



Buffalo Environmental Management Commission

Monthly Energy/Efficiency and Sustainability TIP SHEET December 2009

As part of its City Charter-defined mission to advise the Mayor and Common Council on environmental issues affecting the City, the Buffalo Environmental Management Commission submits a monthly "tip sheet" on a timely topic for your information, review and consideration. This month's tip sheet showcases projects that the U.S. EPA has undertaken in the City of Buffalo.

For the past eleven years the USEPA has been assisting the City of Buffalo in remediating and demolishing environmentally impacted properties in the City of Buffalo. This work has been performed at no cost to the City and has been managed primarily by USEPA's Environmental Scientist and On-Scene Coordinator Mr. Kevin M. Matheis. Mr. Matheis is a resident of the City and has managed the following cleanup projects:

- \$4.8 million+ for the cleanup of 20,000 drums of chemicals and demolition of Morgan Chemical, formerly located on Hertel Avenue;
- \$500,000 for the cleanup of 2,000 drums of adhesives from the Morgan Chemical facility located in the former Pierce Arrow building on Elmwood;
- \$3.0 million for the cleanup and demolition of Buffalo Belting and Weaving, formerly located on Chandler Street;
- \$748,000+ for the cleanup of Bandag Tire, formerly located at 202 Walden;
- \$2.0 million for cleanup and demolition at the Bern Metal site on Bender Street;
- \$700,000 for the cleanup of the Universal Metals site on Clinton Street;
- 1.0 Million for the investigation of the Clinton Bender neighborhood;
- \$900,000+ for the cleanup and demolition of the former Sweet Kleen Laundry on Kensington Avenue;
- \$100,000 for technical assistance and beneficial use determination for lime materials located on the 90 Hopkins Street property;
- \$1,577,000+ for the cleanup of Krause Enterprises, located on Isabelle Street;
- \$850,000+ for the cleanup and demo of the former AC Laundry, formerly located at 379 Genesee;
- \$35,000 for removal and disposal of abandoned drums from the Railway Express Building formerly located at 59 Memorial Drive; and,
- \$2.5 Million+ for the cleanup of Vibratech, formerly located at 537 East Delevan.

The U.S. EPA has also provided resources to:

- Assess and provide technical assistance during the remediation of the former Union Ship Canal;
- Remediate a drum reconditioning facility located on Dingens Street;
- Remove drums at a Clinton Street warehouse;
- Remediate an electronics warehouse located on Genesee Street;
- Cleanup of a school and other buildings on Seneca Street;
- Expand the investigation and cleanup of the Hickory Woods neighborhood; and,
- Cleanup and partial demolish the Pohlman Foundary, located at 203 Baitz Street.

The funds spent by the USEPA on the above projects exceed \$18.7 Million, averaging approximately \$1.7 Million per year, for the City of Buffalo. This figure does not include EPA funds that were expended by other On-Scene Coordinators who have also managed projects in the City.

If you have any questions regarding the tip sheet please contact Joe Gardella (Interim Chair, BEMC) at gardella@buffalo.edu or Dennis Sutton (BEMC support staff) at dsutton@city-buffalo.com. We look forward to any input on the monthly tip sheet.

BEMC members are willing to attend any meetings to promote implementation of these programs in the City of Buffalo. BEMC meets monthly, on the third Wednesday, 8:00 AM, 920 City Hall. The web site address for the BEMC is: http://www.ci.buffalo.ny.us/Home/CityServices/Environmental_Management_Commission.