

# White Plains Fire Department Drill School

State Superfund Program

Site No. 360193

White Plains, Westchester County

May 2026

## Interim Remedial Measure Proposed and Public Comment Period Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is proposing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the White Plains Fire Department Drill School site ("site") located at Old Orchard St, White Plains, Westchester County. Please see the map for the site location. DEC 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 summer 2026 and last approximately two months. The activities will be performed by the City of White Plains ("remedial party") with oversight provided by DEC.

### How to Comment

DEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **May 22** through **June 21, 2026**.

- Access the Draft IRM Work Plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/360193/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to find information."
- Please submit comments to the DEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area.

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.

### Draft 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.

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

- Excavation and off-site disposal of soil contaminated with Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in an area of approximately 120 feet by 60 feet down to bedrock in the main fire department drill school (FDDS) area, followed by an amendment addition to address any residual contamination;
- Treatment of groundwater dewatered from the excavation for disposal on-site or off-site;
- Treatment of contaminated groundwater in the former drum cleanout area through the installation of a passive barrier treatment system;
- Treatment of contaminated groundwater through injections of PlumeStop™ along the western and downgradient side of the FDDS to limit further migration of contaminants into the adjacent wetland and intermittent stream;
- Pilot study treatment of contaminated surface water through a custom, in-stream flow-through filtration system;
- Collection and analysis of post-excavation soil samples and post-cleanup groundwater and surface water samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the cleanup;
- Import of clean material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives for use as backfill; and
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities.

## Next Steps

DEC 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.

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

## Site Description

The site occupies 141 acres and is bounded to the west by the Central Westchester Parkway and the City of White Plains Reservoirs #1 and #2, and to the north, south and east by wooded land and residential properties. The site is mostly wooded with small streams and contains the Orchard Street Pumping Station (OSPS) and the four-acre fire department drill school. The site generally slopes from the FDDS to the southwest towards an intermittent stream and the OSPS facilities at the base of the hill. Surface water within East Pond drains to Reservoir #2 through two culverts.

The FDDS has been used as a training facility since approximately 1960. Aqueous film forming foam was reported to have been used on occasion during training exercises.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 360193) at:

<https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

## Summary of the Investigation

The primary contaminants of concern at the site are per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) which are present in site soils, groundwater, surface water, and sediment. The highest concentrations in groundwater and soil are present on the FDDS portion of the site.

## 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 before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

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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<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/environmental-cleanup-email-newsletters>

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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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### WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):  
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/360193/>

#### White Plains Public Library

100 Martine Ave  
White Plains, NY 10601  
(914) 422-1400

# Site Location



## Legend

- ◆ Remediation Sites
- Remediation Site Borders

## Site Location Map

White Plains Fire  
Department Drill School  
#360193  
White Plains, NY



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