

Public Notice: Former ARCO Chemical Company - Inactive Portion - Monaca, PA

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 8/27/2018

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its proposed remedy of monitored natural attenuation, the establishment of a groundwater monitoring program, and the implementation of engineering and institutional controls under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), for the Inactive Portion (Inactive Portion) of the former ARCO Chemical Company facility (Facility).

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The 420-acre Facility is located at 400 Frankfort Road, Monaca PA 15061. The Facility was constructed in 1942 and produced chemicals used to make synthetic rubber until 1946, when production shifted to polystyrene, which remains the primary product produced by the active portion of the plant (the proposed remedy for the active portion of the plant will receive its own public notice in the near future). The Inactive Portion includes former disposal areas (East Landfill, West Landfill, and Raccoon Creek Areas) and the Phthalic Anhydride Area. Primary contaminants in soil and groundwater beneath the Inactive Portion include volatile petroleum constituents (primarily benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, and styrene) and mercury in soil in the Phthalic Anhydride Area. Principle remediation included capping disposal areas and removing the bulk of mercury-contaminated soils in the Phthalic Anhydride Area.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: Information regarding EPA's proposed remedy is available on EPA's website <https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveactionsites/hazardous-waste-cleanup-nova-chemicals-monaca-pennsylvania>. The Administrative Record, which contains all the information considered in EPA's proposed remedy, is available at U.S. EPA Mid-Atlantic Region, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19103. Office hours are: Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. For additional information, contact Griff Miller, Project Manager, at Mail Code: 3LC20, at EPA Mid-Atlantic's address listed above; Phone: 215-814-3407; Fax: 215-814-3113, or Email: Miller.Griff@epa.gov.

COMMENT PROCESS: Persons to comment on EPA's proposed decision must submit comments to EPA within the 30-day comment period ending **Wednesday, September 26, 2018**. Interested persons may also request a public hearing on this proposed remedy. All comments and/or requests for a hearing must be submitted in writing via mail, fax, or email to the EPA Project Manager, Griff Miller, as listed above, and must be received prior to **Wednesday, September 26, 2018**. All comments will be considered in making a final decision.

FINAL DECISION: EPA will make a final decision after considering all comments, consistent with applicable RCRA requirements and regulations. If the remedy is substantially unchanged from the one in this notice, EPA will issue a final decision and inform all persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of EPA's final determination. If the remedy is significantly different from the one proposed, EPA will issue a public notice explaining the new remedy and will reopen the comment period.