

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 16, 2021: 30-day public comment period begins.

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed to approve a polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) cleanup plan submitted by GEI Consultants on behalf of Shulman Company Inc. (SCI) and New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) for the Shulman's Salvage Yard in Elmira, New York. EPA is approving the plan under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) PCB Cleanup and Disposal Program. The program ensures that sites contaminated with PCBs are cleaned up to reduce risks and that materials contaminated with PCBs are safely managed.

EPA's approval establishes the requirements that SCI and NYSEG must meet to cleanup PCB contamination at Shulman's Salvage Yard. The proposed cleanup calls for excavating soil with PCB concentrations greater than 25 parts per million and disposing it offsite. The companies would maintain a minimum one-foot thick cover system. The cover system prevents unacceptable exposure to PCB concentrations. The proposal also includes institutional controls in the form of an environmental easement/deed restriction identifying allowed site uses. A site management plan for long-term maintenance and monitoring of the cover will be implemented to ensure that the PCBs that remain are contained.

Public Participation

EPA is seeking public review and comment on its proposed approval of the PCB cleanup plan. The public comment period will extend for 30 days, beginning on April 16, 2021. EPA will consider any comments submitted during the comment period before making a final decision. If EPA issues an approval, SCI and NYSEG must subsequently accept the approval in writing, and site cleanup will begin.

Past Activities

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) classified the site as a Class 2 Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal site, meaning it poses a significant threat to the public health or environment and needs to be cleaned up. In 2013, NYSDEC conducted studies into the nature and extent of the contamination at the site. In 2015, NYSDEC selected a cleanup plan issued in a document known as a Record of Decision selecting the remedial alternative for the site. On December 19, 2018, GEI Consultants submitted a Risk-Based Cleanup and Disposal Application on behalf of SCI and NYSEG to EPA for review and approval.

Site Background

The Shulman's Salvage Yard is a 7.34-acre site located at One Shulman Plaza in Elmira, NY, where metal salvaging operations had been conducted since the mid-1970's. Recently, the site was rezoned from commercial to industrial usage.

For more information about EPA's PCB Cleanup and Disposal Program, visit <https://www.epa.gov/pcb>

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