

Public Comment Response Memo

Project Name: Abatement of specified Regulated Asbestos Containing Materials (RACM) located at former Remington facility Site E Buildings 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86.

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Public Comment Period: May 18, 2026- June 17, 2026

Date of Response: June 18, 2026

1. Overview of Public Notice

The Draft Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) for the Remington facility Site E Buildings 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86 was available for public review from May 18, 2026, to June 17, 2026. A public notice was published in Daily Sentinel (Local Newspaper) on May 8, 2026, and digital copies were hosted on Village of Ilion and Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Inc. websites. A public meeting was held on May 18, 2026, at Ilion Village Hall, 49 Morgan St, Ilion, NY 13357 to present the cleanup alternatives. Three individuals attended the meeting and presented 4 comments. Outside of the public meeting no comments were received. Provided below is a summary of the comments received and the responses.

2. Comments and Responses:

1. Comment 1 (Regulated Asbestos Containing Material [RACM] Abatement process):

" What is the asbestos abatement process (alternative 3), how will the asbestos be removed from the building?"

Local Resident

Response: An asbestos abatement project is a tightly controlled process used to identify, contain, remove, and properly dispose of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) to protect workers and building occupants from airborne fibers. The abatement process is prescribed and regulated by NYSDOL in ICR-56.

Actions: Alternative 3 RACM Abatement includes the following actions:

- A. A notification will be filed with the New York State Department of Labor at least 10 days before work starts.

- B. At least 10 days after filing the notification a licensed asbestos abatement contractor will complete site preparation and containment to isolate the abatement area and prevent asbestos fibers from spreading (i.e. posting warning signs, sealing openings with plastic sheeting, establishing negative air pressure using HEPA-filtered machines, creating decontamination chambers for workers and equipment).
- C. Once the containment area is established the licensed abatement contractor will remove the asbestos material using various methods (i.e., wet methods to suppress dust, HEPA vacuums, glove bags for pipe insulation).
- D. Abated RACM will be double-bagged or sealed in leak-tight containers, properly labeled as hazardous asbestos waste, transported by approved haulers and disposed of at authorized landfills. Documentation and waste shipment records will be completed and maintained. After removal of the area the area is vacuumed HEPA, surfaces are wet wiped, plastic containment materials are removed carefully.
- E. Throughout the abatement process independent air monitoring personnel will complete visual inspections and collect air samples outside the work area(s). The project cannot be considered complete until airborne fiber levels meet regulatory clearance standards.
- F. The contractor will provide closeout records including air clearance reports, Waste disposal manifests, Daily logs, notifications and final inspection documentation.

Comment 2 (public safety):

"What precautions are put in place to keep residents safe from asbestos getting into the air (Alternative 3)?"

Local Resident

Response: As noted above in Question #1, the work will be completed in contained area, which is inspected and monitored during the entire abatement process.

Action: Alternative 3 will address public concerns

Comment 3 (timeline):

"How long will the process take? Is there any danger to residents?"

Local resident

Response: It is expected the amendment process will require 30 working days. The public will not be exposed to any hazards since all work will be completed in contained, monitored and inspected areas.

Action: No additional action required

Comment 4 (impacts)

“What impact will the project (Alternative 3) have on the community?”

Local resident

Response: There will be no impact on the public since the project will occur with the noted buildings within contained areas.

Action- no additional action is required Alternative 3 addresses address potential impacts.

3. Final Remedy Selection

After reviewing all public feedback, no comments presented new technical data or environmental factors that invalidate the findings of Draft ABCA. Therefore, **Alternative 3 (RACM Abatement)** remains the selected cleanup remedy. This method provides the highest long-term protection and matches the community's redevelopment and public safety goals.