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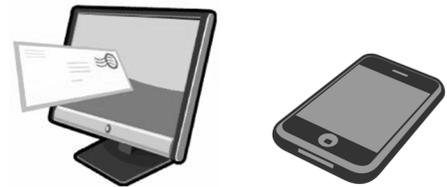
DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

**You must sign up for the DER email listserv:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



### Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- Get site information faster and share it easily;
- Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

**If “paperless” is not an option for you**, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



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**SITE No. 353016**  
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## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/353016/>  
and at these location(s):

### Document Repository Name

Ethel B Crawford Public Library  
479 Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701  
(845) 794-4660

NYSDEC Region 3 Office  
21 South Putt Corners Road  
New Paltz, NY 12561

## Who to Contact

Comments and questions are 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](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html)

## Investigation Has Begun at Sullivan County International Airport

The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Health (DOH) are committed to ensuring the protection of public health and the environment and are actively working with the Sullivan County community to prevent potential exposure to contaminants by testing private drinking water supplies and conducting a thorough investigation of contamination at the Sullivan County International Airport.

Sullivan County has begun a detailed environmental investigation of contamination at the Sullivan County International Airport site ("site") located at 74 County Road 183 A, Swan Lake. Please see the map for the site location.

**Investigation Work Plan:** The investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP)," was submitted to DEC under New York's State Superfund Program. The airport is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required. DEC and the New York State Department of Health (DOH) will oversee the investigation.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/353016/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

**Highlights of the Site Investigation:** The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected for the purposes of developing a cleanup plan to protect public health and the environment.

Past investigations in the area have determined that per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination exists at the site. The PFAS contamination is associated with past use of Aqueous Film Forming Foam during fire training activities on site.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Installing and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Sampling surface water and sediment;
- Installing and sampling groundwater wells to further characterize and monitor the potential for the leaching of soil contamination to groundwater;

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- Geophysical testing on existing bedrock wells to identify any potential water transmitting fractures;
- Continued assessment of private well sampling data and enhanced outreach to property owners who have not responded to prior solicitation efforts by Sullivan County to ensure the protection of drinking water sources.

**Next Steps:** The information collected during the investigation will be summarized in a report. After the site investigation is complete, Sullivan County, with oversight provided by DEC, will conduct a "Feasibility Study." This study uses information developed during the site investigation to develop and evaluate potential ways to clean up contamination related to the site. The information collected during the site investigation may also support the conclusion that no action, or no further action, is needed to address site-related contamination. DEC will then develop a draft cleanup plan, called a "Proposed Remedial Action Plan." This plan describes the remedy preferred by DEC, or, if warranted, a proposal for no action or no further action.

The draft cleanup plan explains the decision that led to the preferred remedy by discussing each alternative and the reasons for choosing or rejecting it. The goal of the plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. DEC will announce the availability of the draft cleanup plan in a future fact sheet and will present it to the public for review and comment during a 30-day comment period and a public meeting.

**Private Well Sampling:** DEC and DOH are overseeing continued off-site water supply sampling efforts being conducted by Sullivan County. To date, 21 properties have been sampled in the area and four showed exceedances above the state's public drinking water standard for PFOA. DOH uses public water supply drinking water standards as guidance when also evaluating sampling data from private wells. The impacted properties were offered an alternate water supply by the County in the form of bottled water. All wells in the defined area of interest (up to ½ mile in the westerly downgradient direction of the airport) were solicited by the County to receive free sampling. DOH and DEC will continue to evaluate collected data to determine if further private well sampling beyond the targeted assessment area is warranted. If you have been solicited to receive sampling but have not yet accepted the offer, please contact the DEC at the number above to schedule an appointment.

**Site Description:** The site consists of the western portion of the Sullivan County International Airport and covers approximately 116 acres. Surrounding properties are used for residential and commercial purposes with areas of open, unoccupied land. The site contains a public use airport with a parking lot, airport terminal, and various support buildings. The runway, which is not part of the site, borders the entire eastern site boundary line. The airport has been in operation since it was built in the 1960s. Fire training activities have occurred since the early 1970s.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 353016) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

**State Superfund Program:** 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.

DEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

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*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.*

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## Stay Informed With DEC Delivers

Sign up to receive site updates by email:

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

## DECInfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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## Sullivan County International Airport - 353016 Swan Lake, NY Site Map



**Legend**

 Site Border



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