



Share Your Opinions on the Ralston Street Lagoon Proposed Cleanup Plan Gary, Indiana

Public Comment Period: Nov. 3 – Dec. 5, 2008
Public Meeting: Nov. 18, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the
Gary Sanitary District offices at 3600 West 3rd Ave.
Gary, Indiana

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state partner Indiana Department of Environmental Management are proposing a plan to clean up and contain hazardous materials at the Ralston Street Lagoon in Gary by encasing the site with a special underground wall, draining lagoon water and mixing in dry fill material with the sludge and then capping the facility. The proposed cleanup plan also calls for buying 6 acres of adjacent residential parcels to be used as a staging area, raising the current berm to protect from 100-year floods, fencing the site and monitoring underground water supplies (called ground water) to ensure the cleanup plan is working.

This set of cleanup steps is among eight options considered by EPA. This preferred option is estimated to cost more than \$66 million. The public can participate in the decision-making process through a comment period and public meeting. Based on public comments, EPA could modify the preferred option or select another alternative.

You can read details about the proposed cleanup plan on the Web at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/permits/index.htm> or read the official site documents at the Gary Public Library, 220 W. Fifth Ave. and at the EPA Record Center, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., 7th Fl. Chicago, IL. You may submit comments orally or in writing at the public meeting or e-mail them to EPA Public Affairs Specialist **Rafael P. Gonzalez** at gonzalez.rafaelp@epa.gov or fax to 312-353-4788 by midnight Dec. 5.

For more information about the cleanup plan or for special accommodations at the public meeting contact Rafael at the e-mail address listed above or call 800-621-8431, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

:60SEC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR November 17 and 18, 2008

THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IS ASKING FOR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE PROPOSED CLEANUP OF THE RALSTON STREET LAGOON IN GARY, INDIANA. EPA WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008, AT THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 3600 WEST 3RD AVENUE FROM 6:30PM TO 8:00PM. YOU MAY REVIEW EPA'S PROPOSED CLEANUP PLAN AT THE GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY ON 220 WEST 5TH AVENUE IN GARY. YOU MAY COMMENT ON THE PLAN AT THE MEETING, OR IN WRITING BEFORE DECEMBER 5, 2008. FOR DETAILS, CALL RAFAEL GONZALEZ AT 800-621-8431, EXTENSION 6-0269, OR MARTHA ROBINSON AT EXTENSION 6-6141. OR VISIT THE EPA WEB SITE.