



Department of
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FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Hampton Bays Fire District
69 West Montauk Highway
Hampton Bays, Suffolk
County
SITE No. 152249
NYSDEC REGION 1

April 2024

Interim Remedial Measure Proposed Public Comment Period Announced

Where to Find Information

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

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/152249/>

Hampton Bays Public 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>

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is proposing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the Hampton Bays Fire District site ("site") located at 69 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays, Suffolk County. Please see the map for the site location. NYSDEC is conducting a public comment period because this Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) is likely to represent a significant part of the cleanup for the site.

The expedited cleanup activities, if approved, are scheduled to begin in September 2024 and last about two months. The activities will be performed by Hampton Bays Fire District ("remedial party") with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **April 10** through **May 10, 2024**.

- Access IRM Work Plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/152249/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

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. Site investigations have identified contamination in surface soils and subsurface structures (e.g., sanitary and storm drains) that have impacted groundwater quality. The surface soil contamination meets human health exposure cleanup criteria, meaning the site can continue to be utilized for current operations and public events (e.g., carnival). The Hampton Bays Water District has placed a treatment system on their public supply well, and water provided to users meets drinking water standards. Additionally, no private water supply wells are currently impacted or threatened.

Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) Work Plan: An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation.

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The IRM work plan describes the proposed cleanup activities that include:

- Soil sampling for waste characterization/delineation;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated surface soil and soils within sanitary and drainage structures to protect groundwater;
- Collection and analysis of post-remedial soil samples to ensure remedial measures were effective;
- Import of clean material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives for use as backfill;
- Installation of an additional groundwater monitoring well;
- Sampling and analysis of the groundwater monitoring wells; and
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the IRM work plan in consultation with the New York State Department of Health. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” on front page).

Upon completion of the expedited cleanup activities, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The site is a 2.07-acre parcel in a suburban area of Hampton Bays located 0.2 miles west of the intersection of Montauk Highway and Ponquogue Avenue. The site has been utilized by the Hampton Bays Fire Department since the 1930s. It is developed with a five-bay fire station and a maintenance building. The site has also been used for community events (e.g., carnival). The Hampton Bays Fire Department purchased aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) for fire suppression during response to flammable liquid emergencies and trained for such emergencies. AFFF frequently contains perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA).

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 152249) at:

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern are perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). These contaminants are found in shallow soil in the area where a fire training exercise was documented to have taken place in the 1990s and in deeper soil associated with several sanitary and drainage structures. They are also found in the underlying groundwater and are moving southward. The Hampton Bays Water District has placed a treatment system on their public supply wells across the street from the site. No private water supply wells are currently impacted or threatened.

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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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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Site Location Map
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Site Number: 152249
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Hampton Bays, Suffolk County, New York





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