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- Use Sound Science
- Follow the rule of law in our decision-making
- Incorporate transparency into our actions

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Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division 
Beverly H. Banister, Director

Issue: Air Toxics Risk Assessment

Update: The air toxics risk assessment is being finalized by EPA staff, and the results will be presented to the community by EPA and the Jefferson County Dept. of Health to at neighborhood association meetings scheduled for early April. Details for the meetings are as follows:

Collegeville & Harriman Park joint meeting: April 1, 2013, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, Trinity CME Church, 3013 Shuttlesworth Drive

Fairmont & North Birmingham Joint meeting: April 2, 2013, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, New Star Covenant of Grace Church, 2873 41st Avenue North

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Issue: Toxics Release Inventory

Update: EPA HQ is developing a guide for assessing Pollution Prevention (P2) Opportunities Using the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI). EPA will communicate the results of this analysis when it is completed, which is expected to be in early summer, 2013. The analyses, in combination with the results of the air toxics risk assessment, are expected to help focus efforts to reduce pollution in the north Birmingham area.

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North Birmingham Update-March 2013

Issue: Emergency Evacuation Plan

Update: A draft Community Response Plan has been developed with input from local responders in North Birmingham and Walter Coke in response to community concerns about emergency evacuations. The plan addresses railway crossing blockage in emergency situations. The plan is currently under review by Walter Coke and is scheduled to be presented to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) on April 24, 2013. EPA has requested that the community be allowed to review and comment on the plan prior to release and has committed to assisting the LEPC with outreach and distribution of the plan within

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Superfund Division ■
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Issue: Superfund Sampling Activities

Update: EPA continues to issue sample result letters on properties sampled to owners and tenants. The letter also states that residents may contact the Outreach Center if they have questions or concerns about the results and that at a later time EPA will notify property owner/tenant regarding future steps. Enclosed with the letters are Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that offer further explanation about the sampling results and other outreach/health education materials about the site related contaminants. Sampling activities are continuing and EPA is still seeking access for 972 properties in Collegeville, Fairmont and Harriman Park. Mailing of access agreements for the newly established boundary (including McLain Park and an additional 405 properties) began during the week of February 25 and concluded on Friday, March 22.

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Issue: Integrated Project Plan 

Update: The Birmingham Integrated Planning Project (BIPP) kick-off meeting was held on March 7, 2013. The BIPP is finalizing the membership on the group in April and will begin holding training and planning meetings in May. Over the next 12 months EPA will hold BIPP Coalition meetings, trainings, and public meetings.

If you need more information or have questions you can contact us as the EPA Community Outreach Office at (205) 326-8640 or brown.stephaniey@epamail.epa.gov

Contact: Stephanie Brown

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Water Protection Division 
Jim Giattina, Director

Issue: Water Protection Division conducted inspections at Walter Coke, Inc and ABC Coke in 2012/2011

Update: Inspection report currently under review.

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RCRA Division 
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Issue: Onsite Cleanup at Walter Coke Facility

Update: The EPA has approved plans for a groundwater clean-up at the Former Chemical Plant area of the Walter Coke property. This will eliminate the off-site release of contaminated groundwater and was installed by Walter Coke with EPA oversight in December 2012. When the system is operating (full operation expected in April 2013), it will pump contaminated groundwater out of the ground, treat and dispose of this groundwater properly, and "pull" the contaminated plume back onto the property, with eventual elimination of the plume. (*Note: There are no drinking water wells in the vicinity of this groundwater plume.) The EPA is working closely with Walter Coke on the clean-up study for the Biological Treatment Facility area of the property. This study will develop protective cleanup goals and evaluate cleanup options that can achieve these goals. The most effective cleanup option will be recommended. This study is due on May 24, 2013 for EPA review. Cleanup Studies for other areas of the property will take place throughout

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Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Issue: ATSDR Soil Health Consultation

Update: The ATSDR soil health consultation was released February 19, 2013 for public comment. Under EPA oversight Walter Coke, Inc., collected soil samples at about 78 residential properties located in Collegeville, Harriman Park and Fairmont in 2005 and 2009. ATSDR studied the test results to see if arsenic and polycyclic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in soil could cause health problems in people. The ATSDR suggests cleaning the properties in the Collegeville, Fairmont and Harriman Park communities that have the highest amount of arsenic and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in the soil. These residential properties are now part of the 35th Avenue Superfund Site. Cleaning up these properties will lower exposure to arsenic and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in the soil. ATSDR is evaluating community exposures to contaminants in the air.

ATSDR will release an air health consultation report this year. The Jefferson County Department of Health and EPA collected air samples in the North Birmingham area in 2011 and 2012. ATSDR is studying the test results now to see if breathing air in this area could cause health problems in people

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Issue: Birmingham Southern College Sampling and Environmental Justice Outreach Grant

Update: EPA awarded an Environmental Justice education grant to Birmingham Southern College (BSC) in the fall of 2012. The project area is located in Jones Valley, which is in western portion of North Birmingham. The project proposes to conduct a limited amount of residential soil sampling, engage students and faculty in research, and expose students to community outreach techniques. BSC students plan to begin its sampling activities April 2013 and will have an opportunity to view the Superfund sampling activities.

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Issue: FHWA and ALDOT Transportation Projects in Collegeville

Update: EPA will participate in a public meeting hosted by ALDOT and FHWA regarding the Vehicular/Pedestrian Bridge on Shuttlesworth Drive from 29th Avenue to 32 Avenue North. The project is designed to improve safety and mobility of the residents that cross at railroad tracts to enter and exit their residences, schools or communities. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 26, 2013. Environmental review documents for this project are scheduled for Spring-Summer, 2013.

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