



EPA WILL REMOVE WASTE FROM THE WADESON SURPLUS SITE HANCOCK, NEW YORK

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Current and Upcoming Activities

Beginning in early June, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will collect containers of waste, some of it hazardous, from the Wadeson's Surplus site in Hancock, New York. EPA will be onsite to properly manage, package, and dispose of waste at approved facilities off-site. This work is expected to last 6-9 months. EPA will keep the community updated on the status of cleanup and if there are delays. EPA and contractors will follow COVID-19 precautions, as well as a site-specific health and safety plan.

Past Activities

After being asked to assess the site in July 2021, EPA found about 20,000 containers of waste oils, chemicals, paints, solvents, and other hazardous materials with an estimated total volume of 30,000 gallons of waste were left abandoned at the site. The containers ranged in size from less than one gallon up to 250 gallons. EPA's sampling identified flammable wastes, corrosive wastes, combustible waste, and one peroxide waste. EPA has sampled nine containers of unknown materials and found hazardous substances in eight of the nine samples analyzed.

Site Background

The Wadeson's Surplus site, located at 2801 County Road 67 (Sands Creek Road), is in the town of Hancock, New York. The site is a former business that bought and sold military surplus materials including oils, solvents, paints, adhesives, chemicals, equipment, clothing, vehicles parts, and miscellaneous gear. EPA has determined that the containers were abandoned after the owner died in September 2014.

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