



NEW YORK ORDNANCE WORKS

FACT SHEET

DECEMBER 2007

DESCRIPTION.....

In 1941 the U.S. government acquired 6,795 acres associated with the former New York Ordnance Works (NYOW) located in Lysander Township, Onondaga County, New York. The site is approximately 15 miles northwest of the City of Syracuse, New York and east of Baldwinsville, New York. NYOW was purchased for the manufacturing of the explosive Ammonium Picrate (Explosive D). The NYOW was established with six areas: Ammonium Picrate production area, magazine storage area, the landfill, a small target range for security personnel, acid plant area, and remaining lands. A total of 25,735,400 pounds of Ammonium Picrate (Explosive D) was manufactured at the Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) between January 1943 and March 1944. No ordnance was produced or stored at the facility. The NYOW was declared a surplus property on September 5, 1944. Since the 1960s, the FUDS property has been redeveloped into a light industrial and residential area.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.....

The New York Ordnance Works site is located in New York's 25th district.

AUTHORIZATION.....

The New York Ordnance Works site is being investigated under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites. The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 authorized that program.

STATUS.....

The Corps has performed a site investigation (SI) of the former New York Ordnance Works site. A desktop SI was conducted due to extensive redevelopment of the FUDS; therefore no analytical samples were collected as part of this SI. Field activities included a qualitative site reconnaissance performed using visual observations. The Site Specific Work Plan for NYOW has been developed and a Technical Project Planning (TPP) meeting was held with interested stakeholders. A TPP Memorandum was issued and accepted by meeting attendees. The TPP Memorandum addresses issues discussed by the stakeholders and the findings in the Memorandum were used as the bases for finalizing the Site Specific Work Plan. Fieldwork has been completed and the draft SI report has been developed. A no DoD Action Indicated (NDAI) is recommended for the site.

Future Planned Activities:

- Conduct final TPP meeting and present SI findings
- Finalize SI report

PROJECT COST.....

Estimated Federal Cost	\$195,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$0
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Total	\$195,000

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