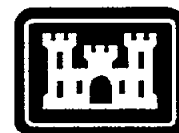


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ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

for the Maywood Site, New Jersey



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Dear Dr. Reshnikoff:

This is in response to your letter of July 2, 1997 concerning a request from the Department of Energy ("DOE") to the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") to delete twenty-five previously remediated residential vicinity properties from the National Priorities List ("NPL"). In December 1988, the DOE issued the Certification Docket for response actions at these properties. Certification of the radiological condition of these properties was published in the Federal Register on January 25, 1989 (54 FR 3653).

The DOE is not requesting that the Maywood Site in its entirety be deleted from the NPL but rather that a small portion of it which has already been released from the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program ("FUSRAP") be removed from the NPL. This partial deletion request pertains only to the aforementioned twenty-five residential properties and does not include other still unremediated parts of the site such as the Maywood Interim Storage Site, the Stepan Property, the Commercial/Governmental Vicinity Properties, groundwater, or the remaining residential properties. These still unremediated properties will remain on the NPL, and response activities will continue at those properties.

On November 1, 1995, EPA published (60 FR 55466) a Notice of Policy Change "Partial Deletion of Sites Listed on the NPL." This policy change recognized that while a total site cleanup may take many years, some portions of the site may be cleaned up and deleted from the NPL (via removal or remedial action) sooner. Pursuant to this change in policy DOE made its request to EPA to delete the twenty-five remediated properties.

It is important to understand that the primary purpose of the NPL is to serve as an informational and management tool. The National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan ("NCP") establishes the criteria that EPA uses to delete sites from the NPL. In accordance with 40 CFR 300.425(e), sites may be deleted from the NPL where no further response is necessary to protect public health or the environment. This determination is made in consultation with the State. EPA is currently evaluating DOE's request for partial deletion. Should EPA decide that these portions of the site are potentially eligible for deletion EPA will request concurrence from the State of New Jersey. There will be an opportunity for formal public comment during the required thirty-day comment period for partial site deletion.

The soil sampling data for the twenty-five remediated properties you requested is available in the Administrative Record maintained at the Maywood Public Library as well as from the DOE.

Please let me know if you have any difficulties in obtaining the data.

Sincerely,

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