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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator at
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C558043/>

and at these location(s):

Cambridge Public Library*

21 West Main Street
Cambridge, NY 12816
(518) 677-2443

(*Repositories may be temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions. If you cannot access the online repository, please contact the NYSDEC project manager listed below for assistance.)

Who to Contact

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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

CTI Agri-Cycle
308 & 311 Belle Road
Buskirk, NY 12028

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SITE No. C558043
NYSDEC REGION 5

Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the CTI Agri-Cycle site ("site") located at 308 & 311 Belle Road, Buskirk, Washington County. Please see the map for the site location.

Draft Investigation Work Plan: The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," (RIWP) was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by CTI Demonstration Farm, Inc. ("applicant(s)") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the Draft RIWP for 30 days, **through December 17, 2021.**

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C558043/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) 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.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation: The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Previous investigations have detected per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) compounds, specifically perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) in groundwater, surface water, on-site soils, and compost material.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Installing and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Sampling of surface soils throughout the site;
- Collecting surface water samples from an on-site retention pond and stream; and

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- Installing and sampling groundwater wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern on-site.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented. When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a proposed cleanup plan, called a “Draft Remedial Work Plan” will be developed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

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

Site Description: The CTI Agri-Cycle site is a composting facility located in a rural area at 308 and 311 Belle Road in Cambridge, Washington County, just east of the intersection of King Road and Belle Road. The site consists of three adjacent parcels (Tax Map Nos. 280-2-38, 271-3-10 and 271-3-14). Two parcels are located north of Belle Road and west of King Road (northern parcels). The third is located south of King Road and west of Belle Road (southern parcel). The area surrounding the site is a mixture of agricultural land and wooded areas.

The CTI Agri-Cycle site has been historically used for agricultural purposes. Aerial photos dating back to the 1950’s show cultivated fields and woodland on the project area. Starting from at least 1994, the site received residential yard waste and paper sludge from several nearby paper mills. These materials were combined to create compost material for reuse as a topsoil or soil amendment. PFAS compounds have been known to be

used in the paper industry for paper coatings, particularly for grease and water resistance.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C558043) at:

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

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 may include recreation, housing, business or other uses. A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

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

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Sign up to receive site updates by email:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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Site Location Map

