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

https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/Dec Docs/633054/

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### Who to Contact

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### **Project-Related Questions**

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For more information about New York's State Superfund Program, visit:

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### **FACT SHEET**

**State Superfund Program** 

**April 2025** 

Whitesboro Dry Cleaners 130-134 Oriskany Blvd Whitesboro, Oneida County SITE No. 633054 NYSDEC REGION 6

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

Public Meeting, Wednesday 5/7/25 at 5:30 PM Whitesboro Fire Station, 171 Oriskany Blvd, Whitesboro NY, 13492 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 Whitesboro Dry Cleaners site ("site") located at 130-134 Oriskany Blvd in Whitesboro, Oneida County. Please see the map for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$2,580,000.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 30 days, from **April 23**<sup>rd</sup> through **May 23**<sup>rd</sup>, **2025**.

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/633054/.
- 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 and/or the environment and 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 off-site disposal of approximately 660 cubic yards of contaminated soils;
- Importing clean material that meets the established commercial soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) for use as backfill;

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- Treating volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the groundwater though injection of chemical oxidants or reductants into the groundwater;
- Collecting and analyzing post-remedial soil and groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all groundintrusive activities;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan for longterm maintenance of the remedial systems and maintaining a site cover where, surface soil exceeds the applicable SCOs; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper future use of the site.

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 provide a response 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 site is approximately 0.2-acres and is bordered on the west by Oriskany Blvd., Owens Place to the east, a bank to the north, and a commercial property to the south. The site is currently developed with a one-story commercial building and a detached single-family residence. The commercial building includes two spaces; one currently operated by a dog groomer and the other a thrift store. Previously, the site was used by a dry cleaner until the early 1990s.

The anticipated clean up standard is commercial for the commercial property and restricted-residential for the on-site, single-family residence.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 633054) at: <a href="https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3">https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3</a>

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated VOCs associated with the former dry-cleaning operation on-site, which are present in soil and groundwater. Lead has been found in the soil surrounding the on-site residence and requires deeper excavation to remove. Polyfluorinated compounds (PFOA and PFOS) have also been identified in site groundwater.

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

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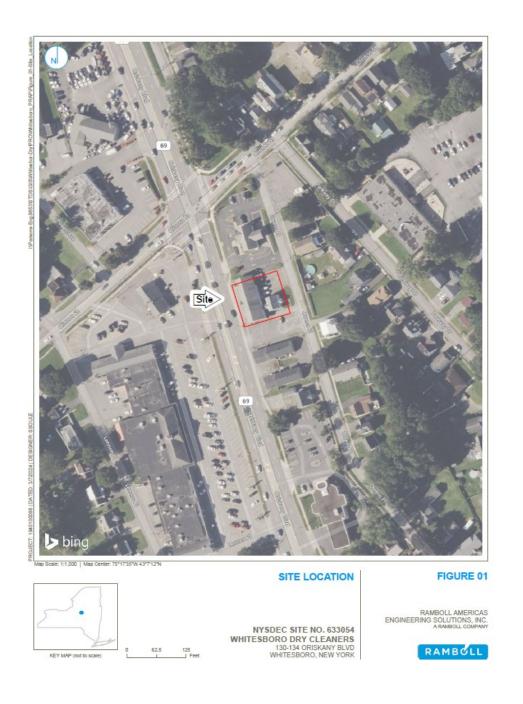
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