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## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup at Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its third five-year review of the **Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. Superfund Site**, located in the city of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York. This review seeks to confirm that the cleanup actions to date continue to be protective of public health and the environment.

The EPA issued its first cleanup plan for the site in 1995. During the cleanup, contaminated soil and sediment were removed from areas containing coal tar waste; underground barriers were installed to contain contaminated groundwater; a protective cap was installed to reduce infiltration of precipitation due to rain or snow; and monitoring was initiated. Additionally, a system to extract and treat contaminated groundwater was constructed and continues to operate. This work was performed between 2001 - 2008.

The EPA divided the investigation and cleanup into two phases when it discovered additional contamination at the site. A second cleanup plan was selected in 2013 which calls for the cleanup of contaminated soil and groundwater discovered in a half-acre area near Excelsior, Warren and High Rock Avenues. That cleanup work is expected to get underway in April 2018.

A summary of the cleanup activities completed, to date, and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the implemented 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 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 May 2016.

#### 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.

City of Saratoga Springs Public Library  
49 Henry Street  
Saratoga Springs, NY (518) 584-7860

#### OR

USEPA Region 2  
Superfund Records Center  
290 Broadway, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007 (212) 637-4308 (call for appt.)

#### You may also contact

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