



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

## **State Superfund Program**

## **Citizen Participation Plan**

for

**Sharon Cleaners  
Site No.: 5-46-052**

48 Lincoln Avenue  
Saratoga Springs  
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 used at the former Sharon Cleaners facility located in Saratoga Springs, 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*

Citizen Participation 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 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 Sharon Cleaners site is located at 48 Lincoln Avenue in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York. The site covers approximately 0.17 acres and is located at the southeastern intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Whitney Place in a primarily commercial/residential area. A road known as Gurtler Lane is located along the western portion of the site.

At the site, a single-story building without a sub-level (basement) is situated on a soil supported concrete slab. The building is surrounded by grass on three sides, and an asphalt parking lot borders the western portion of the building. Dry cleaning operations have been conducted at the

site for a minimum of 50 years. Currently AJ's Wash and Dry Cleaners has occupied the site for approximately six years. The previous owner operated Sharon Cleaners at the site for approximately 22 years. A Site Location Plan is provided in Appendix A.

#### **4. Historical Remedial Activities**

Site contamination was first detected in February 2000 when an environmental site assessment was conducted at the site and detected tetrachloroethylene (PCE) – a solvent commonly used by dry cleaners. The previous owner entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement in 2000 to investigate and remediate the site. A remedial investigation report detailing the site activities and installation of a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system was submitted in July 2001. On their own, the previous owner installed the soil vapor extraction system at the site in February 2001. Operation of the system was initiated in March 2001 and shutdown prior to December 2001 when State Personnel visited the site. Two monitoring wells were located and sampled in December 2001. Analytical results detected tetrachloroethylene above groundwater standards at one of the sampling locations.

A site characterization was begun in September 2006 to evaluate the effectiveness of the soil vapor extraction system and determine if site contaminants posed a potential threat to public health or the environment. 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 included on New York's Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites as a Class 2 site. The Class 2 designation means that the site poses a significant threat to public health or the environment.

#### **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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**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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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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Division of Public Affairs & Education  
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#### **New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH):**

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Troy, New York 12180-2216  
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### **Document Repositories**

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

Saratoga Springs Public Library  
49 Henry Street  
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866  
Attn: Ms. Kathy Stevens  
Phone: (518) 584-7860  
Hours: Mon. – Thur. 9:00 am to 9:00 pm  
Fri. 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Sat. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Sun. 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

NYSDEC  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
625 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Attn: Mr. Brian Jankauskas, P.E.  
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Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
(call for appointment)

## **Appendix C – Site Contact List**

### **NYSDEC Officials**

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### **City of Saratoga Springs Officials**

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City Hall  
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Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Mr. David Wikerham  
County Administrator  
40 McMaster Street  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

### **Public Water Supply**

City of Saratoga Springs Department of Public Works  
– Water Works  
Attn: Mr. Tom Kirkpatrick  
5 Lake Avenue  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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