

EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviewing Cleanup of Lake Bottom Subsite of Onondaga Lake Superfund Site

The Onondaga Lake Superfund Site includes a number of subsites. The subsites include Onondaga Lake itself and any site that is situated on the lake's shores or tributaries that has contributed contamination to, or threatens to contribute contamination to, Onondaga Lake.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is conducting its third five-year review of the **Lake Bottom Subsite**. The lake is located in the Towns of Geddes and Salina, Villages of Solvay and Liverpool, and the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York. This review seeks to confirm that cleanup actions continue to protect people's health and the environment.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, or NYSDEC, and the EPA selected a cleanup plan in 2005 which called for dredging and capping of contaminated lake bottom sediment. Honeywell International performed the work under NYSDEC, EPA, and New York State Department of Health oversight. Honeywell International conducted the dredging from 2012 to 2014 and removed approximately 2.2 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment from the lake bottom and three shoreline areas. Honeywell finished capping in 2016 and placed more than three million cubic yards of material on the river bottom which consisted primarily of sand, activated carbon, siderite (iron ore), and stone. Field staff finished habitat restoration in 2017 which included improving wetlands and planting native plants, shrubs, and trees in shoreline areas. A summary of the cleanup activities and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the implemented cleanup 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 cleanups at Superfund sites function as intended and continue to protect people's 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 in **October 2025**.

For more information

The Administrative Record, which includes the 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.

NYSDEC Region 7: 615 Erie Blvd. West, Syracuse, NY

Atlantic States Legal Foundation: 658 West Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY

Onondaga County Public Library: 447 South Salina Street, Syracuse, NY

Solvay Public Library: 615 Woods Rd, Solvay, NY

NYSDEC Central Office: 625 Broadway, Albany, NY

You may also contact

If you have any questions or concerns about the five-year review process, please contact:

Victoria Rubino, EPA Remedial Project Manager

Phone: (212) 637-4252

Email: rubino.victoria@epa.gov

Larisa Romanowski, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator

Phone: (518) 407-0400

Email: romanowski.larisa@epa.gov

If you have any questions about the subsite, please contact:

Tracy Smith, NYSDEC Project Manager

Phone: (518) 402-9796

Email: tracy.smith@dec.ny.gov