



Department of
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FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Admiral Cleaners
617 19th Street
Watervliet, NY 12189

SITE No. 401075
NYSDEC REGION 4

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Where to Find Information*

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/401075

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For more information about New York's State Superfund Program, visit:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

Interim Remedial Measure to Begin

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is announcing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the Admiral Cleaners site ("site") located at 617 19th Street, Watervliet, Albany County. Please see the map below for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site, including the Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan, can be found at the locations identified to the left under "Where to Find Information." The expedited cleanup activities are expected to begin in October 2020 and continue through the fall. The activities will be performed by the NYSDEC and its standby contractors using the State Superfund and Spill fund.

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.

Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) Work Plan: An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation. The former dilapidated building was recently demolished as an IRM in order safely access the contaminant source areas and complete the ongoing remedial investigation. The upcoming IRM activities will include:

- Removal of an underground storage tank (UST) beneath the slab;
- Excavation of contaminated soil from around the UST. It is anticipated that contaminated soil will be excavated to a depth of approximately 10 feet below grade. Contaminated soil will be transported to an off-site disposal facility;
- Placement of a soil amendment product into the excavation prior to backfilling to treat associated groundwater contamination;
- Importation of clean fill for use as backfill;
- Collection and analysis of soil and groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the IRM; and
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities.

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Next Steps: NYSDEC has approved the IRM work plan in consultation with NYSDOH. To view the approved work plan, see “Where to Find Information” on the front page. Upon completion of the expedited cleanup activities, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

Following the IRM activities, the remedial investigation will resume with an evaluation of the groundwater conditions in the bedrock underlying the site. This work, which involves the installation and sampling of additional monitoring wells around the site, is anticipated to begin this fall.

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

Site Description: The Admiral Cleaners site is located at 617 19th Street in an urban area in the City of Watervliet. The 0.17-acre parcel is on the north side of 19th Street (Route 2), immediately west of the alley between 6th and 7th Avenues. The site is rectangular with approximately 45 feet of frontage on 19th Street and a depth of about 100 feet. The site formerly contained a single-story brick/concrete block commercial building, which was recently demolished to the slab. The remaining slab occupies most of the parcel except for a small yard on the north side of the property. A fence surrounds the vacant site.

The site has reportedly been used as a dry cleaner since 1950. On-site dry-cleaning operations ceased in 2013 due to environmental violations. The site was then operated as a dry-cleaning drop shop (where garments are brought in and sent to be dry cleaned at another local facility) until it closed in 2017.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database by entering the site code (401075) at:

www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/derexternal/index.cfm?p_ageid=3

Summary of the Investigation: The remedial investigation is ongoing. Based on the investigations completed to date, the primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds associated with prior on-site dry-cleaning operations. Petroleum impacts were also observed in the vicinity of the UST. The environmental media affected are soil, groundwater, and soil vapor. Additional data will be collected as part of the RI, as necessary, to fully delineate the nature and extent of site-related contamination.

Documents related to the site are available at www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/401075

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: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

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

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DECinfo Locator

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

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