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Where to Find Information

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

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/344064/>

Document Repository Name

Finkelstein Memorial Library
24 Chestnut St
Spring Valley
phone: (845) 352-5700

Key project documents and project summary also are available on the NYSDEC website at:

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

Who to Contact

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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

Ramapo Paint Sludge

9 Lea Court

Pomona,

Rockland County

SITE No. 344064

NYSDEC REGION 3

March 2025

Interim Remedial Measure Public Comment Period Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is announcing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the Ramapo Paint Sludge Site - Operable Unit 3 (OU-3) ("site") located at 9 Lea Court, Ramapo, Rockland 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 are expected to begin in April 2025 and last about 7 months. The remedial activities will be performed by Ford Motor Company ("remedial party") with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **March 12** through **April 11, 2025**.

- Access the IRM Work Plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
- <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/344064/>.
- 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.

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:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 13,335 tons of contaminated soil, including soil impacted with visible paint sludge, that exceeds the restricted-residential use soil cleanup objectives, to a depth of about 14 feet below ground surface;
- Water and soils generated during the work will be handled in accordance with NYSDEC requirements;
- Collection and analysis of post-excavation soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the IRM;
- Import of clean material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives for use as backfill; and
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan, Community Air Monitoring Plan, and Traffic Control Plan.

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 2.5 acres on the eastern portion of a residential property (9 Lea Court, Ramapo, New York). It is currently undeveloped and has an earthen berm running along the eastern boundary which contains a man-made pond. The earthen berm was constructed from the illegal disposal of waste paint sludge from the Ford’s Mahwah, New Jersey assembly plant. The site is surrounded to the north by a small creek and commercial property, to the east by Mt. Ivy County Park, and to the south and west by residential properties.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on

NYSDEC’s Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 344064) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern (COCs) at the site are associated with paint sludge and include:

- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs): acetone, benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, and xylene;
- Semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs): naphthalene; and,
- Metals: barium, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, and zinc.

These COCs are present within the proposed excavation footprint down to approximately 14 feet below surface grade.

There is no site related groundwater or surface water contamination.

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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