



EPA TO HOLD PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE HOPEWELL PRECISION SUPERFUND SITE HOPEWELL JUNCTION, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public information session on **Monday, Dec. 14, 2009** to provide a report update on the design phase of the new public water supply system to address ground water contamination at the Hopewell Precision Superfund site in Hopewell Junction, Dutchess County, New York. Upon completion of the remedy, all homes within the proposed Hopewell hook-up area water district will be connected to a new public water supply system. Specifically, at the public information session, EPA will present findings from its recently-completed Source Water Evaluation Report that evaluated three potential sources of water: 1) Little Switzerland wellfield area; 2) Beekman/Legends wellfield area; and 3) Central Dutchess Water Transmission Line. The Source Water Evaluation Report evaluates the daily water usage demand for the Hopewell hook-up area, as well as capacity, current water demand and necessary improvements needed to meet the water demands of the Hopewell hook-up area for each of the three potential sources of water. The Source Water Evaluation Report also evaluates the current water rate structure for each of the three potential sources of water and what the approximate water rate may be for the Hopewell hook-up area under each of the three water source options.

The **public information session on Monday, Dec. 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** will be held at the **Gayhead Elementary School, 15 Entry Road, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533**. Due to wide public interest and a request from the Hopewell community, EPA will also provide a **30-day comment period** on the Source Water Evaluation Report before the Agency makes a final decision on the water source. The **30-day comment period will begin on Dec. 14, 2009, the date of the public information session, and will end on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010**. To learn more about the meeting, you can contact Ms. Cecilia Echols, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, at 212-637-3678 or 1-800-346-5009 or visit our website at www.epa.gov/region2/superfund/npl/hopewell.

EPA is addressing the contamination at the Hopewell Precision Superfund Site in two separate phases. EPA has already begun design work to install water mains and distribution lines that will provide an alternate water supply, which is the subject of the December 14, 2009 public information session. In addition, EPA also recently finalized a cleanup plan that includes restoring the contaminated ground water to drinking water standards by using naturally-occurring microorganisms that break contaminants down, making them harmless. That cleanup plan also entails monitoring of the movement of, and changes in, the contaminated ground-water plume, the installation of additional home ventilation devices, as necessary, to vent vapors from beneath the foundations of impacted homes, thereby preventing vapor entry, as well as periodic monitoring of homes to ensure that they are safeguarded from potential vapors.

The Source Water Evaluation Report, is posted at www.epa.gov/region2/superfund/npl/hopewell, and the Report and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories established for the site at the following locations:

Town of East Fishkill Community Library: 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, New York 11787
(845) 221-9943 Hours: Mon. - Thurs., 10a.m. - 8p.m.; Fri., 10a.m. - 6p.m.; Sat., 10a.m. - 5p.m.

USEPA Region 2: Superfund Records Center, 290 Broadway, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866,
(212) 637-4308 Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9a.m. - 5p.m.

EPA relies on public input to ensure that the selected remedy for each Superfund site meets the needs and concerns of the local community. It is important to note that no final decision will be made on the source of water until EPA has considered all public comments received during the public comment period. **Written comments and questions regarding the Hopewell Precision Superfund site, postmarked no later than Jan. 12, 2010 may be sent to:**

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