

W.R. Grace – Conn Public Notice

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: September 17, 2015

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The United States Environmental Protection Agency has prepared this proposed Permit Modification for the facility owned by W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn., (MDD074933961). EPA's proposed permit modification confirms EPA's determination that the permittee has completed corrective action obligation on a 58 acre parcel of the property identified as the GF Columbia Parcel and removes the parcel from the Facility and therefore is no longer subject to the requirements of the W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn Permit. In addition, this draft Permit Modification confirms EPA's determination that the groundwater contaminants were approaching groundwater cleanup endpoints.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The Facility is located in Columbia, Maryland, northeast of Route 32 and north/northwest of Cedar Lane. The Facility consists of approximately 125 acres, including landscaped grassy areas; office, research and support buildings; two ponds, and wooded areas. The Middle Patuxent River is located just east of the Facility.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA proposed Permit Modification is attached. The Administrative Record which contains all the information considered in EPA's proposed Permit Modification is available at the EPA Region 3 office, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19103. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8 AM to 5 PM. For additional information, contact Catherine McGoldrick, Project Manager, Mail Code 3LC50, at the EPA address given above; phone: 215-814-3399, fax: 215-814-3163, or e-mail: mcgoldrick.catherine@epa.gov.

COMMENT PROCESS: Persons wishing to comment on EPA's proposed decision must submit comments to EPA within the 45-day comment period ending November 2, 2015. Interested persons may also request a public hearing on this proposed Permit Modification. All comments and/or requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing via mail, fax, or e-mail to the EPA Project manager, Catherine McGoldrick, as listed above. All comments will be considered in making the final Permit Modification

FINAL DECISION: EPA will make a final decision after considering all comments, consistent with applicable RCRA requirements and regulations. If the decision is substantially unchanged from the one in this notice, EPA will issue a final decision and inform all persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of EPA's final determination.