

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 3
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SHARON STEEL - FARRELL WORKS SUPERFUND SITE

FARRELL, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

SEPTEMBER 2012

EPA is overseeing the cleanup of the Sharon Steel - Farrell Works Site using sound science with the health and safety of the community as a priority. We are committed to providing the community with accurate information and opportunities to be involved throughout the cleanup process. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://go.usa.gov/r7nh>

THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED CLEANUP PLAN FOR THE SHARON STEEL-FARRELL WORKS SUPERFUND SITE—OPERABLE UNIT 2

PROPOSED PLAN RELEASED: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

On September 17, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (Proposed Plan) for the cleanup of Operable Unit 2 (OU-2) of the Sharon Steel – Farrell Works Superfund Site (the Site). You are encouraged to review and comment on all of the cleanup options evaluated in the Proposed Plan. The plan and supporting documents are available online at:

[www.http://www.epa.gov/arweb/](http://www.epa.gov/arweb/)

The Proposed Plan is also available at:

Stey-Nevant Library
100 Roemer Boulevard
Farrell, PA.

PUBLIC MEETING-YOU'RE INVITED!

Please join us to learn more about the Proposed Plan for OU-2 and present your questions and concerns to EPA.

October 4, 2012 — 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

City Building - Council Chambers
500 Roemer Boulevard
Farrell, PA 16121

Please note: Comment period ends October 16, 2012.

SITE BACKGROUND

The 400-acre Sharon Steel Farrell Works Site is located in Hermitage Township, approximately 300 feet east of the Pennsylvania/Ohio border and one mile southwest of the City of Farrell, Pennsylvania.

EPA's 2006 Record of Decision for the Site determined that cleanup would occur in two Operable Units so that site cleanup could begin without disrupting businesses operating in the central portion of the site.

Operable Unit 1 (OU-1) addressed approximately two hundred ninety acres in the Northern and Southern areas of the site and is divided into two phases. (See Figure 2, pg 3) A biosolid vegetative cap was selected as the cleanup option for OU-1. OU 1-Phase 1 covers the area North of Ohio Street, while OU1-Phase 2 covers the area South of Ohio Street. Multiple pilot studies of the bio-solid technology were conducted and showed favorable results. The remedial design for OU1-Phase 1 is expected to be completed by September 30, 2012.

OU2 includes two business properties occupying approximately thirty-three acres in the central portion of the Site. (See Figure 2, pg 3) The preferred asphalt cap alternative for OU2 will allow the businesses to continue to operate. **This Proposed Plan addresses the 33-acre OU-2 area.**

EPA'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR OU-2

EPA's preferred alternative for OU-2 is to:

- Re-grade the OU2 portion of the site;
- Cover contaminated soil with a protective asphalt cap, or a cap of equivalent material; and
- Restrict future land use by applying institutional controls so that the asphalt cap is not damaged.

The proposed remedy will:

- Prevent dermal (skin) exposure to slag and contaminated soils;
- Reduce the risk of inhaling dust contaminated by heavy metals;
- Minimize rain water infiltration to the slag and sludge waste materials.
- Reduce the migration of contaminants from the slag into the groundwater;
- Reduce the discharge of contaminated groundwater into the Shenango River; and
- Establish controls to protect the remedy & prohibit groundwater use after the site work is completed.

EPA WANTS YOUR OPINION

Your opinions matter to us. We invite you to review the Proposed Plan for OU-2 and submit your comments or concerns about it to the EPA.

The Proposed Plan:

- Summarizes the information found in the Remedial Investigation (RI) Report;
- Summarizes the information found in the Feasibility Study (FS) Report.
- Identifies EPA's preferred cleanup plan.

The Proposed Plan and all supporting documents are available for your review. (See locations, next column)

All comments received during the public comment period will be reviewed and considered before a final remedy for OU-2 is selected.

RECORD OF DECISION (ROD)

After public comments are reviewed and considered, EPA, in consultation with PADEP, will select a final remedy for the OU-2 portion of the site.

The final remedy will be described in a Record of Decision (ROD). Comments submitted to EPA for consideration will be summarized in a Responsiveness Summary attached to the ROD.

In the event that significant new information is obtained during the comment period, EPA may select a different remedy than that presented in the Proposed Plan. Community members will be notified of any remedy change, and if warranted, a new comment period will be advertised.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Sharon Steel - Farrell Works Superfund Site, including the Proposed Plan and supporting documents, access EPA's Administrative Record File at: <http://www.epa.gov/arweb/>

EPA's general information web address for the Sharon Steel - Farrell Works Superfund Site is:

<http://go.usa.gov/r7nh>

Site files may also be reviewed at:

Stey-Nevant Library

1000 Roemer Blvd.
Farrell, PA 16121
Phone: 724-983-2714

US EPA - Region 3

1650 Arch St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Please call 215-814-3157 to make an appointment.

HOW MAY I SUBMIT COMMENTS?

If you attend the public meeting on October 4, 2012, your comments will become part of the official record. However, if you would like to submit written comments, you may email or postmark them by midnight of the closing day of the comment period:

October 16, 2012.

Comments may be sent to:

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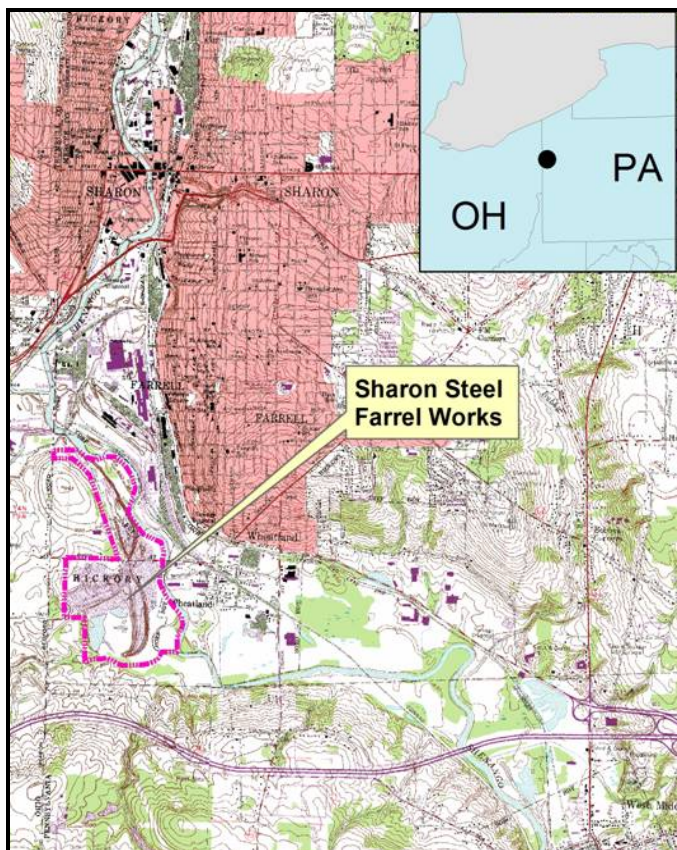


FIGURE 1: Site Location Map

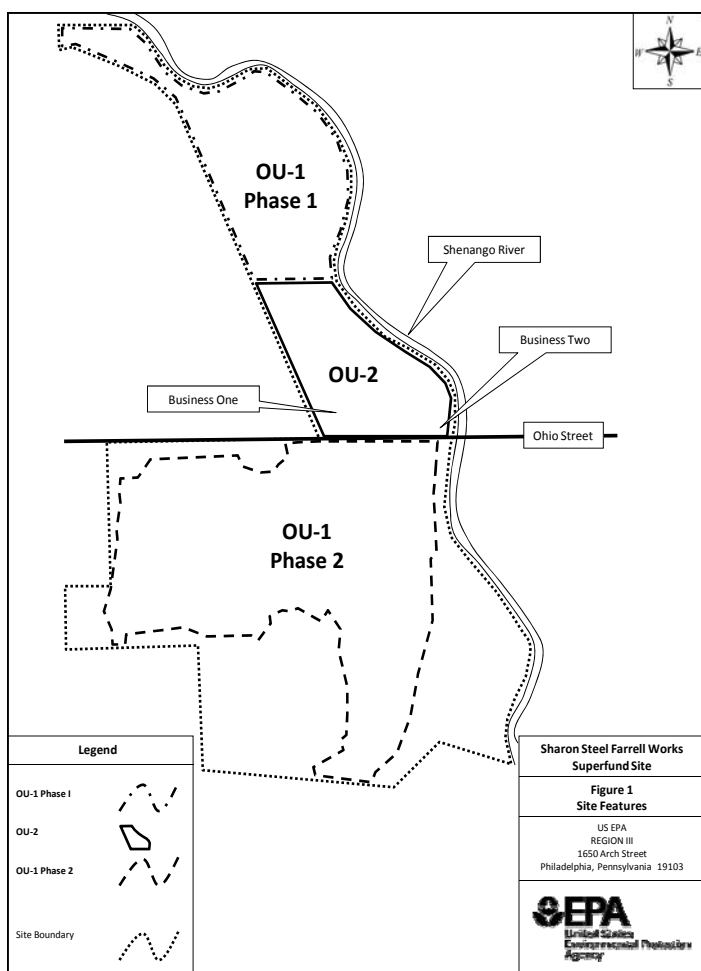


FIGURE 2: Site Map — OU2

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Proposed Plan or need more information about the Sharon Steel - Farrell Works Superfund Site, please contact:

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Please Note:

Public Meeting

October 4, 2012

Public Comment Period

September 17 -- October 16, 2012

Information Inside

Site information on the internet:

<http://go.usa.gov/r7nh>

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