

# PUBLIC AVAILABILITY SESSION

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 | OPEN ANYTIME BETWEEN 11:30am–3:30pm

Wheatfield Community Center, 2790 Church Road, Wheatfield, NY 14120



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

SITE No. 932054

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NYSDEC REGION 9

# NIAGARA SANITATION SITE

State Superfund Program

7415 Nash Road, Town of Wheatfield, Niagara County

## WHO TO CONTACT



Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

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### NEW YORK'S STATE SUPERFUND PROGRAM, SITE NO. 932054:

Visit [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37554.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37554.html)

## THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC) INVITES YOU TO A PUBLIC AVAILABILITY

**SESSION** to discuss the results of DEC's completed remedial investigation for the Niagara Sanitation site. DEC and the NYS Department of Health (DOH) will be available to discuss the investigation results and answer any questions you may have about the site and the investigation.

At the March 30<sup>th</sup> availability session, DEC and DOH staff will be available to meet with the public one-on-one. Residents are welcome to stop by the availability session at any time most convenient for them between the hours of 11:30 AM and 3:30 PM.

The following update includes the latest information on progress:

## DEC has completed a detailed environmental study

for the Niagara Sanitation site ("site") located at 7415 Nash Road, Town of Wheatfield, Niagara County.

DEC has completed a site investigation and issued a "Remedial Investigation Report" that describes the results of the site investigation. These results will be used to develop a remedy to address contamination that has been found. A copy of the report can be found at the document repositories listed on the last page of this fact sheet.

## Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report

DEC investigated the site and adjacent properties surrounding the site to determine the nature and extent of landfill contaminants and potential for exposure to those contaminants. The contaminants of concern at this site include poly-cyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals including lead, mercury, barium and copper. These contaminants were identified in surface and near surface soils in discrete areas of the site.

### Off-site surface soil sampling did not find contamination that has migrated from the landfill to adjacent properties.

Additionally, low-level contamination in groundwater, surface water and sediment was observed, which is not uncommon to former agricultural and urban/developed areas.

Historically, waste was placed in trenches installed in native clay soil, which limited or prevented the migration of contaminants. In general, waste was contained within the site property boundary. A limited area of municipal waste extends off-site to the west along the natural gas pipeline right-of-way.

## Site Description & History

Niagara Sanitation operated the landfill on the Town of Wheatfield property from 1955 to 1968 and accepted various wastes from the surrounding community, including nearby industries. The landfill is located approximately 1,400 feet east of Nash Road. The portion of the property that was the landfill is rectangular in shape and consists of approximately 18.7 acres of the 20.8-acre parcel. The site has been vacant since 1968 and is overgrown with mature trees, dense brush, and patches of phragmites in wet areas.

## Next Steps

DEC will conduct a Feasibility Study based on information obtained during the investigation. The Feasibility Study will define the objectives of the site cleanup program, develop cleanup alternatives, and screen and analyze the alternatives.

DEC will then develop a draft cleanup plan, called a "Proposed Remedial Action Plan." This plan describes the preferred remedy to address contamination related to the site. The draft cleanup plan will explain the decision that led to the preferred remedy by discussing each alternative and the reasons for choosing or rejecting it. The goal of the plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment.

DEC will announce the draft cleanup plan in a future fact sheet and present it to the public for its review and comment during a 30-day comment period and at a public meeting.

DEC will attempt to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

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





## WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION



Project documents are available at these locations to help the public stay informed.

**Document Repository**  
**North Tonawanda Public Library**  
**505 Meadow Drive**  
**North Tonawanda, NY 14120**  
**(716) 693-4132**

**NYSDEC Region 9 Office**  
**270 Michigan Avenue**  
**Buffalo, NY 14203**  
**(716) 851-7220**

**Contact: Glenn May (Please call for an appointment)**

Project documents also are available on DEC's website at:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37554.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37554.html)

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Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database at:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=932054](http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=932054)

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For more information about the State Superfund, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html)

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[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the counties you select. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.

If the listserv is not an option, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this newsletter and Indicate that you need to receive fact sheets through the U.S. Postal Service. Include the site name in your request. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.