

# EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup at GE Moreau Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its seventh five-year review of the **GE Moreau Superfund site**, located in the town of Moreau, Saratoga County, New York. This review seeks to confirm that cleanup actions continue to protect human health and the environment.

General Electric Co. (GE) used the site to dispose of industrial waste from 1958 to 1968. GE used a 30- by 40-foot pit to dispose of approximately 450 tons of waste material, including trichloroethylene (TCE), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), spent solvents, oils, sludge, and other miscellaneous waste. GE also treated the roads at the site with PCB-contaminated oil to control dust.

EPA selected a cleanup plan for the site in 1987. The major components of the plan included placing a cap over, and a soil-bentonite cutoff wall around, the former waste disposal area to contain the source of groundwater contamination; monitoring downgradient wells to ensure that the cutoff wall is containing the source of groundwater contamination and to determine if changes are occurring in the size and direction of the area where contaminants are dispersing in the groundwater; using an air stripping system to remove volatile organic compounds from Reardon Brook; excavating PCB-contaminated soil adjacent to the disposal area and placing it within the cutoff wall; providing a public water supply system to approximately 100 residences affected or potentially affected by the contaminated groundwater; and putting institutional controls in place to restrict groundwater withdrawals from the aquifer in the contamination area until groundwater standards are met. GE completed cleanup actions at the site in 1990. Long-term maintenance and monitoring are ongoing.

EPA waived the cleanup standards for groundwater in the contamination area in a 1994 Explanation of Significant Differences because the agency determined that it was not technically practical to reach those standards in a reasonable time period.

A summary of the review and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the implemented cleanup plan 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 cleanup plans at Superfund sites function as intended and continue to protect 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 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 **April 2023**.

#### 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.

##### Crandall Library

251 Glen Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801

##### Moreau Town Hall

Town Clerk's Office, 61 Corner of Hudson & 5<sup>th</sup> Streets, South Glens Falls, NY 12801

##### Fort Edward Library

23 East Street, Fort Edward, NY 12801

##### USEPA Region 2

Superfund Records Center, 290 Broadway, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10007  
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