

# St. John's Cemetery Superfund Site Community Update

EPA Removal Program

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This community update provides information on the activities ongoing at the St. John's Cemetery Superfund site in Monroe, CT.



*Portion of the fence erected at St. John's Cemetery in Monroe to restrict access to the area where buried contaminated drums have been detected. Work will resume after the ground thaws in the spring.*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CTDPH) are working closely with the Town of Monroe to assess, plan and conduct removal of contaminated soil at St. John's Cemetery, located at 500 Moose Hill Road in Monroe. Buried drums and containers have been identified in wooded areas of the property located at a rear section of the cemetery.

EPA and CTDEP have performed initial sampling of the buried drums and surrounding soils. This sampling has identified several contaminants, including polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The Agencies have also taken a limited number of samples of surface soil near the area of the drums. This preliminary sampling does not indicate elevated levels of PCB's at ground level. EPA has restricted with fencing the area where the drums were located. Samples taken of drinking water wells located near the site did not find levels of contamination which would present a risk to public health.

Drums, and soil located near the drums, have been removed and sent for disposal. At this time, we have no reason to expect that soil contamination is present beyond the restricted area, but EPA will conduct additional sampling in the wooded area of the Site during the spring of 2009 after the ground thaws. EPA will also excavate soils located within the area of the buried drums to remove contaminated soils.

## Where do I get information about the St. John's Cemetery Site as well as general Superfund information?

### EPA Contacts:

EPA Headquarters Superfund website includes information about the clean-up process, technologies, risk assessment, laws and regulations, and other Superfund resources:

[www.epa.gov/superfund/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/index.htm)

You can call EPA's toll free number :  
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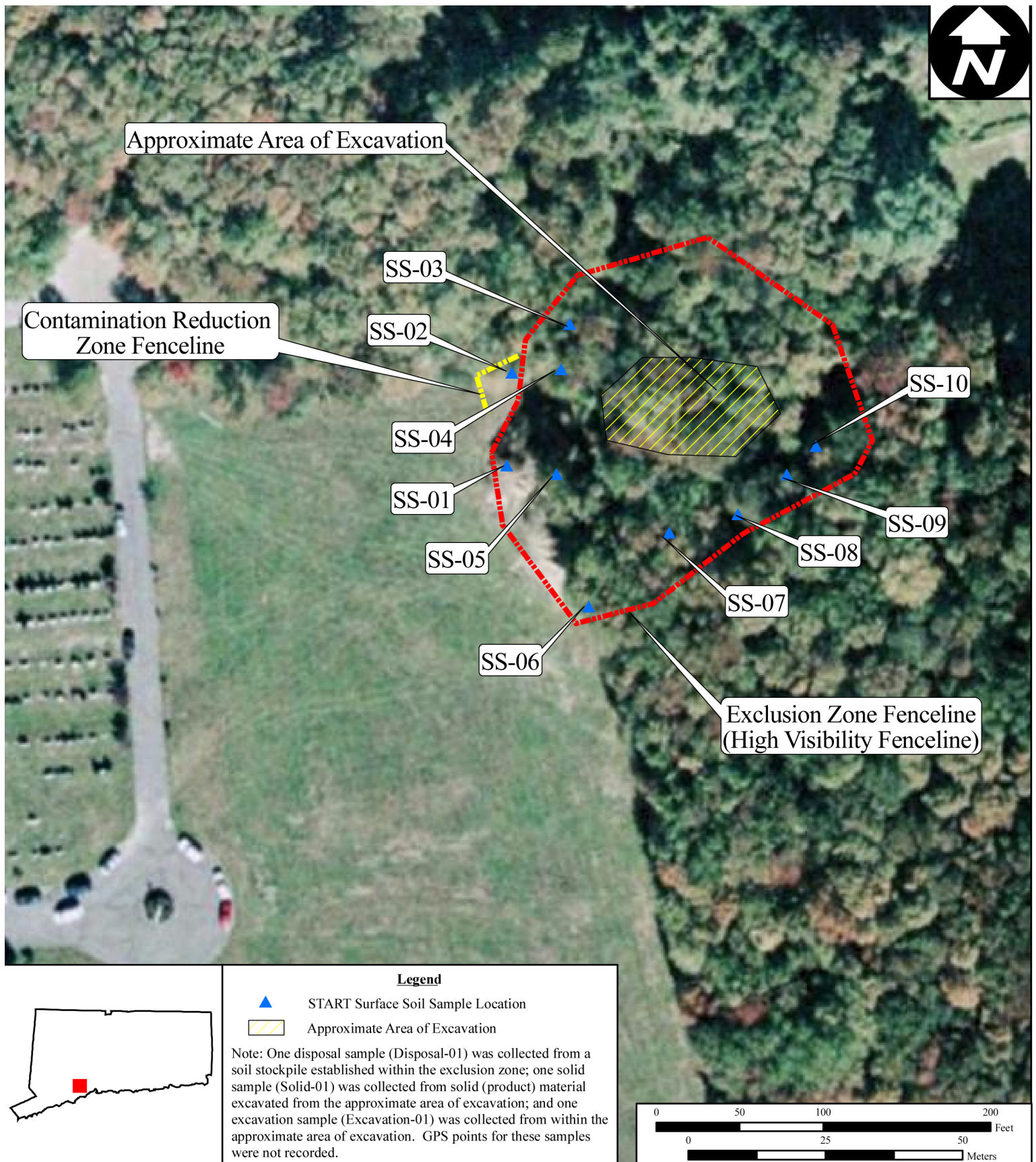
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**Figure 2**

**START Sample Location Map**

**St. John's Cemetery Site  
500 Moose Hill Road  
Monroe, Connecticut**

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