

CORNING, NY

Site Management in the Study Area

This brochure contains important information for maintaining properties in the Study Area site in Corning, NY

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and New York State Department of Health (DOH) are providing this community update to share progress on the agencies' efforts to ensure the protection of the community from potential exposures in the Study Area in Corning, NY. Site management is the last phase of a remedial program, which is designed to ensure the safe use of properties where contamination will remain in place. A written interim site management plan (ISMP) has been developed to ensure the safe management of ash, brick and glass remaining in the Study Area and that institutional (notifications and building permits) and engineering (cover systems) controls remain in place to continue to protect the community.

What Site Management Means For The Property Owner

A property owner is requested to notify DEC and Corning Incorporated of activities that may involve contact with ash, brick and/or glass materials (see the attached figure to identify properties within the Study Area).

By providing a 60-calendar day advance notice to Corning Incorporated and DEC of planned activities involving excavation, Corning Incorporated and DEC will have an opportunity to determine if the work may impact a cover system that was installed on the property or encounter ash, brick, and glass materials. The advance notification should describe the location and work to be performed, with the property owner's planned schedule for the work. A flowchart has been attached to this newsletter to review the different options available to property owners.

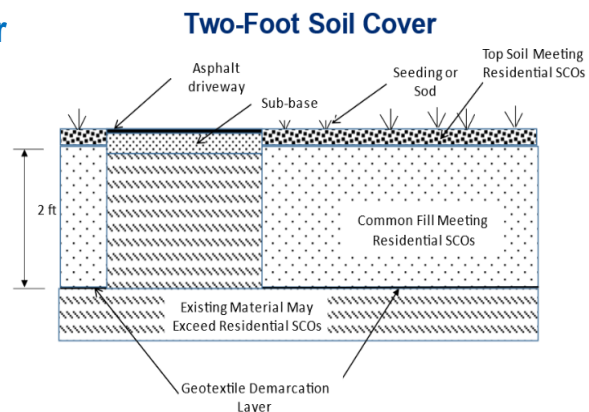


Diagram of the soil cover system installed in residential areas

DEC recognizes that there are times when advance notice is not practical and a property owner is requested to notify DEC and Corning Incorporated for activities that had contact with a cover system that was installed on the property or with ash, brick, and glass materials as soon as the property owner can. DEC and/or Corning Incorporated will provide a written response on the next steps and any additional requirements pursuant to the Site Management Plan.



Examples of ash/brick/glass encountered in the Study Area

Work Involving Building Permits: The property owner is requested to provide copies of building permit applications and building permits to DEC and Corning Incorporated for work in the Study Area in order for Corning Incorporated and DEC to have an opportunity to determine if the work may impact a cover system which was installed on the property or encounter known ash, brick and glass materials. The property owner is requested to notify DEC and Corning Incorporated of any planned activities that include excavations deeper than 2 feet in the Study Area.

Property Transfers: The current property owner is requested to notify Corning Incorporated and the NYSDEC of any impending change in ownership of the property (identifying the tax map numbers in any correspondence), and to provide contact information for the new property owner. For properties which have not been remediated, Corning Incorporated will provide an annual notification to new owners of Corning Incorporated's offer to implement the remedy for new owners for a period of two years following the change in ownership.

Unexpected Situations: The property owner is requested to notify Corning Incorporated and DEC within 24-hours of any situation (e.g. storm damage, settlement, animal burrowing, etc.) that compromises the effectiveness of the cover system or exposes ash, brick, or glass materials.

Tree Preservation: Due to recent inquiries, DEC wants to remind property owners that a tree preservation plan was prepared for the Study Area. This document can be reviewed by the property owner and used during discussions regarding remedial activities on their property. The following link online to the Tree Preservation Plan describes the general approach for the protection and/or the removal and replacement of trees located within or near delineated remediation boundaries:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/851046/>.



What Happens When Remediation Is Complete?

The DEC and DOH are committed to a careful and thorough cleanup of the Study Area and other impacted properties while keeping the Corning community informed of our actions. Once remedial activities are complete a "No Further Action" (NFA) letter is sent to the property owner, as well as a copy of the construction completion report (CCR) which includes all the information regarding the work completed at the property. From that point on, the property owners have certain responsibilities as detailed in the Interim Site Management Plan (ISMP), which is available in the public repositories or electronic links specified below. These responsibilities include notifications to NYSDEC if excavation is planned on the property, if there are changes to the property ownership, or if damages that compromise the cover system on the property are detected (see the attached flowchart for a summary or the ISMP report for the full details).

Community Engagement



The DEC's top priority is ensuring that community members are not exposed to any site-related contamination. To help with this endeavor, the public is requested to provide information on any possible ash, brick, and/or glass material encountered in the Corning NY area. A complete identification manual can be accessed using the QR code provided, or at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/851046/Report.HW.851046.2022-04-28.IndustrialWasteExhibitCorningNY.pdf>

DEC and DOH are coordinating closely with Corning Incorporated to facilitate completing this work expeditiously to limit any disruptions. If you have any questions regarding Corning Incorporated's sampling, remediation, or restoration work, please contact DEC or Corning Incorporated and an assessment will be performed. DEC and Corning Incorporated's contact information can be found below under Who To Contact. DEC and DOH will continue to keep the community informed about area-wide activities throughout the process.

WHO TO CONTACT

FOR INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO THE AGENCIES:

- Email the DEC Team:
StudyArea.Corning@parsons.com
- Call the DEC hotline at the toll-free number:
833-770-1716
- Filling out our online form at:
<https://StudyAreaCorning.com/contact-us/>

FOR INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO THE CORNING INCORPORATED TEAM:

Toll-Free Hotline: 866-256-1902;
Corning Incorporated Inquiry Email:
StudyArea@Corning.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Project documents are made available at the [Southeast Steuben County Library](#) (607-936-3713) and [Region 8 DEC Headquarters](#) (585-226-5324).

For key project documents and more information:

DEC Study Area Site Website:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/97180.html

DEC Public Availability Website:
www.studyareacorning.com

DECinfo Locator (Online Repository):
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/851046>

To Receive Periodic Fact Sheets by Email:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html>

