



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE
HOPEWELL PRECISION SUPERFUND SITE
HOPEWELL JUNCTION, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the opening of a **30-day comment period** on the Proposed Plan and preferred cleanup alternative to address contamination at the Hopewell Precision Superfund site in Hopewell Junction, Dutchess County, New York. The comment period **begins on July 7, 2008 and ends on Aug 5, 2008**. As part of the public comment period, EPA will hold a **Public Meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the East Fishkill Town Hall**, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, New York. To learn more about the meeting you can contact Ms. Cecilia Echols, EPA's Community Involvement Specialist, at 212-637-3678 or 1-800-346-5009 or visit our website at www.epa.gov/region2/superfund/npl/hopewell.

The Hopewell Precision site is listed on the Superfund National Priorities List. EPA recently concluded a remedial investigation/focused feasibility study (RI/FFS) for the site to assess the nature and extent of contamination in site media and to evaluate cleanup alternatives for the site. Based upon the results of the RI/FFS, EPA has prepared a Proposed Plan which describes the findings of the remedial investigation and potential remedy evaluations detailed in the feasibility study and provides the rationale for recommending the preferred cleanup alternative.

The preferred cleanup alternative for the site:

- Provide potable water to all properties within the study area by installing a system to deliver water from a nearby existing potable water supply system.
- Construct additional storage capacity near the existing Little Switzerland Storage Tank.
- Construct water mains to deliver water from the nearby Little Switzerland Water District to the study area. A service connection from the main would be extended to each house and/or commercial building.
- Properly abandon private residential wells within the study area following connection to the public water supply. Abandonment would result in the cessation of annual sampling of the wells.

During the **July 17, Public Meeting**, EPA representatives will be available to further elaborate on the reasons for recommending the preferred cleanup alternative and public comments will be received.

The RI Report, FFS Report, Risk Assessment, Proposed Plan and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories established for the site at the following locations:

East Fishkill Town Hall Community Library: 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, New York 112533 (845) 221-9943
Hours: Mon. – Thurs., 10 AM – 8 PM; Fri., 10 AM – 6 PM; Sat., 10 AM – 5 PM

USEPA Region 2: Superfund Records Center, 290 Broadway, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866,
(212) 637-4308
Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9 AM - 5 PM

EPA relies on public input to ensure that the selected remedy for each Superfund site meets the needs and concerns of the local community. It is important to note that although EPA has identified a preferred cleanup alternative for the site, no final decision will be made until EPA has considered all public comments received during the public comment period. EPA will summarize these comments along with EPA's responses in a Responsiveness Summary, which will be included in the Administrative Record file as part of the Record of Decision. **Written comments and questions regarding the Hopewell Precision Superfund site, postmarked no later than August 5, may be sent to:**

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