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FACT SHEET

Amenia Town Landfill Site Activities

Site Number 3-14-006

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INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) have prepared this fact sheet to update you on upcoming activities at the Amenia Town Landfill site.

The site is listed as a Class 2 site in the New York State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal sites. The Class 2 designation signifies that the site is believed to present a significant threat to human health and the environment, and that action is required.

This site is approximately 10 acres in size and is located on Route 22 in the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County. The site is predominately open grassy field, but also contains a fenced fuel/propane storage area and helicopter landing pad on the north end. A ravine with ponds, wetlands, and woods borders the site to the west and north. Beyond the wetlands and woods to the west and north is the Island Green Country Club golf course. The site is bordered to the east by Route 22, and to the south by woods.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS

A preliminary site assessment completed in 1993 revealed extremely high concentrations of several volatile organic contaminants within site soil gas. These contaminants include vinyl chloride, benzene, toluene, xylenes, and other volatile organics. In addition, numerous surface soil and sediment samples collected indicated significant concentrations of PCBs.

In September 1998, the NYSDEC performed "test pit" excavations in order to confirm the presence of buried drums of hazardous wastes. A large quantity of buried drums were discovered in the woods on the southern portion of the site. As some of the drums were highly decayed and leaking when discovered, the NYSDEC requested that the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) undertake an emergency removal action to mitigate the further release of hazardous wastes.

In late October through early November 1998, the USEPA's removal contractor excavated and containerized 167 drums of waste from the southern portion of the site. Each drum containing waste was placed in a leak-proof "overpack", and all "overpacks" were placed in secure steel trucking containers on the northern portion of the site. In addition, approximately 220 cubic yards of soil contaminated by leaking drums was excavated and placed in a pile which was covered and secured to prevent erosion.

In June 1999, the USEPA performed additional sampling of the drummed wastes in order to obtain data to support the identification of Potential Responsible Parties (PRPs).

CURRENT SITE STATUS

In July, 1999, Ashland Inc., Unisys Corporation, and Route 22 Company signed an Administrative Order with the USEPA for the off-site disposal of the excavated drums and soil waste at an appropriate facility. A work plan for the drum and soil disposal has been prepared by the PRPs' engineering consultant. It is anticipated that off-site disposal of the drums and soil will be completed in the Fall of 1999.

If the Town of Amenia elects to enter into a Consent Order with the NYSDEC for the investigation and remediation of this site, it would be eligible for State reimbursement under Title 3 of the 1986 Environmental Quality Bond Act for up to 75% of its eligible costs. NYSDEC is pursuing the identification and contact of other PRPs as well. If the identified PRPs fail to agree to a Consent Order with the NYSDEC for a remedial program, a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study will be undertaken by NYSDEC using resources from the State Superfund. NYSDEC would then seek recovery of State expenses from all identified PRPs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Site related material is available for public inspection at the document repositories. This material includes the 1993 Phase II Investigation Report, the October 1998 Test Pit Installation Report, the December 1998 Drum Removal Report, the February 1999 Test Pit Investigation Data Report, and when approved, the Drummed Waste and Soil Disposal Workplan.

The regional document repositories for this site are as follows:

Amenia Town Clerk's Office
Mechanic Street
Amenia, NY 12501
(914) 373-8118
Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:30am-3pm
Tue. Thurs. 8:30am-12:30pm;
4pm-6pm

Amenia Free Library
P.O. Box 27, Main Street
Amenia, NY 12501
(914) 373-8273
Mon. Fri. 10am-5pm
Tue. Thurs. 1pm-6pm
Wed. 10am-12pm;3pm-7pm
Sat. 9am-2pm

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Any questions or concern regarding site status or environmental aspects can be addressed by contacting Mr. Jeffrey Konsella of the NYSDEC at (518) 457-5636; or by calling, toll free, 1-800-342-9296 and leaving your name, phone number, and request.

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