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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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# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

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**Site Name:** Petersburg Landfill  
**DEC Site #:** 442054  
**Address:** Jones Hollow Road  
Petersburgh, NY 12138

Have questions?  
See  
"Who to Contact"  
Below

### Site Characterization Investigation to Begin at Potential State Superfund Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has commenced an environmental study, called a Site Characterization, at the Petersburg Landfill site ("site") located on Jones Hollow Road in the town of Petersburg, Rensselaer County. Please see the attached map for the site location. Documents related to the site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

Additional site details are available on NYSDEC's website at:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=442054>

#### Highlights of the Site Characterization

A Site Characterization is NYSDEC's initial investigation of a site where hazardous waste has or may have been disposed of illegally or improperly. The Site Characterization will be performed by the NYSDEC.

The goal of the Site Characterization is to determine whether, the specific property is acting as a source of environmental contamination and meets the state's definition of a hazardous waste site. This is accomplished by confirming or denying the presence of hazardous waste and whether or not the site meets the criteria for placement on the New York State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (the Registry.)

The Site Characterization is conducted in a graduated, step-by-step manner and stops once sufficient information has been gathered to determine whether or not a site meets the criteria to be a listed hazardous waste disposal site. If placement on the Registry is warranted, then site classification will commence.

NYSDEC is in the process of conducting field work and collecting environmental data to determine whether or not the site meets the criteria to be a listed hazardous waste disposal site. The environmental media sampling includes groundwater, soil, surface water, sediment and leachate.

## Next Steps

The information collected during the Site Characterization investigation will be summarized and if placement on the Registry is warranted, then site classification would occur. Any further investigation would be performed under a Remedial Investigation program. A Remedial Investigation would commence in order to determine the full nature and extent of the all contaminated media. After a Remedial Investigation is completed, a "Feasibility Study" will be conducted. This study uses information developed during the site investigations to develop and evaluate potential ways to clean up site-related contamination. During the Remedial Investigation program, an interim remedial measure (IRM) may be conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before completion of the Remedial Investigation program. IRMs may include, but are not limited to, leachate collection systems, construction of fences or drum removals.

NYSDEC will then develop a draft cleanup plan called a "Proposed Remedial Action Plan". This plan describes the remedy preferred by NYSDEC, or, if warranted, a no action or no further action alternative. The draft cleanup plan explains the decision that led to the preferred remedy by discussing each alternative and the reasons for choosing or rejecting it. The goal of the plan will be to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will announce the draft cleanup plan in a future fact sheet, and will present it to the public for its review and comment during a 30-day comment period and at a public meeting.

## Background

This 22.5 acre site is located in the towns of Petersburg and Berlin off of Jones Hollow Road, approximately two miles southeast from the center of the town of Petersburg. Two streams lie to the east and west of the landfill which ultimately discharge to the Little Hoosic River.

The property is currently zoned as a landfill/dump. The site was used as a landfill, which ceased accepting waste on July 1, 1991. Both industrial and municipal waste were believed to have been disposed of in the landfill. The site is surrounded by rural residential property. The site boundaries were defined as the properties on which the landfill sits, which include two tax parcels.

**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>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Where to Find Information

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

Department of Environmental Conservation  
1130 North Westcott Rd.  
Schenectady, NY 12306  
Phone: 518-357-2390

Petersburgh Town Hall  
65 Main Street  
Petersburgh, NY 12138  
Phone: 518-658-3777

## Who to Contact

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

John Strang, P.E.  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
1130 North Westcott Rd  
Schenectady, NY 12306  
518-357-2390  
john.strang@dec.ny.gov

Site-Related Health Questions  
Dawn Hettrick  
New York State Department of Health  
Empire State Plaza - Corning Tower  
Room 1787  
Albany, NY 12237  
518-402-7860  
BEEI@health.ny.gov

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### 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: <http://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 already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.