



Public Comment Period for
Proposed RCRA Settlement
Former Townsend Industries Facility,
4400 Vandalia Road, Pleasant Hill, Iowa

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in accordance with Section 7003(d) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), hereby gives notice of a **30-day comment period** for a [proposed administrative settlement \(PDF\)](#) (56 pp., 7.13MB, [About PDF](#)) with TH Agriculture & Nutrition, LLC, Elementis Chemicals, Inc., and DD#1, LLC, regarding the Former Townsend Industries Facility located at 4400 Vandalia Road, Pleasant Hill, Iowa. The settlement requires TH Agriculture & Nutrition, LLC and Elementis Chemicals, Inc., to operate and maintain on-site groundwater containment and remediation systems to reduce volatile organic compound contamination in the groundwater at, and coming from, the site. Operation and maintenance of these systems will continue as long as needed to clean up the off-site plume and reduce on-site contaminant mass. On-site land use controls and an assessment of vapor intrusion risks on- and off-site will also be required.

EPA will receive written comments relating to the proposed settlement for 30 days following the date of publication of this notice on **Sept. 14, 2015**. Comments must be submitted in writing to Dan Gravatt, EPA Region 7 (AWMD/RCAP), 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, KS 66219. Comments should reference EPA Docket No. RCRA-07-2015-0017. The proposed settlement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at the Pleasant Hill Public Library, 5151 Maple Drive, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327, and the EPA Region 7 Records Center, 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, KS 66219. Alternatively, the proposed settlement may be viewed electronically at the weblink above.

Commenters may request a public meeting to be held in the affected area, in accordance with Section 7003(d) of RCRA. A request for a public meeting should be submitted to EPA's Community Engagement Specialist within 14 days following the date of publication of this notice. EPA will consider all comments received, and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations indicating the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. After the 30-day public comment period ends, EPA's response to comments received and a final copy of the settlement will be available for public inspection at the Pleasant Hill Public Library and the EPA Region 7 Records Center. For further information, contact Brendan Corazzin, EPA Region 7 Community Engagement Specialist, at 800-223-0425 or corazzin.brendan@epa.gov.