



Dear resident:

As you may be aware, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is conducting an investigation at the Eighteen Mile Creek Superfund site. The Eighteen Mile Creek site is located in Niagara County, New York and consists of contaminated sediments, soil, and groundwater. The main contaminants of concern are lead and polychlorinated biphenyls. Eighteen Mile Creek flows north from the New York Barge Canal for approximately 15 miles and discharges to Lake Ontario in Olcott, New York. For remediation purposes, the site has been separated into different areas or operable units.

This summer EPA anticipates collecting additional information as part of its investigation of the sediments at the Eighteen Mile Creek site from approximately Harwood Street in the City of Lockport to the creeks' discharge into Lake Ontario in Olcott. This portion of the site is referred to as operable unit 3. This effort includes surveying activities to measure the depths of the water and sediment in the creek as well as mapping features along the creek. EPA's contractor will be performing this work from a boat navigated on the water in the creek or by walking on the bank. Some information regarding the elevation of soils along the shoreline is needed to complete the survey. As a result, you may see one or two individuals along the shoreline mapping soil elevation points on the shore to complete the survey. **No intrusive soil sampling will be conducted on your property as part of this survey.** EPA's contractors are implementing health and safety plans specific to preventing the spread of COVID-19 virus during these activities. These plans require best practices for site safety, including face covering, gloves and other appropriate personal protective equipment when necessary and when unable to social distance. EPA is monitoring activities and contractor's health and safety.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming surveying activities, please feel free to contact me at 212-637-4287.

For additional information regarding the Eighteen Mile Creek Superfund site, visit www.epa.gov/superfund/eighteenmile-creek or contact Mike Basile, EPA's community involvement coordinator at (716) 551-4410 or basile.michael@epa.gov.

Thank you,

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