

EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup at Hiteman Leather Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its second five-year review of the **Hiteman Leather Superfund Site**, located in the Village of West Winfield, Herkimer County, New York. This review seeks to confirm that cleanup actions continue to be protective of public health and the environment.

In 1996, the EPA conducted an investigation at the former tannery site that found elevated levels of chromium in soil and surface water. The EPA selected a cleanup remedy for the site in September 2006, which was modified in 2008. Elements of the cleanup included excavation of contaminated soil from the property; excavation and dredging of contaminated wetland and river sediment next to the property; consolidation of the excavated/dredged soil and sediment on the property; placement of a low permeability synthetic liner over the consolidated soil/sediment; and placement of a soil cover. Site cleanup finished in September 2008 and the site was removed from the National Priorities List in Feb. 2012.

The EPA's original cleanup decision also required institutional controls to restrict the future development and use of the site where contaminated sediment and soil were consolidated, to prohibit excavation below the soil cover unless the activities are in accordance with a Site Management Plan (SMP), and to restrict groundwater use. An environmental easement with these restrictions was recorded with the Herkimer County Clerk in July 2010.

A summary of the cleanup activities completed and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the implemented remedy will be included in the five-year review report.

What is an EPA Five-Year Review?

The purpose of five-year reviews is to ensure that implemented 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 website noted below by May 2018.

For more information

There are several ways to review information on this site. The Administrative Record, which includes EPA decision documents used for selecting the cleanup plan, is available for public review at the information repositories listed below. Project information is also available online at the website noted below.

West Winfield Library
179 South Street
West Winfield, NY 13491 (315) 852-6000

OR

USEPA Region 2
Superfund Records Center
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New York, NY 10007 (212) 637-4308 (call for appt.)

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For more information visit:

www.epa.gov/superfund/hiteman-leather