



FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Bram Manufacturing Site
Site Number 344055
Town of Clarkstown, Rockland County, NY

October 2010

Investigation Continues at State Superfund Site Public Information Session Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will continue a detailed environmental study at the Bram Manufacturing “Site” located at 26 Route 9W in Congers, Rockland County. See map for site location.

The Site is listed as a Class “2” site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites. A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

Public Information Session Announced
October 21, 2010
7 PM

Clarkstown Town Hall 2nd floor meeting room
10 Maple Avenue
New City, New York

Highlights of the Supplemental Site Investigation

The study being done at the site is called a “Remedial Investigation,” and is being performed under New York’s State Superfund Program.

The site investigation has several goals:

- 1) define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected
- 2) identify the source(s) of the contamination
- 3) assess the impact of the contamination on public health and the environment
- 4) provide information to support the development of a proposed remedy to address the contamination.

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 the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC generally attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

Upcoming activities will build upon the investigations at the Bram Site that took place during the winters of 2008/2009 and 2009/2010. This supplemental investigation will consist of the installation of five shallow wells, five bedrock wells, twelve soil borings inside the Bram building; the collection of twelve indoor and sub-slab air samples from nearby locations; and the collection of groundwater samples from the ten new wells and the twenty wells that were previously installed.

An Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) is also planned for this portion of the investigation. The planned IRM will involve a “pump and treat” system to extract trichloroethene (TCE) contaminated groundwater.

Next Steps

On October 21, 2010, at 7 pm, NYSDEC will conduct a public information session to discuss the findings at the site to date, and to describe the Interim Remedial Measure for groundwater contamination that is being put in place. After a brief presentation, NYSDEC and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) officials will be available to answer any questions.

The information collected during the investigations will be used in a “Feasibility Study” to develop and evaluate potential alternatives to clean up contamination related to the site. When developed, the Proposed Remedial Action Plan, or PRAP, will be presented to the public during a thirty day comment period. During the comment period, a public meeting will be held in the community to present that PRAP and to solicit comments. A final decision document, called a Record of Decision or ROD, will be issued after the comment period closes and all the comments have been considered.

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

Background

The Bram Manufacturing Site, located at 26 Route 9W in the Town of Clarkstown, is a 0.89 acre active electrical assembly facility that formerly manufactured lighting fixtures. The site is located in a mixed commercial and residential area of Congers, all of which are supplied drinking water through a municipal water system. Although TCE is not currently in use, the facility’s previous lighting fixture assembly did involve the use of TCE. TCE is a solvent typically used for industrial degreasing and cleaning.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed. These documents include the supplemental investigation work plan.

Valley Cottage Library
110 Route 303
Valley Cottage, New York 10989
(845) 268-7700
Hours: M-Th, 10AM-9 PM
F & Sat. 10 AM-5 PM

NYSDEC Region 3 Office
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Who to Contact

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