



**Public Meeting
Invitation**

**Thursday,
March 24, 1999
7:00 p.m.**

**SUNY Plattsburgh
Hawkins Hall
Room 153C**



Staff from Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will start the session at 7:00 p.m. with a discussion about the sludge bed removal and disposal contract. This will be followed by an open question and answer session. You can meet with staff in small groups or one-to-one to ask questions and raise concerns.

FACT SHEET

Cumberland Bay Sludge Bed - Wilcox Dock Site
Plattsburgh, NY Site No. 5-10-017
NYSDEC, Region 5, Clinton County

March 1999

Cumberland Bay Sludge Bed Removal and Disposal

Site Work Scheduled to Begin in April, 1999

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has received a low bid, in the amount of \$23,157,438, from Severson Environmental Services, Inc. of Niagara Falls, NY, for the Cumberland Bay Sludge Bed Removal and Disposal Contract. The award of Contract is expected during the last week of March 1999. The site work is scheduled to begin in the first week of April 1999.

Discharges of waste including PCBs into the Cumberland Bay of Lake Champlain has resulted in creation of a sludge bed in the northwest corner of the Bay. The site is listed in the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites as a Class "2" site. A Class 2 site poses a significant threat to public health or environment; action is required.

Work under the Contract: Main elements of the upcoming cleanup action include:

- Removal of the sludge bed by hydraulic dredging; excavation of shoreline contamination; operation a temporary de-watering and wastewater treatment facility; off-site disposal of de-watered contaminated material; wetlands restoration, fish monitoring and beach cleanup as needed.
- The contractor's operations will be performed in accordance with a Health and Safety Plan which has been developed for this project. Part of this plan addresses community protection and includes measures such as air and water quality monitoring during the remedial construction.
- NYSDEC has retained Earth Tech., Inc., formerly Rust Environmental and Infrastructure Engineers, to inspect the work throughout the contract time. Rust's on-site team will be supplemented by a full-time NYSDEC inspector. The work is scheduled for completion by early 2001.

Your Opportunities to Be Informed and Involved: NYSDEC will discuss the upcoming Cumberland Bay cleanup work and hold an informal **availability session** on March 24, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. (See sidebar at left) Staff from NYSDEC will address your questions and concerns about the project. You are also encouraged to contact the staff listed below if you have questions or concerns. NYSDEC will keep you informed through the cleanup process.

Document Repositories. Two locations provide access to information about the site.

Plattsburgh Public Library	NYSDEC Region 5 Office
Oak and Brinkerhoff Street	Route 86, Ray Brook, NY
Plattsburgh, NY (518)563-0921	Contact: Daniel Steenberge (518)897-1241

For More Information: Call or write the following staff for more information about:

The Site Cleanup Program:

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(518)457-9285; 1(800)342-9296

Health-Related Concerns:

Richard Fedigan/Nina Knapp
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