

Public Notice: Honeywell Farmers Valley Wax Plant (International Waxes) - Smethport, PA

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 8/17/2018

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its proposed remedy of the establishment of a Technical Impracticability (TI) zone, surface water monitoring program, and the implementation of engineering and institutional controls under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), for the Honeywell Farmers Valley Wax Plant facility (Facility).

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The 575-acre Facility is located at 45 Route 446, Smethport PA 16749. The Facility was used for petroleum refining operations from approximately 1923 to 1990. Since 1990 the Facility has been used exclusively to manufacture various grades of wax for both food-grade and commercial applications. Primary contaminants in soil and groundwater beneath the Facility include volatile petroleum constituents (primarily benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes) and some heavy metals (primarily in the former Coal Ash Disposal Area). Principle remediation included capping disposal areas and recovering separate-phase liquid from the water table beneath the Main Plant Area for approximately 20 years.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA's proposed remedy is available on EPA's website <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveactionsites/hazardous-waste-cleanup-international-waxes-incorporated-smethport>. 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 Griff Miller, Project Manager, at Mail Code: 3LC20, at EPA Mid-Atlantic's address listed above; Phone: 215-814-3407; Fax: 215-814-3113, or Email: Miller.Griff@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, September 16, 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, Griff Miller, as listed above, and must be received prior to **Sunday, September 16, 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.