COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Former Dzus Fastener Company Site Remediation
Willetts Creek and Lake Capri

New York State Superfund Program  425 Union Boulevard West Islip, New York 11795

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is committed to a careful and thorough cleanup of Willetts Creek, Lake Capri, and the surrounding impacted properties while keeping the West Islip Community informed of our actions. Our top priority is ensuring that students, faculty, and all other community members do not come into contact with any site-related contamination. DEC and the New York State Department of Health (DOH) are coordinating closely with the project contractors to facilitate completing this work expeditiously to limit impacts to community stakeholders.

This update includes the latest information on cleanup progress in Willetts Creek and Lake Capri, as well as the status of the Willetts Creek Tidal Area Investigation. We encourage you to sign-up for our LISTSERV to continue receiving updates on these actions and future public information sessions.

WHO TO CONTACT

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

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FOR INFORMATION ON THE DZUS FASTENER SITE REMEDIATION PROGRAM:
http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/14710.html

Questions/Concerns can also be directed to: Dzus@eaest.com

LISTSERV: SIGN-UP TO STAY INFORMED
https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html
Construction Activities and Schedule

Sediment dredging has largely been completed in Willetts Creek and Lake Capri. Remaining work is focusing on restoration and removals within residential properties along the lower reach of Willetts Creek and surrounding Lake Capri. It is currently anticipated that most of this work will be completed in Winter 2020 with minor restoration activities (e.g., plantings) to occur in Spring 2020. The temporary fabric structure and water treatment plant at the high school are currently scheduled to be removed by the end of Spring 2020. Subsequent restoration of the high school parking lot will follow.
What will happen following clean-up of Willetts Creek and Lake Capri?

Following clean-up, the site will enter the Site Management Phase (SM). During SM environmental media will be periodically sampled, planted vegetation will be inspected to ensure successfully establishment, and invasive species management actions will be implemented as necessary. Activities to be conducted will be detailed in a Site Management Plan (SMP) and results from site management activities are summarized in a subsequent report.

Willetts Creek Tidal Area Investigation

Floodplain sampling was completed in early November. As data becomes available, DOH will be contacting property owners to review sampling results. Any questions regarding the property-specific soil samples in regards to potential cleanup activities can be directed to Brianna Scharf at 518-402-9813. Any health related concerns can be directed to Jacquelyn Nealon at 518-402-7860.

The remedial investigation (RI) Report for Operable Unit 5 is expected to be released Spring 2020 and will present all results of the investigation work. A Feasibility Study will be conducted during 2020 to develop and evaluate various alternatives for the cleanup of contamination found during the investigation. Following the Feasibility Study, a Proposed Remedial Action Plan will be developed and public comments on the proposed cleanup will be solicited, including a public meeting held by DEC and NYSDOH to discuss the proposed remedy. The availability of the Feasibility Study, Proposed Remedial Action Plan and Public Meeting date will be announced in a future Community Update.
Community Liaison Plan

DEC developed a Community Liaison Plan as a roadmap to the sources for information regarding the Dzus Superfund Site itself, as well as those project activities that may engender public interest and inquiries.


Project E-mail Address

An e-mail address has been established to address comments, questions, or concerns raised by residents during construction. Inquiries can be sent to Dzus@eaest.com.

Weekly Updates

Due to the majority of work along Everdell Avenue being complete, paper copies of the weekly door hangers will no longer be distributed to each residence adjacent to Willetts Creek and Lake Capri. If you would like to still receive the weekly update via e-mail, please e-mail your request to Dzus@eaest.com.

Air Monitoring

Data from the Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be posted at the following website: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/114710.html.