

EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup at Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has begun its second five-year review of the **Hudson River PCBs Superfund site**. The purpose of this review is to ensure that the cleanup is working as intended and will be protective of public health and the environment. The first five-year review for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund site was completed in 2012.

After six seasons of in-river work, dredging to remove polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from a 40-mile stretch of the upper Hudson River between Troy and Fort Edward, New York was completed in the fall of 2015. The current five-year review will include an evaluation of all available data for the project, including fish, water and sediment data, as well as the new data to be collected this spring and summer.

The five-year review will also include a review of the areas of PCB-contaminated sediment located upstream of the areas that have been dredged. These areas, known as the remnant deposits, became exposed after the river level dropped following removal of the Fort Edward Dam in 1973. These areas are now capped, maintained, and monitored.

A summary of cleanup activities and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the implemented cleanup remedy will be included in the five year review report.

What is an EPA Five-Year Review?

The five-year review is legally required under the Superfund law every five years after the start of on-site construction when contaminants remain at a site. These regular reviews include:

- Inspection of the site and cleanup technologies;
- Review of monitoring data, operating data, and maintenance records;
- Determination if any new regulatory requirements have been established since EPA's original cleanup decision was finalized; and
- Specifically for the Hudson River PCBs site, an assessment of current river conditions, including post-dredging sediment, water and fish data.

How can the public be involved in the review?

As part of the EPA's commitment to conduct the five-year review in a transparent manner, in 2016 the EPA will hold public workshops with the Hudson River PCBs Site Community Advisory Group (CAG) to discuss the second five-year review. The Hudson River CAG meetings are open to the public and information about the workshops will be announced in advance. Following an evaluation of data and discussions with the federal Hudson River Natural Resources Trustees, New York State and the CAG, the EPA expects to issue the second five-year review report in late 2016 or early 2017 and will make it available for public comment. The second five-year review will be completed by April 23, 2017.

The five-year review will be available on the EPA's Hudson River website at www.epa.gov/hudson and in the local repositories established for the site.

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