



# Raymark Superfund Site

## Release of Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD)

### Notice of Public Meeting

August 2023

## OVERVIEW

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) is announcing the public availability of a draft decision document for the Raymark Industries Superfund Site (“Raymark”) referred to as an Explanation of Significant Differences (“ESD”), and the scheduling of an informational public meeting to discuss the ESD. A 15-day public comment period will follow the public meeting. Following response to public comment, EPA will determine whether to approve and issue a final ESD.

By issuing this draft ESD, EPA has determined that differences in portions of the Raymark remedial action *significantly* change but do not *fundamentally* alter the remedies selected in both the 2011 and 2016 Records of Decision (“RODs”) for the Raymark Site. The ESD explains the significant differences between the remedial actions being undertaken and the remedial actions set forth in the RODs.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

### (1) Coastal Flood Storage

The 2011 ROD requires capping of Raymark Waste at the Morgan Francis property. The 2016 ROD requires the excavation of Raymark Waste from additional properties some of which are located within the tidal (or coastal) floodplain. Most properties will be restored to their original elevation. However, the post-remediation elevation will be raised at three of the properties as follows:

- Morgan Francis – Raymark Waste will be consolidated from abutting areas on top of existing buried waste and covered with a hazardous waste capping system. This will raise the elevation at the property by up to 6 feet.
- Beacon Point – Raymark Waste has been excavated from this property. The majority of the property was restored to existing grade except that the elevation of the Town’s recreational dock and associated parking lot were raised by 1 foot to provide resiliency against sea-level rise.
- Lockwood Avenue - Raymark Waste will be excavated from this property. The majority of the property is tidal wetlands and will be raised by 1 foot to provide resiliency against sea-level rise.

## (2) Stormwater Management

EPA is actively consolidating excavated Raymark Waste on top of existing buried waste located at the site of a former ball field located on Frog Pond Lane. A hazardous waste cap will be constructed over the 7.5-acre consolidation area to inhibit future leaching of contamination. The 2016 ROD included construction of an underground vault (about 3.6 million gallons) to manage the increased stormwater flow that will be created by the low-permeability cap. This vault would have displaced about 58,800 cubic yards of existing Raymark Waste and would have required significant long-term maintenance. EPA evaluated alternatives and has instead constructed a 3-by-6-foot box culvert to convey stormwater by gravity from the consolidation area to a new 200 gallon per minute pump station and which will discharge stormwater to the Housatonic River.

## (3) Change in Excavation Depth at an OU6 property

The 2016 ROD requires the excavation of Raymark Waste from additional properties to a depth of 4 feet. One of the additional properties is owned by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (“DOT”) and referred to by EPA as the DOT Lot Abutting Interstate 95 North. This 2.4-acre property directly abuts Interstate 95 on the northbound side. A significant portion of this property is steeply sloped and difficult to access. DOT has raised concerns that excavating the steeply sloped areas to a depth of 4 feet could compromise the structural integrity of the nearby highway. Consistent with DOT policy, EPA intends to alternatively provide a 2-foot clean cover over Raymark Waste on the steeply sloped area. Raymark Waste located within the flat portions of this property will continue to be excavated to a depth of 4 feet.

### **PUBLIC MEETING, COMMENT PERIOD AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

Informational Public Meeting on August 15, 2023 at 6:30pm.

This will be a “hybrid” meeting. In person attendance at EPA’s Stratford office at 300 Ferry Boulevard OR

To attend the meeting virtually, please use link on EPA’s Raymark webpage.

A 15-day public comment period will be held from August 15 to 30, 2023. Comments may be submitted via email at [dilorenzo.jim@epa.gov](mailto:dilorenzo.jim@epa.gov) or mailed to EPA Remediation Headquarters, 300 Ferry Boulevard, Stratford, CT 06614.

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For general information, property locations, photos, virtual public meeting dates and ongoing updates regarding the Raymark Superfund Site clean-up:

EPA’s website: [epa.gov/superfund/raymark](https://epa.gov/superfund/raymark)

EPA’s Raymark Facebook page: [facebook.com/EPARaymark](https://facebook.com/EPARaymark)