



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Safety Light Corporation Site

Bloomsburg, Columbia County, PA
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U.S. EPA Proposes Safety Light Corporation Site to the NPL

On September 23, 2004, EPA proposed the Safety Light Corporation (SLC) Site to the National Priorities List (NPL), making it eligible for federal cleanup funds under the Superfund program. The NPL is the EPA's list of uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites identified for long-term cleanup.

EPA will use both its removal and remedial programs in the cleanup effort. Removal actions will focus on removing immediate risks posed by the onsite contamination and the remedial program designs and implements long-term cleanup remedies. A long-term study called a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) will begin in the coming year. The purpose of the study is to find out how extensive the contamination is at the site and if there are any long-term risks to people or the environment. The study will also help determine the best ways that EPA can clean up the site.

Get Involved!

The public is invited to comment on the NPL listing proposal for 60 days. The comment period began on **September 23, 2004 and will end on November 22, 2004**. Send your written comments to:

Docket Coordinator, Headquarters
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
CERCLA Docket Office
Mail Code 5305T
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Instructions for mailing comments:

- Make sure you send three (3) copies
- For express mail – make sure you have the correct FedEx address, which is:
1235 Jefferson Davis Hwy
Crystal Gateway #1, First Floor
Arlington, VA 22202

For more information on submitting your comments, contact **Linda Baxter**, EPA NPL Coordinator, at (215) 814-5824 or visit the website at:
www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/pubc.htm.

Who Else is Involved?

EPA is coordinating with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), a federal public health service agency.

Background

The SLC site is located on Old Berwick Road in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. The property is situated between the Susquehanna River and Old Berwick Road. Past activities at the site include the manufacturing of:

- self-illuminated watches and instrument dials;
- smoke detectors;
- neutron sources;
- exit signs; and
- other products containing radioactive materials (such as radium-226, strontium-90, cesium-137, and tritium).

For more information on these radioactive materials, visit EPA's website at:

www.epa.gov/enviro/html/emci/chemref/complete_index.html

NPL Proposed Listing **Public Meeting**



Thursday, November 4, 2004
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Central Columbia Middle School
4777 Old Berwick Road
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

More Information

The documents supporting EPA's proposed listing of the site to the NPL are available for review at the following location:

Bloomsburg Area Public Library
225 Market Street
Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

You can also contact one of the following EPA representatives:

- **Dennis Matlock**, On-Scene Coordinator, for removal activities (304) 234-0284
- **Linda Dietz**, Remedial Project Manager, for long-term cleanup activities (215) 814-3195
- **Trish Taylor**, Community Involvement Coordinator (215) 814-5539, or taylor.trish@epa.gov
- Or visit one of these EPA websites at: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund> and <http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd>.

More Ways to Get Involved

Community involvement is critical to EPA's decision making process. Below are two ways your community can get participation assistance.

1. Community Advisory Group (CAG): A Community Advisory Group may be formed at any point. The CAG would consist of interested members of the nearby community to serve as a liaison between EPA and the rest of the community.

2. Technical Assistance Grant (TAG):

EPA's Technical Assistance Grant program provides funds of up to \$50,000 to qualified citizens' groups affected by a Superfund site for the hiring of independent technical advisors. Independent technical advisors' role would be to help interpret and comment on site-related information, data, reports and other technical documents. Since only one TAG may be awarded for a site, EPA encourages groups to consolidate to apply. For TAG information, please contact **Amelia Libertz**, EPA TAG Coordinator, at 1-800-553-2509.

EPA's Proposed Listing for Safety Light Corporation Site

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