



EPA Plans for the First Phase of Eighteen Mile Creek Cleanup

Community Update

July 2013

Eighteen Mile Creek Site Public Meeting on August 13, 2013

- A public meeting will be held on August 13, 2013 to discuss EPA's plans for the first phase of cleanup activities at the Eighteen Mile Creek Superfund site. This meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Training Center at the Niagara County Fairgrounds, 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, New York 14094.

EPA Approach for Site

Site investigation and clean up will be performed in three operable units:

Action 1: Contaminated Residential Properties in the Creek Corridor and demolition of the former Flintkote building.

Action 2: Contaminated Industrial and Commercial/Industrial properties in the Creek Corridor.

Action 3: Contaminated sediment in the Creek from Lockport to the Creek discharge to Lake Ontario.

Public Meeting in August

Representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public meeting on August 13, 2013, to discuss EPA's Proposed Plan to cleanup nine residential properties and demolish an industrial building at the former Flintkote Plant site as part of the first phase of cleanup at the Eighteen Mile Creek Superfund Site, Lockport, New York. The residential properties on Water Street are primarily contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and other contaminants, including lead and chromium.

Site Description

The start of the Eighteen Mile Creek consists of an East and West Branch which begin immediately north of the New York State Barge Canal in Lockport, NY. The branches merge to form the main body of the Creek at the Clinton Street Bridge in Lockport. The portion of the Creek which flows through Lockport is known as the Creek Corridor. The Creek flows north for approximately 15 miles and discharges to Lake Ontario in Olcott, New York.

Site History

Eighteen Mile Creek has a long history of industrial use dating back to the 19th century when it was used as a source of power. The site was placed on the Superfund National Priorities List in March 2012. Investigations at the site have revealed that sediments in the Creek and nearby residential, commercial and industrial properties are contaminated with a combination of pollutants.

EPA Site objectives

In its plan, the EPA proposes to acquire the affected residential properties and permanently relocate affected residents. In addition, EPA is proposing to demolish the remaining building at the former Flintkote Plant located at 300 Mill Street.

The contaminated residential properties along with the remain-

Need More Information?

EPA personnel will be happy to answer your questions or add you to our Eighteen Mile Creek site mailing list.

Here are three ways to get what you need:

Call or email:

- Mike Basile, Community Involvement Coordinator at 716-551-4410 or via email to basile.michael@epa.gov.
- Tom Taccone, Remedial Project Manager at 212-637-4281 or via email to taccone.tom@epa.gov.

You can also access information about the site at: <http://www.epa.gov/region02/superfund/npl/18milecreek>

EPA has established a repositories for all documents associated at this site at the following location: Lockport Public Library, 23 East Avenue, Lockport, NY 14194

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ing building at the former Flintkote Plant, encompass an area of approximately 2.25 acres along Water Street. These properties are contaminated by fill and may be further contaminated by periodic flooding of the Creek which can deposit contaminated sediment onto the properties.

The permanent relocation of these residents and future excavation of the contaminated materials from these properties is necessary to protect human health and the environment and would eliminate human exposure to hazardous substances.

EPA held a public meeting in early June 2013 and outlined three phases of cleanup at this site. EPA's Proposed Plan which was released in July 2013 addresses the first phase. The second phase will address contaminated Creek sediments and soil at several industrial and commercial properties in the Creek Corridor. The third phase will address contaminated sediment in the Creek from Lockport to its discharge into Lake Ontario.

The agency is accepting comments from the public on its proposed plan until August 26, 2013, and is collecting information that they may have about potential responsible polluters. The Superfund program operates on the principle that polluters pay for cleanup rather than passing the cost to taxpayers. EPA continues to search for parties responsible for the contamination and hold them accountable for the costs of the investigations and cleanups.

Comments received at the public meeting, as well as written comments, will be documented in a responsiveness summary section of the Record of Decision (ROD), the document that formalizes the selection of the remedy.

Individuals who have questions on EPA's plans for the site can send their inquires to Thomas Taccone of the Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, 20th Floor, New York, New York, 10007-1866, or by emailing him at taccone.tom@epa.gov.