

Public Comment Announcement

US Environmental Protection Agency Proposes to Modify the Record of Decision for the Greenwood Chemical Superfund Site Greenwood, Albemarle County, VA.

Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD)

After careful consideration, EPA proposes to modify the remedy selected in the OU 2/4 Record of Decision to: 1) add a provision to the existing land use restrictions to ensure that any new habitable building constructed on the Site be constructed in a manner that protects occupants from vapor intrusion from underlying contaminated groundwater; and 2) expand the types of institutional controls that may be used to implement the land and groundwater use restrictions and provide access to the Site.

Rationale

Groundwater beneath the Site remains contaminated with volatile chemicals. Those chemicals can emit vapors that may migrate through subsurface soil and into air spaces of overlying buildings. While the Site property is not currently being used, EPA has determined that it is necessary to place land and groundwater use restrictions on the property to protect potential future users. Given that the Site has been abandoned, there is no party authorized to execute deed notices or easements as required by the ROD. Therefore, EPA has determined that informational notices, orders and environmental covenants may also be used to implement the land and groundwater use restrictions and provide access to the Site. **The 30-day public comment period is from June 19, 2013 until July 18, 2013.** To review the draft ESD in full, please see the information repositories listed below.

- **Crozet Public Library** – Route 420, Crozet, VA 22932
- **U.S. EPA Region III** – 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Please call Paul Van Reed, 215-814-3157, to schedule an appointment.
- **On the Internet** www.epa.gov/arweb – Select 'VA' for State, 'Greenwood Chemical' for Site Name, and leave AR Type blank. Select 'Search' and then, on the next screen, select 'Search Results.'
- **On the Internet** www.epa.gov/reg3hscd/super/sites/VAD003125374/

Five Year Review

EPA is also currently conducting a Five-Year Review at the Site. Five Year Reviews are inspections of Superfund sites every five years to help ensure cleanups remain fully protective of human health and the environment. These regular reviews, which are required by federal law when contaminants remain at a site, include: inspection of the site and cleanup technologies; review of monitoring data, operating data, and maintenance records; and determination if any new regulatory requirements have been established since EPA's original cleanup decision was finalized. The ESD and the Five-Year Review are occurring at the same time; however they are separate processes and not connected to each other. The Five-Year Review report will be finalized and made available online at: <http://epa.gov/5yr> in September 2013.

Please submit comments to Trish Taylor, US EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at 1650 Arch Street (Mailcode 3HS52), Philadelphia, PA 19103 or taylor.trish@epa.gov postmarked no later than July 17, 2013.