

GE Fort Edward Site Building Deconstruction to Commence

New York State Superfund Program

381 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is committed to a careful and thorough cleanup of the GE Fort Edward site, while keeping the Fort Edward community informed about upcoming cleanup activities. The main manufacturing operations were discontinued in 2016 and equipment testing was discontinued at the end of 2017. GE closed the facility, removed most of the equipment and “moth balled” the buildings. GE’s next step will be deconstructing all the buildings on site, except for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. As a result of past operations at this former manufacturing facility, building materials have been impacted by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at levels that require remediation. DEC and the State Department of Health (DOH) will be closely overseeing project contractors to complete this work expeditiously and limit inconvenience to the community.

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Cleanup Activities and Schedule

The remedial activities are being performed under New York’s State Superfund Program as a provision of an Order on Consent established between GE and DEC. The building characterization was performed from July 2017 through October 2018 and found PCBs at concentrations exceeding New York State standards, criteria, and guidance. The Equalization Basin was cleaned out and relined during Fall 2018 through Spring 2019. The buildings are being deconstructed and removed from the site to allow access to investigate the subslab soils.

Deconstruction work will begin inside the buildings with the removal of the remaining asbestos containing material, remaining equipment and building debris. Within a designated area, there will be segregated areas for the different types of debris based on final disposal. These piles will be loaded into trucks and transported off-site for disposal or



Example of deconstruction equipment that may be used

left for on-site reuse. Building deconstruction debris will be processed and sized depending on its disposition.

During the project there will be several activities taking place to prevent dust from leaving the immediate deconstruction area. Work practices that will be implemented when needed including applying water to areas or activities that could potentially generate dust, applying water to exposed material piles, and covering material piles when not being used with sheeting or tarps. In addition, a community air monitoring plan will be implemented to protect nearby residences and businesses from the potential dust and vapors as a result of deconstruction activities.



Example of covered stockpiles during deconstruction.

After deconstruction the site will be restored. Site restoration will include removing any remaining debris, backfilling any trenches or pits, and placing a geotextile and soil cover over the remaining slabs. The project will take approximately nine months.

Following this GE will submit a sampling work plan to investigate the subslab soils that were previously inaccessible.



Example of loading truck for off-site disposal during deconstruction.



Example of equipment that may be used to wet building material during deconstruction.

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION



Project documents are
at these location(s):

Washington County
Clerk's Office
383 Upper Broadway
Fort Edward, NY 12828

Project documents are
available on the NYSDEC
website at:

[https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/
gis/dil/index.html?rs=558004](https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/dil/index.html?rs=558004)

Community Air Monitoring

A community air monitoring plan was developed for the building deconstruction work and will be used to monitor air quality during deconstruction activities.



Example of an air monitoring station

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