



FACT SHEET

Environmental Restoration Program

Warrensburg Board & Paper Mill Parcel
NYSDEC Site No. E557020
Warrensburg, NY

May 2007

Remedial Investigation Work Plan Availability

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and the Town of Warrensburg, is pleased to announce the availability of the Work Plan for an environmental investigation at the Warrensburg Board & Paper Mill Parcel site located on NYS Route 418 (River Road) in the Town of Warrensburg, Warren County, New York. See the attached map on page 3 (Figure 1) for the location of the site.

The Town of Warrensburg is participating in New York State's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP). NYSDEC is providing this fact sheet to explain highlights of the planned remedial investigation activities and how to get more information. The study to be performed at the Warrensburg Board & Paper Mill Parcel site is called a Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis" (RI/AA). The RI will determine the nature and extent of the contamination at the site and identify any potential threats to public health and the environment. As part of the investigation, various environmental media including soil, groundwater, surface water and sediment will be sampled on and off site. A report on the investigation is expected to be available by May 25, 2007. The "Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis Work Plan" (RI/AA Work Plan) was submitted by the Town of Warrensburg and is available for public review at the document repositories identified in this fact sheet.

Background

The Warrensburg Board & Paper Mill Parcel site, approximately 3.5 acres in size, is located in a rural area in the Town of Warrensburg along the north side of NYS Rte 418 (River Road) on the Schroon River just west of the hydro-electric facility. The site was operated as a paper mill from the late 1800s through 1980 when operations ceased. During 1995 and 1996 the NYSDEC performed an emergency removal action at the site, addressing numerous chemical drums and fuel oil storage tanks. These remedial measures also included the excavation of approximately 1000 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soil. The site has remained vacant after abandonment by the previous property owner in 1980. Subsequently, the historic mill structures were demolished circa 1999. Besides the emergency removal actions taken by the NYSDEC, there has been no other investigations or remedial activities performed at the Warrensburg Board & Paper Mill Parcel site. The Town of Warrensburg has taken temporary ownership of the facility to perform the investigation activities. Site investigation activities are planned to begin in the Spring of 2007.

Goals of the Proposed Remedial Investigation

- 1) Define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, groundwater, surface water, sediments and any other impacted media;
- 2) Identify the source(s) of the contamination;
- 3) Assess the potential impact of the contamination on public health and/or the environment; and
- 4) Provide information to support the development of an Alternatives Analysis to address the contamination, if present.

The investigation will be performed by the Town of Warrensburg with oversight by NYSDEC and the NYSDOH.

The purpose of the planned investigation is to define the nature and extent of contamination at the site. As part of the site investigation and as described in the RI/AA Work Plan, the Town of Warrensburg will complete the following scope:

- Ground Penetrating Radar Survey
- Surface Soil Sampling
- Subsurface Investigation which will include soil borings, test pits, and monitoring wells
- Fish and Wildlife Resources Impact Analysis
- Surface Water and Sediment Sampling in the Schroon River
- Soil Vapor Survey
- Well Survey

Next Steps

An Alternatives Analysis (AA) will be conducted concurrent with the RI and will continue after the RI is complete. The AA will evaluate possible actions to clean up the site. Based on the results of the RI/AA, the NYSDEC will propose a means for cleaning up the site and present a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) to the public. NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the remedial investigation at the Warrensburg Board and Paper Mill Parcel site through mailings and as necessary public meetings. NYSDEC will announce the time, date, and location of any public meetings by mail. The Town of Warrensburg, with guidance and input from the NYSDEC, has developed a Citizen Participation Plan for the Warrensburg Board and Paper Mill Parcel site. This plan describes activities that will occur at different stages of the site investigation and cleanup process, including opportunities for public input. It also includes a glossary of terms and other useful information. The Citizen Participation Plan and other related documents can be reviewed at the repositories listed below.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Document Repository

Local document repositories have been established at the following locations to help the public to review important project documents. These documents currently include the application to participate in the ERP accepted by NYSDEC and the RI Work Plan:

- Town of Warrensburg Town Hall
3797 Main Street
Warrensburg, NY 12885
(518) 623-4561
Hours: Mon – Fri, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
- NYSDEC Region 5 Sub-Office
232 Golf Course Rd, PO Box 220
Warrensburg, NY 12885
(518) 623-1238
Hours: Mon – Fri, 8:30 am – 4:45 pm
- Richards Public Library
36 Elm Street
Warrensburg, NY 12885
(518) 623-3011
Hours: Mon – Sat: 10 am – 1 pm;
Mon – Fri: 2 pm – 5 pm;
Tue & Thur: 7 pm – 9 pm

Environmental Restoration Program: New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) encourages the cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be returned to productive use. These uses include recreation, housing and business.

A **brownfield** is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the ERP, visit:
www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/erp

Who to Contact

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

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If you know someone who would like to be added to the project mailing list, have them contact the NYSDEC project manager above. You do not have to contact the NYSDEC if you have received this fact sheet in the mail as your name will automatically remain on the list. We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

