

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

State Superfund Program

Citizen Participation Plan

for

Camarota Cleaners Site No.: 5-46-044

325-327 Park Avenue
Mechanicville
Saratoga County, New York

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Note: The information presented in this Citizen Participation Plan was current as of the date of the document. Portions of this Citizen Participation Plan may be revised during the State Superfund site’s remedial process

1. Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is investigating dry cleaning solvents utilized at the former Camarota Cleaners site located in Mechanicville, New York (herein referred to as the “site”). NYSDEC is committed to informing and involving the public during the upcoming Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS) of the site. This Citizen Participation (CP) Plan identifies how interactions between NYSDEC and the public shall be performed during the remedial process for this site.

These activities are being performed under the Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Remedial Program, also known as the State Superfund (SSF) Program, to identify and characterize suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites and investigate and remediate inactive hazardous waste disposal sites which pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment. The State Superfund Program is administered by NYSDEC Division of Environmental Remediation (DER).

2. Citizen Participation

This Citizen Participation (CP) Plan provides members of the affected and interested public with information about how NYSDEC will inform and involve them during the investigation and remediation of the site.

Project Contacts

The NYSDEC project contact(s) to whom the public should address questions or request information about the site’s remedial program is provided in Appendix B.

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) project contact to whom the public should address questions regarding specific human exposures to site contaminants as well as community concerns about associated health issues is provided in Appendix B.

Document Repositories

The locations of the site’s document repositories also are identified in Appendix B. The document repositories provide convenient access to important project documents for public review and comment.

Site Contact List

Appendix C contains the site contact list. NYSDEC maintains this list to inform and involve the community in the site’s investigation and remediation process.

NYSDEC will periodically send fact sheets that provide updates about the status of the project to people and organizations on the site contact list. The fact sheets will include notifications of upcoming remedial activities at the site (such as fieldwork), as well as availability of project documents and announcements about public comment periods.

NYSDEC will periodically review and update the site contact list. Individuals and organizations will be added to the site contact list upon request. Submit requests to the NYSDEC project contact(s) identified in Appendix B.

The NYSDEC project manager, in consultation with other NYSDEC staff, may make other additions to the site contact list.

Citizen Participation Activities

CP activities will be conducted to provide the public with significant information about site findings, planned remedial activities, announce comment periods, and request public input about important draft documents such as the Proposed Remedial Action Plan.

“Appendix D: Identification of Citizen Participation Activities” identifies the minimal CP activities that have been and will be conducted during the site’s remedial program. NYSDEC will inform the public through fact sheets and notices developed at significant points in the site’s remedial process.

- **Notices and fact sheets** help the interested and affected public to understand contamination issues related to a site, and the nature and progress of efforts to investigate and remediate a site.
- **Public forums, comment periods and contact with project managers** provide opportunities for the public to contribute information, opinions and perspectives that have potential to influence decisions about a site’s investigation and remediation.

NYSDEC encourages the public to contact project staff at any time during the site’s remedial process with questions, comments, or requests for information about the remedial program.

3. Site Background

The Camarota Cleaners site is a former dry cleaning facility located at 325-327 Park Avenue in Mechanicville, Saratoga County, New York. The site covers approximately 0.115 acres and is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Park Avenue and Second Avenue in a primarily residential area.

At the site, a single-story building without a sub-level is situated on a soil supported concrete slab. The building was constructed in the mid- to late-1970s and has been recently renovated. The building is surrounded by grass on three sides, and an asphalt area lies south of the building. A Site Location Plan is provided in Appendix A.

4. Historical Remedial Activities

Site Investigations

Site contamination was initially detected in July 1991, when a soil vapor survey was conducted at the site and detected tetrachloroethene (PCE). A site investigation conducted in July 1992 confirmed the presence of PCE in the soils and in the groundwater at the asphalt area located behind the structure. Subsequent groundwater samples from May 1993, September 1998, May 1999, and September 1999 indicated a decreasing trend in PCE concentrations and the presence of PCE breakdown products.

On February 4, 2005 the site was included on a list of 421 sites, which required the soil vapor intrusion pathway be reevaluated in accordance with current New York State Department of Health Guidance.

A soil vapor intrusion evaluation was conducted in March 2006 to determine if site contaminants pose a potential threat to public health or the environment. Elevated concentrations were detected in the soil vapor and groundwater at the site and adjacent to the site, which lead to a Class 2 determination and subsequent inclusion of the site on New York's Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites. The Class 2 designation means that the site poses a significant threat to public health or the environment.

Interim Remedial Measures

As a result of the Class 2 designation the site owner performed two interim remedial measures to address site contamination. In April 2007 approximately 30 poplar trees were planted within the limits of the property to address site contaminants within the environment. Then in May 2007 a sub-slab (below the buildings foundation) depressurization system was installed to mitigate soil vapor impacts at the on-site building.

5. Remedial Process

A Remedial Investigation (RI) will be performed to determine how much hazardous waste contamination there is, how far it extends, and potential threats to public health and the environment. Remedial investigation activities are anticipated to begin in the spring of 2008 and shall include air sampling, groundwater sampling, and soil sampling at the site and within the vicinity of the site.

Using information obtained during the remedial investigation, a Feasibility Study (FS) shall be performed to evaluate possible ways to clean up the site. The preferred method will be presented in a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP), which the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on. A fact sheet will be distributed to the site's contact list announcing a 30-day public comment period and requesting the public's attendance at a meeting to discuss the proposed remedial action.

NYSDEC will factor the public's comments into its decision to approve, reject or modify the Proposed Remedial Action Plan. The selection of a cleanup alternative shall be finalized in a Record of Decision. Then the cleanup remedy will be designed and constructed. The selected remedy may require supplemental activities, provided below, to achieve the remedial objectives.

- Institutional Controls (i.e. environmental easement);
- Engineering Controls (i.e. operation of a sub-slab depressurization system); and/or
- Environmental Monitoring (i.e. periodic groundwater water sampling).

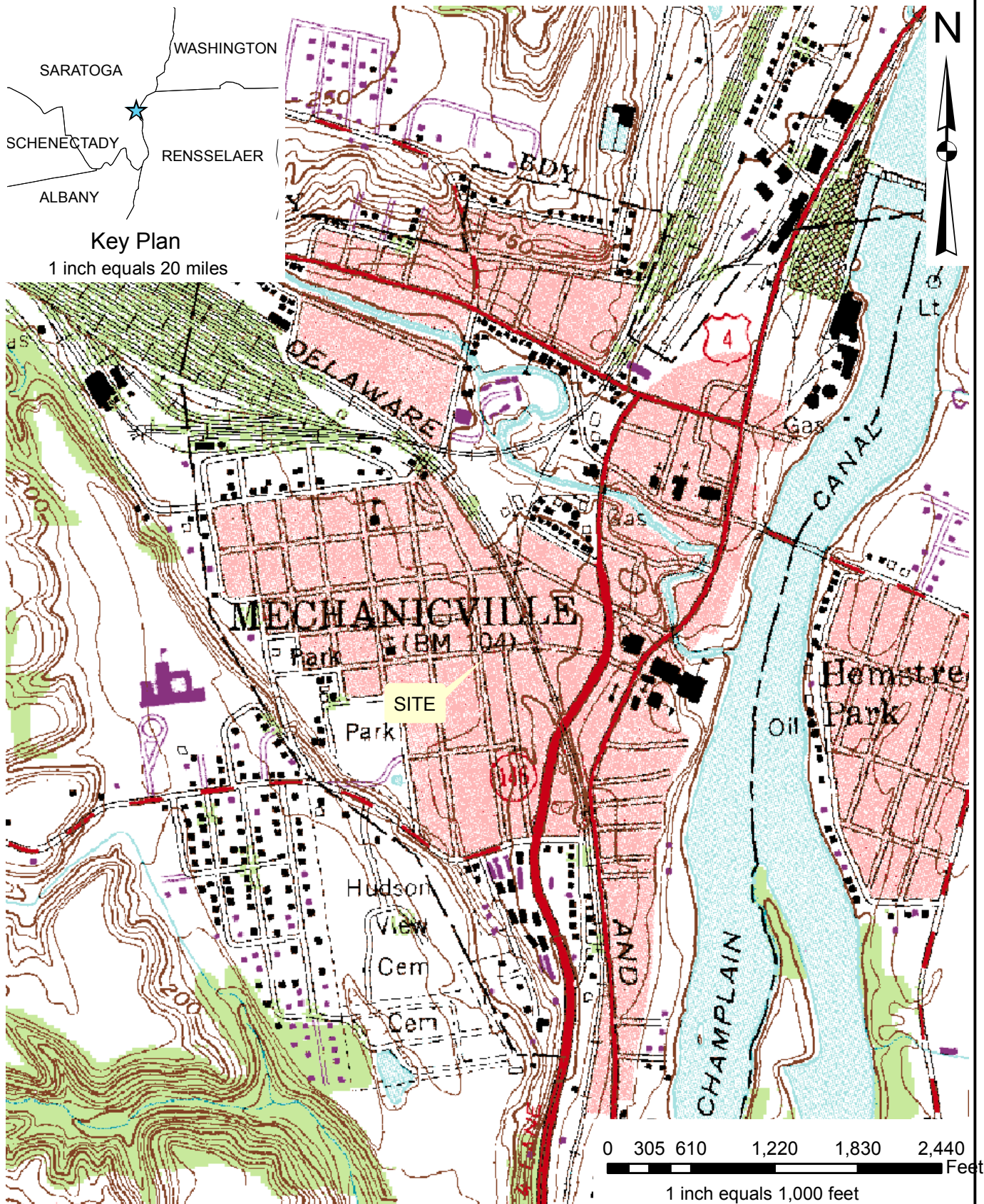
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Source Data: DOT Topographic Image & USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Image



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Site Location Plan
Camarota Cleaners, Site No. 5-46-044
Mechanicville, Saratoga County, New York

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Appendix A

Appendix B – Project Contacts and Document Repositories

Project Contacts

For information about the site's remedial program, the public may contact any of the following project staff:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC):

Mr. Brian Jankauskas, P.E.
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Ray Brook, New York 12977-0296
(518) 897-1211

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH):

Mr. Nathan Freeman
Project Manager
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Flannigan Square
547 River Street
Troy, New York 12180-2216
(518) 402-7870

Document Repositories

The document repositories identified below have been established to provide the public with convenient access to important project documents:

Mechanicville District Public Library
190 North Main Street
Mechanicville, New York 12118
Attn: Ms. Laura Fisher
Phone: (518) 664-4646
Hours: Mon. & Wed. 11:00 am to 8:00 pm
Tue, Thur., Fri. 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sat. 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

NYSDEC
Division of Environmental Remediation
625 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
(call for appointment)

Appendix C – Site Contact List

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36 North Main Street
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Commissioner Jack Messoro
City of Mechanicville
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Mechanicville, NY 12118

Mechanicville City Clerk
Mechanicville City Hall
36 North Main Street
Mechanicville, NY 12118

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Flannigan Square
547 River Street
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Saratoga County Officials

Ms. Kathleen A. Marchione
Saratoga County Clerk's Office
40 McMaster Street
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Public Water Supply

City of Mechanicville Water Department/
Public Works Garage
Attn: Mr. John Zullo
4 Industrial Park
Mechanicville, NY 12118

Note: Adjacent residences are not identified on site contact list.

Appendix D – Identification of Citizen Participation Activities

Citizen Participation (CP) Activities	CP Activities) Occur at this Point
Site Listing and Reclassification:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail notice to site contact list. If contact list not developed, publish notice in local newspaper and provide notice to adjacent property owners. 	When final decisions about a site listing or reclassification are made. A class 1 or class 2 inactive hazardous waste disposal site on the Registry is eligible for a Technical Assistance Grant.
Proposed Site Delisting:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide notice as described for site listing and reclassification, above. Announce 30-day public comment period • Publish notice in Environmental Notice Bulletin • Publish notice in local newspaper • Make summary of comments received available to the public 	At least 60 days before proposed site delisting.
Before Start of Remedial Investigation (RI):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare site contact list • Establish document repository • Prepare Citizen Participation (CP) Plan • Place RI/FS Work Plan in document repository • Mail fact sheet to site contact list that announces availability of RI work plan and describes upcoming RI work plan 	Before start of RI.
When DER Approves Proposed Remedial Investigation Report:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place approved RI Report in document Repository 	When DER approves RI Report.
When DER Issues Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place PRAP in document repository • Mail fact sheet to site contact list that describes PRAP and announces 30-day comment period • Public meeting about PRAP 	When DER issues PRAP. Comment period begins/ends as per dates identified in fact sheet. Public meeting is held during the comment period.
When DER Issues Record of Decision (ROD):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place ROD in document repository • ROD includes responsiveness summary of significant comments about PRAP 	When DER issues ROD.