



EPA Makes Significant Progress on Construction of High Falls Drinking Water Treatment Plant & Water Distribution System

Mohonk Road Industrial Plant Superfund Site
High Falls, Ulster County, New York

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Who to Contact

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EPA, Region 2 has designated a Regional Public Liaison for you to call, should you have concerns about the Superfund program. Please call (888) 283-7626.

Where to Get Information

You can review documents and site reports by visiting the Stone Ridge or Rosendale Public Libraries.

For information on the Superfund process, Mohonk Road site, or other hazardous waste sites in New York, visit: www.epa.gov/region02/superfund

EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) started construction work last fall on a drinking water treatment plant and water distribution system for the High Falls Water District. This work is being done to ensure that the water district can provide clean drinking water to a projected population of 426 residents and businesses in the towns of Marbletown and Rosendale; well water there has been affected, or could be threatened in the future by, contaminants related to past industrial activities at the Mohonk Road Industrial Plant (MRIP) located at 186 Mohonk Road. The treatment plant will provide filtration and disinfection of the water. Stringent sampling and monitoring will be conducted to verify that the treated drinking water meets all federal and state safe drinking water standards.

Conti Environment & Infrastructure is the construction contractor to the Corps. EPA and the Corps are overseeing the work and are fully committed to minimizing potential impacts to the Marbletown and Rosendale communities during construction.

Connection to Catskill Aqueduct Successfully Accomplished

Work includes the construction of the treatment plant and connections to the Catskill Aqueduct (at the siphon house on Canal Road), which is part of the New York City reservoir system, owned and maintained by New York City. The Catskill Aqueduct will provide the raw (untreated) water. The critical interconnection with the Catskill Aqueduct was successfully accomplished on April 5, 2006.

Water mains along Mountain View Road will transport the raw water approximately 1,200 feet from the siphon house to the water treatment plant. The water main transporting the raw water to the treatment plant has been leakage tested and is currently operational.

When completed, the water treatment plant will occupy approximately seven acres of land in the rear section of the Mohonk Road Industrial Plant property. Foundations and the walls of the treatment building are in place. The drinking water treatment plant construction is approximately 50% complete.

Construction work also includes installation of a ground level raw-water tank to store backup supplies of raw water and installation of an elevated water storage tank for storage of treated water and to ensure sufficient water pressure throughout the water system. The elevated water storage tank is currently being erected and is visible from several areas within the High Falls Water District.

Once completed, operational testing of the drinking water treatment plant will be initiated to ensure that the drinking water meets all federal and state safe drinking water standards. EPA anticipates operational testing will start as early as Fall of 2006.

Installation of Water Mains 90% Complete

The distribution system's water mains have currently been completed on Mohonk Road and on all town roads within the High Falls Water District except for the Roman's Drive and Gravel Road areas of the Town of Rosendale. This represents approximately 90% of the total water main length having been completed. All water mains are expected to be completed by the end of this summer. Installation of the water main along State Route 213 will begin by July 20 and be completed by the end of August 2006. Residential service connection lines from the water mains in the roads to the edges of residential properties are currently being installed so that excavation work within roads can be completed and so that re-paving of roads can be initiated. Re-paving of Mohonk Road has been initiated and should be completed by the end of July. EPA anticipates that all re-paving will be completed as early as Spring of 2007.

Installation of residential service line connections to each affected home and business will be one of the last steps in the construction process. Final connection to existing plumbing within homes, disconnection of existing water supply wells and removal of individual granular activated carbon treatment systems will occur after the treatment plant has been thoroughly tested. All High Falls Water District users are expected to be connected to the new water supply system by the Spring of 2007. Depending on testing results and regulatory approvals, some users are expected to be connected by the end of 2006.

