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NEW YORK STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF



ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONSERVATION

**Notice of  
Public Meeting  
and  
Availability of  
Proposed Remedial  
Action Plan**

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Public Meeting  
to be held  
Wednesday,  
February 28, 1996  
7:00 p.m.  
Holiday Inn  
Carrier Circle  
Syracuse, N.Y.

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The purpose of the public meeting is to present the NYSDEC's Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Syracuse China Site, and solicit formal comments from the public. Comments will be accepted through March 22, 1996.

# FACT SHEET

Syracuse China Site  
Site No. 7-34-053  
February 1996

## Notice of Public Meeting for the Syracuse China Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will hold a public meeting to present the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Syracuse China Site, and solicit formal comments from the public. At the meeting, the NYSDEC will discuss the remedial investigation results, and describe the proposed remedial action selected by the State. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions relating to the site. A summary of the PRAP is included below.

**Comment Period:** In addition to any comments received at the public meeting, written comments may be submitted to Steven M. Scharf, P.E., at the address shown at the end of this notice. The comment period for the PRAP will close on March 22, 1996.

**Site Description:** The Syracuse China Site (Site No. 7-34-053) is an active china manufacturing facility located in the Town of Salina near the City of Syracuse. The actual site is the landfill located to the north of the Syracuse China Manufacturing Facility and the Conrail tracks, south of Factory Ave and set between open Syracuse China property to the east and west. The area to the north of the landfill and the south of Factory Ave is a NYSDEC regulated wetland.

The Syracuse China Landfill is comprised of two sections, the eastern and western half. The eastern half is a low lying fill area that contains the wastewater settling ponds, dried settling pond sludges and Syracuse China manufacturing waste. The western half is the major fill area as thick as 25 feet and contains settling pond sludges which are hazardous wastes based on the concentrations of lead present, as well as Syracuse China manufacturing wastes consisting of gypsum molds, broken china and other miscellaneous materials.

In March 1991, the NYSDEC added the Syracuse China landfill to the NYS Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites as a Class 2 site due to the presence of the settling pond sludges containing hazardous waste. A Class 2 designation indicates the site represents a significant threat to public health and/or the environment and action is required.

**Remedial Investigation:** The purpose of the Remedial Investigation (RI) was to define the type and location of hazardous waste contamination resulting from historic operations at the site. The RI was conducted between November, 1994 and August, 1995. A report entitled "Remedial Investigation Report, Syracuse China Landfill, Syracuse, New York Site No 7-34-053 has been prepared describing the field activities and findings in detail. Additional RI related reports are the "Report on the Geophysical Survey", "Report on the Exploratory Test Pits," and "Fish and Wildlife Impact Analysis of the Syracuse China Landfill."

Overall, the RI found that elevated levels of lead and to a lesser extent and concentration, the other heavy metals, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, mercury, silver and zinc were present in the settling pond sludges, landfill waste, the adjacent wetland sediments, surface and groundwater. Once the RI was completed, Syracuse China prepared a Feasibility Study (FS) to evaluate alternatives to correct the environmental contamination found in the RI and comply with the regulatory requirements for closing the Syracuse China Landfill.

**Proposed Remedy:** Based on the results of the RI/FS, a proposed remedy has been selected for the Syracuse China site, by the NYSDEC. This consists of the closure of the landfill by capping consistent with State Part 360 regulations. Included in this closure plan is a groundwater interception trench, excavation of contaminated sediments from the adjacent wetlands, relocation of other waste material under the cap and restoration of 1.3 acres of filled in wetlands.

**Document Repository:** The public is encouraged to review the PRAP, RI/FS and other site-related documents which are available for public review at the following locations:

The Salina Free Library  
100 Belmont Street  
Mattydale, NY 13221  
(315) 454-4524  
(Call for hours)

NYSDEC Region 7 Headquarters  
615 Erie Boulevard West  
Syracuse, NY 13204-2400  
Attn: Sue Miller, Cit.Participation  
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NYSDEC Central Office  
50 Wolf Road Room 242  
Albany, NY 12233-7010  
Attn: Steven M. Scharf, P.E.  
(518) 457-4343

**For More Information:** Please contact the following if you have any questions:

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