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## Act Now to Continue Receiving Information About This Site!

DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

**You must sign up for the DER email listserv:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



### **Why You Should Go “Paperless”:**

- ☒ Get site information faster and share it easily;
- ☒ Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- ☒ It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

**If “paperless” is not an option for you**, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



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## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

### Watervliet Public Library

1501 Broadway  
Watervliet, NY 12189  
(518) 274-4471  
[director@watervlietpubliclibrary.org](mailto:director@watervlietpubliclibrary.org)

## Who to Contact

Comments and questions are welcome and should be directed as follows:

### Project-Related Questions

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### Project-Related Health Questions

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For more information about New York's  
State Superfund Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html)

# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

Former Bearoff Metallurgical

152 Spring Street Road  
Colonie, NY 12189

SITE No. 401069

NYSDEC REGION 4

February 2020

## Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

**Public Meeting, Tuesday March 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

**Watervliet Senior Center**

**1501 Broadway**

**Watervliet, NY 12189**

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

The public is invited to comment on a remedy being proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to address contamination related to the Former Bearoff Metallurgical site ("site") located at 152 Spring Street Road, Colonie, NY in Albany County. Please see the map for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$5,410,000.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 30 days, from **February 26 through March 27, 2020**.

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/401069>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

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.

**Proposed Remedial Action Plan:** The remedy proposed for the site includes:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) present at concentrations above the hazardous waste threshold of 50 parts per million (ppm);
- Collection and analysis of endpoint samples for PCBs to confirm removal to below 50 ppm;
- Consolidation of fill material beneath a soil cover and an impermeable cap system in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 360 solid waste regulations;

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- Excavation and off-site disposal of metals-impacted sediments within an unnamed tributary located to the north of, and on a portion of the northern corner of the site;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term monitoring of surface water and groundwater, and maintenance of the surface cap; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site and evaluating the remedial options in the "Feasibility Study" prepared for NYSDEC by Wood PLC, formerly known as Mactec.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments. A detailed design of the selected remedy will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

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

**Site Description:** The site is 10.6-acres and is bordered by the Al Tech Specialty Steel (Site No. 401003) waste management area to the west, north, and east, and Spring Street Road and a residential property to the south. The property is vacant, mostly wooded land with an unnamed tributary on the north east portion of the property that feeds into the Kromma Kill. The site had been used to dispose of steel slag and other wastes associated with stainless steel production that occurred at the site and at Al Tech Specialty Steel. Metallurgical debris occupies most of the site to depths up to 28 feet below grade.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 401069) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the site are PCBs and metals associated with the metallurgical-related debris disposed at the site. Impacts from the waste have been detected in the sediments and surface water of the unnamed tributary located to the north of the site. Following collection of data during the remedial investigation, impacts within the tributary appear related to the migration of precipitation through the waste mass and mobilization of site-related contaminants via surface seeps that discharge into the tributary.

**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>

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*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.*

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## Stay Informed With DEC Delivers

Sign up to receive site updates by email:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

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

## DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>



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Approximate Site Location  
Former Bearoff Metallurgical; Site ID 401069  
152 Spring Street Road, Colonie, NY 12189



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