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# Environmental Site Remediation Database Search Details

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## Site Record

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## Administrative Information

**Site Name:** Sawmill Place Remediation Area A SRA-A

**Site Code:** C356042

**Program:** Brownfield Cleanup Program

**Classification:** C

**EPA ID Number:**

## Location

**DEC Region:** 3

**Address:** 10 Sawmill Place

**City:** Wallkill Zip: 12589

**County:** Ulster

**Latitude:** 41.648361111

**Longitude:** -74.241388889

**Site Type:** DUMP

**Estimated Size:** 2.06 Acres

## Institutional And Engineering Controls

**Control Type:**

[Environmental Easement](#)

**Control Elements:**

Ground Water Use Restriction

Cover System

Landuse Restriction

Monitoring Plan

Site Management Plan

IC/EC Plan

## Site Owner(s) and Operator(s)

**Current Owner Name:** Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc.

**Current Owner(s) Address:** 100 Watchtower Drive  
Brooklyn, NY, 11201-2483

## Site Document Repository

**Name:** Wallkill Public Library

**Address:** 7 Bona Ventura Avenue  
Wallkill, NY 12589

**Name:** NYSDEC Region 3

**Address:** 21 South Putt Corners Rd  
New Paltz, NY 12564

## Site Description

**Location:** This 2.06 acre Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) site, referred to as Sawmill Place Remediation Area A (SRA-A), is located north of the intersection of Sawmill Place and Red Mills Road. It is situated within a 1,141 acre tax parcel owned by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. There are two other distinct, non-contiguous BCP sites within this tax parcel, SRA-B and SRA-C (Sites C356043 and C356044). **Site Features:** The site is a grass covered dome-shaped former fill area, with wooded areas around the base. **Current Zoning and Land Use:** The site is currently vacant. The property is zoned R-Ag 4 Residential & Agricultural. This zoning includes a mix of allowable uses, for example: agricultural uses and structures; parks and playgrounds; single-family detached dwellings; and nurseries and greenhouses are some of the principally permitted uses. Permitted accessory and special uses include: accessory farm buildings; private garages; two-family detached dwellings; sanitary landfills; and junkyards. The nearest residential structure is approximately 1,500 ft. away through wooded land to the northwest. **Past Use of the Site:** Reportedly portions of SRA-A were used for disposal of soil contaminated with spills from printing wastes, construction debris, and chemicals related to printing operations. Prior to the 1960s, before Watchtower took ownership of the property, uses included farmland and orchards. **Site Geology and Hydrogeology:** Subsurface soils are mostly brown-grey clay and silt intermixed with gravel and construction/demolition debris (e.g., bricks, scrap metal). Groundwater flow is to the south-southwest. Depth to groundwater was 14 ft below ground surface. The Shawangunk Kill is approximately 3,400 feet to the southeast. Two private reservoirs and one catchment basin are located 1,800 feet to the southwest, and serve as Watchtower's drinking water source.

## Summary of Project Completion Dates

Projects associated with this site are listed in the [Project Completion Dates](#) table and are grouped by Operable Unit (OU). A site can be divided into a number of operable units depending on the complexity of the site and the number of issues associated with a site. Sites are often divided into operable units based on the media to be addressed (such as groundwater or contaminated soil), geographic area, or other factors.

## Contaminants of Concern (Including Materials Disposed)

**Contaminant Name/Type**

naphthalene

2,2,4-trimethylpentane  
ethylbenzene  
acenaphthene  
xylene (mixed)  
phenanthrene  
hexane  
1,2,4-trimethylbenzene  
heptane  
toluene

## Site Environmental Assessment

Nature and Extent of Contamination: Remediation at the site is complete. Prior to remediation, the primary contaminants of concern volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds, and metals associate with construction and demolition debris. Remedial actions have successfully achieved soil cleanup objectives for restricted residential use. Residual contamination in the soil and groundwater is being managed under a Site Management Plan.

## Site Health Assessment

Access to the site is unrestricted; however, contact with contaminated soil or groundwater is unlikely unless people dig below the ground surface. Site groundwater is not used for drinking, and the area is served by a drinking water supply not affected by this contamination. Volatile organic compounds in the soil or groundwater may move into the soil vapor (air spaces within the soil), which in turn may move into overlying buildings and affect the indoor air quality. This process, which is similar to the movement of radon gas from the subsurfaces into the indoor air of buildings, is referred to as soil vapor intrusion. Because the site is vacant, the inhalation of site-related contaminants due to soil vapor intrusion does not represent a current concern. The potential for soil vapor intrusion to occur on-site should be evaluated if new construction occurs.

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