



**Department of  
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## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/546058/> and at these location(s):

### **NYSDEC Region 5**

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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)

# FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

**Rickett's Dry Cleaners**

**2017-2019 Doubleday Avenue  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020**

**SITE No. 546058**

**NYSDEC REGION 5**

**May 2022**

## Investigation to Begin at State Superfund Site

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will soon begin the detailed environmental study at the Rickett's Dry Cleaners site ("site") located at 2017-2019 Doubleday Avenue, Ballston Spa, Saratoga 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/546058/>.
- 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 upcoming investigation work include:

- Installing and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Collecting sediment/sludge samples from on-site locations to identify possible sources of contamination;
- Collecting surface water samples on-site and off-site to identify possible impacts;
- Installing and sampling groundwater 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 1.38-acres and located in a suburban area. The property is bounded on the east by Doubleday Avenue (NYS Route 50), on the north and west by residential properties and Park Street, and on the south by the intersection of Doubleday Avenue and Park Street. The primary site use has historically been as a laundromat and dry cleaners, along with a small self-service car wash. The former dry cleaners building and car wash were demolished in March 2022. The dry cleaners was operational for at least four decades. The operations at the site ceased in approximately 2013, and the site is currently vacant.

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

NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 546058) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/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:

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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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