



High Falls Water System Up & Running EPA Completes Construction and Testing

Mohonk Road Industrial Plant Superfund Site
High Falls, Ulster County, New York **October 2007**

Who to Contact

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EPA, Region 2 has designated a Regional Public Liaison for you to call, should you have concerns about the Superfund program. Please call (888) 283-7626.

Where to Get Information

You can review documents and site reports by visiting the Stone Ridge or Rosendale Public Libraries.

For information on the Superfund process, Mohonk Road site, or other hazardous waste sites in New York, visit: www.epa.gov/region02/superfund

High Falls Water District Will Provide Clean Drinking Water to More Than 400 Residents

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) started construction work in August 2005 on a drinking water treatment plant and water distribution system for the High Falls Water District. This work is being done to ensure that the water district can provide clean drinking water to a projected population of 426 residents and businesses in the towns of Marbletown and Rosendale; well water there has been affected, or could be threatened in the future by, contaminants related to past industrial activities at the Mohonk Road Industrial Plant (MRIP) located at 186 Mohonk Road. The treatment plant will provide filtration and disinfection of the water. Stringent sampling and monitoring has been conducted to verify that the treated drinking water meets all federal and state safe drinking water standards.

Conti Environment & Infrastructure is the construction contractor to the Corps. EPA and the Corps have overseen the work and at this point have deemed the High Falls Water District facilities to be substantially complete. All required testing has been completed and all parts of the water supply system are operational and functioning as designed.

Connection to Catskill Aqueduct Successfully Accomplished

Work included the construction of the treatment plant and connections to the Catskill Aqueduct (at the siphon house on Canal Road), which is part of the New York City reservoir system, owned and maintained by New York City. The Catskill Aqueduct will provide the raw (untreated) water. The critical

interconnection with the Catskill Aqueduct was successfully accomplished on April 5, 2006.

Water mains along Mountain View Road transport the raw water approximately 1,200 feet from the siphon house to the water treatment plant. The water treatment plant occupies approximately seven acres of land in the rear section of the Mohonk Road Industrial Plant property. The water main transporting the raw water to the treatment plant has been leakage tested and is currently operational.

The treatment system includes a ground level raw-water tank to store supplies of raw water and an elevated finished water tank for storage of treated water and to ensure sufficient water pressure throughout the water system. The elevated finished water storage tank is visible from several areas within the High Falls Water District.

Operational testing of the water supply system has been completed and on September 24, 2007 the New York State Department of Health, in cooperation with the Ulster County Department of Health, authorized public usage of the system to be initiated.

Water Mains 100% Complete

All of the distribution system's water mains within the High Falls Water District have been completed and tested. Affected roads have been restored and repaved.

Residential Hook-Ups Underway

Installation of residential service line connections to affected homes and businesses is the last step in the construction process. Service line connections from the water main in the street into each home have been completed. Final connection to existing plumbing within homes, disconnection of existing water supply wells and removal of individual granular activated carbon treatment systems began on September 20, 2007 after the treatment plant was thoroughly tested.

Final connections will occur on a street-by-street basis. Residents can schedule an appointment with the plumbing contractor. If you have not yet been connected, please call the plumbing contractor at 1 800 420 7614 to schedule an appointment. All High Falls Water District users are expected to be connected to the new water supply system by October 31, 2007.

What to Expect

Until all residences within the water district are connected to the treatment system, water use stabilizes and final operating adjustments are made, some temporary inconveniences might occur. These could include variation in water pressure at your faucets, excessive chlorine levels, or cloudy water. Significant efforts have been taken to reduce and avoid any such occurrences. If any of these conditions persist for longer than a week after your connection to the system and after neighboring residences in your vicinity have been connected, or if any water leakage is observed, please notify the operators of the High Falls Water District at 845 687-7956. Again, these will be temporary in nature, and will be addressed expeditiously if and when they occur.

