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## Act Now to Continue Receiving Information About This Site!

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.



# FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

New Process Cleaners  
115 North Market Street  
Johnstown, NY 12095

**SITE No. 518024**

**NYSDEC REGION 5**

**February 2022**

## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/518024/>  
and at these location(s):

**NYSDEC Region 5**  
1115 NYS Route 86, PO Box 296  
Ray Brook, NY 12977  
(518) 897-1241

**Johnstown Public Library**  
38 South Market Street  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
(518) 762-8371

## Who to Contact

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

**Project-Related 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)

## Investigation to Begin at State Superfund Site

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will soon begin a detailed environmental study at the New Process Cleaners site ("site") located at 115 North Market Street, Johnstown, Fulton County. Please see the map for the site location.

**Investigation Work Plan:** The investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP)," was developed under New York's State Superfund Program. 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.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/518024/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

**Highlights of the Site Investigation:** The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Past investigations in the area have determined that chlorinated solvent contamination exists at the site. Tetrachloroethene (PCE) and its byproducts are present in the site's subsurface. PCE is a contaminant often associated with dry cleaning operations.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Installing and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Collecting sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air samples;
- Installing and sampling ground water wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern both on-site and off-site; and
- A geophysical survey.

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**Next Steps:** The information collected during the investigation will be summarized in a report. After the site investigation is complete, NYSDEC 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 proposal for no action or no further action.

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 availability of 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.

**Site Description:** The site is 0.11-acres and is bordered on the east by North Market Street, on the north by residential properties along Washington Street, and on the south and west by a vacant commercial property that formerly was a garage. The site is currently developed with a building, parking lot and driveway that occupies the majority of the parcel. The building houses an active dry cleaner, New Process Cleaners. The primary use of the site has been as a dry cleaner.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on

NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 518024) at:

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

**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 before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

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*We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.*

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## Stay Informed With DEC Delivers

Sign up to receive site updates by email:

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](https://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:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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