



# **SUPERFUND COMMUNITY UPDATE**

## **Smithtown Groundwater Contamination Site**

Suffolk County, New York

March 2005

### **Current Activities**

Over the past several years the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been conducting a comprehensive Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (RI/FS) evaluation of the Smithtown site. The RI/FS documents along with the Human Health Risk Assessment and Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment reports were finalized in June 2004. A proposed plan was released in June and a public meeting was conducted on June 29, 2004. Subsequently, a Record of Decision (ROD) was signed by EPA on September 30, 2004. A transcript of the public meeting and all the final documents are available at the Smithtown Library for public review.

As indicated in the ROD, EPA selected a remedy of providing an alternate water supply to homes currently and potentially impacted by groundwater contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs), particularly perchloroethylene (other than those homes that were connected to the public water supply during EPA's removal action); institutional controls to restrict use of contaminated groundwater; long-term groundwater and surface water monitoring of the adjacent Nissequogue River and Stony Brook Harbor; and periodic site reviews using data obtained through the annual groundwater and surface water sampling program. Federal Govt. funds to conduct the remedy selected in the ROD are being secured. This work is expected to begin in June 2005.

### **What to Expect Next?**

- EPA will begin service line connections in June 2005 to homes located in the Study area identified in the ROD and will continue through December 2005.
- **EPA will be in your community on Wednesday, March XX, 2005 from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM at the Nissequogue Town Hall & from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at the Head of the Harbor Town Hall.**
- As part of the remedial action, EPA will pay for installing the household service lines to the public water main and also the tapping fees. However, each homeowner will be responsible for the Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) and St. James Water District (SJWD) surcharge to pay for their share of the water main infrastructure in the community.
- **EPA does not have the authority to reimburse any homeowner who may have already connected to the public water supply.**
- If determined necessary by EPA, prior to the installation of a lateral service connection, an archeological survey will be performed on selected homesites. An archeological survey is the collection, documentation and analysis of information concerning the physical remains that represent the past archeological history of the area.

### **What Should the Community Residents Do?**

- **If you use a private well for your water supply, please return the signed access agreement for service line connection to: Syed Quadri, USEPA Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007.**
- **Sign an agreement with SCWA and SJWD to pay for the water main infrastructure.** EPA cannot provide the service line connection until a payment is made and/or an agreement with the appropriate water authority is signed.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

#### **Community Involvement**

Public participation is essential to the success of EPA's Superfund program. If you have any questions regarding cleanup activities at the site, please contact Syed Quadri, Project Manager, at **212-637-4233**, or Cecilia Echols, Community Involvement Coordinator at **212-637-3678** or **1-800-346-5009**.

#### **Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) and St. James Water District (SJWD)**

Representatives from SCWA and SJWD will be available during EPA's upcoming public availability sessions noted on this fact sheet to answer your questions regarding surcharge and payment options. Please call SCWA at **631-563-5630** and SJWD at **631-584-6202**.

#### **Superfund**

For information on the Superfund process, please visit EPA's website at: **[www.epa.gov/superfund](http://www.epa.gov/superfund)**.

The site contains information on the various tools and resources available to community groups, as well as fact sheets about other sites.

#### **Information Repository**

Smithtown Library  
1 North Country Road  
Smithtown, NY 11781  
(631) 265-2072