



# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

**Duracell Inc. Site – OU2**  
60 Elm Street  
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

**SITE No. 360011**  
**NYSDEC REGION 3**

**November 2022**

## Interim Remedial Measure Proposed; Public Comment Period Announced

### Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

**Warner Public Library**  
121 North Broadway  
Tarrytown, NY 10591  
(914) 631-7734

**Village of Sleepy Hollow**  
28 Beekman Avenue  
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591  
(914) 366-5100

**NYSDEC – Region 3**  
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New Paltz, NY 12561  
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### Who to Contact

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

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

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is proposing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the former Duracell Inc. site (“site”) located at 60 Elm Street, Sleepy Hollow, Westchester County. Please see the map for the site location. NYSDEC is conducting a public comment period because this Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) is likely to represent a significant part of the cleanup for the site. The expedited cleanup activities are expected to begin in April 2023 and last about three months.

The cleanup activities will be performed by The Gillette Company (Gillette) (“remedial party”) with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **November 2** through **December 2, 2022**.

- Access the Draft IRM Work Plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
- <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/360011/>.
- 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.

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.

**Draft Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) Work Plan:** An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation.

The draft Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) IRM work plan describes the proposed cleanup activities that include:

- Utility mark-out for the entire site prior to start of invasive work activities;
- Installation of SVE well network consisting of eight SVE wells located along the eastern and southern sides of the site to prevent off-site migration of contaminants of concern;
- Installation of a network of vapor monitoring points consisting of eleven vapor monitoring wells located along the eastern and southern sides of the site to monitor effectiveness of the SVE system;

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- Installation of SVE treatment system designed to remove and treat impacted soil vapor from the subsurface prior to discharge to ambient air;
- Excavation and backfilling of approximately 440 feet of trench to accommodate installation of SVE piping from the extraction wells to the treatment system;
- Importation of clean material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives for use as backfill;
- Proper handling, management, sampling, and off-site disposal in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations of excess soil generated during construction activities;
- Restoration of site to pre-construction conditions to the greatest extent practicable; and
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the IRM work plan in consultation with the New York State Department of Health. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” on front page).

Upon completion of the expedited cleanup activities, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

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

**Site Description:** The site is about 1.6 acres in size and is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Elm Street and Andrews Lane. It is bordered on the north by Elm Street and the Village of Sleepy Hollow (Village) Senior Center, to the west by Andrews Lane and Barnhardt Park, and to the south and east by residential properties. The site is currently developed as a paved Village parking lot. The site was previously home to a battery manufacturing facility that operated between 1944 and 1984. As a result of operations at the former battery plant, certain environmental impacts have been identified and are being addressed.

The site was previously subject to a remedial program implemented between 1985 and 1994 consisting of areas on-site and off-site. The previous remedial program is designated Operable Unit (OU) 1. The current remedial program that began in 2010 is designated OU2.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 360011) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs), namely tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), and 1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane (freon-113), which are present site-wide in soil, groundwater, and soil vapor. Soil vapor impacts from CVOCs have also been identified on off-site properties.

**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 and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

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## 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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## Site Location Figure



Former Duracell, Inc. Site  
60 Elm Street, Sleepy Hollow, NY  
NYSDEC Site No. 360011



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