#### **SEPA** United States Environmental Protection Agency

## Community Update

EPA Continues Remedial Activities at the Old Roosevelt Field Contaminated Groundwater Area Superfund Site Garden City, New York

May 2020

#### For more information, contact:

Sherrel Henry Remedial Project Manager (212) 637-4273 henry.sherrel@epa.gov

Donette Samuel

Community Involvement Coordinator (212) 637-3570 samuel.donette@epa.gov

#### **Information Repositories:**

**Garden City Public Library** 60 Seventh Street Garden City, NY 11530 516-742-8405

## EPA Region 2

Superfunds Records Center 290 Broadway 18<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10007 212-637-4308 (Call to make an appointment)

For more information on the Old Roosevelt Field site, please visit: <u>www.epa.gov/superfund/roosevelt-</u> <u>field-groundwater</u>

#### **Current Activities**

The drilling portion of the field work that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began in October 2019 in Garden City, New York for the eastern plume portion of the Old Roosevelt Field Contaminated Groundwater Area Superfund site is complete. Monitoring wells were installed at three locations in Garden City to collect groundwater samples and sampling will begin at the end of May 2020.

The work is part of a pre-design investigation related to EPA's work to address groundwater contamination at the site, and further delineate the groundwater plume to better design the remedy. EPA's remedy, issued in a March 2018 Record of Decision, calls for a treatment process to remove trichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene from groundwater, thereby reducing potential threats to people's health.

Work on Garden Street, west of the intersection of Grove Street, began on October 23, 2019 and ended on November 21, 2019. Activities at the second location on Garden Street, near the intersection of Tremont Street, began on February 4, 2020 and ended on February 28, 2020. Once the activities on Garden Street were completed, work activities began on Willow Street, near the intersection of Tremont Street on March 3, 2020 and ended on March 27, 2020.

#### **Schedule of Activities**

The first of two rounds of groundwater sampling at 30 wells is scheduled to begin at the end of May 2020. The 30 wells comprise the comprehensive groundwater monitoring network for the site, including the newly installed wells.

The second round of groundwater sampling at only 10 of these

monitoring wells, including the newly installed wells, is scheduled to begin in July 2020. Sampling of monitoring wells will not involve heavy machinery, vehicular traffic changes, or loud noise, and the sampling of each monitoring well is expected to take several hours.

*EPA* appreciates your patience and cooperation during the field activities associated with the remedial design.

### **Community Update**

# May 2020

## **COVID-19** Considerations

As we continue to adjust to the evolving COVID-19 situation, EPA is taking the necessary steps to ensure that decisions about ongoing cleanup activities at Superfund sites are made with the health and safety of communities, EPA staff, state and tribal partners, and contractors as the priority. Therefore, decisions about continuing on-site activities have been made on a case-by-case basis. We are working closely with our local and state partners to evaluate options for continuing site work or securing sites, especially in areas where local health declarations are in effect due to COVID-19.

EPA will continue to work closely with state and local health officials, and all partners and stakeholders, to make determinations about site work based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

It's important to know that EPA maintains its ability to respond to environmental emergencies at Superfund sites, or in any situation where we are called upon to protect human health and the environment by responding to releases of chemical, oil, radiological, biological, and other hazardous materials.