



Notice of Availability Record of Decision

South Hill Dump Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Site Number 7-12-009 January 18, 2008

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) working cooperatively with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) announces that a Record of Decision (ROD) is available for the South Hill Dump site. The selected remedy consists of the design, construction and maintenance of a two foot soil cover over the waste. The ROD presents the selected remedy for the site and the rationale for the chosen remedy.

The NYSDEC presented its proposed remedial action plan and received public comments on it at a public meeting on October 4, 2007. DEC accepted comments during a public comment period from September 17, 2007 to October 17, 2007. The comments received and the administrative record for the site were considered in preparing the final ROD. The ROD contains a responsiveness summary which addresses the public comments received.

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Summary of Selected Remedial Action:

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

1. A remedial design program would be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program.
2. A soil cover would be constructed over all fill areas to prevent exposure to contaminated soils and minimize percolation. The soil cover would consist of eighteen (18) inches of clean fill and six inches of topsoil. Vegetation would be established, and runoff control devices would be constructed to reduce erosion.
3. Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement that would require (a) compliance with the approved site management plan; (b) restricting the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by NYSDOH; and (c) the property owner or person implementing the remedy to complete a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls.
4. Development of a site management plan which would include the following institutional and engineering controls: (a) management of the final cover system to maintain the cover and restrict excavation in the cover area; (b) environmental monitoring including groundwater, surface water, and sediment; (c) identification of any use restrictions on the site and (d) provisions for the continued proper operation and maintenance of the components of the remedy.
5. The property owner or the person implementing the remedy would provide a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls, prepared and submitted by a professional engineer or such other expert acceptable to the NYSDEC, until the NYSDEC notifies them in writing that this certification is no longer needed. This submittal would: (a) contain certification that the institutional controls and engineering controls put in place are still in place and are either unchanged from the previous certification or are compliant with NYSDEC-approved modifications; (b) allow the NYSDEC access to the site; and (c) state that nothing has occurred that would impair the ability of the control to protect public health or the environment, or constitute a violation or failure to comply with the site management plan unless otherwise approved by the NYSDEC.