



Update on Kalamazoo Site Cleanup Work in Spring

Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Kalamazoo, Michigan April 2011

Informational meeting

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is holding a public meeting Wednesday, April 27, to update the community about upcoming Kalamazoo River cleanup activities.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Plainwell Comfort Inn and Conference Center, 622 Allegan St.

Representatives from the EPA and other officials will make a formal presentation and then be available to take questions from the public.

If you need special accommodations at the meeting, contact Community Involvement Coordinator Don de Blasio (see below) by April 20.

Contact EPA

For more information, or if you have comments about the Kalamazoo River cleanup, contact:

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Read more about the Kalamazoo River cleanup online at www.epa.gov/region5/sites/kalproject.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues the cleanup at the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site.

Portage Creek Cleanup Being Evaluated

The EPA is evaluating recent sampling data to determine if a cleanup is necessary within the two miles of Portage Creek from Alcott Street to the Kalamazoo River.

Additional Cleanup Studies

Soil and sediment sampling in Area 1 have been completed, and Georgia-Pacific LLC – a party responsible for pollution at the site – is expected to submit a remedial investigation report to EPA this month. Area 1 is the Kalamazoo River between Morrow Dam and Plainwell, and Portage Creek between Cork Street and the Kalamazoo River.

Preliminary work has begun and will continue through the spring on soil and sediment sampling in the Kalamazoo River between the former Plainwell Dam and the Otsego City Dam.

12th Street Landfill

Weyerhaeuser is expected to complete cleanup at the 12th Street Landfill this year, including re-seeding of the landfill and completion of the plan detailing how the landfill site will be operated and maintained in the future. The long-term operation and maintenance plan will be submitted to EPA this month, and cap construction should be completed by fall.

Willow Boulevard/A-Site Landfill

EPA expects to approve Georgia-Pacific's final landfill design for the Willow Boulevard/A-Site Landfill this month. The design calls for installation of a permanent landfill cover, a gas venting system and a ground-water monitoring system. The cleanup plan also includes removing contaminated soil from nearby wetlands and removing sheet piling at the A-Site part of the landfill. Work will begin this year on the Willow Boulevard portion of the landfill and at the A-Site part in 2012. Cleanup of both should be complete in 2013.

Allied Paper Landfill

Cleanup options should be done in May, with a proposed cleanup plan made available to the public by June, followed by a 30-day public comment period. Two weeks after the start of the comment period, the EPA will hold a public hearing on the proposed plan.

Plainwell #2 Dam Project Completed

A two-year project to remove PCBs from the Kalamazoo River in the Plainwell #2 Dam area was completed in October 2010. Riverbanks have been restored, including planting with native vegetation.

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