

## **Solutia Nitro Facility**

### **Public Notice**

**DATE OF THIS NOTICE:** August 31, 2016

**PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its proposed decision that Corrective Action is complete with controls under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), for the Solutia, Nitro facility (Facility). The proposed remedy consists of operation, maintenance and monitoring of the groundwater containment, groundwater extraction and groundwater monitoring systems, and institutional controls to restrict activities at the facility. EPA is also issuing a draft permit for implementing the remedy and ongoing maintenance and monitoring.

**FACILITY DESCRIPTION:** The Facility is located along the eastern bank of the Great Kanawha River (Kanawha River) approximately one-half mile north of the City of Nitro in Putnam County, West Virginia.

The Facility encompasses approximately 118 acres divided into two separate areas by Interstate 64. The Facility was the previous location of a chemical manufacturing plant that began production of various chemical compounds and explosives in 1918 and continued until mid-2004. In October 2003, all chemical production at the Facility was ended and dismantling and demolition of the facility was completed in December 2005. Solutia remained the owner of all real Facility property and retained responsibility for RCRA Corrective Action

**INFORMATION AVAILABILITY:** Information regarding EPA's proposed decision and the draft permit is available on EPA's website <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-west-virginia>. 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 Bill Wentworth, Project Manager, at Mail Code: 3LC20, at EPA Region 3's address listed above; Phone: 215-814-3184; Fax: 215-814-3113, or Email: [wentworth.william@epa.gov](mailto:wentworth.william@epa.gov).

**COMMENT PROCESS:** Persons wishing to comment on EPA's proposed decision or draft permit must submit comments to EPA within the 45day comment period ending on October 17, 2016. Interested persons may also request a public hearing on this proposed remedy or draft permit. All comments and/or requests for a hearing must be submitted in writing via mail, fax, or e-mail to the EPA Project manager, Bill Wentworth, as listed above. All comments will be considered in making final decisions on the proposed remedy and permit.

**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.