

Wyeth Corrective Measures Fact Sheet

- **Project:** Former Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Site Proposed Corrective Measures
- **Applicants:** ERS Rouses Point, LLC (owner) and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, LLC (operator)
- **Facility:** Former Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, 64 Maple Street, Rouses Point, NY
- **NYSDEC Application Number:** EPA ID No. NY002081396
- **A Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)**

What is the Proposed Project?

NYSDEC, in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is evaluating final corrective measures proposed by the Wyeth facility in Rouses Point, NY. A Statement of Basis (SB) identifying the proposed corrective measures is being prepared for public comment. The SB contains the proposed corrective measures intended to attain the cleanup objectives identified for this facility for the protection of public health and the environment. The applicant has submitted an application to the NYSDEC to renew its Part 373 RCRA Corrective Action permit as required to implement the corrective measures.

The Proposed Corrective Measures include:

- In-situ Chemical Reduction (ISCR) to address impacted soils. ISCR is a method used in place to break down chemicals to less harmful components.
- Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) which involves periodic sampling to document that the natural breakdown of components is continuing and ensure that the chemicals are not migrating away, and
- Institutional Controls (IC) to address contamination in the groundwater resulting from historic operations at the facility. ICs are legal or administrative measures, such as the placement of restrictions on the property deed (environmental easements) that may be used to limit certain types of land use in the future.

In addition, sub-slab depressurization systems will continue to be used to mitigate soil vapors beneath on and off-site buildings as required. More information on the recommended corrective measures is included in the SB which can be found in the document repositories. The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform the public about the proposed project and to involve the community during the NYSDEC corrective measures decision-making process.

Why does Wyeth need to obtain a permit for and approval of the Corrective Measures?

The NYSDEC has determined that hazardous wastes and/or hazardous constituents were released into the environment at the facility located at 64 Maple Street in Rouses Point, NY. NYSDEC is proposing final corrective measures intended to attain the cleanup objectives identified for this facility for the protection of public health and the environment.

The SB identifies the proposed corrective measures, summarizes the other alternatives considered, explains the reasons for selecting the proposed remedy, and solicits public involvement in the selection of the final corrective measures. NYSDEC will select final corrective measure(s) only after the public comment period has ended and the information submitted during this time is reviewed and considered in the decision-making process.

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Corrective Action permit as required to implement the corrective measures.

How might the project affect the surrounding community?

The Proposed Corrective Measures include the use of In-situ Chemical Reduction (ISCR) to address impacted soils. This will require physical construction work on the subject property. At the completion of the on-site work, institutional controls will be put in place limiting future use of the property to commercial and industrial land uses. As proposed, groundwater will be monitored long-term to demonstrate the continued degradation, or decrease, of contaminants, through natural processes.

If further sampling identifies a need, the potential for volatile organic chemicals to migrate from the soil into the indoor air of future buildings constructed onsite will be mitigated using sub-slab depressurization systems. Existing off-site soil vapor mitigation systems will continue until the Department evaluates the systems are no longer needed.

The SB provides an opportunity for the public to be informed of and to participate in the selection of the final corrective measures for the facility. Public input on all potential remedial alternatives, and on the information that supports the alternatives, is an important contribution to the corrective measure selection process. The Department may modify the proposed remedy or select another remedy based on new information and/or public comments.

How can I participate in the permit review process?

- Ask questions, express concerns, provide input or submit comments in writing, by phone or email to the project contact person identified below.

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Where can I get more information about the proposed project?

- Visit the online document repository at: <https://rpupdate.com/document-repository/index.html> to obtain application materials, relevant documents, and information about the project.
- Contact Eric Gaulin by phone at: 888.507.2022 by email at: comments@RPupdate.com or in writing at: Pfizer Inc., 66 Hudson Boulevard East; New York, NY 10001-2192 for information on the project, or to find out about the status of the permit application and public comment period.
- Stakeholders with health-related questions may contact Shaun Surani at the New York State Department of Health by email at bee@health.ny.gov or by phone at 518.402.7860.

Who is responsible for reviewing the Permit Application?

NYSDEC Central Office is responsible for reviewing this SB and issuing the final Corrective Measures decision. Contact Erin Donhauser, Regional Permit Administrator, NYSDEC Region 5, 1115 NY-86, Ray Brook, NY 12977. Phone: (518) 897-1234. Email: DEP.R5@dec.ny.gov.