



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: Northeast Treaters of New York, LLC
DEC Site #: C420029
Address: 796 Schoharie Turnpike
Athens, NY 12015

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Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to address contamination related to the Northeast Treaters of New York, LLC site ("site") located at 796 Schoharie Turnpike, Athens, Greene County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **June 4, 2015** through **July 21, 2015**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area below.

Draft Remedial Work Plan The cleanup plan is described in the Remedial Work Plan. The proposed remedy consists of: A protective cover, Institutional Controls and a Site Management Plan (SMP).

- The protective cover will be composed of either asphalt, concrete or soil and will be a barrier against exposure to any impacted soil not excavated.
- Institutional Controls are non-engineering controls (i.e. Environmental Easement) used to minimize human exposure potential and to protect the site's integrity after remediation is complete.
- The SMP is a comprehensive document collection that protects human health and the environment through monitoring, continued operation of remedial actions and engineering controls and the maintenance and enforcement of institutional controls.

The proposed remedy was developed by Northeast Treaters of New York, LLC ("applicant(s)") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP).

Summary of the Investigation

Prior use of the wood preservative chromated copper arsenate at the site's wood treatment facility resulted in the contamination of underlying soil by the components of the preservative; chromium and arsenic.

The Site has been studied by NYSDEC, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the former site owner, and Northeast Treaters. Reports regarding the studies conducted at the site were released in 1989, 1993, 1995, and 2014. While soil samples at the site showed contamination above standards, primarily arsenic and chromium, the studies also showed that a substantial thickness of natural, low permeability clay is beneath the gravel fill at the surface and suggest that the contaminants in the soil are relatively immobile due to low permeability and metal adsorption.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary and issue a final Decision Document. New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The draft Remedial Work Plan and Proposed Decision Document are revised as needed to describe the selected remedy, and will be made available to the public. The applicant(s) may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

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

Background

Location: The site is located in a rural area on the north side of the Schoharie Turnpike in the Town of Athens. The property is bounded by agricultural land to the north; a distributor/maintenance garage and wooded land to the east; County Route 28 to the south; and Central Hudson Electric and Gas Company property to the west.

Site Features: The existing facility consists of three main buildings: the Lumber Stacking Building, the Process Building and the Maintenance Building. The Process Building houses four aboveground tanks used to store non-hazardous products used in the pressure treating process.

The Brownfield Site is restricted to the easternmost portion of the property in the location of the Process Building.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The Site is zoned industrial and will continue to be used for the manufacturing of treated wood products after the successful completion of the Brownfield program.

Past Use of the Site: The facility was constructed in 1977 and was originally a saw mill. Atlantic Wood Industries, Inc. began operating as a pressure treating wood manufacturing facility in 1979. The facility traditionally engaged in treating architectural and dimensional lumber with a preservative solution of chromated copper arsenate, which resulted in contamination of underlying soil by the components of the preservative, chromium and arsenic. The facility ceased using chromated copper arsenate preservative in 2003.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: The Site slopes slightly towards the west. Predominant soils in the vicinity of the site consist of dark brown to dark gray clay and silty clay. The bedrock in the vicinity of the site is shale and is estimated to exist at depth ranging from 60 to 100 feet.

The nearest surface water, a tributary to Murderers Creek, is located approximately 1,000 feet to the north of the Site. Murderers Creek, a DEC-regulated waterbody (Class C), is located

approximately 1.6 miles to the north and the site and flows toward Sleepy Hollow Lake.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C420029>

Brownfield Cleanup Program: New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses include recreation, housing, business or other uses.

A brownfield is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the BCP, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

D. R. Evarts Library
Attn: Bonnie Snyder
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Who to Contact

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

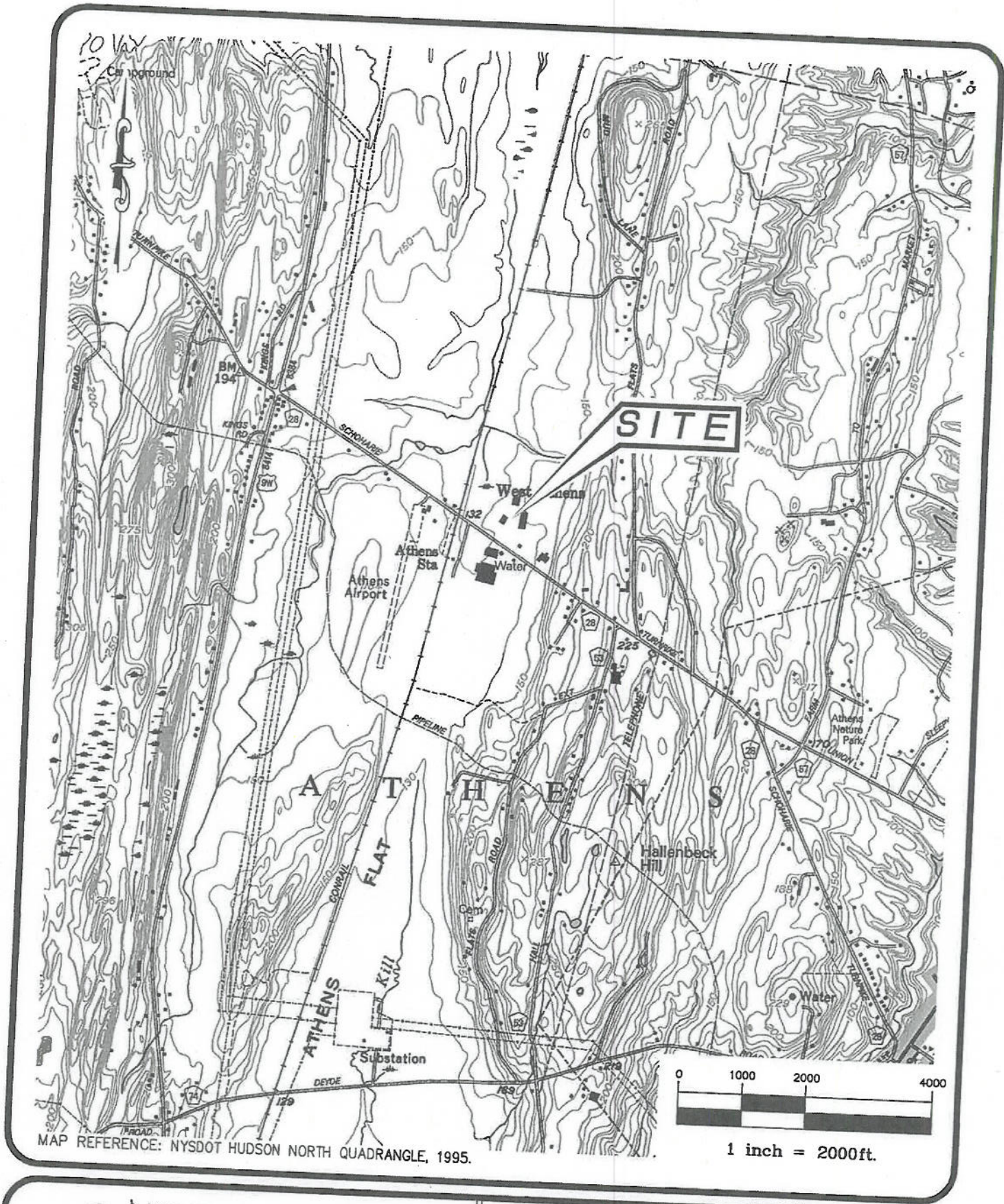
Project Related Questions

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SITE LOCATION MAP
NORTHEAST TREATERS
SCHOHARIE TURNPIKE

TOWN OF ATHENS GREENE CO., N.Y.

PROJ. No.: 2014-08 | DATE: 5/1/15 | SCALE: 1" = 2000' | DWG. NO. 2014-08022 | FIGURE 1