groundwater treatment system were corrected in 1997.

#### Solvent Chemical

- ! DEC completed the RI/FS and ROD in 1996, and subsequently negotiated a settlement with the PRP requiring ROD implementation. The U.S. District Court approved the settlement in October 1997. Construction began in early 1998. Completion is expected in December 1999.

#### Vanadium Corporation

- ! DEC completed a study to further define the nature and extent of contamination on the properties of two of the PRPs (Niagara Mohawk and NYPA).

- ! One of the site PRPs (SKW Alloys) is undertaking an Interim Remedial Measure to cap portions of their parcel and control site storm water runoff. Completion is expected December 1998.
- ! DEC is negotiating an RI/FS Order with another of the PRPs (Airco). The outcome of these negotiations will determine whether additional RI/FS work is necessary by the other PRPs.
- ! The need to negotiate with the PRPs individually has contributed to delays in the completion of remediation, now expected in 2003.

#### Olin Corporation Plant Site

- ! In 1997, DEC issued a Consent Order to implement the remedy. The remedial system was constructed and began operation in October 1997. The remedy includes five groundwater recovery wells and on-site treatment of the recovered groundwater, and paving of all unpaved surfaces on the site.
- ! The remedial system is close to meeting its performance objectives. Olin is currently addressing problems due to incrustation associated with high pH (>10) groundwater.

#### Buffalo Color

- ! The site investigation is on-going. Hazardous contaminants were detected at the perimeter monitoring wells during the Phase I and II investigations.
- ! A supplemental investigation, involving the collection of 6 additional soil samples was conducted, and a revised RFI report submitted in November 1997.
- ! A second supplemental investigation was conducted during summer 1998, in response to DEC comments on the revised RFI report. The investigation included 8 new wells, ten additional soil samples, and other work. A revised RFI report is due December 1998.
- ! The additional work will delay completion of the RFI until March 1999.

#### Buffalo Color -- Area D

- ! Remedial construction was completed in September 1998. A slurry wall was constructed around the entire site; river sediments adjacent to the site were dredged and deposited on-site; the shoreline was armored with rip rap; a high-density polyethylene liner was placed over the entire site and properly capped; non-aqueous phase liquids found at the site are being removed; groundwater is being pumped and treated at an on-site treatment facility.

#### Bethlehem Steel Corporation

- ! BSC has completed the field work for the site investigation, and is preparing RFI and human health risk assessment reports. These have been delayed due to negotiations over the scope. Approval is anticipated by April 2000.

- ! BSC completed limited remedial technology studies for two areas that are the primary sources of groundwater contamination at the facility (the Acid Tar Pits and Coke Oven Areas). However, EPA and DEC found the studies to have major technical flaws.
- ! A comprehensive Corrective Measures Study will commence after RFI approval. All CMS and Corrective Measure Implementation will be performed pursuant to a subsequent order or permit.
- ! A two-year delay is anticipated for CMI start-up (December 2002).

#### River Road (INS Equipment) and Niagara Mohawk - Cherry Farm

- ! These two sites were combined for joint remediation.
- ! A Consent Order for remediation of the site includes: Capping the site with clean soil; pulling back, grading, and stabilizing the shore line; removing some river sediments; and installing groundwater collection trench and recovery wells.
- ! The remedial action also includes fish and wildlife habitat enhancements through the construction of shoreline wetland embayments along the Niagara River.
- ! All remedial work is complete except for sediment removal and final capping of the sediment disposal area. Completion is expected in June 1999. Completion of these actions was delayed due to an increase in the volume of sediments to be removed.

#### Frontier Chemical, Royal Avenue

- ! The company that owned the facility went bankrupt in 1992, and failed to implement a DEC Order for waste removal. The site was referred to Federal Superfund for a Response Action including the removal of thousands of drums, removal of wastes from 45 tanks on the site, and other actions. The action was completed in 1995.
- ! EPA recently ruled not to include the site on the National Priorities List.
- ! DEC has initiated PRP search efforts to be followed by negotiations of an RI/FS Order to address soil and groundwater contamination.

#### Gratwick Riverside Park

- ! Remedial Design (RD) started in early 1996. The design includes shoreline protection, hydraulic barrier between site and river, a cap over the site to allow it to be used as a park, and collection of contaminated groundwater.
- ! During design, some site-related contamination was found in river sediments. It was also determined that steps should be taken to improve the habitat value of the shoreline area.
- ! Design changes to address these issues are being submitted for approval in a proposed ROD amendment, released in September 1998. Remedial construction is expected to begin in early 1999. The changes are expected to delay completion of the remedial action by six months.

#### Mobil Oil

- ! Following site investigations in the 1980s, DEC re-classified a 3-acre area of concern on the site as Class 3 (does not present significant threat to public health or the environment; action may be deferred).
- ! In 1994, the entire Mobil facility was selected for DEC's Multi-Media Pollution Prevention (M<sup>2</sup>P<sup>2</sup>) program.
- ! A multi-media inspection was conducted, leading to the signing of a Consent Order in May 1997, to undertake further site investigation and remediation.
- ! The results of the site investigation are to be submitted December 1998.
- ! Remedial systems are operating at the Mobil Oil facility. A well point system was installed in the early 1970s to prevent petroleum seepage to the Buffalo River. In 1993, six dual-pump recovery wells were activated to recover petroleum product and groundwater. Five of the six recovery wells are presently being operated in conjunction with the well point system.

#### Iroquois Gas-Westwood Pharmaceutical

- ! All remedial construction at the plant site was completed September 1997, including sheet piling barrier wall, groundwater extraction wells, groundwater and NAPL treatment, and a clay cap.
- ! Remediation of Scajaquada Creek is underway. Completion is expected in October 1999.
- ! Delays in the schedule for the creek remediation resulted from disagreement between DEC and the PRP on design concepts, and technical difficulties relative to ensuring the structural integrity of the elevated roadway above the creek

#### Booth Oil

- ! The RI/FS was performed under State Superfund, and a ROD was issued for the site in 1992 and for the adjacent Little Niagara River in 1993.
- ! There were many PRPs, so lengthy negotiations followed. A PRP proposal for an alternate remedy was accepted in June 1998.
- ! The remedy consists of the excavation of contaminated on-site soils, sewer sediments and a limited area of sediment in the Little River, with off-site disposal. Contaminated ground water will also be extracted and treated.
- ! Remedial design is expected to be complete by June 1999.

#### **ESTIMATED REMEDIATION COSTS**

Where available, estimated remediation costs incurred to date and expected in the future are provided in each site description (Appendix). Federal, State, and Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) contributions were estimated, where possible. Remediation costs were unavailable for Federal/State RCRA sites, because reporting cost information is not a requirement of the RCRA corrective action program, and facilities have generally been reluctant to provide it. The remediation costs that are

provided are estimates that may change as remediation progress is made at each site. The estimates will be updated as new information becomes available.

Based on available estimates for 19 sites, following is the total amount incurred to date (costs for the remaining 7 sites are unavailable):

Federal	\$ 32.8 million
State	\$ 5.1 million
<u>PRPs</u>	<u>\$ 279.0 million</u>
Total	\$ 316.9 million

Based on available estimates for 16 sites, the total additional costs expected in the future are as follows (costs for the remaining 10 sites are unavailable):

Federal	\$ 4.8 million
State	\$ 0.4 million
<u>PRPs</u>	<u>\$ 307.5 million</u>
Total	\$ 312.7 million

The estimated costs to date cannot be compared to the estimated costs expected in the future, because different sites are included in the estimates. It is also difficult to compare the relative contributions of federal, state, and PRP expenditures, because cost information for some sites was incomplete (e.g., some sites may have been able to provide federal or state costs but not PRP costs, and so on). However, the cost information does provide a sense of the magnitude of U.S. expenditures for hazardous waste site remediation in the Niagara River basin.

## ACRONYMS

<b>APL</b>	Aqueous phase liquids
<b>CERCLA</b>	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1979
<b>CMI</b>	Corrective Measure Implementation
<b>CMS</b>	Corrective Measure Study
<b>DDT</b>	primarily 1,1'-(2,2,2-trichloroethylidene)-bis/4 chlorobenzene
<b>DEC</b>	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
<b>DNAPL</b>	Dense non-aqueous phase liquids
<b>EC</b>	Environment Canada
<b>EPA</b>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<b>HSWA</b>	Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments
<b>ICM</b>	Interim corrective measure
<b>MOE</b>	Ontario Ministry of the Environment
<b>NAPL</b>	Non-aqueous phase liquids
<b>NRTMP</b>	Niagara River Toxics Management Plan
<b>OCC</b>	Occidental Chemical Corporation
<b>PCBs</b>	Polychlorinated biphenyls
<b>PRP</b>	Potentially Responsible Party
<b>PSA</b>	Preliminary Site Assessment
<b>PVC</b>	Polyvinyl chloride
<b>RCRA</b>	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
<b>RFA</b>	RCRA Facility Assessment
<b>RFI</b>	RCRA Facility Investigation
<b>RI/FS</b>	Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
<b>ROD</b>	Record of Decision
<b>RRT</b>	Requisite Remedial Technology
<b>TCDD</b>	Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
<b>TCP</b>	Trichlorophenol
<b>VOC</b>	Volatile organic compounds

## GLOSSARY

### A

#### **Ambient**

A surrounding medium, such as water or air. Used in contrast to a specific source.

#### **Aquatic**

Growing in, living in, or dependent upon water.

#### **Atmospheric deposition**

Pollution from the atmosphere associated with dry deposition in the form of dust, wet deposition in the form of rain and snow, or as a result of vapor exchanges.

### B

#### **Barrier wall**

A wall constructed underground in a hazardous waste site or landfill to stop the flow of contaminated groundwater.

#### **Basin**

The land that drains into a waterbody.

#### **Bedrock groundwater**

Water flowing through a rock layer underground, under a top layer of mixed soil and loose rock called the overburden.

#### **Benzo(a)pyrene [B(a)P]**

A PAH that is formed by the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels, wood, and tobacco; the incineration of garbage; and in steel production.

#### **Bioaccumulation**

The process by which chemical substances accumulate in the tissues of an organism that

drinks contaminated water or eats contaminated food.

### C

#### **Cap**

A cover over hazardous waste sites, usually made of clean soils or clay, that prevents rainwater from seeping through soil and causing the contaminants in the soil to flow into the groundwater.

#### **Capture Zone**

Area in which groundwater is flowing towards a pumping well; used as remediation technique for hazardous waste sites, to “capture” contaminated groundwater and treat it.

#### **Chlordane**

A persistent toxic chemical that was used to control ants, grasshoppers, and other insects on certain crops.

#### **Collection drain**

System of pipes around a hazardous waste site or landfill that collects surface or groundwater and directs it toward a treatment plant.

#### **Combined sewer overflow (CSO)**

Water discharged into a waterbody from a sewer system that carries both sewage and storm water runoff. Normally, all of the sewer system’s flow goes to a treatment plant, but during a heavy storm, there may be so much storm water as to cause overflows. When this happens, mixtures of storm water and sewage may flow into a waterbody untreated.

**Consent decree**

A legal document, approved by a judge, which puts into effect a remedy (i.e., actions to correct an environmental problem).

**Contaminant**

A substance that is not naturally present in the environment or is present in amounts that can adversely affect the environment.

**D****DDT**

Dichloro-diphynyl-trichloroethane. A persistent toxic chemical that was used as a pesticide, particularly for mosquito control. DDT is banned in U.S. and Canada. DDE and DDD are metabolites of DDT.

**Dieldrin**

A persistent toxic chemical that was used mainly as a soil insecticide.

**Dioxins/furans**

Dioxin: A family of persistent toxic chemicals known as dibenzo-p-dioxins. Dioxins can enter the environment as the by-products of industrial processes or as a result of combustion processes in incinerators and motor vehicles using leaded fuel. The compound called “2,3,7,8-TCDD” is the most toxic member of the dioxin family. Furan: A class of chemicals similar to dioxins, which are created at high temperatures, such as incineration of PCBs and other organic wastes containing chlorine.

**DNAPL(Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid)**

An oily, sludge-like mixture of chemicals that is denser than water. DNAPL flows with gravity or along geological formations,

not always in the same direction as groundwater.

**Downstream**

In the direction with the flow of a stream or river; down river. For Niagara River, downstream is towards Niagara-on-the-Lake and Lake Ontario.

**Dredging**

Removal of sediment from the bottom of a waterbody.

**E****Embayment**

A bay. A part of a waterbody (such as a river or lake) that makes an indentation into the adjacent land.

**F****Force main**

A pipe that carries contaminated groundwater drawn out of hazardous waste sites by pumping wells to a treatment plant.

**Four Parties**

The four agencies who implement the Niagara River Toxics Management Plan: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Environment Canada, New York State Department of Environmental Protection, and Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy.

**G****Groundwater**

The fresh or saline waters found beneath the Earth’s surface that often supply wells and springs. Contrast to “Surface water”.

## H

### **Habitat**

Place where a particular type of plant or animal lives. An organism's habitat must provide all of the basic requirements for its life.

### **Hazardous waste**

Any substance that is a by-product of society and is classified under U.S. or Canadian law as potentially harmful to human health or the environment. Hazardous wastes are subject to special handling, shipping, storage, and disposal requirements under the law.

### **Hazardous waste site**

Land disposal site for hazardous wastes.

### **Heavy metals**

Metallic elements with high atomic weights that tend to be toxic and bioaccumulate. Examples are mercury, arsenic, lead, etc.

### **Hexachlorobenzene (HCB)**

A persistent toxic chemical that was originally manufactured as a fungicide for cereal crops. It is also generated as a by-product in the manufacture of pesticides and can be formed during the combustion of substances containing chlorine.

## I

### **Infiltration**

Passing through or filtering through, as in rain water that filters through soil to join groundwater.

### **Inorganic substance**

A chemical compound that does not contain carbon. Inorganic substances are often

derived from minerals.

### **Insecticide**

A chemical used to kill or control the growth of insects.

## L

### **Landfill**

Land disposal site for hazardous (or non-hazardous) wastes.

### **Leachate**

Liquid derived from rain or snow melt that percolates through a hazardous waste site.

### **Load or Loading**

The amount of a material entering a system over a given time interval.

## M

### **Medium (plural: Media)**

A surrounding substance in the environment: water, air, or sediment.

### **Metabolite**

A substance that is the product of biological changes to a chemical.

### **Mirex**

A persistent toxic substance that was used as an insecticide and a fire retardant.

### **Multi-media**

Involving multiple media, such as water and air, or air and sediment, or all three.

## N

### **National Priorities List (NPL)**

An EPA list of the most serious uncontrolled or abandoned U.S. hazardous waste sites

identified for long-term remedial action under Superfund.

**Non-point source**

Pollution entering the environment over a widespread area, where the sources cannot be traced to a single, identifiable point. Contrast to “Point source”.

**O**

**Octachlorostyrene (OCS)**

A persistent toxic chemical that was released as a by-product when chlorine was manufactured using certain processes that are no longer used.

**Organic substance**

A chemical compound that contains carbon.

**Overburden groundwater**

Water flowing through a layer of mixed soil and loose rock that lies over the rock layer called bedrock.

**P**

**PAHs**

Polycyclic or polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons. A class of persistent toxic compounds that are formed from the combustion of organic material, such as forest fires or gasoline in cars.

**PCBs**

Polychlorinated biphenyls. A group of persistent toxic chemicals used in electrical and hydraulic equipment for insulating or lubricating purposes.

**Persistent toxic chemical**

Any toxic chemical that is difficult to destroy or that breaks down slowly in the

environment (i.e., with a half-life in water greater than eight weeks).

**Pesticide**

A chemical used for preventing, destroying, or repelling any pest.

**Point source**

Source of pollution that is distinct and identifiable, such as a pipe from a sewage treatment plant.

**Pollution prevention**

Any action that reduces or eliminates pollutants before they are created.

**Potentially Responsible Party (PRP)**

Any individual or company potentially responsible for, or contributing to, the contamination problems at U.S. hazardous waste sites.

**Pretreatment**

Processes used to reduce, eliminate, or alter pollutants from industrial sources before they are discharged into publicly-owned sewage treatment systems.

**Priority toxic chemicals**

Under the NRTMP, 18 toxic chemicals that exceeded water quality or fish tissue standards in the Niagara River or Lake Ontario.

**R**

**RCRA**

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. A U.S. program to remediate active hazardous waste sites. Sites are remediated by potentially responsible parties whenever this can be arranged.

**Record of Decision (ROD)**

A public document that explains what actions will be taken to remediate a U.S. hazardous waste site.

**Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)**

The RI defines the areal and vertical extent of the hazardous waste problem at a Superfund site through numerous sampling wells, an extended environmental sampling program and a full geophysical survey. Based on the RI, the FS develops and evaluates alternative solutions to the problem.

**Requisite Remedial Technology (RRT)**

An RRT is the equivalent of an FS (see **RI/FS** above) for a pre-CERCLA agreement.

**Runoff**

Water that flows over the land surface into a waterbody.

**S****Slurry wall**

Barrier made of a thin, watery mixture of fine, insoluble material (clay, cement, soil, etc...).

**Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs)**

Areas within a hazardous waste site where hazardous materials are stored or managed. SWMUs are generally storage areas, treatment systems, disposal areas, spill areas, or containment cells.

**Superfund**

A U.S. program to remediate inactive or abandoned hazardous waste sites in an emergency or for the long-term. Sites are

remediated by potentially responsible parties whenever this can be arranged.

**Surface water**

All water open to the atmosphere (e.g., rivers, lakes, reservoirs, seas, etc.). Contrast to "Groundwater".

**T****Toxaphene**

A persistent toxic chemical that was used as an insecticide.

**Toxic substance**

Any substance that adversely affects the health or well-being of a living organism.

OR

A substance that can cause death, disease, birth defects, behavioral abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, physiological/reproductive malfunctions, or physical deformities in any organism.

**U****Upstream**

In the direction against the flow of a stream or river; upriver. For Niagara River, upstream is towards Fort Erie and Lake Erie.

**V****Volatile substance**

A substance that evaporates readily.

**W****Wetland**

An area that is saturated with water or has a water level at or near the surface. A wetland has organic soils and plant/animal species

that are adapted to a wet environment.

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## **APPENDIX**

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**PRIORITY NIAGARA RIVER HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES:**

**SITE DESCRIPTIONS & REMEDIATION SCHEDULES**

## OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL -- BUFFALO AVENUE

Site #41b - 49

**Site Program: RCRA (State and Federal)**

**Summary Prepared by: EPA and DEC**

### Site Description

Occidental Chemical Corporation's (OCC) Buffalo Avenue Plant is a major manufacturing facility in central Niagara Falls adjacent to the Robert Moses Parkway, along the Niagara River.

Starting with seven acres in 1911, the facility has grown to approximately 130 acres, with hundreds of buildings. During its history, the facility has manufactured over 250 different chemical products, including halogenated benzenes, toluenes, phenols, and aliphatics. Chemical raw materials, products and wastes have been buried or spilled at numerous locations on the plant site. Estimates of the amount of waste disposed in the various production areas include: 4,200 tons in D-Area, 1,500 tons in F-Area, 11,300 tons in N-Area, and unknown amounts in U-Area.

Five aquifers exist at this site: one overburden and four bedrock. A clay/till layer serves as an aquitard (a barrier) between the overburden and the bedrock, except where man-made influences such as utilities and building foundations have penetrated the layer. The four bedrock flow zones occur within the Lockport Group (a rock formation) with the three upper units accounting for nearly 100% of bedrock groundwater at the site.

In the overburden, groundwater flow was historically toward the Niagara River from the southeast portion of the site. However, an overburden barrier wall constructed in 1994 restricts the direct discharge of this groundwater to the Niagara River. The barrier wall re-directs the groundwater to the southwest. In the southwest portion of the site, the overburden groundwater discharges to the New York Power Authority (NYPA) conduit drain system and then probably discharges from the NYPA drain system to the Falls Street Tunnel. At other plant areas, the direction of overburden groundwater flow is locally influenced by man-made structures, particularly the sanitary and outfall sewers as well as existing groundwater collection systems.

In the bedrock aquifers, groundwater moves northwest, north, and northeast, is recharged by the river, and is influenced by the NYPA conduits and the Falls Street Tunnel. Most bedrock groundwater flow leaving the site will enter the NYPA conduit drainage system or the Falls Street Tunnel. All of the dry weather flow through the Falls Street Tunnel now is treated by the Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant before discharge to the River.

### Interim Corrective Measures

OCC completed certain interim corrective measures required under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA):

- ! Removal and capping of contaminated soils
- ! Installation of a barrier wall
- ! Collection of DNAPL from bedrock wells
- ! Installation of fences
- ! Removal of spills from secondary containment areas
- ! Removal of fly ash accumulated on the ground.

DEC and EPA issued OCC a state Part 373 permit and an EPA Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments permit under RCRA in June 1988, permitting the storage/treatment and incineration of hazardous wastes.

#### Site Investigation

Pursuant to the permits, OCC completed the on-site and off-site components of a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI). Due to the complexity of site conditions, the remedial program activities for the facility were subdivided into several components:

- ! bedrock groundwater
- ! overburden groundwater
- ! overburden soils
- ! off-site groundwater contamination.

In accordance with an August 1993 DEC Part 373 permit modification, the remedial measures are being implemented as stabilization measures, followed by the final remedy selection after the adequacy of the stabilization measures are assessed. Stabilization measures for the individual components are being addressed on a priority basis. As described below, OCC is currently preparing a comprehensive, site-wide CMS, addressing all site components, and considering the adequacy of the stabilization measures.

#### Stabilization Measures (Additional Interim Corrective Measures)

**Bedrock Groundwater.** All of the bedrock groundwater extraction wells and monitoring wells have been installed. A new treatment plant designed to treat the contaminated bedrock groundwater has been constructed. The pump-and-treat system has been started up. From April 1996 through September 1996, as part of the testing and optimization of the remedial system, over 700 gallons per minute of contaminated groundwater were pumped from the upper three bedrock aquifers and treated at the new treatment plant. Three bedrock wells have collected, through May 1997, approximately 5,840 gallons of DNAPL from the site. The DNAPL is incinerated in OCC's hazardous waste incinerator. The pump-and-treat system was tested and optimized through March 1997. The pumping rates of each of the 19 bedrock groundwater extraction wells were optimized to achieve a hydraulic barrier along the northern and western plant boundaries to contain the

contaminated groundwater.

Based on performance monitoring data, OCC determined that additional measures were necessary to achieve the remedial design objectives. The treatment plant is being enhanced by adding additional treatment measures (air stripping to address break-through of vinyl chloride), and expanding the plant's capacity from 800 gpm to 1200 gpm. Once this is completed, OCC will increase the extraction rates of the bedrock groundwater recovery system.

**Overburden Groundwater.** Construction of a collection system to capture overburden groundwater along the southern boundary of the site is in progress. In the southwestern portion of the site, an 1,800 foot-long abandoned sewer line has been converted into a groundwater collection system. Conversion of the line began in February 1996. A 1,400 foot-long section of the line began operation in June 1997. During the sewer line conversion, a 400 foot-long section of the line was found to be unsuited for capturing the groundwater. As a result, OCC installed a new groundwater collection drain (trench) adjacent to this 400 foot-long section of pipe, and extending an additional 400 feet to the west beyond the original sewer line length. This increased the capture zone to a total of 2,200 feet. This system began operation in December 1997. However, performance monitoring data indicated that these measures were insufficient to produce the necessary groundwater capture, so the system is being augmented by installation of a tile drain. The new collection system extends along the alignment of the converted sewer to the vicinity of the OCC S-Area site.

The overburden groundwater collection system is expected to be fully operational by December 1998. The collected groundwater is being treated on-site at an existing wastewater treatment plant, which was upgraded to handle the additional flow.

At one time, groundwater infiltration into the on-site industrial waste sewer system was a significant source of contamination to the river. However, OCC has had an ongoing program for replacing and repairing pipes since the early 1980s. OCC completed the investigation of groundwater infiltration into the Plant's Outfall Sewer System in June 1996 and implemented measures to eliminate infiltration points from Fall 1996 through Spring 1997.

OCC installed a barrier wall in 1994 along the Niagara River to prevent migration of overburden groundwater contamination into the Niagara River.

**Overburden Soils and Off-site Groundwater.** As interim corrective measures, OCC identified and removed 36 tons of liquid mercury from contaminated soils on-site in U-Area, and capped dioxin-contaminated soils in X-Area.

OCC submitted a draft CMS for the overburden soils in 1996. In a Fall 1997 comment letter on the draft CMS, DEC advised OCC not to prepare a separate off-site CMS, but

instead to submit a comprehensive, site-wide, final CMS that addresses remedial measures for all site components (bedrock, overburden and off-site), by November 1998.

Schedule for Completion

The current schedule for implementation of a corrective action program at the plant, including Corrective Measure Study (CMS) and Corrective Measure Implementation (CMI), follows.

Future off-site loadings from the Buffalo Avenue site will be effectively eliminated by the start-up of the bedrock groundwater stabilization program (completed), and the start-up of the overburden groundwater stabilization program (by December 1998).

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ (Not available)

The following estimated amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ (Not available)

**OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL -- BUFFALO AVENUE**

<b>Output</b>		<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Previous Target Date</b>	<b>Current Schedule</b>
RFI Work Plan Approval		DEC/EPA	Jun 1991	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RFI Completion		Permittee	Dec 1992	<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMS Work Plan Approval		DEC/EPA	Jun 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMS Completion:	Bedrock Groundwater	Permittee	Aug 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
	Overburden Groundwater	Permittee	Dec 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
	Overburden Soil <sup>1</sup>	Permittee	Aug 1996	submitted
	Off-Site (Groundwater) <sup>1</sup>	Permittee	Feb 1997	N/A
	Site-wide CMS <sup>1</sup>	Permittee	N/A	Nov 1998
Stabilization Selection:	Bedrock Groundwater	DEC/EPA	Dec 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
	Overburden Groundwater	DEC/EPA	Feb 1995	<b>COMPLETED</b>
	Overburden Soil <sup>1</sup>	DEC/EPA	Oct 1997	N/A
	Off-Site (Groundwater) <sup>1</sup>	DEC/EPA	Apr 1998	N/A
Stabilization Work Plan Approval:	Bedrock Groundwater	DEC/EPA	Nov 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
	Overburden Groundwater	DEC/EPA	Jun 1995	<b>COMPLETED</b>
	Overburden Soil <sup>1</sup>	DEC/EPA	Apr 1998	N/A
	Off-Site (Groundwater) <sup>1</sup>	DEC/EPA	Jul 1998	N/A
Start-up: Stabilization <sup>2</sup>	Bedrock Groundwater	Permittee	Oct 1995	<b>COMPLETED</b>
	Overburden Groundwater	Permittee	Dec 1997	<b>COMPLETED</b>
	Overburden Soil <sup>1</sup>	Permittee	Oct 1998	N/A
	Off-Site (Groundwater) <sup>1</sup>	Permittee	Dec 1998	N/A
Start-up of CMI		Permittee	Dec 1997	Dec 1998

<sup>1</sup> The overburden soil remedial measures were delayed so that contaminated soils generated during both bedrock and overburden groundwater remediation could be addressed at once. Off-site remedial measures were delayed, pending evaluation of the effectiveness of on-site remedial measures. None of these remedial measures impact the potential for off-site loadings, which will be eliminated in Dec. 1998, with full operation of the overburden groundwater remedial system. OCC will submit a comprehensive, site-wide, final CMS in November 1998, addressing all on-site and off-site components.

<sup>2</sup> Implementation of the Bedrock and Overburden Stabilization will effectively eliminate future off-site loadings from the Main Plant Site.

**NIAGARA COUNTY REFUSE DISPOSAL**  
Site # 81

**Site Program: Federal Superfund**  
**Summary Prepared by: EPA**

Site Description

The Niagara County Refuse site occupies approximately 50 acres, about 1000 feet north of the Niagara River in the Town of Wheatfield, New York.

During its operation period (1968-1976), the Niagara County Refuse Disposal District (NCRDD) accepted household, yard, agricultural, institutional, commercial, and industrial waste; demolition and construction debris; sewage treatment plant sludge; street sweepings; and used tires. More than 100 waste generators or transporters are thought to have used the site. Disposed materials included heat-treatment salts, plating-tank sludge, tetrachloroethylene, PVC skins and emulsion, thiazole polymer blends, polyvinyl alcohol, phenolic resins, and brine sludge containing mercury. The site was capped with 20 inches of dirt and clay at the time that it was closed by the NCRDD in 1976. Illegal dumping of rubbish and hard fill, as well as the erosion of the clay cap, have been concerns at the site since its closure.

Three overburden aquifers and one bedrock aquifer are present under this site. The groundwater in all four aquifers generally flows in a south/southwesterly direction towards the Niagara River beneath the southern half of the site and in a north/northwesterly direction towards Black Creek beneath the northern half of the site.

Site Investigation

Niagara County Refuse is an EPA-lead site on the National Priorities List of Superfund sites. Pursuant to a March 1989 consent order, a group of fourteen Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) performed a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the site. It was completed in September 1993, when EPA signed a Record of Decision (ROD) for the site.

Among other things, the RI report indicated that the three water-bearing zones beneath the site showed either a negligible impact from volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds and pesticides, or no impact at all. Maximum contaminant levels were generally exceeded in the site groundwater for chromium, iron, manganese, and sodium (although iron and sodium levels in regional groundwater typically exceed maximum contaminant levels). Based on these findings, EPA considers the original loadings estimate for this site to be too high. A more accurate loadings estimate will be calculated based on new sampling data.

Upon completion of the RI/FS, EPA issued a Proposed Plan for remediation of the site. After consideration of public comment on the Proposed Plan, EPA executed a ROD on September 24, 1993, selecting the following remedy:

- ! a full NYCRR part 360 cap with a complete perimeter clay barrier wall
- ! leachate collection and offsite treatment and disposal
- ! gas venting
- ! an ecological assessment of the adjacent wetlands
- ! removal of the field tile drains located to the west of the landfill
- ! long-term operation and maintenance.

The Final Design Report for the remedial action was approved by EPA in September 1997. Due to the Site being a municipal landfill, the municipalities are eligible for State funding assistance for their respective share of remedial action costs. As such, the specific state requirements for funding eligibility were completed by May 1998. A call for bids was issued and the bid was awarded for remedial construction in June 1998. Construction began in Fall 1998.

#### Schedule for Completion

An updated schedule for remediation of the site is shown in the following table. Delays in the RD/RA schedule were due primarily to lengthy negotiations with over 20 PRPs at every phase of remediation.

#### Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date in response to this site:

Federal	\$ 1,300,000
State	\$ (State costs included in EPA costs.)
PRP	\$ 2,000,000

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

Federal	\$ 200,000
State	\$ (State costs included in EPA costs.)
PRP	\$ 17,800,000

**NIAGARA COUNTY REFUSE DISPOSAL**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Previous Target Date</b>	<b>Current Schedule</b>
RI/FS	14 PRPs	Mar 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Record of Decision	EPA	Sept 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design Start	13 PRPs	Jul 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action Start	13 PRPs	Jan 1997	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action Completion	13 PRPs	Dec 1999	Sept 2000

**DUPONT NECCO PARK**

Site # 14

**Site Program: Federal Superfund  
Summary Prepared By: EPA**

Site Description

The Necco Park Site, owned by DuPont, is an inactive industrial waste landfill on approximately 24 acres in Niagara Falls. It is surrounded on three sides by the BFI Sanitary Landfill and the CECOS site, approximately 1.5 miles from the Niagara River.

DuPont acquired the Site in the 1930s and used it as a landfill to dispose of approximately 93,000 tons of industrial wastes until its closure in 1977. The following chemicals are known, from disposal records, to have been disposed at the Site: carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, hexachlorobenzene, hexachlorobutadiene, hexachloroethane, methylene chloride, tetrachloroethylene and trichloroethylene.

Eight aquifers have been identified under the Site. In the overburden, groundwater flow is minimal, but is influenced by two water table depressions along the southern property boundary, which are caused by two recovery wells in the upper bedrock. Groundwater in the upper bedrock zones is partially captured by the recovery well system. Otherwise, Site groundwater in the upper bedrock water-bearing zones discharges down-gradient to the south. A portion of it is presumed to eventually reach the Falls Street Tunnel (FST). Groundwater in the middle bedrock zones flows generally to the west and is partially captured by a third recovery well when it operates. Groundwater in the middle and lower bedrock zones flows west toward the New York Power Authority (NYPA) conduits.

Interim Remedial Measures

Necco Park is not on the National Priorities List. However, DuPont has conducted groundwater investigations pursuant to a RCRA 3013 consent decree. DuPont entered into an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) with EPA to conduct further groundwater investigations and to study on-Site remediation of ground water and non-aqueous phase liquids.

The Site was capped in 1978. Since 1982, two recovery wells near the center of the property, when operational, have recovered contaminated groundwater and established a partial hydraulic barrier in the upper bedrock and overburden along the southern edge of the landfill. However, some upper bedrock groundwater continued to flow south toward the Niagara River. In order to improve containment and collection of contaminated groundwater, an up-gradient grout curtain was installed in the bedrock in August 1989. A third recovery well, which penetrates the middle bedrock zones at the southern boundary of Necco Park, went into limited operation in 1992. These on-site remedial actions have

resulted in an estimated load reduction from the site of approximately 27% to 55%, based on information collected pursuant to the AOC. DuPont estimates that approximately 138 million gallons of groundwater have been pumped since 1983. Since 1989, 6,600 gallons of DNAPL have been recovered, containing approximately 88,000 pounds of organic compounds.

A portion of the groundwater not recovered by the on-Site pumping wells is probably captured (1) by the New York Power Authority conduit drain system (water in the drain system may drain to the Falls Street Tunnel or flow north to the Forebay Canal) or (2) by the Falls Street Tunnel directly. All the dry-weather flow through the Falls Street Tunnel is treated by the Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant before discharge to the River.

### Final Remedial Action

The remedial investigation began May 1991 and the Investigation Report was approved in May 1994. The feasibility study (FS) (entitled "Analysis of Alternatives Report") was approved by EPA and DEC in July 1996.

On September 18, 1998, EPA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the site, which set forth the following remedy:

1. Containment of the Source Area by:

- Upgrading the existing cap to meet New York State Part 360, or equivalent standards;
- Using hydraulic measures in the overburden to maintain an inward gradient within the Source Area or installing a physical barrier (e.g., slurry wall, sheet pile) on the southern, and portions of the eastern and western Necco Park property boundaries;
- Using hydraulic measures in the bedrock to maintain an inward gradient within the Source Area and prevent the movement of contaminated groundwater beyond the Source Area boundary.

2. Treatment of the extracted groundwater from the Source Area, either on-site or off-site, to achieve the appropriate discharge requirements.

3. Collection, and off-site disposal, of DNAPL in the Source Area by:

- Utilizing the existing monitoring wells network;
- Utilizing any groundwater recovery wells placed in the Source Area;
- The installation of additional dedicated DNAPL recovery well(s).

4. Operation and maintenance (O&M) of the existing systems and the systems constructed under this remedy.

5. Comprehensive monitoring to verify hydraulic control, identify DNAPL occurrence, demonstrate the effectiveness of the remedial measures, and assess the impact of such measures on far-field groundwater quality.
6. Additional characterization of the Site to assess whether natural attenuation will be effective in addressing far-field contamination.
7. Development and implementation of institutional controls to restrict Site access, the use of groundwater at the Site, and control land use such that it is consistent with Site conditions.

Schedule for Completion

The Proposed Plan was released to the public in July 1996, upon approval of the FS. A public meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan was held in August 1996, shortly after its release. The schedule was delayed because of extensive public comments received on the Proposed Plan. EPA revised the Proposed Plan in response to these comments and provided a second public comment period. However, significant milestones have recently been accomplished. A Record of Decision (ROD) was issued in September 1998. Remedial Design started in October 1998. The Final Remedial Action is expected to start by December 1999. These delays are not expected to further impact the schedule for completion of the Final Remedial Action, because the action is more easily implementable than the original proposal.

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this Site:

Federal	\$ 1,500,000 (Does not include EPA's indirect costs)
State	\$ 141,000 (Does not include travel costs)
PRP	\$ 40,200,000 (Unverified DuPont estimate)

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

Federal	\$ 500,000
State	\$ 100,000
PRP	\$ 65,102,000 (includes O&M)

**DUPONT NECCO PARK**

<b>Output</b>		<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Previous Target Date</b>	<b>Current Schedule</b>
RI		PRP	May 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
FS		PRP	Sept 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Record of Decision		EPA	Sept 1996	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design Start		PRP	Feb 1997	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Final Remedial Action Start		PRP	Sept 1999	Dec 1999
Remedial Action Completion	Grout Curtain	PRP	---	<b>COMPLETED</b>
	3 Pumping Wells	PRP	---	<b>COMPLETED</b>
	Final Action	PRP	Jun 1997	Sept 2001

**CECOS INTERNATIONAL**

Site # 78

**Site Program: RCRA (State and Federal)  
Summary Prepared by: EPA and NYSDEC**

Site Description

CECOS International, Inc. operates a 385-acre commercial solid/industrial waste management facility in the Town of Niagara and the City of Niagara Falls. The facility is situated in an industrial and commercial area, bordering residential and recreational areas, and is about 1.5 miles north of the Niagara River.

The site has been used for waste disposal for over 80 years. The facility managed hazardous wastes from all Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) categories identified in Part 261 -- characteristic wastes, specific and non-specific industrial wastes and commercial chemical product waste. Current hazardous waste management activities include a wastewater treatment system and container storage.

The CECOS facility is underlain by an overburden and two bedrock aquifers. A less permeable layer of native clays and glacial till serves as an aquitard (or barrier) between the overburden and the bedrock aquifers.

All but a minor percentage of the CECOS site groundwater flows off site to the south and southeast and is drawn into the Falls Street Tunnel and New York Power Authority (NYPA) conduit sink on its way to the Niagara River. The potential loading to the Niagara River from the site overburden aquifer compared to that from the bedrock aquifers is minor. By the time it reaches the tunnel/conduit system, the groundwater from the overburden aquifer has found its way into the upper bedrock through discontinuities and excavations in the native sediments. All of the dry weather flow through the Falls Street Tunnel is treated by the Niagara Falls Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Site Investigation

The site encompasses approximately 50 Solid Waste Management Units, including landfills, waste piles and surface impoundments. An EPA HSWA permit and state Part 373 permit were issued in September 1988, requiring investigation/remediation of all waste management units.

Pursuant to the requirements of the RCRA permit, in September 1991, CECOS completed the required investigations at the facility. Groundwater contaminants were mainly detected in the central area of the site, in the three groundwater transmissive zones monitored by CECOS. The volatile organic compounds (VOC) detected include acetone, 2-butanone, benzene, chloroform, toluene, chlorobenzene, methylene chloride, and tetrachlorethane.

Interim Corrective Measures (ICM)

An interim groundwater recovery system has been pumping contaminated groundwater from all three zones since 1990. The recovery system was started with four recovery wells and currently consists of 20 recovery wells. The pumped groundwater is treated on-site and discharged to the City of Niagara Falls wastewater treatment plant. From July 1991 through August 1998, over 60 million gallons of groundwater have been treated, and over 2,500 pounds of organic compounds were removed.

In addition, several interim measures consisting of the removal of contaminated soils and wastes have been completed at the following units: surface impoundments, phenolic resin area, and sewage sludge area. Post-closure permit/HSWA modification for the closed hazardous waste landfills was issued in September 1991.

A final remedy for the Scrap Yard Area was incorporated into the DEC/EPA permit modification of September 1991. The remedy, implemented in 1992, consisted of:

- ! Removal and off-site disposal of approximately 24,000 cubic yards of soil contaminated with PCBs, organic compounds, and metals
- ! Construction of a low permeability cover
- ! Long-term inspection and maintenance of the cover, and monitoring of the groundwater.

All of the interim remedial actions that have come due at this site have been accomplished.

Corrective Measures Study

A RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) and a Corrective Measures Study have been completed. The final, site-wide corrective measures for the CECOS site were selected through the DEC Part 373 permit renewal process. The permit was renewed in February 1995. The final corrective measures consist of:

- ! Groundwater extraction and on-site treatment (prior to discharge to the City of Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant);
- ! Maintenance of existing caps and pavement over areas of residual contamination;
- ! Restrictions on future land development; and
- ! Restrictions on public access to the facility.

The interim groundwater pump-and-treat program has been successful in containing and remediating the groundwater contamination at the facility. However, as part of the final remedy, this interim remedial system will be enhanced to expand the groundwater capture zone and facilitate a more rapid clean-up of the site.

CECOS submitted a Corrective Measure Implementation (CMI) design in August 1995 and

prepared an addendum to the design plan that included an aquifer pumping test program. A short-term pumping test was conducted in October-November 1995 to evaluate the potential use of existing wells as both pumping wells and monitoring wells for the CMI. An extended trial CMI pumping test was conducted in February-May 1996 to test additional wells and to optimize pumping rates over a longer duration (to determine the extent of long-term capture zones to control contaminant migration). Several existing recovery wells, an existing collection drain, and a new recovery well are being operated for the CMI. CECOS submitted a new CMI design in November 1996. The CMI was started up in December 1996. The remedial system continues to be operated.

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ (Not available)

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ (Not available)

**CECOS INTERNATIONAL**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Previous Target Date</b>	<b>Current Schedule</b>
RFI Work Plan Approval	DEC/EPA	Sep 1989	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RFI Completion	Permittee	Sep 1991	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Stabilization Start-up (Groundwater)	Permittee		<b>COMPLETED</b>
Start-up of CMI (Scrap Yard)	Permittee		<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMS Work Plan Approval	DEC/EPA	Apr 1992	<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMS Completion	Permittee	Apr 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedy Selection (site-wide)	DEC/EPA	Dec 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMI Work Plan Approval (site-wide)	DEC/EPA	Apr 1995	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Start-up of CMI (site-wide)	Permittee	Apr 1996	<b>COMPLETED</b>

**OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL -- HYDE PARK**  
Site # 39

**Site Program: Federal/State Co-lead: Superfund**  
**Summary Prepared by: EPA**

Site Description

Occidental Chemical Corporation's (OCC) Hyde Park site is a 15-acre landfill in northwest Niagara Falls, less than ½ mile from the Niagara River.

From 1953 to 1975, the company (then Hooker Chemicals and Plastics) deposited approximately 80,000 tons of chemical wastes at the site. The hazardous materials disposed on site included 3,300 tons of 2,4,5-trichlorophenol (TCP) wastes, which are known to contain significant amounts of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD); approximately 0.7 - 1.6 tons of dioxin are believed to be associated with the TCP. Chlorinated organic wastes, including hexachloropentadiene derivatives, chlorendic acid, chlorinated toluenes, benzenes and phenols, predominate at the site. The former drainage stream of the landfill, Bloody Run, which flows into the Niagara River, was historically contaminated with organic chemicals, including dioxin. A clay cap and a shallow leachate collection system were installed at the site in 1979.

There is an overburden and a bedrock aquifer present under this site. Groundwater flows both downward and horizontally through the fractures and layers of the bedrock. The aquifers flow generally northwest, toward the Niagara River Gorge. Contaminants have migrated from the site in both aqueous and non-aqueous phases in the overburden and bedrock. Dioxin from the site has been found in contaminated groundwater seeping to the River from the Gorge face, located 1,600 feet west-northwest of the site.

Although, as summarized below, remedial action has not been completed at the site, the remedial action taken at the site to date has substantially reduced off-site migration. Since installation of an overburden remediation system in 1991, groundwater in the overburden is no longer migrating horizontally past the remediation system around the site. Therefore, no loading of hazardous substances from the site to the Niagara River via groundwater in the overburden is currently taking place.

Substantial containment of bedrock groundwater has also achieved. The bedrock is separated into three groundwater zones (upper, middle and lower). Full containment has been achieved in the upper zone, the most contaminated zone. The middle and lower zones have not been completely contained. Full control has not been achieved in the northwest corner of the site in these two zones. Approximately 90% of the contaminated groundwater in the middle zone, and 80-90% of the contaminated groundwater in the lower zone, has been contained. Remedial work to achieve full containment is continuing, as described below.

### Requisite Remedial Technology Agreement

The site is a joint EPA/DEC-lead Superfund site on the National Priorities List and is governed by a pre-CERCLA settlement agreement. EPA sued to require OCC to remediate the site in 1979. In January 1981, EPA, DEC, and OCC filed a Stipulation and Judgment Approving Settlement Agreement. Since 1982, OCC has been implementing the settlement agreement. Agreement on a Requisite Remedial Technology (RRT) was approved by the court in 1986. The RRT includes:

- ! Source Control (prototype landfill extraction wells);
- ! Containment and collection of contaminants in the overburden (overburden barrier collection system) and the Lockport bedrock (purge and recirculation wells);
- ! An Intermediate and Deep Formations Study (monitoring wells);
- ! A Community Monitoring Program (monitoring wells) for early detection of plumes;
- ! An Industrial Protection Program for neighboring industries;
- ! Treatment and monitoring of collected leachates:
  - " Aqueous-phase liquids to be treated on-site;
  - " Non-aqueous phase liquids to be destroyed by incineration;
- ! Site Capping;
- ! Gorge Face Seep Remediation to isolate seeps from the public;
- ! A TCDD bioaccumulation study in Lake Ontario; and
- ! Bloody Run Creek excavation and monitoring; and
- ! Long-term monitoring.

### Major Remedial Activities

<b>Action</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Complete</b>
Intermediate Formation Wells	10/88	12/89
Leachate Storage Facility	--	05/89
Leachate Treatment Facility	--	04/91
Upgrade APL Treatment System	01/98	03/98
Lagoon Closure	07/90	01/92
Phase I Source Control Extraction Wells Installed	04/90	06/90
Phase II Source Control Extraction Wells Installed	04/94	07/94
Overburden Barrier Collection System	--	11/90
APL/NAPL Plume Redefinition	04/90	07/90

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Phase I Prototype Purge Wells Installed	04/90	07/90
Phase II Prototype Purge Wells	03/93	12/93
Phase III Purge Wells		05/97
3 Additional Bedrock Purge Wells and Force Main		12/98
Recirculation Wells	01/91	03/91
Cluster Monitoring Wells	06/90	09/90
Landfill Cap	08/94	12/94

The status of activities included in the schedule follows.

Community Monitoring Wells provide early detection of chemical migration. They are sampled and analyzed quarterly to ensure the safety of the community. The well data confirm that the hydraulic gradient near the community is downward, thereby ensuring that chemical migration toward the community is not an issue.

Under the Industrial Protection Program, sumps in neighboring industries have been sealed, as have some manholes. Annual inspections are conducted to maintain the integrity of this program.

Fences prevent access to the Gorge Face seeps; seep water has been diverted into culverts and pipes to prevent humans from being exposed to the potentially contaminated water; and contaminated sediments were scraped away. Sampling of the fenced seeps was conducted in 1997. Results indicated no need for additional control or remediation of the seep areas. Annual inspections are performed at all recorded seep locations.

The on-site Leachate Storage and Handling Facility was completed in April 1990. 155,000 gallons of NAPL which had been stored on-site in the lagoons and four railroad tank cars were pumped into the leachate storage facility and the lagoons were closed in January 1992.

The Treatment Facility was brought on-line in April 1991. The contaminants collected through the remedial systems are treated on-site. Aqueous-phase liquids pass through an inclined plane settler, filters, and sacrificial carbon pre-treatment to remove dioxins and PCBs. This is followed activated carbon treatment. Biological treatment, which was not required in the settlement agreement, was added by OCC in an attempt to reduce treatment costs. It was subsequently discontinued. All vapors in the closed system are treated, and NAPL is trucked to Laidlaw Environmental Services in Deer Park, Texas, for incineration. To date, 286,600 gallons of NAPL have been destroyed.

Prior to the trucking, NAPL was destroyed at OCC's Niagara Plant Incinerator. The plant's permit was modified by EPA and DEC in November 1990 to allow destruction of NAPL from Hyde Park (and other Occidental sites). This was the first commercially-owned incinerator in the U.S. specifically permitted to destroy dioxin wastes.

The Overburden Barrier Collection System, a drain system around the entire landfill, was installed in 1990. Occidental continuously operates its pumps, preventing the migration of contaminants through the overburden.

Installation of two 36-inch diameter Source Control extraction wells within the landfill itself was completed in June 1990. Phased pump tests were conducted and evaluated throughout 1991 and 1992. Based on the results of these pump tests, four additional source control wells of smaller diameter were installed in the landfill in 1994. These additional wells are equipped with two-phase flow submersible pumps which should enhance the flow of NAPL into these Source Control wells. The NAPL collected by these wells is pumped by force mains into the Leachate Treatment Facility's NAPL storage tank.

The Lake Ontario TCDD bioaccumulation study was completed in May 1990. Fish and sediment samples from Lake Ontario were analyzed for TCDD, and a laboratory study of the uptake of TCDD by lake trout was conducted.

In 1990, the extent of the aqueous-phase liquid/non-aqueous phase liquid plumes in the overburden and bedrock were redefined. This information was considered in the implementation of the remedy for the site.

The objective of the bedrock NAPL plume containment system is to create a "zone of capture" around purge wells down gradient of the landfill so that contaminated ground water can be collected in these purge wells and pumped to the Leachate Treatment Facility. The bedrock purge well system was installed in a phased approach:

- ! Phase I of the system was installed in the NAPL plume area and pump tests were performed on individual and multiple wells. Based on these tests, additional purge wells (Phase II) were installed in late 1993.
- ! Pump tests were performed on the Phase II wells in early 1994 to determine if there was an adequate zone of capture surrounding these wells. Phase II wells did not meet the performance criteria and more wells were needed.
- ! OCC installed Phase III wells in 1997, along with the associated monitoring wells. The force mains to connect these wells to the Hyde Park Leachate Treatment Plant were completed in May 1997.
- ! Phase III monitoring indicated that the bedrock NAPL collection system in this area still did not meet performance criteria. Three additional bedrock wells were installed in spring 1998. A force main connecting these wells to the treatment plant will be completed by December 1998.

! Additional wells may be necessary to assure an inward hydraulic gradient on all vectors within the bedrock. The dates shown below for completion of remedial system construction (September 1999) and final remedy completion (September 2000) would allow time for installation and testing of additional extraction wells, if necessary

Excavation of Bloody Run Creek began in October 1992 and was completed in March 1993. Occidental removed 29,200 cubic yards of contaminated sediment and lined the creek bed with rocks. Samples taken at the bottom and sides of the excavation confirmed the effectiveness of this remedy.

The sewer under University Drive adjacent to Niagara University was sealed and a new sewer was installed in 1993. A sewer was relocated at Tams Ceramics, a neighboring industrial plant in 1989, and the College Heights sewer was remediated in 1990.

The perimeter cap of the landfill was completed in 1991. An impermeable cap was placed over the entire landfill in 1994.

Complex site conditions and difficulties in pumping NAPL have resulted in the installation of additional wells, thus delaying completion of remediation. However, the landfill has been capped, a leachate collection system surrounds the landfill, NAPL is being extracted and destroyed, and Bloody Run creek has been excavated. Also, additional wells have been installed to ensure sufficient bedrock NAPL containment. By September 1999, all remedial systems for the overburden and bedrock will be completed. It is expected that these remedial systems will be operational\* by September 2000. Remedial efforts now focus on operating, monitoring and adjusting the systems to ensure remedial effectiveness.

During January - March 1998, the APL treatment system was upgraded to handle a higher flow of 100-150 gallons per minute.

### Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

Federal	\$ 11,000,000
PRP	\$ 47,000,000

It is estimated that \$ 2,000,000/year will be spent on the Operation and Maintenance of the site for approximately the next 30 years.

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\* Remedial systems are considered "operational" when they are operating as designed and are meeting their performance criteria. Once the remedial systems are declared operational, the Remedial Action is completed. Then, the Operation and Maintenance period follows.



**OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL -- HYDE PARK**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Current Schedule</b>
Remedial Action Completed for Bloody Run Creek	PRP	Jan 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Systems Construction Completed (See above table for detailed list of remedial actions)	PRP	March 1996	Sept 1999
Remedial Action Completion*	PRP	March 1997	Sept 2000

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Remedial systems are considered “operational” when they are operating as designed and are meeting their performance criteria. Once the remedial systems are declared operational, the Remedial Action is completed. Then, the Operation and Maintenance period follows.

**102nd STREET**  
Sites # 40, 56, 85, and 94

**Site Program: Federal Superfund**  
**Summary Prepared By: EPA**

Site Description

The 102nd Street site is located at the eastern edge of the City of Niagara Falls, on the banks of the Niagara River. The site encompasses 22.1 acres, owned by two Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs): 15.6 acres owned by Occidental Chemical Corporation (formerly Hooker Chemical and Plastics Corporation) and 6.5 acres are owned by Olin Chemical Corporation.

This landfill was used from 1943 to 1971 for the disposal of an estimated 159,000 tons of wastes, including organic and inorganic phosphates (1,300 tons), hexachlorocyclohexanes (>1,500 tons), chemical and demolition wastes, and flyash.

Two overburden aquifers and one bedrock aquifer are present under this site. A clay and till layer acts as an aquitard (or barrier) between the overburden and the bedrock. Although water flows in several directions in each aquifer, the average flow direction and ultimate discharge point is south to the Niagara River. A small portion of the groundwater from the upper two aquifers along the eastern site boundary flows east into an adjacent storm sewer, which ultimately discharges into the Niagara River upstream of the site.

Site Investigation

This National Priorities List site has been the subject of state and federal litigation, and is a joint EPA/DEC-lead Superfund site. EPA and the State of New York sued Occidental Chemical Corporation and the Olin Corporation in December 1979.

Interim remedial efforts taken at this site include bulkheading along the shoreline to minimize erosion into the river and the installation of a clay cap in the 1970s.

A Remedial Investigation (RI) was performed to determine the nature and extent of contamination in the soils and ground water. The RI, Feasibility Study (FS) and the Record of Decision (ROD) were completed in 1990.

The target dates for remedial action were delayed by approximately one year of negotiations, during which the PRPs disagreed with the terms of a proposed Consent Decree. Instead of continuing negotiations, EPA issued an Administrative Order in September 1991, requiring the companies to perform the remedial design and remedial action. An "Intent-to-Comply" letter was signed by the PRPs in October 1991, at which

time the Remedial Design started.

### Remedial Design

The remedial design of this site was delayed when the natural resource trustees (federal and state) expressed concerns about 5 acres of the embayment that was proposed in the design to be enclosed within a slurry wall and covered by the final landfill cap. Design modifications were explored to reduce the embayment loss to approximately 2 to 3 acres by constructing the slurry wall closer to the shoreline. The 1990 ROD, however, required that hot spots of contaminated sediments that would be outside the slurry wall be excavated and incinerated. The proposed design change would have left known hot spots of contaminated sediment outside the slurry wall, substantially changing the scope and cost of the remedy from that initially contemplated. A Record of Decision Amendment, signed by EPA in June 1995, eliminated the contingency requiring the incineration of any hot spots of sediments that would be left outside the slurry wall. The amended ROD requires these sediments to be excavated and placed behind the wall within the encapsulated landfill. The redesign will enable 2 to 3 acres of embayment water resources to be saved.

### Remedial Activities

Construction of remedial activities began in March 1996. A cofferdam was built around the embayment. After a fish survey was completed, game fish were removed from the embayment. Contaminated sediments were removed from the embayment. Perimeter soils were excavated and placed on site. A slurry wall was built around the site to prevent contaminants from leaking into the River. The final landfill cap was completed in 1998, to prevent rainwater from infiltrating the waste and carrying contamination off-site.

An additional change in the remedial design will take advantage of excess capacity at the Love Canal Treatment Plant. Instead of on-site leachate treatment, a force main is being constructed to pump leachate from the 102nd Street Site to the Love Canal Treatment Plant. This change is not expected to delay the completion and optimization of the final remedial action.

The leachate pumping system will be completed in December 1998, at which time the potential for contaminants to run to the River from this site will be eliminated. Landscaping and optimization of the pump-and-treat system will continue until March 1999.

### Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

Federal	\$ 7,900,000 (Indirect costs not included.)
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State           \$ (State costs are included with EPA costs)  
 PRP            \$ 18,000,000

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

Federal       \$ 2,000,000  
 State         \$ (State costs will be included with EPA costs)  
 PRP         \$ 8,000,000

### 102ND STREET

<b>Output</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Previous Target Date</b>	<b>Current Schedule</b>
Final RI/FS Report	PRPs (Olin and Occidental)	Mar 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Record of Decision	EPA/DEC	Sep 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Record of Decision Amendment	EPA/DEC	Jun 1995	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design Start	PRPs	Dec 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action Start	PRPs	Dec 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action Completion	PRPs	Dec 1995	Mar 1999*

\* The potential for contaminants to flow to Niagara River from this site will be eliminated in December 1998, when the leachate pumping system is completed. Landscaping and optimization of the pump-and-treat system will continue until March 1999.

**BELL AEROSPACE TEXTRON**  
Site # 5

**Site Program: RCRA (State and Federal)**  
**Summary Prepared by: EPA and DEC**

Site Description

The Bell Aerospace Textron plant is located approximately 2.5 miles north of the Niagara River, adjacent to the Niagara Falls International Airport.

Between 1950 and 1980, the company used an unlined 60' X 100' surface impoundment to collect wash water from rocket engine test firings, storm run-off, and solvent drippings from cleaning, degreasing, and anodizing operations. Hazardous waste and constituents of concern include trichloroethylene and dichloroethylene. The wastes were discharged to a sanitary sewer after pH adjustment.

Beneath the site lies one overburden and two bedrock aquifers. Groundwater flow through the overburden aquifer is primarily to the south-southeast. There is a potential vertical flow between the overburden and the upper bedrock aquifer, and at least some of the groundwater from the overburden discharges to Bergholtz Creek. The upper bedrock aquifer flows primarily in a southeasterly direction and in the lower bedrock aquifer groundwater flow is generally to the south. The down-gradient extent of groundwater contamination in each of the three aquifers has been well defined, and, currently, no contaminated groundwater appears to be discharging directly to the Niagara River.

Remedial Actions

Bell Aerospace Textron is a RCRA site with a closed surface impoundment. The company excavated 1225 tons of contaminated soil and capped the area in 1987.

All of the remedial actions that were required here have been accomplished on schedule.

Since the initial 1989 hazardous waste site report, a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) has determined the extent of contaminant migration and a Corrective Measures Study (CMS) has addressed on- and off-site groundwater contamination. A State Part 373 post-closure permit was issued to Bell Aerospace in September 1992. The permit required final Corrective Measures Implementation (CMI), consisting of groundwater pump-and-treat programs for on- and off-site contamination.

The remedial program is designed to intercept the bedrock groundwater that is migrating off-site toward the Niagara River. It consists of the installation of 11 groundwater extraction wells.

**The off-site remedial system** was started up in April 1993. It is achieving its designed objective. The capture zone associated with the system covers the area of groundwater contamination, and the areal extent of the contamination is diminishing. Five extraction wells have been installed to contain the off-site groundwater. The extracted groundwater contamination is discharged into the publicly owned treatment works (POTW) of the Town of Wheatfield. The off-site system is designed to recover two pounds of volatile compounds daily.

**The on-site remedial system** began the start-up operating period in April 1995. Several technical problems prevented the on-site system from attaining all of its design objectives. The remedial system was redesigned to address these problems, and the following two modifications were made:

- The installation of a 900 foot-long pipeline to divert the cooling water discharge from a rocket testing facility operating at the site to the storm drainage system; and
- The installation of a slurry wall barrier along the main sewer line on Walmore Road to prevent the water migration from the sewer line to the on-site system.

However, even after these modifications, the on-site system was still not attaining satisfactory hydraulic containment. To address this, an additional extraction well was installed along the southern boundary of the site. This well was installed in July 1998, and is currently in operation.

With the above modifications, it is expected that all contaminated groundwater is being intercepted and treated on-site, so that no loading is currently migrating from the site. Six extraction wells are currently operating in the on-site system. The on-site system is designed to recover four pounds of volatile compounds daily.

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent through May 1997 on remediating this site:

Federal	\$ (Oversight costs not available)
State	\$ (Oversight costs not available)
PRP	\$ 1,500,000 (Capital/Operation/Maintenance)

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from May 1997 to the completion of remediation:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)

PRP            \$ 500,000

**BELL AEROSPACE TEXTRON**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Previous Target Date</b>	<b>Current Schedule</b>
RFI Work Plan Approval	DEC/EPA	May 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RFI Work Plan Approval for Phase II	DEC/EPA	None	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RFI Completion	Permittee	Jul 1991	<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMS Work Plan Approval	DEC/EPA	Dec 1991	<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMS Completion	Permittee	May 1992	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedy Selection	DEC/EPA	Oct 1992	<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMI Work Plan Approval (off-site)	DEC/EPA	Apr 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMI Work Plan Approval (on-site)	DEC/EPA	Sep 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Start-up of CMI (off-site)	Permittee	Apr 1996	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Start-up of CMI (on-site) *	Permittee	Nov 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>

\* Start-up completed. On-site system is still being tested and optimized.

**OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL -- DUREZ DIVISION, NIAGARA FALLS  
(Formerly BTL Specialty Resins)  
Site # 66**

**Site Program: RCRA (State and Federal)  
Summary Prepared by: EPA and DEC**

Site Description

Occidental Chemical Corporation (OCC) operates a phenol-formaldehyde resin manufacturing plant at 5000 Packard Road, Niagara Falls, known until June 1986 as the Varcum Chemical Division of Reichhold Chemicals, Inc. and until October 1989 as BTL Specialty Resins. The 5-acre site is approximately 3 miles north of the Niagara River.

The hazardous wastes generated at this site are ignitable and/or toxic solvent washings from reactor vessels, spilled raw materials and small amounts of laboratory samples. These wastes are accumulated, stored, treated, and incinerated on site.

Under this site lie one overburden aquifer and four bedrock aquifers. Bedrock groundwater flow is along both horizontal and vertical fractures. In general, the groundwater flow direction before remedial activities took place at the site was south to southwest, with the upper most bedrock aquifer flowing southeast.

Interim Remedial Measures

Three recovery wells began pumping in February 1989 to capture and remediate the groundwater under the site. These recovery wells affected groundwater flow in the overburden and the upper bedrock aquifers. Most of the contaminated groundwater from the uppermost bedrock aquifer and from the aquifer below it is captured by the recovery wells.

In May 1990, DEC issued OCC a state Part 373 Permit for the storage, treatment, and incineration of hazardous waste on-site. An EPA Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) permit was issued in March 1991. Both permits required corrective action. As required by the permits:

- Four carbon-steel tanks were installed to replace a 30,000 gallon hazardous waste storage tank;
- The incinerator was modified with a larger burner, an expanded combustion chamber, a new double-layered refractory, a new control system, automatic alarm, and waste feed cut-off systems, and new instrumentation and piping. Prior to operation, a trial burn was conducted;
- Approximately 3,000 tons of phenolic-contaminated soil were removed from the tank farm area in 1990. Additional areas with contaminated soils were capped.

### Site Investigation and Additional Interim Remedial Measures

The RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Work plan was approved in May 1990, and the RFI was completed in November 1992. The main area of chemical presence is beneath the tank farm area on the east side of the facility. The predominant overburden and bedrock groundwater contaminants are total recoverable phenolics, ethylbenzene, total xylenes, 1,2-dichlorobenzene, and 1,4-dichlorobenzene. The vertical extent of groundwater contamination is limited to the overburden and the first three bedrock aquifer zones. With the exception of the tank farm area, chemical concentrations in the soils were less than action levels for soil ingestion. The soils are not a significant source of groundwater contamination; nevertheless, all open spaces on the site have been paved over.

As an interim corrective measure, beginning in February 1989, OCC has pumped bedrock ground water contaminated with phenols and other organics (primarily non-chlorinated solvents) to its biological treatment facility, prior to discharge to the Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant. EPA and DEC required OCC to submit interim reports to assess whether groundwater was being remediated adequately, and to assess the need for modifications, such as increasing pumping rates or installing additional wells. The groundwater pumping rate was doubled in 1990 with the addition of new treatment capacity at OCC's treatment facility which was constructed that year. Also, as an interim corrective measure to address the overburden groundwater contamination at the tank farm area, an overburden drain tile collection system began operating in 1993. The purged water is pretreated in the on-site wastewater treatment facility, prior to discharge to the Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant.

From April 1994 through August 1998, 22,624,389 gallons of bedrock groundwater were pumped and treated. Since the start-up of the drain tile system in January 1993 through August 1998, 189,620 gallons of overburden groundwater have been removed and treated. Approximately 25,442 pounds of contaminants have been removed.

### Remedial Actions

The Corrective Measures study report has been approved. EPA and DEC have determined that the existing groundwater recovery systems which have been operating as interim corrective measures are capable of serving as the final groundwater remedy for the facility. The DEC Part 373 permit was modified in September 1995 to specify the final corrective measures. In addition to operation of the groundwater recovery systems, the final corrective measures include maintaining existing caps and pavement over areas of contaminated soil, restricting site access, and restricting future site development. Pursuant to the DEC Part 373 permit, OCC prepares monthly reports on the operating status of the groundwater recovery systems and is required to prepare comprehensive annual reports on performance monitoring of the recovery systems. The performance

monitoring includes hydraulic monitoring, to establish the extent of plume capture, and chemical monitoring, to evaluate changes in groundwater quality.

The remedial actions that have come due at this site have been accomplished ahead of schedule, and Corrective Measure Implementation is underway.

### Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ (Not available)

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ (Not available)

### **OCC -- DUREZ, NIAGARA FALLS**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Previous Target Date</b>	<b>Current Schedule</b>
RFI Work plan Approval	DEC/EPA	Jul 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RFI Completion	Permittee	Sep 1992	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Stabilization Start-up	Permittee		<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMS Work plan Approval	DEC/EPA	Jun 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMS Completion	Permittee	Dec 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedy Selection*	EPA/DEC	Dec 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMI Work plan Approval	EPA/DEC	Feb 1995	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Start-up of CMI	Permittee	Dec 1996	<b>COMPLETED</b>

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EPA and DEC have determined that the existing interim corrective measures groundwater pump-and-treat program is capable of serving as the final groundwater remedy for the site. The DEC Part 373 permit was modified in September 1995 to formally select the final remedy.



**OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL S-AREA**  
Site # 41A

**Site Program: Federal/State Co-lead: Superfund**  
**Summary Prepared by: EPA**

Site Description

The S-Area site is an eight-acre landfill on Occidental Chemical Corporation's (OCC) Buffalo Avenue Plant in Niagara Falls. Approximately 200 yards to the south is the Niagara River and immediately to the east is the City of Niagara Falls drinking water treatment plant.

The site was used primarily from 1947 to 1961 for the disposal of approximately 63,000 tons of organic and inorganic chemicals. Chemicals deposited at the site included chlorobenzenes, organic phosphates, acid chlorides, phenol tars, thionyl chloride, chlorendic acid, trichlorophenol, benzoyl chloride, liquid and chlorotoluene-based disulfides, metal chlorides, thiodan, and miscellaneous chlorinated hydrocarbons.

One overburden and four bedrock aquifers exist under this site. While the bedrock aquifers flow generally north-northwest onto the main OCC - Buffalo Avenue Site, only the overburden aquifer flows south to the Niagara River.

Requisite Remedial Technology Agreement

This National Priorities List site is a joint EPA/DEC-lead responsibility, governed by a non-CERCLA settlement agreement, effective June 1985. The agreement provided for a source control remedy, monitoring programs, and a remedial plan for the Niagara Falls Drinking Water Treatment Plant (DWTP). The DWTP main bedrock intake tunnel was shut down due to the presence of NAPL contamination. In the interim, the City's backup, emergency intake pipe was used to draw water from the Niagara River. The S-Area site was surveyed by OCC from December 1986 to April 1988 to determine the extent of chemical migration from the landfill. This survey was the basis for a Requisite Remedial Technology (RRT) report to EPA in November 1988.

As a result of the RRT Report and subsequent RRT negotiations among EPA/DEC, OCC and the City of Niagara Falls, an amendment (RRT stipulation) to the 1985 settlement agreement was submitted to the court in September 1990 and approved in April 1991. The RRT stipulation included construction of a new DWTP for the City of Niagara Falls at a new location, to be funded by the City and OCC.

Remedial Actions

Collection and containment remedial systems were installed at the landfill from 1990 to 1995. Initial testing and operational start-up began on November 1, 1995. The remedial systems are designed to eliminate the contaminant loadings from the site to the Niagara River by containment and collection of contaminated ground water and NAPL. Contaminated ground water and NAPL are currently being collected and treated on-site. Assessment of the remedial systems performance began in early 1997, and is being done on a semi-annual basis.

One of the components of the landfill remedy (drain collection system) is not functioning as designed. An investigation in late 1997 revealed that the drain pipe is collapsed at several locations. EPA/DEC are currently assessing what actions need to be taken in order to repair or replace the damaged system. EPA anticipates that these problems will delay completion of the Remedial Action until 2000.

The new DWTP was completed and fully operational by March 1997. The remedial activities planned for the old DWTP and property, including the decommission and demolition of the plant, began thereafter and are now nearly complete. It is noted that the performance of such activities had to wait until the new DWTP was built and on-line. The demolition of the old DWTP was performed in 1997 and early 1998. The eastern barrier wall was completed in May 1998. The installation of the cap for the DWTP property and the overburden drain collection system are ongoing.

The full remedial program for this site consists of:

- A slurry barrier wall in the overburden to contain the NAPL plume;
- Installation of a drain system and collection wells in the overburden to: 1) collect contaminated ground water and NAPL, and 2) create an inward hydraulic gradient across the barrier walls and an upward hydraulic gradient from the underlying bedrock to the overburden within the barrier wall;
- Installation of bedrock purge wells to contain the NAPL plume in the bedrock;
- Capping of the site to reduce infiltration;
- Overburden and bedrock monitoring to determine the effectiveness of remedial systems;
- Incineration of non-aqueous-phase liquids; and
- Treatment of APLs by carbon adsorption and discharge to a permitted outfall.

The remedial systems will continue to operate for at least 30 years.

The following progress has been made:

- The northern, western, and southern portions of the barrier wall were built in late 1994/early 1995.
- The drain collection system, APL/NAPL collection wells (i.e., pumping wells), and the force mains for the drain and collection wells were completed in 1995 for

the landfill. Additional wells were installed in 1997 to improve the performance of the system in collecting NAPL. The drain collection system planned for the old DWTP property is currently being installed.

- Operation of the landfill drain collection system and collection wells began in 1996 and is ongoing. As noted above, the drain collection system is not functioning as designed due to damage of the collection pipe. Additional actions will be required to correct this condition.
- An APL/NAPL storage facility and carbon adsorption treatment facility have been constructed on site and currently receive APL/NAPL from the overburden and bedrock collection wells.
- A perimeter landfill cap was installed between March and August 1996 to reduce infiltration. It included a 2-foot clay layer and flexible membrane liner near the Robert Moses Parkway, and asphalt paving west and north of the landfill.
- The final landfill cap is scheduled for construction in 1999, but is likely to be delayed pending resolution of the problems with the landfill drain collection system.
- The new DWTP was completed in March 1997, and now supplies the City of Niagara Falls with its drinking water.
- The demolition of the old DWTP was completed in early 1998.
- The eastern barrier wall at the DWTP property was completed in May 1998.
- The DWTP cap and drain collection system are being installed. Completion is expected in December 1998.

An updated schedule for remediation of the site follows. The schedule shows that remedial action at the site actually began before completion of all components of the remedial design. Completion of the remedy at the S-Area site was delayed, because, after the site was surveyed between 1986 and 1988, the remedy was substantially expanded to include adjacent off-site areas that were found to be contaminated. Subsequently, the target dates were revised for the 1991 RRT stipulation. In 1993, construction activities were also postponed until the Environmental Health & Safety Plan Air Monitoring program was modified. Construction resumed in June 1994. As noted above, the remedial actions for the DWTP property could not begin until the new DWTP was completed and operational. EPA anticipates that completion of the landfill remedy (including the final landfill cap) will be delayed until 2000 due to the problems with the landfill drain collection system.

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

Federal	\$ 10,000,000
State	\$ (State costs were covered under EPA costs through grants)
PRP	\$ 42,174,000

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

Federal	\$ 2,100,000
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ 8,000,000 (Capital costs)
	\$ 2 to 3,000,000 per year for 30 years (Operation & Maintenance)

### OCC S-AREA

Output		Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
RRT Survey work (RI) Completion		PRP	---	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RRT Study (FS) approved		PRP	---	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Record of Decision (RRT Stipulation)		EPA/DEC	Mar 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design (RD) Start		PRP	---	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Actions (RA)	Start	PRP	Jun 1991	<b>COMPLETED</b>
	Construction of new DWTP	PRP	Apr 1997	<b>COMPLETED</b>
	Demolish old DWTP	PRP	Sep 1997	<b>COMPLETED</b>
	DWTP cap & drain collection system	PRP	1998	Dec 1998
	Perimeter landfill cap & drain collection system	PRP	N/A	<b>COMPLETED*</b>
	Final landfill cap	PRP	1999	2000
	Construct Eastern barrier wall	PRP	Jul 1998	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RA Completion		PRP	1999	2000

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\* Drain collection system not functioning as designed. EPA and DEC are assessing necessary corrective actions.

**STAUFFER CHEMICAL**  
Site # 255

**Site Program: N.Y. Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation**  
**Summary Prepared by: DEC**

Site Description

The Stauffer Chemical Plant site occupies about 23 acres, located about 1/4 mile east of the Niagara River in the Town of Lewiston.

Used for manufacturing from 1900 to 1976, the site was occupied by Stauffer Chemical from 1930 to 1976. Carbon tetrachloride and various metallic chlorides were produced on site, and methylene chloride and tetrachloroethylene were repackaged from bulk shipments. Plant operations terminated in 1976, and the site was razed in 1980. Disposal occurred on the plant site, as well as in two small landfills on the PASNY property to the east.

There are four significant, and one less significant, bedrock aquifers under the site. The flow direction for all water-bearing layers is southwest, towards the Power Authority of New York Forebay and the Niagara River.

Site Investigation

The Stauffer Chemical Plant site is a DEC-lead site. Pursuant to a Consent Order, Stauffer Chemical completed a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility (RI/FS) study of the site. The Record of Decision (ROD) was signed July 1992, and consent order for the remedial design/remedial action was executed in July 1993. The main components of the remedial plan include bedrock groundwater pumping and treatment (including DNAPL extraction), and soil vapor extraction, both on and off site. The site will also be re-graded.

Delays in the original schedule were due to the need for additional remedial investigative studies to adequately define the nature and extent of contamination.

Remedial Activities

The remedial design was completed in July 1995. Extensive design work was necessary for proper de-watering, including pump tests, soil vacuum extraction pilot test, DNAPL treatment, and so on. Construction of the remedy has been completed. Operational difficulties had been encountered with the groundwater treatment system. The groundwater treatment system has been modified. Groundwater now flows through granular activated carbon prior to discharge to the NYPA Forebay.

Remedial actions completed include the following:

- Installation of a bedrock pump-and-treat system that will operate for the next 30 years.
- Installation of a soil vapor extraction system that draws contaminants out of the soil. This system is expected to operate for about 3-5 years.

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

State	\$ 170,000
PRP	\$ 5,100,000

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

State	\$ 10,000
PRP	\$ 1,200,000

**STAUFFER CHEMICAL**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
RI/FS	PRP	Sept. 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Record of Decision	DEC	Jan. 1991	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design	PRP	April 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action Completion	PRP	April 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>

## **SOLVENT CHEMICAL**

Site # 251

### **Site Program: N.Y. Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation Summary Prepared by: DEC**

#### Site Description

The Solvent Chemical site occupies approximately 6 acres in the City of Niagara Falls. The site is located about 1/4 mile north of the Niagara River.

The Solvent Chemical plant site has been used for manufacturing operations at various times from 1941 to 1978 by DuPont, Hooker Chemical and Solvent Chemical. DuPont and Hooker produced impregnite; Solvent Chemical manufactured chlorinated hydrocarbons, zinc chloride and zinc ammonium chloride. Chemicals disposed on site include zinc, benzene and chlorinated benzenes.

Five water-bearing layers have been significantly impacted by site contaminants: the saturated overburden layer and four bedrock zones. The groundwater in the overburden flows to the north. The bedrock aquifers generally flow to the northeast. Groundwater in the site area is influenced by the Falls Street Tunnel (due north of the site), and the New York Power Authority (NYPA) conduits (about 1,500 feet east of the site), which drain bedrock groundwater in the area. The majority of the site ground water flows into the Falls Street Tunnel, either directly or via the NYPA conduits. All of the dry weather flow through the Falls Street Tunnel now is treated by the Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant before discharge to the River.

#### Site Investigation

The Solvent Chemical site is a DEC/Department of Law-lead site. An initial Remedial Investigation [RI] (funded by the Potentially Responsible Party [PRP]) was completed in June 1991. Despite lengthy negotiations, the PRPs did not agree to undertake the Feasibility Study [FS]. The site was referred to State Superfund for completion of the RI/FS, while the Attorney General's office litigates the matter. Field work for supplemental investigations needed to support the FS was completed in November 1994. The RI/FS report was approved in August 1996. The proposed Remedial Action Plan was submitted for public comment in September 1996. The resulting Record of Decision (ROD) was signed in December 1996. The Remedial Action Plan includes the following components:

- Existing buildings on site to be demolished.
- Site to be capped.
- Contaminated groundwater to be hydraulically controlled through pump-and-treat systems.

DEC and site PRPs have completed legal agreements that require ROD implementation. The settlement was approved by the U.S. District Court in October 1997. Construction was started in early 1998 and as of September 1998, asbestos removal is complete and site demolition is nearing completion. Design of on-site extraction and pretreatment systems is ongoing.

### Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

State	\$ 1,170,000
PRP	\$ 950,000

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

State	\$ 0*
PRP	\$ 13,250,000

### **SOLVENT CHEMICAL**

Solvent Chemical	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
RI	PRPs	Dec 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RI/FS	DEC	Sep 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Record of Decision	DEC	Dec 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design Start	PRPs	Dec 1995	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action Start	PRPs	Dec 1996	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action Completion	PRPs	N/A	Dec 1999

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\* PRP will reimburse future state costs.

**VANADIUM CORPORATION OF AMERICA**  
**(Formerly SKW Alloys)**  
Site # 1

**Site Program: N.Y. Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation**  
**Summary Prepared by: DEC**

Site Description

The Vanadium site is located approximately 1 ½ miles east of the Niagara River in the Town of Niagara.

The Vanadium Corporation of America owned and operated a facility at the site from 1920 to 1964 when approximately 594,000 tons of slag and other refuse were disposed at the site. In 1964, the site was purchased by the Pittsburgh Metallurgical Company, which subsequently changed its name to Airco Properties, Inc. Airco disposed wastes similar to the wastes disposed by Vanadium. In 1979, SKW Alloys, Inc. bought 37 acres of the 62 acre parcel owned by Airco, while Airco retained ownership of the eastern 25 acres. The Vanadium site consists of both properties as well as property owned by the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and the New York Power Authority (NYPA) to the east and north which also contains waste piles deposited by Vanadium. Chromium is a major contaminant of concern at the site, as well as a caustic waste which is affecting the pH of the ground and surface water.

The site contains 11 to 24 feet of overburden, consisting of clay, stratified drift and till, underlain by Lockport Dolomite. Groundwater flow in the area is influenced by the NYPA conduits causing a groundwater flow divide which bisects the site. Groundwater under the SKW site and most of the Airco site flows to the southwest. Groundwater under the Niagara Mohawk site, the NYPA site, and the remainder of the Airco site flows east into the conduit drain system.

Site Investigation and Interim Remedial Measures

The Vanadium site is a DEC-lead site. A Phase I investigation was completed in December 1989. A Preliminary Site Assessment (Phase II investigation) is complete. Wells were sampled in November 1992 and a report with results and recommendations for site reclassification was completed in September 1993.

As a result of the Preliminary Site Assessment, the site was reclassified to a class 2 (significant threat to the public health or the environment, action required) on April 3, 1995. In 1997, DEC completed a study to further define the nature and extent of contamination at the Niagara Mohawk and NYPA properties.

Under Consent Order, SKW is undertaking an Interim Remedial Measure to cap portions of their parcel and control site stormwater runoff. This remedial measure should be completed by December 1998. DEC and Airco are negotiating an RI/FS for all or portions of the site. The outcome of these negotiations will determine whether additional RI/FS work is necessary by the other PRPs.

### Schedule for Completion

A schedule for completion is presented below. The site PRPs have not agreed to act as a group. This has contributed to delays in the schedule due to the need to negotiate individually with the PRPs.

### Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts for the Interim Remedial Measure:

State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ 750,000 (for SKW Interim Remedial Measure)

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

State	\$ (Not available; site has yet
PRP	\$ to proceed to remediation)

### **VANADIUM CORPORATION OF AMERICA**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
Phase I Investigation	DEC	Dec 1989	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Phase II Investigation	DEC	Dec 1991	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Interim Remedial Measure	SKW Alloys, Inc.	N/A	Dec 1998
RI/FS	PRP(s)	Mar 1999	Mar 2000
Record of Decision	DEC	July 1999	July 2001
Remedial Design	PRP or DEC	July 2000	July 2002
Remedial Action	PRP or DEC	July 2001	July 2003

## **OLIN CORPORATION**

Site #58, 59

### **Site Program: RCRA (State and Federal)**

**Summary Prepared by: EPA and DEC**

#### Site Description

The Olin Corporation site, 25 acres located on Buffalo Avenue in Niagara Falls, is actually two plants on separate but contiguous sites, partially separated by the property of the E.I. DuPont Company. Gill Creek flows through the eastern part of the facility. The site is about 1/4 mile North of the Niagara River.

Olin Corporation has used this site for inorganic chemical production since 1897. Several organic chemicals, including benzene, chlorobenzene, trichlorobenzene, and trichlorophenol were used or manufactured between 1950 and 1956. Wastes handled at this facility include: ignitable, corrosive, reactive, and EPA toxic characteristic wastes and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)-listed wastes (brine purification muds and wastewater treatment sludge from mercury-cell chlorine production). Brine sludge, containing mercury and possibly polychlorinated bi-phenyl, was used as fill material in various locations throughout the site.

The site consists of soil and gravel at 0-3.5 feet, sandy clay at 3.5-5 feet. The bedrock surface lies at 5.5-8 feet. Proximity to the Niagara River and Gill Creek indicates a major potential for contaminant migration. Ground water on the site exists in shallow unconsolidated deposits and in a bedrock aquifer composed of 3 monitored zones. Shallow groundwater infiltrates to Gill Creek, which discharges to the Niagara River.

In 1984, EPA issued Olin Corporation a RCRA permit to operate the hazardous waste storage and treatment facilities on this site, but since it was issued before the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments to RCRA were enacted, it did not incorporate corrective actions. EPA issued an order in September 1989, requiring investigation of releases throughout the site, and particularly from the brine mud storage area, where releases have occurred. Permitted units were closed in 1990, according to a DEC-approved closure plan.

#### Interim Remedial Measures

Under a joint venture with DuPont, Olin conducted the off-site remediation of Gill Creek from Buffalo Avenue to the Niagara River, which was completed in December 1992. Contaminated sediment was removed, and the creek has been restored.

An EPA/DEC-approved DNAPL interim corrective measure (ICM) was implemented by Olin during May and June 1994. The program was intended to identify and characterize any DNAPL presence in five Olin monitoring wells and to remove any DNAPL encountered. DNAPL was only detected in one well and a total volume of less than two gallons was removed.

Former Olin production wells are currently being used to pump and treat groundwater from the site through an agreement with the adjacent DuPont facility. The Olin wells serve as part of DuPont's bedrock groundwater remediation program and exert a large radius of influence over the Olin site, which effectively reduces the total toxic load migrating from the Olin site. The radius of influence of the Olin wells extends approximately halfway (east-west) across Olin's Plant 2 in the B zone, and approximately to Gill Creek in the lower aquifer zones (C and CD zones). The remedy approved in the CMS is designed to capture all groundwater contamination not captured by the Olin production wells. The wells extract groundwater at a rate of approximately 600 gallons per minute continuously.

#### Site Investigation and Remedy Selection

Olin has conducted soil and hydrological studies, and submitted several supplemental RFI reports to the EPA/DEC. Olin has completed the final phase of the RFI, and the final RFI report was approved by EPA and DEC in February 1995. Mercury was detected in the soils in concentrations up to 1,210 parts per million. Volatile and semi-volatile organic constituents and pesticides were also identified in the soils. Sampling of twenty-four overburden and bedrock wells identified volatile and semi-volatile constituents, pesticides, and mercury at levels exceeding federal and state groundwater standards.

Work plans for both Phase I of the CMS (soil & overburden groundwater) and for Phase II of the CMS (bedrock groundwater) were previously approved by EPA/DEC. In March 1995 Olin submitted a full CMS Report (incorporating both Phases I and II), which was approved by EPA/DEC in September 1995. In July 1996, the proposed remedy for this site was public noticed. Following public review, a remedy was selected and the CMI Work plan approved. The remedy includes the following components:

- Drilling and installing 5 groundwater recovery wells at Olin's plant 2 site. The recovered groundwater will be pumped to a new on-site treatment plant before being discharged into the City of Niagara Falls sewer system.
- Paving all unpaved surfaces in order to minimize the volume of contaminated groundwater recharge.

DEC issued a Consent Order to implement the selected remedy. The remedial system was constructed and began operation in October 1997.

Operation & Maintenance is now underway. The remedial system is close to meeting its performance objectives. Olin is currently addressing problems due to incrustation associated with high pH (>10) groundwater. For example, two pumps have been replaced and a system to inhibit scaling of the pumps and pipes has been installed.

An updated schedule for implementation of a corrective action program, including Corrective Measure Implementation (CMI), follows. The scheduled project milestones relate to complete on- and off-site investigation and remediation.

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ (Not available)

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ (Not available)

**OLIN CORPORATION**

Output		Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
RFI Work Plan Approval		DEC/EPA	Apr 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RFI Completion	Phase I	Permittee		<b>COMPLETED</b>
	Phase II	Permittee	Dec 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Stabilization Start-up (Groundwater)				<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMS Work Plan Approval	Phase I	Permittee		<b>COMPLETED</b>
	Phase II	DEC/EPA	Sep 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMS Completion (including approval)		Permittee	Mar 1995	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedy Selection		DEC/EPA	Mar 1996	<b>COMPLETED</b>
CMI Work Plan Approval		DEC/EPA	Mar 1996	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Start-up of CMI Initiation/Stabilization		Permittee	Dec 1996	<b>COMPLETED</b>

Note: Phase I - Overburden soil and groundwater  
Phase II - Bedrock groundwater

**DUPONT -- BUFFALO AVENUE**  
Site # 15-19

**Site Program: N.Y. Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation**  
**Summary Prepared by: DEC**

Site Description

The DuPont Buffalo Avenue Plant site occupies over 50 acres in the City of Niagara Falls. The plant is separated from the Niagara River by the Robert Moses Parkway.

Manufacturing operations have been conducted at the site since 1898. Chemicals disposed on the site included: carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, dichloroethylene, methylene chloride, trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene, vinyl chloride, PCBs, barium and other organic and inorganic compounds.

One overburden and five bedrock aquifers exist under this site, each consisting of two or three zones with different flow directions. Groundwater flowing south discharges into the Niagara River and Gill Creek. Groundwater flowing north discharges into the unlined Falls Street Tunnel, and groundwater flowing east, into the New York Power Authority (NYPA) conduit drain system.

Remedial Actions

As of January 1992, all remedial systems at this site were completed and operating. More than 60 studies of subsurface contamination were completed by DuPont on the plant site, and a Consent Order was negotiated for the implementation of a groundwater remediation program. In January 1992, an on-site groundwater pump-and-treat system went into operation. From start up in January 1992 through January 1, 1998, 48,600 pounds of organic contaminants have been removed from the overburden and shallow bedrock groundwater. A portion of the flow from the western half of the DuPont site is under the influence of the Olin production wells. This water is remediated by the Olin Treatment Plant before discharge to the river. The Olin production wells have removed approximately 19,082 pounds of organic contaminants for the period of 1/1/92 through 1/1/98.

Additionally, DuPont is a Potentially Responsible Party for the remediation of Gill Creek, which was completed in December 1992. A total of 8,020 cubic yards of contaminated sediment was removed, and the creek has been restored.

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

State	\$ 50,000
PRP	\$ 45,000,000 (includes Gill Creek remediation)

It is estimated that \$ 2,000,000 will be spent by the PRP on the Operation and Maintenance of this site.

**DUPONT BUFFALO AVENUE**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Status
Record of Decision	DEC	Dec 1989	<b>COMPLETE</b>
Remedial Design	PRP	Mar 1990	<b>COMPLETE</b>
Remedial Action	PRP	Oct 1991	<b>COMPLETE</b>

## **BUFFALO COLOR CORPORATION**

Site # 120, 122

**Site Program: RCRA (State and Federal)**  
**Summary Prepared by: EPA and DEC**

### Site Description

Buffalo Color Corporation, located on 61 acres adjacent to the Buffalo River within the city of Buffalo, is a major manufacturer of indigo dye.

This plant, which was originally built in 1879 by the Schoelkopf Aniline and Dye Company, merged with two other companies to form the National Aniline and Dye Company in 1916, one of five companies forming Allied Chemical Corporation in 1920. Buffalo Color Corporation purchased and began operating the dye plant in 1977.

Dyestuffs and/or organic chemicals have been continuously produced at the facility for more than 110 years. The dye manufacturing operations generate approximately 450,000 gallons per day of process waste water. The waste water is a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste due to its corrosivity (pH >12.5). RCRA hazardous constituents in this waste stream include: aniline, N-methylaniline, N,N-dimethylaniline, N,N-diethylaniline, cyanide, methanol, nickel, and chromium. Prior to 1971, these wastes were discharged directly to the Buffalo River. In 1971, Allied Chemical diverted the waste streams to three surface impoundments for neutralization prior to release to the Buffalo Sewer Authority, and beginning in March 1989, Buffalo Color installed a new neutralization tank to treat wastewater before discharge to sewers.

The stratigraphy at the site from the upper to lowermost units is: 2-11 feet of fill, 6-13 feet of silt and fine sand (upper aquifer), 25-37 feet of silty clay, 5-7 feet of sand and gravel (lower aquifer), and bedrock of Onondaga Limestone. Groundwater flow in the upper aquifer is towards the Buffalo River. Groundwater near the surface impoundments is contaminated with aniline, dimethylaniline, N-ethylaniline, and cyanide, all of which most likely derive from the surface impoundments.

### Site Investigation

A RCRA Facility Assessment (RFA) Preliminary Review and Visual Site Inspection were completed during 1986 and 1988, respectively. Eight (8) Solid Waste Management units (SWMUs) have been identified at the site. Overburden ground water monitoring wells at the impoundments show concentrations of chlorobenzene, dichlorobenzenes, toluene, anilines and phenol above DEC-promulgated ground water standards. An RFA soil sampling program for a container storage area was completed in January 1991. EPA and DEC identified a need to investigate potential releases from both the extensive sewer system and from two inactive buildings at the site.

A DEC Part 373 post-closure permit was public noticed in 1992 to address releases. The facility objected to several conditions of the draft permit and requested an administrative hearing. All outstanding issues were resolved and the Part 373 permit became effective on February 10, 1995. Remediation will be implemented under the Part 373 permit.

The RFI Work plan has been approved. The RFI includes a subsurface (soil and groundwater) investigation program for all areas of the plant except for Area D, which is being remediated under the New York State Inactive Hazardous waste program (see Area D summary for details).

- Field work for Phase I of the RFI began in April 1996 and consisted of 18 monitoring wells around the perimeter of the site to evaluate groundwater quantity and potential migration of hazardous constituents off site.
- Phase II of the RFI, completed in September 1996, involved the advancement of 24 soil probes within the site to collect near and sub-surface soil samples.

Hazardous contaminants were detected at the perimeter monitoring wells during the Phase I and II investigations for the RFI. In November 1996, BCC proposed supplemental investigations (involving 10 additional wells) to determine the off-site extent of contamination. DEC approved the proposal in December 1996. In January 1997, BCC proposed the collection of 6 additional surficial samples to provide further support of a corrective measures study. DEC approved the proposal in March 1997. BCC submitted the RFI report in November 1997. In response to DEC comments on the RFI, BCC submitted a second supplemental investigation plan involving 8 new wells, 5 piezometers, and 10 soil samples. This proposal was approved in July 1998 and implemented during the summer of 1998. The revised RFI report is scheduled to be submitted December 1998. The supplemental investigations are delaying completion of the RFI by approximately two years. Depending on the progress and results of the additional work, it is anticipated that stabilization/interim corrective measures could be initiated in 1999, if necessary.

All target dates in the table below have been updated to account for these delays. Completion of the RFI, CMS, and CMI are dependent, in part, on field conditions encountered, which may delay the overall schedule for corrective action.

#### Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

Federal	\$ 0
State	\$ 0
PRP	\$ (Not available)

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ (Not available)

**BUFFALO COLOR CORPORATION**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
RFA Work Plan Approval	EPA/DEC	Mar 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RFA Completion	Permittee	May 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RFI Work Plan Approval	EPA/DEC	Mar 1995	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RFI Completion	Permittee	July 1997	Mar 1999
Stabilization Start-up	Permittee	Jan 1998	May 1999
CMS Work Plan Approval	EPA/DEC	Jan 1998	Aug 1999
CMS Completion	Permittee	Jul 1998	May 2000
Remedy Selection	EPA/DEC	Nov 1998	Aug 2000
CMI Work Plan Approval	EPA/DEC	Apr 1999	Apr 2001
Start-up of CMI	Permittee	Oct 1999	Jul 2001

**BUFFALO COLOR -- AREA D**

Site # 120-122

**Site Program: N.Y. Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation  
Summary Prepared by: DEC**

Site Description

Area D of the Buffalo Color Plant site occupies about 19 acres adjacent to the Buffalo River in the City of Buffalo. The site is about 4 miles upstream of the confluence of the Buffalo and Niagara Rivers.

Area "D" is an inactive hazardous waste site. It was used from 1905 to 1974 as a chemical manufacturing, handling and disposal site. From 1905 to 1920, acids, chemicals and dye intermediates were produced by Contact Process Company and by National Aniline Chemical Company, which merged into Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation in 1920. Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation manufactured petroleum-based detergents, dye intermediates, picric acid, and other chemicals at Area "D" from 1920 to 1974. During that time, a number of structures, railroad tracks and tank parks were built at the site. All chemical manufacturing operations ceased in 1974, and chemical waste handling ceased in 1976 at Area "D". In 1977, the property was sold to Buffalo Color Corporation and has remained idle since. All structures on the site were demolished to grade by Buffalo Color Corporation in 1984.

The site overburden consists of fill, alluvium, glaciolacustrine deposits and glacial till, and is underlain by the Onondaga Limestone. The shallow overburden water-bearing zone on the site is in direct hydraulic connection with the Buffalo River. The major pathways of contaminant migration from the site to the Buffalo River are shallow ground water and erosion of the shoreline.

Site Investigation and Remedy Selection

The Buffalo Color Area D site is a DEC-lead site. Pursuant to a Consent Order, the PRPs (Buffalo Color and Allied Chemical) conducted a Remedial Investigation (RI), which was first submitted in April 1989 and approved in September 1990. The RI indicated elevated levels of Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), chlorinated benzenes and heavy metals in the site fill layer. The site groundwater was found to be contaminated by volatile organics, chlorinated benzenes, iron and other heavy metals and non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL).

A Feasibility Study (FS) was submitted in December 1990, with final revisions submitted and approved in July 1991. The FS evaluated 13 alternatives for the remediation of the site and identified a preferred alternative; all were discussed at a public meeting in

October 1991. A Record of Decision (ROD) was signed in November 1991, setting forth a selected remedial plan.

An Order on Consent was signed by Allied Signal and NYSDEC in June 1993 for the remediation of the site. Construction of the selected remedy began in June 1996. The Remedial Action was completed in September 1998.

The following are the elements of the remedy completed in September 1998:

- A slurry wall was constructed around the entire site;
- River sediments adjacent to the site were dredged and deposited on-site. The shoreline was armored with rip rap;
- A high-density polyethylene liner was placed over the entire site and properly capped;
- Non-aqueous phase liquids found at the site are being removed;
- Groundwater is being pumped and treated at an on-site treatment facility.

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

State	\$ 200,000
PRP	\$ 14,000,000

**BUFFALO COLOR -- AREA D**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
RI/FS	PRPs	Sept 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Record of Decision	DEC	Dec 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design	PRPs	Dec 1992	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Begin Remedial Construction	PRPs	June 1996	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action Completion	PRPs	Nov 1997	<b>COMPLETED</b>

**BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION**  
Site # 118

**Site Program: RCRA (State and Federal)**  
**Summary Prepared by: EPA**

Site Description

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation (BSC) facility encompasses approximately 2.5 square miles, located on Hamburg Turnpike, Lackawanna. Buffalo Harbor marks the northern boundary of the site, and Lake Erie marks its western boundary.

BSC is a former major manufacturing plant that produced structural steel, coke, coke byproducts and specialty steel products. Processing occurred primarily on the eastern section of the site. The western section of the site was created by landfilling 440 acres of Lake Erie with slag from processing. Currently, only specialty steel production and coking are in operation. Over 100 Solid Waste Management Units have been identified at the site. Six surface water bodies on site have been identified as having received hazardous waste or hazardous constituents from BSC.

Within the Buffalo-Lackawanna area, all surface and ground waters ultimately drain into Lake Erie. Preliminary information concerning site-wide hydrogeology indicates that contaminated groundwater flows east to west into Lake Erie. Groundwater also appears to enter both Smokes Creek and the Ship (or Lackawanna) Canal. In the area immediately surrounding the three regulated surface impoundments, groundwater flows west towards Lake Erie. Also, transecting the site are trenches, which drain from the process area into Smoke and Blasdell Creeks. The Ship Canal drains northward into Buffalo Harbor.

Site Investigation

EPA issued a consent order in August 1990 requiring an on-site RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI). The RFI investigation is being conducted in a multi-phase approach. Initial phases of the investigation (Phase I and Phase IIA) were conducted between 1990 and 1993.

BSC submitted the Phase II-B RFI Report in November 1994. These investigations have identified benzene, naphthalene, phenolic compounds, chlorinated solvents and metals in groundwater samples collected from monitoring wells at the facility. Due to the complexity of site conditions that have been encountered at the facility in previous investigations, EPA and DEC required BSC to conduct a Phase III RFI investigation to fill in data gaps. Field work for this investigation was completed in September 1995. Negotiations over the scope of the human health risk assessment, which is required as part of the RFI report, have delayed the submittal of the RFI and human health risk

assessment. In July 1996, EPA/DEC approved the Ecological Risk Assessment Work Plan, and BSC has completed a draft of this assessment, which is also a component of the RFI.

EPA and DEC have identified two areas (Acid Tar Pits and Coke Oven Areas) where they believe BSC could implement stabilization or interim corrective measures to control and reduce the further spread and off-site migration of contaminated groundwater from the facility. These two areas are the primary sources of groundwater contamination at this facility. At this time, BSC has not undertaken any of these stabilization activities. At EPA's request, BSC completed remedial technology studies for these areas. EPA approved the studies with the understanding that they would be incorporated into a more comprehensive technology assessment for the CMS. However, EPA and DEC found the studies to have major technical flaws. A CMS will commence after RFI Report approval, which is currently scheduled for April 2000. All CMS and Corrective Measure Implementation (CMI) work will be performed pursuant to a subsequent order or permit.

Following approval of the RFI report, a site-wide CMS Work Plan, with a schedule, will be required of BSC. The scope of this Work Plan will be partly determined by the results of the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments.

A current schedule for implementation of a corrective action program at the facility, including CMI, follows. Due to delays caused by several problems outlined above, the proposed schedule has been extended. All subsequent target dates have been extended accordingly. Completion of the outputs is dependent on 1) the nature and extent of contamination found on - and off-site (and thus the complexity of remedial measures required); and 2) the timeliness in which the planning and implementation of Work plans and reports are submitted by the facility and approved by EPA and DEC. The scheduled project milestones relate to complete on- and off-site investigation and remediation.

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ (Not available)

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ (Not available)

**BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
RFI Work Plan Approval	EPA/DEC	Jan 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RFI Completion	Permittee	Dec 1997	Mar 1999
RFI Report Approved <sup>1</sup>	EPA/DEC	Jun 1998	Apr 2000
<b>CMS/CMI</b>			
Issue CMS/CMI Order	DEC/EPA	N/A	July 2000
CMS Work Plan Approval <sup>2</sup>	DEC/EPA	Nov 1998	Oct 2000
CMS Completion <sup>2</sup>	Permittee	Jul 1999	June 2001
Remedy Selection	DEC/EPA	Oct 1999	Oct 2001
CMI Work Plan Approval <sup>2</sup>	DEC/EPA	Aug 2000	Aug 2002
Start-up of CMI <sup>2</sup>	Permittee	Dec 2000	Dec 2002

<sup>1</sup> RFI to include human health and ecological risk assessments.

<sup>2</sup> These outputs will be implemented under a new Order or Permit. Target dates dependent upon facility owner/operator agreement to complete these stages of site corrective action program.

**RIVER ROAD (INS EQUIPMENT)**

Site # 136

**Site Program: N.Y. Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation  
Summary Prepared by: DEC**

Site Description

The River Road site occupies approximately 23 acres in the Town of Tonawanda. The site is adjacent to the Niagara River.

The River Road site was utilized for waste disposal from the early 1920s through the late 1970s. Disposed on site were steel and coke industry wastes, consisting of foundry sand, coke sludges, oils, solvents and slags.

The overburden at this site consists of 15 to 20 feet of fill over glaciolacustrine deposits and till. The overburden is underlain by Onondaga Limestone. The two overburden aquifers on site flow west towards the Niagara River.

Site Investigation

The River Road site is a DEC-lead site. Negotiations with the six Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) for an RI/FS were not successful, causing a delay in targeted remedial action dates. The PRPs did not agree to conduct an RI/FS; therefore, the State undertook the task under State Superfund. The RI/FS was completed in January 1994 and the record of decision (ROD) was signed in March 1994. The River Road site was combined with the adjacent Niagara Mohawk-Cherry Farm site for joint remediation (see following site description). Some PRPs agreed to remediate the site and signed an order of consent in September 1994. The remedial design was completed in February 1996, and calls for the following remedial actions:

- Capping the site with clean soil;
- Pulling back, grading, and stabilizing the shore line;
- Removing some river sediments; and
- Installing groundwater collection trench and recovery wells.

Remedial Actions have been completed, except sediment removal, due to an increase in the quantity of sediment to be removed. Sediment removal began in July 1998 and should be complete by November 1998. Final capping of the sediment disposal area is likely to be completed by June 1999.

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

State	\$ 546,000
PRP	\$ 10,200,000

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

State	\$ *
PRP	\$ *

**RIVER ROAD (INS EQUIPMENT)**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
RI/FS	DEC	Jun 1991	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Record of Decision	DEC	Sep 1991	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design	PRPs	Sep 1992	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action Completion	PRPs	Oct 1997	June 1999

\* RA nearly complete, so costs are shown above. Costs include Niagara Mohawk Cherry Farm site.

## NIAGARA MOHAWK -- CHERRY FARM

### **Site Program: N.Y.S. Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation Summary Prepared by: DEC**

#### Site Description

The Cherry Farm Site is an inactive landfill located between River Road and the Niagara River in the Town of Tonawanda, New York. The site encompasses approximately 56 acres, 80% of which is covered by various fill materials. The fill material consists primarily of foundry sand, slag, and cinders. The surface of the fill is between 10 to 20 feet above the original surrounding land surface. The present topography of the filled area is essentially flat.

The fill area is surrounded by intermittent surface water. A wetland designated as BW-6 by DEC is present on the eastern portion of the Site. This wetland drains into the drainage ditches which flow along the southern and northern boundaries of the property and ultimately discharge to the Niagara River, which forms the western side of the Site.

There are widespread contraventions of ground water and surface water standards at the site. Organic contaminants such as vinyl chloride, phenols, naphthalene, trichloroethane, benzene, and xylene are present at levels which exceed ambient water quality standards and guidance values for ground water. Metals exceeded surface and ground water standards in numerous cases. Aquatic sediment guidance values were exceeded for PCBs found in one sediment sample and metals exceeded these levels in several samples.

#### Site Investigation/Remedial Design

A Record of Decision (ROD) for the site was signed by DEC in February 1991. The selected remedy included covering the site with an impermeable cap, along with ground water containment, collection, treatment, and disposal. After additional field investigations and discussions with the PRPs, the ROD was amended on October 7, 1993. The differences between the remedies include 1) the cover design will include a permeable soil cover; 2) collected ground water will not be discharged into the Niagara River, but will be pretreated and discharged to a local water treatment plant; and 3) fencing will not be installed around the site as part of the remedy. The revised remedy will allow for development of the site as a park after remedial construction is completed. In addition, the remedial action includes fish and wildlife habitat enhancements through the construction of shoreline wetland embayments along the Niagara River.

A consent order between DEC and the PRPs to complete the design and construction of the remedy was signed in September 1994. The Niagara Mohawk-Cherry Farm site was

combined with the adjacent River Road site for joint remediation. Please see the previous site description for details on the remedial actions that will be carried out and the schedule for completion. Except for removal of river sediments along the site, the remedial work is complete.

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

State                   \$ \*  
 PRP                    \$ \*

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

State                   \$ \*  
 PRP                    \$ \*

**NIAGARA MOHAWK - CHERRY FARM**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
RI/FS	PRPs	NA	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Record of Decision	DEC	NA	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design	PRPs	NA	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action	PRPs	NA	June 1999

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\* RI/FS for Cherry Farm site was completed as part of the River Road RI/FS. Costs are reported in the River Road site description.

**FRONTIER CHEMICAL, PENDLETON**  
Site # 67

**Site Program: N.Y. Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation**  
**Summary Prepared by: DEC**

Site Description

The Frontier Chemical site in the Town of Pendleton occupies about 21 acres adjacent to Bull Creek, approximately 4 1/4 miles inland from the Niagara River.

Approximately 7.5 acres of the site were used for treatment and disposal of hazardous wastes. From about 1958 to 1974, Frontier Chemical used the site for processing, storage and burial of industrial and hazardous wastes. Unknown volumes of solvents, oils, acids, dyes, paint wastes, heavy metal sludges, and other wastes were handled on the site. An on-site lake was used for disposal of metal salt sludges from the neutralization of plating wastes and pickling liquors.

The site consists of various amounts of fill underlain by glaciolacustrine silty clay to a depth 20 to 30 feet. The silty clay is underlain by glacial till and then bedrock, which is believed to be Lockport Dolomite. Shallow groundwater on the site flows radially from the site, very slowly, with some discharge to the on-site lake.

Site Investigation

DEC completed a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) of the site using State Hazardous Waste Remediation Program funds. The Record of Decision (ROD) was finalized in March 1992. The remedial design completed in May 1995 calls for the following: dredging and stabilization of contaminated lake sediments; consolidation of lake sediments and contaminated soils on the process/fill area; collection, treatment, and disposal of contaminated groundwater; capping of the site; physical controls for run-on, run-off and flow from the lake; long term monitoring. A Consent Order requiring a group of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) to implement the selected remedy has been executed.

Remedial Actions

Remedial construction began in June 1995. Quarry Lake was de-watered and contaminated sediments were removed, stabilized, and consolidated into the onsite landfill. Construction of the landfill cap and leachate collection system is complete. The final completion report certification and Operation & Maintenance (O&M) manual were finalized in March 1997.

Long-term O&M has started and includes pump-and-treat of the leachate from the site. The O&M is scheduled to continue for a period of 30 years from 1997. Thorough review of the project will be done every five years during this period to verify that remediation goals are being achieved.

#### Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

State	\$ 1,430,000 (of which \$1,326,000 has been repaid by PRPs)
PRP	\$ 14,000,000

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent for the O&M from now through completion:

State	\$ 50,000
PRP	\$ 1,800,000

#### **FRONTIER CHEMICAL, PENDLETON**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
RI/FS	DEC	Dec 1991	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Record of Decision	DEC	Mar 1992	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design	PRPs	May 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action	PRPs	May 1995	<b>COMPLETED</b>

## FRONTIER CHEMICAL, ROYAL AVENUE

### **Site Program: Superfund Summary Prepared by: EPA and DEC**

#### Site Description

Frontier Chemical Waste Process, Inc. occupies approximately 9 acres, bordered by Royal Avenue on the south and 47th Street on the east, in Niagara Falls, New York. The Niagara River lies within 1 mile south of this site.

The facility treated chemical wastes from 1974 to December 1992 when the facility closed. The Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) at the facility include:

- A treatment and pretreatment system for aqueous waste;
- Synthetic fuel-blending system for waste solvents/oils;
- A solvent recovery system;
- Bulk and drummed material handling, storage, and transfer facilities; and
- A hydrolysis process, tanks, old surface impoundments, an old waste pile, and site trucks.

When operating, the active waste management units treated or stored approximately 25,140 tons of chemical wastes each year. The waste, which came from businesses located in the eastern United States and southeastern Canada, can be classified as RCRA-listed wastes, as well as RCRA-characteristic wastes.

There are two fractured bedrock aquifers present under this site. Groundwater from both aquifers flows generally in a southeasterly direction. Although the flow is toward the Niagara River, it is intersected by the Falls Street Tunnel, south and west of the site boundaries, where the groundwater infiltrates into the tunnel. All of the dry-weather flow from the Tunnel is diverted to the City of Niagara Falls wastewater treatment plant and treated before discharge to the River.

The EPA and DEC added Frontier Chemical, Royal Avenue to the list of sites that contribute a significant amount of contaminants to the Niagara River after extensive groundwater investigation revealed the following chemicals at the site: monochlorotoluene, methylene chloride, chloroform, dichlorobenzene, tetrachloroethylene and other organic contaminants. Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (DNAPL) is present at the southern edge of the facility.

#### Interim Remedial Actions

This facility was formerly regulated under RCRA and 6 NYCRR Part 373-2. The company that operated the facility went bankrupt in 1992. As a result, New York State

issued an Order in December 1992, requiring the owner to begin cleanup of the site by removing all stored waste from the facility. When the company failed to meet the required deadline for waste removal, the State requested that EPA secure the site and begin a Superfund Response Action to remove the wastes.

Three operable units were implemented at the site. Operable unit one (OU1) involved the use of an EPA contractor to provide maintenance to the drums and tanks at the facility. Operable unit two (OU2) dealt with enforcement actions leading to the removal of over 4,000 drums and 6,700 pounds of laboratory chemicals from the site. Operable unit three (OU3) deals with enforcement actions for the removal of all wastes from the 45 tanks on site.

OU2 began in October 1993, after approximately 5 months of negotiations with 430 potentially responsible parties (PRPs). The PRPs hired a cleanup contractor to remove all laboratory chemicals and drums from the site and to send them to multiple disposal facilities. This field work was completed in May 1994, and all wastes were subsequently destroyed at off-site disposal facilities.

OU3 began in July 1994, after approximately 3 months of negotiations with well over 200 PRPs. A consultant hired by the PRPs sampled the tanks and prepared a removal action plan that was approved by EPA. Removal of the tank wastes was completed in March 1995.

#### Schedule for Completion

In March 1994, while the interim remedial actions were being implemented, the Superfund Program assigned the site to be evaluated for possible inclusion in the National Priorities List (NPL), which identifies sites requiring remedial action under Superfund. EPA has ruled not to include this site on the NPL. The DEC has initiated PRP search efforts to be followed by negotiations of an RI/FS Order to address soil and groundwater contamination.

On April 6, 1994 the State of New York issued an Order which formally revoked the operating Permit for the facility and revoked all authority to operate a hazardous waste management facility at the Royal Avenue site. In March 1995, the site was listed on the NYS Registry of Hazardous Waste sites as Class 2 (significant threat to the public health or the environment, action required).

#### Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site (EPA Emergency Removal Action):

Federal	\$ 1,100,000
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State           \$ 50,000  
 PRP            \$ 3,600,000

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

Federal       \$ (Not available)  
 State         \$ (Not available)  
 PRP         \$ (Not available)

**FRONTIER CHEMICAL, ROYAL AVENUE**

Output	Responsible Party	Target Date
RFI Work plan Approval (groundwater investigation)	DEC	<b>COMPLETED</b>
RFI Completion (groundwater investigation)	Permittee	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Investigation	Schedules dependent on establishment of PRP group and subsequent RI/FS Order negotiations.	
Feasibility Study		
Remedial Design		
Remedial Action		

**OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL -- DUREZ DIVISION, NORTH TONAWANDA**

Site # 24 - 37

**Site Program: N.Y. Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation  
Summary Prepared by: DEC**

Site Description

The Occidental Chemical Corporation (OCC) Durez site occupies about 40 acres in the city of North Tonawanda. The site is located about 1 1/4 miles east of the Niagara River.

The Durez plant has been in operation since 1926, producing various plastic formulations. Chemicals deposited on site include: chlorinated benzenes, phenol, chlorinated phenols, chlorotoluene, and other organic compounds. During 1995, the plant ceased manufacturing and was shut down. Operation of remedial systems at the plant continue.

Two aquifers, one overburden and one bedrock, are present under this site. The overburden aquifer unit is the primary aquifer of concern. The bedrock aquifer, for the most part, is isolated from overlying chemical contamination by a confining clay layer. Prior to remediation, groundwater in the overburden flowed in several directions and was complicated by storm drains and sewers to the north, northwest, and southwest of the site. The regional overburden and bedrock groundwater flow is to the southwest, toward the Niagara River.

Remedial Actions

The Durez site is a DEC-lead site. Remedial activities have been conducted under several consent orders. At this time, all remedial construction activities have been completed. Operation of plant groundwater systems will continue, probably for decades, until no longer needed. Approximately 25,000 cubic yards of contaminated sewer and cove sediments are in controlled storage at OCC's Niagara Plant, awaiting destructive treatment.

The remediations have proceeded in three areas:

- Plant site: An 8450-foot long groundwater interceptor trench has been constructed around the entire plant perimeter to collect contaminated groundwater for treatment at an on-site carbon treatment system.
- Off site: Off-site contaminants in 22,000 linear feet of sewers have been removed and are staged at the OCC Niagara Falls Main Plant pending treatment.
- Pettit Creek Cove: Remediation of the Pettit Creek Cove, a source of contaminated water and sediment to the Niagara River, has been completed under

consent order. The RI/FS for the cove was completed in December 1991. A Record of Decision for the cove was issued in March 1992 to excavate and treat contaminated soil, sediment, and dense non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL), and restore the Cove as a wetland area. The major elements of the Remedial Action plan, including sediment removal at the cove, pumping of DNAPL, and dredging of the Little Niagara River have been completed. A total of 23,500 cubic yards of soil and sediment were removed. The site is both stabilized and isolated.

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent through May 1997 on remediating this site:

State	\$ 510,000
PRP	\$ 32,000,000

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from May 1997 to the completion of final treatment and disposal of remedial wastes:

State	\$ 100,000
PRP	\$ 8,000,000

**OCC -- DUREZ, NORTH TONAWANDA**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
<b>Remedial Construction:</b>			
Plant Site	PRP	Jun 1991	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Sewer Clean-up	PRP	NONE	<b>COMPLETED</b>
<b>Pettit Creek Cove:</b>			
RI/FS	PRP	NONE	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Record of Decision	DEC	NONE	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design	PRP	Sep 1993	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action	PRP	Dec 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>

**GRATWICK RIVERSIDE PARK**

Site # 68

**Site Program: N. Y. Division of Environmental Remediation  
Summary Prepared by: DEC**

Site Description

The Gratwick Riverside Park site occupies about 53 acres in the City of North Tonawanda and borders the Niagara River.

Prior to 1960, the site was used for the disposal of metallurgical slag. During the period 1960 to 1968, the site was operated as a landfill accepting municipal and industrial wastes. It is known that phenolic wastes from Occidental Chemical - Durez were disposed at the Gratwick Park site.

The Gratwick Park site contains about 13 feet of fill underlain by a discontinuous glaciolacustrine unit above glacial till. The till layer acts as an aquitard (or barrier) to downward groundwater flow from the overburden/fill aquifer to the next significant aquifer, in the Camillus Shale bedrock. Each aquifer flows generally to the southwest, towards the Niagara River.

Site Investigation

Gratwick Riverside Park is a DEC-lead site. DEC has completed a Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of the site under State Superfund. A Record of Decision (ROD) selecting a remedy was completed February 1991. In May 1996, after lengthy and difficult negotiations, the PRPs agreed to design and implement the selected remedy. In February 1997, the City of North Tonawanda (one of the PRPs) entered into a Title 3 contract for state funding of its share (approximately 34%) of project construction costs.

Remedial Design (RD) started in early 1996. The design includes:

- Shoreline protection
- Hydraulic barrier between site and river
- Cap over the site to allow it to be used as a park
- Collection of contaminated groundwater

During design, samples of river sediment along the shoreline indicated the presence of relatively low levels of site-related contamination. It was also determined that steps should be taken to improve the habitat value of the shoreline area. To address these issues and the shoreline protection component of the remedy, the design was modified to include covering portions of the river bottom with soil that could support selected vegetation to be planted, and to include features to provide erosion resistance. These

changes are being submitted for approval in a proposed amendment to the ROD released in September 1998. Remedial construction is expected to begin in early 1999.

### Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

State	\$ 1,000,000
PRP	\$ 500,000

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

State	\$ 0
PRP	\$ 10,700,000

Operation and Maintenance costs are estimated at \$1,140,000 for ten years.

### **GRATWICK RIVERSIDE PARK**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
RI/FS	DEC	March 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Record of Decision	DEC	June 1990	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design Completion	PRPs	April 1998	Nov 1998
Remedial Action Completion	PRPs	Dec 1999	April 2000

**MOBIL OIL**

Site # 141

**Site Program: NY Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation/Multimedia Pollution  
Prevention Program**

**Summary Prepared by: EPA/DEC**

Site Description

The Mobil Oil site associated with Niagara River Toxics Management Plan (NRTMP) priority toxic chemicals is a 3-acre area in the southeast portion of an approximately 62-acre Mobil facility in the City of Buffalo. The site is located adjacent to the Buffalo River, about 5 miles upstream of the confluence of the Buffalo and Niagara rivers.

The entire facility was used by Mobil for oil refining from 1951 to 1981. The 3-acre area of concern was used by the City of Buffalo for disposal of municipal wastes before being sold to Mobil in 1951. Mobil used it until 1976 for the disposal of unknown quantities of tetraethyl lead sludge, lubricating sludges, spent catalysts, and other wastes.

The site consists of varying amounts of fill underlain by a sand and gravel unit. Below the sand and gravel unit is a clay layer, followed by glacial till and then the Onondaga Limestone. Groundwater flow across the site is generally to the south toward the Buffalo River.

Site Investigation

From 1982 to 1983, various investigations of the 3-acre site were conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey and by DEC. In 1985, Mobil and DEC signed a Consent Order to perform a Phase II investigation. The Phase II investigation, completed in 1987, included soil sampling, groundwater monitoring, and surface water and sediment sampling from the Buffalo River. The highest concentrations of lead and volatile organic compounds were found in the soil and river sediment. The highest concentrations of semi-volatile base/neutral compounds were found in the soil and groundwater. Liquid petroleum was found in a monitoring well.

In 1988, based on the site investigations, the 3-acre Mobil site was re-classified as Class 3 (does not present a significant threat to the public health or the environment, action may be deferred). Tetraethyl lead has extremely low solubility in water and is not expected to significantly migrate off site through groundwater. However, tetraethyl lead is highly soluble in petroleum products, so that any spill of fuel oils in the area could mobilize it and carry it to the Buffalo River.

### Site Remediation

Around 1971 Mobil Oil began operation of a well point system (WPS) installed along the Buffalo River. The WPS consists of a series of interconnected wells designed to recover groundwater and petroleum product and prevent petroleum seepage to the Buffalo River. The WPS extends approximately 1600 feet along the south-facing side of the site, from the 3-acre disposal area toward Babcock Street. In February 1989, Mobil notified DEC of liquid phase petroleum encountered during the installation of geotechnical borings. This report prompted additional site investigation, and remedial measures were instituted to recover petroleum product. In 1993, six dual-pump recovery wells were activated. Each of the recovery wells is equipped with both groundwater and product recovery pumps. Five of the six recovery wells are presently being operated in conjunction with the WPS. The recovery wells are located outside the 3-acre disposal area, within the south-central portion of the Mobil facility.

In 1994, the entire 62-acre Mobil facility, including the 3-acre area of concern, was selected for inclusion in the DEC Multimedia Pollution Prevention (M<sup>2</sup>P<sup>2</sup>) program based in part on the facility's involvement with multiple divisions within DEC (Division of Air Resources, Division of Hazardous Substance Regulation, Division of Environmental Remediation, Division of Regulatory Affairs, Division of Solid Waste, Division of Water). The goal of the M<sup>2</sup>P<sup>2</sup> program is to provide an integrated approach to the environmental management of the facility. The M<sup>2</sup>P<sup>2</sup> facility team has conducted a multimedia inspection to better coordinate the various facility remediation activities. A Consent Order was signed on May 20, 1997 to undertake further investigation and remediation. The results of the additional site facility investigation are to be submitted to DEC by December 1998.

### Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ (Not available)

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

Federal	\$ (Not available)
State	\$ (Not available)
PRP	\$ (Not available)

**MOBIL OIL**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
Phase I Investigation	DEC	Sept 1983	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Phase II Investigation	PRP	Dec 1986	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Re-classification to Class 3*	DEC	Dec 1988	<b>COMPLETED</b>

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Class 3 means that the site does not present a significant threat to the public health or the environment and that action may be deferred. Further remediation will be coordinated under the M<sup>2</sup>P<sup>2</sup> program, with the schedule to be determined.

**IROQUOIS GAS -- WESTWOOD PHARMACEUTICAL**  
Site Code 9-15-141

**Site Program: N.Y. Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation**  
**Summary Prepared by: DEC**

Site Description

The Iroquois Gas - Westwood Pharmaceutical Hazardous Waste Site is 8.8 acres in size. The site is bounded on the: east by Dart Street, north by Buffalo Structural Steel, west by Scajaquada Creek, and south by residential properties. The site is predominately covered by asphalt or buildings, and is fenced, which precludes direct exposure to the public. The potential for site contaminants to be transported via ground water to Scajaquada Creek exists.

Iroquois Gas Company, predecessor to National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (NFG) used the site from the turn of the century to about 1955 to manufacture gas. After 1955, NFG stored natural gas at the site, with oil storage believed to have continued into the 1960's. In 1972 Westwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc. purchased the site and, the next year, constructed a 100,000 square foot warehouse on the southwest portion of the site.

In the fall of 1985, during building construction, buried tar separator pits and an oil storage tank foundation were encountered, along with fill and soils containing tar-like and oily residues. As a result, construction plans were modified to permit excavation, evaluation and proper disposal of the potentially contaminated soils, materials and liquids. In 1985, Westwood also began an investigation of the site. The investigation indicated the presence of both soil and ground water contamination.

Site Investigation

In 1989 DEC requested that Westwood undertake a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) to assess the nature and extent of contamination at the site. Ultimately, Westwood agreed to undertake the RI/FS, with DEC oversight, under a Partial Consent Decree issued by the Federal Court. The purpose of the RI was to define the nature and extent of any contamination resulting from previous activities at the site. Field work for the RI started in April 1992 and was completed in June 1993.

The results of the RI are as follows:

- The soil at the site is primarily contaminated with PAHs (Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons), BTEX (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylene), lead and cyanide;
- Ground water in the upper aquifer (fill, with maximum depth of up to 32 feet) is contaminated with PAHs and BTEX;

- Substrate below the fill consists of a silty clay layer to a depth of 60 feet, followed by a layer of sand and gravel, and then bedrock. No significant contamination has been found in the sand and gravel layer; the direction of ground water flow is towards Scajaquada Creek.

Based on RI data, the ground water discharge to the creek is estimated to be 7350 gallons per day; the direction of flow of NAPL (liquid, non-water soluble chemicals) is also towards the creek. The estimated amount of NAPL entering the creek is 440 lb/year; the chemicals of concern (BTEX and PAHs) in the NAPL and ground water are estimated to be migrating to the creek at a rate of 261 lb/year; the creek sediments are primarily contaminated with the same contaminants which are present in soil, ground water and NAPL.

In March 1994, the Department signed a Record of Decision which outlined a Remedial Action Plan calling for:

- Construction of a clay cap to isolate the source area contaminants;
- In Situ (in place) bio-treatment of soil and groundwater, if feasible;
- Installation of a vertical sheet piling barrier wall and extraction wells for ground water control and removal of contaminated ground water;
- Treatment of extracted ground water and NAPL before proper disposal;
- Long term Operation & Maintenance.

The Remedial Action Plan also addresses contamination in Scajaquada Creek and includes: excavation of contaminated sediments originating from the site and restoration of the creek channel to background conditions.

Note that DEC found bio-treatment to be infeasible. DEC will review this decision at five-year intervals to determine if any new technologies are feasible.

### Remedial Actions

For remediation purposes, the site has been divided into two operable units: Operable Unit 01 (Main Plant) and Operable Unit 02 (Scajaquada Creek). Westwood is undertaking the remediation of the Main Plant site which includes the pump-and-treat system for groundwater and NAPL and plant site capping. National Fuel Gas is responsible for remediation of Scajaquada Creek.

Remedial construction began in November 1996, with installation of the sheet pile barrier wall. The wall was completed in December 1996. All remedial work on the Main Plant site was completed in 1997. Remediation of Scajaquada Creek commenced in July 1998 and is scheduled for completion in October 1999. Delays in the schedule for the creek remediation resulted from disagreement between DEC and the PRP on design concepts, and technical difficulties relative to ensuring the structural integrity of the elevated

roadway above the creek.

Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent to date on remediating this site:

State	\$ 100,000
PRP	\$ 2,000,000

It is estimated that the following amounts will be spent from now to the completion of remediation:

State	\$ 150,000
PRP	\$ 5,000,000

**IROQUOIS GAS -- WESTWOOD PHARMACEUTICAL PLANT SITE:**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
Record of Decision	DEC	Mar 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design	PRP	May 1997	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action	PRP	Sept 1997	<b>COMPLETED</b>

**CREEK SITE:**

Output	Responsible Party	Previous Target Date	Current Schedule
Record of Decision	DEC	Mar 1994	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Design	PRP	Apr 1996	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Remedial Action	PRP	Dec 1997	Oct 1999

## **BOOTH OIL**

### **Site Program: N.Y. Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation Summary Prepared by: DEC**

#### Site Description

The Booth Oil site is located at 76 Robinson Street in the City of North Tonawanda. The site occupies approximately 2.7 acres on three parcels of land each separated by railroad tracks operated by Consolidated Rail Corporation. The site is located about 500 feet from the Little Niagara River.

Waste oils were refined at the site for more than 50 years, until the phased plant closure in the early 1980's. During processing, frequent spills occurred and oil was periodically discharged to the Little Niagara River via surface water run-off through the Robinson Street storm sewer.

#### Site Investigation

The RI identifies oil saturated soils on site containing PCB, VOCs, Semi-VOCs, and PAHs. An investigation of the River indicated that oil/PCB waste from the Booth Oil site is limited to a small area in the vicinity of the outfall.

Two Records of Decision were issued: the first in March 1992 (Operable Unit OU1, on-site) and the second in March 1993 (Operable Unit OU2, Little Niagara River). The remedy consists of the excavation of contaminated on-site soils, sewer sediments and a limited area of sediment in the Little River with on-site treatment by separation technologies or incineration. Contaminated ground water will also be extracted and treated.

The RI/FS was performed under State Superfund. However, many Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) exist, including the site owners and numerous generators who shipped waste to the site. Negotiations with the PRPs for performance of the RD/RA continues. A PRP proposal for an alternate remedy was accepted in June 1998. The alternate remedy includes all the components of the remedy in the RODs noted above, except excavated material will be disposed off site. A schedule for remediation of the site follows.

#### Remediation Costs

Following are estimated amounts that have been spent through 1997 on remediating this site:

State	\$ 1,100,000
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