

Dzus Fasteners Company: Site Update

New York State Superfund Program

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FOR INFORMATION ON THE
DZUS FASTENERS SITE
REMEDIATION PROGRAM:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/114710.html>

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in coordination with the State Department of Health (DOH), is committed to ongoing monitoring of the Dzus Fasteners State Superfund Site (DEC Site No. 152033), Willets Creek, Lake Capri, and surrounding properties while keeping the West Islip community informed about the progress of this work.

This update includes information on an upcoming virtual community availability session to provide an update on current conditions and next steps to prevent potential exposure to contaminants at the former Dzus Fasteners site. DEC encourages community members and other stakeholders to sign up for our **LISTSERV** to receive updates on these actions and future public information sessions.

Community Availability Session

DEC is holding a virtual community availability session on **Wednesday, April 24, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. A brief presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

DEC is hosting this session on Cisco Webex, a virtual meeting platform. This session will not require registration to attend. Log in information for the session is provided below. For detailed instructions, please view the ['How to Join a Webex' instructions](#) (PDF) or check out [our video on YouTube](#).

Session Details

Date and Time: 24 April 2024, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Meeting link:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=medc0cbd04e529e11e6c4beb50a950523>

Webinar password: CommunityUpdate1 (26668648 from phones and video systems)

Dial-in by Phone: +1-518-549-0500 US (English Menu)

Access code: 161 867 1613

Copies of materials presented at the availability session will be available after the meeting at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/114710.html>

Summary of Current Conditions and Next Steps

DEC recently detected increased levels of cadmium in groundwater on and around the former Dzus Fasteners site, as well as increased levels of cadmium in the sediment and surface water of Willetts Creek. DEC determined the increased cadmium detected is the result of the release of contaminated groundwater from the former Dzus Fasteners site. This contaminated groundwater allows cadmium to bind to creek sediments.

To ensure the responsible party is held accountable for the contamination, DEC is pursuing enforcement action against Island Associates, Inc., the owner of the former Dzus Fasteners property and the party responsible for the illegal removal of an asphalt cap that previously prevented migration of cadmium in groundwater off of the site. DEC is performing further investigation and cleanup to ensure full protection of public health and the environment.

In spring 2024, DEC, in coordination with DOH, will undertake a pre-design investigation that will provide information necessary to install a cleanup measure, called an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM), as soon as possible. This IRM will be designed to prevent contaminated groundwater from continuing to reach Willetts Creek. The work will include sampling groundwater monitoring wells and some small-bore drilling in the area between 425 Union Boulevard and the west bank of Willetts Creek.

In summer 2024, the IRM will be designed and released for public comment. The public comment period will include an in-person availability session.

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION



Project documents are
at these location(s):

West Islip Public Library
3 Higbie Lane
West Islip, New York 11795
(631) 661 7080

Region 1 NYSDEC Headquarters
SUNY at Stony Brook
50 Circle Road
Stony Brook, NY 11790
(631) 444-0200
(call for an appointment)

Project documents are also available
on the NYSDEC website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/114710.html>

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/152033/>

In fall 2024, the IRM will be completed. The investigation will determine the exact nature, scope, and schedule of this work. These details will be shared in a future Community Update.

After installation of the IRM this year, DEC will advance additional investigations to confirm the effectiveness of the IRM, as well as to determine the need for further actions to address impacted Willetts Creek surface water and sediment.

Further Information

New York State prioritizes ensuring residents, students, faculty, and all other community members are not exposed to site-related contamination and that the site remedy remains effective.

DEC encourages residents and other community stakeholders to sign-up for our **LISTSERV** to receive updates on these actions:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html>

The DEC site webpage contains further information on the site, information on site history, and links to related documents:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/114710.html>

DEC is committed to ongoing monitoring of Willetts Creek, Lake Capri, and surrounding properties while keeping the West Islip Community informed of our actions. The site is subject to several ongoing controls to properly manage the site.

Information about DOH fish consumption advisories can be found at:
https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/fish/health_advisories/