



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III

FINAL DECISION AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

GUILFORD MILLS
PINE GROVE, PENNSYLVANIA
EPA ID NO. PAD002377703

I. FINAL DECISION

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected the maintenance of the existing asphalt cap, the continuance of pumping and treating groundwater, and the compliance with and maintenance of institutional controls (ICs) as the Final Remedy for the Guilford Mills facility (the Facility), located at 1 Penn Dye Street in Pine Grove, Pennsylvania. This determination is based on EPA's findings as detailed in the Statement of Basis (SB) and is consistent with EPA's February 2003 *Final Guidance on Completion of Corrective Action Activities at RCRA Facilities* (reference 68 FR 8757).

EPA's Final Remedy relies on the existing asphalt cap to limit the migration of contaminants into groundwater, and the pump and treat system to prevent off-site migration of groundwater contaminated above Maximum Contaminant Levels and reduce concentrations of chlorinated volatile contaminants in groundwater. EPA's Final Remedy relies on ICs to restrict Facility land use to non-residential purposes and to prohibit potable use of groundwater at the Facility. The components of EPA's Final

Remedy may be enforced through an order, permit, or through an Environmental Covenant to be executed by the Facility pursuant to the Pennsylvania Uniform Environmental Covenants Act, 27 Pa. C.S. Sections 6501-6517 (UECA).

If the Facility fails to meet its obligations or EPA, in its sole discretion, deems that additional activities and/or ICs are necessary to protect human health or the environment, EPA has the authority to require and enforce additional corrective actions.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

In August 2015, EPA issued a SB in which it announced its proposed remedy for the Facility. Consistent with public participation provisions under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), EPA requested comments from the public on the proposed remedy. The commencement of a thirty (30)-day public comment period was announced in the *Reading Eagle* on August 28, 2015 and on the EPA Region III website. The public comment period ended on September 28, 2015.

III. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

EPA received no comments on the proposal. Consequently, the Final Remedy is unchanged from that proposed in the SB. The SB is incorporated herein and made a part thereof as Attachment A.

IV. AUTHORITY

EPA is issuing this Final Decision and Response to Comments under the authority of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by RCRA, and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, 42 U.S.C. Sections 6901 to 6992k.

V. DECLARATION

Based on the Administrative Record compiled for the Corrective Action at the Facility, EPA has determined that the Final Remedy selected in this Final Decision and Response to Comments is protective of human health and the environment.

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Date

Attachment A: Statement of Basis, August 2015