

Public Notice: Lehighon Electronics, Inc. - Lehighon, PA

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 8/25/2020

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The US Environmental Protection Agency is announcing the issuance of an Explanation of Significant Differences for environmental remediation at the Lehighon Electronics Facility. EPA's proposal documents additional remediation performed at the Facility beyond that previously required and proposes additional investigation and possible remediation to complete the cleanup of contaminated soil and groundwater.

Additional remediation performed included excavation and disposal of contaminated soil and installation and monitoring of new groundwater wells.

The proposed additional work includes additional characterization of the groundwater, soil and groundwater remediation if warranted, and restrictions on land and groundwater use if contaminant levels remain above safe exposure concentrations.

Summary of Proposed Action:

RCRA Corrective Action - Remedy Modification

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The Facility is located at 15 Blakeslee Blvd Drive West, Lehighon, PA. Printed circuit boards were manufactured at the 0.6 acre property from 1963 to 2001. It has been vacant since then. The groundwater is contaminated with trichloroethylene (TCE) above the safe drinking water standard. Previous soil remediation and groundwater treatment has not been able to adequately remediate the groundwater.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA's proposed remedy is available on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveactionsites/hazardous-waste-cleanup-lehighon-electronics-incorporated-lehighon>. 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.

COMMENT PROCESS: Persons to comment on EPA's proposed decision must submit comments to EPA within the 30-day comment period ending **9/24/2020**. 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 **9/24/2020**. 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.