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## Havertown PCP Superfund Site Haverford Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania

### -- Storage Facility Work Begins At Havertown PCP Site --

#### **What:**

A privately owned storage facility (Mr. Storage) will be constructed on a portion of the cap that EPA installed over the former National Wood Preservers (NWP) property, which is part of the Havertown PCP Superfund Site (the Site). EPA, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), and Haverford Township have reviewed all of the construction plans and are working to ensure that the construction activities do not impact the protectiveness of the cap or disrupt the groundwater treatment system.

#### **Why:**

EPA and PADEP are involved because the storage facility will be located over a portion of the single liner cap that was installed in the 1990s to prevent contact with contaminants on the NWP property. There will not be any digging or removal of soils below this protective cap. There are also weight restrictions for the cap as well as numerous underground utilities running through the capped portion of the Site.

#### **When:**

We expect construction work to begin near the end of August 2015. The construction project is expected to take about 10 months to complete.

#### **What You Will Notice:**

Starting in late August, you may see construction workers working on the construction area. A health and safety plan will be in place to ensure the safety of the workers and community. The owner of the new storage facility has hired environmental consultants to oversee this work. EPA, PADEP, and Haverford Township will be monitoring the progress of the construction throughout the building process in order to ensure protection of public health.

#### **Brief Site Background:**

National Wood Preservers ran a wood treatment operation on this Site from 1947 to 1991. The company reportedly disposed of oil contaminated with Pentachlorophenol (PCP) in a well underneath its plant. Due to the facility's methods of waste disposal, the property's soil and the groundwater were contaminated. The contamination at the Site has been capped in place with a low permeability liner, and groundwater is being treated. There are several feet of clean soil fill above the cap and it is available for this type of new use. This remedy remains protective of human health and the environment. EPA continues to inspect the capped portions of the Site and the groundwater treatment plant every five years. The most recent Five Year Review report will be completed this month, August 2015.

## For More Information:

Please visit EPA's Havertown PCP Superfund Site webpage at: <http://go.usa.gov/3HZQP>

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