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Hidden Lane Landfill Superfund Site Sterling, Virginia COMMUNITY UPDATE-MARCH 2009

EPA begins Remedial Investigation at the Hidden Lane Landfill Site

In December 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) started investigating the extent of contamination at the Hidden Lane Landfill Site. This phase of the work is called the Remedial Investigation and results will tell us how much contamination is at the landfill and what kind.

As part of the RI, EPA assessed the existing methane vent system around the Hidden Lane Landfill. EPA conducted repairs to one methane vent well, and installed additional wells where needed. Subsequent testing of the methane vent system found no significant levels of methane from the landfill.

Beginning this month, the community will begin to see more activity at the site as work continues throughout 2009.

Cleanup Progress to Date

- EPA began oversight and maintenance of carbon filtration systems in the Broad Run Farms Community and will sample these systems quarterly.
- Beginning in February 2009, EPA will install a system of monitoring wells at and around the Hidden Lane Landfill Site. These wells will tell us about the geology underneath the landfill, the flow of groundwater, and the depth at which TCE or other contamination may exist.
- By analyzing this data EPA will be able, over time, to determine the size and

characteristics of the contaminated groundwater plume and tell where it's going. While this work is going on, there will be some unusual vehicles at the site itself and in the surrounding communities



Well Drilling Rig and Support Vehicles.

EPA Releases Community Involvement Plan For Hidden Lane Landfill Superfund Site

EPA has completed a Community Involvement Plan (CIP) that outlines important community information resources and support. The CIP is designed to give citizens a snapshot of upcoming milestones and opportunities for residents to stay involved throughout the cleanup process.

The Community Involvement Plan is available online at www.EPA.gov/arweb/hiddenlane. You may get a hard copy by contacting the Hidden Lane Community Involvement Coordinator, Larry Johnson at 215-814-3239 or by emailing: johnson.larry-c@epa.gov.

ATSDR Completes Preliminary Public Health Assessment for Hidden Lane

The Federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has completed a preliminary public health assessment (PHA) evaluating the public health impact of chemicals released from the Hidden Lane Landfill Site near Sterling, Virginia. Former operations of this closed landfill resulted in contamination of private wells in the area with volatile organic compounds such as trichloroethylene.

The public can review the draft PHA on ATSDR's website by going directly to the document at [http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/HAC/pha/HiddenLaneLandfill/HiddenLaneLandfillPublicHealthAssessment\(PublicComment\)1-12-09.pdf](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/HAC/pha/HiddenLaneLandfill/HiddenLaneLandfillPublicHealthAssessment(PublicComment)1-12-09.pdf) [PDF, 493 KB] or by accessing it from the Public Health Assessments and Consultations page at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/hac/pha/index.asp>.

Community Advisory Group

Community Advisory Groups may be formed at any point, and serve as a liaison between EPA and the community. For CAG information, please contact Amelia Libertz, CAG/TAG Coordinator, at 1-800-553-2509.

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