

MEETING TIMES, DATES, LOCATIONS

Energy Park Fort Edward Washington County	Tuesday	5/11/04	6:00 to 8:30 PM	Fort Edward Fire House 116 Broadway Fort Edward, NY 12828
Bruno Schaghticoke Rensselaer County	Wednesday	5/12/04	6:00 to 8:30 PM	Stillwater Community Center 19 Palmer Street Stillwater, NY 12170
OG Real Estate Bethlehem Albany County	Thursday	5/13/04	6:00 to 8:30 PM	Delmar Reformed Church, Fellowship Hall 386 Delaware Avenue Delmar, NY 12054
Old Moreau Moreau Washington County	Tuesday	5/18/04	6:00 to 8:30 PM	Moreau Community Center 144 Main Street South Glens Falls, NY 12803
Canal Corp. Halfmoon Saratoga County	Wednesday	5/19/04	6:00 to 8:30 PM	Clifton Park Elks #2466 695 MacElroy Road Clifton Park, NY 12065

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EPA Regional Public Liaison

EPA Region 2 has designated a public liaison as a point-of-contact for community concerns and questions about the federal Superfund program in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. To support this effort, the Agency has established a 24-hour, toll-free number that the public can call to request information, express concerns, or register complaints about Superfund. The public liaison for EPA's Region 2 office is: George H. Zachos, U.S. EPA, Region 2, 2890 Woodbridge Avenue MS-211, Edison, New Jersey 08837, (732) 321-6621, toll-free (888) 283-7626.



Facility Siting Process Update Overview

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Highlights

This fact sheet - one of six developed to assist the public in the review of the *Draft Facility Siting Report* - provides an update on the process of selecting the sediment processing/transfer (dewatering) facilities needed for the cleanup of the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site. It summarizes the evaluations conducted on seven Final Candidate Sites and identifies five suitable sites. EPA is recommending that three of the suitable sites be carried forward in the design process.

Additional information about each of the five sites can be found in individual fact sheets, and the entire facility siting process is described in the *Draft Facility Siting Report*, which is being released for public review and a 60-day comment period. EPA plans to conduct public forums in each of the communities where suitable sites are located. Upcoming meeting information can be found on the back page of this fact sheet. The comment period on the *Draft Facility Siting Report* begins on May 3, 2004, and ends on July 1, 2004.

SUITABLE SITES

In September 2003, seven Final Candidate Sites were identified. After further analysis and evaluation of on-site conditions, EPA has determined that five sites are suitable for use as dewatering facilities. These sites meet the engineering criteria (size, nearby rail, proximity to river and dredge areas, etc.) and environmental characteristics (manageable or limited cultural resources, wetlands concerns, etc.) needed for a dewatering facility. Table 1 identifies the five suitable sites.

Table 1 - Suitable Sites

Site Name	Location	River Mile
River Section 1		
Energy Park/Longe/New York State Canal Corporation ("Energy Park")	Fort Edward, Washington County	195.1
Old Moreau Dredge Spoils Area ("Old Moreau")	Moreau, Saratoga County	193.8
River Section 3		
Bruno/Brickyard Associates/Alonzo ("Bruno")	Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County	166.5
New York State Canal Corporation/Allco/Leyerle ("Canal Corp.")	Halfmoon, Saratoga County	162.4
Below River Section 3		
OG Real Estate	Bethlehem, Albany County	142.8

RECOMMENDED SITES

EPA is recommending that three of the five suitable sites be carried forward in the design process. These sites have particular advantages based on the overall evaluations conducted. Table 2 identifies the three recommended sites.

Table 2 - Recommended Sites

Site Name	Location	River Mile
River Section 1		
Energy Park	Fort Edward, Washington County	195.1
River Section 3		
Bruno	Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County	166.5
Below River Section 3		
OG Real Estate	Bethlehem, Albany County	142.8

While EPA plans to select one to three site(s) from the three recommended sites (Energy Park, Bruno, and/or OG Real Estate), the remaining two suitable sites (Old Moreau and Canal Corp.) may need to be reconsidered in the event a serious problem, such as an unforeseen design issue, arises at one of the recommended sites. EPA considers it very unlikely that the remaining suitable sites would be reconsidered.

ELIMINATED SITES

Two sites were eliminated from further consideration based on potential limitations and additional design considerations. These considerations outweighed the benefits of using the sites. Table 3 identifies the eliminated sites.

Table 3 - Eliminated Sites

Site Name	Location	River Mile
River Section 2		
Georgia Pacific	Greenwich, Washington County	183.2
Below River Section 3		
State of New York/First Rensselaer/Marine Management	Rensselaer, Rensselaer County	146.7

Process for Evaluating the Final Candidate Sites

Following the announcement of the seven Final Candidate Sites in September 2003, EPA began a more detailed evaluation that included:

- **Conducting Site Specific Field Investigations** – Site specific field investigations were conducted at each site. The field studies involved soil, surface water, and groundwater sampling. Other studies included cultural and sensitive resource, wetland, and floodplain investigations.
- **Developing Group 3 (Evaluation) Criteria** – Criteria for evaluating sites were developed after examining the data collected during previous evaluations and after reviewing the results of the field investigations with the design team, which includes General Electric (GE). This group of criteria includes usable space, rail yard and waterfront suitability, site characteristics and conditions, road access, and river navigation.
- **Evaluating Sites Using Group 3 (Evaluation) Criteria** - Each of the Final Candidate Sites was evaluated using the Group 3 criteria to determine benefits, potential limitations, and additional design considerations that could affect the ease of designing a dewatering facility. Usable space for facility equipment and operations was a key characteristic. Based on information from the design team, it was determined that the space needed for the processing facility was 5 to 15 acres, while a rail

yard facility would require an additional 15 to 25 acres. EPA also considered information gathered to date on sensitive resources, such as relative proximity to schools and residences.

EVALUATION RESULTS

Suitable Sites

Suitable sites are those that have characteristics that satisfy the minimum requirements for designing, constructing, and operating a dewatering facility. Although a suitable site may have limitations and additional design considerations, EPA believes that such issues can be addressed during the design of the facility and do not preclude its use as a dewatering facility.

Recommended Sites

Recommended sites are those that have greater benefits with fewer, or more manageable, potential limitations and additional design considerations. The goal of identifying these sites is to provide a group of sites to the dewatering facility design team that provide the necessary flexibility to design a successful dredging program. Recommended sites will be carried forward through the design process.

Eliminated Sites

The Georgia Pacific site was eliminated based on factors that included limited working rail access both on-and off-site, and a potential for significant cultural resource issues that would limit the usable space at the site and make it difficult to construct and operate a dewatering facility.

The First Rensselaer site was eliminated due to factors that included insufficient usable space needed for construction of the rail yard facility and potential flooding concerns. In addition, this site had the smallest relative area for creating an effective residential buffer.

NEXT STEPS

EPA is working to select final sites that offer the greatest potential benefit to the project, with minimal impacts on the public. EPA will announce the final site selections by late fall 2004. This will allow additional key project design information about rail and barge transportation logistics, lockage analyses, dredging methods, and other factors to be considered in the decision-making process.

Figure 1 summarizes the next steps in the facility siting process.

Figure 1 Summary of the Next Steps in the Facility Siting Process



INVOLVING COMMUNITIES

EPA plans to continue a dialogue with communities during final selection of the dewatering facility locations, as well as during design, construction, and operation of the facilities. EPA will work diligently with those communities by providing updates through fact sheets and frequent local town meetings. The goal is to find ways to minimize the impacts of the dewatering facility on people's daily lives and ensure that their questions are answered and their needs addressed.

Each facility will be designed to comply with the Quality of Life Performance Standards for noise, lighting, air quality, navigation, and odor. Additionally, a Remedial Action Community Health and Safety Plan (RA CHASP) will be drafted that details what measures will be taken to ensure local residents, communities, and water supplies are protected.

PUBLIC REVIEW

EPA made a commitment to conduct an open facility siting process by involving communities and gathering public input. A public forum will be held at each of the five communities in which a suitable site has been identified. These forums will provide interested citizens with the opportunity to fully review the facility siting process and to ask EPA questions. EPA will also open a formal 60-day comment period on the *Draft Facility Siting Report*.

Following the public forums and comment period, EPA will develop responses to public comments, seek additional input from the dewatering facility design team, revise the document as needed, and issue the *Final Facility Siting Report*. Following release of the report, EPA will select and announce dewatering facility locations needed for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project.

The *Draft Facility Siting Report*, which describes the entire facility siting process and provides detailed site information on all the candidate sites, is available at the information repositories located in Glens Falls, Fort Edward (Hudson River Field Office), Ballston Spa, Albany, Poughkeepsie, New York City (EPA Region 2 Office), and Edgewater, New Jersey. The electronic version can be found on the EPA project Web site at www.epa.gov/hudson. Copies are also available on CD-ROM by calling the Hudson River Field Office. The public can submit comments in writing via hard copy or E-mail. All comments should be sent to:

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FACILITY SITING PROCESS DIAGRAM - APRIL 2004

