

**The United States Department of Energy
announces the availability of a document relating to the
Inactive Hazardous Waste Site, Operable Unit V
for public review**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of a document relating to the environmental restoration activities at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). The *Operable Unit V Sewage Treatment Plant Record of Decision* is available at the libraries listed below and also electronically at <http://www.bnl.gov/erd/peconic/docs.html>. There is no public comment period for this document.

This Record of Decision (ROD) presents the selected remedial actions for portions of Operable Unit V, which includes the Laboratory's sewage treatment plant and associated components: abandoned sewer lines, and a related plume of groundwater contamination. It also documents the final remedy for several accelerated cleanups, known as "removal actions," that have either been completed or are ongoing. These remedial actions have been jointly agreed to by the DOE, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The ROD also contains a Responsiveness Summary, which documents public comments on the proposed remedial actions, DOE responses to those comments, and changes made as a result of them.

Operable Unit V also includes contaminated sediments found in the portion of the Peconic River headwaters on the Laboratory site and extending just beyond its eastern boundary. A separate

public comment period and Record of Decision will be established for the cleanup of the sediment.

The next step in the cleanup project involves the detailed planning and design of the remedy. Once this design phase is complete, the cleanup will proceed under the guidance of DOE, EPA, and DEC.

Environmental remediation at Brookhaven Lab is carried out under requirements of the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, commonly known as the Superfund Law. The Laboratory is on the Superfund list due to past operations that have resulted in soil and groundwater contamination.

Remediation work is conducted under the framework of an interagency agreement among the DOE, EPA, and DEC. The DOE owns the Brookhaven property and oversees and pays for all cleanup costs at the site.

Located in Upton, N.Y., BNL is classified as an Inactive Hazardous Waste Site by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. BNL is on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List.

The Operable Unit V Sewage Treatment Plant Record of Decision is available at the following libraries:

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Middle Island, NY
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