

EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup at Cortese Landfill Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its fourth five-year review of the **Cortese Landfill Superfund Site**, located in the Town of Tusten in Sullivan County, New York. This review seeks to confirm that the cleanup actions to date continue to be protective of human health and the environment. In 1994, the EPA selected a cleanup plan for the site which called for the removal of buried drums and contaminated soil from within the on-site landfill; placement of an engineered capping system over the landfill; and installation of a ground water extraction and treatment system. Cleanup activities related to drum removal and installation of the landfill capping system were performed from 1996 to 1998.

Following additional site investigations, EPA updated the site's groundwater remedy in 2010. These investigations found previously unidentified source areas of contamination in soil beneath former drum-disposal areas. In 2010, the EPA finalized a plan to use a series of technologies to clean up areas of contaminated liquid waste and ground water located underneath the landfill. These source-area cleanup activities began in 2013.

A summary of cleanup activities to date and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the implemented cleanup 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 the original cleanup decisions were 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 fall 2016.

For more information

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

Tusten-Cochecton Library
200 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764

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