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## Act Now to Continue Receiving Information About This Site!

DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites electronically by email.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

**You must sign up for the DER email listserv:**

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

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



### Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- Get site information faster and share it easily;
- Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

**If “paperless” is not an option for you**, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



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# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

Saranac Lake Gas Co.  
24 Payeville Lane  
Saranac Lake, NY 12983

**SITE No. 516008**  
**NYSDEC REGION 5**

March 2021

### Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

#### Saranac Lake Free Library

100 Main Street  
Saranac Lake, NY 12983  
(518) 891-4190  
Hours (Walk Up Service Only):  
Tuesday through Friday: 11AM  
to 5:30 PM  
Saturday: 11 AM to 1 PM  
Hours may change due to  
COVID restrictions.

Key project documents and project summary also are available on the NYSDEC website at:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/114312.html>

### Who to Contact

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

#### Project-Related Questions

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#### Project-Related Health Questions

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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 Announced

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the Saranac Lake Gas Company site (“site”) located at 24 Payeville Lane, Saranac Lake, Essex County under New York’s State Superfund Program. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by D.A Collins, under procurement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation using the State Superfund Program.

The cleanup will address Operable Unit No. 1, the former manufactured gas plant. Remedial activities were previously completed to address Operable Unit Nos. 2 and 3, contamination in Brandy Brook and Pontiac Bay, respectively.

Remedial activities are expected to begin in April 2021, and last approximately 8 months. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$5,900,000. 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.

- Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/516008/> .
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under “Where to find information.”

**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:

- Implementation of in-situ (i.e., in-place) solidification of approximately 37,000 cubic yards of soil within 1.37 acres of property.
- Excavation and off-site disposal of soils that exceed the site-specific soil cleanup objectives (“SSSCOs”) outside the property boundary or not deemed suitable for solidification.
- Construction of a soil cover to protect the solidified soil from freeze-thaw conditions and in areas where the upper one foot of exposed surface soil will exceed the applicable restricted commercial use SCOs. Where the soil cover is required, it will be a minimum of one foot of clean soil, meeting the SCOs.
- 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 at 24 Payeville Lane in the Village of Saranac Lake. The site is approximately 4.5 acres in size and is bound by the former Adirondack Scenic Railroad on the east, Brandy Brook and residential properties to the north, residential properties to the west and North Country Community College (NCCC) soccer fields to the south. The site was a former manufactured gas plant that operated from the late 1800s to the 1940s. Currently the site is mostly vacant land, with a metal sided building and concrete foundations from former gas holders.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 516008) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the site are coal-tar and petroleum-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), which are present site-wide in soil and groundwater. Non-aqueous phased liquid (NAPL) both light and dense have been observed in test borings, test pits and monitoring wells throughout the site.

The planned cleanup will be the final phase of cleanup for the site, which is comprised of three Operable Units. Cleanup of Operable Units Nos. 2 and 3 is complete. Those remedial actions have successfully achieved soil cleanup objectives for residential use and Class A Sediment Guidance Values.

**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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## Stay Informed With DEC Delivers

Sign up to receive site updates by email:

[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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Site Location Map

