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## DOE OPENS A PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER IN MAYWOOD, NEW JERSEY

MAYWOOD, NJ -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Oak Ridge Field Office, is pleased to announce the opening of a Public Information Center at 43 West Pleasant Avenue in Maywood.

DOE established the Maywood Public Information Center in order to provide locally available information about the thorium cleanup project at the Maywood Site. The information center will be open Monday through Friday, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, the information center will be open from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., to provide access for persons who are unable to visit during the workday.

The Maywood Site is made up of various residential, commercial, state, municipal, and federal properties in Maywood, Rochelle Park, and Lodi that are contaminated with low levels of radioactive thorium. Congress authorized cleanup of the Maywood Site under DOE's Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). Susan Cange is the DOE Site Manager responsible for implementing activities at the Maywood Site.

The DOE Public Information Center will enable callers and visitors to ask questions and make comments concerning the Maywood Site that will help DOE in understanding the issues and concerns of the local communities. The public will be given opportunities to review and comment on proposed cleanup alternatives prior to final selection.

Background information on the Maywood Site is available in the information repository and Administrative Record located at both the Maywood Public Library, 459 Maywood Avenue, and the DOE Public Information Center, 43 West Pleasant Avenue.

Directions to the Public Information Center, and information about the site can be obtained by calling the center (843-7466), during office hours. Visitors are always welcome. If you prefer, you may call a toll-free, public access number for information about Maywood and/or other New Jersey FUSRAP Sites. Calls to the public access number are recorded on an answering machine which is checked frequently. You may leave a message on the answering machine by calling 1-800-253-9759. Responses will be timely.

DOE's entire cleanup effort was implemented as a result of Secretary of Energy, James D. Watkins, 10-Point Initiative, announced in June 1989, which reset departmental priorities to reflect greater emphasis on environment, safety and health. The FUSRAP is a vital element of the Department's Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Five-Year Plan, which contains DOE's strategy for achieving its goal of restoring the Nation's environment.

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