

Solvay USA Inc. (Formerly Rhodia Inc.)

Public Notice

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: June 30, 2016

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its proposed remedy under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), for the Solvay USA Inc. facility (Facility). For groundwater, EPA's proposed remedy consists of establishment of groundwater use restrictions at the facility while arsenic concentrations in groundwater remain above the MCL of 10 ppb. For soil, EPA's proposed remedy consists of excavating or place under a cap areas with soil arsenic levels above 12 ppm in combination with inspection and maintenance requirements for the caps through Institutional Controls. For areas with soil arsenic levels below 12 ppm, EPA proposing that no further action is necessary as the soil arsenic levels are below the Pennsylvania's Statewide Health Standard of 12 ppm. EPA's proposed remedy also consists of land uses restrictions.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The Facility is located at 2325 Hollins Ferry Road, Morrisville, PA 19067. The Facility operated as a production plant of inorganic chemicals from 1948 through 2001. Hazardous wastes generated at the facility include ignitable waste D001, corrosive waste D002, reactive waste D003, and toxic wastes D004 and D007. Groundwater investigation was conducted at the Facility from 1979 to 2012. Soil investigations at the Facility were conducted from February 2012 through April 2015. The contamination consists primarily of arsenic impacted groundwater and soil.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA's proposed decision is available on EPA's website <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-pennsylvania>. The Administrative Record, which contains all the information considered in EPA's proposed decision, is available at U.S. EPA Region 3, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19103. Office hours are: Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. For additional information, contact Ms. Tran Tran, Project Manager, at Mail Code: 3LC30, at EPA Region 3's address listed above; Phone: 215-814-2079; Fax: 215-814-3113, or Email: tran.tran@epa.gov.

COMMENT PROCESS: Persons wishing to comment on EPA's proposed decision must submit comments to EPA within the 30 day comment period ending July 29, 2016. Interested persons may also request a public hearing on this proposed remedy. All comments and/or requests for a hearing must be submitted in writing via mail, fax, or email to the EPA Project Manager, Tran Tran, as listed above, and must be received prior to July 30, 2016. All comments will be considered in making a final decision.

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. If the final decision is significantly different from the one proposed, EPA will issue a public notice explaining the new decision and will reopen the comment period.