

## FORMER ASARCO FACILITY SITE PERTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve a polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) waste cleanup plan submitted by First Environment, Inc. on behalf of Perth Amboy 1160, LLC (Perth Amboy) for Block 430, Lot 1.03 (Site). EPA's PCB Cleanup and Disposal Program, under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), focuses on the cleanup of PCB-contaminated sites so that they can be returned to beneficial use.

### The Proposed Plan

Under the proposed cleanup plan, Perth Amboy will install a lot-wide cap over the PCB-contaminated soils on the Site. The cap will consist of four feet of approved fill with a minimum of six inches of asphalt for parking lots and roadways, a minimum six inches of concrete for building slabs or two feet of certified clean fill for landscaped areas on top. Once capping is completed, long-term maintenance and monitoring of the cap will continue. In addition, the owner will conduct quarterly sampling of groundwater at two wells located at the Site for a period of one year. The owner will also file a deed restriction for the Site which will include the requirement to maintain the lot-wide cap in perpetuity and restrict the use of the Site to commercial /industrial purposes. To prevent further migration or unacceptable exposures of PCB contamination at the Site, Perth Amboy 1160 will also take other actions if needed.

#### What are Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)?

PCBs are organic chlorine compounds used in various commercial and industrial products. They have a range of toxicity and vary in consistency from thin, light-colored liquids to yellow or black waxy solids.



### Public Participation

The draft Approval for PCB cleanup is available for public comment from **January 27, 2023** through **February 27, 2023**. This 30-day public comment period allows the public to participate in and contribute to site cleanup decisions by providing EPA with comments. To provide comments to EPA:

- Read the document at <https://www.epa.gov/nj/epa-asarco-perthamboy>. You can also read the document at the information repositories listed below.
- Write your comments and include the title of the document.
- Send comment to EPA by email at [everett.adolph@epa.gov](mailto:everett.adolph@epa.gov) or standard mail at the address below:

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EPA must receive your comments online or in an envelope postmarked by **February 27, 2023**. EPA will consider comments submitted during the comment period before making a final decision. If EPA issues an approval, the property owner must accept the approval in writing. Site cleanup activities will follow.



## Past Activities

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During a 2010 investigation, First Environment, Inc. identified PCB contaminated material at the former ASARCO Facility Site, Block 430 (ASARCO Site). Based on the results, First Environment, Inc. submitted a Self-Implementing Plan to cleanup PCB contamination to EPA in November 2011, which EPA approved in April 2012. First Environment, Inc. removed and disposed of PCB-contaminated materials offsite in 2014; however, additional investigations in 2017 and 2018 revealed additional PCB contaminated material. In December 2020, the ASARCO Site was divided into 2 lots; Perth Amboy 1160 retained the Site and Eport Phase II Urban Renewal, LLC purchased Block 430, Lot 1.02 for which an approval to cleanup PCBs was issued on November 17, 2022.



## Site Background

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The ASARCO Site is located at 1160 State Street, in an industrial area of Perth Amboy, New Jersey. It is bounded by State Street on the west, a petroleum bulk storage facility on the north, the Arthur Kill on the east, and a former industrial site on the south. A portion of the southern property line is next to Cranes Creek. In December 2020 the ASARCO site was divided into two lots: Block 430, Lot 1.02 and Block 430, Lot 1.03.

## Information Repositories

Copies of cleanup documents for the former ASARCO Site are available at the locations below. You may also access cleanup documents on EPA's webpage at <https://www.epa.gov/nj/epa-asarco-perthamboy>.

### Perth Amboy Public Library

196 Jefferson St, Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861

### EPA Region 2 Record Center

290 Broadway, 25 Floor, New York, NY 10007

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