

Public Notice

This notice is being given to inform the public that as part of the remediation of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Maywood Superfund Site in the boroughs of Maywood and Lodi and the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, a proposal has been submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) to discharge to groundwater in accordance with a permit-by-rule issued pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Water Pollution Control Act, N.J.S.A. 68:10A 1 et seq., its implementing regulations the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, N.J.A.C. 7:14A; the Ground Water Quality Standards, N.J.A.C. 7:9C; and the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation, N.J.A.C. 7:26E. The Department's Site Remediation Program is reviewing the proposal to discharge to groundwater for remediating a contaminated site with the program interest #G000004539.

Brief description of proposed discharge: In an effort to remediate benzene in groundwater at the government-owned parcel of the FUSRAP Maywood Site, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) proposes to install Oxygen Release Compound (ORC) filter socks into subsurface overburden and bedrock wells. The site is underlain by thin overburden deposits and typically consists of a lower undifferentiated till and gravel unit (on bedrock), overlain by gravel, upper undifferentiated till and sand, and an upper sand unit. Regionally, groundwater in bedrock occurs under confined and unconfined conditions within the Passaic Formation. Depth to groundwater in this area is approximately 8 to 12 feet below grade.

The addition of ORC socks into the subsurface will accelerate aerobic bioremediation of contaminants of concern (COC). This product is environmentally safe and has been proven to enhance/accelerate the degradation of chlorinated hydrocarbon COCs via oxidative pathways.

A copy of the Discharge to Groundwater (DGW) proposal is available from the person responsible for conducting the remediation (James Moore, US Army Corps of Engineers, 100 West Hunter Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey), or the NJDEP, Site Remediation Program, located at 401 East State Street, Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey. The file may be reviewed under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. Information regarding the OPRA procedures is available at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/opra/oprainfo.html>.

Interested persons may submit written comments regarding the DGW proposal to the Department at the address listed below; please include your address. All comments shall be submitted within 30 calendar days of the date of this public notice. All persons who believe that the USACE proposal is inappropriate must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit in writing to the Department all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period. All comments submitted by interested persons that relate to the DGW proposal will be considered by the Department, provided that the Department receives the comments by the close of the public comment period. After the close of the public comment period, the Department will render a decision regarding the proposed discharge. The Department will respond to all significant and timely comments with its decision regarding the DGW proposal. Each person who has submitted written comments will receive notice of the Department's decision.

Any interested person may request in writing that the Department hold a non-adversarial public hearing on the DGW proposal. This request shall state the nature of the issues to be raised in the proposed hearing and shall be submitted within 30 calendar days of the date of this public notice to the address cited below. A public hearing will be conducted whenever the Department determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the discharge to groundwater decision. If a public hearing is held, the public comment period in this notice shall automatically be extended to the close of the public hearing.

Comments and written requests for a non-adversarial public hearing shall be sent to:

ATTN: DGW Proposal
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