

EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup at GE Moreau Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its sixth five-year review of the **GE Moreau Superfund Site**, located in the Town of Moreau, Saratoga County, New York. This review seeks to confirm that the cleanup actions continue to be protective of public health and the environment.

From 1958 to 1968, the site was used by General Electric Co. for the disposal of industrial waste. A 30- by 40-foot pit at the site was used to dispose of approx. 450 tons of waste material, including trichloroethylene (TCE), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), spent solvents, oils, sludge, and other misc. waste. The dirt roads at the site were also treated with PCB-contaminated oil as a dust suppressant. The EPA selected a cleanup remedy for the site in July 1987. The major components of the selected cleanup included utilization of a cap over and a soil-bentonite cutoff wall around the former waste disposal area to contain the source of groundwater contamination; monitoring of downgradient wells to ensure that the cutoff wall is containing the source of groundwater contamination and to determine if changes are occurring in the size and direction of the contaminated groundwater plume; utilization of an air stripping system to remove volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from Reardon Brook; removal of PCB-contaminated soil adjacent to the disposal area and placement of these soils within the slurry wall; provision of a public water supply system to approximately 100 residences affected or potentially affected by the contaminated groundwater plume; and institutional controls to restrict the withdrawal of groundwater from the aquifer in the vicinity of the plume until groundwater standards are met. In an October 1994 Explanation of Significant Differences, EPA waived the cleanup standards for groundwater in the plume, based on the technical impracticability of attaining those standards in a reasonable time period.

Cleanup actions at the site were completed in 1990, and maintenance and monitoring are ongoing. A summary of the cleanup activities completed and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the implemented remedy will be included in the five-year review report.

What is an EPA Five-Year Review?

The purpose of five-year reviews is to ensure that implemented remedies at Superfund sites function as intended and continue to be protective of human health and the environment. These regular reviews, which are required by federal law when contaminants remain at a site, include:

- Inspection of the site and cleanup technologies;
- Review of monitoring data, operating data, and maintenance records, and
- Determination if any new relevant regulatory requirements have been established since EPA's original cleanup decision was finalized.

When will EPA's Five-Year Review Report be available?

It is anticipated that the five-year review report will be available at the website noted below by September 2018.

For more information

There are several ways to review information on this site. The Administrative Record, which includes EPA decision documents used for selecting the cleanup plan, is available for public review at the information repositories listed below. Project information is also available online at the website noted below.

Crandall Library, 251 Glen Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801

Moreau Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, 61 Corner of Hudson & 5th Streets, South Glens Falls, NY 12801

Fort Edward Library, 23 East Street, Fort Edward, NY 12801

USEPA Region 2, Superfund Records Center,
290 Broadway, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10007
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For more information visit: www.epa.gov/superfund/ge-moreau