

Rickett's Dry Cleaners

State Superfund Program

Site No. 546058

Ballston Spa, Saratoga County



Department of
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Conservation

March 2026

Interim Remedial Measure to Begin

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is announcing an expedited cleanup of contamination 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. The expedited cleanup activities are expected to begin in March 2026 and construction will take approximately two weeks. The activities will be performed by NYSDEC.

- Access the IRM Work Plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/546058/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to find information."

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.

Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) Work Plan

An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation.

The IRM work plan describes cleanup activities that include:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of soil to approximately four feet below ground surface along the eastern boundary of the site for the installation of a groundwater collection trench;
- Import of clean material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives for use as backfill;
- Installation and operation of a groundwater collection and treatment system;
- Collection and analysis of treated groundwater samples to evaluate compliance with effluent limits prior to discharge; and
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities.

Next Steps

NYSDEC has approved the IRM work plan in consultation with NYSDOH. The approved work plan is available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" on front page).

Upon completion of the expedited cleanup activities, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

Additional sampling is being planned as part of the ongoing Remedial Investigation (RI). The approved supplemental RI work plan will be available to the public. 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 cleanup actions 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 action 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.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description

The 1.38-acre site is bordered on the north by residential properties, on the east by Doubleday Avenue (State Route 50), on the south by Union Street, and on the west by Park Street. The site has historically been used as a laundry and dry cleaner along with a small self-service car wash at the south end of the property. The site operated as a dry cleaner for at least four decades. Operations ceased in approximately 2013. The former dry cleaner building and car wash were demolished in March 2022, and the site is currently unoccupied.

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://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

Summary of the Investigation

NYSDEC is performing a Remedial Investigation (RI). Based on preliminary results, the primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The chlorinated VOCs are present in soil, surface water, groundwater, and soil vapor and PFAS are present in soil, surface water, and groundwater. Additional data will be collected as part of the RI to fully delineate the nature and extent of site-related contamination.

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://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/state-superfund-sites>

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Sign up to receive site updates by email:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/environmental-cleanup-email-newsletters>

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://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/546058/>

Ballston Spa Public Library

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Ballston Spa, NY 12020
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Site Location

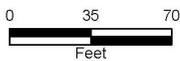


Figure 1 Site Map

2017 - 2019 Doubleday Ave.
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