

Act Now to Continue Receiving Information About This Site!

DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

You must sign up for the DER email listserv:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- ☒ Get site information faster and share it easily;
- ☒ Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- ☒ It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

If “paperless” is not an option for you, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the
DECinfo Locator
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/152255/>

and at these location(s):

The Smithtown Library
1 North Country Road
Smithtown, NY 11787
(631) 360-2480

Who to Contact

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

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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

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LIRR ROW

Smithtown Viaduct
NYS Route 25 and
Meadow Road
Smithtown, NY 11787

SITE No. 152255
NYSDEC REGION 1

Investigation to Begin at State Superfund Site

The Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) ("remedial party") will soon begin a detailed environmental study at the LIRR ROW Smithtown Viaduct site ("site") located at NYS Route 25 and Meadow Road, Smithtown, Suffolk County. Please see the map for the site location.

Investigation Work Plan: The investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP)," was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's State Superfund Program. The investigation will be performed by the LIRR. NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will oversee the investigation.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/152255/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Highlights of the Site Investigation: The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected. Work is anticipated to begin this fall and last approximately one month.

Past investigations at the site resulted in elevated concentrations of lead in on-site soils.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Document review and site reconnaissance (already completed);
- Sampling and analysis of soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediment;
- A plan for the assessment of sensitive ecologic resources; and
- The performance of an exposure assessment.

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Next Steps: The information collected during the investigation will be summarized in a report. After the site investigation has begun, the remedial party with oversight provided by NYSDEC and NYSDOH 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. The information collected during the site investigation may also support the conclusion that no action, or no further action, is needed to address site-related contamination. NYSDEC will then develop a draft cleanup plan, called a "Proposed Remedial Action Plan." This plan describes the remedy preferred by NYSDEC, or, if warranted, a proposal for no action or no further action.

The draft cleanup plan explains 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 announce the availability of the draft cleanup plan in a future fact sheet and will present it to the public for its review and comment during a 30-day comment period and at a public meeting.

Site Description: The site is located between the intersection of New York State Routes 25 and its intersections with both Meadow Road and Route 25A, in Smithtown, Suffolk County. The site consists of a 265-foot right-of-way, approximately 0.4 acres in area, and lies beneath an elevated train trestle that crosses the Nissequoge River. The site is undeveloped except for the supporting structure of the viaduct and two earth retaining walls. The LIRR has owned the site since the late 1800s, and it is likely that an older trestle predated the current steel structure that was constructed in 1937.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on

NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 152255) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/x/EXTAPPS/DEREXTERNAL/index.cfm?pageid=3>

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:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

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Sign up to receive site updates by email:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

DECInfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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SITE LOCATION FIGURE

