

**Public Notice of EPA's Intent to Terminate Resource Conservation and Recovery Act  
(RCRA) Post-Closure Care Requirements for  
Former General Electric Residential Products Facility  
Km. 0.5 State Road 191, Palmer Ward, Municipality Of Rio Grande, Puerto Rico  
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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received a request from General Electric to terminate the Post-closure Care of two former Hazardous Waste Management Units (HWMUs) at the former General Electric Residential Products, Inc. (GE) facility, located in Palmer, Puerto Rico, 00721. The two former HWMUs consist of closed Surface Impoundments A and B, which were used approximately from 1956 through 1981 to settle solids from wastewaters from the former facility's metal plating operations. Surface Impoundments A and B were located on the east side of State Road 191, and underwent RCRA closure between November 1989 through September 1991.

Under the authority of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), in 1998 EPA issued a Post-Closure Permit requiring GE to implement ten years of post-closure care for the two closed Surface Impoundments. This included continued monitoring of the groundwater surrounding those two closed units, to determine whether releases from the closed Surface Impoundments posed any unacceptable risks to human health and the environment.

The 1998 Post-Closure Permit expired on May 17, 2008. Under terms of the 1998 Post-Closure Permit and regulations given at 40 CFR Part 265.117(a)(1), thirty (30) years of post-closure care is required, unless terminated earlier by EPA. On July 9, 2008, GE submitted a written request to EPA to terminate further post-closure care requirements for those two closed surface impoundments. Based on ten years of groundwater monitoring (from 1998 – 2008), subsequent to issuance of the RCRA Post-Closure Permit, no unacceptable risks have been indicated due to releases from the two closed Surface Impoundments. Accordingly, it is EPA's intention to approve GE's request to terminate further post-closure care for the closed surface impoundments.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

This notice shall inform the public that EPA has received a request from GE to terminate any further post-closure care requirements for the closed Surface Impoundments, and to advise the public of EPA's intention to approve the request to terminate further post-closure care requirements, pursuant to 40 CFR Part 265.117(a)(2).

EPA's intention to approve GE's request to terminate post-closure care requirements for the closed surface impoundments is based upon the results of ten years of groundwater monitoring and other measures required to be implemented under the 1998 RCRA Post-Closure Permit. The results of that monitoring have shown that no unacceptable risks are posed by the closed surface impoundments.

To inspect relevant documents in the administrative record, which are available at the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Centro Europa Building, Suite 417, 1492 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Santurce, Puerto Rico, 00907-4127, please

contact Mr. Ariel Igelesias, telephone (787) 977-5865.

Comments on this proposed action must be submitted in writing to the address listed below not later than thirty (30) days from today's date. Any written comments must be postmarked not later than thirty (30) days from today's date and addressed to:

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