





General Motors Superfund Site: Akwesasne & Saint Regis Mohawk Tribes

Case Study: Tribe Information

- The General Motors Superfund Site is in two northern New York counties on the St. Lawrence River. The site is adjacent to and upstream from the Mohawk Nation. There are some 4,000 Mohawks impacted by contaminated waters of the St. Lawrence River and its' tributaries. The community traditionally uses river waters and wetland areas for drinking water, subsistence practices, and cultural and ceremonial traditions.
- NPL documents of interest may be available through ITEP's resource library.

EPA NPL Status **Information**

Recent Site History: A 270 acre aluminum casting facility owned by General Motors, now Motors Liquidation Company, began operations in 1959 until 2009. Until the early 1980's PCBs were regularly used in the aluminum die-casting process. Assessments revealed that the site contains two areas that have received an estimated 30,000 cubic yards of PCBcontaminated sludges, impacting the surrounding soils and waters.

Map Key

Native Lands **NPL Site** 4 Mile Buffer

Response activities: The site was listed on the NPL in 1984 with a HRS score of 40.71. The next step is the remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS).



http://superfund.ciesin.columbia.edu/sfmapper/mapviewer.jsf?width=682&height=725

Primary Contaminants

- 1.2-DCE
- 1,2-trans-Dichloroethylene
- **PAHs**
- **PCBs**
- Phenol
- Trichloroethylene
- Vinyl Chloride
- **VOCs**

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