

# EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanups at Richardson Hill Road Landfill & Sidney Landfill Superfund Sites

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its fourth five-year review of the **Richardson Hill Road Landfill Superfund site**, located in the towns of Sidney and Masonville, New York, and its fifth five-year review of the **Sidney Landfill Superfund site**, located in the town of Sidney, New York. EPA is conducting the reviews concurrently and will be issuing a single five-year review report for both sites. The Richardson Hill Road Landfill site is located across the street from the Sidney Landfill site. These reviews seek to confirm that the cleanups conducted at each of the sites continue to be protective of human health and the environment. A summary of cleanup activities and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the implemented cleanup remedies will be included in the five-year review report.

The **Richardson Hill Road Landfill site** was added to the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) in 1987 because landfill operations contaminated soil, sediment, and groundwater with hazardous substances. The cleanup of the site included excavating/dredging contaminated soil and sediment, consolidating low-level contaminated waste material on top of the landfill, installing a landfill cap, constructing a disposal cell for the moderately-contaminated material and groundwater extraction and treatment. The cleanup remedy for the Richardson Hill Road Landfill site was completed in 2008.

The **Sidney Landfill site** was added to the NPL in March 1989 because hazardous chemicals were found in the site's soil and groundwater. The cleanup of the site included placing a cap over several disposal areas at the site. The installation of the cap was completed in 1999. The original cleanup plan also called for extracting and treating groundwater, however, based on the results of groundwater testing and sampling, it was determined that the groundwater extraction and treatment system already operating at the Richardson Road Landfill Superfund site located across the street was capturing the contaminated groundwater from the Sidney Landfill site, so a groundwater extraction and treatment system at the Sidney Landfill site was not needed. This finding was documented in a September 2004 Explanation of Significant Differences.

### What is an EPA Five-Year Review?

The purpose of five-year reviews is to ensure that implemented cleanup remedies at Superfund sites function as intended and continue to be protective of human health and the environment. These regular reviews, which are required by federal law when contaminants remain at a site, include:

- Inspecting the site and cleanup technologies;
- Reviewing monitoring data, operating data, and maintenance records; and,
- Determining if any new relevant regulatory requirements have been established since EPA's original cleanup decision was finalized.

### When will EPA's Five-Year Review Report be available?

It is anticipated that the five-year review report will be available at the websites noted below in spring 2022.

#### For more information

There are several ways to review information on these sites. The Administrative Record, which includes EPA decision documents used for selecting the cleanup remedies, is available for public review at the information repository listed below. Project information is also available online at the websites noted below.

**Sidney Memorial Public Library**  
8 River Street  
Sidney, New York, 13838

#### You may also contact

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