

The City of Paterson Retains Excel for Soil and Groundwater Remediation at the Former Paperboard Specialties Site

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On Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at 1:00 PM, the City of Paterson will hold a Press Conference at the Former Paperboard Specialties property located on 3rd Avenue and Route 20 in Paterson, New Jersey, to kick-off the start of building demolition activities at this contaminated Brownfield property. The approximately 2.5-acre Paperboard Specialties property was used since the late 1940's for the manufacturing of various paper products. The City foreclosed upon the property several years ago after it was abandoned by the Paperboard Specialties Inc. which ceased paper manufacturing operations in the early 1990's. Soil and groundwater at the property was contaminated by fuel oil discharges from underground storage tanks located underneath the building foundation and there are other impacts to soil related to the quality of fill used to initially develop the property.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) recently completed a site-wide investigation of soil and groundwater quality at the site that confirmed that the contamination is manageable and has not migrated beyond the property boundaries. The City has designated the property in need of redevelopment and is now moving forward with cleanup of the property utilizing Housing and Urban Development and New Jersey Department of Community Affairs grant funds. The City has retained Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. (Excel) of North Brunswick, New Jersey, experts in Brownfield remediation and redevelopment, to conduct the building demolition and remediation.

Demolition of the abandoned and dilapidated buildings at the site is the first step in the cleanup process because the building slabs must be removed in order to access the underlying soil and groundwater contamination. Best Control Environmental Corporation of North Bergen, New Jersey removed asbestos-containing materials within the building in preparation for demolition. Excel has contracted with Mazzocchi Wrecking of East Hanover, New Jersey, to conduct the building demolition which is expected to take approximately 6 weeks to complete.

Working under a Remedial Action Work Plan and NJDEP oversight, Excel will then proceed with the soil and groundwater remediation, including excavation of any remaining underground storage tanks and excavation and offsite disposal of heating oil-impacted soil that is the source of free phase oil on the shallow groundwater. During soil excavation, the free phase oil will be recovered from the groundwater, the water will be treated onsite, and the oil will be containerized for offsite disposal. Several thousand tons of impacted soil will be excavated and clean backfill will be used to restore the excavated areas.

Following completion of the soil excavation, groundwater remediation, and backfilling activities, the property will be assembled with an adjacent City-owned lot resulting in an approximately 3-acre site ready for commercial or retail redevelopment. Interested developers should contact the City of Paterson.