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## NYSDEC Invites Public Comment About Cleanup Proposal for State Superfund Site on State St., Schenectady

This link opens a fact sheet that invites public comment about a proposed remedy to address contamination related to the **Mid-Town Laundry, site ID #447048 (Schenectady, Schenectady County)** within New York's State Superfund Program:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/der/factsheet/447048cuprop1.pdf>

**NYSDEC is accepting public comments about the proposal through May 29, 2020.**

Please see fact sheet for details about the proposed remedy and comment period.

**To limit the community spread of COVID-19, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.15 suspending in-person public meetings relating to proposed site remedies. DEC remains committed to providing the public with ample opportunity to provide input on proposed remedies in your community. You are encouraged to provide comments in writing to the DEC Project Manager identified in the fact sheet during the 30-day public comment period.**

**Documents related to the site should be accessed electronically using the DECinfo Locator link identified on page 1 of the fact sheet. The document repositories identified in the fact sheet are temporarily closed as a result of the COVID-19 response.**

The fact sheet is in PDF format. You can save, open, and read the fact sheet by using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can go to the following web page on the NYSDEC web site to download the program:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/about/590.html>

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# FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Mid-Town Laundry  
1122-1124 State Street  
Schenectady, NY 12304

SITE No. 447048  
NYSDEC REGION 4

April 2020

## Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site Public Comment Period Announced

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April 29 through May 29, 2020

### Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/447048/> and at these location(s):

**Phyllis Bornt Branch Library**  
948 State Street  
Schenectady, NY 12307  
(518) 372-4393

(\*Repositories are temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions. If you cannot access the online repository, please contact the NYSDEC project manager listed below for assistance)

### Who to Contact

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

**Project-Related Questions**  
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**Project-Related Health Questions**  
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For more information about New York's State Superfund Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html)

The public is invited to comment on a 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 Mid-Town Laundry site ("site") located at 1122-1124 State Street, Schenectady County. Please see the map for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$1,358,000.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 30 days, from **April 29 through May 29, 2020**.

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/447048/>.
- Documents also are available 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 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; action is required. NYSDEC is proposing the following remedy to address these threats:

**Proposed Remedial Action Plan:** The remedy proposed for the site includes:

- Installation and operation of a Soil Vapor Extraction and Air Sparging system (SVE/AS) to remove contaminants of concern in subsurface soil, groundwater, and soil vapor;
- Continued soil vapor intrusion (SVI) investigation, monitoring, and mitigation in the Remedial Investigation study area;

- Sealing the foundation walls/slab of the on-site building to ensure effectiveness of the remedial system and to prevent exposures to occupants;
- Collecting and analyzing soil vapor and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to restrict 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 “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" 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 Mid-Town Laundry site is located at 1122-1124 State Street in Schenectady and is 0.227 acres in size. The site is situated in an urban area with both residential and commercial properties nearby. The site is relatively flat and includes two abutting and occupied commercial buildings. The remainder of the site is paved, with parking in front and back. The site is currently being used as a restaurant and laundromat.

The site operated as a dry-cleaning facility from approximately 1969 to 1987 and utilized a solvent called tetrachloroethene or PCE. The site was previously investigated as part of the Brandywine Plume track down study which identified groundwater contaminant plumes associated with the Mid-Town Laundry site, and the neighboring Former Marlou Formal Wear site (NYSDEC Site No. 447040). In October 2012, the site was placed on the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites due to the elevated concentrations of PCE in site soil, groundwater and soil vapor.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 447048) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds (cVOCs) which are present site-wide in soil, groundwater and soil vapor. The potential source area is beneath the northwest corner of the on-site building.

**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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[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

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

#### **DECinfo Locator**

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

# STATE SUPERFUND PROGRAM

**Approximate Site Location**  
Mid-Town Laundry  
Site ID: 447048  
1122-1124 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12304

