

FACT SHEET

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M. Wallace and Son, Inc. Scrapyard Site Cobleskill, New York

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (Niagara Mohawk) has begun the remedial action activities at the M. Wallace and Son, Inc. Scrapyard Site. The site is located at the corner of NYS Route 10 (Elm Street) and West Street in Cobleskill, New York.

As detailed in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC's) March 1999 Record of Decision for the site, the selected remedial action includes the following activities:

- Extending the public water supply to the affected residences near the site;
- Excavating site soils containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at concentrations greater than the NYSDEC and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)-established cleanup goals for the site;
- Transporting and disposing of the excavated soil at a permitted landfill;
- Backfilling the excavated areas with clean fill and restoring the site; and
- Installing and operating an automated system to recover PCB oils observed on the groundwater surface in two on-site wells.

The extension of the public water supply began in early November and is now nearly complete. Some site work has already been initiated to prepare for the upcoming soil excavation and off-site transportation activities. Those activities are anticipated to begin at the end of December.

During the soil excavation activities, approximately 7,000 cubic yards of soil will be removed from the site using standard excavation equipment. The soil will be loaded into dump trailers, which will transport the material to a permitted disposal facility.

The anticipated truck haul route from the site will likely be from West Street, to NYS Route 10, to Interstate 90. For several weeks, approximately 20 to 30 trucks per day (2 to 4 trucks per hour) will be entering and leaving the site to remove impacted soil and/or to bring clean fill for restoration.

During the remedial action activities, traffic control measures will be implemented to maintain safe and orderly vehicular and pedestrian travel. In addition, trucking schedules will be established to accommodate and allow for the school bus traffic on NYS Route 10.

The soil excavation and off-site disposal activities are anticipated to begin in the next several weeks and to be completed during January 2002.

In addition to the soil remedial action activities, a system will be installed to remove PCB oils observed in two on-site wells. These wells are located just northwest of the on-site quarry pond. The system will be housed inside two small equipment enclosure buildings that will be located over each well. The construction activities for this component of the work will last approximately one week and will be completed in January/February 2002.

An environmental contractor under the supervision of Niagara Mohawk will complete the remedial action activities, which will be monitored by Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc. and NYSDEC. Access to the site and active work areas will be restricted to authorized personnel.

As part of the selected remedial action for the site, Niagara Mohawk will continue operation of the existing water treatment system to remove PCBs from the quarry pond surface water, before discharge of the treated water into the drainage ditch south of the site. Groundwater monitoring activities will also continue.

If you have any questions regarding the M. Wallace and Son, Inc. Scrapyard Site, please call or write the NYSDEC or Niagara Mohawk contacts listed on the back.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Check the Cobleskill Public Library for other information and reports related to the M. Wallace and Son, Inc. Scrapyard Site, or contact one of the following:

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