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CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in coordination with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), has begun its cleanup work at the Genesee Valley Metal Finishing. EPA is first addressing waste that appears to have been tracked or leaked onto the facility parking area. EPA will also repair structural damage at the facility to ensure the safety of cleanup workers. EPA will dispose of hazardous substances found inside the facility and will evaluate the electroplating and waste treatment systems to determine how to properly cleanup the site. EPA expects cleanup activities to last approximately four months.

SITE BACKGROUND

The Genesee Valley Metal Finishing site, located at 244 Verona Street in the city of Rochester, is a former metal electroplating facility that had been in operation for more than 25 years. The site is bordered by commercial properties to the north, a parking lot to the east, Brown Square Park to the south, and residential properties, including a school, to the west. The facility plated metal items

primarily with zinc, nickel, and chrome finishes. In recent years, the company experienced declining business and as a result, facility upkeep and proper waste storage and disposal practices were not followed. Ultimately, the company was not able to properly address contamination at the site and in June 2019, the property was purchased at a tax auction by a new owner.

EPA is taking actions to ensure that the site is properly cleaned up after NYSDEC requested EPA's assistance to evaluate the site for an emergency removal action under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), which is the Superfund law. EPA assessed the property in January and cleanup activities began in February.



In May 2017, EPA established a task force to restore the Superfund program to its rightful place at the center of the Agency's core mission to protect health and the environment.

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