



United States Environmental Protection Agency

EPA completes Third Five Year Review of the Suffolk City Landfill October 2009

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed the Third Five-Year Review of the Suffolk City Landfill Superfund Site located in Suffolk County, Virginia.

What is a Five-Year Review?

It is a protective measure required by law to make sure that EPA's cleanup actions remain protective of human health and the environment. The review includes physically inspecting the site and any cleanup technologies that are in place, examining collected monitoring data and operating data and maintenance records. A search is also done to check whether any applicable new regulatory requirements have been established since EPA's cleanup decision was finalized. This entire process is repeated every five years.

Why is a Five-Year Review being done for this site?

EPA conducts Five-Year Reviews to make sure that the cleanup is continuing to protect human health and the environment. EPA's main concern at the site were the pesticides that the Dixie Guano Company had disposed of at the landfill in 1970. Scientific information on pesticides has shown that the chemicals disposed on site have degraded naturally over time. An extensive study done in 1992 showed that pesticide contamination no longer exists at the site. The City of Suffolk has monitored landfill gas, collected ground water and surface water samples from an on-site stormwater retention basin to be sure no health hazards remain on site.

To review site files:

The completed Five-Year Review is available on the Internet at www.epa.gov/arweb or at the EPA Public Reading Room, 1650 Arch Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Call 1-800-352-1973 ext. 4-3157 for an appointment.

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