

Dutchess County Fire Training Center



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

State Superfund Program

Site No. 314128

Hyde Park, Dutchess County

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Investigation Completed at State Superfund Site Results will Help Evaluate Alternatives to Address Contamination

A detailed environmental study has been completed by the NYS Department of Conservation (DEC) for the Dutchess County Fire Training Center site ("site") located at 392 Creek Road, Hyde Park, Dutchess County. Please see the map for the site location.

DEC has approved a "Remedial Investigation Report (RIR)" that describes the results of the site investigation and recommends development of a cleanup plan to address contamination that has been found.

- Access the RIR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/314128/>
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."

Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report

- The Remedial Investigation was completed over three phases from October 2021 to May 2025 to determine the nature and extent of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) contamination sourced from the Dutchess County Fire Training Center. The investigation included collection of soil samples, collection of storm water from the site and surface water and sediment from the nearby Fall Kill, and installation of permanent monitoring wells to collect groundwater samples.
- Soil beneath the main fire training center contains levels of Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS) above the Industrial Use Soil Cleanup Objective and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) above the Unrestricted Use Soil Cleanup Objective.
- Groundwater collected from shallow monitoring wells showed exceedances of the standards for both PFOA and PFOS. No exceedances were found in groundwater samples collected from the deeper bedrock wells.
- An Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) was undertaken during the Remedial Investigation in 2022 to prevent PFAS-contaminated water from flowing into the Fall Kill. IRMs are intended to address sources of contamination or exposure pathways that can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation or evaluation. This IRM plugged the culvert leading from the impoundment to the Fall Kill.
- Based on these findings, DEC recommends that a site cleanup be completed to remove the threat posed by PFAS contamination in environmental media on and around the site.

Next Steps

A Feasibility Study will be conducted based on information obtained during the investigation to:

- 1) Define the objectives of the site cleanup program;

- 2) Develop cleanup alternatives; and
- 3) Screen and analyze the alternatives.

DEC will then develop a draft cleanup plan, called a "Proposed Remedial Action Plan." This plan describes the cleanup actions preferred by DEC to address contamination related to the site. The draft cleanup plan will explain the decision that led to the preferred cleanup 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. DEC will announce the availability of the draft cleanup plan in a future fact sheet and present it to the public for its review and comment during a 30-day comment period and at a public meeting.

DEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description

The site is 9.7-acres and is bordered on the west by Creek Road, on the north by East Dorsey Lane, and on the south by the Dutchess County Emergency Response office. The east side of the site straddles a stream named Fall Kill which widens into a lake that is located south of site. The site property includes a paved area with numerous unoccupied structures and abandoned vehicles used by local fire departments for training exercises. It is likely fire training exercises are the source of PFAS contamination at the site.

There are approximately seven buildings/structures and one stationary van used for fire training activities. Vehicle fire training also occurs in two grassy areas on the east side of the active training area. Numerous trailers and storage containers are maintained on the north portion of the site and three garages and several trailers are also situated on the southern portion of the site. Approximately one third of the site along the eastern edge is wooded where the Fall Kill flows from north to south.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 314128) at:

<https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

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.

DEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/state-superfund-sites>

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<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/environmental-cleanup-email-newsletters>

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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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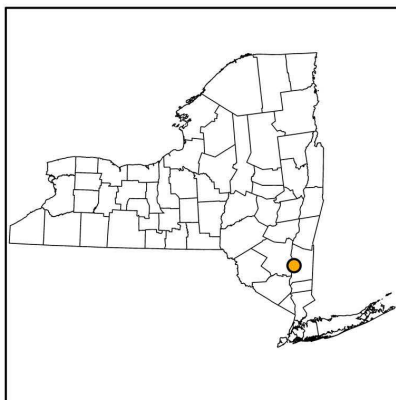
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Site Location



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