

Completion date for Marjol site cleanup delayed

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Marjol site cleanup not quite finished

The deadline to finish cleaning up the Marjol Battery site in Throop has been pushed back again.

Officials had expected work at the site to end by Tuesday, but there are "a few more items to complete," said Lisa Ayers, spokeswoman for Advanced GeoServices, which represents property owner Gould Electronics Inc. in the cleanup.

The project previously was expected to finish by June 30, but spring weather conditions slowed the process. The completion date then was pushed to mid-July.

Work will take "a few more weeks," Ms. Ayers said, but an estimated completion date has not been set. The contractor has not yet demobilized, she said, and workers are finishing placing topsoil, grass seed and erosion-control materials.

Borough council member Ray Jarosh toured the site last week and said some grass has started to grow. But too little or too much rain is "no good," he said.

"Weather plays a big factor with everything they do there," Mr. Jarosh said. "And we've had some really crappy weather out there."

The cleanup began in July 2008 when soil with lead contaminants from the Marjol site, a nearby wooded property Gould also owned and toxic lead battery casings were moved to a 10-acre containment site. The project involved sealing the materials under a layer of clean soil solidified with a concrete-type mixture, fabric, plastic and soil. The topsoil, grass and erosion-control materials now being added form the top layer.

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