



# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

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**Former Aluminum Louvre Corporation Site**  
**Site Number 130195**  
**Town of Oyster Bay, NY**

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### Investigation to Begin at State Superfund Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will soon begin a detailed environmental study at the Former Aluminum Louvre Corporation site (“site”) located at 161 Bethpage-Sweethollow Road and 301 Winding Road in the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County. See map for site location.

The site is listed as a Class “2” site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

#### Highlights of the Site Investigation

The study to be done at the site is called a “Remedial Investigation,” and will be performed under New York’s State Superfund Program. The investigation work plan is called a “Remedial Investigation Work Plan” and is available for public review at the locations identified below under “Where to Find Information”.

The site investigation has several goals:

- 1) Define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater, soil vapor and any other parts of the environment that may be affected
- 2) Identify the source(s) of the contamination
- 3) Assess the impact of the contamination on public health and the environment
- 4) Provide information to support the development of a proposed remedy to address the 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 the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC generally attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit: [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html)

Previous investigations have found solvents in the soil and groundwater beneath the site. Solvents are used in industry to clean parts and equipment.

To determine the extent of contamination at the site, the Remedial Investigation will include the following activities:

1. Surface and subsurface soil sampling and vapor intrusion sampling
2. Installation of groundwater monitoring wells

3. Collection of groundwater samples from monitoring wells and temporary monitoring points.

The NYSDEC expects the Remedial Investigation to begin in early 2011 and end in early 2012.

### **Next Steps**

The information collected during the investigation will be summarized in a report. After the site investigation has begun, the NYSDEC will conduct a "Feasibility Study." This study uses information developed during the site investigation to develop and evaluate potential ways to clean up contamination related to the site. Another possibility is that the information collected during the site investigation may support the conclusion that no action, or no further action, is needed to address site-related contamination.

NYSDEC then develops a draft cleanup plan, called a "Proposed Remedial Action Plan." This plan describes the remedy preferred by NYSDEC, or a no action or no further action alternative. The draft cleanup plan summarizes the decision that led to the preferred remedy by discussing each alternative and the reasons for choosing or rejecting it. The goal of the plan will be to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the draft cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 30-day comment period and at a public meeting.

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

### **Background**

The site is located at on two adjacent properties in a suburban commercial/industrial area in the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County. The site contains two commercial/industrial buildings and is 3.35 acres in size.

The building on the 161 Bethpage Sweethollow Road property contains three tenants: a paving company, AAA of New York and a general contracting company. A distributor of pottery and flower pots occupies the building on 301 Winding Road. The surrounding properties are used for a combination of commercial and light industrial. The Aluminum Louvre Corporation formerly owned 161 Bethpage Sweethollow Road and simultaneously occupied both lots that comprise the site. Aluminum Louvre manufactured louvres, which involved stamping, cutting, and shaping of metal stock; degreasing parts and painting.

From 1986-1993, Aluminum Louvre generated solvent waste, including tetrachloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE) and 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA). Solvents are generally used in industry to clean parts and equipment. Nassau County records also indicate that Aluminum Louvre used TCE and 1,1,1-TCA from 1983-1994. In 1997, a contaminated drainage structure was remediated under a voluntary cleanup (Site No. V00068). In 2007, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) collected soil and groundwater samples at the site. On-site soil samples contained a maximum TCE concentration of 520 parts-per-million (ppm), exceeding the unrestricted soil cleanup objective of 0.47 ppm. On-site groundwater samples had a maximum TCE level of 3,100 parts-per-billion (ppb), exceeding the New York State groundwater standard of 5 ppb. In 2009, the NYSDEC listed the site on the Registry of Inactive

Hazardous Waste Disposal Site with a classification of “2.” The site is a Class “2” because it is a significant threat to the environment.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following locations to help the public stay informed. These documents include the investigation work plan.

Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library  
999 Old Country Road  
Plainview, New York 11803  
Attn: Janice Weinman  
Hours: M-F 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Sat 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Sun 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Phone: (516) 938-0077

NYSDEC Region 1  
50 Circle Road  
Stony Brook, New York 11790-3409  
Attn: William Fonda  
Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
Phone: (631) 444-0350

### Who to Contact

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

#### Project Related Questions

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Call for an appointment

#### Site-Related Health Questions

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