



FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

3456 Oneida Street Site

Site No. 6-33-049

Town of New Hartford, Oneida County, NY

February 2010

Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

The public is invited to comment on a remedy proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to address contamination related to the 3456 Oneida Street Site ("site"). The site is located at 3456 Oneida Street in the Village of Chadwicks, Town of New Hartford, Oneida County. See map for site location.

The Proposed Remedy

The remedy proposed for the site includes excavation and off-site disposal at a permitted facility of soil, construction & demolition (C&D) debris and sediments contaminated by Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), Semi-volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs) and metals to allow for residential use of the site with no restrictions. The proposed remedy is described in a draft cleanup plan called a "Proposed Remedial Action Plan" developed under New York's State Superfund Program. The document is available for public review at the NYSDEC Utica Office and New Hartford Public Library identified below under "Where to Find Information". The document also is available on the NYSDEC web site at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37560.html>.

Public Meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2010
7:00 pm

American Legion Post 1000
3454 Oneida Street
Chadwicks, New York

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

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 the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC generally attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed remedy for 30 days, from February 5, 2010 through March 10, 2010. Submit written comments to:

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Summary of the Proposed Remedy

The proposed remedy represents the alternative preferred by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to address site contamination. The draft cleanup plan has several goals:

- identify cleanup levels to be achieved
- summarize other alternatives considered
- explain why NYSDEC and NYSDOH believe the proposed remedy will protect public health and the environment
- provide a detailed description of the proposed remedy.

The proposed remedy was chosen following a detailed investigation of the site and evaluation of alternatives to address contamination, called a “Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study”. The “Proposed Remedial Action Plan” proposes an alternative that calls for the removal and off-site disposal at a permitted facility of soil and C&D debris above residential Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs), and sediment contamination above levels which could impact stream biota. The estimated cost of this alternative is \$ 4,637,000.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a “Record of Decision” that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments. This document will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below).

The project then moves to designing and performing the cleanup action to address the site contamination. NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the cleanup of the site.

Background

The site was 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.

The 3456 Oneida Street Site is located adjacent to the Sauquoit Creek in the Village of Chadwicks, Town of New Hartford, Oneida County, New York. The Site is an irregularly shaped 4.61 acre parcel of vacant commercial property immediately south of the former Willowvale Bleachery which is currently vacant. It is located in a suburban area surrounded by residential, commercial and industrial development. Since 1980, the site was reportedly used for cleaning of industrial machines containing PCB oils as well as unconfirmed discharge of fluids containing PCBs to the ground surface and an Unnamed Tributary. The Site has also been used for C&D debris disposal. Previous work conducted by the NYSDEC’s Division of Fish & Wildlife identified the site as a source of PCB contamination to the adjacent Sauquoit Creek. The section of the Sauquoit Creek near the site presently has an “eat none” fish advisory for brown trout from the NYSDOH due to PCB contamination. An Interim Remedial Measure was completed in December 2007 which removed a source area of PCB contaminated soil from the central portion of the site.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public to stay informed. These documents include the proposed cleanup plan for the site, called the “Proposed Remedial Action Plan”.

New Hartford Public Library
Attn: Reference Department
2 Library Lane
New Hartford, New York 13413
(315) 733-1535
Mon-Wed: 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Thu-Fri: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sat: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sun: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

NYSDEC Utica Office
Attn: Carol Bunn
207 Genesee St
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 793-2554
(By appointment only)
Mon-Fri: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project Related Questions

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Site-Related Health Questions

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If you know someone who would like to be added to the site contact list, have them contact the NYSDEC project manager above. 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.