



Department of
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FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Ramapo Paint Sludge Site
Operable Unit 1 (OU-1)
Route 17
Ramapo, NY 10901

SITE No. 344064
NYSDEC REGION 3

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Where to Find Information:
Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

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

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

Suffern Free Library
210 Lafayette Ave
Suffern, NY 10901
(845) 357-1237

The ROD also can be reviewed on the
NYSDEC website at:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37552.html>

Who to Contact:
*Comments and questions are always
welcome and should be directed as follows:*

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For more information about New York's
State Superfund Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

Notice of Availability: Record of Decision

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) announces that the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Ramapo Paint Sludge Site (OU-1) ("site") located at Route 17, Town of Ramapo, Rockland County is available for public review at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information."

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018 NYSDEC held a public meeting presenting the Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the site. The comments received at this meeting and during the public comment period (February 21, 2018 through April 25, 2018), along with the administrative record, were considered in preparing the final ROD for the site. The ROD presents the remedy selected to address contamination related to the site and the rationale for the chosen remedy. The ROD also includes a Responsiveness Summary that addresses public comments received about the proposal.

Record of Decision: The following is a summary of the chosen remedy described in the ROD:

- A site cover is in place following the Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) that allows for restricted-residential use of the site, which includes both active and passive recreation. The site cover currently consist of two feet of soil but may consist in the future of structures such as buildings, pavement, and sidewalks comprising the site development.
- Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement for the site which will require periodic certification of institutional and engineering control, allow for restricted-residential use of the site, which also permits active and passive recreation, and requires compliance with the Site Management Plan.
- Development of a Site Management Plan which will require site cover maintenance, management of soils excavated from the site and contingencies for proper management of paint sludge if encountered at the site in the future.

Site Description: The Ramapo Paint Sludge Site consists of areas where paint sludge was reportedly disposed of in the Town of Ramapo, Rockland County. At present, three locations have been identified. These include the North of Ramapo Well Field Area (Operable Unit 1), the Torne Valley Road Area (Operable Unit 2) and the Camp Hill Road Area (Operable Unit 3). The North of Ramapo Well Field and the Torne Valley Road Area are located in an undeveloped area approximately two miles north of the Village of Suffern. The Camp Hill Road Area is located in a suburban area approximately one mile southwest of the intersection of the Palisades Parkway and Route 202.

The North of Ramapo Well Field is undeveloped and is utilized as a well field operated by United Water. Access to the Ramapo Well Field is restricted by a site access gate. The North of Ramapo Well Field and Torne Valley Road Area have had several historic uses including rock mining and heavy equipment storage.

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Summary of the Investigation: Based upon investigations conducted, the primary contaminants of concern were those associated with paint sludge. The paint sludge contains volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), and metals. Three areas of paint sludge disposal were identified in OU-1 as part of the Remedial Investigation for the site. Each of these areas was addressed by the IRM.

The IRM for OU-1 took place between January 2013 and April 2014. The IRM included removal and off-site disposal of soil containing paint sludge at all depths and soil with contaminant levels exceeding restricted-residential soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) from 0 to 2 feet, with backfill as necessary. Approximately 28,000 cubic yards of soil and paint sludge were removed from the site.

Paint sludge and contaminated soil have also been removed from the Torne Valley Road area (OU-2), and restoration of that area is now complete. Remediation of a third disposal area on Camp Hill Road is planned for 2019.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, 344064) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

State Superfund Program Overview: 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>

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www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. 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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