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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:** Mid-Town Laundry  
**DEC Site #:** 447048  
**Address:** 1122-1124 State Street  
Schenectady, NY 12304

Have questions?  
See  
"Who to Contact"  
Below

## **Investigation to Begin at State Superfund Site**

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will soon begin a detailed environmental study at the Mid-Town Laundry site ("site") located at 1122-1124 State Street, 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 below under "Where to Find Information."

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

### **Investigation Work Plan**

The investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan / Scope of Work," was developed under New York's State Superfund Program. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will perform the investigation which will assess conditions on-site (and, if appropriate, off-site).

### **Highlights of the Site Investigation**

The purpose of the investigation is to define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected. The site investigation will fully characterize all contamination at the site.

The investigation will consist of sampling the soils at the site for suspected contamination. The groundwater, soil vapor and indoor air at and to the southwest of the site will also be sampled.

### **Next Steps**

The information collected during the investigation will be summarized in a report. After the site investigation has begun, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will conduct a "Feasibility Study". This study uses information developed during the site investigation to develop and evaluate potential ways to clean up contamination related to the site. The information collected during the site investigation may also support the conclusion that no action, or no further action, is needed to address site-related contamination.

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**

**Location:** The site is located at 1122-1124 State Street, Schenectady NY 12304. The site is approximately 0.227 acres in size and is situated in an urban area with a large number of residences nearby. The entire site is paved, with parking in front and back.

**Site Features:** The main site features are two abutting structures. Approximately 70% of the property is covered by buildings.

**Current Zoning and Land Use(s):** The site is currently being used as a restaurant and laundromat in the commercial district of the City of Schenectady. The area is zoned mixed-use commercial.

**Past Uses of the Site:** The site operated as a dry cleaning facility from approximately 1969 to 1987. The dry cleaning operation used a solvent called tetrachlorethene or perc. Housekeeping practices allowed the perc to contaminate the groundwater at the site.

The site was previously investigated as part of the Brandywine Plume Trackdown. In October 2012, the site was placed on the registry of inactive hazardous waste sites. This was because the site was considered to be a threat to human health based on the potential for intrusion of vapors into nearby homes.

**Site Geology and Hydrogeology:** The soil consists of fine to course brown sand overlying an apparent confining or low permeability layer of dense, dry, gray silty sand with little clay. Groundwater exists 12 to 16 feet below ground surface and generally flows in a south-southwesterly direction.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=447048>

**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.

Duane Branch Library  
1331 State St.  
Schenectady, NY 12304  
phone: 518-386-2242

### Who to Contact

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

#### Project Related Questions

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#### Site-Related Health Questions

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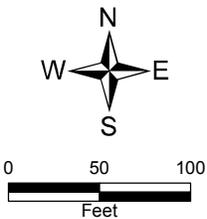
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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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



**Figure 1**  
Site Map  
Mid-Town Laundry  
City of Schenectady, Schenectady County  
Site No. 447048

