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# FACT SHEET

## AMENIA TOWN LANDFILL SITE

Town of Amenia  
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.

This site is approximately 10 acres in size and is located on the west side of Route 22 about 1.5 miles south of the intersection of Route 22 and Route 44. The majority of the site is an open grassy field, with a helicopter landing pad and fenced fuel/propane storage area on the northern end. A ravine with a pond, wetlands, and woods borders the site to the west and north. The Island Green Golf Course is located several hundred yards to the northwest.

The site has been privately owned (thru successive individuals) since landfill operations began in the late 1940s. The Town of Amenia disposed of municipal wastes at the site from the late 1940s thru the late 1960s. From approximately 1969 - 1971, the site received industrial wastes, and a large quantity of 55 gallons drums of waste were observed on site. In 1971 the Town of Amenia resumed landfill operations and continued municipal waste disposal until closure of the landfill in 1976. Municipal and commercial wastes from the Town of Sharon, CT were also disposed at the site during landfill operations.

### PREVIOUS SITE INVESTIGATIONS / ACTIONS

A preliminary site assessment performed in 1991/92 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. Data gathered from this investigation was used as the basis to classify the site in the New York State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal sites as a Class "2" site (signifying a significant threat to the public health or the environment - action required).

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 the fall of 1998, the USEPA's removal contractor excavated and containerized 167 drums of waste from the southern portion of the site. In addition, approximately 220 cubic yards of soil contaminated by leaking drums was excavated and secured for disposal.

In July 1999, several Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) signed an Order with the USEPA to properly dispose of the wastes and soils. The PRP completed removal and disposal of the wastes and soils in the Fall of 1999.

## REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION SCOPE OF WORK

In October 2001, a Consent Order was signed between the NYSDEC and a group of 10 PRPs for the performance of a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study of the Amenia Town Landfill. The scope of work for the Remedial Investigation has been approved and includes the following field activities:

- Installation and sampling of groundwater monitoring wells to determine the nature and extent of possible groundwater impacts;
- Surface water and sediment sampling to determine the nature and extent of possible wetlands and surface water body impacts;
- Verification of areas and volumes of wastes;
- A soil gas survey to define possible soil/waste areas containing volatile organic contaminants.

The NYSDEC currently expects that most field activities will be completed by summer of 2002. Pending an evaluation of the initial sampling results, additional sampling and investigations may be required. This additional work may include the sampling of selected drinking water supply wells in the area. Results of the complete investigation will be incorporated into a Remedial Investigation (RI) Report. Following RI report completion, a Feasibility Study Report will be prepared to compile and evaluate various remedial alternatives for the landfill. The public will be updated during the investigation phase through periodic fact sheet distributions, public availability sessions, and meetings as appropriate.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can view the complete RI/FS Workplan and other site related documents at the following locations:

Amenia Free Library  
3309 Route 343  
Amenia, NY  
Hours: Mon. 10AM - 5PM  
Tues. 1PM - 6PM  
Wed. 10AM - 2PM; 3PM - 7PM  
Thur. 1PM - 6PM  
Fri. 10AM - 5PM

Amenia Town Hall  
Office of Town Clerk  
Mechanic Street  
Amenia, NY  
Hours: Mon-Sat: 9AM - 2 PM  
+ Thru. 5PM - 7 PM

Sharon Town Hall  
Contact: First Selectman  
Sharon, CT  
Hours: Mon-Fri: 9AM - 12PM  
& 1PM - 4PM

The NYSDEC Region 3 office in New Paltz will also serve as a document repository. Contact information for that office is listed in the left box on the first page.

Any **questions or concerns regarding the remedial investigation or environmental aspects** of the site can be addressed by contacting Mr. Jeff Konsella, at (518) 402-9669; or by calling, toll free, 1-800-342-9296 and leaving your name, address and request. **For health related concerns regarding this site** please contact the New York State Department of Health's Mr. John Olm, Environmental Health Specialist, at (800) 458-1158, ext. 27880; or by calling Mr. Marc VanDeusen of the Department's Health Liaison Program, at (800) 458-1158, Ext. 27530.