



Department of
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Conservation

Where to Find Information:

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

Phyllis Bornt Branch Library

948 State St, Schenectady, NY 12307
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Who to Contact:

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

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

FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Former Kenwood Cleaners

**445 Duane Avenue
Schenectady, NY 12304**

SITE No. 447032

NYSDEC REGION 4

December 2018

Amended Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

**Public Meeting, Tuesday 1/8/19 at 6:30 PM
Phyllis Bornt Branch Library
948 State St, Schenectady, NY 12307**

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the revised remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

The public is invited to comment on a revised remedy being proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to address contamination related to the Former Kenwood Cleaners site ("site") located at 445 Duane Avenue, Schenectady, Schenectady County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information." The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$1,106,000.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **December 17, 2018** through **January 16, 2019**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State's Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; and action is required.

Proposed Remedial Action Plan Amendment – NYSDEC proposes to revise the site remedy to replace a groundwater and vapor extraction and treatment technology with excavation and in-place chemical treatment. The proposed amended remedy for the site includes:

- Excavation of soil exceeding commercial use Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) for tetrachloroethene (a.k.a. PCE). Construction dewatering will be required to achieve the required excavation depth of 20 feet below ground surface.
- Disposal of contaminated soil off-site;
- Importation of clean material that meets the established SCOs for use as backfill;
- Treatment of contaminated groundwater by in-place chemical oxidation;
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;

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- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) to ensure the remedy continues to protect public health and the environment, and ensures the safe reuse of the property; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to restrict the use of the property, prohibit groundwater use and enforce the SMP with long-term monitoring.

NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site and evaluating the remedial options in the "Supplemental Feasibility Study."

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision Amendment" that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments. A detailed design of the selected remedy will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

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

Site Description: The Former Kenwood Cleaners site is a 1.4-acre property located at 445 Duane Avenue in the City of Schenectady. The site is approximately 200 feet north of the intersection of Duane Avenue and Watt Street. A metal-clad building currently used for manufacturing purposes is located on-site. The building is a slab-on-grade structure built in 2004 with approximately 15,000 square feet of warehouse space and 1,200 square feet of office space. The site was previously the location of various commercial operations including a dry cleaner. The site operated Kenwood Cleaners from 1950 to 1964, however, evidence suggests the dry cleaner may have operated into the 1970's or later.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, 447032 at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are present in soil, groundwater and soil vapor. The source area is located within the footprint of the former dry cleaner operation.

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>

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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 at:

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.

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Site Location Figure



Former Kenwood Cleaners
445 Duane Avenue, Schenectady, NY
Site No. 447032

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