



West Lake Update

April 16, 2018

Public Comment Period Extended through April 23

On February 6, EPA announced a proposed remedy for the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site located in Bridgeton, Mo. The proposed remedy calls for excavation of radiologically impacted material (RIM) found anywhere within the top 16 feet of the surface that exceeds 52.9 picocuries per gram, followed by construction of a permanent engineered cover system. When EPA announced the remedy, it also announced a 45-day public comment period from Feb. 6 through March 22.

EPA has received and approved a request to extend the public comment period by 30 days. The public comment period is open through April 23. The public may submit comments online at www.epa.gov/mo/forms/west-lake-landfill-public-comment-period; via email at R7_WestLakeLandfillPublicComments@epa.gov; or by mail postmarked by April 23 to Ben Washburn, Office of Public Affairs, EPA Region 7, 11201 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219.

EPA Refutes False Statement in Flyer from Unnamed Source--Here are the Facts

In order for the public to meaningfully participate in the public comment period, it is vital that the public has accurate information regarding the site. Recently, EPA became aware of a flyer passed around North St. Louis County by an unnamed source that contains inaccurate information.

The flyer claims that runoff from West Lake Landfill flows into Coldwater Creek.

Actually, this isn't occurring, nor could it. Runoff from the West Lake Landfill does not reach, nor impact, Coldwater Creek. The radioactive contamination associated with the Coldwater Creek area is a result of historical releases from waste piles formerly stored in areas near the creek, and from deposition from floodwaters after creek flooding events.

Stormwater sampling of runoff from the West Lake Landfill, which includes more than 60 samples, has been monitored since March, 2016. EPA has developed risk-based screening levels for radionuclides in stormwater based on site-specific information and the latest toxicity values. Stormwater sampling data is compared directly to the risk-based screening levels. All of the stormwater analytical results obtained to date are below the conservative Preliminary Remediation Goal screening levels for radionuclides. EPA's stormwater sampling fact sheet is available online and includes links to the screening levels and data summary from August 2017: www.epa.gov/mo/west-lake-landfill-superfund-site-bridgeton-missouri-fact-sheet-august-2017

Agency staff will continue working with the Community Advisory Group, other community leaders, and the community at large to ensure factual information is available to help people make informed comments in response to the Proposed Plan. We appreciate everyone's efforts to increase knowledge about the site, its current state, and the Proposed Plan.

EPA and the state of Missouri will continue to monitor the site closely and will keep the community updated if site conditions change. If you hear claims that you have questions about, please contact EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator Ben Washburn at 913-551-7364, or by email at Washburn.Ben@epa.gov.

March 6 Public Meeting

EPA hosted a public meeting on March 6, 2018, to accept public comments on the Proposed Plan for the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site. More than 600 community members and local officials attended the meeting in Bridgeton, Mo.



Attendees joined EPA's Albert (Kell) Kelly and Jim Gulliford during the meeting.



EPA Region 7's Tom Mahler, remedial project manager, presents the proposed remedy for the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site.



Seated at the head table, Albert (Kell) Kelly, EPA's Superfund Task Force Chair and senior advisor to Administrator Scott Pruitt; and EPA Region 7 Administrator Jim Gulliford chair the meeting.

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