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FORMER  
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JUNKYARD  
SITE**

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# FACT SHEET

FORMER BOUCHARD JUNKYARD SITE

May 2008  
Site No. 4-11-014

TOWN OF NEW LEBANON  
COLUMBIA COUNTY

## Cleanup Begins at the Former Bouchard Junkyard Site

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### Introduction:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is providing this fact sheet to announce that cleanup construction activities at the Former Bouchard Junkyard inactive hazardous waste disposal site will begin soon. The site is located near the intersection of Routes 20 and 22 in the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County. The State is cleaning up this site as part of its ongoing program to investigate and remediate inactive hazardous waste disposal sites throughout New York State.

### Former Bouchard Junkyard Site Information:

The Former Bouchard Junkyard site is the location of a former automobile junkyard operated from before 1959 through February 1969 by Mr. Henri Bouchard. Mr. Edward Weisberg purchased the property from the widow of Mr. Bouchard in February 1969 and continued its use as a junkyard. The junkyard was ordered closed in 1971 for operating without a license. All salvage was removed from the site in the late 1970s.

In July 1998, General Electric (GE) provided NYSDEC with an internal memorandum dated October 10, 1980 suggesting that drums of oil and pyranol (polychlorinated biphenyls or PCBs) had either been disposed or burned at the site. Since the removal of the junk cars, a theater group, automobile repair shop, and engineering company have been tenants in the three buildings on-site, however, prior to GE's notification, much of the property not occupied by buildings was utilized as farmland.

Historic aerial photographs indicate that the junk cars were paced in well-organized rows covering the majority of the site during the operation of the junkyard. The aerial photographs also suggest that the area at the east side of the site, behind the current Theater Barn building was filled some time before 1959. Apparent burn areas at the site can be observed in the aerial photographs. It has been reported that a metal fence was constructed in 1969 at the southern boundary of the junkyard on the north side of US Route 20. The automobile repair shop operated at the site is located in the building that formerly served as the junkyard building. The buildings for the theater group and engineering company were constructed in 1989 and 1990, respectively.

**Cleanup Plans:**

Bids for the cleanup contract were opened on February 27, 2008. D. A. Collins Environmental Services of Mechanicville, New York, was the low bidder. It is anticipated that site work will commence during June 2008 and be completed by November 2008.

The cleanup requires the excavation and off-site disposal of 54,000 tons of non-hazardous PCB-contaminated soil and 6,800 tons of hazardous PCB-contaminated soil. The site will be backfilled with clean soil and seeded. Water generated from excavation will be collected and treated prior to discharge.

All construction work will be performed under careful full-time oversight by Dvirka and Bartilucci Consulting Engineers, the engineering consultant hired by NYSDEC. In addition, the contractor's Health and Safety Plan for the work was reviewed to ensure that on-site workers and the nearby community is protected during the construction activities. As part of the Community Air Monitoring Plan, dust levels will be continuously monitored at locations surrounding the site. If dust levels on site reach action levels, work will cease immediately and corrective measures will be implemented before the work will resume.

**For More Information:**

More detailed information on site investigations, the cleanup plan, and construction activities is available for your review at the document repositories listed in the box on the front of this fact sheet. In addition, if you have any questions or concerns, you may call or write the following staff:

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Your support, cooperation, and patience is appreciated as we clean up this property.