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DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

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**You must sign up for the DER email listserv:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

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### **Why You Should Go “Paperless”:**

Get site information faster and share it easily;

Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;

It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

**If “paperless” is not an option for you**, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.

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**FACT SHEET****State Superfund  
Program****Receive Site Fact Sheets by *Email*.** See "For More Information" to Learn How.

**Site Name:** Whitesboro Dry Cleaners Site  
**DEC Site #:** 633054  
**Address:** 130-134 Oriskany Blvd.  
Whitesboro, NY 13492

Have questions?  
See  
"Who to Contact"  
Below

## **Investigation to Begin at State Superfund Site**

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will soon begin a detailed environmental study at the Whitesboro Dry Cleaners Site ("site") located at 130-134 Oriskany Blvd., Whitesboro, Oneida County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below 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.

### **Investigation Work Plan**

The investigation work plan, called a "Scope of Work," was developed under New York's State Superfund Program. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will perform the investigation which will assess conditions on-site (and, if appropriate, off-site).

### **Highlights of the Site Investigation**

The purpose of the investigation is to define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, soil vapor, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected. The site investigation will fully characterize all contamination at the site.

Affected media include soil, groundwater, and soil vapor. The investigation is intended to delineate the nature and extent of the source area, affected soils, and the groundwater contaminant plume by:

- 1) drilling soil borings on the site and using a Membrane Interface Probe (MIP) to seek source areas near and behind the on-site commercial building;
- 2) collection of soil samples from the borings for laboratory analysis;
- 3) installation of groundwater monitoring wells;
- 4) collection of groundwater samples from historic and newly installed groundwater monitoring wells.

Soil Vapor Intrusion sampling of the indoor air, soil vapor below basement slabs, and ambient/outdoor air on-site and in surrounding homes and businesses has been ongoing.

### **Next Steps**

The information collected during the investigation will be summarized in a report. After the site investigation has begun, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation 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 no action or no further action alternative. 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 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.

### **Background**

**LOCATION:** The former dry cleaning site is located at 130 Oriskany Blvd, in the Village of Whitesboro, Oneida County.

**SITE FEATURES:** The site consists of a small one-story commercial building and a single-family residence. The commercial building includes three commercial spaces: a dog groomers, a financial planner's office, and a vacant space. The detached residential building is in the rear/east of the commercial building.

The site is bounded by Oriskany Blvd to the west, and Owens Place to the east, approximately 175 ft south of the intersection of Oriskany Blvd and Clinton Street. Areas immediately to the north, south, and west on Oriskany Blvd. are primarily commercial. Just north and adjacent to the site is a bank which was formerly a Chevron gas station. Areas east of the site (the apparent down-gradient direction) are residential.

**CURRENT ZONING/USES:** The immediate vicinity of the site is a mix of commercial and residential uses. The site itself includes both commercial and residential uses.

**HISTORIC USES:** Dry cleaning operations reportedly ceased in the early 1990s. Substantial renovations have been conducted since that time, and portions of the properties are currently occupied by tenants. The center/southern portion of the building is where dry cleaning operations are believed to have taken place. Previous uses of the northern section of the building also included a real estate office, and a restaurant. A small, single-family residence with basement is located immediately to the rear of the former dry cleaning building and is on the same parcel as the former dry cleaner building, facing Owens Place. The residential structure is currently occupied. An adjoining structure, located on the adjacent parcel to the south facing Oriskany Blvd. is occupied by a thrift store.

A spill reported at the former Chevron gas station just north of the site indicated chlorinated

solvent detections in soils and groundwater which implicated the former dry cleaners. A limited Site Characterization conducted by the NYSDEC concluded in January 2010, prompting the classification of the site to Class 2. Soil vapor intrusion is a concern on- and off-site. Several off-site residences and businesses have been sampled for sub-slab vapors and indoor air in 2010, 2011, and 2013.

**SITE GEOLOGY/HYDROGEOLOGY:** Based on topography, shallow groundwater flow in the site vicinity is expected to be generally to the northeast toward the Mohawk River (located approximately 1.3 miles northeast), following the flow of the Saquoit Creek which is located approximately 2000 feet southeast of the site. The site is underlain by glacial till and glaciofluvial/glaciolacustrine deposits over bedrock. The sedimentary rock beneath the site is Ordovician Frankfort shale and siltstone and/or Utica shale.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=633054>

**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 and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Dunham Public Library  
Attn: Dennis Kininger  
76 Main Street  
Whitesboro, NY 13492  
phone: 315-736-9734

### Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

#### Project Related Questions

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#### Site-Related Health Questions

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#### **Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email**

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox.

NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs available at the following web page:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html>. It's quick, it's free,

and it will help keep you *better informed*.



As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.





**Figure 1: Site Location**  
**Whitesboro Dry Cleaners Site #633054**  
**Village of Whitesboro, Oneida County**

