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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

HAZARDOUS SITE MITIGATION ADMINISTRATION

A Community Relations Program at Superfund Hazardous Waste Sites

As part of the federal/state program of cleanup at hazardous waste sites, a Community Relations Program is conducted to receive local input and to advise local residents and officials about the planned remedial actions at the three major stages of the cleanup: 1) remedial investigation/feasibility study 2) engineering design and 3) removal/treatment/construction. Local briefings and public meetings are conducted with elected officials and residents and generally take place at:

- 1) The commencement of a remedial investigation/feasibility study so that local concerns can be addressed early in the process.
- 2) The completion of a feasibility study to discuss the alternative courses of remedial action. There is a 30-day comment period after public presentation of the alternatives during which the feasibility study is available in local repositories.
- 3) The engineering design stage to carry out the mandates of the selected remedial alternative.
- 4) The commencement of the removal/treatment/construction stage to advise of the expected physical remedial action.
- 5) The completion of the remedial action.

In addition to the more formal activities outlined above, there is generally informal communication with local officials and residents. Depending upon whether the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has the lead in remedial action at a site, community relations activity is conducted by the relevant State or Federal agency.

In New Jersey, the DEP Community Relations Program is conducted by Grace Singer, Community Relations Program Manager (609) 984-3141/4892. At Region II, EPA, the contact person is Lillian Johnson, Community Relations Coordinator (212) 264-2515.

STEPS INVOLVED IN A MAJOR HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE CLEANUP

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Site Identified and Referred	Initial Site Investigation	Secure Site	Site Analysis Evaluation and Assessment
(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Prioritization	Determination of Lead	Community Relations Plan Activated	Signing of Contract or Cooperative Agreement
(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Hiring of Contractor for Remedial Investi- gation/Feasibility Study	Preparation of Feasibility Study	Selection of Remedial Action Alternative	Hiring of Contractor for Engineering Design
(13)	(14)	(15)	
Hiring of Construction/ Removal Cleanup Contractor	Cleanup Evaluation	Contractor Audit and Close out	