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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup of Geddes Brook/Ninemile Creek Site Onondaga Lake Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is conducting the first five-year review of the **Geddes Brook/Ninemile Creek Site**, part of the Onondaga Lake Superfund site, located in the Town of Geddes in Onondaga County, New York. The Onondaga Lake Superfund site includes Onondaga Lake and a number of other sites that are situated on or near Onondaga Lake's shores or tributaries that have contributed contamination to, or threaten to contribute contamination to, Onondaga Lake. These sites, as well as the Onondaga Lake Bottom site, which includes the Geddes Brook site, are referred to as "subsites" of the Onondaga Lake Superfund site.

This review seeks to confirm that the cleanup conducted at the site continues to protect human health and the environment. Cleanup activities included dredging/excavation and removal of contaminated channel sediment and floodplain soil/sediment. The cleanup remedies also included restoration of the stream bed and banks, wetlands, and habitats of Geddes Brook and Ninemile Creek following sediment and soil removal and placement of an isolation cap or backfill, where needed. This included the placement of a habitat layer as well as planting of appropriate species of wetland and upland vegetation.

Cleanup activities were performed from 2011 to 2015. 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:

- 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 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 summer 2017.

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.

NYSDEC, Region 7

615 Erie Blvd. West, Syracuse, NY

Onondaga County Public Library

447 South Salina Street, Syracuse, NY

NYSDEC, Central Office

625 Broadway, Albany, NY

Atlantic States Legal Foundation

658 West Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY 13204

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