



Department of  
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# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

Former Adirondack Steel  
191 Watervliet-Shaker Road  
Colonie, NY 12189

January 2022

SITE No. 401039  
NYSDEC REGION 4

### Where to Find Information

Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/401039/>

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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)

## Cleanup Action to Begin at State Superfund Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the Former Adirondack Steel site ("site") located at 191 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Town of Colonie, Albany County under New York's State Superfund Program. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by a construction contractor, under procurement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation under the State Superfund Program.

The cleanup will address Operable Unit No. 2 (OU-2), the off-site drainageways and Operable Unit No. 3 (OU-3), the on-site drainageway and adjacent uplands of the Former Adirondack Steel site.

Remedial activities are expected to begin in January 2022, and last approximately 8 months. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$5,948,000. The site is listed as a class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

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**Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities:** The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the remedy are:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contaminated soils, sediments, and fill that exceed one (1) part per million (ppm) within OU-2 and OU-3.
- Collection and analysis of confirmation end-point samples to ensure remedial goals are achieved. Surface water sampling will be conducted to ensure that removal of the waste addresses migration of contaminants to surface water.
- Clean fill will be brought in as needed to replace excavated material and complete the backfilling of the excavations to establish the design grades within OU-2, OU-3 and the off-site areas of OU-3.
- Recording an Environmental Easement to control future land use and to ensure implementation of the Site Management Plan.

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A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during remediation activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-site workers and residents and includes required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

**Next Steps:** After cleanup activities are completed, NYSDEC will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER). The FER will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

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

**Site Description:** The site is located in the Town of Colonie, Albany County, New York at 191 Watervliet-Shaker Road at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Watervliet-Shaker Road. It is the location of an abandoned steel mill. The site currently occupies 4.2 acres of the 38.5-acre former industrial property. The property contains eight dilapidated unoccupied buildings (two of which are located on the site), foundation slabs of the original production buildings, deteriorating access roads and emerging tree growth. There are also two drainageways found on the property. The drainageway to the east, within OU-2, is mainly stagnant and is located between the site and an active rail line owned and operated by Canadian Pacific. The drainageway to the north of the former production area, within OU-3, flows to the east between the site and an industrial landfill. The site itself is zoned "Industrial" and has been acquired by a private party who is actively developing the property surrounding OU-3 into an industrial park. In addition, a composting facility has been constructed on the off-site, western portion of the property.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 401039) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the site are PCBs, which are present in the soil, surface water, and sediment in OU-3 and OU-2. During the investigation groundwater was not found to be impacted by site-related contaminants.

**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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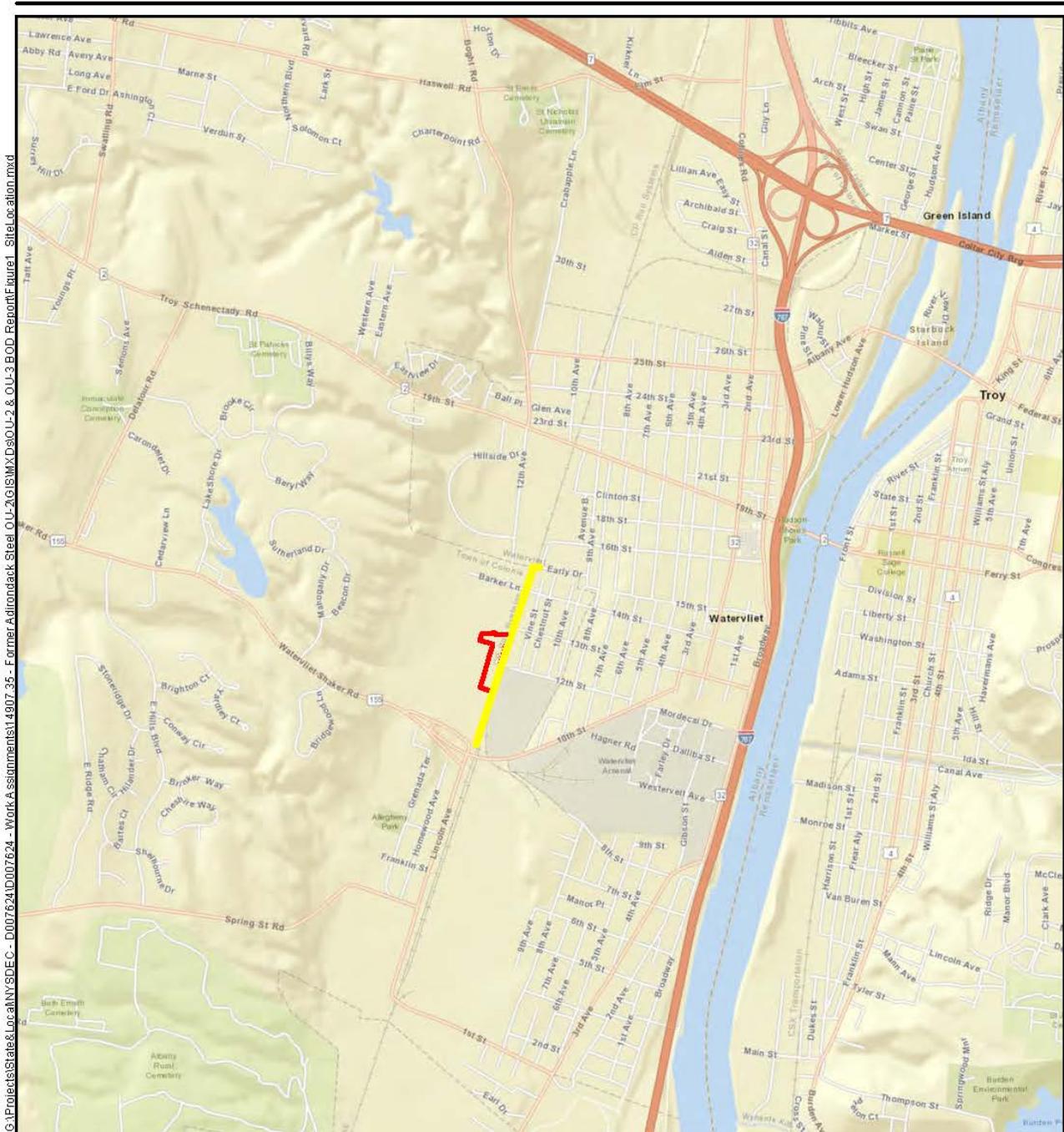
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

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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### Legend

- OU-2 Approximate Boundary
- OU-3 Approximate Boundary

### Figure 1

#### Site Location

Former Adirondack Steel OU-2 and OU-3 Sites (401039)  
Colonie, New York



Map Date: 8/30/2017  
Source: ESRI, 2011

Projection: NAD 1983 State Plane New York East



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