

DOH Report 10/5/2007

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The following is the NYSDOH's October 19th update for the Modock Road Springs -- DLS Sand & Gravel, Inc. site:

### **Cancer Study -- Groundwater Plume Area**

By the October 1 close of the comment period, the NYSDOH had received four written comments on the proposed design of the cancer study in the Town of Victor in the area of groundwater contamination. We had also spoken with about a dozen people either in person after the public meeting, or in the months following. Most of the comments were supportive of doing a study (including three residents with concerns over the Village water supply), but did not pertain to the specific study design. There were several offers of assistance and reports of personal information. One resident reported what she believed might be an unusual number of people with cancer on a street near the proposed study area, which was later looked into but not confirmed.

Based on this input, the NYSDOH has adopted the study area and time frame proposed on the comment sheet as the final design of the cancer study in the area of groundwater contamination. We have submitted a request to the New York State Cancer Registry to identify people diagnosed with cancer while living on those streets or portions of streets that were selected for the study area.

### **Meeting with Village Board and Residents**

(Please note: This is a different meeting than the overall public availability sessions we have discussed previously, see below.)

The NYSDOH has accepted an invitation by Mayor Holden to attend the Village Board Meeting on Monday, November 5, at the Victor Fire Department. Mr. Jim Bowers from the NYSDOH's Bureau of Environmental & Occupational Epidemiology will be representing the NYSDOH at this meeting. Given concerns about past contamination of the Village drinking water supply, the Mayor has asked that Mr. Bowers give a presentation describing the methods, strengths, and limitations of health statistics reviews and leave some time for a Q&A session at the end. A notice of this meeting, along with a fact sheet about health statistics reviews, will be mailed to all village residents this week, and we plan to notify the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, the Victor weekly paper, and possibly the Canandaigua daily paper about this meeting.

I am currently out of the office, but when I return on Monday I will forward you a copy of the Health Statistics Review Fact Sheet for your reference.

### **NYSDEC and NYSDOH Public Availability Sessions for the Modock Road Springs --DLS Sand & Gravel, Inc. Site**

The NYSDEC and NYSDOH are planning to hold Public Availability Sessions on November 28th and 29th. Logistics that are still being finalized include the following: the exact times (we are considering the afternoon/evening on Weds. and the morning on Thu.) and the methods of

notifying the community (we have tentatively decided on mailing a postcard invitation). The agencies are holding the sessions to answer questions community members may have and to discuss with them our activities since the June meetings. Once the exact times are set,

community members should feel free to come at anytime during a session. No appointments will be necessary. Krista Anders and Mr. Bowers will be representing the NYSDOH at these sessions.

### **DRAFT Investigation Report**

The NYSDOH has received and is reviewing a draft report on the soil vapor intrusion sampling that the NYSDEC and NYSDOH completed during this past heating season. Once the document is finalized, the NYSDEC will place it in the document repository. We are working with the NYSDEC on reviewing and finalizing the document by mid-November.