

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve a polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) cleanup plan submitted by AECOM, the consultant for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for the C&D Power Systems (C&D Batteries) site in Huguenot, New York. The EPA PCB Cleanup and Disposal Program, under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), focuses on cleaning up contaminated sites and returning them to beneficial use. EPA's approval will establish the requirements that NYSDEC property owner must meet to clean PCB contamination at the site.

The Proposed Plan

The proposed cleanup plan calls for removing contaminated soil with PCB concentrations greater than 50 parts per million (ppm). NYSDEC plans to remove PCB contamination greater than 50 ppm from the lagoon and dispose of it at an off-site facility. Also, the plan calls for limiting the spread of PCB contamination below the lagoon, which has PCB concentrations less than 50 ppm, by using a process called in-situ, or in place stabilization. The cleanup for sediment and floodplain soil with PCB concentration greater than 1 ppm will include removing and disposing contaminants off-site or stabilized and consolidated in the bottom of the lagoon before being covered with clean fill and asphalt pavement.

NYSDEC will implement a Site Management Plan ("SMP") and restrict the site to commercial or industrial use to maintain and monitor the site long-term. While NYSDEC has the lead for the work, the owner of the site also is responsible for certain tasks under the approval. In addition, any future development of the site must meet relevant TSCA cleanup requirements.



Public Participation

The proposed approval for PCB cleanup is available for public comment from **January 26, 2022** to **February 25, 2022**. This 30-day public comment period allow the public to participate in and contribute to site cleanup decisions by providing EPA with comments. To provide comments to EPA:

- Read the document on [EPA's webpage](#). You can also read the document at the information repositories listed below.
- Write your comments and include the title of the document.
- Send comment to EPA by email at everett.adolph@epa.gov or standard mail at the address below:

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
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EPA must receive your comments online or in an envelope postmarked by February 25, 2022. EPA will consider comments submitted during the comment period before making a final decision. If EPA issues an approval, NYSDEC and the property owner must subsequently accept the approval in writing. Site cleanup activities will follow.

What are Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)?

PCBs are organic chlorine compounds used in various commercial and industrial products. They have a range of toxicity and vary in consistency from thin, light-colored liquids to yellow or black waxy solids.

Past Activities

C&D Power Systems investigated the site between 1981 and 2008. NYSDEC finalized their first cleanup plan for removing metal and PCB contamination at the source area at the lagoon in a Record of Decision (ROD) in March 2002. NYSDEC issued a second cleanup plan to remove contaminants of concern both on and off the site, including the lagoon, soil, sediment, and groundwater, and updated the 2002 plan for addressing contamination at the source area at the lagoon in March 2015. NYSDEC continues to investigate and clean the site under the New York State Superfund Program.

Site Background

The 17+ acres site is approximately four miles northeast of the City of Port Jervis and on the banks of the Neversink River in Huguenot, New York (Figure 1). While taking samples at the monitoring wells shown in Figure 2, NYSDEC found PCB contamination in lagoon soil and Tributary sediments at concentrations above the regulated standard.

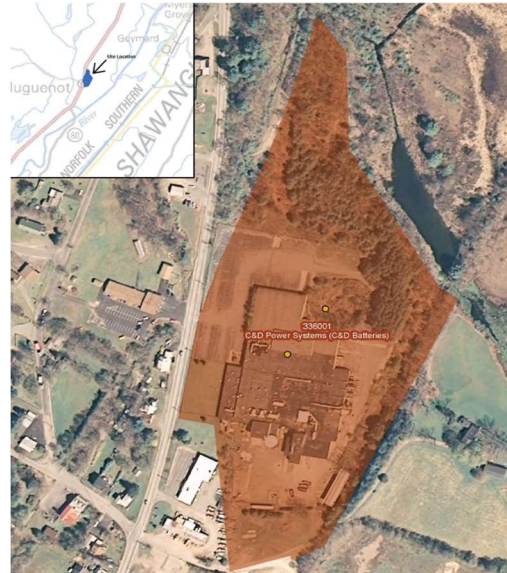


Figure 1: The shaded area represents the location of the C&D Power Systems site.

Information Repositories

Copies of cleanup documents for C&D Technologies (C&D Batteries) site are available at the locations below. You may also access cleanup documents on [EPA's webpage](#). Information about the site is available at [NYSDEC's webpage](#).

EPA Region 2 Record Center

290 Broadway, 25 Floor, New York, NY 10007

Deer Park Town Hall – Drawer A

Route 209
North, Huguenot, NY 12746

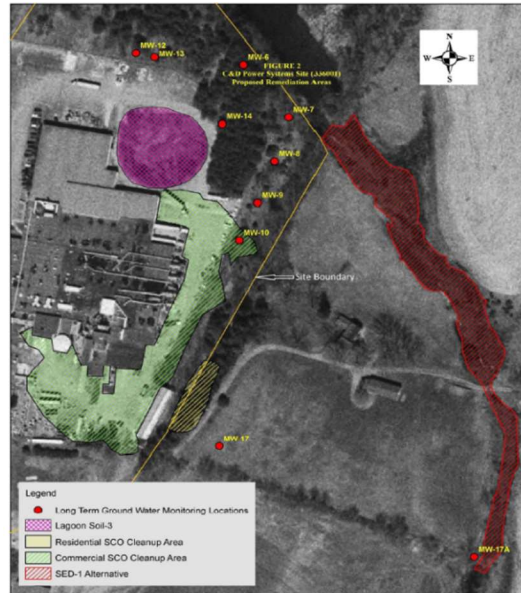


Figure 2: Groundwater monitoring locations (sampling points) and cleanup areas.

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