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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these locations:

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/709014/>

Guernsey Memorial Library

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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>

FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Lee Ave Railroad Area

Lee Ave/Route 23 along Railroad
Norwich, Chenango County

SITE No. 709014

NYSDEC REGION 7

May 2025

NYSDEC Announces Reclassification of Site on Superfund Registry; Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at State Superfund Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) determined that cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Lee Ave Railroad Area site located along the railroad at the intersection of Lee Avenue and Route 23 in Norwich, Chenango County, under New York's State Superfund Cleanup Program have been met. Please see the map below for the site location. Cleanup activities were performed by Hercules LLC with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

NYSDEC approved a Final Engineering Report and issued a Certificate of Completion for the site.

- Access the report, notice of Certificate of Completion and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/709014/>.
- Documents also are available at the locations identified at left under "Where to find information."

Completion of the Project:

Following site cleanup, NYSDEC determined that the site no longer presents a threat to public health or the environment and reclassified the site from Class 2 (significant threat to public health or environment, action required) to Class 4 (site properly closed, requires continued management) for the following reasons:

- Approximately 1,432 tons of soil impacted with chlorinated solvents (volatile organic compounds) were excavated and transported off-site for disposal.
- Clean fill was imported to replace excavated soil and establish the design grades at the site.
- Sub-slab depressurization systems were installed in 72 off-site buildings to prevent volatile contaminated soil vapor from migrating into overlying structures.
- Bioremediation amendments, consisting of a vegetable oil blend, were injected into fractured bedrock to treat areas of groundwater contamination in-place by enhancing the natural breakdown of contaminants.
- A Site Management Plan is being implemented for the long-term management of remaining contamination as required by the environmental easement, including plans for: institutional and engineering controls, monitoring, operation and maintenance, and reporting.

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Final Engineering Report Approved: NYSDEC approved the report, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been achieved for the site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination is left after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.
- 4) Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

The following institutional controls are in place on the site:

- Site Management Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction
- Environmental Easement

The following engineering controls are in place in several buildings near the site:

- Sub-slab depressurization systems

Site Description: The site is a 1.48-acre portion of a parcel owned by the Chenango County Industrial Development Agency within a New York Susquehanna and Western Railroad right-of-way. There are no site buildings, and the rail line runs north-south through the site. Areas adjacent to the tracks consist of railroad ballast, coarse fill materials, paved areas, and vegetative cover. The property is zoned for industrial use.

The rail line in this area predates 1900. Contamination at this site may have occurred through industrial operations that occurred at the former Lee Avenue Plant, which is adjacent to the northern portion of the site on the eastern side. Past operations of the former Lee Avenue Plant that appear to have led to site contamination include disposal of wastes from manufacturing of electronics and aircraft engine parts in the area between the plant and the railroad. No change of use is planned for this site.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 709014) at: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/derexternal/in dex.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 and require cleanup before committing State funds.

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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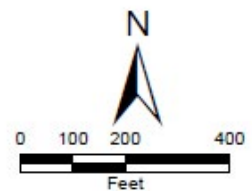
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 Lee Ave Railroad Area Site



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