Cleanup Action to Begin at State Superfund Site

Action is about to begin that will address the contamination related to the Glenmere Lake Property site ("site") located at Pine Hill Road/Glenmere Av. Extension, Chester, Orange County under New York’s State Superfund Program. Please see the map for the site location.

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." The cleanup activities will be performed by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities
The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The cleanup action for the site includes:

The remedial activities include, but are not necessarily limited to: 1) demolition and off-site disposal of seven lead- and asbestos-containing remnant structures in accordance with applicable laws and regulations; 2) excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 2,000 cubic yards of soil located in the western portion of the site which exceed the unrestricted soil cleanup objectives for lead and arsenic; 3) excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 165 cubic yards of contaminated wetlands soil; 4) excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 160 cubic yards of contaminated lake sediments; 5) site restoration. Work will be coordinated within the temporal periods established for both the Northern Cricket Frog and the Indiana Bat, beginning the week of January 15th, 2018.

Next Steps
After completion of the cleanup activities, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will prepare a Final Engineering Report. The Final Engineering Report will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will keep the public informed throughout the cleanup of the site.

*Operable Unit: An administrative term used to identify a portion of a site that can be addressed by a distinct investigation and/or cleanup approach. An operable unit can receive specific investigation, and a particular remedy may be proposed.
Background
Location: The Glenmere Lake Property is an approximately 9.9-acre site owned by Orange County located in a rural portion of Orange County. It is located at the north end of Glenmere Lake, to the southeast of the intersection of Glenmere Avenue Extension and Pine Hill Road in the Town of Chester.

Site Features: The main site features include the remnants of several buildings located in the western portion of the site including a former barn, former milk-barn, and a former house. There were formerly seven buildings in this area; the foundations are the only remaining portion of three of these; three have deteriorated into piles of rubble; and the remaining one is also severely dilapidated, but still standing. These structures were part of the Glenmere Lake Estates, a former resort and golf course. All of the former buildings have been condemned. There is also a small building, referred to as the pump house, located in the eastern portion of the site. Various debris has been abandoned or dumped at the site as well, primarily in the vicinity of the building remnants on the western portion of the site. Much of the site is wooded, with several small meadow areas present across the central portion of the site.

Current Zoning/Use(s): The site is zoned Agricultural/Residential, is fenced and is currently vacant.

Past Use of the Site: Contamination at the site is the result of past daily operation and activities and the deterioration of the buildings and debris.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: Bedrock is shallow across much of the site (less than 10 feet below grade), except for the area around the pump house, where bedrock is approximately 22 feet below grade. Groundwater is not present in the overburden for much of the site. Groundwater was encountered in the overburden in areas immediately adjacent to Glenmere Lake. It is assumed that groundwater flows south, towards Glenmere Lake. Glenmere Lake serves as the drinking water supply for the Village of Florida and is a Class AA waterbody.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC’s website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=336071

State Superfund Program: New York’s State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information
Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Florida Public Library
4 Cohen Circle
Florida, NY  10921
phone:  845-651-7659

Project documents are also available on the NYSDEC website at:
http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37552.html

Who to Contact
Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

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Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email
Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs available at the following web page:
http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html. It’s quick, it’s free, and it will help keep you better informed.

As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.
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Town of Chester, Orange County
Remedial Action Start
Site No. 366071
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