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EPA cost for Woonasquatucket site cleanup: \$101M

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NORTH PROVIDENCE, R.I.—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency could spend \$101 million cleaning up dioxins, PCBs and other chemicals on a former industrial site along the Woonasquatucket River.

The Providence Journal reports (<http://bit.ly/uGz8Jy>) that the agency's proposed cleanup plan comes more than 10 years after it listed a section of the river, nearby ponds and wetlands as a Superfund site.

A former chemical company, Metro-Atlantic, and its parent company worked the site from 1943 to the early 1970s. On one part of the site, another company, New England Container, used an incinerator to recondition metal drums from 1952 to 1971.

A total 126,000 cubic yards of contaminated material are to be excavated. Most would be put in a special containment area on the Johnston side of the river and some could be shipped to as far away as Texas.

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