

EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviewing Cleanup of Lake Bottom Subsite of Onondaga Lake Superfund Site

The Onondaga Lake Superfund Site includes a number of subsites that include Onondaga Lake itself and any site that is situated on the Lake's shores or tributaries that has contributed contamination to, or threatens to contribute contamination to, Onondaga Lake.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its second five-year review of the **Lake Bottom Subsite**. The lake is located in the Towns of Geddes and Salina, Villages of Solvay and Liverpool, and the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York. This review seeks to confirm that the cleanup implemented at the subsite, which included dredging of contaminated lake sediment, disposal of the dredged sediment at a containment facility constructed on a nearby former Solvay wastebed, isolation and thin-layer capping in the lake, habitat restoration along the Wastebed 1-8 subsite shoreline, and the addition of liquid calcium nitrate near the lakebed in the deep water portion of the lake to inhibit methylmercury production, continues to protect human health and the environment.

Dredging and capping in Onondaga Lake began in the summer of 2012 and were completed in 2014 and 2016, respectively. Nitrate addition has been conducted annually since 2014, following an in-lake pilot study conducted between 2011 and 2013. A summary of the cleanup activities 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:

- Inspecting the site and cleanup technologies;
- Reviewing monitoring data, operating data, and maintenance records; and,
- Determining if any new relevant regulatory requirements have been established since the original clean-up 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 in late September 2020.

For more information

There are several ways to review information about this subsite. 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.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 7

615 Erie Blvd. West, Syracuse, NY

Atlantic States Legal Foundation

658 West Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY

Onondaga County Public Library

447 South Salina Street, Syracuse, NY

Solvay Public Library

615 Woods Rd, Solvay, NY

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Central Office

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You may also contact

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For more information visit: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/onondaga-lake>