

Douglassville Disposal

BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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What's Happening at Douglassville Disposal?

In March 1995, EPA announced that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) planned to begin incineration activities at the Douglassville Disposal Site in autumn of 1995. EPA regrets to announce that the plans to start the incineration must be postponed due to Federal budget considerations. EPA anticipates that the money will become available in autumn 1995 or winter 1996, so that work on the site can begin in summer 1996.

EPA estimates that the incineration activities, once begun, will take approximately one year to 18 months to complete. Incineration is a process used to clean up hazardous wastes. It burns the wastes in an enclosed, controlled chamber. The process is smokeless and odorless, destroys organic compounds, and reduces the amount of wastes at the site.

The timeline below shows the approximate schedule for starting the incineration activities at the Douglassville Disposal Site. The schedule depends on whether EPA receives the necessary money from Congress within the time frame EPA currently anticipates. It is possible that this timeline will change as activities progress.

Autumn 1995/ Winter 1996

EPA receives money to begin clean-up activities.

Winter 1996

U.S. EPA and USACE will sign an Interagency Agreement. USACE will oversee work at the site.

Mid-Winter 1996

USACE advertises a request for proposals from contractors to perform the incineration work.

Spring 1996

USACE reviews the proposals and selects a contractor.

Mid-Summer 1996

The contractor begins incineration work at the site under USACE's guidance.

EPA Completes Douglassville Disposal Community Relations Plan

In April 1995, EPA completed a Community Relations Plan for the Douglassville Disposal Site. The Community Relations Plan is EPA's handbook for addressing community concerns at a Superfund site.

Each plan is site-specific and is based on information from EPA's files, as well as information provided by interested citizens, business owners, and local officials during community interviews. The main topics discussed in the plan include: site history and a history of community relations, objectives of the community relations program, and community relations activities EPA plans to use to maintain effective dialogue with the Douglassville community. If you would like a copy of the Community Relations Plan, or would like to know more about the site, please fill out the form below and mail it to Kimberly Lane, the site Community Involvement Facilitator, at the following address. Also, if you have any questions about the site, please call Kimberly at the number listed below.

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