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We'd like to Hear from You!

EPA wants your written comments on the options under consideration in the Centredale Manor Restoration Project EE/CA. You can use the form below to send written comments. If you have questions about how to comment, please call Angela Bonarrigo, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, toll-free at (888) 372-7341. This form is provided for your convenience. To comment on the EE/CA, please mail this form, and any additional written comments, postmarked no later than November 3, 2000, to:

Anna Krasko, Project Manager
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Region 1 - New England (HBO)
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or email your comments to: krasko.anna@epa.gov

Thank you for presenting your findings in North Providence. The options you presented seemed to be severely restrained by the definition of cost effective clean up. With the definition of toxic dangers at this river site it seems to me that our community will not be open to the mayor's first priority any time soon. The first priority was announced at one of your meetings a year ago: The river should be safe for recreation, which includes fishing (including eating the fish), boating, swimming etc. When can we open the river to recreation? Your planned clean up seems to be far short of providing our town priority. Yes, removal of the primary concentrations of PCBs and dioxins is a vital first priority, but your plan should more clearly define the time line and cost of total clean up of all toxins above one part per billion. Are you also making progress with collecting justice from the original polluters?

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Wetland/Floodplain Impacts

All of the cleanup alternatives considered by EPA in the EE/CA would unavoidably impact the river floodplain and wetlands adjacent to the site. However, if implemented, EPA's preferred alternative will result in less impacts to the floodplain and wetlands than the other alternatives that EPA considered. In addition, EPA would restore and monitor wetlands areas that were adversely affected during cleanup activities. Restoration activities could include placement of additional soil and plantings of native trees and grasses. Please refer to the EE/CA for more information about potential impacts of cleanup activities to the floodplain and wetlands.

EPA Invites Public Comment.

EPA is accepting public comments on this cleanup proposal, and wants to hear about your concerns or preferences before it makes a final decision. Here is how you can help.

Review the EE/CA.

EPA will hold a 30-day comment period on the EE/CA from October 3, 2000 until November 3, 2000. EPA will extend this by a minimum of 15 days if it receives an extension request within the first two weeks of the comment period. To review the EE/CA and the supporting documents, please visit an information repository.

For More Information

Call EPA toll-free, (888) 372-7341 and ask for:

Anna Krasko, Project Manager
Angela Bonarrigo, Community Relations

The EE/CA and the supporting Administrative Record File will be available for review at the local information repositories listed below:

Salvatore Mancini Union Free Library
1810 Mineral Spring Ave.
North Providence, RI
(401) 353-5600
M-Th 10:00 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Fri-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Marian J. Mohr Library
1 Memorial Ave.
Johnston, RI
(401) 231-4980
M-Wed 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Th-Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

and at EPA New England's Web Site:

<http://www.epa.gov/region01>

Come to a meeting.

EPA and the Woonasquatucket River Management Action Committee will hold an open house from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and a public meeting at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., both on Tuesday, October 10th. The meeting and open house will be held at North Providence Town Hall on the 2nd floor. Presenters at the meeting will summarize the EE/CA and answer any questions you have about the EE/CA or other activities for the project. EPA will also hold a more formal public hearing in the same location at 7:00 PM on November 1st to accept public comments on the proposed cleanup alternative described in this fact sheet. The hearing will be transcribed and a copy of the transcript will be made available at the Information Repositories.

Send us your comments.

You can also send written comments to EPA throughout the comment period. Your informal comments on EPA's activities are used throughout the cleanup process, but comments received during this period are considered to be "formal" comments. EPA will respond in writing (as part of its Action Memorandum) to both the verbal comments received at the hearing and written comments received during the comment period.