

Public Notice: W.R Grace & Co.-Conn. - Columbia, MD

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 11/30/2017

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The United States Environmental Protection Agency announces its proposed Corrective Action Permit (proposed Permit) for the facility owned and operated by W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. - MDD074933961 (Permittee). W.R. Grace has been operating under a Corrective Action Permit (Original Permit) first issued on July 10, 1992, modified by 2007 and 2016 Permit Modifications, and due to expire on November 30, 2017. The Original Permit will be administratively continued until the proposed Permit becomes effective. This proposed Permit shall be effective for a fixed term not to exceed ten years.

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 primary contaminants of concern are volatile organic compounds, including trichloroethene and its degradation products. On September 14, 2006, EPA selected a Final Remedy in a Final Decision and Response to Comments (FDRTC) dated September 14, 2006, and incorporated in the Permit through the 2007 Permit Modification. The Remedy was not limited to, but included operating a groundwater recovery and treatment system for the Main Site, and monitored natural attenuation (MNA) with institutional controls for Former Landfill Area. Subsequently, EPA determined that the Groundwater Cleanup Standards had been met and, in April 2014, EPA approved a temporary shutdown of the Groundwater recovery and treatment system

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA's proposed remedy is available on EPA's website <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveaction/hazardous-waste-cleanup-wr-grace-co-columbia-md>. The Administrative Record, which contains all the information considered in EPA's proposed remedy, 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 Catherine McGoldrick, Project Manager, at Mail Code: 3LC32, at EPA Region 3's address listed above; Phone: 215-814-3399; Fax: 215-814-3163, or Email: McGoldrick.Catherine@epa.gov.

COMMENT PROCESS: Persons to comment on EPA's proposed decision must submit comments to EPA within the 45-day comment period ending **Sunday, January 14, 2018**. 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, Catherine McGoldrick, as listed above, and must be received prior to **Sunday, January 14, 2018**. 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 remedy 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 remedy is significantly different from the one proposed, EPA will issue a public notice explaining the new remedy and will reopen the comment period.