



Department of Environmental Conservation

Where to Find Information

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

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/401075>

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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

Admiral Cleaners
Operable Unit 01 (OU01)
617 19th Street
Watervliet, Albany County

SITE No. 401075
NYSDEC REGION 4

April 2025

Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

Public Meeting, Monday, 04/21/25 at 6:30 PM
Watervliet Senior Center, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet NY, 12189

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

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The public is invited to comment on a remedy being proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to address contamination related to the Admiral Cleaners site ("site") located at 617 19th Street, Watervliet, Albany County. Please see the map for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$3,323,000.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 30 days, from **April 2 through May 2, 2025**

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/401075/>. (PRAP will be added to DECinfo Locator)
- 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. NYSDEC is proposing the following remedy to address these threats:

Proposed Remedial Action Plan: The remedy proposed for the site includes:

- Excavation and proper off-site disposal of contaminated on-site soils;

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- Treating contaminated groundwater through in-situ (in place) enhanced biodegradation, which enhances the underground conditions to encourage microorganisms to destroy contaminants;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy;
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site may be necessary.

NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site and evaluating the remedial options in the "Feasibility Study."

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments. A detailed design of the selected remedy will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

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

Site Description: The Admiral Cleaners site is a 0.17-acre parcel located at 617 19th Street in the city of Watervliet. The site was used as a dry cleaner from 1950 until 2013. The former on-site single-story brick/concrete block commercial building was demolished in 2020. The remaining slab occupies most of the parcel and a fence surrounds the vacant site.

The site was divided into two operable units. An operable unit represents a portion of a remedial program for a site that for technical or administrative reasons can be addressed separately to investigate, eliminate, or mitigate a release, threat of release, or exposure pathway resulting from the site contamination. Operable Unit 01 (OU01) is the on-site source area and surrounding impacted soil and groundwater, as well as off-site soil vapor. Operable Unit 02 (OU02) is off-site soil and groundwater.

OU01 is the subject of this document.

A Record of Decision will be issued for OU02 in the future.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 401075) at: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern for OU01 are volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which are present site-wide in soil, groundwater, and soil vapor. The VOCs include chlorinated and petroleum-related VOCs.

The remedial investigation for OU02 is underway.

State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program (SSP) 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 SSP, visit:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/state-superfund-sites>

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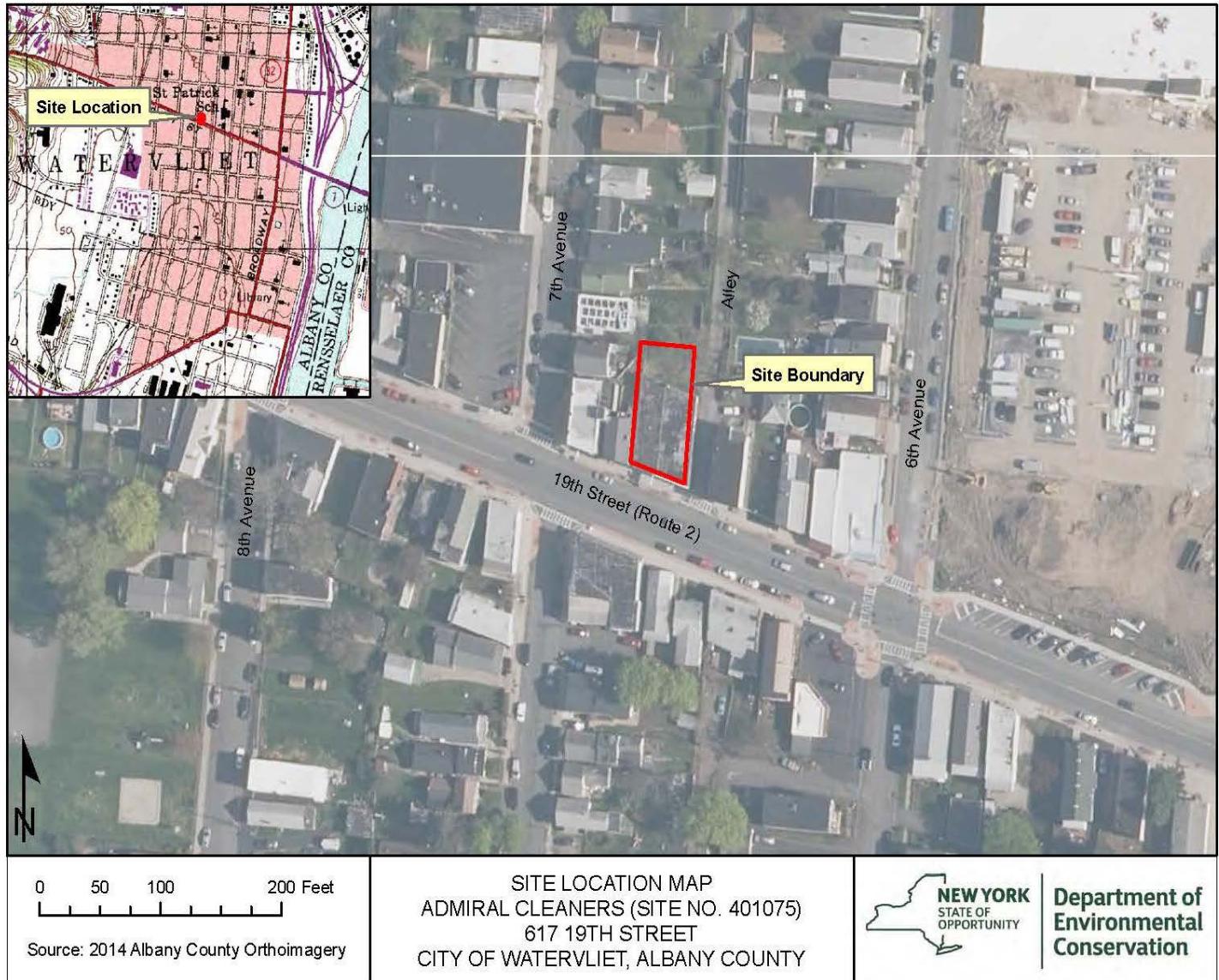
<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/environmental-cleanup-email-newsletters>

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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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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