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PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-REGION 2

PROPOSED REMEDY UNDER THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (RCRA)

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has granted conditional approval of the proposed remedy submitted by General Electric (GE) Industrial of Puerto Rico for their facility located in Patillas, Puerto Rico, to address groundwater contamination at the site. Under an Administrative Order Docket No. II RCRA-3008(h) 88-0302 (March 29, 1988) EPA ordered GE to determine the nature and extent of the contamination and implement applicable stabilization measures.

As part of the stabilization measures, soils containing elevated levels of metals and organics in and adjacent to a former French Sump were excavated, stabilized, and shipped to a RCRA-approved landfill in October 1990. USEPA accepted the closure of the sump as complete. Since that time, soils onsite have been sampled and analyzed during various investigations, and no concerns with soil quality have been identified. Investigation of groundwater at the Site began in 1989 and identified seven constituents in groundwater including chloroform, 1,2-dichloroethane (1,2-DCA), 1,1-dichloroethylene (1,1-DCE), tetrachloroethylene (PCE), 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA), trichloroethylene (TCE), and vinyl chloride (VC). Since 2005 sampling conducted at the Site has determined that the only constituent of concern (COC) detected above the USEPA defined Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) is 1,1-DCE. Groundwater monitoring conducted to date has demonstrated that COCs in groundwater are naturally attenuating. There are no current exposures to groundwater either on or offsite. Concentrations of COCs have decreased two orders of magnitude in the time period from 1989 to 2015. Therefore, the proposed remedy for groundwater at the site is Monitoring Natural Attenuation (MNA) with institutional controls.

The EPA hereby invites the public to comment on proposed remedy. A forty-five (45) day Public comment period is being granted. The public comment period for this action starts on August 5th, 2017 and will extend through September 19th, 2017. Any interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed remedy to:

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Comments from the public must be postmarked by not later than the last day of the public comment period indicated above. If requested, a public meeting may be held within the 45-day comment period.

The decision documents and supporting references can be found at the Region 2 Corrective Action webpage: <https://www3.epa.gov/region02/waste/fsphilli.htm>. Interested community members may review the Facility's Administrative Record, including the Statement of Basis, at the following document repository location:

**Biblioteca Municipal de Patillas
Calle Luis Muñoz Rivera
Antiguo Hospital Viejo
Patillas, Puerto Rico, 00723**

Please direct any questions regarding the proposed remedy to EPA's contact person, Khrystian Vázquez, RCRA Project Manager, at 787-977-5860 or email vazquez.khrystian@epa.gov. The Respondent's compliance history is also available from EPA's contact person and copies of the Facility's Administrative Record can be obtained through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, either by phone at (212)-637-3668, or through the FOIA's portal at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>.

Related documents:

Statement of Basis
Public Notice (English)
Public Notice Spanish