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Time-Critical Removal Action To Begin Arlington Plating Company Site, St. Louis, Missouri

INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin work on a time-critical removal action at the Arlington Plating Company site in St. Louis, Missouri in January, 2004. Past operations at the site include metal cleaning, nickel/chrome plating, and electropolishing. During these operations, hazardous wastes were generated.

EPA will hold a public availability session at Local 912 National Alliance of Postal & Federal Employees Union Hall at 6017 Natural Bridge on December 16, 2003. The meeting will give the community the opportunity to get information and answers to questions regarding the Arlington Plating site.

BACKGROUND

The Arlington Plating Company (APC) site is located at 4001/4007 Goodfellow Boulevard in St. Louis, Missouri. This is a mixed residential/commercial/industrial area.

In 1995, sampling indicated the presence of chromium above the maximum contaminant levels in the wastewater the facility generated. Inspections in 1995 and 1997 by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) revealed numerous violations of federal and state hazardous waste regulations. Notices of Violations were issued to APC by MDNR.

In 1998, 2000, and 2002 inspections, the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) inspectors observed drums of waste at the facility. In December 2002, EPA inspected the facility and collected samples from vats and drums, and solid material found on the floor. .

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY SESSION

EPA will hold a public availability session to provide information and answer questions on the removal action at the Arlington Plating Company site. The public availability session will be held:

Tuesday, December 16, 2003
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Local 912 National Alliance of Postal
& Federal Employees Union Hall
6017 Natural Bridge
St. Louis, Missouri

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EPA issued an order on May 30, 2003, requiring APC to properly dispose of the hazardous wastes stored at the Site. After attempting to work with APC to remove the hazardous wastes, it has become apparent that EPA will have to perform the action to ensure the timely removal and disposal.

THE CONTAMINATION

Inside the storage area are approximately 80 drums and other smaller containers, along with 16 vats containing corrosive and toxic hazardous waste. Some of the containers have deteriorated, and could potentially release the contents. Until the containers are removed, they will continue to deteriorate and pose a risk of a potential release of material.

TIME-CRITICAL REMOVAL ACTION

This time-critical removal action will quickly address the potential threat to human health and the environment that is posed by the containers and the risk that contents could leak from the drums.

The objectives of the removal are to:

- characterize all waste found on-site;
- dispose of hazardous material
- remove and dispose of contaminated floor debris; and
- site restoration.

The removal action is anticipated to be completed in less than 6 months.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EPA encourages the community to review the Administrative Record file, which is available at the following locations:

Cabanne Branch Library
1106 Union Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri

and

EPA Region 7
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas

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