



SALFORD QUARRY SUPERFUND SITE UPDATE

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

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EPA is preparing to cleanup the Salford Quarry Superfund Site, on Quarry Road, Lower Salford Township. In September 2009, EPA listed the site on the National Priorities List. Since then, EPA has been developing a cleanup plan. This spring, EPA will present our cleanup plan called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) to the community for comment. In preparation for this activity, EPA is updating the Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for the site. This fact sheet provides information about how you can participate in the CIP process and provides additional information about the site and upcoming PRAP.

EPA INVITES YOUR INPUT TO THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN

EPA is updating the CIP for the site and would like your input. The CIP serves as a blueprint for how the community would like to receive information about, and be involved in, the Superfund decision-making process for the on-going cleanup of the site.

Over the next several weeks, EPA staff wants to interview local community members about their interest in the site and any concerns they may have. In order to do so, we need your help. To participate, please schedule an appointment to meet briefly with us.

Your input will:

- ✓ Help us get to know you and your concerns.
- ✓ Ensure that we are keeping you informed.

To schedule an appointment:

Fill out the attached form and mail it back to the address provided on the next page, or contact Vance Evans, Community Involvement Coordinator, directly, at 215-814-5526 or 800-553-2509 or evans.vance@epa.gov

ANSWERS TO SOME COMMON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SITE

Q: What has been done so far?

A: Initial cleanup efforts included installing a soil cover over the waste material at the quarry in 1982 under what was then the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PADER), now called Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP).

In 1992, EPA took emergency measures to connect 113 impacted and potentially impacted residents to the public water supply after a study revealed high levels of boron in private drinking water wells southwest of the site. **This action eliminated the immediate threat to human health.**

Monitoring of the groundwater beneath the quarry continues to be performed on a quarterly basis.

Q: Why is more cleanup needed now?

A: EPA still needs to address the source of the groundwater contamination beneath the quarry. Waste is buried onsite that could further contaminate the groundwater. Site groundwater also enters a creek 300 feet from the site, which serves as a drinking source for animals and water fowl.
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Q: Why has it taken so long?

A: In general, it can take many years to clean up a Superfund site, especially sites where there is contaminated groundwater. In the case of the Salford Quarry site, EPA also had some legal hurdles to overcome in order to move ahead with the cleanup. Now we are ready to move forward with our proposed cleanup plan.

Q: What are the next steps?

A: This spring, EPA plans to present our proposed cleanup plan to the community for their comment. Once we receive and respond to comments, EPA will select a final cleanup plan and issue a Record of Decision (ROD).

Q: Once the ROD is issued, when will EPA begin physical cleanup?

A: After issuance of the ROD, EPA will work on the design of the selected remedy. The design could include gathering additional data, such as soil samples, to ensure updated information is incorporated in the design. After this design is finalized, EPA will implement the cleanup.

Q: What is the history of this site?

A: In 1963, Salford Quarry, a three-acre abandoned stone quarry, was purchased for waste disposal by the American Olean Tile Company, a subsidiary of the National Gypsum Company, who was the Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) for the site.

National Gypsum subsequently sold American Olean, but retained all environmental liabilities concerning the Salford Quarry Site.

In 1981, the owner discovered two 10,000-gallon tanks containing boron and fuel oil. After the company pumped out the oil in 1982, the site stopped receiving waste.

National Gypsum filed for bankruptcy in 1990.

Now that the site is on the National Priorities List, federal funds are available to clean it up.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SITE

There are several ways to review site files:

- ✓ Review the Administrative Record, which includes EPA's decision documents and other supporting materials used for selecting the cleanup remedy at:
<http://www.epa.gov/arweb>
- ✓ Visit the site's website at:
<http://epa.gov/reg3hwmd/super/sites/PAD980693204index.htm>
- ✓ Visit EPA's Public Reading Room at:
1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA.
Call 215-814-3157 for an appointment, or
- ✓ Contact:

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Salford Quarry Site Photo



Participating in EPA's Community Involvement Plan interviews is as easy

as

1 Calling Vance Evans, **2** Sending him an email, or **3** Mailing him the form below

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Yes, I am interested in being interviewed as part of the Community Involvement Plan Update

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number h) _____ w) _____ c) _____

Email _____

I would prefer to be interviewed: At Home At Work/School Other (specify)

During: Morning Afternoon Evening

Requested time frame for interview _____

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