

Department of Environmental Conservation

### Where to Find Information

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

West Islip Public Library 3 Higbie Lane West Islip, NY 11795 (631) 661-7080

Key project documents and project summary also are available on the NYSDEC website at: https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/114710.html

## Who to Contact

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

**Project-Related Questions** 

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For more information about New York's State Superfund Program, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

## FACT SHEET

**State Superfund Program** 

**FEBRUARY 2022** 

Dzus Fastener Co., Inc. 425 Union Blvd West Islip, NY 11795

SITE No. 150233 NYSDEC REGION 1

## No Action Required for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

Virtual Public Meeting, Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Link: <u>https://bit.ly/NYSDECMar22</u> Or join by phone: (443)-342-4948 Conference ID 206 378 863#

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the No Action remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

The public is invited to comment on a No Action remedy being proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) related to Operable Unit 5 (OU5) of the Dzus Fastener Co, Inc. site ("site") located at 425 Union Boulevard, West Islip, Suffolk County. Please see the map for the site location. OU5 includes the tidal area of Willetts Creek downstream of Lake Capri and south of Montauk Highway, including soils in the surrounding floodplain.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 30 days, from February 25 through March 28, 2022.

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <u>https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/152033/</u>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to find information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

The site is currently 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.

Proposed Remedial Action Plan: The remedy proposed for OU5 includes:

• No Action based on the results of an investigation at OU5 and an evaluation that indicates the OU area does not pose a significant threat to human health or the environment. Upstream operable units have been remediated through previous environmental clean-ups.

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NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site submitted in the Remedial Investigation Report.

An operable unit is an administrative term used to identify a portion of a site that for technical or administrative reasons can be addressed separately to investigate, eliminate or mitigate a release, threat of release or exposure pathway resulting from the site contamination. Other OUs associated with the Site include:

- OU1: Soils of former leaching pools at the former Dzus facility that have been stabilized with Portland cement. Cleanup is complete.
- OU2: Sediments in a portion of Willetts Creek adjacent to the Beach Street Middle School footbridge, Lake Capri, and groundwater downgradient of the facility. OU2 was combined into OU3
- OU3 encompasses Willetts Creek from Union Boulevard to downstream of West Islip High School and the associated floodplain. Impacted soil and sediments have been removed and disposed of off-site. Cleanup is complete.
- OU4 encompasses portions of Willetts Creek and floodplain downstream of West Islip High School and also includes Lake Capri and floodplain. Impacted soil and sediments have been removed and disposed of offsite. Cleanup is complete.
- OU6 includes buildings associated with the former facility which were demolished in 2019. Impacted soils from the former facility have been removed and disposed of off-site. Cleanup is complete and the property is being redeveloped for commercial use.

NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy for OU5 after reviewing the detailed investigation conducted in the tidally influenced portion of Willetts Creek and associated floodplain downstream of Montauk Highway.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the No Action remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments. NYSDEC would then reclassify the site in the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites.

**Site Description:** OU5 includes the tidal area of Willetts Creek downstream of Lake Capri and south of Montauk Highway, including soils in the surrounding floodplain. The southern boundary of OU5 is the mouth of Willetts Creek, at the transition to Babylon Cove. OU5 is located within an uncertified shellfish area as designated by NYSDEC along much of Long Island, and shellfish are restricted from being harvested for human consumption.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 152033) at:

http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at OU5 are cadmium and chromium. Soil, surface water, sediment, and biological tissue were sampled as part of the environmental investigation at OU5.

**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 before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

For more information about the SSF, visit: <u>http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html</u>

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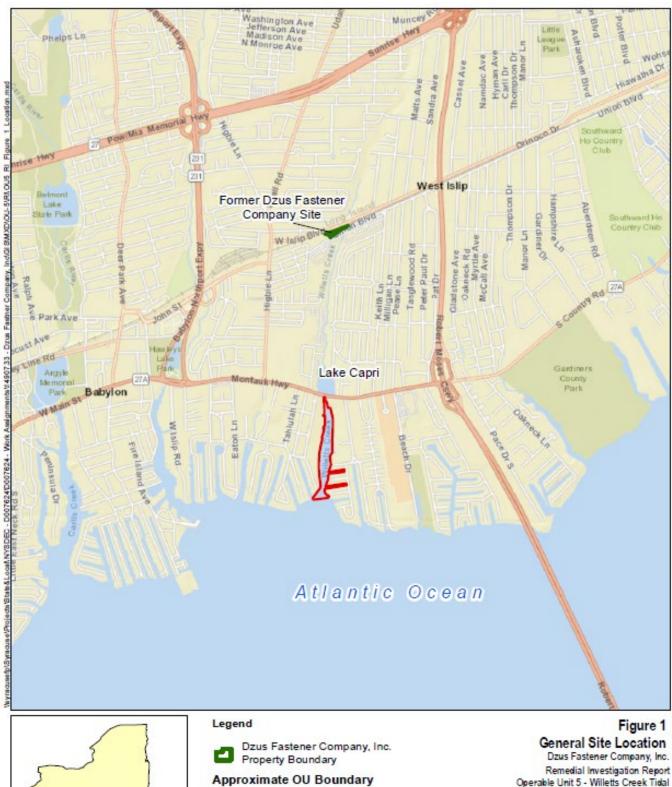
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### **DECInfo Locator**

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <u>http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html</u>

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Map Date: 2/17/2020 Projection: NADS3 State Plane New York Long Island

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