

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup at Douglassville Disposal Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its fifth Five-Year Review of the **Douglassville Disposal Superfund Site** located along the southern bank of the Schuylkill River in Berks County. This review seeks to confirm that the cleanup of the site, which included stabilizing contamination on-site with a lime-based treatment (instead of incineration), continues to be protective of public health and the environment. EPA's last formal review of the site in 2009 found that site conditions remain protective. The review also recommended supplementary sampling to investigate a potential impact of the site on the Schuylkill River, and to evaluate monitoring wells which were inaccessible during the wet season. EPA is currently monitoring on-site wells, sediment in the Schuylkill River, and select residential wells as part of routine monitoring of the site. A summary of these activities and evaluation of the long-term protectiveness of the remedy will be included in the upcoming Five-Year Review report.

What is an EPA Five-Year Review?

EPA inspects Superfund sites every five years to ensure that cleanups conducted remain fully protective of human health and the environment. These regular reviews, which are required by federal law when contaminants remain at a site, include:

- Inspection of the site and cleanup technologies;
- Review of monitoring data, operating data, and maintenance records, and
- Determination if any new regulatory requirements have been established since EPA's original cleanup decision was finalized.

When will EPA's Five-Year Review Report be available?

The Five-Year Review report will be available at <http://epa.gov/5yr> by April 2014.

For more information

There are several ways to review site information. The Administrative Record, which includes EPA decision documents used for selecting the cleanup remedy, is available at www.epa.gov/arweb. You may also review site information at:

Union Township Municipal Bldg.

1445 E. Main Street, Douglassville, PA 19518, **OR**

EPA Region 3 Public Reading Room

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You may also contact

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For more site information visit: <http://go.usa.gov/W9zz>