

Public Notice: Union Carbide Corp. - Institute Operations - Institute, WV

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 7/13/2018

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its proposed decision (Statement of Basis) for environmental remediation at the Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) Institute Operations, (EPA ID: WVD005005509). The proposed remedy consists of engineering controls including cover and cap maintenance, ongoing groundwater remediation at Corrective Measures Study (CMS) Area A, facility-wide groundwater monitoring, Monitored Natural Attenuation, and land use controls limiting groundwater use and managing soil exposure. Additionally, based on all available evidence and using EPA's evaluation criteria, groundwater cannot be restored to drinking water standards at Tank 1010; therefore, EPA is proposing a Technical Impracticability waiver for restoration of groundwater to Maximum Contaminants Levels (MCLs) at Tank 1010.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The Institute Operations, located in Institute, West Virginia was repurchased by UCC from Bayer Crop Science in 2015. The Facility occupies 443 acres and encompasses the collection of heavy industrial chemical operations that are present on the property.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA's proposed remedy is available on EPA's website <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveactionsites/hazardous-waste-cleanup-union-carbide-corporation-institute-operations> . 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 Erich Weissbart, Project Manager, at Mail Code: 3LC10, at EPA Mid-Atlantic's address listed above; Phone: 410-305-2779; Fax: 215-814-3113, or Email: Weissbart.Erich@epa.gov.

COMMENT PROCESS: Persons to comment on EPA's proposed decision must submit comments to EPA within the 45-day comment period ending **Monday, August 27, 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, Erich Weissbart, as listed above, and must be received prior to **Monday, August 27, 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.