

# EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

## Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup at Abex Corporation Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting a third Five-Year Review of the **Abex Superfund Site** located in Portsmouth. This review seeks to confirm that the long-term cleanup of soils which included excavation, removal and replacement of contaminated soils within a 700-foot radius of the former Abex Foundry area, continues to be protective of human health and the environment. Previous EPA reviews of the soil cleanup conducted since 2002 have confirmed that this portion of the remedy continues to be protective of public health and the environment. EPA continues to oversee the groundwater investigation at the site, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2012. Institutional controls (restrictions of future use) are already in place to ensure the long-term protectiveness of the remedy.

### What is an EPA Five-Year Review?

EPA inspects Superfund sites every five years to ensure that cleanups conducted remain fully protective of human health and the environment. These regular reviews, which are required by federal law when contaminants remain at a site, include:

- Inspection of the site and cleanup technologies;
- Review of monitoring data, operating data, and maintenance records, and
- Determination if any new regulatory requirements have been established since EPA's original cleanup decision was finalized.

### When will EPA's Five-Year Review Report be available?

The Five-Year Review report will be finalized and made available in the Administrative Record repository for the site (*see below*), as well as online at <http://epa.gov/5yr> no later than Sept. 2012.

### For more information

There are several ways to review site files. The Administrative Record, which includes EPA decision documents used for selecting the cleanup remedy, is available for public review at [www.epa.gov/arweb](http://www.epa.gov/arweb). You may also review site files at the following locations:

**Portsmouth Public Library**  
601 Court Street  
Portsmouth, Virginia 23704

**EPA Region 3 Public Reading Room**  
Attn: Paul Van Reed (3HS42)  
1650 Arch Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Please call (215) 814-3157 for an appointment.  
Reading Room open during normal business hours.

### You may also contact

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