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# EPA Seeks Community Input On Cleanup Sites

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## Fridley-Area Superfund Sites

Fridley, Minnesota

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### More information

If you have questions, comments or need more information about EPA's community involvement plans for the Fridley Superfund sites, you can contact:

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For more information about CAGs please visit:

[www.epa.gov/superfund/community/cag/whatis.htm](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/cag/whatis.htm)

### Site-specific information online:

#### Boise Cascade

[www.epa.gov/region5/superfund/npl/minnesota/MND053417515.html](http://www.epa.gov/region5/superfund/npl/minnesota/MND053417515.html)

#### FMC Corp

[www.epa.gov/reg5sfun/npl/minnesota/MND006481543.html](http://www.epa.gov/reg5sfun/npl/minnesota/MND006481543.html)

#### Fridley Commons Park Well Field

[www.epa.gov/R5Super/npl/minnesota/MND985701309.html](http://www.epa.gov/R5Super/npl/minnesota/MND985701309.html)

#### Kurt Manufacturing

[www.epa.gov/R5Super/npl/minnesota/MND059680165.html](http://www.epa.gov/R5Super/npl/minnesota/MND059680165.html)

#### NIROP

<http://go.usa.gov/Ywpd>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is seeking Fridley-area residents interested in serving on a community advisory group. The community advisory group or CAG will monitor EPA and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency cleanup work at five Superfund sites in Fridley. EPA staff will also be conducting community interviews in the near future and need residents to share their thoughts and opinions on the cleanup work.

The CAG will give interested residents an opportunity to participate in the Superfund process at the five sites. The Fridley sites include:

- Boise Cascade/Onan Corp./Medtronics
- FMC Corp. – Fridley Plant
- Fridley Commons Park Well Field
- Kurt Manufacturing Co.
- Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant (NIROP)

Another Superfund site in the area is the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP), located in Arden Hills. This site already has a community advisory group called a Restoration Advisory Board or RAB (<http://tcaaprab.org>). Questions or concerns about the TCAAP site can be answered by the RAB. Community involvement activities in Fridley will focus on the five sites located in Fridley.

The Superfund program is authorized by the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), which lays out a plan for cleaning up the nation's most hazardous waste locations. CERCLA requires a heavy dose of community involvement so residents near a Superfund site have a say in cleanup decisions. CAG members will get up-to-date information on the status of the cleanups from EPA and MPCA representatives. Grant money may also be available so the CAG can hire its own independent expert.

### Getting involved

CAG membership is voluntary and members should be willing to serve two-year terms. CAG members will meet regularly and review and comment on technical documents and plans related to the environmental studies and cleanup activities at the Fridley sites. Members will help EPA and MPCA staff and the community exchange information about site activities and local concerns. CAG members will meet with individuals and groups in the community to obtain their views and get their feedback. **All CAG meetings will be open to the public.** CAG members will be chosen from nominations submitted by individuals and groups in the Fridley area.

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EPA staff is planning to hold a CAG workshop for the Fridley area in late January or early February 2013. The workshop will give people a thorough overview of the CAG formation process. If you're interested in participating in the CAG workshop, please send your contact information to Nefertiti DiCosmo (see left-hand box on first page). Once the EPA is ready to start the CAG process, you will be notified.

### Community interviews

EPA will conduct community interviews with Fridley-area residents to understand people's concerns and to find out the best ways to communicate Superfund site information to the public. These interviews are scheduled to take place by the end of 2012.

Interviews are generally done one-on-one, but they are also conducted with small groups or over the telephone. If you would like to be interviewed, please give your contact information to Nefertiti DiCosmo (see the front-page box).

The interviews will result in a document called a Community Involvement Plan or CIP. The CIP is a road map for the EPA's future involvement with the Fridley sites. It is also a valuable resource for the citizens because it provides a description of the community involvement activities available to the public. The CIP will be available for review when the Web page and local information repository are set up. The CIP will be updated as necessary to remain consistent with the community's needs.

