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West Lake Update

The Path Ahead

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This edition of the West Lake Update illustrates the next steps along the path of progress toward selection of a final remedy for the site. Our goal remains constant along the way – to protect human health and the environment using sound science as the basis for our decisions.

Down the Road

Additional upcoming milestones: Supplemental Feasibility Study work plans, barrier design documents and construction work plans, isolation barrier construction.

USGS Groundwater Review Report

The U.S. Geological Survey is preparing a report reviewing results of groundwater data collected to date. EPA expects to have this report soonThe final report will be posted to EPA Region 7's West Lake Landfill web page.

New EPA Region 7 West Lake Landfill Web Page

In order to better communicate with the public and provide greater ease of use and transparency, EPA Region 7 is redesigning its West Lake Landfill web page. EPA expects to launch this new page soon.

October CAG Meeting

The next Community Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on October 14, 2014, at Operating Engineers Local 519, 3449 Hollenberg Drive, Bridgeton, Mo.

Development of Bird Mitigation Plans

Concurrent with development of more detailed plans for barrier alignment alternatives, the PRPs will develop a bird mitigation plan for each alignment. Those plans will be presented to the St. Louis Airport Authority and Federal Aviation Administration for evaluation and comment. EPA expects to receive the bird mitigation plans by mid-October.

EPA Requests PRPs to Submit Detailed Isolation Barrier Plans

On August 26, 2014, EPA transmitted the USACE assessment report to the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) and requested the PRPs to submit more detailed plans for the three barrier alignment alternatives within 45 days. EPA expects to receive these plans from the PRPs by mid-October.

USACE Isolation Barrier Alternatives Assessment

As a part of its Interagency Agreement with EPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) prepared an assessment report on the proposed alternatives for the isolation barrier. The report was submitted to EPA on August 25, 2014, and is available online at: www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/west_lake_landfill

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