

EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup at Mercury Refining, Inc. Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its first five-year review of the **Mercury Refining, Inc. Superfund Site**, located in the towns of Colonie and Guilderland, Albany County, New York. This review seeks to confirm that the cleanup actions continue to be protective of public health and the environment.

In late 2013, approximately 5,700 tons of mercury-contaminated soil and sediment were excavated and disposed off site. The excavated areas were backfilled with clean soil and restored to their original condition. In the summer of 2014, an additional 2,600 tons of contaminated soil were excavated and disposed off site, and an area of the site, which included soil and groundwater contamination, was treated through an in-situ (in-place) solidification/stabilization process. This process involved using a mixture of Portland cement and sulfur additives to prevent the mercury contaminated groundwater from migrating off site. The work was completed in 2014.

Quarterly groundwater monitoring and annual ecological (surface water, sediment, and fish tissue) sampling have taken place since the completion of construction and will continue into the future.

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 **September 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.

William K. Sanford Town Library
629 Albany Shaker Road
Loudonville, NY (518) 458-9274

OR

USEPA Region 2
Superfund Records Center
290 Broadway, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10007 (212) 637-4308 (call for appt.)

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For more information visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/mercury-refining>