

Hercules Inc./Dyno-Nobel Site Remediation

Open House/Public Availability Sessions Planned

New York State Superfund Program

NYSDEC Site No: 356001

Site Location: 161 Ulster Ave. Ulster Park, New York 12487

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FOR INFORMATION ON THE
 HERCULES INC./DYNNO-NOBEL
 SITE REMEDIATION
 PROGRAM:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37552.html>

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is committed to a careful and thorough clean-up of Hercules Inc./Dyno-Nobel Site ("site") located at 161 Ulster Ave., Ulster Park, Ulster County. DEC has postponed selection of the final remedy based on significant public interest expressed at the March 11, 2019 public meeting on the proposed clean-up plan. This will allow additional opportunities to share site information, answer questions and gather information from the public, as well as provide an overview on the DEC's cleanup process.

How to Participate

Come to the open house/public availability sessions:

When: June 27, 2019 – Two sessions: 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM

Where: Esopus Town Hall, 284 Broadway, Ulster Park

These sessions will focus on the history of the site, what was found during environmental investigations, and what interim clean-up activities have been performed to-date. DEC and NYS Department of Health (DOH), along with representatives from the Hercules/Dyno-Nobel Companies, will be available to answer questions. The public is encouraged to share any information or concerns about the site, including past and current operations, with agency staff. The sessions are designed to provide an opportunity to speak directly to DEC, DOH and company representatives on an informal one-on-one basis to learn about the site and to share concerns and information.

Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information". We encourage you to sign-up for our **LISTSERV** to continue receiving updates on these actions and future public information sessions (see last page).

Next Steps of the Process

After the June 27th availability sessions, the need for additional sessions will be evaluated. DEC will consider information received during the sessions to inform potential revisions to the proposed remedy for the site. Ultimately, another Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) will be released for public comment, and another public meeting held as part of the formal process of remedy selection. The date for any future public availability sessions/meetings will be announced in future newsletters.

Following the PRAP release and public comment period, the selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that will explain why the remedy was selected and include a formal written response to public comments received. A detailed design of the selected remedy will then be prepared, and once approved, the cleanup will be performed.

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

Site Background

Site Description: The Hercules site is located at 161 Ulster Avenue, Ulster Park NY, approximately one mile south of the Village of Port Ewen. The approximately 260-acre property includes the main plant site and land east of a rail line located outside of the fenced main plant area. Manufacturing operations of explosive primer and igniters for munitions took place in the developed portion of the site, which occupies approximately 100 acres. Disposal activities occurred within the plant area and within wetland areas in the eastern portion of the property. Most of the surrounding areas are naturally vegetated with cover types ranging from old fields to forested areas. Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, 356001) at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/index.cfm?pageid=3>

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

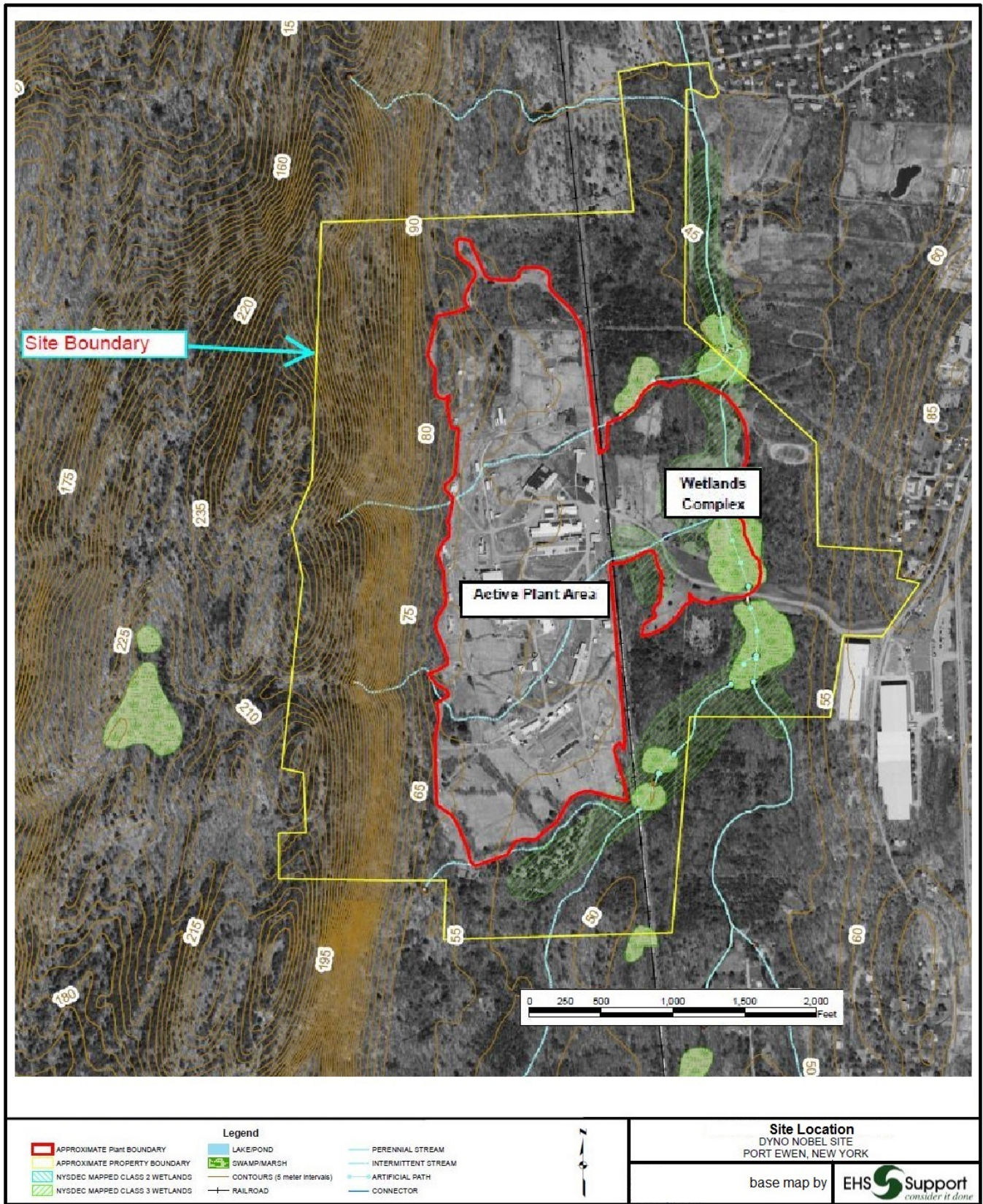
Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are inorganic (metals) in the soil site-wide and "energetic" (potentially explosive) materials in soil and wetland sediment in specific areas. Volatile organic compounds are also present in the groundwater in the former shell plant area. The presence of potentially energetic materials complicate implementation of a remedy at this site.

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.

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

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

Site Location



WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION



Project documents are
at these location(s):

Town of Esopus Library
128 Canal Street
Port Ewen, New York 12466
(845) 338-5580

Region 3 NYSDEC Office
21 S. Putt Corners Road
New Paltz, NY 12561
(845) 256-3000
(call for an appointment)

Project documents are also
available on the NYSDEC
website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37552.html>

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<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html>

