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Access project documents through the [DECinfo Locator](#) and at this location:

Village of Hoosick Falls Library
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Hoosick Falls, NY 12090
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Key project documents and project summary also are available on the NYSDEC website at:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html>

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FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

December 2021

Saint-Gobain McCaffrey St.
14 McCaffrey St
Hoosick Falls, NY, 12090
SITE No. 442046 (OU-02)
NYSDEC REGION 4

Notice of Availability: Record of Decision

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has issued the Record of Decision (ROD) for a permanent clean water source to address perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) contamination related to the Saint-Gobain McCaffrey Street site ("site") located at 14 McCaffrey Street, Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County. See the included map for the site location.

As part of the State's commitment to ensuring residents in the Hoosick Falls Water District continue to have access to clean and reliable drinking water, the ROD presents the remedy selected to address contamination related to the McCaffrey Street site and describes why the remedy was chosen. The ROD also includes a Responsiveness Summary that addresses public comments received about the proposal. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$9.7 million. NYSDEC is directing the responsible parties, Honeywell International and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics to implement the remedy under strict NYSDEC oversight.

On May 13, 2021, NYSDEC held a public meeting presenting the Proposed Remedial Action Plan. NYSDEC considered the comments received at this meeting and during the public comment period (April 21 through June 25, 2021), along with the administrative record, in preparing the final ROD for the site.

- The ROD and other project documents are available online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/442046/>
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to find information."

Record of Decision: The following represent the chosen remedy described in the ROD to provide a permanent clean municipal drinking water supply to the village of Hoosick Falls:

- Development of two new groundwater supply wells: Existing test wells located south of Hoosick Falls will be converted to production wells;
- Provide required redundancy by maintaining a minimum of one existing Village well: Redundancy is required in the case of an outage of the primary wells;
- Construction of a water transmission line from the new wells to the Hoosick Falls water treatment plant along public rights of way;
- Continued maintenance and operation of the public water supply treatment plant for removal of naturally occurring elements, disinfection, and distribution to meet applicable water supply requirements; and
- Retain the existing granular activated carbon treatment system to ensure non-detect concentrations of site-related contaminants of concern in the finished drinking water.

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Site Description: The source of the contamination that affected the community's water supply includes 6.41 acre-acre site occupied by an active manufacturing facility constructed in 1961, with additions through 1975. The remainder of the site consists of parking areas and green space (lawn). The northeast corner of the parcel is unimproved woodland.

Topography slopes from the northwest towards the southeast with a steep drop in elevation of approximately 20 feet in the central portions of the site. More site details are available by entering "442046" at:

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

The site is divided into three operable units. An operable unit represents a portion of a site that for technical or administrative reasons can be addressed separately to investigate, eliminate, or mitigate a release, threat of release, or exposure pathway resulting from site contamination.

Operable Unit 1 (OU-01) includes the 6.41-acre site, as well as groundwater contamination directly attributable to on-site disposal of hazardous waste, primarily PFOA.

Operable Unit 2 (OU-02) includes the existing contaminated municipal water supply.

Operable Unit 3 (OU-03) includes off-site contamination related to the atmospheric deposition of site-related contaminants and direct off-site disposal of site-related liquid and/or solid wastes.

The December 2021 ROD pertains **only** to OU-02.

Summary of the Investigation: NYSDEC is overseeing a remedial investigation for OU-01 and OU-03 to define the full nature and extent of contamination resulting from manufacturing activities at the site.

PFOA present in the public drinking water supply (OU-02) is being removed through granular activated carbon filters. To comprehensively address OU-02 contamination, NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) determined that an alternative source study was needed and directed the responsible parties to identify and evaluate water supply options for the village of Hoosick Falls. NYSDEC released the responsible parties' final report in December 2020, describing the study and identifying potential water supply options.

The Municipal Water Supply Study (MWSS) identified potential water supply options. NYSDEC then conducted a screening process of the potential water sources to evaluate the best potential options. The report describes these options in detail.

Next Steps:

Under the existing consent order, the responsible parties, Honeywell International and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics have 60 days to notify NYSDEC whether they will implement the selected remedy under strict NYSDEC oversight. Additional information on the timeline of implementation of the remedy will be provided when available.

State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program 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 before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup. For more information, visit: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

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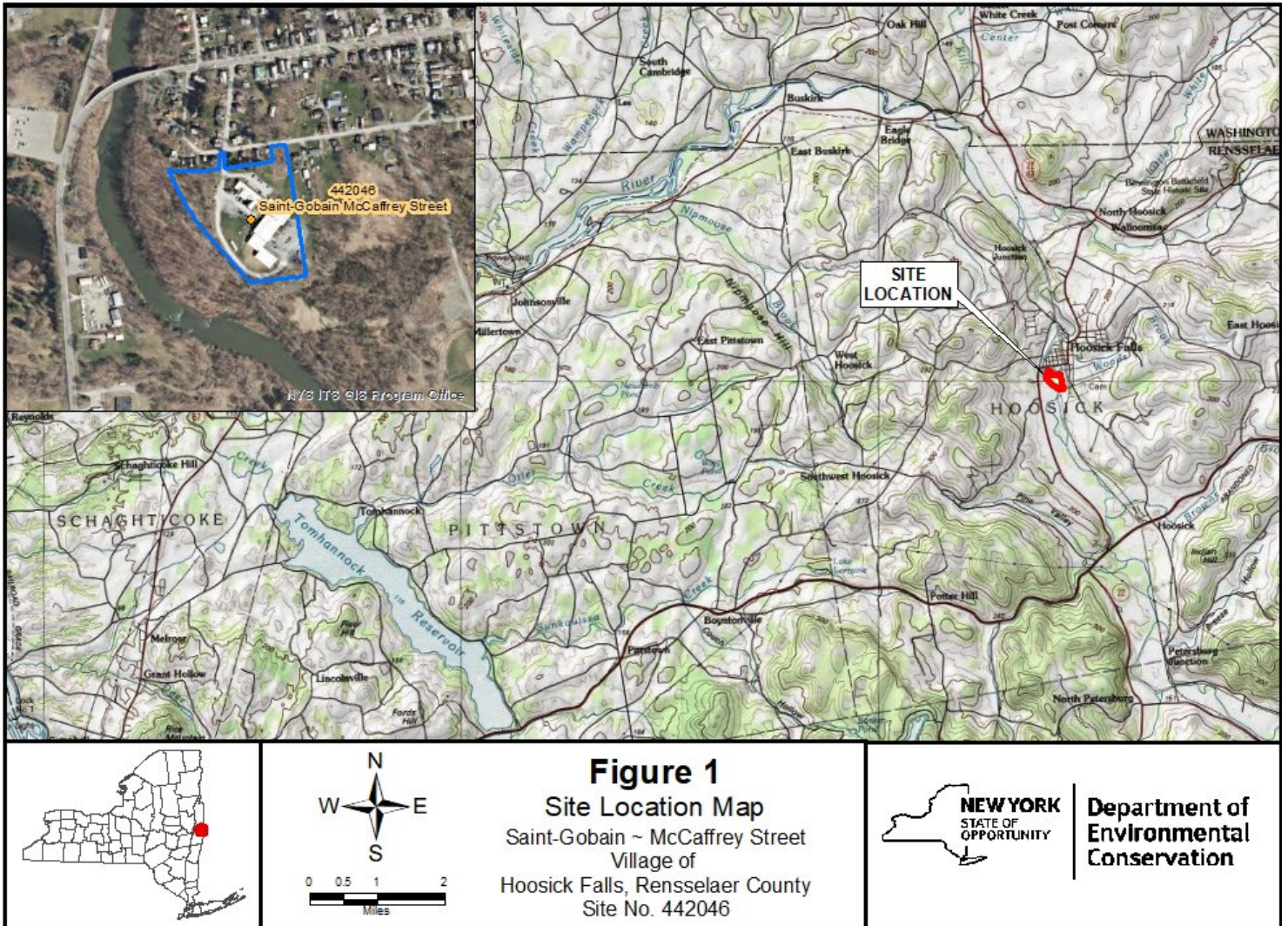
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Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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