

West Michigan Park Cleanup work

Saginaw, Michigan

As of June 4, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has removed about 14,733 tons of dioxin-contaminated soil and hauled it to a landfill. About 85% of the park has been excavated to date and backfilling activities are continuing.

EPA will continue dust and turbidity monitoring until excavation and fill activities are completed. Only one exceedance from dust monitoring was recorded, but it was unrelated to activities associated with the removal activities.

A Post Removal Site Control plan will be finalized to conduct sampling and monitor the integrity of the cleanup after flooding. Schedule and completion date are subject to weather conditions.

The removal actions for the West Michigan Park area include excavation and disposal of contaminated soil at the surface, excavation and/or containment of remaining contaminated soil below the excavated areas (if necessary), air monitoring, backfilling and restoration of the affected areas, removal of highly contaminated soils from and paving of the West Michigan Park parking lot, replacement of playground equipment and development of a post removal monitoring plan to ensure continued integrity of cleanup activities. Other areas within the site that have been identified as potential exposure pathways will be assessed and barrier control plans will be implemented to minimize any potential threats to people and the environment.

Excavation and disposal activities will be conducted in a manner as protective as possible of existing structures and to preserve mature trees. The response activities will require about 75 on-site working days to complete.

Contaminated soils are being transported to Waste Management's People's Landfill located in Birch Run, Michigan for disposal.



Placing silt curtains in the river,
May 18

Backfilling activities,
May 26

