Former Racine Steel Castings – South Lot Site Remediation 1425 North Memorial Drive Racine, WI







Site Description and Background

- 10.7 acre property
- Developed with two buildings
- Historically used as a steel foundry
- Most recently utilized for storage and salvage operations
- The City of Racine Redevelopment Authority acquired the property in 2013







Poor Management of Hazardous Substances

- Alleged dumping of waste sludge containing heavy metals, oils, paints, and foundry sand down storm sewers
- Documented spills including mineral oil, hydraulic oil, petroleum, and styrene (an industrial chemical)
- Smashing of chemical containing drums with chemicals spilling onto the ground
- Storage of PCB-containing transformers
- Discharging 1,500 gallons of core oil to the Root River via storm sewers





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RSC – South Lot Site Investigation

- Objectives:
 - 1. Remove underground storage tanks (USTs)
 - 2. Investigate soil and groundwater quality
 - 3. Perform asbestos inspection





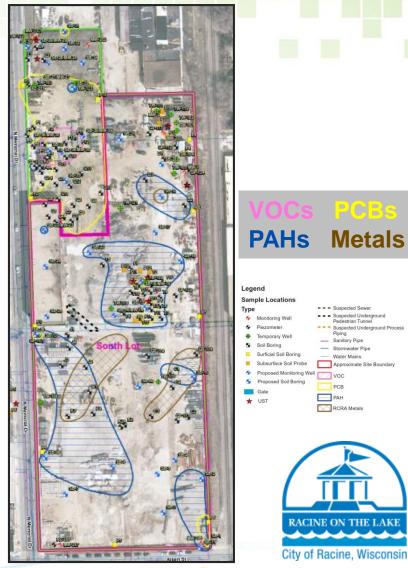




RSC – South Lot Site Investigation Results

- Removed 6 USTs
- Direct Contact Soil Impacts
 - Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) up to 146 ppm
 - Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)
 - Lead and arsenic
- Groundwater Impacts
 - PCBs
 - PAHs
 - Arsenic and lead

Asbestos in building and garage





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RSC – South Lot Remedial Options

Remedial Option	Cost	Time	Pros	Cons
 In-Situ Soil Stabilization (ISS) of PCBs above direct contact Direct contact barrier across site Monitored natural attenuation (MNA) of groundwater Asbestos abatement 	\$1.8 million	Months	No hauling or disposal required, PCBs are solidified	All contamination remains onsite
 Excavation and offsite disposal of PCBs above direct contact Direct contact barrier across site MNA of groundwater Asbestos abatement 	\$1.7 million	Weeks	All PCBs above regulatory limits removed	Hauling and disposal required
 Direct contact barrier across site MNA of groundwater Asbestos abatement 	\$1.6 million	Weeks	No hauling or disposal required	All contaminants remain onsite, PCBs are addressed only with barrier



Estimated Cost of RSC – South Lot Remediation

Activity	Subtotal
Excavation and Offsite Disposal of PCB-Impacted Soil to 4 feet below ground surface (~860 tons)	\$ 129,000
Concrete Removal (~250,000 ft ²), Clay Cap Installation (~21,400 yd ³), and Gravel (~192,500 ft ³)	\$ 1,268,500
Groundwater Monitored Natural Attenuation (~15 wells sampled for 8 quarters)	\$ 144,000
Asbestos Abatement of Main Building and Garage	\$ 60,000
Bid Specifications, Permit Acquisition, Construction Oversight, Confirmation Sampling, Construction Documentation Report, and Closure Request	\$ 85,000
South Lot of Property Total	\$ 1,683,500



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RSC – South Lot Future Plans

- Closure through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) with institutional controls
 - Cap maintenance plan for direct contact barrier
 - Industrial land use restriction
 - PAL waivers, as appropriate
- Redevelopment with a new light industrial user
 - 8.8 acres of land
 - Ideally located adjacent to railroad



