



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

BASF Manufacturing Plant Site
36 Riverside Avenue
Rensselaer, NY 12144

SITE No. 442027

June 2018

NYSDEC REGION 4

Where to Find Information:

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Rensselaer City Clerk

Attn: Nancy Hardt
62 Washington Street, Floor 2
Rensselaer, NY 12144
(518) 462-4266
Hours: Mon. to Fri. 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Rensselaer Public Library

Attn: Jane Chirgwin
676 East Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144
(518) 462-1193
Call for hours

NYSDEC, Region 4 Office

1130 North Westcott Road
Schenectady, NY 12306
Call in advance: (518) 357-2045
Hours: Mon. to Fri. 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Who to Contact:

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

Project Related Questions

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Albany, NY 12237
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Cleanup Action to Begin at State Superfund Site

Cleanup actions to address contamination related to the BASF Manufacturing Plant Site ("site") located at 36 Riverside Avenue, Rensselaer, New York, Rensselaer County under New York's State Superfund Program are about to begin. The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites) as it represents a significant threat to public health or the environment and action is required to address this threat. The cleanup activities will be performed and paid for by BASF Corporation ("Remedial Party") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP), which outlines the specific actions to cleanup the contamination, has been found to be protective of public health and the environment and has been approved by NYSDEC. Remedial activities are expected to commence in June 2018, and are expected to last approximately three (3) years.

Documents related to the cleanup of this site are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information" on the left side of the page.

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities: The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the remedy are:

- Installation of facilities (*i.e.*, structure to store and process the sediment, sediment water treatment system).
- Installation of a steel bulkhead.
- Dredging to remove approximately 40,000 cubic yards of river sediment that exceed the site-specific sediment cleanup objectives. Dredged sediments will be disposed off-site at a facility permitted to accept the material.
- Restoring the dredged areas with appropriate riverbed material.
- Monitoring of other areas being covered by natural deposition will be ongoing.
- Implementation of a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) during all intrusive activities.
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the remedy.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure implementation of the SMP.

A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) and a CAMP will be implemented during remediation activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures for the protection of on-site workers and residents and includes required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

Next Steps: After the Remedial Party completes the cleanup activities, they will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER) and submit it to NYSDEC. The FER will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

For additional information on the New York's
State Superfund Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

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A fact sheet that describes the content of the FER will be sent to the site contact list. The fact sheet will identify any institutional controls (for example, deed restrictions) or engineering controls (for example, a site cap) necessary at the site.

Site Description: The BASF Manufacturing Plant Site is 45 acres and is located within the City of Rensselaer. The site is approximately 0.25 miles west of the intersection of Routes 9 and 9J, and is adjacent to the Hudson River. The off-site areas include the “Northern Sediment Management Area”, where the dredging will be performed, and the “Southern Sediment Management Area”, where the environmental monitoring will be performed. These areas are approximately five (5) and seven (7) acres, respectively. A Site Location Map is attached.

Additional Site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, 442027) at:

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

State Superfund Program (SSF): New York's 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>

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.

Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email 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.

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

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