

# Public Notice: Rohm and Haas Company (a wholly owned subsidiary of Dow Chemical) - Bristol, PA

**DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 4/10/2020**

**PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE:** The US Environmental Protection Agency is announcing the issuance of a Statement of Basis for proposed remediation at the Rohm and Haas Bristol Plant (currently owned by Dow Chemical): North Parcel, Wastewater Treatment Area, and Manufacturing Area.

EPA's proposed remedy for the Facility areas consists of the following components:

- 1) Implement soil and groundwater use restrictions through institutional controls;
- 2) Remediate selected areas of contamination by treatment or soil removal; and
- 3) Monitor groundwater in selected areas to document the control of contamination.

Many elements of the proposed remedy are already implemented.

## **Summary of Proposed Action:**

RCRA Corrective Action - Cleanup Proposal

**FACILITY DESCRIPTION:** The Facility is located at 200 Route 413, Bristol, Pennsylvania 19047. Rohm & Haas Company was purchased by Dow Chemical Company in 2009. Rohm & Haas Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dow Chemical Company. The Facility has been an active chemical manufacturing plant since 1917, producing a variety of chemicals and intermediates over the years, including: plastics, resins, emulsion polymers, and pesticides. It covers approximately 800 acres along the west bank of the Delaware River, in Bristol Township, Bucks County. The Facility is adjacent to the communities of Croydon and Bristol Borough, PA.

**INFORMATION AVAILABILITY:** Information regarding EPA's proposed remedy is available on EPA's website at Dow Chemical (Formerly: Rohm and Haas Chemical LLC):

<https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveactionsites/hazardous-waste-cleanup-dow-chemical-formerly-rohm-and-haas-chemicals-llc>. The Administrative Record, which contains all the information considered in EPA's proposed remedy, is available at U.S. EPA Mid-Atlantic Region, Mail Code: 3LD20, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19103. Office hours are: Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. For additional information, contact: Project Manager, **Maureen Essenthier-Newell** at EPA Mid-Atlantic's address listed above; Phone: 215-814-3416 or Email: [essenthier.maureen@epa.gov](mailto:essenthier.maureen@epa.gov).

**COMMENT PROCESS:** Persons to comment on EPA's proposed decision must submit comments to EPA within the 30-day comment period ending **5/10/2020**. 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, Maureen Essenthier-Newell as listed above, and must be received prior to **5/10/2020**. 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.