



PUBLIC NOTICE

State Superfund Program

Site Name: Sulphur Springs Road Fill Area

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Site No. 754020 **Tax Map No.** p/o 139.00-2-5.11

Site Location: 195 Sulphur Springs, City of Owego, Tioga County, 13827

State Superfund Site Classification Notice

The Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Program, also referred to as the State Superfund Program, is New York State's program for identifying, investigating, and cleaning up sites where the disposal of hazardous waste may present a threat to public health and/or the environment. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) maintains a list of these sites on the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites. As described in more detail below, following the initial investigation or site characterization completed at the Sulphur Springs Road Fill Area site (see figure on page 3), the site was added to the registry as a Class 2 site that presents a significant threat to public health or the environment.

DEC completes site characterizations when DEC is made aware that hazardous waste has or may have been disposed of at a site. Once enough information is collected to determine whether a site meets the state's definition of an inactive hazardous waste disposal site, the DEC, in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health, will apply the appropriate classification to the site or remove it from the Registry if the site does not qualify for listing. If a consequential amount of hazardous waste has been identified and if the contamination poses a significant threat to human health and/or the environment, the site is formally reclassified as a Class 2 site and the full investigation and remediation process will be implemented. The purpose of this notice is to let the community know that DEC completed the site characterization, is now reclassifying the site, and will begin a comprehensive site investigation.

A Class 2 designation does not indicate that people are currently being exposed to contamination, but that DEC has determined that the contamination warrants active management and remediation to prevent or address potential risks. The classification helps ensure the site receives the appropriate level of oversight, investigation, and cleanup.

Background

DEC conducted a site characterization for the Sulphur Springs Road Fill Area site between 2024 and 2025 due to nearby contamination that was identified in 2022. The site characterization included collection and laboratory analysis of soil, groundwater, indoor air, and vapor samples. Based on this site characterization, the Sulphur Springs Road Fill Area site has been added to the registry as a Class 2 site for the following reasons:

- Elevated concentrations of chlorinated solvents exist in the subsurface at the site. In particular, trichloroethene (TCE) and 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA), two commonly used industrial degreasers, were detected in multiple samples at concentrations exceeding applicable standards, criteria and guidance values.
- Both TCE and 1,1,1-TCA were detected in groundwater samples collected from monitoring wells in addition to two private wells with all samples exceeding applicable standards.
- To eliminate exposure to residents, point of entry treatment systems (POETs) were installed at those two private wells in October 2024. Additional private well sampling was performed in 2025 to assess potential impacts to nearby private wells and identify residences requiring POET system installation. Based on this sampling, no additional private wells were impacted by site contaminants.
- Chlorinated solvents, including TCE and 1,1,1-TCA were also detected above protection of groundwater standards in on-site soil samples.
- Chlorinated solvents are a concern because they can persist in the environment for long periods of time and do not break down easily. These contaminants can also become a vapor intrusion concern as these

compounds can migrate from contaminated groundwater and soil into the air. To help address this, a soil vapor intrusion evaluation was completed by collecting indoor air and sub slab vapor samples at six nearby properties. While this sampling did not indicate that measures were required to address soil vapor intrusion into buildings, additional soil vapor monitoring will be completed during the remedial investigation as described below.

Next Steps

DEC will complete a remedial investigation to define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected, further assess potential exposure pathways, and evaluate cleanup options.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Installing and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination.
- Collecting soil vapor, sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air samples.
- Installing and sampling groundwater wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern both on-site and off-site.

DEC will keep you informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

If you own property adjacent to this site and are renting or leasing your property to someone else, please share this information with them. If you no longer wish to be on the contact list for this site or otherwise need to correct our records, please contact the DEC Project Manager listed below.

FOR MORE SITE INFORMATION

Additional information about this site can be found using DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database Search with site number 754020: <https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/>

Site specific documents may be found online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/754020/>

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

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DEC is sending you this notice in accordance with Environmental Conservation Law Article 27, Title 13 and its companion regulation (6 NYCRR 375-2.7(b)(6)(ii)) which requires DEC to notify all parties on the contact list for this site of this recent action.

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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>

Approximate Site Location – Figure 1

Sulphur Springs Road Fill Area

NYSDEC Site No.: 754020

195 Sulphur Springs, City of Owego, Tioga County, 13827



Figure 1
Site Location
Sulphur Spring Road Fill Area (Site No. 754020)
Owego, New York

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