



EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup of the Hertel Landfill Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is conducting its sixth five-year review of the Hertel Landfill Superfund site, located in Plattekill, Ulster County, New York.

The review seeks to confirm that the EPA's cleanup plan selected in the September 1991 Record of Decision, or ROD, and January 2005 ROD Amendment are protective of people's health and the environment. The 1991 cleanup plan, completed in 1998, included removing about 50 drums of waste for off-site disposal; capping the landfill to reduce the movement of contaminated leachate and runoff into groundwater and adjacent wetlands; and pumping and treating contaminated groundwater to remove dissolved metals and organic compounds. By 2005, ongoing groundwater monitoring showed that it improved surface water, sediment, and groundwater quality such that the groundwater treatment system was no longer necessary. Institutional controls remain in place to prohibit new wells or use of groundwater around the landfill.

A summary of the five-year review activities and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the cleanup plan will be included in the upcoming five-year review report. It is anticipated that the five-year review report will be completed by **February 2025**.

What is an EPA Five-Year Review?

The EPA inspects Superfund sites every five years to ensure that cleanups conducted remain fully protective of people's 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 regulatory requirements have been established since the EPA's original cleanup decision was finalized.

For more information

The Administrative Record, which includes EPA documents used for selecting the cleanup plan, is available for public review at the following information repositories:

Plattekill Town Hall
1915 State Route 55
Modena, NY 12548
Phone: (845) 883-7331

Plattekill Public Library
2047 State Route 32
Modena, NY 12548
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or

EPA Region 2 Superfund Records Center
290 Broadway, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866
Phone: (212) 637-4308
call to make an appointment

You may also contact

Project information is also available at the website noted below. If you have any questions or concerns about the site, please contact:

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For more information on this site, visit:
www.epa.gov/superfund/hertel-landfill