

Public Notice: Hercules, LLC - Franklin, VA

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 4/30/2018

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites comments from the public on the proposed Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) between EPA and Hercules, LLC (Hercules). The proposed AOC allows Hercules to continue environmental clean-up activities at the Solenis Facility in Virginia under EPA's Corrective Action Program. The final AOC will be issued under Section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) authorities, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: : The Facility was constructed in 1956 and produced specialty chemicals for paper and plastics industries. Raw materials included distilled tree pulp oil, used to create fatty acids and rosins, among other materials. After removing contaminated material from lagoons and pits, groundwater contamination is the remaining focus of clean-up activities. EPA selected the final remedy for the Facility in 2017, after the public comment ended. EPA received no comments on the remedy proposal.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA's proposed remedy is available on EPA's website <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveaction/hazardous-waste-cleanup-ashland-inc-formerly-ashland-hercules-water-technologies> . The Administrative Record, which contains all the information considered in EPA's proposed remedy, is available at U.S. EPA Mid-Atlantic Region, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19103. Office hours are: Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. For additional information, contact Barbara Smith, Project Manager, at Mail Code: 3LC10, at EPA Mid-Atlantic's address listed above; Phone: 215-814-5786; Fax: 215-814-3113, or Email: Smith.Barbara@epa.gov.

COMMENT PROCESS: Persons to comment on EPA's proposed decision must submit comments to EPA within the 30-day comment period ending **Wednesday, May 30, 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, Barbara Smith , as listed above, and must be received prior to **Wednesday, May 30, 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.