



Department of
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FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

American Felt & Filter Company, Inc.

361 Walsh Avenue
New Windsor, NY

SITE No. 336036

NYSDEC REGION 3

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Where to Find Information:

Project documents are available at the following location to help the public stay informed.

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State Superfund Program, visit:**
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

NYSDEC Announces Reclassification of Site on Superfund Registry; Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at State Superfund Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the American Felt & Filter Company Site, located at 361 Walsh Avenue in New Windsor, Orange County, under New York's State Superfund Cleanup Program have been met. The NYSDEC has further determined that the site has been properly closed but will continue to require monitoring as described below. The cleanup activities were performed by the American Felt & Filter Company with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

NYSDEC has approved a Final Engineering Report (FER) and issued a Certificate of Completion (COC) for the site. Copies of the FER and notice of the COC are available at the location identified to the left under "Where to Find Information".

Completion of the Project: Following site cleanup, NYSDEC has determined that the site no longer presents a threat to public health or the environment and has reclassified the site from Class 2 (significant threat to public health or environment - action required) to Class 4 (site properly closed - requires continued management). The cleanup included the following:

- The treatment of approximately 500 cubic yards of soil impacted with chlorinated solvents. The treatment consisted of the injection of sodium persulfate to break down the contaminants into innocuous compounds.
- Confirmation that soil in place over the treatment area satisfies the requirements for the protection of public health for commercial use.
- Installation of a sub-slab depressurization system to prevent/minimize the potential for soil vapor intrusion at the on-site building.
- The establishment of an Environmental Easement and the development of a Site Management Plan. Since the cleanup did not achieve an unrestricted use, the easement restricts the use of the site to commercial use (which includes industrial use) along with a groundwater use restriction. The Site Management Plan requires continued groundwater monitoring, plans to address any future excavations that may occur, and continued operation of the sub-slab depressurization system.

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Final Engineering Report Approved: NYSDEC has approved the FER, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.
- 4) Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

Site Description and Background: The American Felt & Filter Company Inc. complex is an active manufacturing facility consisting of four buildings on 23 acres. The site, as defined by the environmental easement, consists of the Piano Felt Building and adjacent land comprising approximately one-half acre. The Quassaick Creek runs adjacent to the north edge of the site. The nearest residence is approximately 400 feet away. Potable water is supplied by the New Windsor Water Department.

The solvent 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA) was used in the manufacture of felt and felt products. NYSDEC suspects occasional mishandling of the solvent is the origin of the TCA impacts at the site. The use of TCA was reportedly stopped in 1992.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database by entering the site number, 336036, at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

State Superfund Program Overview: 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 and require cleanup before committing State funds.

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.

Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

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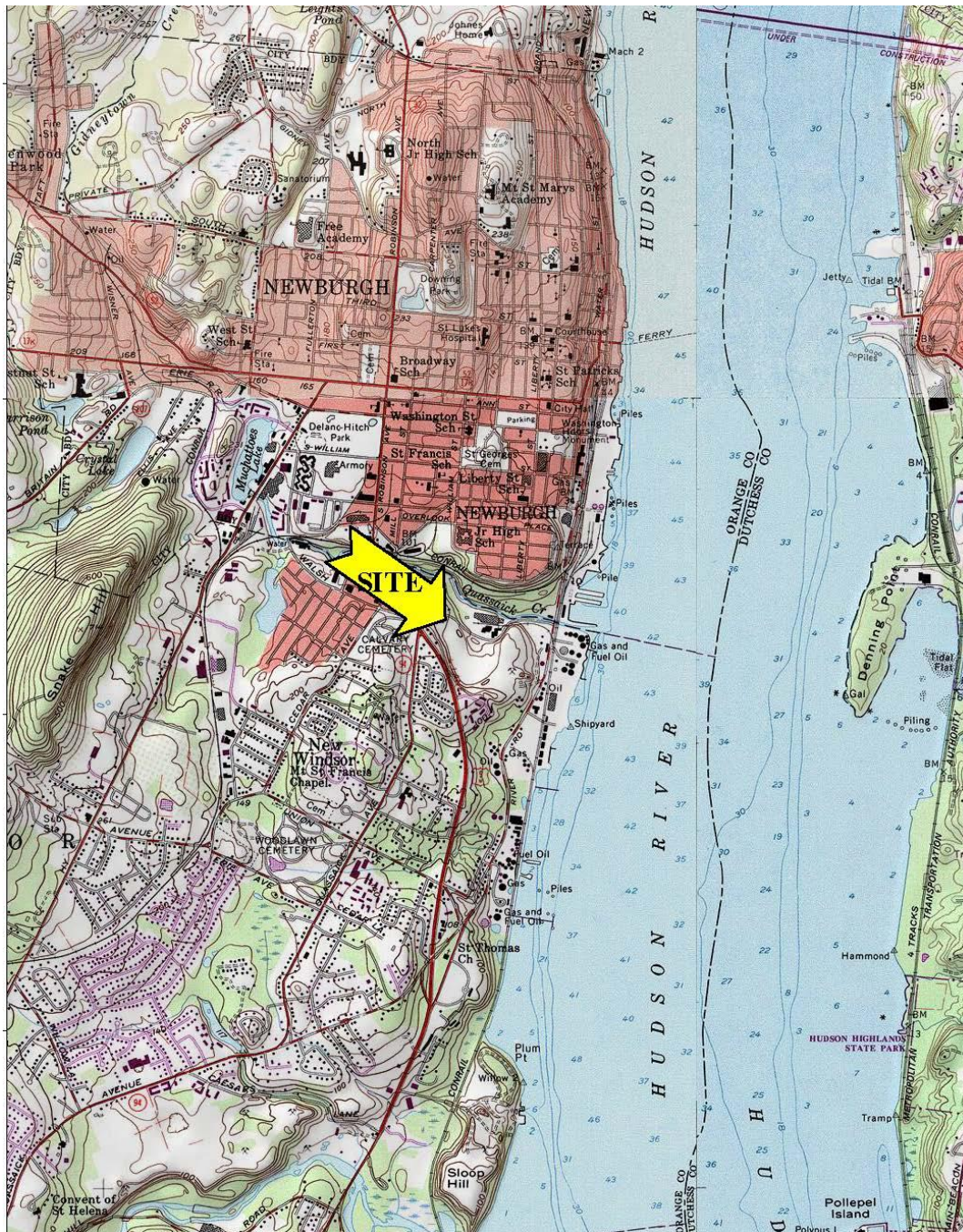
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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

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