

Former Baldwin Hardware Corporation

Public Notice

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: March 31, 2017

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its proposed decision that includes groundwater remediation and soil vapor capture and treatment as well as restrictions on land and groundwater uses at the property under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), for the former Baldwin Hardware Corporation facility (Facility).

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The Facility is located at 841 East Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, PA. The Facility manufactured hardware plated with chrome and other metals from 1956 to 2014. Vapor degreasing and other operations generated volatile organic compounds as waste which were managed in surface impoundments. These impoundments and other areas leaked contaminants into the soil and groundwater. The Facility is currently owned by TMAP Realty, purchased from Spectrum Brands in 2015.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA's proposed decision is available on EPA's website <https://www.epa.gov/pa/epa-public-notice-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 Linda Matyskiela, Project Manager, at Mail Code: 3LC20, at EPA Region 3's address listed above; Phone: 215-814-3420; Fax: 215-814-3113, or Email: Matyskiela.Linda@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 May 1, 2017. 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, Linda Matyskiela, as listed above, and must be received prior to May 1, 2017. 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.