



West Lake Update

October 16, 2017

West Lake Landfill Community Listening Session to be jointly hosted by EPA, Community Advisory Group, and Just Moms STL

EPA Region 7, in collaboration with the Community Advisory Group (CAG) and Just Moms STL, will jointly host a Community Listening Session on October 19 at the District 9 Machinists Hall in Bridgeton, Mo.



Senior Advisor to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, Albert “Kell” Kelly, and new Acting Regional Administrator Cathy Stepp will attend the Listening Session to hear site-related concerns directly from local citizens. Community members who wish to provide their testimonials during the meeting must register, in advance or on-site, and may do so via email with either the CAG at westlakecag@gmail.com, with Just Moms STL at westlakemoms@gmail.com, or online at <http://tinyurl.com/speaker-pre-registration>. Community members may also register by phone at 314-469-4994. Community members will have two minutes to speak at the Community Listening session. We encourage all speakers to come prepared to maximize their two-minute block. **The Listening Session portion will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

In a separate room, the EPA and partner agency experts will be available to meet with community

members to answer questions and discuss their concerns related to the West Lake Landfill. **The Open House portion will be held from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Kelly and Ms. Stepp will join the Open House from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. to meet personally with community members.**

The listening session does not constitute a formal public hearing and is not being held as part of a public comment period.

The formal public comment period will be scheduled after EPA proposes a final remedy decision for Operable Unit 1. During that comment period, the public will have the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed decision, which the agency will address in a Responsiveness Summary as part of the final Record of Decision.

The Community Listening Session will be held 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and the Open House will run from 6:30-9:00 pm at the District 9 Machinists Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton.

EPA Publishes Remedial Investigation Addendum and Final Feasibility Study Draft Documents

In response to community feedback received over the past year, EPA has published drafts of the Remedial Investigation Addendum (RIA) and Final Feasibility Study (FFS) for the West Lake Landfill Superfund site. EPA released the drafts to allow the public time to review the complex technical documents. Once the final documents are approved by EPA, they will form the basis of the agency’s final remedy proposal for Operable Unit 1.

A Superfund Remedial Investigation identifies the nature and extent of contamination at a site. For the West Lake site, the draft RIA characterizes the environmental data collected at the site, including the amount and location of radiologically impacted material within the landfill. The document bases this characterization on multiple site investigations and

sampling efforts and historical landfill operations.

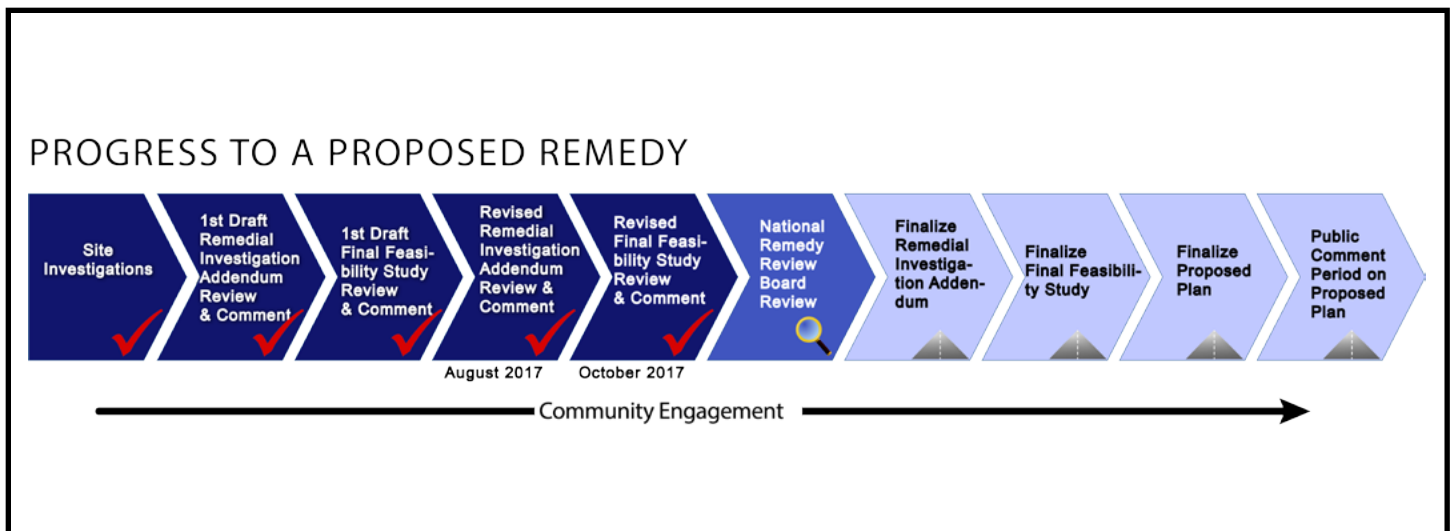
The Final Feasibility Study evaluates the alternatives under consideration for the final remedy, using the data and information provided in the Remedial Investigation. At the West Lake site, EPA is evaluating four alternatives: No Action (required by the National Contingency Plan), a cap in place remedy, partial excavation disposal alternatives, and a full excavation and offsite disposal alternative.

In addition to posting the draft RIA and draft FFS, EPA has also posted comment letters written by the agency which address deficiencies found in those technical documents and directs the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) to make corrections. EPA

collaborated with its state and federal partner agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, to review the draft technical documents and formulate comments on the documents.

It is important to note that the documents recently posted by EPA are drafts and not final products. EPA continues to review these documents with its partner agencies to ensure the final versions meet the specific scientific and technical requirements to support a decision for a protective remedy at the West Lake Landfill.

The draft documents are available on EPA's West Lake Landfill website: www.epa.gov/mo/west-lake-landfill



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