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Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/442046/>

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<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html>

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FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

**Saint-Gobain McCaffrey St.
14 McCaffrey Street
Hoosick Falls, NY, 12090**

**SITE No. 442046 (OU-02)
NYSDEC REGION 4**

March 2024

Construction of New Water Supply to Begin

As part of New York State's ongoing commitment to ensure a clean and reliable drinking water supply for the village of Hoosick falls, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced construction of permanent water transmission infrastructure is beginning this spring.

DEC worked closely with the community and ensured the new groundwater source located outside of the contaminated aquifer is fully compatible with the water treatment plant capabilities, including the continued use of a granular activated carbon (GAC) filter to fully protect public health. This new system represents a permanent water supply to address perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) contamination from the Saint-Gobain McCaffrey Street Superfund site.

The water supply construction is required under the 2021 McCaffrey Street Record of Decision (ROD) and addresses the public drinking water supply (known as Operable Unit 02) by connecting two new supply wells. A new water transmission line along NY Route 22 is being constructed to connect the existing village water treatment plant. After PFOA contamination from the McCaffrey Street site was confirmed in the village of Hoosick Falls' drinking water supply in 2016, under DEC oversight, Saint-Gobain and Honeywell installed a GAC treatment system at the village water treatment plant to eliminate the community's exposure to this contamination while a permanent remedy was implemented. The GAC treatment system removes PFOA and other per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from the drinking water supply.

The construction activities will be performed by Honeywell International and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics as the responsible parties (RPs), with DEC oversight. The McCaffrey Street 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.

The water transmission line construction activities will begin in May 2024 and last approximately seven months. Please see attached figure for the site location and water transmission line alignment.

The estimated cost to Honeywell and Saint-Gobain for this work is \$5.5 million.

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Highlights of the Upcoming Activities: The key components of the actions getting underway include:

- Construction of approximately 6,800 linear feet of raw water transmission line connecting a newly-developed wellfield and the Village of Hoosick Falls water treatment plant along public rights of way (Figure 2);
- Install variable speed pumps and construction of a well house to protect controls, electrical equipment, and metering devices;
- Perform general site improvements including grading, fencing, access roads, security cameras, and stormwater infrastructure;
- Secure property rights and access and purchase agreements in the area of the new wellfield and transmission corridor;
- Adhere to State and Federal permits for work in wetlands and for the village's water withdrawal;
- Ensure the water treatment plant is operating consistent with water chemistry from the LaCroix wells (new wells).
- New York State Department of Transportation-approved traffic control plan and coordination with school transportation officials.

Next Steps: After the water supply project and related activities are performed, the RPs will prepare a Final Engineering Report that will describe the completed Operable Unit 02 activities and certify that cleanup requirements were achieved or will be achieved.

DEC will keep the public informed throughout this project.

Site Description: The LaCroix wellfield is located east of the Hoosick Falls Central School District campus. The wellfield has been tested extensively to ensure it is not affected by groundwater contamination and is capable of meeting the State's stringent drinking water standards and the health-related criteria identified in the ROD.

The McCaffrey Street Superfund site is approximately one mile downgradient from the new wellfield. It consists of 6.41 acres and is mostly occupied by an active manufacturing facility constructed in 1961, with additions through 1975. The remainder of the site consists of parking areas and green space (lawn). The northeast

corner of the parcel is unimproved woodland. Topography slopes from the northwest towards the southeast with a steep drop in elevation of approximately 20 feet in the central portions of the site. More site details available by entering site number 442046 at:

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

The McCaffrey Street site is divided into three 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 1 (OU-01) includes the 6.41-acre site, as well as groundwater contamination directly attributable to on-site disposal of hazardous waste.

Operable Unit 2 (OU-02) includes the existing contaminated municipal water supply (Water Supply).

Operable Unit 3 (OU-03) includes off-site contamination related to the aerial transport and deposition of site-related contaminants due to direct off-site disposal of site-related liquid and/or solid wastes.

The Remedial Investigations of OU-01 and OU-03 continue. Investigation results will be used to determine whether cleanup actions are needed and to develop potential cleanup approaches.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 442046) at:

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

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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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