



Central Chemical Corporation

EPA Announces Proposed Remedial Action Plan

April 2009

Current Status

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP or Proposed Plan) for the Central Chemical Corporation Superfund site, located on Mitchell Avenue in Hagerstown, Maryland. The PRAP presents EPA's Preferred Alternative for cleanup of Operable Unit One (OU-1): contaminated soil and wastes at the Site.

Information from the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) reports, dated December 2008 and March 2009, is summarized in the PRAP. The RI and FS reports were prepared by a group of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) who performed the site investigation with oversight from EPA, the lead agency for the Site, and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

EPA's PRAP for OU-1 includes the following components:

- Removal and cleanup of existing floor slabs and foundations with disposal of these materials at an appropriate off-site disposal facility;
- In-place solidification/stabilization of the contents of the former waste lagoon;
- Excavation of contaminated soils distributed throughout the site;
- Consolidation of the excavated soils on the solidified/stabilized former waste lagoon;
- Construction of a low-permeability cover system over the consolidated soils and the solidified/stabilized former waste lagoon;
- Installation/operation of a groundwater monitoring, extraction and treatment system to prevent leachate (contaminated liquid generated when groundwater contacts waste materials) from continuing to contaminate groundwater; and
- Establishment of institutional controls at the Site to limit future reuse of the property to commercial/industrial activities and to prevent disturbance of the cover system and the groundwater monitoring, extraction and treatment system.

EPA proposed the remedy for OU-1, described above, after carefully reviewing several remedial technologies which are discussed in detail in the PRAP and in the RI/FS reports on which the Proposed Plan is based.

You are encouraged to review the PRAP and comment on EPA's Preferred Alternative. The PRAP may be found in the Administrative Record file for the Site. Also contained in the file are the Remedial Investigation, Risk Assessment, and Feasibility Study reports and other information used by EPA in the decision-making process. **Please note:** EPA has proposed a Preferred Alternative, but the final remedy selection for the Site has not been made. The decision will be made after the thirty-day public comment period has ended and all significant comments have been considered and addressed by EPA.

The Administrative Record file is available for review at www.epa.gov/arweb. This website may be accessed from any computer or at: Washington County Free Library, 100 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Public Comment Period

April 15, 2009 through May 14, 2009

Send comments on the Proposed Plan to:

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Public Meeting Scheduled

April 28, 2009

Northern Middle School Auditorium
701 Northern Avenue, Hagerstown, MD

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

EPA representatives will be available to discuss the PRAP and answer any questions about the Preferred Alternative.

A stenographer will record the meeting to ensure that comments presented during the evening become part of the Administrative Record and are addressed in EPA's Responsiveness Summary which will be attached to the Record of Decision for the Site.

U.S. EPA Announces Proposed Plan for Central Chemical Site Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Scheduled



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Site Description

The Central Chemical Corporation Superfund Site is located along Mitchell Avenue in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. The Site was initially developed in the 1930s for fertilizer blending operations which continued until 1984. Pesticide blending operations occurred on site between approximately the 1940s and 1960s. From the 1940s to the 1960s, Central Chemical also produced liquid pesticides which were prepared with organic solvents. Fertilizer manufacturing occurred at the Site from 1968 until 1984. The Site is currently vacant.

For More Information about EPA's Proposed Preferred Alternative, please contact:

Detailed public files on EPA's actions and decisions for this Site can be examined at the following locations:

**U.S. EPA Region 3
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**Or visit our website at:
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