

Former Hercules Facility Public Notice

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: September 23, 2016

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its proposed decision under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), to protect potential sources of drinking water and current and future workers at the Former Hercules Facility by requiring: (1) groundwater (GW) treatment at one unit and monitored natural attenuation of contaminated GW in other areas of the Facility; (2) a vapor control system for any buildings indicating indoor vapor intrusion levels exceeding EPA acceptable levels; and (3) restrictions on land and GW use until clean-up goals are achieved. The Former Hercules Facility is located at 27123 Shady Brook Trail, Courtland, VA. This notice opens the 30-day public comment period on EPA's proposed decision.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The Facility consists of 120 acres where manufacturing of various chemical and fatty acids products has continued since 1956 on 30 of the 120 acres. Other areas of the Facility were unused or were used for waste disposal. Hercules conducted several environmental investigations and removed approximately 11,000 tons of non-hazardous sludges and wastes from on-site waste pits and a wastewater lagoon, along with liquid wastes. Only shallow GW contamination remains in some areas on-site.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA's proposed decision is available on EPA's website at <https://www3.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/ca/va/webpages/vad003122165.html>. The Administrative Record contains the information considered in EPA's proposed decision and is available from EPA's Region 3 office in Philadelphia, PA. To receive a copy of the Administrative Record, please contact Barbara Smith at U.S. EPA Region 3, 1650 Arch Street (3LC20), Philadelphia, PA, 19103; Phone: 215-814-5786, Fax: 215-814-3113, or E-mail: smith.barbara@epa.gov.

COMMENT PROCESS: People wishing to comment on EPA's proposed decision must submit comments to EPA within the 30-day comment period ending October 24, 2016. People interested in a public hearing on this proposed remedy may request one. All comments and/or requests for a hearing must be submitted in writing via mail, fax or e-mail to the EPA Project Manager, Barbara Smith, as noted above. 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 people 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.