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Quanta Resources Superfund Site Edgewater, NJ

Community Update

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Site Background and Cleanup

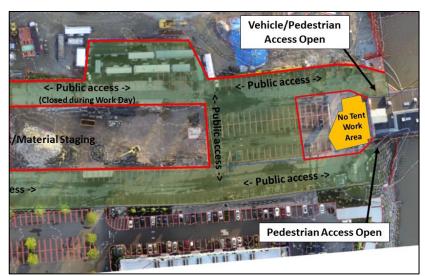
The Quanta Resources Superfund site in Edgewater, New Jersey, was the home of a roofing tar plant for more than 100 years. Roofing tar was produced from coal tar, a dark-colored viscous liquid that contains naphthalene and smells like mothballs. Under the direction of EPA, Honeywell is cleaning up the Quanta site. The cleanup technology used at the site is called in-situ (in place) solidification/stabilization, or soil solidification, which involves combining a concrete mixture with contaminated soil to lock up contaminants. Some releases of naphthalene vapors are likely when soil containing coal tar is disturbed at the site. Vapors are reduced or eliminated by using air filtration and other vapor mitigation practices and technologies such as reducing the amount of soil that is exposed and covering disturbed soil.

Cleanup Work Resumes

The work to address contamination at the Quanta site resumed earlier this year. Approximately 50 percent of the cleanup work for the land portion of the site is complete. Since work resumed at the site, soil solidification is managed under large tent structures to control vapors. Filtration units on the tent structures provide carbon filtration of potential contaminants prior to releasing the air to the environment.

Soil Solidification Outside of Tents

Because of physical interferences at a few areas of the site, approximately 10 percent of the remaining soil solidification will be completed outside of a tent. Soil solidification at one of these areas in front of the Pier 115 building entrance is scheduled to start in early January. This work involves solidification of 2,800 cubic yards of soil and restoration of the bulkhead over a ten-week period. Activities will include soil mixing (solidification), installation of a support system for the steel bulkhead, and final restoration of the area.



Public access and parking for the 115 Pier building.



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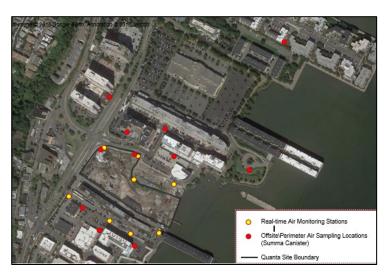
During active soil solidification outside the tent, residents may experience odors from releases of naphthalene vapors, especially on warmer days. Vapor mitigation technologies will be used during soil solidification, including spraying Rusmar foam to suppress releases of vapors; applying Posi-Shell, a durable stucco-like material, to the areas of exposed soil; and covering areas of disturbed soil with plastic poly sheeting. A geotextile fabric and gravel will be used to cover areas of completed soil solidification.

Air Sampling and Monitoring

On days that soil solidification is occuring at the site, air samples are collected for laboratory analysis along the perimeter of the Quanta site and in residential properties and retail shopping areas north and south of the site. The data generated from the analysis of these samples provides a better understanding of the impacts of site activities on air quality. The results for the samples are posted on www.quantaremediation.com.

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In addition to collecting air samples for laboratory analysis, multiple real-time fixed and mobile air monitors are positioned on the perimeter of the Quanta site to measure dust and total volatile organic compounds in the air.



Air sampling locations.

Community Hotline

Residents can report concerns about vapors or odors from the Quanta site 24 hours a day, seven days a week using the community hotline. During hours when work is actively underway at the site, the information will be relayed to a supervisor at the site and to EPA. The hotline number is (201) 807-0991.



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