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EPA plan targets river site

Dioxin found along Woonasquatucket

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NORTH PROVIDENCE — The US Environmental Protection Agency yesterday revealed its plan for cleaning the flood plain downstream from the Centredale Manor Superfund site.

The plan targets the shores of the Woonasquatucket River between Centredale Manor and the Lymansville Dam.

The property, near a senior citizens' complex, was designated a Superfund site last year.

The \$2.6 million cleanup is scheduled to begin this summer.

It will involve excavating 2,500 cubic yards of sediment and bank soils, contaminated with the potentially carcinogenic chemical dioxin, and transporting them off-site for treatment. It also seeks to restore Allendale Dam.

The EPA plans to request that potentially responsible parties at the site voluntarily perform or fund the cleanup.

"Less than one year after placing this restoration project on the national priorities list of hazardous waste sites, the EPA already has an ambitious plan of action in place," said US Representative Patrick Kennedy, a Democrat. "I'm certain this will be a great relief to my constituents in North Providence, particularly those in Centredale Manor, Brook Village, and the other residents living along the Woonasquatucket River."

The EPA is continuing its investigation to determine the extent of contamination in the river, where a chemical manufacturer and other factories once operated.

The most recent sediment testing, done below the Manton Dam last fall, showed no levels of dioxin contamination exceeding one part per billion, the safety limit for soil under federal standards.

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