

ROUTE 203 SITE
RESIDENTIAL WELL SAMPLING EVENT
TOWN OF NASSAU, NEW YORK

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REGION 2



Upcoming Activities

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will sample tap water at residences near the Route 203 site in October and November 2021 to confirm conditions have not changed since EPA collected samples in March 2019 from 26 groundwater wells near the site, including a Village of Nassau public supply well. The groundwater sampling results did not show contaminants above federal or state drinking water standards.

EPA will begin scheduling the 2021 sampling with property owners in late September. EPA will analyze the samples for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs).

In addition, during winter 2021-2022, the drums located on the site will be removed and the liquid in the two underground storage tanks will be pumped and disposed off-site.

Additional field work is needed to further investigate groundwater and surface water at the site to determine long-term cleanup options.

It is anticipated that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will be taking over as the lead agency for the site in 2022 and will work with the responsible party or parties on the long-term cleanup of site soil, sediment and groundwater.



Site Background

The Route 203 site is located near the intersection of Route 203 and Sweets Crossing Road in the Town of Nassau, New York. In July 2018, EPA learned from NYSDEC that the property may have been used historically for waste oil handling and disposal activities.

EPA assessed the Route 203 property and collected soil, pond sediment, pond water and groundwater samples in late 2018. Results of this sampling showed elevated levels of PCBs and VOCs in soil and pond sediment. During the assessment, EPA also identified several 55-gallon drums and an underground storage tank containing residual waste material.



EPA and the General Electric Company (GE) signed a legal agreement in March 2020 which required GE to further investigate the contamination on the site. GE was required to extensively sample the soil and sediment and install and sample on-site groundwater wells. In addition, the agreement required GE to further investigate and sample the drums and underground storage tank.

Under EPA oversight, GE investigated the site from May until November 2020. The investigations revealed a total of 14 drums and two underground storage tanks containing water and waste oil. Based on the information gathered to date, contamination is primarily limited to the Route 203 property. GE's report summarizing the investigation results was finalized in July 2021 and will be available at the site's repository in October.

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