

EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup at Ventron/Velsicol Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its first Five-Year Review of the **Ventron/Velsicol Superfund site** located in the boroughs of Wood-Ridge and Carlstadt, New Jersey.

This review seeks to confirm that the cleanup conducted at the site is working as intended and that it continues to be protective of public health and the environment. Cleanup activities included excavation and off-site disposal of mercury-contaminated soil, capping of mercury-contaminated soils remaining on site, use restrictions on contaminated properties, a barrier system to contain high mercury concentrations under one of the buildings on site, and a clean buffer zone between the capped areas and creeks or wetlands. The cleanup was completed in 2010. Groundwater use restrictions have been put in place. A portion of the site is under planning for redevelopment. A summary of cleanup activities and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the implemented remedy will be included in the five-year review report.

What is an EPA Five-Year Review?

The purpose of five-year reviews is to ensure that implemented remedies at Superfund sites function as intended and continue to be 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 the website noted below by May 2017.

For more information

The Record of Decision and other EPA documents used for selecting the cleanup plan, is available for public review at:

www.epa.gov/superfund/ventron-velsicol

You may also review the Record of Decision and other information at:

EPA Region 2 Public Reading Room

Superfund Records Center 290 Broadway, 18th Floor New York, New York 10007 (212) 637-4308 (call to make an appointment)

You may also contact

If you have any concerns or information about a change in current site conditions, please contact:

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For more information on this site, visit:

www.epa.gov/superfund/ventron-velsicol