

Press Release

Douglassville Disposal

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Superfund Cleanup Complete at Douglassville Disposal Site *Site Transformed to Beneficial Reuse*

What: Officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Representative Jim Gerlach will tour the site and discuss the clean-up completed at the Douglassville Disposal Superfund site in Berks Co.

Why: This once highly toxic waste site has been returned to beneficial reuse including green space and a walking trail. The cleanup restored a portion of the Schuylkill River Trail. The work was performed and paid for by parties responsible for contamination under state and federal oversight. All physical construction has been completed and no human health or environmental threats remain.

Who: Abraham Ferdas, U.S. EPA, Hazardous Site Cleanup Division Director
U.S. Representative Jim Gerlach
Kurt Zwikl, Executive Director, Schuylkill River Greenway Association
John Borovsky, Barr Engineering
(representative of companies who conducted the cleanup)

When: 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 26, 2003

Where: Douglassville Disposal Superfund Site

Directions: The site is between the Schuylkill River on the north and state Route 724 on the south, immediately across the river from the town of Douglassville, Berks County. The site is in the 2300 block of Route 724 (Route 724 is called East Main Street). The site is accessed from Route 724.