

# News Advisory

Region 2 - New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

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## **EPA Reschedules Public Meetings on Proposed Cleanup Plan for Grasse River Superfund Site in Massena, NY Comment Period Extended until November 29**

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(New York, N.Y. – November 5, 2012) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will hold several formal public meetings and informal information sessions in Massena and Akwesasne, N.Y. on November 14 and 15, 2012 to discuss its proposed cleanup plan for the Grasse River Superfund Site in Massena, NY. The meetings, originally scheduled for October 29 and 30, 2012, were cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy. The public comment period has also been extended until November 29, 2012.

### **Massena Meetings: Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

Public Information Session: 1 - 3 p.m.

Massena Town Hall

Board Room #30

60 Main Street

Massena, NY 13662

Public Meeting: 7 - 9 p.m.

Massena Central High School

Auditorium

84 Nightengale Avenue

Massena, NY 13662

### **Akwesasne Meetings: Thursday, November 15, 2012**

Public Information Session: 1 - 3 p.m.

St. Regis Mohawk School

Multipurpose Room (Use Visitor's Entrance)

385 Church Street

Akwesasne, NY 13655

Public Meeting: 7 - 9 p.m.

Office for the Aging - Seniors

Dining Hall

29 Business Park Road

Akwesasne, NY 13655

The EPA has proposed a plan to clean up contaminated river sediment at the Grasse River Superfund site in Massena, New York. Past industrial activities have contaminated the river sediment with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which are potentially cancer-causing chemicals that build up in the food chain and accumulate in the fatty tissue of fish and mammals. The proposed plan requires dredging and capping of contaminated sediment in a 7.2 mile stretch of river. Approximately 109,000 cubic yards of PCB-contaminated sediment would be dredged from near-shore areas of the river and backfilled with clean material. Dredged sediment would be disposed of at a permitted, secure on-site landfill. In the river's main channel, approximately 59 acres of contaminated sediment would be covered with an armored cap and another approximately 225 acres of contaminated sediment would be capped with clean sand and topsoil to isolate the contamination from the surrounding environment.

The EPA is encouraging the public to comment on the plan through November 29, 2012. Written comments on EPA's proposed plan may be mailed or emailed to:

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The EPA has a web page about the site at: <http://www.epa.gov/region2/superfund/npl/aluminumcompany/>

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