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# Three-Month Lead Cleanup Scheduled to Begin June 24

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## Loewenthal Metals Site

Chicago, Illinois

June 2013

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### EPA Open House scheduled

The EPA will hold an open house about the new cleanup project at the former Loewenthal Metals site:

**Casa Morelos**  
**2015 S. Morgan**  
**5 to 7 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, June 25**

**For questions, comments or for more information** about the Loewenthal Metals site, contact these U.S. EPA team members.

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You may call the EPA toll-free:  
800-621-8431, weekdays,  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Website:**

[www.epa.gov/region5/cleanup/loewenthal/](http://www.epa.gov/region5/cleanup/loewenthal/)

Pilsen Environmental Rights and  
Reform Organization (PERRO)  
312-854-9247

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to begin a cleanup Monday, June 24, at the former Loewenthal Metals site, 947 W. Cullerton St. The \$750,000 project should be completed in about three months.

Nearby residents may see heavy equipment working at the site and may experience traffic interruptions and heavy equipment noise during site activity hours Monday through Friday. The sidewalk in front and the paved path that runs from Cullerton Street to 21<sup>st</sup> Street along the Sangamon right-of-way will be closed at times. Curbside street parking in front of the site will be unavailable during the project. Pedestrians and drivers are urged to follow all warning and detour signs.

Workers will dig up contaminated soil down to about three feet from the surface, then treat and dispose of the soil off-site. The goal is to make the site suitable for residential development. After the contaminated soil has been removed, workers will replace it with clean soil and seed the area to prevent soil erosion. EPA has the legal authority to do the cleanup.

EPA will also take samples at the property immediately east of the site beside the Sangamon walkway to check for lead contamination.

EPA will follow strict health and safety guidelines to protect workers and the public from exposure to hazardous materials. The Agency will also monitor the air to ensure dust levels are under control. All equipment and vehicles will be inspected and decontaminated if needed before they leave the site. Workers will be on the site weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.



*EPA will use equipment like this backhoe in a cleanup at the Loewenthal Metals site this month. The white bags contain material used to treat contaminated soil before it is hauled away to an EPA-approved facility.*