



Dear Citizen:

The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health (NYSDEC and NYSDOH) wish to inform you of the current status at the Sharon Cleaners Site and proposed remedial investigation activities involving installation of soil vapor points and collection of air and water samples. The State is intending to conduct field activities between March 31, 2008 and May 1, 2008. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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FACT SHEET

March 14, 2008

Sharon Cleaners Site

Site No. 5-46-052

48 Lincoln Avenue

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Proposed Field Activities for the Sharon Cleaners Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is announcing that the State is conducting Remedial Investigation (RI) activities to evaluate and address contamination pertaining to the Sharon Cleaners Site under the State Superfund Program (SSF).

The site is located at 48 Lincoln Avenue in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York (see Figure 1). The site is presently occupied by AJ's Wash and Dry Cleaners. The site covers 0.17 acres and is situated at the southeastern intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Whitney Place in a primarily commercial/residential area. Gurtler Lane is located along the western portion of the site.

Site History

The site has been used for dry cleaning businesses for approximately 50 years. During this time Sharon Cleaners was in operation for approximately 22 years. In conducting a site audit for use in selling the property, the site owner discovered chlorinated volatile organic compounds, primarily tetrachloroethylene (PCE), in the soil and groundwater in February 2000. Dry cleaning and spot removal processes are believed to have utilized tetrachloroethylene, which is a typical chemical used in the dry cleaning industry.

AJ's Wash and Dry Cleaning currently occupies the site and has been in operation for over six years. The current dry cleaning equipment utilizes a petroleum based dry cleaning agent, which is different from the chlorinated volatile organic compounds detected in the soil and groundwater at the site.

Historical Remedial Activities

Site investigations as part of a property assessment were conducted in February and March 2000. Site investigations included the collection of soil and groundwater samples. Analytical results detected tetrachloroethylene below soil cleanup objectives, but above groundwater standards.

In 2000, the Sharon Cleaners owner entered into the Voluntary Cleanup Program to investigate and remediate the site. Two additional monitoring wells were installed in February 2001 and sampled to assess soil conditions and groundwater quality.

In March 2001, the Volunteer installed and operated a soil vapor extraction system to address contamination detected at the site. The system included two extraction points located at the front of the property. The installation and operation of the soil vapor extraction system was performed without the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation approval. The system was shutdown prior to December 2001 when DEC personnel visited the site.

In December 2001, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation was able to locate and sample two of the five monitoring wells. tetrachloroethylene was detected above groundwater standards in one of the monitoring wells.

In September 2006, a site characterization was conducted to determine the site conditions by collecting soil, groundwater, and soil vapor samples. Analytical results detected low levels of tetrachloroethylene in the soil and groundwater samples, but elevated levels of tetrachloroethylene in the soil vapor. Soil vapor concentrations were compared to the recently released New York State Department of Health guidance document regarding soil vapor intrusion, dated October 2006. As a result of the soil vapor concentrations, the site was added to the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites.

Proposed Activities

The State intends to conduct a remedial investigation, which shall include the collection of environmental samples and performing soil vapor intrusion evaluations. The anticipated locations of the monitoring wells and soil vapor points are illustrated on Figure 2. Field activities are scheduled to be performed between March 31, 2008 and May 1, 2008 from 8 am to 5 pm.

Public Water Supply

Groundwater in the vicinity of the site is not used as a source of public water supply. The City of Saratoga Springs Water Department and New York State Department of Health are monitoring water quality from Loughberry Lake, Geyser Crest Subdivision wells, and Interlaken Water Work wells to ensure that the public water supply continues to comply with Federal and State drinking water standards. Annual Water Quality Reports are available on the City of Saratoga Springs website: www.saratoga-springs.org.

Citizen Participation

Public comments and public announcements will be performed in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan that is available at the Document Repositories (locations indicated below). As indicated in the Citizen Participation Plan, fact sheets and/or public forums will be available when milestones (i.e. Proposed Remedial Action Plan and Record of Decision) are achieved. The document repositories will contain the finalized Remedial Investigation Work Plan and future documents as the project progresses.

Document Repositories: *To review site information:*

Public Library
Saratoga Springs Public Library
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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Site Location Plan
Sharon Cleaners, Site No. 5-46-052
Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York

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Figure 1



Key Plan
1 inch equals 20 miles



Legend

- Proposed Soil Vapor Point
- Monitoring Wells/Former SVE Points
Approximate Locations

0 30 60 120 180 240
Feet

1 inch equals 100 feet

Source Data: Aerial - 2004 Color 30cm Resolution



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Sample Location Plan
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Figure 2