

## Brief Site Description

The Central Chemical Superfund Site, located off Mitchell Avenue in Hagerstown, Maryland, functioned as a blending and packaging facility to mix agricultural pesticides and fertilizers, produced elsewhere, with the inert ingredients needed to dilute them to commercial product concentrations. Most of the pesticide product blending ceased in 1965 due to a fire, and all operations at the plant stopped in 1984. Contaminants of concern at the site include arsenic, lead, benzene and several pesticides including DDT, DDE, DDD, aldrin, chlordane, dieldrin, and endrin. Exposure to site contamination is low because the Site is fenced to prevent extensive or prolonged contact with the contaminated soil, and Hagerstown residents receive their drinking water from the municipal supply which pumps water from the Potomac River upgradient of any site impacts.

## EPA Update on Site Progress



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## CENTRAL CHEMICAL SITE Fact Sheet

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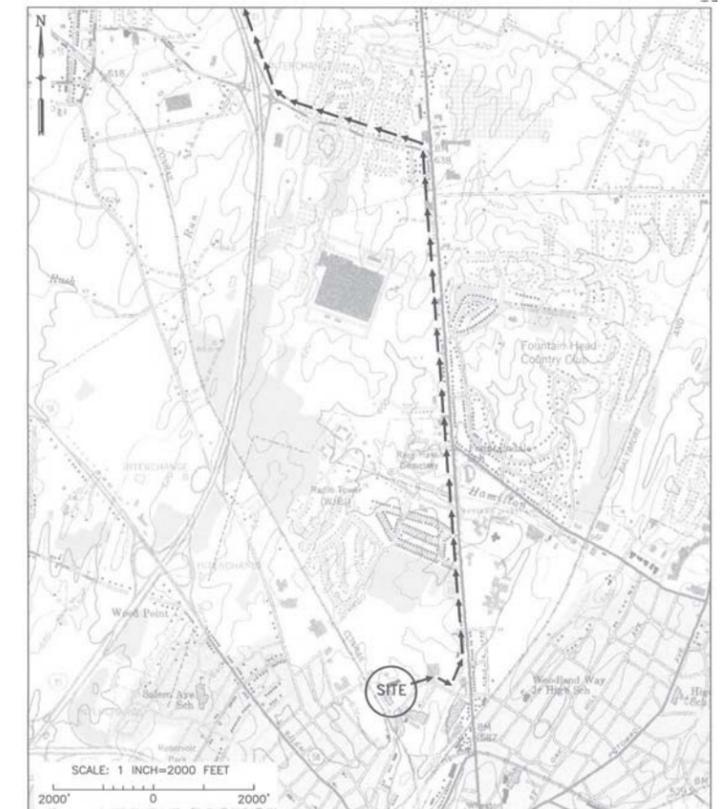
## Central Chemical Site Buildings to be Demolished

Work will begin in March to demolish the 14 buildings and structures at the Central Chemical Superfund Site located on Mitchell Avenue in Hagerstown. Work is ongoing to assess conditions at the site and determine what future action may be needed. The demolition is a move to improve safety conditions.

Beginning in early March, office trailers will be moved to the property, and utilities needed to perform the demolition will be installed. Workers will begin by removing contents of the buildings, such as containers, debris, and materials abandoned by previous tenants. Later in the month, asbestos removal will begin. The demolition project is expected to take about four months.

Air monitoring equipment will be placed around the site and in the specific areas where work is conducted. Measurements will be taken continuously during work activity to ensure dust generated is maintained at safe levels. A low-volume water mist will be used to control dust.

As the buildings are demolished, the material will be characterized to determine appropriate disposal. The debris will be transported by covered trucks to approved disposal facilities. (See map of truck routes above.) From 12 to 15 truckloads will be removed each day for a period of about six to eight weeks. Dust and debris will be washed from the trucks before they leave the site. To the extent possible, steel will be cleaned and sent to a local facility for recycling. There is the potential to recycle as much as 250 tons of steel.



*Trucks leaving the Central Chemical Site will follow Mitchell Avenue to Burhans and turn left onto Pennsylvania Ave. At Maugans Ave., they will turn left to reach I-81.*

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Over the course of the demolition, there may be up to 20 workers on site at any given time. Workers will wear usual construction safety equipment, such as hard hats, work boots and safety glasses. Asbestos removal will require workers to wear special protective gear. Work typically will be conducted Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Some Saturday work may be required, depending on weather.

When the demolition is complete, the soil will be stabilized, and erosion controls will be put in place.

The group of companies cooperating on the Central Chemical Site developed the work plan for the demolition and removal. The work plan was approved by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment, and the two agencies will oversee all work. Contaminant Control, Inc. (CCI) will perform the demolition and removal work. CCI has extensive experience with similar projects.

## Community Panel Provides Input to Site Investigation

The Central Chemical Site Community Liaison Panel meets regularly for open discussion and the exchange of ideas, concerns, and information regarding the site. The panel is made up of 20 Hagerstown residents, representing a wide variety of local interests. Representatives of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Maryland Departments of the Environment and of Business and Economic Development, and the companies funding the work also participate in the meetings.

The next meeting of the Community Liaison Panel is Thursday, April 14, at Haven Lutheran Church, 1033 Haven Rd. Meetings begin at 6 p.m., with refreshments available at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

## Central Chemical Site Contacts

Information about the Central Chemical Site, including minutes of the Community Liaison Panel meetings, is available in the Reference Department of the Washington County Free Library, 100 S. Potomac Street, Hagerstown. Information also is available on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/super/MD/central-chemical/index.htm> or by contacting:

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## Update on the Environmental Investigation at the Central Chemical Site

The Remedial Investigation (RI) of the Central Chemical Superfund Site is a thorough environmental study. EPA and MDE oversee the sampling and analysis of data. The RI includes identifying contaminants of concern, determining where those contaminants are located (soil, groundwater, surface water, etc.), and assessing the potential risk the contaminants may pose to people and the environment.

Environmental sampling and analysis of the data were completed late in 2004, and a draft Remedial Investigation Report was submitted in January to EPA and MDE for review and comments. After the report is finalized with the agencies' comments, it will be made available for public review.

Following a thorough review of the data collected in the RI, cleanup options will be evaluated during the Feasibility Study (FS). The FS is anticipated to begin in early 2005.

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