

# EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanups at Richardson Hill Road Landfill Superfund Site & Sidney Landfill Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its third five-year review of the **Richardson Hill Road Landfill Superfund Site** located in the towns of Sidney and Masonville, Delaware County, New York and its fourth five-year review of the **Sidney Landfill Superfund Site** located in the town of Sidney, Delaware County, New York. The EPA is conducting the reviews concurrently and will be issuing a single five-year review report. The Richardson Hill Road Landfill site is located across the street from the Sidney Landfill site. This review seeks to confirm that the cleanups conducted at each of the sites continue to be protective of human health and the environment. A summary of cleanup activities and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the implemented cleanup remedies will be included in the five-year review report.

The **Richardson Hill Road Landfill Superfund Site** was added to the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) in 1987 because landfill operations had contaminated soil, sediment, and groundwater with hazardous chemicals. The cleanup of the site consisted of soil and sediment excavation/dredging, consolidation, on- and/or off-site disposal, installation of a landfill cap, construction of a TSCA cell (disposal cell that accepts PCB contaminated waste with levels greater than 50 parts per million), and groundwater extraction and treatment. The groundwater extraction and treatment system has been in operation since 2004. The contaminated soil and sediment excavation, on-and off-site disposal, on-site disposal cell construction, and installation of the landfill cap were completed in 2006. The restoration of Herrick Hollow Creek (where contaminated sediments were removed) was completed in late summer 2008.

The **Sidney Landfill Superfund Site** was added to the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) in March 1989 because hazardous chemicals were found in the site's soil and groundwater. The cleanup of the site included the placement of caps over several disposal areas at the site. The installation of the caps was completed in 1999. The original cleanup plan also called for extraction and treatment of groundwater, however, based on the results of groundwater testing and sampling, it was determined that the groundwater extraction and treatment system already operating at the Richardson Road Landfill Superfund site located across the street was capturing the contaminated groundwater from the Sidney Landfill site, so a groundwater extraction and treatment system at the Sidney Landfill site would not be needed. This finding was documented in a September 2004 Explanation of Significant Differences.

### What is an EPA Five-Year Review?

The purpose of five-year reviews is to ensure that implemented cleanup remedies at Superfund sites function as intended and continue to be protective of human health and the environment. These regular reviews, which are required by federal law when contaminants remain at a site, include:

- Inspection of the site and cleanup technologies;
- Review of monitoring data, operating data, and maintenance records; and,
- Determination if any new relevant regulatory requirements have been established since EPA's original cleanup decision was finalized.

### When will EPA's Five-Year Review Report be available?

It is anticipated that the five-year review report will be available at the websites noted below by summer 2017.

#### For more information

There are several ways to review information on these sites. The Administrative Record, which includes EPA decision documents used for selecting the cleanup remedies, is available for public review at the information repository listed below. Project information is also available online at the websites noted below.

**Sidney Memorial Public Library**  
8 River Street  
Sidney, New York 13838

#### You may also contact

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