



## Department of Environmental Conservation

### Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these locations:

Steele Memorial Library  
101 East Church Street  
Elmira, NY 14901  
Hours: Mon to Thurs 9am to 9 pm  
Fri & Sat 9 am to 5 pm  
(607) 733-9173

NYSDEC Central Office  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
625 Broadway, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, New York 12233-7017  
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By Appointment Only

Site-specific documents may be found online through the DECinfo Locator at:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/808013/>

### Who to Contact

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

#### Project-Related Questions

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

# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

Shulman's Salvage Yard  
One Shulman Plaza  
197 E. Washington Ave.  
Elmira, NY 14901

**SITE No. 808013**  
**NYSDEC REGION 8**

**January 2022**

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

#### Virtual Public Meeting, Wednesday 2/2/2022 at 7:00 PM

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

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/onstage/g.php?MTID=ea94971c6d5fd86779e372a33d2b16247>

You must register in advance to attend the meeting.

The public is invited to comment on an amended remedy being proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to address contamination related to the Shulman's Salvage Yard site ("site") located at One Shulman Plaza, 197 E. Washington Ave., Elmira, Chemung County, New York. Please see the map below for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the amended remedy is \$4,170,000.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Amended Record of Decision (AROD) for 30 days, from **January 18<sup>th</sup> through February 17, 2022**.

- Access the Proposed AROD and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/808013/> .
- Documents also are available at the locations identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

The site 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. NYSDEC is proposing the following amended remedy to address these threats:

**Proposed Amended Record of Decision:** The amended remedy proposed for the site includes:

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- Excavation and off-site disposal of PCB-contaminated soils from areas where on-site surface soil exceeds 1 parts-per-million (ppm) and subsurface soil exceeds 25 ppm, and off-site surface and subsurface soil exceeds residential soil cleanup objectives;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of metals contaminated soils from areas where on-site soil exceeds industrial soil cleanup objectives, and off-site surface soil exceeds residential soil cleanup objectives;
- Placement of a site cover will be required to allow for industrial use of the site. The cover will consist either of the structures comprising the site development, such as buildings, pavement, sidewalks, or a soil cover.
- Collection and analysis of end-point soil samples and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importation of clean material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives for use as backfill;
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure industrial use of the site and protection of the remedy.

NYSDEC developed the proposed amended remedy because the responsible parties secured a rezoning of the site from commercial to industrial use and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has approved their PCB cleanup plan.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the proposed remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document, called an Amended Record of Decision, that will explain why the remedy was changed and respond to public comments. A detailed design of the amended remedy will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

**Site Description:** The 7.34-acre site is located in a mixed residential, commercial, and industrial area in the City of Elmira, Chemung County. The property is located along the intersection of Eastern Washington Avenue and Clemens Center Parkway. The site is currently used for the storage and handling of salvage materials and metal recycling operations,

and has been used for metal salvaging operations since the 1970s. A rail-spur on the northern end of the property connects to Norfolk Southern Railroad for shipment of materials by rail. The property includes four permanent buildings along with a weigh station and a scale house trailer. The gated main entrance to the property is locked after business hours, and fencing surrounds much of the property. With the exception of an asphalt surface along the southern portion of the site, the majority of the site is unpaved and used for the storage and handling of salvage materials.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 808013) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern (COCs) at the site include polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) present in site soil; metals including lead, cadmium, arsenic, mercury and copper present in soil, groundwater and catch basin water; and trichloroethylene in groundwater.

**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.

NYSDEC 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>

*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.*

## 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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**Figure 1 Site Location Map Shulman's Salvage Yard  
Elmira, New York**

