NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Public Meeting Invitation

Thursday August 25, 1994 7:00 p.m.

Harborfields Library 31 Broadway Greenlawn, NY

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NYSDEC will hold a public informational meeting to discuss the environmental investigation of the Hazeltine Site and receive your questions and comments. Representatives from NYSDEC, New York State Department of Health, and the Suffolk County Department of Health will participate in the meeting to present information and answer your questions.

FACT SHEET

Hazeltine Corp. Site Cuba Hill Road, Greenlawn, NY July 1994

Environmental Investigation at Hazeltine Corp. Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is working cooperatively with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Suffolk County Department of Health and Hazeltine Corp. to conduct an environmental review of the Hazeltine Corp. Site.

The review includes an assessment of the quantity and impact of hazardous waste disposed at the property, as well as an inventory and assessment of air emissions from ongoing manufacturing operations. The facility also is the focus of NYSDEC's "multi media pollution prevention initiative" (M2P2) whose purpose is to work cooperatively with Hazeltine to reduce all of its environmental emissions.

This fact sheet describes NYSDEC's hazardous waste site program at the Hazeltine Corp. Site. Maps of the site are attached.

Citizen Participation

To inform and involve the public in the investigation of the Hazeltine Site, NYSDEC:

- Met with Town of Huntington and Civic Association representatives April 29;
- Sent letter to adjacent property owners discussing the recent change in site's hazardous waste classification;
- Participated with other state and county agencies in public meeting held June 9 by Greenlawn Civic Association to discuss the status of the site and its investigation.

NYSDEC also will hold a public meeting August 25 to discuss the status of the hazardous waste site program and provide an update on the M2P2 effort (see sidebar).

Document Repositories. Two locations provide access to information about the site:

NYSDEC, Building 40 - SUNY	Harborfields Library
Stonybrook, NY 11790-2356	31 Broadway, Greenlawn, NY 11740
(516)444-0249	(516)757-4200
Hours: Mon - Fri 9am - 5 pm	Mon - Th 9am - 9pm; F 10am - 9 pm; Sat 9am - 5pm;
	Sun 1pm - 5pm (closed Sun during July and August)

For More Information. Call or write the following staff for more information:

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Abou	t Health-Related Concerns:
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HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE PROGRAM

Site Background

The Hazeltine Corporation facility is located on Cuba Hill Road in the Town of Greenlawn, Suffolk County (see attached maps). The manufacturing facility is used for the assembly of electronic systems and equipment. It has been in operation since the 1940s. Past processes have included plating and metal working.

In April 1979 a 2500 gallon sludge holding tank was punctured, releasing its contents to the subsurface. The contents of the tank were residues from wastewater treatment and spent plating bath concentrates. The same wastes also were disposed in a recharge basin on the facility grounds between 1958 and July 1978.

Previous Investigations

Under a Consent Order signed with NYSDEC, Hazeltine Corp. conducted field investigations related to the tank spill. The investigations were conducted under the oversight of NYSDEC's Division of Water (DOW). DOW subsequently determined that no remediation of subsoil or groundwater is needed in relation to the holding tank rupture.

More recently, soil samples were taken from immediately under the floor of a building at the facility used for metal finishing. High levels of solvents were detected. Solvents also were detected in an onsite groundwater monitoring well downgradient (direction in which groundwater generally moves) of the site.

Hazardous Waste Remediation Role

Groundwater and soil contamination at the site brought the involvement of NYSDEC's Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation (DHWR). DHWR assigns classifications to sites based upon the type, quantity and location of hazardous waste. DHWR initially had classed Hazeltine as 2a (hazardous waste disposal confirmed--more information on impacts to environment and health needed).

Because of the nature and level of groundwater contamination, DHWR recently reclassified the site from 2a to 2 (significant threat posed to environment/health, action required).

Why Class 2 and What It Means

In changing Hazeltine's classification, DHWR considered several factors:

- high levels of hazardous wastes were found in soil on the site;
- contaminants found in groundwater under the site were above the groundwater standards for those substances;
- municipal drinking water supply wells are located in the area and may become contaminated in the future if the source of contamination is not remediated.

While Class 2 indicates significant contamination and a threat to public health or environment, the threat is not immediate. The designation primarily indicates potential for future impact to the Greenlawn Municipal Water District supply wells.

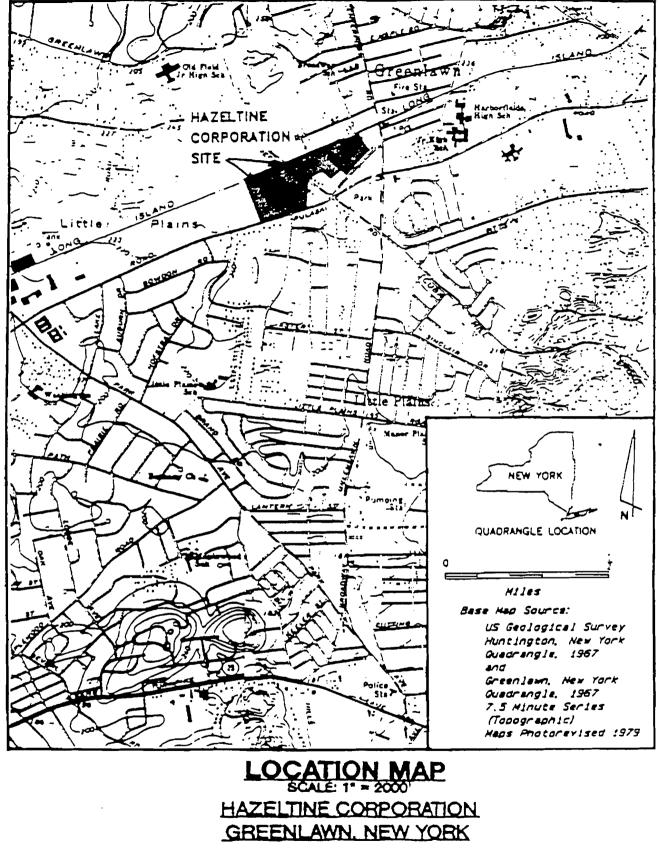
It is important to emphasize again the point NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health made at the June 9 public meeting in Greenlawn. <u>Residents are not being</u> exposed to hazardous waste through their drinking water and all drinking water standards are being met in the <u>Greenlawn Water District</u>. The closest downgradient water district well is 7000 feet from Hazeltine. The purity of the drinking water is ensured because water quality at the municipal wells is tested regularly.

Current Initiatives

On May 31, NYSDEC and Hazeltine split samples obtained from groundwater monitoring wells. The results of this sampling will help to clarify the presence of hazardous waste and help determine the need and extent of additional investigation.

An inventory of air emission points from Hazeltine is being updated. This is an important step to determine any level of risk that may be posed to the community by any air emissions from the plant.

NYSDEC has scheduled a public meeting on August 25. With staff from NYSDOH, it will update the community about the ongoing environmental investigations at Hazeltine. The public is encouraged to attend and to ask questions and offer comments and suggestions about the programs. (See page 1 [opposite side] for more information.)



SOURCE: NYEDOT HUNTINGTON & GREENLAWN QUADRANGLES (1975)

