



Department of  
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# FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

OBI, LLC

255 Hollenbeck Street  
Rochester, NY 14621

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SITE No. 828188

NYSDEC REGION 8

## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at this location:

### Lincoln Branch Library

851 Joseph Avenue  
(585) 428-8210

## 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)

## Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

**Public Meeting, 3/02/20 at 6:00 PM**  
**Maplewood Family YMCA, 25 Driving Park Avenue, Rochester**  
**14613**

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

The public is invited to comment on a remedy being proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to address contamination related to the OBI, LLC site ("site") located at 255 Hollenbeck Street, Rochester, Monroe County. Please see the map for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$1,700,000. The remedy will be funded and conducted by OBI, LLC ("remedial party") with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP), for 30 days, from **February 20, 2020** through **March 20, 2020**.

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/828188/>.
- Documents are also available at the location 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 Disposal Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required. NYSDEC has developed the draft cleanup plan to address contamination and ensure the protection of public health and the environment.

**Proposed Remedial Action Plan:** The remedy proposed for the site includes:

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- A remedial design to provide the details needed to implement the remedy;
- A protective cover system to allow for industrial use of the site.
- Pumping contaminated groundwater from below the ground to remove contaminants and contain the contamination within the site boundaries. The groundwater will be processed through an on-site treatment system.
- Enhanced bioremediation in north-central and northwest portions of the site. Compounds are added to the subsurface that speed up the natural biological breakdown of contaminants. The treatment area will be expanded, as necessary, to contain the contamination within the site boundaries.
- Proper closure of an on-site 10,000-gallon underground storage tank that was formerly used to store petroleum products.
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) to provide for the long-term monitoring and management of remaining contamination to prevent any potential public exposure.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to restrict the use of the property to industrial activities and prohibit use of groundwater from the site.

NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site and evaluating the remedial options in the "Feasibility Study" submitted under New York's State Superfund Program by the remedial party.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments. A detailed design of the selected remedy will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

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

**Site Description:** The site is 6.3 acres and has been in industrial use since 1923. There are two buildings on the site. The main building covers 134,000 square feet and is an active manufacturing facility. The second building is 8,000 square feet and is used for storage.

Surrounding properties are either vacant or used for a combination of commercial, industrial, residential, and recreational activities.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 828188) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** NYSDEC has approved a "Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report (RIFS)" that describes the results of the site investigation and evaluates cleanup options to address contamination that has been found.

Investigations were conducted both on-site, and in the neighborhood surrounding the site, to determine how far contamination from the property has spread.

The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs). CVOCs are found in soil underneath the main manufacturing building and in groundwater throughout the site. The highest concentrations are present in the north-central portion of the site. Contamination was not found in the surrounding neighborhood. CVOCs are used in industry to remove grease from parts.

Contaminated groundwater at the site is not used for drinking or other purposes and the site and surrounding neighborhood are served by a public water supply that obtains water from a different source not affected by this contamination.

**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:  
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