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### Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the [DECinfo Locator](#) and at these location(s):

Village of Hoosick Falls Library  
73 Classic Street  
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090  
(518) 686-9401

Key project documents and project summary also are available on the NYSDEC website at:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html>

### Who to Contact

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For more information about New York's State Superfund Program, visit:

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html)

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# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

Saint-Gobain McCaffrey St.  
14 McCaffrey St  
Hoosick Falls, NY, 12090

SITE No. 442046 (OU-02)

NYSDEC REGION 4

April 2021

## NYSDEC Proposes Remedy for Village of Hoosick Falls Water Supply, Announces Public Comment Period and Information Session

### Virtual Public Meeting, Thursday May 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the remedy proposed for this site. Participants are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting and during the 45-day comment period, which ends on June 4, 2021.

**Location:** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, DEC and DOH presentations will be conducted virtually through the Webex Events online platform or via conference call.

**To join the virtual meeting** online on May 13, 2021 at 6 p.m.:

- Visit <https://on.ny.gov/3dxlzVu> and click "Join"
- Event Number: 185 262 6040
- Password: NYSDEC2021

For information on how to participate in a virtual meeting, go to <https://www.dec.ny.gov/public/51805.html>

**To join by phone:**

- Dial: 1-518-549-0500
- Access Code: 185 262 6040 #
- Press # again in lieu of an attendee I.D. number

Interpreter services shall be made available to deaf persons, and language interpreter services for individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English, at no charge, upon request, at least ten (10) business days prior to the meeting. For interpreter service requests, please contact Regina Willis by phone at 518-357-2075 or email at [regina.willis@dec.ny.gov](mailto:regina.willis@dec.ny.gov).

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is inviting the public to comment on the proposed plan for a permanent water source to address perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) contamination related to the Saint-Gobain McCaffrey Street site ("site") located at 14 McCaffrey Street, Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County. Please see the map for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the proposed remedy is \$9.7 million. Once a remedy has been selected, the responsible parties, Honeywell International and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics, will be requested to implement the remedy under DEC oversight.

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**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 45 days, from **April 21 through June 4, 2021**.

- The PRAP and other project documents are available online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/442046/>
- The PRAP is also available at locations identified at left under “Where to Find Information.”
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC Project Engineer listed under the “Who to Contact” area at left.

The Saint-Gobain McCaffrey Street site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal (State Superfund) Sites. A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment where action is required. NYSDEC is proposing the following remedy to permanently address the Village's municipal water supply, identified as Operable Unit 2. While this process to select and implement a permanent water supply continues, clean water will continue to be provided to Water District residents through the existing granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment system that removes contaminants from the water supply.

**Proposed Remedial Action Plan:** The remedy proposed for this operable unit includes:

- Development of two new groundwater supply wells. Existing test wells south of Hoosick Falls will be converted to production wells.
- Construction of a water transmission line from the new wells to the village water treatment plant along public rights of way.
- Continued operation of the treatment plant to ensure access to clean water and meet applicable public water supply requirements.
- Retaining the existing GAC treatment system to ensure compliance with drinking water standards and site-specific remedial action objectives.
- Provisions to meet public water supply redundancy requirements by maintaining a minimum of one existing village well. A third well is required to provide redundancy in the case of an outage of the primary wells.
- Implementing a Site Management Plan for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems.

NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed site investigation and evaluating the remedial options in the Municipal Water Supply Study report submitted under New York's State Superfund Program by Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics and Honeywell International Inc.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will review and consider public comments on the PRAP before finalizing the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that explains why a remedy was selected and includes a response to public comments. NYSDEC will then approach the responsible parties to enter into a legal agreement to develop a detailed design of the selected remedy and execute the cleanup. Other operable units will be addressed in future cleanup plans.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

**Site Description:** The source of the contamination that affected the existing water supply includes a site that is 6.41 acres and occupied by an active manufacturing facility constructed in 1961, with additions through 1975. The remainder of the site consists of parking areas and green space (lawn). The northeast corner of the parcel is unimproved woodland.

Topography slopes from the northwest towards the southeast with a steep drop in elevation of approximately 20 feet in the central portions of the site. More site details are available by entering "442046" at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

The site is divided into three operable units. An operable unit represents a portion of a site that for technical or administrative reasons can be addressed separately to investigate, eliminate, or mitigate a release, threat of release, or exposure pathway resulting from site contamination.

Operable Unit 1 (OU-01) includes the 6.41-acre site, as well as groundwater contamination directly attributable to on-site disposal of hazardous waste, primarily PFOA.

Operable Unit 2 (OU-02) includes the existing contaminated municipal water supply.

Operable Unit 3 (OU-03) includes off-site contamination related to the atmospheric transport and deposition of site-related contaminants due to direct off-site disposal of site-related liquid and/or solid wastes.

**The PRAP pertains only to OU-02.**

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**Summary of the Investigation:** NYSDEC is conducting a remedial investigation for OU-01 and OU-03 to define the full nature and extent of contamination resulting from manufacturing activities at the site. PFOA present in the public drinking water supply (OU-02) is being removed through granular activated carbon filters. To comprehensively address OU-02 contamination, NYSDEC and NYSDOH determined that an alternative source study was needed and directed the responsible parties to identify and evaluate water supply options for the village of Hoosick Falls. NYSDEC released the responsible parties' final report in December 2020, describing the study and identifying potential water supply options.

The Municipal Water Supply Study (MWSS) identified five water supply options: 1) new groundwater source; 2) new surface water source; 3) connection to an existing municipal system; 4) continued use of existing village well field with appropriate treatment technology; and 5) continued use of existing village well field with appropriate treatment technology and operation of an interim remedial measure (IRM) at the McCaffrey Street site.

NYSDEC conducted a screening process after potential water sources were identified to evaluate the best potential options in the MWSS. The report describes these options in detail.

**State Superfund Program:** New York's State Superfund Program identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup, and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

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### DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>



