

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR DNR and EPA FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE ONALASKA MUNICIPAL LANDFILL
SUPERFUND SITE

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) complete a review every five years for the Onalaska Municipal Landfill Superfund Site (the Site) located on Sportsman Club Rd. in Onalaska, WI.

The federal Superfund law requires the DNR and U.S. EPA to provide the public an opportunity to comment about the Site and the on-going cleanup process. The DNR and U.S. EPA conduct this review to make sure the remedy remains effective. This is the sixth such review since remediation work was completed in 1996. The last five-year review was completed in 2018.

In the 1960s, the town of Onalaska began using the Site, a former sand and gravel operation, to store municipal and industrial waste materials. In 1982, groundwater sampling revealed the need for additional investigation due to the presence of volatile organic compounds.

The 1990 Record of Decision required installation of a landfill cap, groundwater extraction, long-term monitoring and other administrative controls to limit the release of contamination to the environment. Construction was completed by 1994. In 1996, the town entered a Consent Decree with the EPA to complete long-term operation and maintenance, which continues today.

The Site consists of a 7-acre landfill on an 11-acre parcel next to the Black River. Today, the Site exists mostly as a fenced and grass-covered field. The town maintains the landfill cap and fencing to provide protection from direct contact to waste material. Groundwater wells are evaluated routinely to evaluate contaminant migration. Federal, state and county ordinances restrict groundwater use in the immediate area, which provides public protection from contamination that remains in groundwater.

The DNR invites interested parties to provide information that may be important in this site review. To submit comments, contact BJ LeRoy, DNR Hydrogeologist:

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The information gathered will be considered during the review process if received within 30 days. The five-year review report will be completed in April 2023.

To learn about the Onalaska Municipal Landfill Superfund Site, or see previous five-year reviews, visit <https://dnr.wi.gov/botw/SetUpBasicSearchForm.do> and enter 02-32-000311 into the "BRRS No." field on the search form. The upcoming April 2023 report will be posted here when complete.

Additional information can be found on the U.S. webpage at <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csinfo.cfm?id=0505169>.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

For the Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Sieger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine Sieger
Director, Remediation and Redevelopment Program

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