

Public Notice: Former ARCO Chemical Company - Active Portion - Monaca, PA

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 12/14/2018

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its proposed remedy of monitored natural attenuation, the establishment of a Technical Impracticability Zone for groundwater, compliance with a Post-Remediation Care Plan, and the implementation of land and groundwater use restrictions under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), for the Active Portion (Active Portion) of the former ARCO Chemical Company facility (Facility).

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The 420-acre Facility is located at 400 Frankfort Road, Monaca, PA 15061. The Facility was constructed in 1942 and produced chemicals used to make synthetic rubber until 1946, when production shifted to polystyrene, which remains the primary product produced by the Active Portion (the remedy for the inactive portion of the plant was finalized in September 2018). The Active Portion includes the Central Plant/Styrene II Area and the Over-the-Hill Tank Farm Area. Primary contaminants in soil and groundwater beneath the Active Portion include volatile petroleum constituents (primarily benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, and styrene). Principle remediation included groundwater pumping and treatment, soil vapor extraction, and air sparging to enhance bioremediation.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA's proposed remedy is available on EPA's website <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveactionsites/hazardous-waste-cleanup-nova-chemicals-monaca-pennsylvania>. 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, January 13, 2019**. 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, January 13, 2019**. 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.