

Fact Sheet

Phase I Remedial Investigation Complete, Interim Remedial Measures Planned

Duracell Inc. Site, Site ID No. 360011
Sleepy Hollow, Westchester County, New York

The Gillette Company
Bethel, Connecticut

October 2011

Background

The former Duracell Inc. Site (Site) is located at 60 Elm Street in the Village of Sleepy Hollow, Westchester County. For periods between 1944 and 1984, a battery manufacturing facility operated at the Site, which is currently owned by the Village of Sleepy Hollow. The facility was originally operated by P.R. Mallory; Duracell began operations at the Site in 1979, and the facility was closed in 1984. As a result of operations at the former battery plant, some environmental impacts have occurred.

After closure of the Site, Duracell completed several cleanup actions between 1988 and 1994. Factory buildings were demolished and impacted soil was removed from the Site and from several properties directly adjacent to the former plant. As a result of these efforts, the Site was “de-listed” from New York State’s Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites in 1994 after meeting the cleanup goals that were developed at that time for the Site by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

In late 2008, a soil sample was collected and analyzed for metals from a property near the former facility. The sample exhibited mercury levels in excess of the current (2006) NYSDEC-recommended soil cleanup objective (SCO) for mercury in a residential setting. As a result, an assessment of the soil conditions on properties surrounding the Site was completed by the NYSDEC in May 2009. Based on the NYSDEC’s findings, The Gillette Company (Gillette, successor to Duracell) initiated a remedial investigation of the Site in 2010.

Phase I Remedial Investigation Complete

Between September and December 2010, Gillette completed the initial phase of the remedial investigation of the Site. The work was completed at the direction of the NYSDEC, in accordance with the approved Phase I Remedial Investigation Work Plan (August 2010). This work included collecting and analyzing soil samples from properties in the vicinity of the Site.

Public Meeting
November 7, 2011
7:00–9:00PM

Sleepy Hollow High School Auditorium
200 North Broadway
Sleepy Hollow, New York

Gillette and the NYSDEC invite you to this discussion about the findings of the recent soil sampling program in your area and the planned IRM activities. The NYSDEC will provide a brief presentation about the project at 7:00 PM. Drop in at any time to ask questions and discuss the findings of the Phase I Remedial Investigation and the upcoming site activities.

Public Comment Period for IRM Work Plan
From: October 21, 2011
To: November 22, 2011

Plan is available for review at the Document Repositories

Comments about the IRM Work Plan are welcome at the meeting, and during the 30-day public comment period described in this fact sheet. You may address written comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed below.

A Phase I Remedial Investigation Data Summary Report has been completed and approved by the NYSDEC. This report provides the data collected, along with an in-depth review of potential other sources of mercury and lead in soil in the area (for example, material used as fill in the area). Copies of this report can be reviewed at the document repositories that have been established for the Site (refer to the “Where to Find Information” section of this fact sheet). In addition, each property owner has received a letter in the mail containing the results for the soil samples collected on their property.

Interim Remedial Measures Planned

Gillette has developed an Interim Remedial Measures (IRM) Work Plan that proposes to remove soil from select properties in the vicinity of the Site that contain mercury concentrations greater than the site-specific soil cleanup objective (SCO) established for the Site.

Implementation of the proposed IRM Work Plan is expected to result in removal of soil in these areas that contain mercury in excess of the State-approved site-specific SCO. The IRM will protect human health by minimizing the potential for exposure to affected soil.

Public Comment Period Announced

The NYSDEC is accepting written public comments about the proposed IRM Work Plan for 30 days, from **October 21, 2011** to **November 22, 2011**. The proposed IRM Work Plan is available for review at the document repositories listed in the “Where to Find Information” section of this fact sheet. Please direct all written

comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed below.

Public Meeting Planned

Gillette, the NYSDEC and NYSDOH are planning a Public Meeting to discuss the findings of the Phase I Remedial Investigation and the proposed IRM Work Plan. Representatives from the NYSDEC, NYSDOH and Gillette will be present to answer questions. The Meeting will be held on **November 7, 2011** at the Sleepy Hollow High School Auditorium, from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. The NYSDEC will conduct a presentation at 7:00 PM.

For Additional Information Who to Contact?

If you have further questions, we invite you to contact the NYSDEC and NYSDOH, the state project managers for the site can also be contacted directly. Please refer to the Duracell Inc. Site when you submit questions.

Project-Related Questions

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Division of Environmental Remediation
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Albany, New York 12233-7014
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(866) 520-2334

Site-Related Health Questions

Fay Navratil
NYS Department of Health
Bureau of Environ. Exposure Investigation
547 River Street
Troy, New York 12180-2216
(518) 402-7880

Where to Find Information

The following three document repositories have been established for the site:

Warner Public Library
121 North Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591
(914) 631-7734

NYSDEC – Region 3
21 South Putt Corners Rd.
New Paltz, NY 12561
(845) 256-3154

Village of Sleepy Hollow
28 Beekman Avenue
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591
(914) 366-5100

Hours of Operation:
Mon. & Thurs.: 1PM – 9PM
Tues. & Wed.: 10AM – 6PM
Fri. & Sat.: 10AM – 5PM
Sun.: 1PM – 5PM

Hours of Operation:
Mon. – Fri.: 9AM – 4:45PM

Hours of Operation:
Mon. – Fri.: 8:30AM – 4:35PM

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Receive Site Fact Sheets by E-mail

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your e-mail inbox. The NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county e-mail listservs available at the following web page:

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.

You may continue also to receive paper copies of site information for a time after you sign up with a county listserv, until the transition to electronic distribution is complete.

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