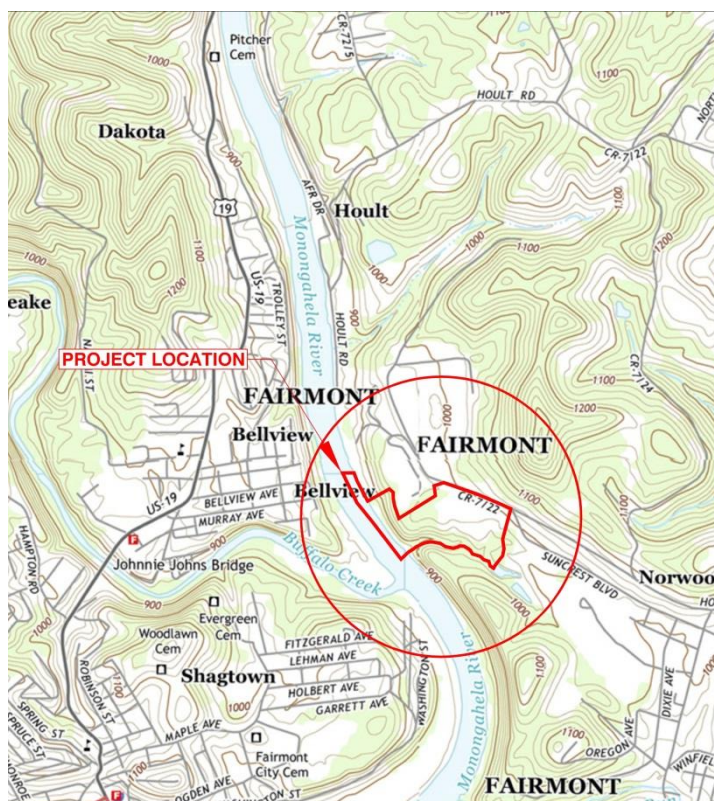




**Big John's Salvage Hout
Road
Superfund Site
Fairmont, Marion County,
West Virginia
Update April 2015**

Property Location

The Big John's Salvage – Hout Road Superfund Site is located in the northeast portion of the city of Fairmont, West Virginia, on the eastern bank of the Monongahela River along the western edge of WV Route 150 (Hout Road) (see Site map). The former industrial property covers 38 acres, approximately 20 of which were used for coal tar refining, salvage operations, and waste disposal (Uplands Areas). The remaining 18 acres include a low lying drainage area that discharges to the Monongahela River at the western portion of the property and wooded hillsides in the northern and eastern portions of the property. Land surrounding the BJS Site is a mixture of industrial, commercial and residential properties.



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Recent Activities

In September 2013, Vertellus Specialties Inc. initiated Pre-Design Investigation (PDI) activities to support the design of proposed Removal Actions described in the Consent Decree. The PDI included evaluation of sediment, soil, and groundwater in the Uplands portion of the BJS Site as well as the sediment and water quality within the Monongahela River. PDI activities were completed in June 2014; follow up investigations are scheduled for Spring 2015. The preliminary designs are being drafted and submitted for USEPA and WVDEP approval, outlining the framework of the proposed remedies. Specifically, the designs will:

- Protect current workers, future workers, and ecological receptors from exposure to contaminated media;
- Minimize rain and snow melt seeping into soil to prevent contaminants being carried into the groundwater;
- Prevent tar-derived material in soils from rising to the surface;
- Prevent erosion to reduce migration of soil contaminants;
- Restore stream sediment quality to acceptable human and ecological risk levels to improve ecological function in the waterways (Monongahela River, Unnamed Tributary #1 and #2 Areas);
- Prevent movement of the contaminated groundwater from beneath the waste containment area and restore surrounding groundwater quality;
- Prevent discharge of contaminated groundwater to surface water.

Removal Actions and Timeline

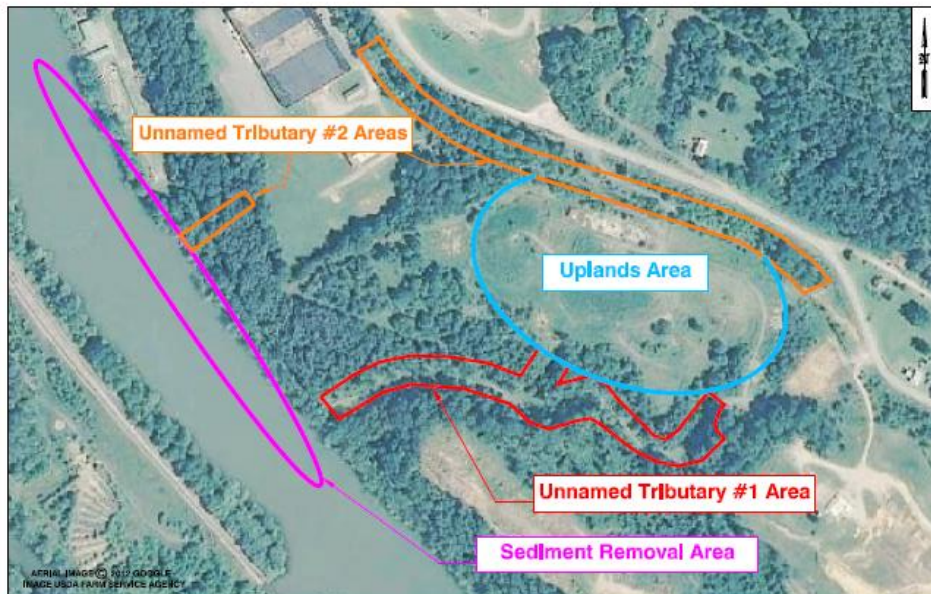
In accordance with the Consent Decree, the removal actions for the BJS Site will include the following and are expected to occur as noted below:

- Dredging and removal of sediment from the Monongahela River.
 - Submit final river removal design – **late 2015**
 - River removal design public meeting; dredging preparations; and pre-removal staging area construction – **early 2016**
 - River dredging implementation – **mid 2016**
 - River dredging completion – **late 2016**
- The construction of a multi-layered Subtitle D landfill cap at the Uplands Area to contain contaminated soil and sediments.
 - Uplands removal action design – **late 2015**
 - Uplands pre-removal site preparations and construction – **early 2016**
 - Phase I of the Uplands removal design implementation – **mid 2016**
 - Phase II of the Uplands removal design implementation – **mid 2017**
 - Uplands completion – **early 2018**
- Updating the existing groundwater containment and treatment system. These activities are to begin at the same time as the dredging preparations – **early 2016**

Regulatory Background

The EPA initiated a Remedial Investigation (RI) in 2005. The RI included both human health and ecological risk assessments. The Final RI was completed in April 2009. EPA determined that a non-time critical removal action was an appropriate course of action for the BJS Site which prompted the completion of an Engineering and Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) as required by the National Contingency Plan. The response actions to be taken at the BJS Site are described in the EPA's final Action Memorandum, dated September 30, 2010. The State of West Virginia concurred with the actions selected.

On October 10, 2012, the Settling Defendants (Vertellus Specialties Inc. (VSI), Exxon Mobil Corporation (Exxon), and the CBS Corporation) entered into a Consent Decree with the EPA and WVDEP to design and implement the selected response action to address contamination at the BJS Site with VSI serving as the Performing Defendant



Big John's Salvage -Hoult Road Superfund Site Informational Pamphlet

Information about the Big John's Salvage - Hoult Road Superfund Site is publicly available at:

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