

Update on Site Activities

Lake Calumet Cluster Superfund Site

Chicago, Illinois

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You may review site-related documents at:

Chicago Public Library
Hegewisch Branch
3048 E. 130th St.
Chicago, IL 60633

Harold Washington Library Center
400 S. State St.
Chicago, IL 60605

On the Web:

Site documents can be found on the following website:

www.epa.gov/superfund/lake-calumet-cluster



View of the Lake Calumet Cluster site from southern property boundary.

Ecological Risk Assessment

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is currently working with the Lake Calumet Cluster Site Group (a group of parties considered potentially responsible for the contamination) to finalize a document that assesses the risks to animals that live at or visit the marsh. This document, called the Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment, will be part of the full investigation report for the groundwater contamination at the site, called the Remedial Investigation Report. The investigation report will have the results of all the soil/waste, groundwater, surface water and sediment sampling that has been conducted at the site. The report will also include an assessment of the risks posed to people at the site. The completed report will be posted on the website listed in the box at left. Based on the results of the investigation, an evaluation of potential remedies that could be used to address the groundwater contamination will be completed. *

Review of remedy for the buried waste

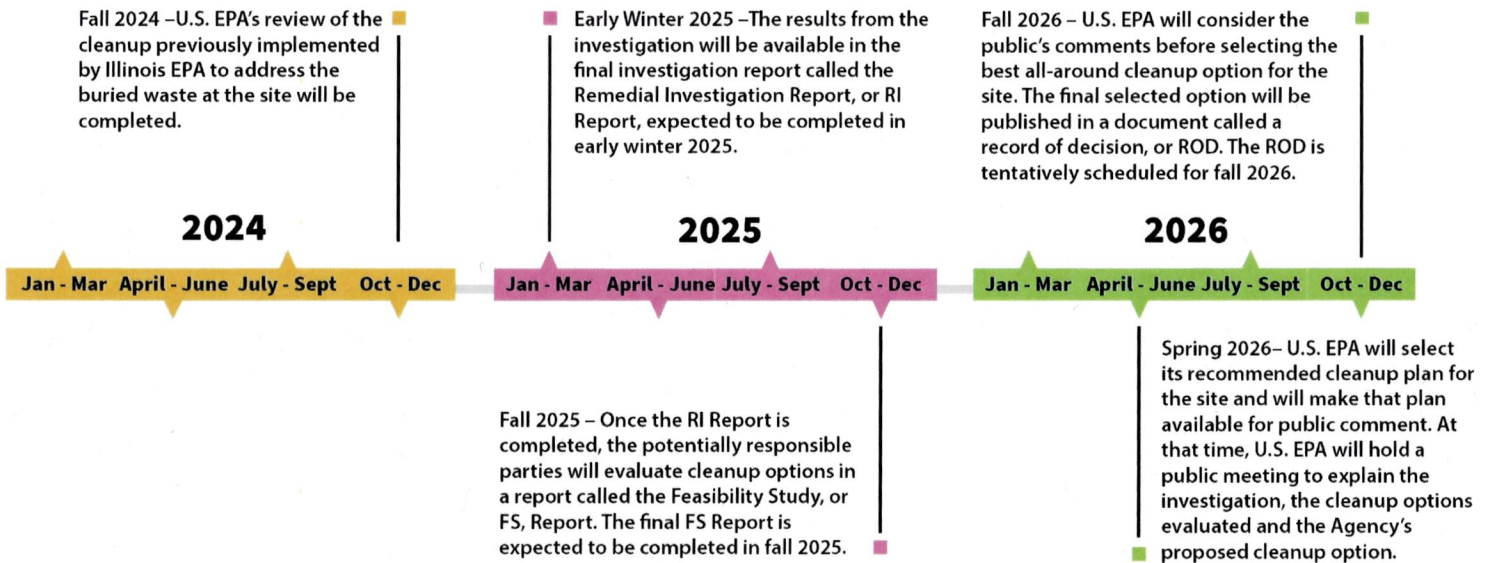
U.S. EPA is also in the process of reviewing the remedy that Illinois EPA previously implemented to address the buried waste at the site. U.S. EPA's review will evaluate whether that remedy, which was only partially completed, is protective of people and the environment. This review is expected to be completed this fall and will be posted on the website.


**See the timeline for site activities on the back page.*

Environmental Justice

U.S. EPA considers the neighborhoods affected by the Lake Calumet Cluster Superfund site to be environmental justice communities, which means they are communities that historically are under-represented minority and low-income areas burdened with significant environmental challenges. When making decisions about a cleanup and planning community involvement initiatives for a community, environmental justice issues must be taken into account. As part of this effort, U.S. EPA collaborates with the state agencies, representatives from the city of Chicago and concerned residents in addressing environmental challenges in more effective, efficient and sustainable ways.

LAKE CALUMET CLUSTER SITE TIMELINE



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