

## **Public Notice: National Institutes of Health - Bethesda, MD**

**DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 5/11/2018**

**PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its proposed decision that Corrective Action is complete and no further action is required for the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA).

**FACILITY DESCRIPTION:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Facility is a 305-acre complex located in Bethesda, MD. The chemical waste stream generated by NIH is complex, primarily generated by over thousands of laboratories. Even so, EPA determined that there is no evidence or documented releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents at the Facility. Therefore, RCRA Corrective Action at NIH has been completed with no further action proposed.

**INFORMATION AVAILABILITY:** Information regarding EPA's proposed remedy is available on EPA's website <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveaction/hazardous-waste-cleanup-national-institutes-health-bethesda-md>. 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](mailto: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 **Sunday, June 10, 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 **Sunday, June 10, 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.