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- Get site information faster and share it easily;
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FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Utica City Dump,
Operable Unit 1 (OU01)
Incinerator Road Utica,
Oneida County

April 2025

SITE No. 633015
NYSDEC REGION 6

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/633015/>

Utica Public Library

303 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501
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For more information about New York's State Superfund Program, visit:

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

Notice of Availability: Explanation of Significant Difference

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) announces that it has issued the Explanation of Significant Difference (ESD) for the Utica Dump site ("site") located at Incinerator Road, Utica, Oneida County. Please see the map for the site location.

The ESD presents minor changes to the cleanup plan selected in the 2003 Record of Decision (ROD) to address contamination related to the site and why the changes were made. The estimated cost to implement the cleanup is \$35,000,000.

How to Access: The Explanation of Significant Difference and other project documents can be accessed through:

- The DECinfo Locator:
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/633015/>
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to find information."

Explanation of Significant Difference- NYSDEC issues an ESD if the change is significant but not fundamental. There is no fundamental change from the original remedy selected in the 2003 ROD (consolidation and cover), however, under the ESD, the extent of the landfill is being updated and an evapotranspiration (ET) cover is replacing the previously proposed Part 360 cover. In addition, the ESD separates out the sediment removal (with replacement of clean fill) along the eastern banks of the landfill, as OU02. These changes maintain the same level of protection of public health and the environment as the original remedy. The following is a summary of the cleanup plan described in the ROD, including the ESD modifications noted above:

- A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, optimization, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program. Green remediation principles and techniques will be implemented to the extent feasible in the design, implementation, and site management of the remedy as per DER-31.
- Demolition and disposal of the onsite incinerator and surrounding structure.
- Closure of the 103 acres of landfill through the excavation and consolidation of approximately 290,000 cubic yards of solid waste and placement of an ET cover will be placed in lieu of the cap system identified by 6 NYCRR Part 360.
- Creation of 16.8 acres of wetland habitat.
- Beneficial reuse of navigable dredge material for the ET cover system.

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- Development of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term management of remaining contamination as required by the Environmental Easement, including plans for: (1) Institutional and Engineering Controls (IC/ECs); (2) monitoring; (3) operation and maintenance; and (4) reporting.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to control future land use and to prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site.

Site Description: The Utica City Dump Site is approximately 126 acres in size and located south of NYS Thruway and north of State Route 5S. A 113.4-acre portion of the dump is owned by the City of Utica (City) and a 12.6-acre portion is privately owned. The site is located east of Leland Ave. along Incinerator Road, between the Erie Canal to the north and the Mohawk River to the east and south as shown on Figure 1 and 2. The total amount of land bordered by the road and the two water bodies is about 200 acres. The site has been separated into two Operable Units (OUs). The operable units are the landfill and wetlands (OU01) and Mohawk River sediments (OU02). OU01 is the former municipal landfill which is approximately 126 acres in size and lies between the Mohawk River and Erie Barge Canal. The fill area in OU01 begins at Leland Ave on the western end and is bordered by a large inlet of the Mohawk River on the eastern end.

The site was used as a municipal landfill for the City of Utica; dumping began in the 1930s on the western end and extended eastward with time. The western portion, containing municipal solid waste, closed in 1972. Reportedly hazardous waste was disposed at the eastern portion of the landfill as recently as 1984. Within the eastern portion of the landfill, a temporary cover was constructed over an area that was utilized by the City of Utica for construction and demolition debris as well as yard waste; this area was identified as the Hardfill Area of the landfill and was closed in 1997. Another area within the center of the eastern portion, identified as the Arson Area, was temporarily opened as an emergency action in 1996 to dispose of demolished houses affected by a spate of arson of abandoned houses throughout the city and was closed with a temporary cover in 1998.

Summary of the Investigation: The focus of this ESD is OU1. The primary contaminants of concern for OU1 are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), copper and lead in the surface soil and 1,4 dioxane and per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the groundwater. Several remedial investigations were conducted at the site in the late 1990s. A recent pre-design investigation sampling was conducted in 2023 to gather additional data to inform the cleanup design. Additionally, prior to issuance of the 2003 ROD, additional waste was accepted from various arson waste throughout the city of Utica to address the sloping issues on-site.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 633015) at: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/dereexternal/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:

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

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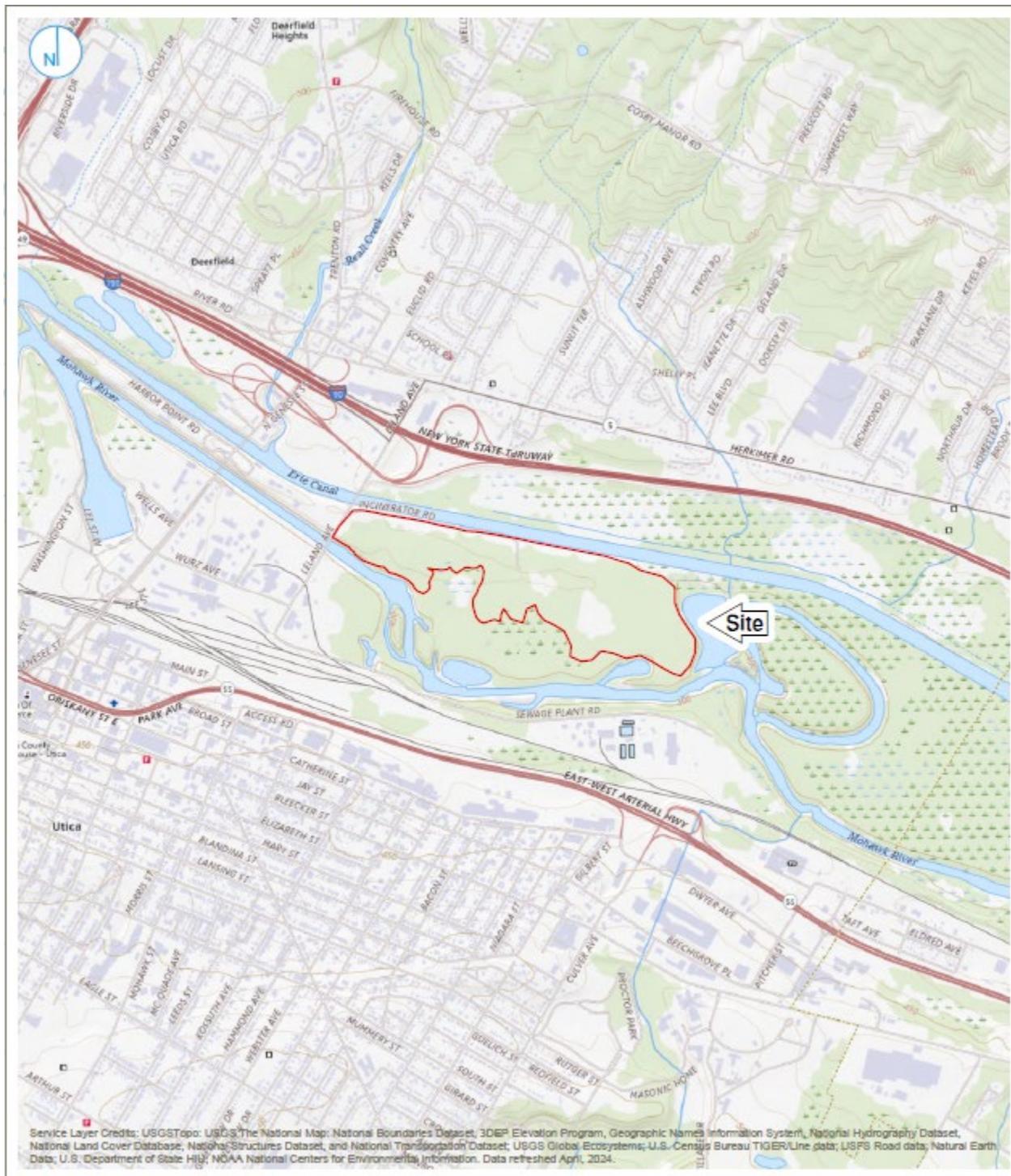
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DECinfo Locator

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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