



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE
OLD ROOSEVELT FIELD CONTAMINATED GROUNDWATER SITE
VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK**

NOTICE FOR CHANGE OF MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

September 11, 2007

7:00 PM

Village Hall Board Room

351 Stewart Avenue

Garden City, NY 11530

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the opening of a **30-day comment period** on the Proposed Plan and preferred alternative to address contamination at the Old Roosevelt Field Contaminated Groundwater site in Garden City, New York. The comment period **begins on August 22, 2007 and ends on September 20, 2007**. As part of the public comment period, EPA will hold a public meeting on **September 11, 2007** at 7:00 PM at the **Garden City Village Hall Board Room, 351 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530**. To learn more about the meeting you can contact Ms. Cecilia Echols, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, at 212-637-3678 or 1-800-346-5009 or visit our website to receive a copy of the Proposed Plan at www.epa.gov/region02/superfund/npl/oldroosevelt.

The site is listed on the Superfund National Priorities List. EPA recently concluded a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) for the site to assess the nature and extent of contamination in site media and to evaluate alternatives to cleanup the groundwater. Based upon the results of the RI/FS, 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 remedy.

The preferred remedy is pump and treat of the contaminated groundwater in the area west of Garden City Plaza in the Roosevelt Field mall area. A groundwater extraction well would be installed to capture the portion of the contaminant plume with high tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE) concentrations without impacting the pumping capacity of two nearby public water supply wells. In addition, a pre-design investigation would be conducted to better define several areas of the groundwater plume. The air strippers used to treat the water pumped at the two supply wells would be evaluated and upgraded, if deemed necessary. EPA would also put in place a contingency plan if for any reason the two supply wells are shut down or experience significant reduction in pumping rates. The contingency plan would be implemented to prevent downgradient migration of contaminants. Institutional controls, monitoring, vapor sampling and periodic reviews would also be part of the remedy to ensure that the remedy remains protective of public health and the environment. During the **September 10, 2007 public meeting**, EPA representatives will be available to further elaborate on the reasons for recommending the preferred remedy and public comments will be received.

The RI Report, FS 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:

Garden City Public Library: 60 Seventh Street, Garden City, New York 11530 (516) 742-8405
Hours: Mon.- Thu. 9:30 AM - 9 PM; Fri. 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM; Sat. 9 AM - 5 PM; Sun. closed.

Hempstead Public Library: 116 Nichols Court, Hempstead, New York 11550 (516) 481-6990
Hours: Mon.- Thu. 10 AM - 9 PM; Fri. 10 AM - 6 PM; Sat., Sun. closed.

USEPA Region II: 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 remedy 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 Old Roosevelt Field Contaminated Groundwater site, postmarked no later than September 20, 2007, may be sent to:**

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