

DEC Environmental Remediation Sites Overview

General Description

DEC's Role in Contaminated Site Cleanups

Since a cleanup program for a site can take a number of years to complete, DEC reviews, oversees, and tracks each project's progress from investigation, design, and completion of each remedial measure to certifying cleanup completion and planning for any future site management needs.

DEC Brownfield and State Superfund Programs

DEC's remediation and enforcement initiatives, such as its State Superfund and Brownfield programs, ensure the timely and efficient cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated properties.

State Superfund (SSF) Sites

The SSF Program is an enforcement program whose goal to identify and characterize suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites and to ensure that those sites which pose a significant threat to public health or the environment are properly addressed.

Voluntary Cleanup of Contaminated Sites

New York State also offers incentives for brownfield cleanup and redevelopment. Incentives such as technical oversight, tax credits and liability relief help developers complete cleanup projects. DEC's Brownfield Cleanup Program and Environmental Restoration Program have helped return hundreds of contaminated sites in the State into productive use.

Manufactured Gas Plants (MGPs)

MGPs were used to produce gas from coal, oil and other fuels but are no longer in operation in New York State. However, coal tar and other hazardous waste, created as part of the manufacturing process, may still be present at those sites and require cleanup.

NYS has one of the most comprehensive MGP site investigation and remediation initiatives in the country. Since problems associated with former MGP sites were identified, DER has been working with utilities on a state-wide basis to identify and address MGP sites.

Data Collection Methodology

Site location coordinates determined through various means, including mailing address, identification on a map, and the use of global positioning systems.

Statistical and Analytic Issues

Not applicable.

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