



Department of  
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# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

Westchester County Airport  
240 Airport Road  
West Harrison, NY 10604

**SITE No. C360174**  
**NYSDEC REGION 3**

**October 2022**

### Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the  
**DECinfo Locator**

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C360174/> and at these location(s):

#### Westchester County Airport Environmental Department

Main Terminal, Suite 202, 240 Airport  
Rd, West Harrison, NY 10604  
(914) 995-4861

M-F, 8 AM to 4 PM

Website:

<https://airport.westchestergov.com/about-us/environmental-management-system/pfas-program>

### 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 Brownfield Cleanup Program,  
visit:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

## 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 Westchester County Airport site ("site") located at 240 Airport Road, West Harrison, Westchester County. Please see the map for the site location.

**Remedial Investigation Work Plan:** The work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," (RIWP) is currently being reviewed by NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The investigation will be performed by the County of Westchester ("Applicant") 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, from **October 5 through November 4**.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C360174/>.
- 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.

In addition to the sources of information listed above, the Applicant has voluntarily established a website, <https://airport.westchestergov.com/about-us/environmental-management-system/pfas-program> to disseminate information relative to the per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), investigation with monthly updates at the Westchester County Airport. NYSDEC and NYSDOH are not involved with and do not endorse the website or its contents.

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

A Site Characterization (SC) was performed at the airport from 2019 through 2021 under inactive hazardous waste site #360174. In August of 2021, this site entered the BCP and is now tracked under site #C360174. The SC detected metals, semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) from previous petroleum spills, PFAS, specifically perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), from previous firefighting exercises using older Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) that impacted soils, groundwater, surface waters, and sediments on-site, into off-site groundwater and surface water.

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Key components of the investigation include:

- Additional drilling and sampling of soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Collecting additional surface water and sediment samples;
- Installing and sampling groundwater wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern both on-site and off-site;
- Implementing any Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) not completed during the Site Characterization; and
- Implementing a site-specific health and safety plan and a community air monitoring program (CAMP) during these and other ground intrusive activities.

**Next Steps:** When the investigation and IRMs are 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 Action Work Plan" will be developed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy. 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:** Westchester County Airport is located at 240 Airport Road, East of I-684 and Rye Lake (Kensico Reservoir), White Plains, Westchester County. The 693-acre site is owned by Westchester County but operated by AvPorts. The site includes paved runway areas with private hangar structures and an active terminal for public use. Three former Voluntary Cleanup Program Sites (NYSDEC site codes: V00499, V00611 and V00652) and one inactive hazardous waste site (site code 360037) are within the BCP site boundaries. The inactive hazardous waste site #360037 was excluded from the BCP site area.

In 1947, the NY Air National Guard (NYANG) leased the northeast section of the Airport from Westchester County. As part of its operations the NYANG performed aircraft rescue and firefighting training operations on a regular basis. These training activities were performed at a "burn pit" that was located near the NYANG former hanger from approximately 1968 until their departure in 1983. As part of its firefighting

exercises, the NYANG used Class B AFFF which contained concentrations of various PFAS.

The following IRMs are underway:

- Outfall (OF) -07: Approximately 4,400 linear feet of on-site stormwater piping was replaced to attempt to reduce the infiltration of PFAS containing groundwater and subsequently concentrations discharging to Rye Lake. The newly-constructed stormwater system has reduced groundwater intrusion into the stormwater system. Monitoring will continue.
- OF-04: This IRM is in the design stage. Results are pending for a bench-scale study of a passive treatment cell to adsorb PFAS in surface water flows.
- Public waterline expansion along New King Street is also in the design phase to serve off-site properties impacted by site-related contamination.

The IRM workplans are available on DEC Info Locator link provided on page 1.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C360174) at:

<https://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:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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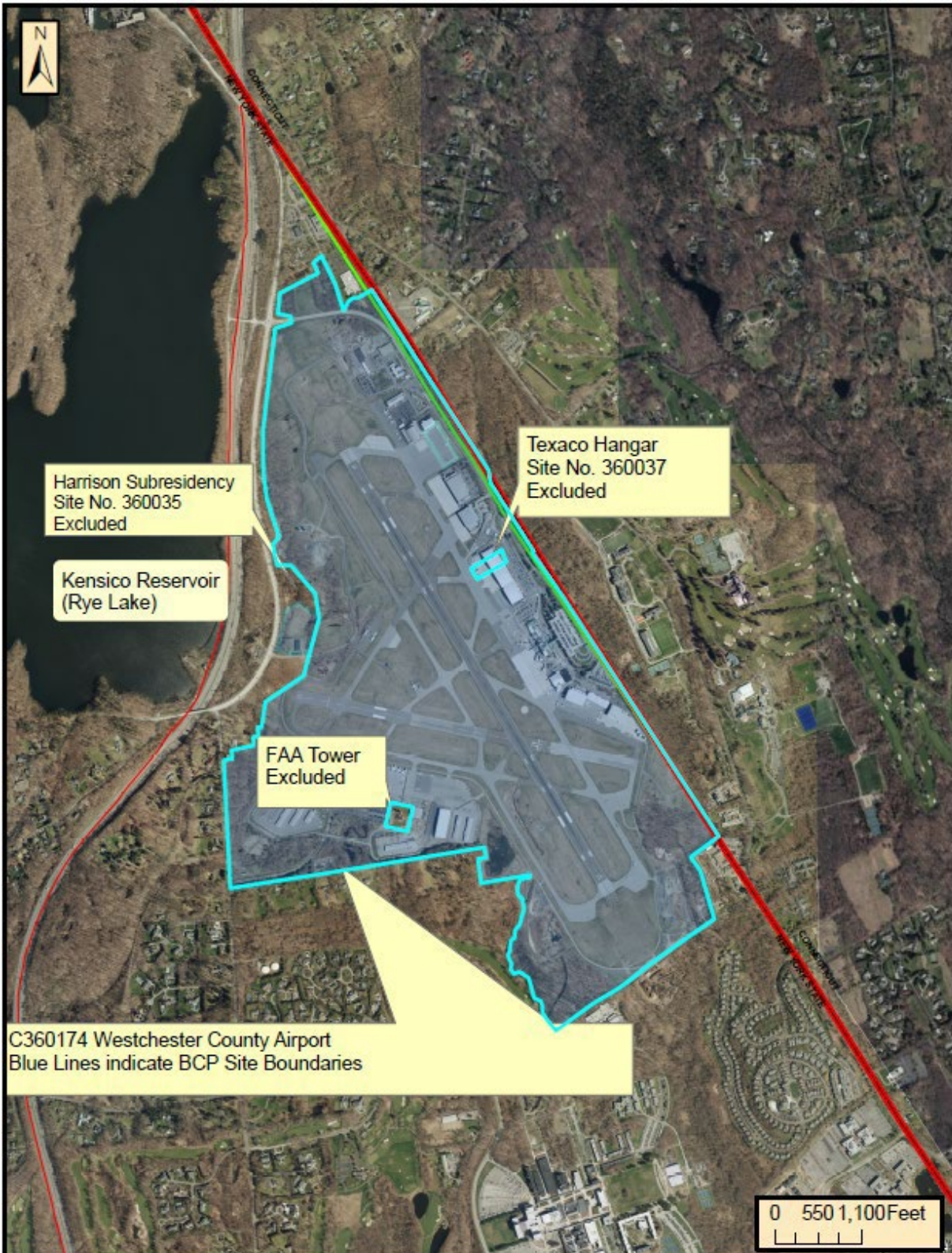
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**DECinfo Locator**

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





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