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# FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Former Oak Materials

John Street  
3 Lyman Street  
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090  
Site No. 442049

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## Where to Find Information:

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

### **Village of Hoosick Falls Library**

73 Classic Street  
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090  
(518) 686-9401

### **Village of Hoosick Falls Offices**

24 Main Street  
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090  
(518) 686-7072

Project documents in electronic form are also available directly from the NYSDEC Project Manager listed below or on the NYSDEC Website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html>

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[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html)

## **Interim Remedial Measure to Begin at the Former Oak Materials ~ John Street Superfund Site**

Honeywell International, Inc., the identified responsible party, will begin an environmental cleanup at the Former Oak Materials ~ John Street located at 3 Lyman Street in Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County. Please see the location map on page 2 of this fact sheet for the site location. The environmental cleanup is being performed as an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) under New York's State Superfund Program and the provisions of an Order on Consent established between Honeywell International and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be taken when the source of contamination can be effectively addressed without full characterization of the nature and extent of contamination. The objective of this IRM is to remove solids that are grossly contaminated with trichloroethylene (TCE, a solvent). The soil-like solids are contained within a historic culvert structure previously used to convey the Woods Brook from approximately Church Street to the Hoosick River. The remedial work is detailed in the NYSDEC-approved "Phase 2 Culvert Investigative/Removal Action Work Plan, January 2020" submitted by Honeywell International. Documents related to the investigation and cleanup of this site, including the IRM Work Plan, can be found at the repositories identified to the left under "Where to Find Information" and on-line through the DECinfo Locator mapping application at the following link:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/442049/>

NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) are overseeing these actions to ensure the cleanup activities are completed in compliance with the approved work plan, community air monitoring is properly employed and disruption to the surrounding community is minimized.

## **Highlights of the IRM:**

The IRM will be comprised of the following components:

- Preconstruction drilling to determine local site conditions;
- Site preparation north of the John Street site as shown on the Site Location Figure, including the closure of John Street and placement of temporary fencing around the work area;
- Excavation of John Street to expose the culvert and subsurface work area;
- Removal of soil-like solids from the culvert into lined containers used to transport the waste to authorized disposal facilities;
- Lining the interior of the culvert with flowable fill to encapsulate residual TCE that may be present; and,
- Backfill of the culvert as necessary and restoration of the site for paving.

### What residents (you) can expect:

This IRM requires excavation of contaminated materials adjacent to the John Street Site.

1. Starting February 3, 2020, contractors will access the portion of John St. situated between the Former Oak Materials site and the Sand Bar to the north (as indicated on the map below). Contractors will initiate subsurface drilling to collect soil samples under and around the perimeter of the culvert and in the former downstream reach of Woods Brook. Data from these borings will be used to delineate TCE contamination from the site.
2. There will be single lane closures of John St. the week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. These closures may affect pedestrian traffic. John St. will be entirely closed to vehicles and pedestrians from February 17<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> though could extend to March 7<sup>th</sup> under poor weather. Fencing and signage around the excavation zone will be erected at this time and will serve to prevent trespassing into the cleanup area. The village and contractors have coordinated to ensure signage and traffic control are in place.
3. Removal of the contaminated material is planned (barring severe weather) to occur the weeks of February 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Dust and vapor monitors will be installed to run continuously while excavation work is occurring. If dust or solvent vapors are detected during excavation activities, work practices will be modified to minimize potential migration.
4. The excavation will be restored and John St. reopened by the end of February barring severe winter weather.

### Site Description:

The 0.60-acre site is located at 3 Lyman St. in Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County, NY. The site is bounded to the west by Lyman Street and to the north by John Street. To the south is a residential property and to the east is the Woods Brook. The site is vacant and fenced, with most of the property covered by crushed stone and occupied with a parking lot. The site was previously occupied by Allied Signal – Fluorglas Division, which was involved with non-rubberized fiberglass yarn and cord coating operations.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, 442049) at:

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

**State Superfund Program Overview:** 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.

Health-related questions regarding this site should be directed to the DOH project manager identified on the front page.

