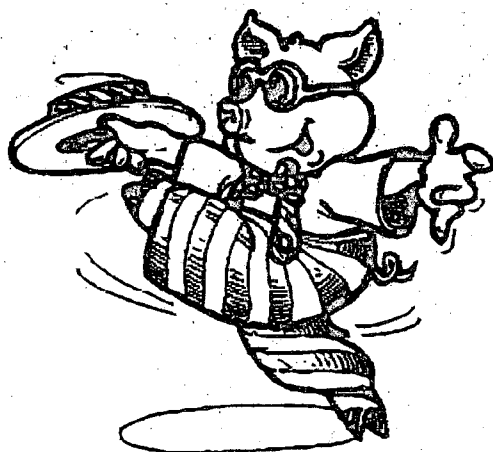


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Public Notice for OUIII RemovalAction. Please let me know what you think.

### Notice of Availability of Public Documents

The U.S. Department of Energy announces the availability of documents relating to the environmental restoration activities at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York. Classified as an inactive hazardous waste site by the N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Laboratory is on the EPA's National Priorities List for Superfund cleanup. The following documents are available at the repositories listed below. There is no public comment period for these documents.

The first document, known as the "Action Memorandum for Operable Unit III Groundwater Removal Action," documents the decision by the U.S. Department of Energy to conduct an interim removal action for groundwater contaminants from a source which is part of Operable Unit III at Brookhaven National Laboratory. The second document is the "Operable Unit III Pre-Design Investigation Report," which documents the basis and procedures used in identifying, developing, and evaluating groundwater remediation alternatives. This document supports the action being addressed in the Action Memorandum.

During Operable Unit III's remedial investigation process, it was found that volatile organic compounds in the groundwater had migrated off-site at levels above drinking water standards. Private well users in the potentially impacted area have been offered hookup to public water to eliminate any future potential exposure to groundwater contamination. *(This paragraph was moved up and the street names have been eliminated to avoid confusion with current hookups.)*

The selected remedial action involves construction of a pump-and-treat system along the Lab's southern boundary to prevent further off-site migration of groundwater contaminants from Operable Unit III. Additional monitoring and well installation are also included in this action. The final cleanup goals for this removal action will be determined during the feasibility study, which is currently underway.

The pumping wells associated with this action will be located to the west of another pumping system constructed for Operable Unit I, which began operating in December 1996. This pump-and-treat system will treat groundwater contaminated with volatile organic compounds. Tritium contamination in groundwater in Operable Unit III is being addressed under a separate removal action.

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