



# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

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**Site Name:** Ramapo Paint Sludge Site  
**DEC Site #:** 344064 Operable Unit 02 \*  
**Location:** Town of Ramapo, Rockland County, NY

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### Cleanup Action to Begin at Ramapo Paint Sludge Site

Action is about to begin that will address the contamination related to the Ramapo Paint Sludge Site ("site"), Operable Unit 2 (Torne Valley Road Area) located in the Town of Ramapo, Rockland County under New York's State Superfund Program. Please see the map for the site location.

Documents related to the cleanup of this site, including the Remedial Design, can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." The cleanup activities will be performed by Ford Motor Company with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

#### 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:

- A remedial design program;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of visible paint sludge to the extent feasible and to a depth of eight feet below grade where necessary;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of surface soils exceeding restricted-residential soil cleanup objectives (SCOs);
- Excavation and off-site disposal of paint sludge beneath berms in the flood plain of the Torne Brook to the extent feasible;
- Backfill of excavated areas with clean fill;
- Establishment of a two foot site cover which meets restricted-residential SCOs;
- Restoration and re-vegetation of excavated areas; and
- Imposition of an institutional control (environmental easement) and site management plan for long term operation, maintenance and monitoring.

*\*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.

## Next Steps

After completion of the cleanup activities, Ford Motor Company 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.

## Background

**Location:** The Ramapo Paint Sludge Site consists of areas where paint sludge was reportedly disposed of in the Town of Ramapo, Rockland County. The site is divided into three operable units. An operable unit represents a portion of a remedial program for a site that for technical or administrative reasons can be addressed separately to investigate, eliminate or mitigate a release, threat of release, or exposure pathway resulting from the site contamination.

Operable Unit 1 (OU-1) is the North of Ramapo Well Field and consists of a 40-acre area bounded on the east by the Ramapo River and bounded on the west by railroad tracks and Bridge Street. OU-2 is the Torne Valley Road Area and consists of an area to the west of Torne Valley Road and to the east of the Torne Brooke (northern area), and an additional smaller area to the east of Torne Valley Road (southern area). OU-3 is the Camp Hill Road Area and consists of a small area that encroaches on a NYS regulated wetland and is adjacent to a residential development. OU-3 is approximately six miles northeast of OU-1 and OU-2.

**Current Zoning/Use:** The Torne Valley Road Area is vacant and primarily wooded. It is zoned for restricted-residential use.

**Past Uses of the Site:** The North of Ramapo Well Field and Torne Valley Road Area have had several historic uses including rock mining and heavy equipment storage. The Torne Valley Road area was reportedly used as a waste transfer station for the adjacent Ramapo Landfill and may have been reworked during the time that the landfill was in operation.

**Site Geology and Hydrogeology:** OU-2, the Torne Valley Road Area, is adjacent to the Ramapo River and Torne Brook. Bedrock depth varies at the site from between 72 and 100 feet. Bedrock is covered by stratified drift which consists of unconsolidated deposits composed of sand, gravel, silt, and clay. Groundwater is present at approximately 10 feet below ground surface and generally flows south following the Torne Brook and Ramapo River.

**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.

Finkelstein Memorial Library  
24 Chestnut St  
Spring Valley, NY 10977  
phone: (845) 352-5700

NYSDEC Region 3 Office  
Attn: Sarah Shepard  
21 South Putt Corners Rd  
New Paltz, NY 12561  
phone: (845) 256-3154

Village of Hillburn  
Village Hall  
31 Mountain Avenue  
Hillburn, NY 10931  
phone: (845) 357-2036

Town of Ramapo  
Attn: Town Clerk  
237 Route 59  
Suffern, NY 10901  
phone: (845) 357-5100 extension 263

### Who to Contact

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

#### Project Related Questions

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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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