

Public Notice: Former Millennium Specialty Chemicals, St. Helena Manufacturing Facility - Baltimore, MD

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 7/18/2019

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its proposed decision (Statement of Basis) for environmental remediation at the Former Millennium Specialty Chemicals Facility. The proposed remedy consists of installation of an engineered cover/cap over exposed soil, creek bank stabilization, stormwater system upgrade, monitored natural attenuation of groundwater and land and groundwater use controls. Additionally, based on all available evidence, groundwater cannot be restored to drinking water standards, therefore, EPA is proposing a Technical Impracticability waiver for restoration of groundwater to alternate water quality standards, protective of Colgate Creek biota.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The Former Millennium Specialty Chemicals, St. Helena Manufacturing Facility is an 18.4-acre unused former industrial property located along Colgate Creek in Baltimore City, Maryland. The Facility produced paint pigments and amorphous silica gel. Production ceased in 2007. Contaminants include metals that were used in pigment production, primarily barium, cadmium, lead, manganese and zinc, which were found in soil and groundwater. Colgate Creek sediment also contained Facility-related contaminants and is undergoing further study.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA's proposed remedy is available on EPA's website <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveaction/hazardous-waste-cleanup-millennium-chemicals-baltimore-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: 3LD10, at EPA Mid-Atlantic's address listed above; Phone: 215-814-5786; Fax: 215-814-3113, or Email: 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 **Saturday, August 17, 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, Barbara Smith, as listed above, and must be received prior to **Saturday, August 17, 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.