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Cleanup Plan Changed to Protect Endangered Turtles

Johns Manville Waukegan Disposal Area
Waukegan, Illinois

April 2005

We welcome your comments

EPA will consider comments received during the public comment period from April 6 to May 6 before choosing a final cleanup plan. To make a comment, please attend one of the open houses on April 14 (details on the back page), e-mail Mike Joyce or Brad Bradley, or write using the enclosed comment form.

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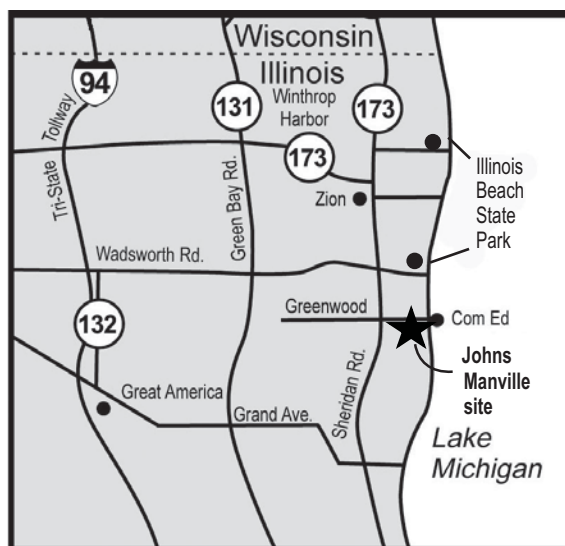
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In the summer of 2004, Blanding's turtles were spotted at the northern fence line of the Johns Manville property and in the south end of Illinois Beach State Park, immediately north of the site. Illinois has designated Blanding's turtles as an Illinois threatened species. The cleanup activities that Johns Manville had planned could harm Blanding's turtles if the species is really present on company property. Johns Manville prepared a *Blanding's Turtle Conservation Plan* as part of the cleanup process. This plan outlines measures the company will take to find out whether the reptile actually lives on the site and what can be done to help the turtle survive the upcoming cleanup. EPA will include the Blanding's turtle plan in an official Superfund document called "explanation of significant differences," the third one issued for this site. EPA would like your comments on this latest change before the plans are finalized (*see enclosed comment sheet or contact information in left-hand box*).

The Johns Manville Superfund site consists of approximately 150 acres of landfill areas and wastewater treatment ponds. Johns Manville deposited wastes containing primarily asbestos at the site from 1928 to the 1980s. From 1988 through 1991, the company conducted an extensive cleanup to cover all of the asbestos-containing dry waste areas on the property. The wastewater treatment system was still in operation at that time. Johns Manville stopped all manufacturing activities at the facility in 1998 and demolished its manufacturing buildings between 1999 and 2001. Due to these events, EPA is requiring the company to close the former wastewater treatment ponds based on an amended legal agreement known as a "consent decree." On March 22, 2005, EPA approved the cleanup plan submitted by Johns Manville for the closure of the above-ground former wastewater treatment ponds, including the 33-acre settling basin. Cleanup activities should begin in mid-to-late spring.





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Open House Sessions to Discuss Changes to Cleanup Plan

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites you to attend an open house to learn the details of the cleanup. EPA will be available to answer your questions about the Johns Manville site.

Two open house sessions will be held on:

Thursday, April 14

12:00 to 2:30 p.m.

5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Lilac Cottage

Bowen Park

1911 N. Sheridan Road

Waukegan

More information is available by contacting:

Mike Joyce (see contact information on front page)

Persons with special needs should get in touch with Mike Joyce.

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